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Dear **Friends,**

Six years ago, I arrived at Fairfield Prep as a newly ordained priest, sent to teach Spanish and to learn from the experienced administrators and faculty here. Teaching Spanish only lasted for one semester; learning from colleagues and community continues unceasingly. Fairfield Prep is where I learned to be a Jesuit priest, a school president, and grew as a person. I could not have done that without you. For this reason, Prep holds a privileged place in my faith journey and will remain dear to my heart.

As a new leader, I immediately knew that I needed to surround myself with the very best people if Prep were to survive and thrive. Many were already here and more would join us along the way. Every day I marvel at the amazing faculty and staff we have hired and formed for mission over these years. These talented, faith-filled professionals are the reason Prep has been so successful. They stand as the lasting legacy of my tenure here.

I have great confidence in the future of Fairfield Prep and our commitment to mission. Like all of you, I welcomed the news of Christian Cashman's hiring with tremendous enthusiasm. Christian is a good friend, known for his passion for Ignatian spirituality and Jesuit education. It is deeply consoling to know that he will lead the Fairfield Prep community forward.

In my first *Prep Today* letter, I wrote, "I view my moral obligation as head of a Jesuit work to be that of pastor to this extended Prep family, both in terms of pastoral presence and as one to shepherd us forward as we discern future growth beyond our coming 75th anniversary." We have gone through a lot together. Each experience reassured me that Fairfield Prep's one, true Shepherd is Our Lord. I am grateful that He called me to this ministry, allowed me to witness marvels and miracles along the way, and provided the needed grace to fulfill this calling. Thank you all for accompanying and embracing me on our shared journey.

Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam!

Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.
President



Christian Cashman named next Fairfield Prep President

Fairfield Prep is pleased to announce Christian J. Cashman, a former Prep teacher who for the past three years has been president and head at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, will assume the same title at Prep in July.

“I am thrilled and humbled to be coming home to my Jesuit roots and the Prep community which has given so much to me and my family,” said Cashman, 49. “I look forward to a powerful collaboration and partnership between Prep and Fairfield University, the only Jesuit secondary model of its kind in the U.S.”

Prep, which turns 80 years old in 2022, is the only Jesuit high school out of 40 that is still incorporated with a university. Fairfield University gained its first lay president, Dr. Mark Nemeć, in 2017. Cashman called the moment historic but also one that is becoming more common as Jesuit institutions begin to rely more heavily on lay leaders. Nemeć said he is confident that Cashman will lead Fairfield Prep into a successful future.

“Mr. Cashman is a proven leader with a strong commitment to the excellence and the tradition which are hallmarks of a Jesuit, Catholic secondary education,” Nemeć said. “He has demonstrated a depth of strategic rigor and data-driven decision-making not only in his time at Northwest Catholic, but throughout his career.”

As president, Cashman will also serve as a member of Fairfield University’s senior leadership team. He will serve as the chief executive officer at Prep, a role that involves overseeing the budget, professional staff, advancement and outreach. He will succeed the Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., who announced earlier this year this would be his last at Prep. Simisky is finishing the final portion of his Jesuit formation and is being reassigned. Dr. Thomas de Quesada will remain principal and instructional leader of Prep.

Sally Bednar, chairwoman of Fairfield Prep’s Board of Governors, said Cashman has all the qualities and experience the board was seeking. “I am confident he will ensure Prep’s continued focus on academic excellence, thoughtful innovation and athletic vigor,”

Bednar said.

Cashman will also be a familiar face. Next year’s seniors at Prep were freshmen when Cashman was there teaching theology. He taught seven years at Prep, commuting daily for several years with one of his four sons, who graduated from Prep in 2015. Cashman and his wife Janet live in West Hartford. Janet Cashman is a Fairfield University alumna.

Cashman grew up in Indiana and graduated from Jesuit Xavier University in Cincinnati. He is also a graduate of the Seminars in Ignatian Leadership, part of the Jesuit School Network’s United States Jesuit Conference.

“I am completely committed to the Jesuit model of education,” Cashman said. “It is what I was formed in.” In his new role, Cashman said the Prep community can expect a tremendous dedication to that mission.

His first order of business will be to sit down and listen and work with the community, the board, the faculty, the Jesuits and the university on the school’s most urgent needs as it approaches 80 years old, he said. “There is a desire to grow,” Cashman added, noting that a stronger endowment will allow the school to support students whose parents struggle to pay tuition and help keep the school diverse.

Northwest is a coed school under the Archdiocese of Hartford. While there, Cashman worked to increase the school’s endowment and philanthropic support. Last summer, Northwest received a \$1 million gift which helped increase reserves and set the school on a path for future giving.

Earlier in his career, Cashman served as principal and chief administrator at East Catholic High School in Manchester as well as the principal and head of school at St. Timothy Middle School in West Hartford.

Source: Fairfield University press release and CT Post



INTERVIEW WITH REV. THOMAS SIMISKY, S.J., PRESIDENT OF FAIRFIELD PREP

Simisky: A Legacy of Leadership

On July 1, 2015, after having completed one academic year at Prep as a Spanish teacher being trained for a Jesuit school leadership position, Rev. Thomas Simisky, S.J., became the sixteenth head of school in Fairfield Prep's history. In June, at the end of the 2019-2020 school year Father will complete his term as Prep's president and then head off to commence tertianship, the final stage of Jesuit formation. In anticipation of Father Simisky's departure, Gregory H. Marshall '73, Special Assistant to the President, conducted an interview with him for Prep Today. The following are highlights of their conversation.

Father Simisky, your list of accomplishments is extremely impressive. How do you account for this extraordinary level of output during your five years as president?

I would say that it's in my nature to bring a high degree of intensity and energy to anything I undertake, and I prefer to have working with me talented people whose energy levels match mine. Also, I took the position of president poised for growth, with a deep-rooted willingness to meet head-on the challenges a school president has to face.

What would you say are the accomplishments of which you are most proud?

First, I'm proud of the great team that we

have here in place at Prep to guide the school. Specifically, I point to our Board of Governors, whose commitment to Prep's well-being and continuing success is exemplary; our teaching faculty, whose knowledge, dedication and skill far exceeds what you can find in other schools; and, of course, our leadership team, whose assistance has been extraordinary.

Second, I am pleased with the strategic planning process that led to our upcoming and much-needed STEM [science, technology, engineering, mathematics] renovations to Xavier Hall, namely the McLeod Innovation Center and the Barrett Science Center. With much effort and the tremendous support from our benefactors, we were able to move from

the initial draft outline to a well-articulated and clearly presented strategic plan. I'm excited and gratified by how the process has worked, resulting now in the coherent vision that is guiding the project to completion. I'm also proud of the Santella Fine Arts Floor, the expansion to the Lavery Strength & Fitness Center, the establishment of the permanently endowed position of dean of mission & ministry, as well as the expansion of the overall endowment.

Third, I can point to how we have completely overhauled how we market ourselves. Our new marketing plan resulted in structural improvements to this vital area. We've also become much better at communicating ourselves and our Jesuit

mission. As part of this initiative we redesigned the Prep website and restructured the admissions operation, and we gave *Prep Today* and our admissions materials their exciting and engaging new looks.

Finally, I see great strength in the many people I've hired. They are an incredible faculty and staff, and I am exceedingly confident that they will carry on Prep's Jesuit mission once I've moved on.

How have you grown personally as a result of your experience as Prep's president?

I came to Prep as a brand new priest and I will always look at the years that followed as a very special time in my life.

A big part of my personal growth has come from what I've learned from others, both here at Prep and also at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bridgeport [where Father Simisky has regularly celebrated Sunday Mass in Spanish over the past six years]. At both Prep and at St. Charles I've learned how to be a priest, and, with no prior experience in secondary education administration, I learned a great deal about how to run a school and how to work with other educators. As you know, I had been a Marine Corps officer, and once I came to Prep I quickly learned how to translate that experience into effective preparation for a school leadership position.

My time here at Prep has been not only a special and grace-filled time for me, but also a very demanding time to be a head of school. Successfully leading Prep through the many challenges we have faced was made possible for me only by having God's grace to guide me every step of the way.

What will you miss the most about Prep?

I will miss the most those wonderful moments I've spent with members of the Prep community, including our students, their parents and our loyal alumni.

I will miss those collegial moments spent with Prep teachers and administrators, especially those unscripted moments in which we've been able to enjoy each other's presence.

What will you miss the least about being president?

I certainly won't miss the inevitability of the potential for crisis, and the reality, which I have wholeheartedly embraced, that organizing the appropriate response to these situations ultimately falls on the president.

I also won't miss having to deal with the challenges that are a normal part of a living, vibrant community, knowing as I say that, that God nevertheless calls us to respond in a way that leads us to find our consolation in Him, whether it is in crisis or in joy.



Catherine Conroy Photography

Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., rappelled down the People's United Bank Corporate Headquarters building in downtown Bridgeport to support Over the Edge for Wakeman Boys and Girls Club.

What advice do you have for your successor as president, Mr. Christian Cashman?

First and foremost, I would tell him: Love the people. In so doing, we love the person of Jesus, in whose name the Society of Jesus serves. We are always discerning how we as a Jesuit school can live out Jesus's message to love God and neighbor. I know Christian Cashman well, and I know that he will keep God's love and the person of Jesus at the forefront in his discernment decisions.

How do you see Prep's relationship to the Society of Jesus changing without a Jesuit as head of school?

With lay leadership, Jesuit schools tend to become more intentional in their pursuit of fulfillment of their Jesuit mission. With Jesuits present, we often use informal methods of living out our Jesuit lives. The real beauty of lay leadership within our schools is how well and how clearly our lay leaders are able to articulate the Ignatian philosophical foundation and guiding principles of Jesuit ministry.

What are you most looking forward to as you head off to tertianship?

I am most looking forward to bringing to prayer the many experiences I've had during my five years as president. It has been such a busy time for me and I've been so deeply engaged in my work that I haven't been able to be as reflective as I would like to be, even though I do pray the examen daily. It will

be good for me to focus for an entire year on reflecting on God's plans for me and for the people who have embraced me all these years.

What do you see yourself eventually doing in service to the Society of Jesus?

To be a Jesuit is to know that one is a sinner loved by God, and called to follow Jesus as Ignatius himself was called. Whatever we do as Jesuits, it is always in one form or another a variation of the Spiritual exercises so that the people we work with can grow in their relationship to God as we ourselves grow in service to others.

Ultimately, I don't consider myself a specialist; as a Jesuit I expect to be a generalist. What I like about being a Jesuit is that I really don't have a specified career path.

Any departing words for the Fairfield Prep community?

I want all to know how much I have enjoyed just being with everyone here, and especially with the wonderful teachers here at Prep.

I have taken special joy from the many retreats and liturgies I've participated in over the last six years, and I have found exceptional gratitude and grace in the visible witness of how much God loves everyone here.

I will always consider myself a teacher and an educator. I'm no longer in a classroom, but whether I'm preaching, giving talks or conducting spiritual conversations with others I am always striving to teach others the gospel and to convey how much we are truly loved by God.

\$2.5 Million Gift to enhance Science, Technology and Innovation Facilities

The Barrett Science Center is coming

Fairfield Prep has received a generous \$2.5 million gift toward a new STEM center. The gift from alumnus **Dr. James Barrett, Prep Class of 1960**, and his wife April, will support a major science and technology renovation. The fourth floor of Prep's Xavier Hall will be named the Dr. M. James '60 & April P. Barrett Science Center.

"Fairfield Prep provided an exceptional foundation for my early education. My wife, April, and I are delighted to give back to a community that we strongly believe in," said Dr. Barrett.

The new Barrett Science Center will contain state-of-the-art science suites which combine classroom teaching with laboratory experiments in the subjects of biology and chemistry. The corridors will be active places for continued learning with common/breakout areas for collaboration.

"The impact of this project positions Fairfield Prep to build science suites that will allow our students with ready access to materials, space, and opportunities to learn

through hands-on experience and discovery. We are incredibly grateful for the Barrett's support," stated Prep President Rev. Thomas Simisky, S.J.

This most recent gift comes on the heels of a \$2.5 million gift from **Chris McLeod '73** and his wife Elaine to launch Prep's new, state-of-the-art Innovation Center on the ground floor of



The Barrett Science Center will be on the fourth floor of Xavier Hall.

Xavier Hall. This will be a place to encourage, facilitate, inspire and support hands-on interactive and collaborative learning. The McLeod Innovation Center will include a robotics center and makerspace, as well as serve Prep's new Entrepreneurship Institute.

Robert Cottle, Prep's Vice President for Advancement, recognized the generosity of alumni: "All great schools thrive thanks to support from people like the Barretts and McLeods. Prep's alumni are a dedicated and philanthropic group, which is a reflection of the outstanding work we do every day. This investment in Prep's future advances our mission for generations to come."

Both the Science and Innovation Centers are slated for completion in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 respectively.

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ROBERT COTTLE, PREP'S VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT

FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

will have multiple functions and serve multiple grade levels throughout the course of the day.



Renderings by Perkins Eastman Architecture

“If you can design the physical space, the social space, and the information space all together to enhance collaborative learning, then that whole milieu turns into a learning technology, and people just love working there, and they start learning with and from each other.” JOHN SEELY BROWN



FLEXIBLE LABORATORY-CLASSROOMS

will support collaboration, communication, and creativity, allowing:

- Flexible space that can be easily adjusted
- Movement and various groupings
- Hands-on exploring, making, and building
- Curriculum integration, including the arts
- Cognitive skills growth, social interaction and development
- Integrated technology



COLLABORATION SPACES

will encourage students to create groups and work together to solve a given problem. Benefits include:

- Engaging in project learning
- Learning from peers
- Gaining confidence and building trust
- Developing social skills

Hands-On Science

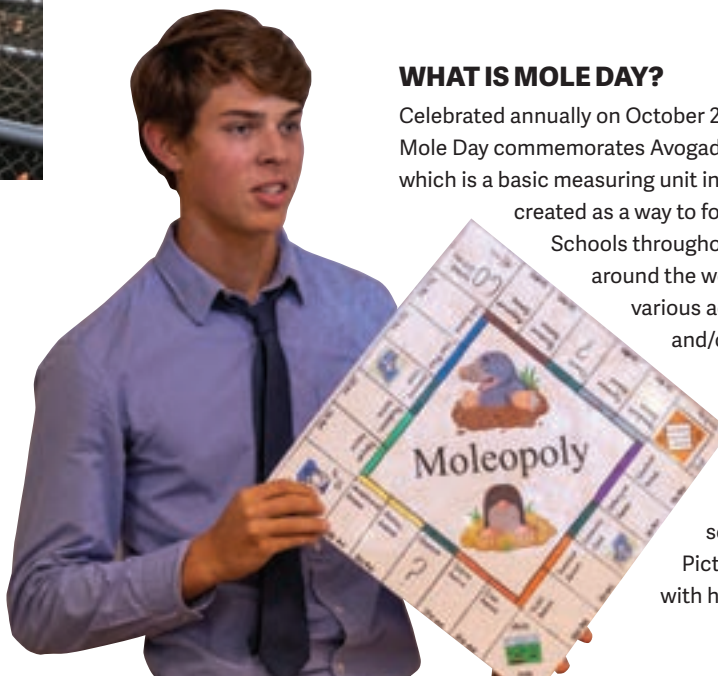


ECOLOGICAL STUDIES AT THE FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY PONDS

Mr. Ford's Environmental Science students examined a variety of water quality parameters during a lab exercise in the fall. Students pulled water samples and examined total dissolved solids, turbidity, pH, and dissolved oxygen in both Bellarmine and Hopkins Ponds, and related the differences to the specific circumstances surrounding each pond. Both ponds are man-made, but Hopkins Pond was planned and built to better imitate ponds found in natural settings.

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY HOSTS AP CHEMISTRY IN LAB

Mrs. Kiel's AP Chemistry class is ready for college. They are so prepared they are working there now! Students have met with Jillian Smith-Carpenter (assistant professor of biochemistry) in the Bannow Science Center at Fairfield University to complete a college lab. Students were introduced to using MALDI (Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization) to determine molecules. MALDI is a type of mass spectrometry that uses a laser to translate the molecules into an ionized gas. These ions will travel to a detector. The lighter ions will hit faster than the heavy ions allowing students to calculate the molecular mass and identify proteins.



WHAT IS MOLE DAY?

Celebrated annually on October 23 from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m., Mole Day commemorates Avogadro's Number (6.02×10^{23}), which is a basic measuring unit in chemistry. Mole Day was created as a way to foster interest in chemistry. Schools throughout the United States and around the world celebrate Mole Day with various activities related to chemistry and/or moles.

Mrs. Kiel's Chemistry classes showed off their creative side and represented moles in a variety of ways. They made games, videos, songs, poems, and artwork. Pictured is **Christopher Hill '21** with his "Mole-opoly" game.



BIOASSESSMENT IN MILL RIVER

The Mill River in Fairfield is the major drainage to Long Island Sound. Seniors in Environmental Science performed a bioassessment of the river near Lake Mohegan. The "bio-" part of bioassessment involves collecting the variety of small insect species that live in and on the stream bottom and then identifying the types. Different species are indicators of high or low quality water in the stream. Our Environmental Science classes have been sampling this same area for several decades and have accumulated data about changes in water quality over time.





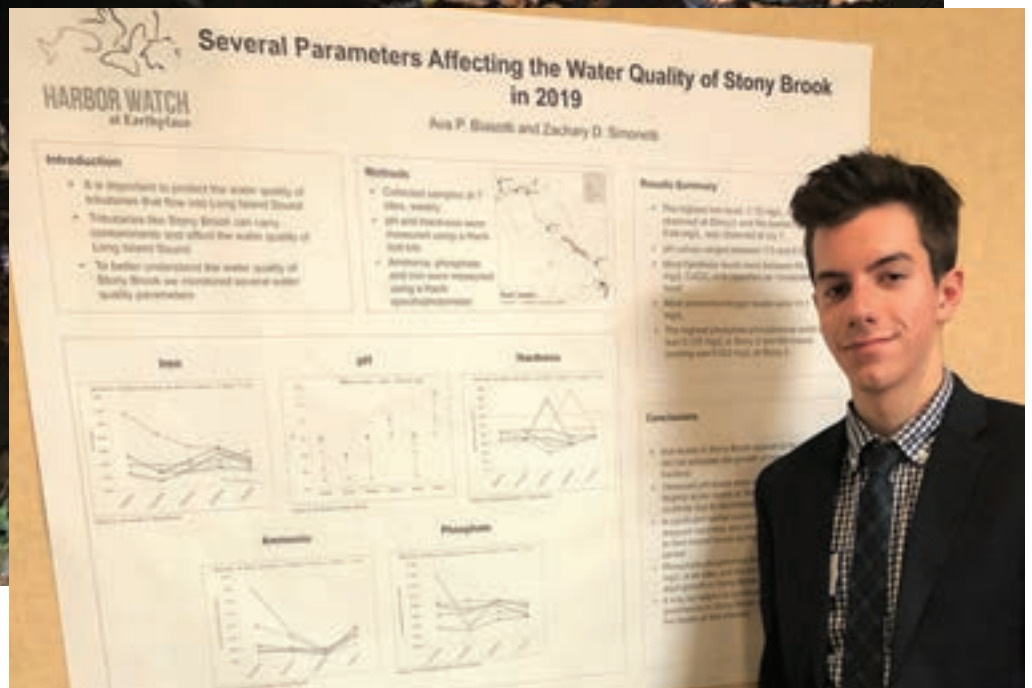
Down by the River

Zach Simonetti '20 conducts Water Quality Labs for Earthplace

Representing Fairfield Prep, senior and Environmental Science student **Zach Simonetti** (pictured below) was selected to participate in a cooperative science program sponsored by Earthplace. Earthplace is a Nature Discovery and Environmental Learning Center that blends science, conservation, and education into pathways for experiencing and learning about the natural world. Zach reflects on the experience:

I took part in a four-month-long program called "Harbor Watch" at Earthplace in Westport, CT. Six other students from Fairfield County and I monitored the water qualities of the Stony Brook River. Meeting once a week, my team tested several sites along the backroads of Westport and Norwalk using different water quality testing devices. At Earthplace we recorded our findings and interpreted the data to determine the health of each site. That data was then summarized into charts and graphs based on different water quality aspects. The program ended in December with a symposium to present our findings to community members, teachers, and municipal officials.

I learned how much effort goes into keeping our streams and rivers clean and free of harmful bacteria. At the symposium I got to talk to the people who live near the water sources and answer questions about the current conditions. I want to thank my teacher Mr. Bob Ford Jr. and Mr. Peter Fraboni, Harbor Watch Associate Director of Education, for the opportunity to join this amazing team and gain so much firsthand experience.



Prep's Dream Home Court will become a Reality in 2021

Fairfield University Plans \$45M Convocation Center

Fairfield University has announced plans to build an 85,000-square foot, 3,500-seat Convocation Center on the current site of Alumni Hall. Fairfield's new Convocation Center will be home to its Division I basketball and volleyball programs, Fairfield Prep basketball and wrestling, and will host convocations, concerts, and gatherings for the University, Prep, and the neighboring community at large.

Projected to open in 2021, the \$45 million facility will have a state-of-the-art broadcast and media center, luxury seating and lounge areas. The building project is expected to begin in the spring of 2020 and take between 18 and 24 months.

"The new arena will be a versatile, dynamic, and contemporary space, providing a much-anticipated upgrade in size, technology, and amenities," President Dr. Mark Nemec said in a release.

The new center will feature the latest in today's lighting and scoreboard technology on the lower court area, as well as "cutting

edge" broadcast and audio systems. "The upgrades will enhance the quality of the event experience for those in attendance, and will also benefit remote viewers through advanced live streaming and video production," the university said in a release.

"A modern facility makes an impression on prospective student-athletes, regardless of the sport they play," the university's Director of Athletics Paul Schlickmann said. "It demonstrates an overall commitment to athletics by the University and will be transformational in its impact on all our programs."

"This center will bring our entire University community together and serve the town of Fairfield for years to come. It's extremely important to the future of the Fairfield family, and it's wonderful to feel that family come together in support of this effort," said the University's Vice President for Advancement Wally Halas.

Source: Fairfield University press release



Highlights

- 85,000 sq. ft. multi-use convocation center
- 3,500 luxury seats
- New home for Prep basketball and wrestling, commencements, and special events
- The latest scoreboard technology
- State-of-the-art lighting, audio, video, and broadcast technology
- Live streaming games and events
- Food courts



Renderings by Centerbrook Architects and Planners of Centerbrook, Connecticut.



JOHN SZABLEWICZ RETIRES AFTER 49 YEARS

One of Prep's Greatest retires

By Dr. Robert Perrotta, retired Prep principal



The 1970's were a time of political turmoil and change. Protests against the Vietnam War and the ongoing struggle for the marginalized and for women to achieve equality were juxtaposed to

the formation of a new political conservatism that lashed out against the turbulence and liberalism of the 1960s. The students of this era continued to embrace the hope of the coming of the "Age of Aquarius" proclaiming the anthem of their generation "We don't need no education. We don't need no thought control."

Amidst this era of chaos and societal change entered through the doors of Fairfield Prep a young teacher named John Szablewicz, the quintessential man of the '60s forged by its politics and inspired by its optimism. John immediately established himself as a teacher who easily related to this generation of students who were wary of authority and who shunned the status quo. Rather, they, along with John, looked to a future where truth, social justice, tolerance and equality were the hoped-for new normal.

For forty-nine years, "Mr. Szabs" has shared with his students his considerable knowledge, his passion for learning and his inspirational teachings of social equality and blind justice for all. For forty-nine years, John Szablewicz labored in the classroom going beyond

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tally, most times by a
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academic excellence to forge young men of competence, conscience, compassion, creativity and action. Young men whom he taught to think for themselves and to see not what just is, but what can be. Consequently, it is not surprising that scores of his students have gone on to extraordinary accomplishments in varied careers, all grateful for the lessons learned at the hands of a truly inspirational teacher.

John's inspirational leadership was not limited to the classroom. Throughout the late '70s and '80s, John was instrumental in radically changing the social studies curriculum to include a newly designed required course that focused on study of the history and culture of China, India, Japan and Korea. At the time, this initiative was considered not just controversial but even radical by some. John also vigorously supported the addition of upper-division electives to complement the required sequence

of departmental offerings. Some of the most popular of these offerings were Anthropology, Sociology, the American Indian (an area in which John has notable expertise) and East Meets West, a global comparison of historical periods. Unfortunately, John's elective courses were so popular with the students that I had to rotate and limit the number of sections offered so as to ensure that other course offerings would have sufficient enrollment.

John's incredible popularity among the student body caused me another problem, when students were asked, on a yearly basis, to vote for their "most inspirational teacher." If permitted, John would have received the award every year because he was always at the top of the vote tally, most times by a considerable margin. Thus, I had to institute a five-year rule under which the winning teacher was not eligible to be considered for a five-year elimination period. Apologies, John!

Someone once said: "A true teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, touches a heart and is impossible to forget." The halls of Fairfield Prep will never be the same without the inspirational presence of John Szablewicz. John, may your well-deserved retirement bring with it the many fond memories of generations of students who so benefited by your transformational teachings and of colleagues



who have truly profited from "standing on the shoulders of a giant."

Written by Dr. Robert Perrotta



The historian and author signing a copy of the Prep history book "75 Years of Excellence" for Aris Crist '73. The history, which he spent countless hours researching and writing, is available at www.fairfieldprep.org/preppride.



Mr. Szabs got a standing ovation upon receiving the Inspirational Teacher of the Year award from the class of 2008.



A Farewell Message from "Mr. Szabs"

In the fall of 1971 I began my career at Fairfield Prep. It was a time of social unrest, political chaos and economic uncertainty. For three years I was Dean of Men, taught anthropology and coached freshman basketball. When a full time position in the social studies department became available I jumped at the chance, thankful that my years of "ethnographic fieldwork" as an administrator had ended. The department chair in social studies in those days was "Uncle Lou" Saracco. We had a pretty interesting group of young teachers in the department, including Bruce Jaffe and Dave Driscoll. Lou always reminded us to "be yourself" in the classroom and that the most important thing was knowing your subject matter. Over the years I have taught various courses, from social sciences to Asian and American Indian studies, to all levels of history. Now, forty-nine years later, I am about to retire. It is a time of social unrest, political chaos and economic uncertainty.

The constant during all these years has been the greatness of Fairfield Prep. No matter what the political and economic climate beyond the walls of our school, Fairfield Prep has remained true to its Jesuit tradition and its mission to educate young men toward intellectual competence, compassion and a commitment to justice. If my service to the school has contributed in any way to the fulfillment of those lofty goals, then I consider my career a success. Much has been made of the "Prep family," and it at times sounds like a worn cliché. But I can attest that it is real. My colleagues, both Jesuit and lay, have been like brothers and sisters to me. My many thousands of students know in their hearts that they will always be "my boys." I treasure all these relationships and leaving them behind is one of the toughest tasks I have ever had to do. I will miss you all very much. Yet, I must now move to the next stage of my life. I will try my best to avoid sentimentality for the past, and follow the advice of Ram Dass to "Be Here Now" and embrace every moment as it arises anew. Go Prep!

Most sincerely, John W. Szablewicz



Showcasing Prep Talent

Music beyond the Classroom

WINTER CONCERT

The Music Program's annual Winter Concert was performed on January 15 in the Kelley Theater of the Quick Center for the Performing Arts. The performance included selections by groups that represent the entire music program: Blues Band, String Orchestra, Select Choir, Jazzuits, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and the Combined Symphonic Orchestra.

 Watch video highlights
youtube.com/fairfieldprep1



Singing in Unity

For the second year in a row, Prep's Select Choir combined with several area choirs at the Anti-Defamation League's "VOICES: A Show of Unity" event at the Klein Memorial Auditorium. The event was a fundraising benefit and community gathering designed to bring people together and foster dialogue. The night was hosted by Paul Shaffer, and the headliner was Trombone Shorty.



Private Lessons with the Marines

Music students attended a field trip sponsored by the Council of Italian-American Societies of Greater Bridgeport. The Quantico Marine Corps Band performed a concert and facilitated a clinic. Students divided into groups based on instruments and voice part. The clinic included conversations, technique training, and challenging exercises.



PREP PLAYERS PERFORM ARISTOPHANES'

The Birds

The Prep Players theatre group presented Aristophanes' "The Birds" in the Black Box Theatre at the Quick Center on November 7, 8 and 9. "The Birds" follows two men who abandon society and seek out a life with the birds, in the hopes it will be free of frauds on Earth who are always wasting their time. Once there, it dawns on them that they could create a new society in the sky, free from everything they despised at home. The play is a humorous production written hundreds of years before the birth of Christ, yet shows how little has changed about human nature since the play's origins.



Above: Ziyuan "Bruce" Guo '20



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Above: John Godino '20 (center) with Greg Torigian '20 (behind) and Tomas Lignore '21 (far right).
Left: David Jaworski '21



From left: Evan Small, Brian Rooney, Ben Short, Noel Bernard, Luke Hopkins, Sean Seiler, Moderator Jamie Chesbro, John Godino, Aryaman Sharma, Andrew Rios, Max Weinbach, Ryan Davis, Patrick Kelly

THE BELLARMINE REVIEW

Personal essays crafted for student magazine

The fall issue of *The Bellarmine Review* features personal essays from eleven seniors, who, as Ben Short writes in his introductory essay of the issue, titled, “Bathroom Hooks, Imperialism, and Truth: Notes on Personal Essay Writing,” are “still learning the craft” of the distinctive qualities of the genre so many seniors find themselves entangled with as they labor over the essays they send to colleges.

“A good personal essay has several aspects,” Short states, “and it’s difficult to work these elements together harmoniously. The

voice must be sincere and formal, yet casual enough to connect with the reader. Ultimately, the most important element is telling the truth. Personal essays reveal unique stories from a writer’s life that connects to a universal theme.”

We are pleased to share an excerpt from each contributor with you here, which gives the Prep community a glimpse of their celebrated work. To read the entire issue, go to:

www.FAIRFIELDPREP.ORG/BELLARMINE

—Jamie Chesbro, English teacher and *Bellarmino Review* moderator

“INSPIRED”

Noel Bernard

The accident helped me to reflect on how we are inspired and in turn inspire others. Jacinthe inspired me to dance and Daniel was inspired by me to do ballet. Jacinthe helped me understand that despite momentary lapses, people are still inspirational. Our successes and failures make us human. So, despite the pain that lingered, I danced at Joffrey and ABT, I took those pesky SATs, and I continue to try to be an inspiration for anyone who doubts themselves.

“THE FREEDOM OF REACTION”

Patrick Kelly

I am not entirely sure if the chasing of this free sensation was a component of his journey or just something I may have infused with him in my mind based on my own experiences following his example. However, McCandless knew the importance of “not necessarily [being] strong, but [feeling] strong” which I feel may allow one the freedom and confidence to place their moral codes above those of society’s, aligning them with those beautiful feelings that nature imbues in us.

“THE BAND ON MY WRIST”

Luke Hopkins

The solidity of our own beings are often times concealed within ourselves as we saunter through our simple days. The moments when people find out how strong they truly are come in times of great pain and dejection. As opposed to waiting for a tragedy to occur in order to push yourself to be strong, realize the being you are and your own capabilities. Through all those moments of pain, sadness, and struggle, that blue bracelet was slung on my left wrist. When it came down to it, though, the bracelet might have broken, but these absolutely life-shaping moments never broke me or my strength.

“RESTAURANT HEROES”

Sean Seiler

As I finish my shift and head out of the restaurant and into the night, I know I’m leaving the best examples at the door. These are the people who have overcome some of the greatest obstacles in life, yet are still grateful for every opportunity they receive and even spare some time to help some kid with his science homework.

“ADHESIVE STORYBOOK”

Brian Rooney

Some may look at the back of an old Volvo station wagon, and upon seeing the myriad of faded bumper stickers, think, as one classmate put it, that it looks like his “grandma’s wagon from her hippie days in the 60’s.” But what I see is a family history played out in initials, acronyms, and silhouettes adhered to a green bumper. I see that our memorable experiences can completely change and shape our perceptions of even the simplest things.

“CHANTING THE MANTRA”

Aryaman Sharma

The blessing of receiving my uncle’s counsel is a reminder that the best things in life stretch beyond stress, beyond academics. He taught me to break out of my routine and meditate. He taught me the importance of spending time with family. He even taught me (once in a blue moon) to just stick my head out of the car window and let go of everything.

“A SHORT GUIDE TO AVOID BEARS AND WRITER’S BLOCK”

Ben Short

To feel connections with others, I need an outlet to reconnect with myself. Both writing and running give me that space. I can feel my insecurities and doubts on trails or with a notebook, but I also connect with my beliefs and values. While I can look at a map to navigate a run, writing is the means that I discover my path.

“PAINTING IN THE MIRROR”

Ryan Davis

The trick with the mirror has an explanation as simple as its execution. After enough time, our eyes get used to looking at our drawings, dulling our perception. This causes our brains to overlook many simple mistakes in proportion and shape. When looking at a picture through a mirror it flips, allowing us to see it with fresh eyes. Then, the mistakes stick out like a fly on a wedding cake.



Cover illustration by Ryan Davis '20. The layout editor is Max Weinbach '20.

“IN A REALM OF MY OWN”

Evan Small

Skiing is an art that allows me to become one with the world around me. And there is an immense power in that unity. Soaring down a mountain, at incredible speeds, I feel that I have almost transcended my human self. It is within these brief moments of solitude that I no longer am a wild beast; it is within these moments that I am finally in control of my life and future, existing in a realm of solitude as the God of my own person.

“ANGER INTO ACTION”

John Godino

I consider myself one of the lucky ones from my community. I am from Newtown, Connecticut. And no, I was not in the school. And no, I did not lose a family member or

friend. So, when talking about my past in relation to the event, I feel strange and guilty as if I am in some way exploiting it...And yet despite these truths regarding my own experience, I still feel as if I have become inextricably linked to the event that shook my town to its core. For the five years following the tragic event at Sandy Hook, I had an anger boiling inside of me.

“ON SNOW AND DISCOVERY”

Andrew Rios

Ultimately, this harmony derives from my realization of being my own person...Rising from the snow’s embrace, I see the setting sun glistening through the branches. While this day has come to a close, I realize it yields another adventure with more of the mountain left to explore.

WELCOME to **PREP**



PLENTY OF ACTIVITY OPTIONS

At orientation, new freshmen attended a Student Activities Fair. Over 30 clubs participated with booths in the Student Life Center. Club leaders talked with and presented their activities to the new Prepsters, who could sign up for the various offerings. The school encourages our students to participate in extracurricular activities, which enable them to discover new talents and make new friends. Students may also start their own clubs!





STRONGER TOGETHER

As part of Freshman Orientation, the new students take the field to participate in fun, ice-breaking and team-building activities. The tug-of-war tournament is always a favorite at the Freshman Olympics.



RALLY DAY BUILDS FRESHMAN BONDS

To prepare for the upcoming freshman retreat, upperclassmen led freshmen in icebreakers and group poster making, showing the Jesuit model of faith and famous Jesuit leaders. They also enjoyed some team games of dodgeball and "Capture the Flag" Frisbee.



SOLE MATES!

Newly enrolled Prep freshmen received a pair of comfy FP logo athletic socks, as a welcoming gift. Put Prep in your step!



SHOWING OFF

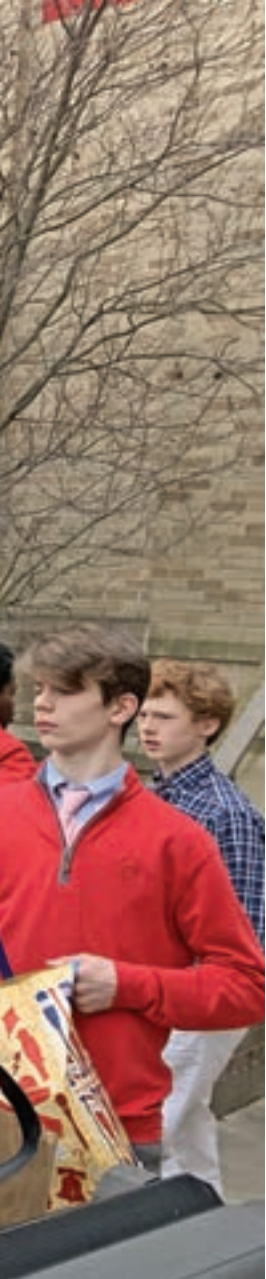
Prep's Annual 2019 Open House in October was a resounding success. Hundreds of new families arrived to meet students and faculty to ask questions about the school and its excellent Jesuit reputation. The Jazzuits got funky with Herbie Hancock's "Chameleon" in the Quad for visitors to arrive on a welcoming note while science students demonstrated hands-on labs to visiting prospective students and parents. Thank you to the students who took the time to show their school to prospective freshmen and families.

Men for Others



Great Ignatian Challenge a recordbreaker

In November, seven Jesuit high schools from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut partnered together to launch the 4th Annual Great Ignatian Challenge. The intent was to address poverty and hunger in the local community while also earning money toward student tuition assistance. A Jesuit school alumnus and donor, inspired by the Jesuit mission of being Men for Others, initiated the Challenge by pledging tens of thousands of dollars to the schools who collected the most goods. This year, the Challenge collected and distributed over 68 tons of food! Prep rallied to collect over 21,000 canned goods in four weeks, well-surpassing the goal of 17,500 items. All 18,449 pounds of Prep's collected nonperishables were donated to local organizations serving the poor and homeless in our community including the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry, Operation Hope, and Action for Bridgeport Community Development. The Prep community raised over \$38,000 toward our tuition assistance program, more than doubling what had previously been earned.



Prep directs St. Ignatius School on Centerstage

Prep once again hosted St. Ignatius School from the Bronx, NY, for a day of service and camaraderie on November 6. Middle schoolers were treated to tours of the Fairfield University campus led by Prep's SEED Diversity students. The visitors then enjoyed a performance of "The Birds," followed by lunch and an Actors Workshop. The day was another example of Prep demonstrating its Jesuit Mission in action, mentoring others.



SPEAKING OUT FOR JUSTICE WITH OLYMPIC STAR

Senior **Ethan Dubrosky** shared his courageous story at the "Speaking of Women" fundraising event sponsored by the Center for Family Justice. Olympic gold medal gymnast Aly Raisman, a spokesperson against women's abuse, was the featured guest. Pictured is Ethan with Aly Raisman.



SAVING THE PLANET

In November, eight upperclassmen accompanied science teacher Mr. Stephen Soto and Director of Christian Service Ms. Ashley Woodworth to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, sponsored by the Ignatian Solidarity Network. To close out their three-day excursion, the students appealed to the advisors of Congressman Jim Himes and lobbied for climate control in the spirit of stewardship and the preservation of life on Earth.



THE ROOTS OF URBAN POVERTY

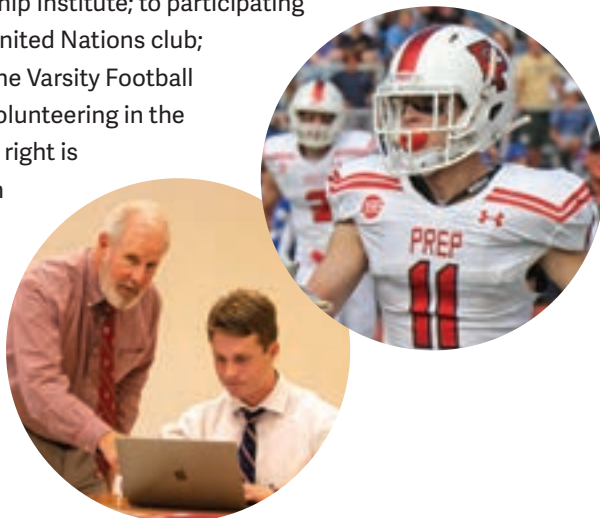
In the fall, two teams of 14 students with the Men for Others spirit embarked on two separate "Urban Plunges." Students spent three days living, reflecting, and praying together in community at the St. Charles Borromeo Urban Center, and volunteering at schools and organizations in Bridgeport. Living together includes food shopping on a modest budget and cooking for one another. Prep students discussed the realities of the Connecticut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and pressing issues prevalent in the world today. They brainstormed strategies to bring about change that they could undertake as individuals and as a group. They also volunteered in the Bridgeport area neighborhoods.



A Day in the Life of...

KYLE PEARSON '20

Kyle is a classic Prep student. He is active in all aspects of the Prep Experience: from taking courses in the new Fairfield Prep Entrepreneurship Institute; to participating in the Model United Nations club; to playing on the Varsity Football team; and to volunteering in the community. At right is a glimpse of an average day in Kyle's busy schedule.



6:00 a.m. Alarm goes off



6:30 a.m. Breakfast, get ready for school



7:15 a.m. Leave from Stamford to drive to Prep



8:00 a.m. Arrive at Prep

8:30 a.m. Computer Programming and Coding with Mr. Mesquita



9:15 a.m. Economics with Mr. Milazzo

10:00 a.m. Calculus with Mrs. O'Connor

11:00 a.m. Free Period (Study time in the Academic Center)



11:45 a.m. Lunch in the Student Life Center

12:20 p.m. Literature of Industry with Mr. Shea



1:05 p.m. Business & Entrepreneurship with Mr. Shea

1:50 p.m. Economics & Social Ethics with Mr. Reidy



2:30 p.m. Final bell rings (school ends)

2:35 p.m. Model U.N. Club meet-up



3:00 p.m. Walk to Barlow Field for football practice with Coach Hellstern. Practice ends at 6:15 p.m.



6:30 p.m. Drive to after-school service in Stamford



7:30 p.m. Tutor at Yearwood Boys & Girls Club in Stamford

8:30 p.m. Go home and eat dinner



9:00 p.m. Homework

10:30 p.m. Watch film on this week's football opponent



11:00 p.m. Get ready for the next day and head to bed

The Lavery Strength and Fitness Center opens

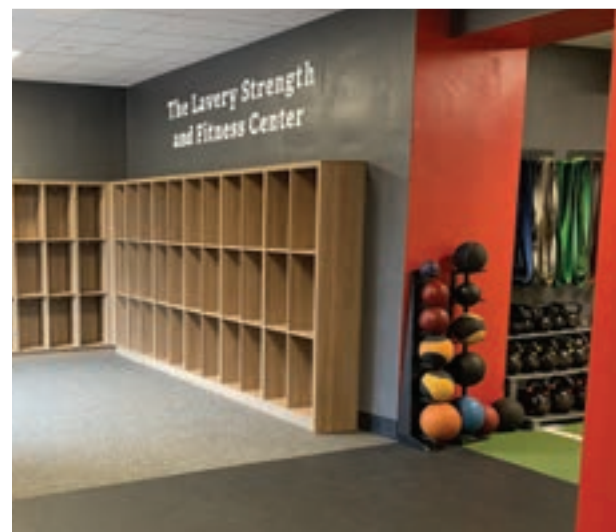
PREP—PRIDE—VICTORY



This past summer Prep remodeled, expanded and rededicated the Earl Lavery Strength & Fitness Center, in honor of the late, legendary football coach and teacher. **Lavery '50** was inducted into the Fairfield Prep Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017.

The new athletic performance center boasts 14 workout stations accommodating 60 student-athletes per session. A new turf strip was created for stretching, band work, core and footwork exercises. An entrance lobby features sixty “cubby” style lockers, in addition to a scale, and hydration and fueling station. An open floor plan allows for dynamic physical exercises and strength building. An iPad at each of the 14 training stations enables athletes to input results and workout plans into a progress-tracking program. Daily workouts are featured on a flat screen display.

Prep’s athletic department is committed to continuing to find new ways to improve and enhance the student athlete experience, and to build high character and performance.



STUDENT EXCELLENCE



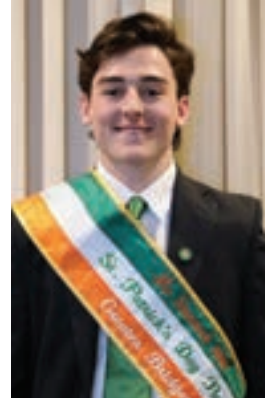
From left: Principal Dr. Tommy de Quesada; Academic Dean Mr. Tim Dee; National Merit Semifinalist Mark Ballesteros; Commended Aryaman Sharma and Jack Rogers; Dean of Guidance & College Advising Mr. John Hanrahan; and President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J.

National Merit Semifinalist and Commended Scholars

Fairfield Prep is pleased to announce recognition of three seniors who are honored in the National Merit Scholarship Program, including Semifinalist **Mark Ballesteros** and Commended honorees **Aryaman Sharma** and **Jack Rogers**. The seniors are recognized based on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken in their junior year. Over 1.6 million students from across the nation entered the competition by taking the test, and the Prep winners were selected based on placement in the top five percent in the highly competitive state of Connecticut.

SEAMUS CAROLAN HONORED AS MR. SHAMROCK 2020

Seamus Carolan '20 was named Mr. Shamrock by the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade. He is a young man of character and integrity. His teachers often comment that he is "likeable, responsible, mature and self-aware." His coaches say that he is "driven, hardworking, and dedicated to the team." But whether in the classroom, athletic field, or in service to the community, Seamus leads by example. He brings energy and zest to any situation.



Seamus is an active and contributing member of the school community. He is a member of the lacrosse, hockey, and Gaelic football teams, as well as the Irish Cultural club. Seamus is very proud of his Irish heritage and it is something he works to keep alive. Seamus has shown his faith and relationship with God, assisting with Prep's freshman and sophomore retreats, and participating in the Kairos retreat junior year. Seamus received a scholarship for his honor. He will attend Providence College.

Students honored at 2019 NHS Awards Ceremony



Maximilian Fuligni '20 receives the Xerox Award from Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.

Prep students were honored for their high academic achievement at the annual National Honor Society Awards Ceremony which was held in October at Alumni Hall.

New members were inducted in the National Honor Society and seniors received special Book Awards, recognizing their outstanding school performance and leadership in key subject areas. Additionally, students were recognized for honors awards for the 2018-19 school year.

2019 BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Mark J. Ballesteros** - Yale Book Award
- Noel V. Bernard** - St. Lawrence University Book Award
- Richard J. Cottrell III** - St. Michael's Book Award for Academic Achievement
- Samuel M. Davenport** - William & Mary Book Award
- Joseph A. DeJesus** - Sacred Heart University Book Award
- Brendan R. Divincenzo** - Bryant University Book Award
- Christian K. Eidt** - Villanova University Book Award
- Maximilian A. Fuligni** - Xerox Award from the University of Rochester
- John A. Godino** - George Washington University Book award
- Richard J. Graf** - Kodak (George Eastman) Young Leaders Program from the University of Rochester
- Kai Imery** - Johns Hopkins Book Award
- Andrew G. Lencyk** - St. Michael's Book Award for Social Conscience
- Andrew J. Lee** - The Bausch and Lomb Science Award from the University of Rochester
- Andrew J. Loya** - Gettysburg College Book Award
- Kevin H. Miller** - Columbia University Book Award
- Richard G. Nolan Jr.** - Tulane University Book Award
- John P. Queenan** - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Award
- Andrew P. Rios** - Harvard Book Award
- Jack W. Rogers** - Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award from the University of Rochester
- Brian P. Rooney** - Dartmouth College Book Award
- Aryaman Sharma** - Cornell University Book Award
- Benjamin M. Short** - Jefferson Rook Award from the University of Virginia
- Evan D. Small** - Brown University Book Award



Savyon Shaw '20 (center) with family members and Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., at the President's Dinner.

Turning challenges into opportunities

Taken from a speech by **Savyon Shaw '20** at the President's Dinner on November 2, 2019

I was born to Jamaican immigrant parents and spent most of my childhood in Bridgeport. When I was in first grade my parents split up. My mother and I moved in with my grandparents. My father was not there for most of my childhood, but I was always surrounded by love. My mom, uncle and grandfather taught me to face life's challenges and turn them into opportunities for growth.

I faced a major challenge on September 19, 2014, that changed my life forever. My mom and I were in a car accident and hit a tree. The airbag hit my eye so hard that it broke my glasses and severely bruised my eyes. If not for my seatbelt, I would have gone through the windshield and most likely would not be here today.

I needed cataract surgery and my mom, grandfather, and uncle never left my side. My right eye is slightly deformed and has a different shape than my left eye. The accident taught me to never take life for granted, to thank God for every moment, and to express gratitude to those who love me. Now that I drive, I say a prayer before I start driving and another when I reach my destination.

When it came time to choose a high school, I refused to let my physical issues limit me. I was considering Fairfield Prep, St. Joe's in Trumbull, or Notre Dame of Fairfield. I scheduled a shadow day for all three, but none compared to my experience at Prep. I was blown away by the teacher-student relationships and the facilities. I knew that I had to go to Prep.

I hit the ground running and in my freshman year, I joined football, track, Debate Club, African American Cultural Club, and the Stock Market Club.

Before freshman year I attended Prep's summer classes. My middle school grades qualified me to take Geometry and Biology in my freshman year. Now as a senior, I'm enrolled in Calculus, which most students take during their freshman year of college. These classes give me an academic advantage and a head start.

Another class I valued was my Speech and Theatre class. Initially, I resisted taking them because I have a stutter. It got me out of my comfort zone, and it

greatly enhanced my speaking skills and confidence. I learned how to prepare, write, and deliver numerous types of speeches. I am using what I learned from that class right now.

Another Prep opportunity is the brotherhood. My peers welcomed me with open arms. I am confident that the friends I made here will be friends that I will have for life. The upperclassmen were big brothers and guided me. As a senior I try to model the same big brother mindset for the underclassmen. Now, I have friends from all races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

The Prep brotherhood helped me grow spiritually. As a junior, I participated in Kairos 67, which strengthened my faith. There is much I take for granted, and the reflection practices, such as the Examen that I learned on Kairos, allows me to be humble and introspective.

I participated in the German exchange program. Joining this program changed my world view forever. As a young American, I was in a bubble—unaware of the problems outside of the U.S. But I made a lifelong German friend. His family welcomed me and treated me as one of their own. My friendship with him has taught me that people are the same all over the world.

I am an example of what a Prep student should be by the time he becomes a senior. Because Jesuit education concerns itself with the development of the whole person, or *cura personalis*, I am striving to become the best version of myself. My family has supported me emotionally, to push my limits as a person. But as a student, Prep has challenged me to be the best person that I can be—from the first moment I walked up the steps to Berchmans Hall and shook Father Simisky's hand. If it were not for your generosity, my family would never have been able to send me to Prep. Your kindness provides the financial aid that has made it possible for me to be here.

The next chapter in my life is college. As a result of my Jesuit education, I have the opportunity to apply to some of the best colleges in the country such as Fordham, Boston College, and the University of Pennsylvania. All of this is possible because of YOU—the generous benefactors.

On behalf of myself and the many others who could not afford a Prep education, I thank you for caring and for all that you do for Fairfield Prep.



Bob Ford Jr. honored as Ignatian Educator of the Year

Going the Extra Mile

Bob Ford Jr. encourages everyone to achieve excellence in all areas of life. Bob goes beyond whatever he is asked. He lives the Jesuit ideal of the *Magis* in everything he does.

Besides teaching in the science lab, you can find Bob out in the field with his Environmental Science class conducting experiments and collecting samples throughout Fairfield County. (See the “Hands-On Science” stories on page 8.) His classes stand in solidarity with the Jesuit call to care for creation.

After 33 years, Bob stepped down as head coach of the varsity cross country team this past fall. His influence on his runners extends far beyond



Bob Ford Jr. accepting the Ignatian Educator of the Year award from Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.

the running track.

Bob's commitment to the cross country team was remarkable. He and his father Bob Ford Sr. built the program into a statewide

powerhouse. Behind the scenes, Bob spent hours marking the course route on Fairfield University's campus. He equally gave his time and attention to

star runners and rookies alike. All benefited from the teacher side of Bob and his training techniques.

Bob will be missed as a coach, but he will continue to make a positive impact on our young men with his teaching excellence. Congratulations, Bob, on the well-deserved honor of Ignatian Educator of the Year.



By Elliott Gaultiere, Director of Campus Ministry, shown with Bob Ford Jr. at the Connecticut Challenge

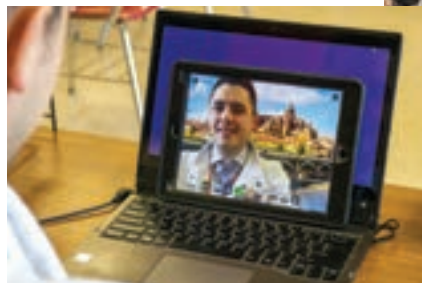
Prep holds successful Virtual Learning Day

On Thursday, March 5, Fairfield Prep held a very successful Virtual Learning Day. Rather than attending classes at Prep, the students learned remotely through online assignments delivered by faculty during normal school hours.

“A lot of work went into making the day a great success,” wrote Principal Dr. Tommy de Quesada in a letter sent out to parents. “Students and faculty alike rose to the challenge. Our team, on short notice, created opportunities for experience, reflection and action to occur remotely.”

The goal for Prep was to institute a plan of action in preparation for any challenging situation that may arise that could result in a school closure. Throughout the day, Prep faculty deployed a series of lessons and creative assignments via the Schoology Learning Management System. The Virtual Learning Day was the first of its kind, and presented a new challenge for our community to collaborate, teach and learn in thought-provoking new ways. It resulted in a resounding victory for the Prep community.

“Congratulations to our Prep family for having delivered in a big way,” said Dr. de Quesada. “Most importantly, we thank our parents for their trust and support. We will continue to anticipate, prepare and improve.”



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

- Zoom videoconferencing during regular class periods
- Faculty-recorded videos and podcasts
- Online assessment tools such as EdPuzzle and Quizizz
- Recorded whiteboard sessions using Notability with voice-over recordings
- Flipped classroom teaching method



TECH ZONE



Science teacher and Robotics moderator Anthony Dotolo supports the team in preparation and competition.

Robotics team designs, builds, and codes robots

The Fairfield Prep Robotics Team, the “JesuBots,” took part in the New England FIRST Tech Challenge robotics competition at the American School for the Deaf on Feb. 8. The JesuBots competed against 24 other teams representing schools and clubs from throughout Connecticut as part of a program centered on designing, building and coding their own robots. The team built the robot over the course of several months. The JesuBots saw action in two competitions this year.

With the competitive season now in the books, the Prep robotics team will continue to develop engineering and programming skills as they anxiously await the kickoff of next year’s competition in September. “This year, the robot’s programming — or coding — was done exclusively by freshmen, which is a good sign for the future of the JesuBots,” said Science Teacher Mr. Anthony Dotolo, advisor on the Prep Robotics Team.

JESUBOTS





PREP TRADITIONS



BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE

Halloween at Prep continues to be a day of fun and service as the Class of 2020 carried on the tradition of “Trunk-or-Treat” with students from Hall School in Bridgeport. Due to the weather, activities were moved indoors. The Prep seniors led students in a number of games such as limbo, Simon Says and a ring toss, among others. The Hall students then went “trunk-or-treating” in the gym where Prep seniors decorated booths and gave out candy to the children. The event proved to be another rousing success, with Hall students always eager to come back to Prep for this annual event.



STAFF AND EDUCATORS HONORED

The Prep community celebrated a Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service, with inspiring music and words shared by students, staff, and guests. In recognition of their years of service, Dr. Donna Andrade (40 years), Mr. Greg Marshall (40 years), Mr. Rudy Mauritz (20 years) and Mrs. Margaret Rosario (20 years – not pictured) were honored. Pictured with Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.



FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FOOTBALL

It's a Prep tradition. Thousands attended the Thanksgiving home game played at Rafferty Stadium, where Prep blanked perennial rival West Haven 28-0! The stands were filled with alumni, families and friends who all cheered the Jesuits on to victory. Fans wore their “Prep Pride” to show undying school spirit.



A GIFT FOR GIVING

The annual Christmas Toy Drive collected a lobby-full of toys to benefit Catholic Charities of Fairfield County.



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

Prep's international study body held a cultural exchange event in honor of the Chinese New Year in Brissette Gym. Students learned to write Chinese characters, played cultural games, and sampled food. Chinese students performed traditional music with authentic string and wind instruments. The event was sponsored by International Student Advisor Lina Gallinelli with assistance by AIEP (international education) host families.



ROCKING DOWNTOWN FAIRFIELD

The Jazzuits performed at the annual "Shop & Stroll" holiday event in downtown Fairfield.



JOY TO THE WORLD

Campus Ministry sponsored a tree blessing, lighting and caroling event in Pelletier Quad and Arrupe Hall.





SCHOLAR ATHLETES

These seniors have demonstrated leadership qualities by being positive role models for others both on and off the field while maintaining top grades in all of their classes.

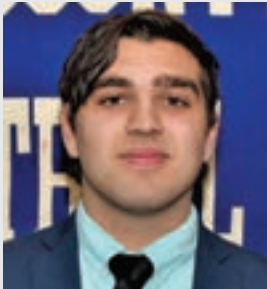
SCC SCHOLAR ATHLETES



Sam Davenport and **Ben Short** have been named Southern Connecticut Conference Scholar Athletes for the fall sports season. Both Davenport and Short are top students in the senior class at Prep and are multi sport athletes. Davenport is a member of the varsity football and basketball teams, while Short is a member of the cross country and swim teams. Both Davenport and Short are members of the National Honor Society and have been summa cum laude students during their time at Prep. Outside of the classroom and athletics, Davenport is the President of the student government and has been involved in campus ministry program, helping out at school masses. Short is a co-founder of the Plato club. For his community service, Sam has been a youth basketball coach at Wakeman's boys and girls club and has helped mentally and physically handicapped people at the Nutmeg Bowling program. Short works with the elderly at the Benchmark Senior Living facility at Ridgefield Crossings.

Pictured from left: Ben Short and Sam Davenport

COMMITTED TO PLAY COLLEGE LEVEL SPORTS



Anthony Casablanca was named National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete. Anthony is a magna cum laude student, member of the NHS, and serves on student government. He was the starting center and captain for the football team, and is also the captain for the rugby team. Anthony went on the Jamaica Immersion trip his sophomore year and served as a team leader last summer. He has also led Prep's freshman retreat, and volunteered at the Shelton Boys & Girls Club and the Kennedy Center bowling program.

NYU

JACK ROGERS

Jack Rogers has committed to swim next year at New York University.



He has been a key swimmer for the Jesuits,

helping the team to 3 straight SCC Championships, CIAC and State Open Runner-up his sophomore year and CIAC 3rd place in his junior year. Rogers was an SCC Champion in the 100 Fly in 2019 and the 50 Free in 2020. He was also All-State (1 year) and All-SCC (2 years). Jack is a summa cum laude student, member of the National Honor Society and a National Merit Scholar. He volunteered at the Kennedy Center.

SWIMMING

NYU

ANTHONY DACCACHE

Anthony Daccache has committed to swim next year



at New York University. He has been a key swimmer for the Jesuits,

helping the team to 3 straight SCC Championships, CIAC and State Open Runner-up his sophomore year and CIAC 3rd place in his junior year. Daccache was All-SCC in the 100 Breaststroke in 2020. He has been a 2 time State Open qualifier, placed 23rd at the YMCA nationals and is a national age group record holder in Lebanon. Anthony is a member of the National Honor Society. He volunteered at the Kennedy Center.

SWIMMING

VILLANOVA

RICHARD NOLAN

Richard Nolan has achieved summa cum laude status, is



a member of the National Honor Society and a USA Swimming

Scholastic All-American. He has been All-SCC for all four years and All-State for two. His individual performances in the 200 IM and 100 Breaststroke rank him 3rd and 4th on Prep's all-time top ten lists. He was a Connecticut rep for the USA Swimming National Conference. Richard has taught swimming to special needs children at the New Canaan YMCA. Richard will be competing for Villanova University.

SWIMMING

UNION

RYAN COWLES

Ryan Cowles (Union College) has committed to play college



baseball next year. He will be a tri-captain for the

Jesuits this spring and helped the team to an SCC Championship in 2018 and a CIAC state tournament berth in 2019. Cowles, a Fairfield resident, also served as a captain on the Prep soccer team and is a member of the Stock Market Club.

BASEBALL

WESTERN NE

HENRY SCHWOERER

Henry Schwoerer (Western New England) has committed



to play college baseball next year. He will be a tri-captain for the Jesuits

this spring and helped the team to an SCC Championship in 2018 and a CIAC state tournament berth in 2019. A Stamford resident and starter since his sophomore year, Schwoerer was named to the 2019 All-State Select Team. He volunteers service at the Boys and Girls Club in Stamford.

BASEBALL

TUFTS

LIAM WILSON

Liam Wilson (Tufts University) has committed to play college



baseball. He will be a tri-captain for the Jesuits this spring

and helped the team to an SCC Championship in 2018 and a CIAC state tournament berth in 2019. Wilson, a Darien resident, was named All-SCC last season and is a magna cum laude student, a member of the National Honor Society, the National French Honor Society and is an AP Scholar. Wilson is in the Ping Pong, Astronomy and Art clubs and volunteers at the Waveny Care Center in New Canaan.

BASEBALL

CARNEGIE MELLON

JP IAROPOLI

JP Iaropoli (Carnegie Mellon) has committed to play college



football. Iaropoli helped lead the Jesuits to a 2017 CIAC

Class LL quarterfinal and a 2018 semifinal. He was named All-SCC Tier 1 as quarterback. Iaropoli split time between quarterback and receiver. Iaropoli finished the year with 17 catches for 334 yards and 3 touchdowns. Iaropoli is a cum laude student, a member of the National Honor Society, the Model UN, Political Awareness Society, and Chess Club. He volunteers at the McGivney and Kennedy Centers.

FOOTBALL

GETTYSBURG

JACK ESSE

Jack Esse has committed to play college lacrosse at



Gettysburg College. Esse helped lead the Jesuit Lacrosse team

to an SCC Championship and the Class L semifinals. Esse ran on Prep's top midfield line and contributed 13 goals and 13 assists while being named 2nd Team All SCC. In hockey, Esse was on the 2019 State Hockey Championship team and scored a goal in the championship game. He volunteers at the Kennedy Center and has gone on the Appalachia service trip the last three summers.

LACROSSE

LOYOLA

MAX McGILLICUDDY

Max McGillicuddy has committed to play lacrosse at



Loyola Maryland University. A three sport athlete, Max was a football

captain, and a captain of the basketball and lacrosse teams. He has played on three SCC Championships and a CIAC state semifinal. During his sophomore season, he was the SCC Lacrosse Tournament MVP and named to the All-SCC Second Team. As a junior he was named All-SCC First team. A member of the National Honor Society. Max volunteers at the Kennedy Center in Bridgeport.

LACROSSE

FORDHAM

JAMES BURRIS

James Burris has committed to play soccer at Fordham



University. Burris has been a three-year starter and contrib-

utor for the Prep soccer team that was an SCC runner up his sophomore year, SCC champion his junior year and earned a CIAC state tournament appearance his senior year. Burris served as a captain this fall and has been a mainstay for the Jesuits defense, protecting the goal often defending the other teams best striker. Burris is a member of the National Honor Society. James volunteers at Operation Hope in Fairfield.

SOCCER

SACRED HEART

GAVIN NEUMEYER

Gavin Neumeyer has committed to play soccer at



Sacred Heart University. Gavin has been a four-

year member of the Jesuit soccer team and served as a captain his senior year. He was named All-SCC his senior season and played for the Jesuits during their SCC Championship his junior year and a CIAC tournament appearance his senior year. He is a member of the Law Club and the Stock Market Club at Fairfield Prep. Gavin volunteers at Operation Hope in Fairfield.

SOCCER



James Burris '20

Conner Moore '21

SOCCKER

The Fairfield Prep soccer team had another successful campaign in 2019, highlighted by an impressive victory over Boston College High School and a late season comeback victory over Hamden to help the Jesuits clinch the playoffs. In the opening round of the State Tournament the Jesuits lost a heartbreaker to Darien in penalty kicks after playing to a 1-1 tie after a thrilling regulation and two overtime periods. The Jesuits will miss seniors, **Andrew Chiota, James Burris, Ryan Cowles, Gavin Neumeyer, Joseph Devellis, Josh Samaras, Christian Ortiz, Trevor Knisley, Evan Small and Michael DeMoura** next year but will return a very talented group of underclassmen. **Chiota, Neumeyer, Devellis** and junior **Conner Moore** were named All-SCC and All-State at the end of the season.

SAILING

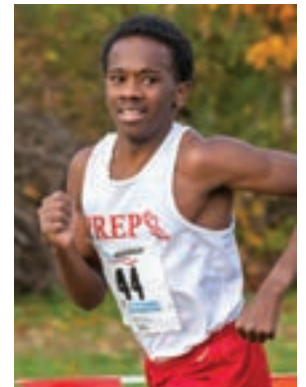
The Prep sailors had another productive fall, racing at the Great Oaks Qualifier, the Gleekman Cup in Rhode Island and the Catholic Cup



at Captains Cove. The team was hard at work at the Pequot Yacht Club practicing for the spring Fairfield County Sailing League schedule.

CROSS COUNTRY

Prep cross country started the new season with several individual personal records. The team finished fourth in the Quinnipiac Division of the SCC League, with several breakout runners. Junior **Azaan Dawson** led the team through the Class LL State Championships, placing 13th overall. Sophomore **Angel Perez** was the second finisher for the team. **Ben Short '20, Ryan Davis '20, Billy Bonnist '22, and Alex VonEhr '21** helped round out the team's top finishers at the championship meets. This season challenged runners with competitive meets in Vermont and Rhode Island, bringing out personal records from **Perez** and **Davis**. Standout freshman, **Leonard Rosenard**, led the freshmen team in the SCC Championships to a top 10 finish with a personal record, respectively. Honors: **Azaan Dawson '21**, (pictured) All-SCC Team.



CREW

The 2019 fall season began as they all do; shaking off summer, getting back into boats with the upperclassmen and training novice rowers full of energy and excitement. Senior captains **Aidan Harding, Charlie Mallek** and **Brian Rooney** took hold of the team and shaped it into their squad. The Head of the Riverfront in Hartford saw sophomore coxswain **Eric Hoerdemann** lead his crew to the top Prep finish in the men's Varsity 8+ category, veteran cox **Charlie Mallek** kept his crew within :07 as the rowers got back into racing shape. The boats flipped positions at the Head of the Housatonic with Mallek's crew, stroked by **Chris Hill** and **Tommy Hoover** besting **Hoerdemann's** group by :26. The New England High School Championships did not disappoint with Prep winning the 2nd, 3rd and 4th boat race and placing 4th in the 1st boat category. The team finished in Philadelphia at the Head of the Schuylkill with another very tight result between the top 2 boats; racing down the 3 mile course only :02 apart. Prep looks to get back into the Grand Final at the NEIRA Championships on May 23. The spring campaign starts at home vs Stonington High School on April 4.



PREP FOOTBALL – “We Never Say Die”

The 2019 Fairfield Prep football season was extremely challenging as the team faced one of the most difficult schedules in the entire state – not to mention program history. Finishing with a record of 6-4, the Jesuits achieved a fourth consecutive winning season for the first time since 1987-1990. This provided the graduating 24 seniors the experience of being a part of the most successful run of football at Prep in close to three decades.

Opening at North Haven proved to be a battle of wills with the Jesuits prevailing (14-7) in a hard fought contest where we fielded 15 new starters. Week two was a heavyweight contest that came up just short against

Newtown (21-14) who would go on to be “LL” state champions and ranked #2 in CT. The Jesuits rebounded by literally walking themselves to a victory (37-28) at Fairfield Ludlowe with a good number of the community looking on. Unfortunately, the Jesuits would suffer two consecutive losses to Catholic school rivals Xavier (22-21) in a last minute heart breaker and St. Joseph (42-13) where the game was tight until the fourth quarter against the eventual #1 team in the state.

In a noteworthy display of heart, effort and determination Prep would go on to win three consecutive games. A comeback victory at Norwich Free Academy (33-28) was followed by a thorough defeat of Harding High School (34-15). “Senior Night” versus rival Notre Dame West Haven was the Jesuits most dominating game of the year (49-19) against a battle-tested opponent. This was followed by a disappointing loss at Shelton (49-19). Rebounding, the Jesuits achieved their first shutout of the season defeating West Haven on Thanksgiving (28-0) for the third consecutive season which was a program first.

2019 was a season full of ups and downs but it will be remembered for the grit it demanded from our young men to grow and compete no matter the circumstance. The highest of goals

can never be achieved without the support of daily focus, effort and brotherhood when it comes to the game of football. With many new faces on the field gaining valuable experience this past year, it will be up to the next generation of Prep football players to match and hopefully exceed the legacy of

our outgoing seniors while adding to our program’s tradition. Prep – P.R.I.D.E. – Victory!



By Keith Hellstern,
Social Studies teacher
and Head Football
Coach



Max McGillicuddy '20



Tymaine Smith '22 and
Kyle Vaccarella '21

FOOTBALL HONORS

- **Joseph Bednar '20** - Chris Boyle Memorial Coaches Award
- **Anthony Casablanca '20** - National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete
- **José Dataram '20** - Chris Boyle Memorial Coaches Award
- **Sam Davenport '20** - SCC Scholar Athlete
- **Joseph DeJesus '20** - All-SCC Division 1, DB
- **Luke Hopkins '20** - New York Giants “Heart of a Giant” Award Finalist
- **Max McGillicuddy '20** - NH Register All State, WR / Honorable Mention; CHSCA “LL” All State, WR; All-SCC Division 1, WR
- **Nick Morris Jr. '21** - Reverend Eugene C. Brissette, S.J. Award (Defensive Player of the Year); CHSCA “LL” All State, LB; All-SCC Division 1, LB
- **Sean Nelson '20** - Mark Massiello Memorial (Offensive Player of the Year)
- **Peter Schanne '21** - Richard Magdon Most Improved Player Award
- **Dean Tsiranides '21** - Mark Massiello Memorial (Offensive Player of the Year)
- **Kyle Vaccarella '21** - Reverend Eugene C. Brissette, S.J. Award (Defensive Player of the Year); NH Register All State, DL / Honorable Mention; All-SCC Division 1, DL



Reunion Weekend

Classes of: '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05, '10, '15

Friday, May 29

FAIRFIELD PREP GOLF OUTING

Great River Golf Club

Continental breakfast, shotgun start, lunch, awards and prizes. Free ticket to the Athletic Hall of Fame is included with registration.

www.FAIRFIELDPREP.ORG/GOLFOUTING



Friday, May 29

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

The program includes the ceremony, dinner, spirits, music and Prep memories! See the 2020 inductees featured on the next page.

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Saturday, May 30

REUNION CELEBRATION

EVENTS ON CAMPUS: Breakfast in the Quad; tours of the school; reconnecting with faculty; and Prep athletic events. REUNION WEEKEND MASS followed by the **REUNION PARTY** with food, music, dancing, spirits & reminiscing!

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Class of 1970

50TH REUNION WEEKEND FRI., SAT., & SUN., MAY 29-31

A weekend of golf, partying and fun, culminating with the Class of 1970 being honored at the Class of 2020 Commencement with Golden Diplomas.

www.FAIRFIELDPREP.ORG/1970REG



All alumni, family and friends are invited to a special dinner on **Friday, May 29, 2020**, in Prep's Quad beginning at 6 p.m. Register at: **www.FAIRFIELDPREP.ORG/AHOF**



*Pictured is Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., with 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame honoree **Chuck Berke '70***

The 2020 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees...



1969 FOOTBALL TEAM

The 1969 football team was the fifth undefeated and untied team in school history and the second 10-0 squad coached by late Prep Athletic Hall of Fame coach Earl Lavery. "To win takes a complete commitment of mind and body," Lavery was quoted. That team backed Lavery's words, rolling to Prep's fifth consecutive MBIAC title. The Jesuits outscored the opposition 290-56. The defense posted five straight shutouts to start the season and six overall.



JACK O'CONNELL '51

A top playmaker, Jack O'Connell was a three-year basketball starter for coach Fella Gintoff. The team captain was a first-team all-District (Bridgeport, Stratford and Fairfield) selection and averaged 15 points per game. The Jesuits went 34-13 in O'Connell's three varsity seasons and he was named to Prep's All-Decade Team (1942-1951). O'Connell starred at Fairfield University compiling 1,016 career points, averaging 20.6 per game.

MATT MERULLO '83



Matt Merullo was a talented receiver for Prep in the early 1980s, but his true calling came on the baseball diamond. He starred behind the plate for the Jesuits, wielding a dangerous bat as well as a strong throwing arm. He was offered a scholarship to North Carolina, where he continued to excel and wound up being drafted by the Chicago White Sox in 1986. Merullo played parts of six seasons with the White Sox, Indians and Twins, compiling a lifetime .234 batting average with seven home runs and 34 RBI in 223 games. His best season was in 1991 with Chicago, when he hit .229 with five round-trippers and 23 RBI in 80 games



PETER TOLK '86

Peter Tolk was another of those gifted athletes who made their mark in more than one sport for Fairfield Prep. As a football player, Tolk was a three-year starter at linebacker and was an all-league and all-state choice in his senior season. But Tolk's forte was wrestling, a sport still in its halcyon days at Prep, and Tolk helped bring it to the forefront. Often competing against much heavier competition in terms of weight class, Tolk was a two-time Class LL state champion and a three-time Class LL finalist. After graduation, he wrestled for four seasons at Franklin and Marshall and was the team captain his senior year.

ROB ROTANZ '08



Fairfield Prep lacrosse took a major step into elite status in Connecticut thanks to the talents of athletes like Rob Rotanz. The midfielder was a part of Prep's first three of four consecutive Class L state championships. He compiled career marks of 153 goals and 67 assists, including 51 goals and 18 assists in his senior season. He earned a scholarship to Duke University, where he helped the Blue Devils win the 2010 NCAA championship.

REV. EUGENE BRISSETTE, S.J.



Perhaps no one was more visible for more seasons on the sideline than the Rev. Eugene Brissette. Fr. Brissette was a teacher and administrator at Fairfield Prep from 1956-1992, but he also served as chaplain for the football team during the tenure of both AHOF coaches: the late Joe Brosley and the late Earl Lavery. Illness forced Fr. Brissette to the sidelines in the early 1990s and he passed away after a long illness in 2002. The school honored his memory by naming its new athletic center after him.



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News



GENERATIONS OF PREP MEN

Many Prep "Legacy" Alumni grandfathers attended the annual Grandparents Breakfast and Mass with their freshman grandsons in October. Pictured with their grandsons: Front L-R: **Richard Kral '57, Bill Valus '50, Bill Devine '47, Ron Grosso '53.** Back L-R: **Phil Murphy '61, Marc Ioli '09, Bill Csontos '59, Joe Connolly '60, Tom Kelly '58**



It has been an eventful end of the decade for **William O'Brien Jr. '64**. On November 5, Bill was re-elected for a second two-year term on the Stratford Town Council. On November 13, he received the Tim Ramirez Community Service Award from the Stratford Old Timers Athletic Association's 54th annual dinner. Bill will receive the Jim Wentworth Good Sport Award, in April of 2020, from the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance at the April 2020 Gold Key dinner. On November 5, Bill semi-retired from Sterling House Community Center with a new title of Chief Ambassador.



TOM SHEA '73 SUMMER PARTY

Tom Shea '73, P '08, '11 invited Prep classmates from 1973 for a casual get-together and mini-reunion at his Branford home last summer. From left: **Tim Reilly, Chris McLeod, Dan Pengue, Tom Shea, Owen Black, Bob Kilcullen, Tom O'Donnell ('72) and Marty Gavin.**



DOCTORS ON THE FIELD

Two orthopedic doctors regularly volunteer at our athletic venues. Many thanks to, from left: **Dr. Henry Backe, P'13, '14 and Dr. Patrick Carolan '55, P'79, '90, GP '20.**



PREPARAZZI CATCHES LOU PINTEK '72 AND SHAWN MCDONNELL '72 ON THE FIELD

Following the Thanksgiving home game, **Lou Pintek '72** (right) and **Shawn McDonnell '72** (left) came down on the football field to reconnect with other sports alumni. Lou, a retired sports writer, was a co-writer with **Sandy Sulzycki '64** on the Prep Football and Basketball retrospectives. Lou has also researched and written the bios for the Prep Athletic Hall of Fame honorees. Shawn, a retired Greenwich firefighter, volunteers every year at the Prep Golf Outing.



PAST & PRESENT REUNION

Mike Savo's 60th birthday party gathered several of his colleagues from his years at Prep (1990-2000). From left, seated: **Steve Jakab '84** (Theology, Development); **Bob Bernier** (Latin, Technology, Development, Admissions, Hockey, Golf); **Peter LaVigne** (Theology, English, Hockey); **Peter Cummings '88** (English, Football, Track). Standing: **Mike Savo** (Guidance, Basketball); **John Szablewicz** (Social Studies, Dean of Men), **Tony Canuel** (Biology, Chemistry).



THOMAS MERTON HOUSE NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH

For over 30 years, a group of Prep alumni have been involved with the Thomas Merton Center by providing meals several times throughout the year! **Ed Krygier '60** organizes these service events.



SEEN ON TV

Yohuru Williams '89 is Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Thomas (Minnesota). He has been featured on the *History Channel*.



ULTRA WINNER

Ken Bereski II '98 participated in and won the Anchorage 49k Ultramarathon on August 18, 2019.

Traug Keller '78 named Chief Operating Officer of America Media



Rev. Matthew F. Malone, S.J., president and editor in chief of America Media, announced the appointment of **Traug Keller** as executive vice president and chief operating officer. Mr. Keller previously served as senior vice president of ESPN, the global sports network.

Keller will be responsible for the commercial direction and development of America Media, including planning and directing an audience growth strategy that maximizes editorial impact and earned revenue and establishes a transformational market position for all new and existing products and platforms. He joined America Media in March 2020.

A lifelong *America* reader, Mr. Keller is a graduate of two Jesuit schools, Boston College and Fairfield Prep where he served on the Board of Governors. "We are fortunate to welcome such a talented individual to America Media," Father Malone said. "Mr. Keller not only has an outstanding professional track record but a lived commitment to our organizational mission. He is the ideal leader for our talented team."

Mr. Keller added: "I have spent much of my working life driving audience expansion through multiple platforms. To be able to do that at *America* and join such a talented team is an honor."

Source: AmericaMedia.com



In July 2019, **Mike Shaw '04** assumed the role of Analyst at the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research in Washington, D.C.



Thomas F. Maxwell III '94 is currently serving as the Chief Financial Officer for the 2020 Republican National Convention. The Convention will be held in Charlotte, NC.



Christopher Bayer '13 is currently stationed in Afghanistan as a Military Intelligence Officer. Chris' unit is responsible for all tactical intelligence in the southern part of the country. Chris has approximately 180 soldiers, linguists and contractors under him.



FRANK MAROTTA '11 FIREFIGHTER-EMT

In the true spirit of living the Prep Mission, **Frank Marotta '11** graduated from both the CT Fire and the FDNY-EMS Academies. He served in the FDNY-EMS division, Brooklyn NY. Most recently, Frank has accepted a job as a career Firefighter-EMT for the town of Cromwell, CT.



CHRISTIAN CASHMAN CONNECTS WITH ALUMS

Christian Cashman (incoming Prep President and pictured center) was meeting son **Paul Cashman '15** (right) at a restaurant on a trip to Chicago. There he bumped into **Phil Lynch '14** (left)! Paul works for Clerestory Consulting in Evanston, and Phil works for Anheuser Busch in St. Louis.

Bruton Wedding

Adam Bruton '08 married Natalie Smith on September 21, 2019, at Orchard Lake Community Church in West Bloomfield Township, MI. Prep Alumni in attendance at the wedding reception, held at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, MI: (L to R): **Darragh Kelly '14**, **Matt Brophy '13**, **Dave Bruton '13** (best man), **Kyle Skov '08** (groomsman), **Connor Reilly '08**, **Adam Bruton '08** (groom), **Mike Roberts '88**, **Bob Lally '86**, **Peter Eason '08** (groomsman).



Cotto Wedding

Vincent S. Cotto '10 married Susana Cotto on June 14, 2019 at St. Joseph's Church in Shelton, CT. They are expecting their first son, Lorenzo Santino Cotto, Prep Class of 2038, in March of 2020.



Improta Wedding

On June 1, 2019, **Matthew Improta '06** married Courtney McLaren at Upper Shirley Vineyard outside of Richmond, VA. Prep alumni in the wedding pictured from left: **Tuck Northrop '06** (furthest from the left), **Dave Improta '03** (third man in from the left), the groom Matt, and furthest to the right **Rob Shinnal '06**.



Lomnitzer Wedding

Tyler Lomnitzer '11 married Emily Risley on August 31, 2019, at the Basilica of St. Mary in Alexandria, VA. The reception was at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm in Potomac Maryland. Pictured from left: **Michael Noone '11**, **Tim Culligan '11**; **Jack Gibson '11**; **Charles Lomnitzer '80**; Emily (Risley) Lomnitzer; **Matthew Considine '11**, **Tyler Lomnitzer '11**; **William Moran '11**, **John Guzzi '11**, and **Colin Lomnitzer '14**.



DiFazio Wedding

On September 6, 2019 **John E. DiFazio '68** married Alicia Lewis.

DRESS CODE COMPLIANCE

Members of Class of 1973 **Dave Roche** and **Tim Reilly** have a story! Dave's daughter Claire married Tim's son Sean, and Dave and Tim now have two beautiful granddaughters, Quinn and Lucy. Quinn turned two in February and requested that everyone attending her birthday party wear a tutu!



John Lesko '80 recently became a grandfather. John's son and daughter in law, John Philip and Vanina Lesko, welcomed their son, and the 7th John, to the Lesko Family.



Justin Gregg '04 and his wife Becky welcomed their second daughter, Madeleine Patricia Gregg, on May 17, 2019. Becky and Justin both live in Houston, TX, where Justin recently started at the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center as an Assistant Professor of Urology after completing his fellowship in Urologic Oncology at MD Anderson.



Rob Weiss '09 and his wife, Meredith, welcomed their first child, baby girl Emerson Faith Weiss 8 pounds 5 ounces on November 5, 2019.

1972 BAND OF BROTHERS

Members of the Class of '72 held their annual golf and dinner outing in early September. Some 28 players teed it up at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course and then met for dinner with their wives or significant others at the Gaelic-American Club in Fairfield. The guys have been doing this since 2014, usually on Labor Day weekend, as a way to stay in touch with old friends, tell stories and reminisce about their days at Prep. A similar event is planned for 2020.



In Memoriam

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Brian D. Arnow '91 on February 27, 2020.

Vincent C. Barnett '75 on November 17, 2019.

Leonard R. Benedetto '58 on November 4, 2019. He was the uncle of **Richard H. Greene '83** and **David L. Greene '85**.

William L. Braun '45 on January 3, 2020.

Robert J. Broadley '57 on September 21, 2019.

Robert J. Budnick '50 on October 8, 2019.

Timothy M. Burke '08 on January 28, 2020.

Kathryn Butler on October 17, 2019. She was the mother of **James E. Butler '86** and the grandmother of **Lucas P. Cafaro '18**.

Elaine Cerrone on August 9, 2019. She was the mother of **Jay R. Cerrone '88** and the late **Corey M. Cerrone '91**.

Francis H. Costello '47 on December 11, 2019.

Anthony D. Cuneo '74 on August 5, 2019.

Ann D'Amato Artell on December 13, 2019. She was the mother of **Edwin S. Artell Jr. '60** and **Robert B. Artell '66**, she was the grandmother of **James R. Artell '14**.

Robert E. Donnelly '49 on December 15, 2019. He was the father of **Robert E. Donnelly '79** and **Mark E. Donnelly '80**.

Joan Fortuna on January 10, 2020. She was the mother of **Robert J. Fortuna '75** and

Michael K. Fortuna '81. She was the sister in law of **John Fortuna Sr. '57** and the aunt of **John Fortuna '84**, **John Stauss '85**, and **Eric Fortuna '86**.

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**.

Kathryn Hewitt on December 14, 2019. She was the wife of **Francis J. Hewitt '55**, the mother of **Christopher F. Hewitt '89** and **Gregory W. Hewitt '90**, and the aunt of **Jeremy J. Hewitt '02**.

Ilene Ianniello on January 26, 2020. She was the wife of **Daniel J. Ianniello '59** and the mother of **Daniel J. Ianniello Jr. '80**.

Anthony Incerto '51 on February 11, 2020. He was the brother of **Donald J. Incerto '49**.

Robert Kapusta '49 on October 29, 2019.

Peter Knapp on August 9, 2019. He was the grandfather of **Vincent H. Massey III '96**, **Peter M. Massey '99** and **Patrick T. Massey '05**.

Noreen M. Knott on August 13, 2019. She was the wife of **Barry C. Knott '65** and the mother of **David B. Knott '97**.

F. Robert Kurimsky '56 on May 15, 2019.

Grant Leschin on October 30, 2019. He was the father of **Grant C. Leschin '83** and **Alec J. Leschin '87**.

Maximillian Longo '16 in October 2019. He was the step-son of **Peter Pace '88**.

Brendan McCarthy on July 24, 2019. He was the father of **Martin C. McCarthy '94** and **Matthew J. McCarthy '96**.

Jane McGuire on September 16, 2009. She was the mother of **John F. McGuire '90**.

Edna Miller on January 1, 2020. She was the mother of **Robert J. Miller '67** and **Richard J. Miller '82**; and the grandmother of **Robert Hagan '95**, **Matthew Chimini '96**, **Christopher Hagan '98**, and **Sean Miller '15**.

Frederick Molloy on November 5, 2019. He was the father of **Michael E. Molloy '88**.

Mildred Mooney on July 23, 2019. She was the wife of **James P. Mooney '48**.

William D. Mullaney '58 on July 4, 2019.

Thomas G. Murphy Jr. on August 10, 2019. He was the father of **Timothy H. Murphy '85**, past Chair of the Board of Governors.

Arthur V. Nedley Jr. '52 on February 6, 2020.

Joan Nizolek on October 28, 2019. She was the grandmother of **Brendan A. Nizolek '09**.

Sharon Palumbo on October 1, 2019. She was the wife of **Francis Palumbo '64**.

Francis R. Price '61 on October 20, 2019.

Jon L. Ringel '54 on September 4, 2019. He was the father of **Jon H. Ringel '83**, uncle of **Edward A. Boyle '83** and great uncle to

Connor E. Boyle '19. Jack was also recently inducted into the Fairfield Prep Athletic Hall of Fame on June 1, 2018.

Alexander Rissolo on November 24, 2019. He was the father of **Robert A. Rissolo '77** and **Alan Rissolo '79**.

Stephen George Santa on August 16, 2019. He was the brother of **John S. Santa '60**, the father to **S. Tracy Santa '72** and uncle to many Prep alumni.

Kyle Whitney Savard on October 28, 2019. She was the daughter of **Thomas H. Savard '72**, the granddaughter of **Harold J. Savard '44**, and the niece of **John D. Savard '74** and **David P. Savard '85**.

Edmund G. Scarpa '66 on January 29, 2020.

John W. Stroh '48 on June 2, 2018.

James P. Sullivan on August 15, 2019. He was the grandfather of **Rowan J. Sullivan '21** and **Colin M. Sullivan '22**.

Richard Visokay '48 on September 27, 2019. He was the brother of the late **Robert W. Visokay '53**, and the father of **Brian R. Visokay '73** and **Richard C. Visokay '82**.

Peter J. Walsh '76 on December 24, 2019. He was the brother of **Patrick M. Walsh '73**. He was the cousin of **Christopher M. Vossler '78**, **Matthew J. Vossler '80**, **Andrew T. Vossler '86** and **Mark R. Vossler '89**, and the uncle of **Patrick J. Walsh '07**.

Joel A. Zelle '68 on September 6, 2019. He was the cousin of **Stephen J. Zelle '54** and **James P. Zelle '57**.

Faculty/Staff

In Memoriam

Mickie McGrath Betzold on January 26, 2020. She was the mother in law of **Anthony Canuel**, who taught science at Prep. She was the grandmother of **Anthony A. Canuel '99** and **Gregory M. Canuel '05**.

Jacqueline Maureen Goggin on December 29, 2019. She was the former librarian at Prep.

John L'Heureux on April 22, 2019. He was a language and religion teacher here at Prep in the early 60's.

Benedicta T. McAlarney February 3, 2020. She was the mother of **Kathy Norell** (Director of Alumni Relations and Events).

Peter S. Molloy on October 1, 2019. He was the father in law of **Robert Cottle** (Vice President for Advancement).

Selig Skolnick on October 29, 2018. Selig taught drama and directed Prep plays for over ten years during the 80's and 90's.

Rev. Francis A. Sullivan, S.J. on October 23, 2019. Father Sullivan taught Latin, English and algebra at Prep from 1945-1947.

Births



Tim Dee (Academic Dean) and wife Kristen welcome baby girl Riley Anne Dee on October 10, 2019. Riley joins big brother Gavin at home.



Julie Fragnito (Science Department) and husband Marco welcomed their first baby, a girl, Vanessa Anne Fragnito on January 17, 2020.



MATTHEW TORRES '19 WINS GOLD

Matt Torres won six medals, including two golds, at the Parapan American Games in Lima, Peru, last August. Matt (Prep alumnus varsity swimmer) is now a freshman at Fairfield University. He's not only on the swim team there but is also an up-and-comer with the U.S. program with hopes of making his Paralympic debut in Tokyo in 2020.

Matt made his Parapan American Games debut last summer and came home with four individual and two relay medals. He was the most decorated American male swimmer at the event. The first medal was gold for his win in the S8 100-meter backstroke. "I couldn't believe it," he said. "I didn't think I was going to win it. I remember being on the podium and tearing up with the national anthem because it was nothing I expected. It was a powerful moment for me." He'd later win the gold medal in the 400 freestyle, which is both his best and his favorite event, and set a Parapan American record plus a bronze medal in the 200 individual medley and the 100 free. He also won bronze medals in the medley relay and freestyle relay.

"Sometimes I'll be at practice and just start thinking about Tokyo and how I'm not that far away from my fellow competitors who are in medal contention and it motivates me and I just try to push harder," he said. "It gets me excited because I know it's something I'm able to do. It's not unrealistic to think maybe I can get a silver or maybe even gold, but we'll see what happens. It's just about putting in the effort every day."

Source: TeamUSA.org



JACK CAVANAUGH '17 NAMED ACC HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Jack Cavanaugh plays hockey for the Georgetown Hoyas. His team, battling for the playoffs, was down 3-0 against the GW team in first place. Jack ignited the come from behind. He provided a pass to a teammate, who then assisted in a goal, cutting the deficit to two. Soon after, Jack posted two goals of his own, giving Georgetown its first lead of the night. In the span of seven minutes, the Hoyas turned a deficit into a 4-3 lead, and ultimately won the game 7-4.

PATRICK HARDING '17 GRABS RECORD 19 REBOUNDS AT BRYANT

Sophomore **Patrick Harding** grabbed a Division I single-game program record 19 rebounds as the Bryant University men's basketball team defeated Cornell, 82-81, in November. Harding's 19 rebounds surpassed Dan Garvin's 18 in 2015 for Bryant's single-game record in the Division I era. The sophomore averaged 11.7 rebounds per game through his first games of the year.



Chris Drury '94 Named General Manager of 2020 U.S. Men's National Team

Chris Drury, Prep Athletic Hall of Fame honoree, was named General Manager of the 2020 U.S.

Men's National Team. He served in the same capacity for the 2019 U.S. Men's National Team. "Anytime you have a chance to represent your country on the international stage – in whatever capacity – it's truly an honor," said Drury. "We had a terrific team last year, and while we didn't get the result we wanted, I think we're on the cusp of getting to that ultimate goal of winning the gold medal. I'm looking forward to working with the men's national team advisory group in putting together a roster and staff that will represent our country well." Source: teamusa.com

ALVARADO '14 AND THOMPSON '18 NAMED BOYS DISTANCE ATHLETES OF THE LAST DECADE



Christian Alvarado was a classic miler; a combination of great foot speed and endurance plus a competitive spirit. He was a two-time Footlocker National qualifier and took 20th his senior year after winning the State Open title in the fall of 2013. During indoor, he took the Open and New England 3200m titles his junior and senior years and set the state indoor record of 9:07.63.

During the spring of his senior year, he won all his races from 800m to 3200m and after qualifying for the various national championships the past two years, he finally stood upon the victory stand at New Balance Nations Outdoor by running a 4:06.88 mile.



Drew Thompson was a two-time Footlocker qualifier in 2016-17 and finished 35th at Nationals his junior year. During his senior year he was undefeated through New Englands and qualified for Footlocker Nationals again where he took eighth place. During indoor track, Thompson won an exciting 3200m at the State Open with a blazing last lap and took second at New Englands in the 2-mile with his indoor PR of 9:07.59. He continued

his success in the 2018 Loucks Games where he ran his best 3200m race finishing in 9:01.08 and entered the all-time top 10 in the event.

Source: mysportsresults.com



ALUMNI RUN IN THE ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

As an annual Thanksgiving tradition, Prep alumni and current runners participate in the Pequot Road Runners Race. Bob Ford Jr. and Bob Ford Sr. reconnect with alumni, families and friends at the big, red Prep hospitality tent.



OPEN ALUMNI BASKETBALL PRACTICE Prep Basketball invited alumni back to watch and participate in practice over the holidays. It proved to be a great turnout with alumni from all different eras showing up to participate. The event took place on December 29 in Alumni Hall.



ALUMNI SOCCER GAME Former/current soccer players attended Prep's 2nd annual Alumni Soccer Game on Nov. 29: Jack Meszaros '18, Biagio Paoletta '17, Santi Gil '19, Dan Szabo '17, Ross Keblish '19, Mike Meszaros '16, Nate Montani '19, Pierce Cowles '23, Tim Frassetto '13, Luci Paoletta '22, Jack Auray '18, Murray McCarthy '19, Andrew Neumeyer '19, Jimmy Fitzpatrick '19, Matt Cotto '16, Alex Gough '19, Jack Lyons '19, Jamie Finnerty '19, Luke Finnigan '19, Jamie Becker '17, James Burris '20, Jorge Aguilar '17, Gavin Neumeyer '20, Matt Scully '21, Javi Gil '21, Ryan Cowles '20, Conner Moore '21, Andrew Chiota '20, Axel Whamond '19, Jonah Melton '18, Cam Gough '21, Ian Whamond '21, Matt Chiota '18, Pat Guere '17, John Reidy '22, Tim Lyons '18 and Brian Donahue '18.



ALUMNI ON ICE On Feb. 1 Prep hockey took the ice for their annual game. They enjoyed reminiscing and the fun continued at Vazzy's on Broadbridge after! Attendees included: David Beckles '02, Doug Banquer '79, Ryan Birge '00, Brian Black '02, Justin Blanchette '16, Kevin Brawley '00, Brian Casl '80, Richard Chu '97, Andrew Cunningham '04, Bill D'Amore '13, Vincent D'Amore '15, Luke Dennison '10, Sean Dennison '05, Matt Gifford '92, Chris Girardi '03, Art Gravanis '85, Mark Guman '86, Dave Hilinski '86, Dave Improta '03, Tory Jacob '97, Kevin Martin '81, Liam McCarthy '91, Rob O'Connor '78, Steve Osipow '05, Frank Pinto '77, Jack Quinn '15, John Sather '88, Spencer Sodokoff '10, Steve Thurston '05, Mike Tirone '09,



ALUMNI SWIMMERS & DIVERS REUNION Alumni swimmers and divers gathered in the RecPlex on Dec. 21. Recent Prep Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, Chuck Berke '70, showed the college athletes he's still a force in the water! In attendance: Michael Riina '17, Ethan Keyes '19, Alvin Gay '19, Liam Colleran '19, Brody Biebel '19, Alec Keblish '19, MJ Duffy '17, Chris Fusco '16, Billy Duffy '18, Kevin Lydon '17, Rick Hutchinson '87, Matt Connelly '12, Dave Mullany '12, J.T. Terry '11, Roman Leito '19, Charlie Auray '19, Vin Massey '96, Vignesh Ravi '16, Tom Turner '13, Gianni Leito '16, Guido Balderrama '16, Jackson Rotondo '15, Andrew Magel '17, Chuck Berke '70, Robert McCrory '15, and Alejandro Ramos '15.



KEN STERN '06 PLAYS HOCKEY FOR PHILIPPINE NATIONAL TEAM

Ken Stern a rugby and hockey player at Prep, represented the Philippine National Team in hockey at the Southeast Asia games. Ken scored 4 goals in the Bronze Medal game for a team win.



BIAGIO PAOLETTA '17 EXCELS WITH TUFTS SOCCER

Junior defender **Biagio Paoletta** of the Tufts University men's soccer team was named to the 2019 United Soccer Coaches first team All-New England Region. The Jumbos headed to Greensboro, North Carolina, for the NCAA "Final Four." Paoletta played a lead role in helping the Jumbos advance. Paoletta collected

another accolade as he received the All-New England Region honors for the first time in his career. Earlier in the season, he was named to the NESCAC All-Conference first team. *Source: gotuftsjumbos.com*



OJEA QUINTANA '17 AND WHAMOND '19 EARN CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE HONORS

Soccer player and Johns Hopkins junior **Julio Ojea Quintana** (left) was named to the Academic All-Centennial Team, for which he must have been named to both the All-Conference Team and to the conference's Academic Honor Roll. Additionally, Quintana



and John Hopkins freshman **Axel Whamond** (right) were honored by the Centennial Conference for their soccer performances for the Blue Jays. During the season, Quintana was named the Defensive Player of the Week, and Whamond was named the Offensive Player of the Week.



Dan Fitzgerald '17 rowed in the American Collegiate Rowing Association National Championships on Lake Lanier in Georgia for the UCONN Men's Crew Team. Dan, a junior, was named team captain at the beginning of the year.



Nicholas Franchuk '16 is a student at the United States Naval Academy, Class of 2021. He is also a member of the Division I Navy Lacrosse Team. Last year he was named to the Patriot League Men's Lax All-American Team.

Ryan Lyddy '93 steps down as Prep Soccer Coach

Prep head soccer coach **Ryan Lyddy '93** announced he is stepping down from his position after 10 years of leading the varsity program. Lyddy served as head coach of the Jesuits from 2010-2019 and took the program to new heights during his tenure.



Lyddy was a standout player for the Jesuits during his high school years and returned to Prep in 2001 after playing collegiate soccer at Dean College and Western Connecticut State University. He coached the freshman team for six seasons before taking over the varsity program in 2010.

The Jesuits qualified for the CIAC Class LL state tournament for 10 straight years with Lyddy as head coach and helped the team reach the state quarterfinals in 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2016, the semi-finals in 2012 and 2016 and the state final in 2012. The Jesuits played in the SCC Tournament Championship game six times, capturing four SCC title's in 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2018. Lyddy's career record as head coach is 133-43-40.

"What I will miss most of all is the hundreds of kids I have coached and watched grow over their Jesuit careers. We won a lot of games on that field, but most importantly, we grew as people. They allowed me to bring my fire and passion for the game of soccer to the pitch every day, I cannot thank them enough for that," said Lyddy.



MATT BECK '14 NAMED 2020 HOCKEY HUMANITARIAN AWARD NOMINEE

University of Vermont junior **Matt Beck** was one of 13 nominees for the 2020 Hockey Humanitarian Award, given annually to college hockey's "finest citizen." His coach commented, "It was an honor to nominate Matt for this prestigious award. His selflessness is apparent every day. He is an amazing teammate, student, friend, and citizen. He goes above and beyond for others and has become a great role model within our program." Beck spearheads the team's volunteer and fundraising initiatives. He also leads volunteer efforts across the community, including hospital visits and youth clinics.

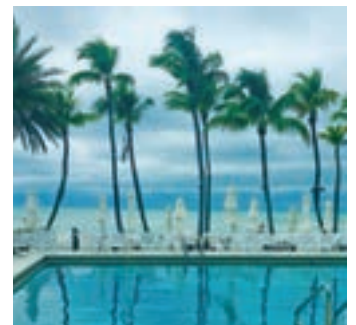
New York City



NYC Rooftop Reunion

It just keeps getting better and better! It was another amazing turnout of Prep alums on September 19 at Rare Rooftop in the heart of NYC! Special guests included President Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., and beloved former Housemaster John Brennan. The crowd enjoyed the spectacular NYC views, the beautiful weather and some good old fashioned “JB” tales. The Prep Brotherhood was alive and well, while reminiscing, making new memories and sharing some cheer!

Florida



Prep Alumni shine in Florida

The Gulf Coast sun was shining brightly once again at the Prep Alumni reception in Naples, FL, on February 20 at the majestic Club Pelican Bay. The luncheon gave alumni and friends from the '40s, '50s and '60s a chance to say farewell and thank you to Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J. and to hear about the exciting strategic initiatives underway at Prep. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for all to reconnect and to see a presentation showcasing the many planned renovations happening on campus. The Naples Prep Alumni community has had a rich history of hosting these gatherings annually, and we thank them for their longstanding support of the school!





LATIN SCHOLARS LUNCHEON

The annual Latin Scholars luncheon took place at the Gaelic American Club this past December. The standing room only crowd enjoyed a wonderful talk given by Principal Dr. Tommy de Quesada about the exciting initiatives underway at Prep. Fr. Charles Allen, S.J. provided the blessing for the group, and the Latin Scholars' honorary "Man of the Year" award was presented to Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., in recognition of his many contributions as Prep president. This remarkable group of Prep Alumni and friends has raised an incredible amount of money for scholarships at Prep, in honor of Fr. Thomas Murphy, S.J.



Photo from the 1970 Hearthstone

CLASS OF 1970 REUNION KICKOFF RECEPTION

The Prep **Class of 1970**, who will be celebrating their 50th Reunion this year, had a kick off cocktail reception at historic Bellarmine Hall on October 24. This group of classmates fondly recounted many great stories from their time at Prep. This standout FP '70 Class is sure to have a fantastic turnout at their 50th Reunion weekend, which is just a few short months away!



COLLEGE AGE ALUMNI RECEPTION

Young alumni currently in college returned to Prep for a casual pizza dinner during the holidays. They enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with classmates and friends, visit with some members of the Prep faculty, and bid farewell to President Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J. They also received a free ticket to the Prep Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament. Bob Ford Jr. shown with alumni above.



THIS YEAR'S REUNION CLASSES ENJOY THE SKYBOX

Alumni gathered for an early kick-off to this year's Reunion celebration honoring the classes ending in 0's and 5's. The event was enjoyed by many, held in the comfort of the President's Hospitality Box at the top of Rafferty Stadium on October 18. The alums enjoyed good food and a great view of the highly anticipated game against archrival St. Joe's High School. The stands were packed with Prep students, alums and dedicated fans, and the energy and excitement was shared by all.



DC YOUNG ALUMNI RECEPTION

Great to see our Washington DC area young alumni! Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., and VP for Advancement Rob Cottle hosted a get-together at "The Tombs" in Georgetown, a popular hangout!

PREP ALUMNI FOOTBALL PLAYERS



JOHN DELLISANTE '15 closed a stunning career as a WR/P for Hobart Football. With 34 career passes for over 500yds and a TD, John was named All-Liberty League 2nd string Punter with a 38yd average.



ALLEN GIBSON '15 just finished an astounding career with Endicott College. In 46 games, Gibson made 222 tackles, 5 Forced Fumbles, and 6 Interceptions. Gibson was also named a CCC Conference 1st Team DB.



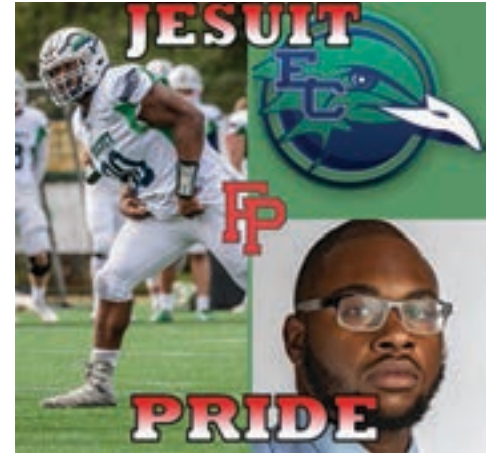
COLIN IHLEFELD '15 is contributing to the U.S Merchant Marine Academy Football squad as a TE.



JOHN MOTEN IV, former Prep Football player, went on to pursue a successful career at Northwestern Chicago Football and a master's degree in Public Administration.



ANTHONY PALAZZOLO '15 made 6 starts at guard this season for the Boston College Eagles and was honored with the 2019 Loyalty Award. Palazzolo also played against Cincinnati in Alabama at the Birmingham Bowl.



SAM OPONT '16 earned the CCC Conference Co-D-Lineman of the Year at Endicott College. Sam and the Endicott Team were named a CCC Conference 1st Team DL and All Region 3rd Team. Sam was nominated for the 2019 Cliff Harris Award for the nation's top small college defensive player.



CONNOR BYRNE '17 joined the Miami University Hurricanes and made it to the Indy Bowl after playing two years at Rochester.



PAT CONTE '17 led the Yale Bulldogs as QB and WR in winning an Ivy League Championship.



BOBBY HASKINS '17, as a junior, started 13 games at left tackle for the University of Virginia, and played in the 2020 Orange Bowl against the University of Florida.

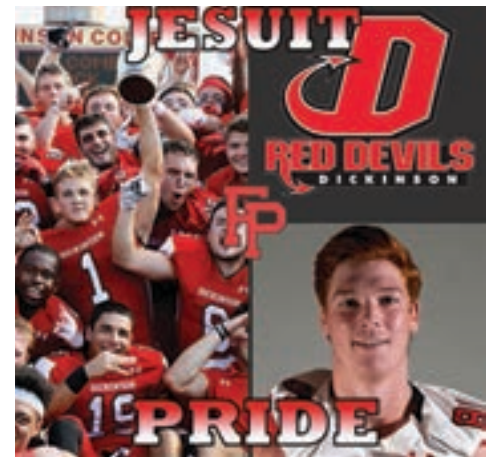
Information gathered from coaches and graphics designed by friends of Fairfield Prep Football.



ANTHONY PETROSINELLI '17 is now starting center for the Panthers of Middlebury College Football. The Panthers seized the NESCAC Championship after an undefeated season.



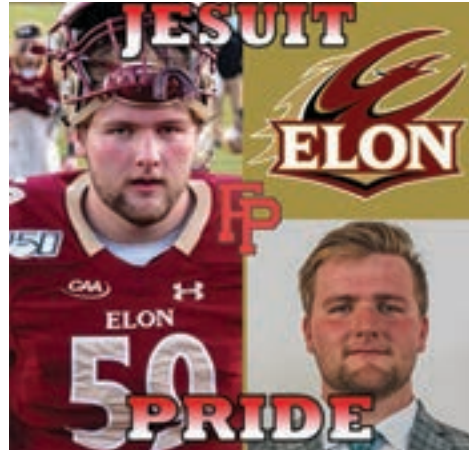
JOHN THORME '17 is a junior at Gettysburg College and plays DE while studying Sociology and Business!



TOMMY DONOHUE '18 currently plays as a defensive lineman for the Red Devil Football Team at Dickinson College. Unfortunately sidelined with an injury this season, Tommy will hopefully return in full force next season.



ANTHONY MASTRONI '18 won the Kevin T. Slattery award for the Brown University Bears. The award is given to a player showing leadership skills, exceptional academic performance, and high football potential in the early phases of his career.



MATT TREZ '18, former Prep Football captain, currently plays OL for Elon Football. Matt also continues the Jesuit values of grace and community by helping the Bridgeport Public School Lighthouse after school program!



FINN DURAN '19 aka 'Fly Guy' is currently a freshman with Union College where he collected 14 receptions yielding 223yds and a TD. A bright future indeed for this young superstar.



DOUG HARRISON '19 is currently a freshman at the University of New England, where he made a statement by rushing for 130yds and a TD for the Nor'Easters.



HENRY HOUGHTON '19 plays Linebacker and Long snapper at Lehigh Football as a freshman. We predict that he will be a future leader for the team.



MURRAY McCARTHY '19, former Prep kicker, has made waves as a freshman on the Franklin and Marshall Football Team. In the span of only 4 games, Murray was 3/3 on Field Goals and 17/19 on Extra Points.

PREP FAMILY



FATHERS' CLUB FATHER-SON COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Fathers and sons gathered on Sunday, Feb 2, for Mass in Egan Chapel followed by breakfast and a presentation by Jay Young, Fairfield University Head Men's Basketball coach.



FATHERS' CLUB CHILLING AND GRILLING

On Saturday, Sept 14, the Fathers' Club got together to kick off the school year with their annual Welcome Back Barbecue in the Quad.

HAVING A MERRY PARENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Parents enjoyed an evening of music and dancing at the Conference Center at Fairfield University to celebrate the holiday season.



BELLARMINE GUILD SIP AND SHOP

Mothers and friends enjoyed a night of shopping and socializing at Brooklawn Country Club.

A PERFECT BLEND: PREP & MOMS

Moms started off the new year with their annual Welcome Back Coffee sponsored by the Bellarmine Guild.





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A LOVE THAT NEVER GETS OLD

The Class of 2023 and their grandparents enjoyed breakfast and fellowship in September for the annual Grandparents Mass & Breakfast at Prep. Principal Dr. Tommy de Quesada welcomed the grandparents and thanked them for being strong guides for their grandsons.



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KWADWO ADAE '94:

Creating Community Art for 'Peace and Freedom'

By the time they become visible from Dixwell Avenue, two of the birds have already lifted their bodies in flight. Talons extend beneath them; backs become long, clean lines. Another beats its wings downward, neck arched, whole beak open. One more expands its whole wingspan in a rush of greens and yellows, pushing the air as far as it will go.

New Haven professional artist **Kwadwo Adae '94** designed a mural intended to counter police brutality and neighborhood gun violence with a message of peace. "I wanted to choose the sparrow as a bird that can remind the community about peace and freedom, which are the antithesis of what happens when gun violence is brought into a community," Adae said. "I had a lot of time to dwell on the effects that police violence has on a community of color," he added. "Gun violence—it affects people greatly. After it's out of the news cycle, after people have stopped protesting, the



aftermath is still there, always. And it's heavy, and it hurts, and it has to be dealt with."

Adae designed the mural in 2019, when he was also working on a large-scale project in downtown New Haven. Neighborhood Housing Services identified Moe's Market, whose owner was excited about the project. As Adae was painting, a passerby commented: "It's a good idea, what he is doing. It's good for the people to see how an artist works, and we need more of that in the community."

Source: newhavenarts.org

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In the *Prep Today* Fall 2019 issue, we published a list of Fairfield Prep graduates who attended United States military academies. Since digital records have only developed over recent decades, we were aware that this was a partial list. In recognition of our alumni and their dedicated education and service to country, we have gathered a more complete compilation, however we understand that it may never be perfect. Prep salutes all alumni who have served in our nation's military. We invite all veterans to help us update Prep's records. Please go online to: www.FAIRFIELDPREP.ORG/alumniupdate

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'53 Mike Trimpert USNA	'81 John Rosen USCGA	'94 Dave Queally USMMA	'08 Colin Nevins USNA
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