

PREP TODAY

**"We will reign
triumphant
over every foe"**

*Prep anticipates, adapts
and responds to the
challenges of COVID-19*



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Thanks to the leadership, generosity and vision of Chris '73 and Elaine McLeod, the Fairfield Prep dream became a reality in winter 2021. Our new, state-of-the-art learning environment opened, which will engage and enable our students to expand their ideas and create innovative ways to serve our interconnected world.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear **Friends,**

Greetings and peace from Prep! As we wind down what we all hope will be the final moments of the pandemic year, the Prep community has demonstrated incredible Jesuit ingenuity and resilience. We have learned more than we ever thought we could about leadership and reinvention in a public health crisis. The image of St. Ignatius with a mask in the Pelletier Quad gives poetic witness to the magnitude of this year.

The courageous spirit of our faculty, staff, families and boys will be forever emblazoned in Prep history. Having begun the year in hybrid learning, with the school split in two, we have now returned fully to campus to complete the year. This effort has been led by a heroic Prep team who have been teaching, coaching, pivoting and leading on campus since the first day of the year without pause—amazing!

Despite the challenges of pandemic, the daily ebb and flow of academic and school life continues, and includes historical transitions:

In June we will bid farewell to our brother and colleague Tommy de Quesada as he returns to his alma mater, Belen Jesuit in Miami. In just three years, Tommy has made an indelible mark on Prep and raised the Ignatian bar for all of us. Additionally, I was thrilled to announce in February that Tim Dee will serve as the next Principal of Fairfield Prep. Tim is a truly gifted Ignatian educator and leader, and I am filled with consolation as we lock arms in brotherhood and leadership for the future of Prep. The academic excellence of Prep is in gifted and capable hands with Tim Dee.

This June we bid farewell to two of the inimitable giants of Prep, Greg Marshall '73 and Maureen Bohan. "Señor Marshall" and "MoBo"—as they are affectionately called—have collectively given just shy of 100 years of service to Fairfield Prep. Greg and Maureen represent an era of Prep educators who joined the Jesuits as they moved Prep into the modern era of education. They are trailblazing men and women for others, and we bow in humble thanks for their service.

In this edition of *Prep Today*, you will see other strong signs of life and growth, as we look to vibrant days ahead. We are honored to have Dr. Donna Andrade serve on the International Commission for Women in the Society of Jesus. The McLeod Innovation Center is dedicated and open for use and will be the anchor for innovation, collaboration and transformation in the Jesuit tradition at Prep. Our "For the LOVE of Prep" Giving Day soared over goal and affirmed our theme for the year. And our Prep boys continue to grow, learn and serve, especially the Class of 2021 which has posted remarkable results in their senior year, both in college acceptance and in resilient brotherhood.

We bring the year to a close with genuine hope. On the twentieth of May, we will join the international Jesuit community as we begin the global Ignatian Year 2021-2022. The motto of the year "To make all things new in Christ," commemorates the wounding of St. Ignatius at the Battle of Pamplona and his great conversion. Our solidarity and celebration with Jesuit schools across the globe will also serve as a backdrop for the 80th Anniversary of Fairfield College Preparatory School, which will include a new strategic plan and vision that we know will animate the next great era of Prep's history. Stay tuned!

My heart is overflowing with gratitude to all of you who have made it a priority to support Prep's vital mission. It has been a profound experience of spiritual grace to walk with you in this first year as President. May God continue to bless you and all those you love, and always for the greater glory of God! +AMDG

In peace and hope,

Christian J. Cashman P '15, CP '23
President

Timothy Dee Named Next Fairfield Prep Principal

Following a thorough national search which evaluated a top slate of candidates from Catholic and Jesuit schools across the nation, Fairfield College Preparatory School has named Academic Dean Timothy Dee as the next Principal effective July 1, 2021. Tim Dee is a gifted Ignatian educator with a deep working knowledge of the Fairfield Prep mission and community. For the last twenty years, he has been involved in Jesuit education beginning as a student at Boston College High School and Fairfield University, and later as a teacher, coach, and administrator at Fairfield Prep.

President Christian Cashman, who made the final selection, praised Dee's background and abilities: "I am thrilled that Tim Dee will join me in leading Fairfield Prep into the next great moment of our Jesuit history. As brothers in the Prep mission, Tim and I have known each other for over a decade, first as teaching colleagues and now as fellow leaders. Tim understands the Jesuit and Ignatian charism at every level. He is a living example of how transformational Jesuit education produces talented leaders who view their lives as a vocation to serve. Tim's transition to principal will be seamless in a time of great educational need and change in our region."

Poised to assume the role of principal and academic leader of the school, Dee says he is prepared to build on Prep's core elements of Ignatian pedagogy while embracing the ingenuity and innovation of 21st century learning models that will enhance the experience of Prep students. Since his arrival at Fairfield Prep in 2009, Dee has served the school community as a Math and Computer Science teacher, coach, leader of Christian Service trips and Retreats, Department Chair, and currently Academic Dean. He has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Fairfield University.

In Dee's three years as Chairman of the Mathematics Department, he worked to expand opportunities for students, collaborating with colleagues to start AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, and Statistics courses, as well as to create Honors Pre-Calculus with Introductory Calculus courses – all enhancing Prep seniors' college application profiles.

During his four years as Academic Dean, Dee continued to create new, more efficient and more impactful opportunities for Prep students across all departments. He integrated courses from the Arrupe Virtual Learning Institute (AVLI) into the curriculum, giving students online course options for additional credit. He also redesigned the Prep course selection process and Course Catalog, collaborated with faculty members to launch a new academic schedule, and led Prep's quick adjustment to institute hybrid and virtual learning to ensure educational excellence during the global pandemic.

Finally, for the 2021-22 school year, Dee has planned introduction of a new dual-credit course with Fairfield University, Film & Media Production, and a new Bioengineering enrichment course which will be taught by a team of Fairfield University professors. These courses, along with the popular Entrepreneurship Institute, will be housed in Prep's newly opened McLeod Innovation Center.

Excited to assume the principal's role, Tim expressed his passion for Prep and Jesuit education: "I am wholeheartedly committed to

upholding and enhancing the Jesuit mission of Fairfield Prep. My experience as a student in a Jesuit school was transformational. As an adult in a Jesuit school, my goal each day is to live out the Jesuit mission as a model for all students. As we enter an era of a small number of Jesuits physically present in our school, I will endeavor to make decisions and strive for excellence while continuing to uphold and enhance the Jesuit mission of the school for years to come. I am prepared to lead the school alongside President Cashman to make Fairfield Prep a place where young men come to develop their



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intellectual competence, conscience, compassion and commitment to justice – to go forth and change the world."

President Cashman added: "Tim is a universally respected teacher and educational leader who will also be a champion for our talented faculty in their professional development. We cannot wait to see how Tim will bring his gifts to bear on the mission of academic excellence that is Prep's hallmark." Cashman additionally thanks Principal Dr. Tommy de Quesada for his extraordinary leadership and talent over the last three years, and wishes him Godspeed in his return to Belen Jesuit in Miami, where he will serve as Executive Director of Enrollment & Community Outreach. Cashman also thanks the search committee chaired by Special Assistant to the President, Gregory Marshall '73, and the seven committee members for their extensive work.

Dee brings a highly-qualified educational resume which includes: BS in Mathematics, Fairfield University; MA in Secondary Education, Fairfield University; Intermediate Administration Certification, Sacred Heart University; and PhD candidate in Curriculum & Instruction, Texas Tech University. He also completed the Seminars in Ignatian Leadership sponsored by the Jesuit Schools Network.

An immediate search will commence for the vacancy now created in the office of Academic Dean. Dee will begin to collaborate with President Cashman, the Prep Board of Governors and Fairfield University to ensure a smooth leadership transition and a continued expansion of Prep's academic offerings in the areas of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and STEM curriculum. He will also have a key leadership role in the development and implementation of the strategic vision for Prep's 80th Anniversary beginning in 2022.

Prep welcomes Jesuits For the 2021-22 Year

Fairfield Prep is pleased to announce two Jesuit assignments for the 2021-22 academic year. In a tremendous sign of support for the school, Rev. Joe O'Keefe, S.J., Provincial of Jesuits USA East, has missioned **Rev. Brian Konzman, S.J.**, and **Rev. Ron Perry, S.J.**, to serve Fairfield Prep beginning this summer.

Reverend Brian Konzman, S.J.

Fr. Brian Konzman will serve as the Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Planning. Succeeding Mr. Gregory Marshall '73 who is retiring after 42 years of dedicated service this June, Fr. Konzman will join the Prep leadership team in a decisive moment in the school's history. Working directly with President Christian Cashman, he will support Prep's strategic initiatives in support of the 80th anniversary of Prep and beyond. His strong background and degree work in Jesuit ministry, educational and institutional leadership, and training in science, mathematics and technology position him as an ideal candidate to step into this important role. Cashman noted: "Fr. Konzman brings an incredible combination of leadership gifts and will be a key player in the strategic planning and development of our institutional narrative around innovation, collaboration and transformation in the Jesuit tradition. He will also be a tremendous role model for our boys, showing how Jesuits have always been men of faith who serve God through the complexities of the world around us."

Fr. Konzman attended Scranton Preparatory School and the University of Scranton, where he earned a dual degree in chemistry and philosophy. Counseling his peers as a resident assistant inspired him to discern a vocation to the Society of Jesus. He entered the Jesuit novitiate in 2008, and was sent to Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C., to teach theology and direct their Campus Kitchen, redistributing food to the needy. In 2010, he enrolled at Fordham University in the Bronx, earning a master's in philosophy. He returned to Gonzaga in 2013 for two years to teach computer science and serve as director of worship, coach cross-country and minister as chaplain for the swimming and diving team and baseball team. From 2012 to 2015, Fr. Konzman was a managing editor and writer at *The Jesuit Post*, a website dedicated to faith-based commentary targeting young adults. Following, he completed a Master of Divinity degree at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in California.

Ordained a deacon in 2017, Fr. Konzman served at Newman Hall-Holy Spirit Parish, the Newman Center at the University of California, Berkeley, and as chaplain for Cal's rugby team. His Jesuit formation included summers in China studying Mandarin; in Nicaragua studying



Spanish; and in Pennsylvania working as a spiritual director. Fr. Konzman was ordained a priest in 2018, after which he served as a priest at the Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola in New York City. He has spent the past two years completing an MBA at Columbia Business School and an MA in Private School Leadership at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Reverend Ron Perry, S.J.

Fr. Ron Perry will serve as a full-time member of Fairfield Prep's Campus Ministry Team and as Chaplain to Prep Alumni. Father Perry returns to Prep where he served 25 rewarding years as a beloved teacher and Jesuit from 1977-84, and again from 1987-2006. Many alumni will remember his gifts as an educator, retreat leader, photographer and ski buff. Some of his many roles at Prep included theology teacher, German teacher, guidance counselor, and chaplain. Fr. Perry also served as Prep moderator of sophomore and junior classes, tennis team, cycling club and ski club. He was appointed as a member of the Fairfield Prep Board of Governors from 2007-2012. Most recently, Fr. Perry was missioned at Boston College High School, serving in many positions including Rector of the Jesuit Community, Kairos retreat leader, Christian service immersion trip leader, media club moderator, photography teacher, and member of the Board of Trustees.

Fr. Perry holds a bachelor's in philosophy and theology from Boston College; a master's in German from Middlebury College; a Doctorate of Ministry from La Salle Academy, Rhode Island; and a Master of Divinity in theology from Weston Jesuit Community in Massachusetts. In addition to his Jesuit assignments serving and studying in New England, Fr. Perry was missioned at Creighton Prep in Omaha, Nebraska. Internationally, he enjoyed opportunities in Munich, Israel, England and Belize.

President Cashman commended Fr. Perry's experience: "It is a joy to welcome Father Ron Perry back home to Fairfield Prep! He is remembered by many alumni and current faculty who enjoyed working with him during his previous tenure with us. He will be a welcome addition to our gifted Mission & Ministry team which works creatively to provide a rich experience of Ignatian, spiritual formation for our boys. Fr. Perry's passion for social justice and faith in action will be a great model. His gifts will also strengthen our already thriving commitment to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and the sacramental life of our school. And of course, our Prep alumni will be thrilled to reconnect with Fr. Perry!"

Joyful, Generous, Brotherly Love

I often return to a memory that conveys everything I have come to love about Fairfield Prep.

The time was this past October—one of those stunningly beautiful New England fall days. It was my second season as an assistant cross country coach and the boys had just come in from a long run. They were sweaty and tired and ready to drop so we sent them onto Grauert Field for a cool-down and stretch.

Our captains knew the drill—one of them would lead the team in a sort of call-and-answer stretching routine that everyone knew by heart. But on this particular day, as the boys sprawled out on the grass, one of our captains looked down at our smallest frosh, smiled, and told him that today he would be leading the team.

For a moment, it was as though the spirit of some generous Giver had come alive in their midst. I can still see the joy in that senior's eye, and I can still summon the memory of our little hero at the center of a cheering circle, uncontrollable excitement in his every expression. Each man came alive to himself that day; in the process, they expressed something deeply true about who we are as a community.

I have been at Prep for nearly two years now, and I can attest that it is very much a "school of excellence," true to a proud tradition of academic rigor and achievement.

We are every bit the hub of innovative learning that would make our Jesuit forebears proud. But to me, what makes our school truly distinct is the way we orient that knowledge in the service of the heart. What makes Prep Prep, a place revered and cherished and loved, is the kind of big-hearted generosity that I experienced with our cross country team on that idyllic October afternoon.

"Only the one who loves fully realizes himself or herself as a person," wrote Pedro Arrupe, S.J., in his transformative speech "Men and Women for Others." To me *this* is what makes Jesuit education something wholly different. For while a great education moves students to know themselves and the world anew, a great Jesuit education goes a step further—inviting students to love themselves and the world anew.

How do we do that—how do we teach our students to love? We love first by being loved. Our frosh hero felt it that day, and so too did all

those who cheered him on. In words unspoken, they heard 'this is the joy we are meant for; this is what it feels like to belong.'

And when we feel that, when we are full of such blessings, then, like that gracious captain, we feel moved by gratitude to give it away—to say deep in the heart 'I have been given so much; I want others to have what I have received.'

To our boys, the truth of this dynamic can be summed up in a single word: brotherhood. And it is a beautiful summation, for it echos the very language we Jesuits use when speaking of fellow Jesuits: *fraters*, brothers. Each case speaks from a desire to live out of a commandment Jesus gifted his disciples: "love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12).

What this commandment implies is that love is a choice. And that choice involves letting go of control—an act of faith. It means letting go of power—an act of vulnerability. Only then can love come alive within us. Curiously, what we discover is not a loss of freedom, but freedom gained; not a loss of self, but a self revealed. In the words of Arrupe, we begin to truly realize who we are. And that is because underneath every choice to love is the voice of our one true source, speaking deep into the heart and saying: *as I have loved you*.

A hundred times a day at Prep we nudge one another to choose to live out of the love

that shapes our lives. When we do, strange and wonderful things start to happen. Seniors start to cheer on the freshmen. The team starts to reign over the individual. And joy becomes the pattern by which we live. What emerges is a community built on the strength of humility, compassion, kindness, and generosity. Given the fruits of our work, we ask: what could be more important than an education that teaches our boys to lean into love?

At Prep, we know that it is only through encounters of love that we can truly seek, find, and fulfill the meaning of our lives. For when we embrace the love we receive, we grow up, becoming alive to ourselves and alive to one another. And then our hearts become full—full enough to spill out into a world yearning for our joyful, generous, brotherly love.

— **Brendan Coffey, S.J.**

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Fairfield Prep will bid a sad farewell to **Mr. Brendan Coffey, S.J.**, who will depart Prep after his two-year Regency. Mr. Coffey has been a beloved colleague, friend and mentor to faculty, staff and students alike. His passion for Jesuit life and the Ignatian way are inspiring. The Prep Community prays for him and wishes him blessings as he proceeds into final studies at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in California prior to ordination. The door is always open at Prep for Brendan Coffey, S.J.! Please join us in praying for our Jesuit collaborators as we give thanks for the dedication to the vital mission of Jesuit education. **AMDGI**

Renaissance Man

GREG MARSHALL RETIRES

By former Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta

In the fall of 1969, Gregory Hugh Marshall, following in the footsteps of his father, entered the hallowed halls of Fairfield College Preparatory School as a humble freshman. As Greg's Spanish teacher of several years, I can attest to his drive, intelligence, and passion for learning. By graduation, Greg was well on his way to embracing the Jesuit ideals of being a man of competence, conscience, compassion, and action.

After graduating from the University of Connecticut, Greg returned to Prep in the Spring of 1979 where I had the privilege of mentoring him as a student-teacher. That fall, he replaced me in the Language Department. For 22 years, he served as a stellar teacher to scores of students who affectionally referred to him as El Señor. Greg not only taught his students Spanish but also inspired in them a love of learning and a commitment to excellence.

When I think of Greg, the term, "Renaissance Man" immediately comes to mind because he possesses so many interests and skills in so many diverse areas. Greg is a consummate professional who has taught both Spanish and English at the high school, undergraduate, and graduate level. I can assure you that I have never stumped him with questions on some exoteric point of grammar. Rather, he would take great pride and joy in

explaining the point in question in vivid detail.

Greg is multilingual. In addition to his outstanding mastery of Spanish, Greg has taught himself Italian and Portuguese and enjoys using both Latin and Greek. If you ever want to know the etymology of a word, ask Greg!

Greg is a published author in several venues. Some of his publications include: *Sonnets of Love Lost, Love Sought, and Love Found, Mastering Spanish Verbs, and, Effective Writing: Basic Grammar and Diagramming.*

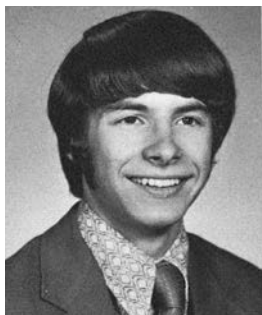
Greg is a talented administrator. As Chair of the Language Department, he focused his attention on curriculum development and teacher professional development. Greg was one of our best teacher evaluators with his written observations becoming a model for the chairs of other departments. This skill led to his being elected by his peers to the position of Chair of the Faculty Professional Development Committee, a position he held for many years.

Based on his reputation for competence, creativity, analytical thinking, and dependability, in 2001, Greg was asked to leave the classroom to fill the position of Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. Greg immediately began to restructure and reimagine how the Prep could best recruit a talented and diverse applicant pool in a highly competitive environment. Under his leadership,

student applications significantly increased, and academic excellence was maintained even in times of economic downturns when enrollment plummeted in other Catholic schools. Greg also streamlined and simplified how families applied for financial aid, and how these applications were reviewed based on objective national criteria. Through his efforts, Prep significantly increased the amount of aid available to its applicants assuring that many more highly qualified students could afford a Prep education and that Prep truly fulfilled the Jesuit ideal of educating to a diverse student body.

Greg is both exceptionally analytical and creative, abilities which on the surface do not always appear to go hand in hand. Fortunately for Fairfield Prep, this unique combination of talents allowed us to call upon him to take on difficult and challenging tasks. Greg always graciously agreed to all of our requests, no matter how labor-intensive or time-consuming they would turn out to be. Some of these tasks included: developing a schoolwide, uniform visual identity as well as the mechanism to assure compliance with published standards; chairing a committee to revise the Faculty Handbook; serving on numerous Ad Hoc Committees, including the iPad initiative which enabled Fairfield Prep to establish a reputation as a leader in computer-assisted learning;

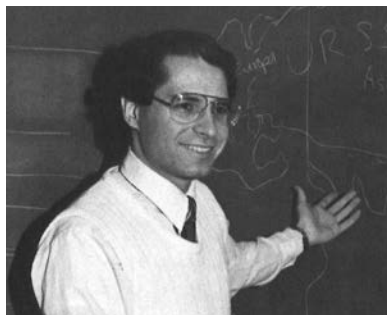
A PREP MAN FOR LIFE — Student, Teacher, Department Chair, Administrator, Special Assistant to the



1973 Prep Senior picture



1980 Prep Foreign Language teacher



1985 Prep Foreign Language teacher



1995 moderating the Science Fiction Club



2000 Foreign Language Department Chair

and serving on the Steering Committee of various accreditation reviews by the NEASC and Mission and Identity Sponsorship by the Province just to name a few.

After 42 years of outstanding service not only to his students but also to the greater Prep community, Greg will finally bid us farewell. I have been blessed to have taught Greg, to have served with him as a trusted colleague, but most of all to be able to call him a friend.

Someone once said that "retirement is not the end of the road. It is the beginning of an open highway with endless possibilities and the capability to rediscover your potential." Greg's expansive talents, infinite curiosity and creativity, and lifelong love of learning will serve him well as he begins a new chapter in his life — one of discovering and taking advantage of all of the opportunities that lay before him.

Come June, Greg will begin his well-deserved retirement and will finally be able to say to his loving wife, Amy: "Hi, honey, I'm home...forever!"

Greg, may you cherish every moment of this next chapter in your life, and may God bless you and your loved ones and hold them in the palm of His hand.



e President, and Alumnus



2004 Administrator at Open House



2010 Dean of Enrollment and Marketing

2021 Special Assistant to the President

Farewell to Fairfield Prep

By Gregory Hugh Marshall '73, Special Assistant to the President

As I prepare to embark on my retirement from Fairfield College Preparatory School, I reflect with a range of emotions on the profound blessing of my forty-two years of employment in this wonderful institution.

I was first hired during spring semester of the 1978-1979 school year to fill in as a Spanish teacher for Bob Perrotta, who was then preparing to transition from his teaching position to become the academic dean. My training went well, so Father Jim Bowler, S.J., offered me the full-time Spanish teacher's position, starting on September 1, 1979.

What I find remarkable as I look back on these forty-two years is

the wide range of opportunities that came my way during the following four decades. These were opportunities for personal and professional advancement, to be sure, including meeting my future wife, Amy, in 1984. But they have also been opportunities for serving the students of Fairfield Prep in a variety of ways.

It is natural, I suppose, that the fact that I am myself a Prep alumnus has meant that much of my present reflection occurs with a view through the lens of my dual status as an alumnus and the son of an alumnus, **Harold H. Marshall '49**. (In fact, you might say that I was born to be a Prepster, as my birth announcement on the Alumni Notes page in the Easter 1955 edition of *Bellarmino Quarterly* lists my name as "Gregory Hugh Marshall, also of the class of 1973.")

My career somewhat neatly divides into two almost equal halves: twenty-two years as a classroom teacher, and twenty years as an administrator. Both roles have provided me great joy and satisfaction, and in both roles I have been blessed to further the cause of Jesuit education in service to our amazing students.

I will always treasure the special rapport I had with my students, and to you I say thank you for the respect you always showed me, for the challenge you always presented me with your inquisitiveness and your insights, and the love for Prep that you have continued to show as Prep alumni.

Regarding my years as administrator, I say thank you to my professional colleagues, so many of whom helped me in my early years to learn how to be an effective leader in a Jesuit school. I also thank my colleagues who have always shown me the great love and respect that we enjoy because it is freely given to one another as partners in this marvelous enterprise.

And to Fairfield Prep's many loving and supporting alumni and other benefactors, I say thank you for entrusting me with your generosity, as I in turn gave away your largesse (as financial aid) to generations of Prepsters whose parents would not otherwise have been able to send their sons here. I have considered this sacred trust to have been one of the most profoundly gratifying tasks of my professional career.

As I prepare to leave Prep, I am pleased to look around and see a new generation of leaders and teachers taking over. I harbor no fears or concerns about Prep's future; rather, I leave fully confident that, much as the Fairfield Prep of today is a better place than the Prep of 1969 which I entered as a freshman, or the Prep of 1979 to which I returned as a teacher, the Prep of the future will be a better place still.

I will always admire, respect and love all of you, and I will always cherish the impact you have all had on me and the course of my life. And, of course, I will not be severing my ties completely, for as an alumnus, I will always be a son of my wonderful alma mater, Fairfield College Preparatory School.



Greg Marshall is a proud member of the Prep Class of '73, famous for its design and launch of the Bomb Squad logo shown on his original t-shirt. (Internationally renowned political cartoonist Kevin "Kal" Kallaughter '73 designed the artwork for this t-shirt as a student in collaboration with Betty Kachmar, the school's first female faculty member and art teacher.) The t-shirt was created to be worn proudly at Fairfield Prep athletic games. Greg is pictured standing in front of Fairfield Prep's stained glass window depicting St. Ignatius of Loyola sending his fellow Jesuit followers to lands near and far in order to carry out the order's Christian mission of serving the world. Above his head, is the Latin directive and Jesuit motto, "Ite Incendite," translated as "Go set the world on fire." In 2008, Greg oversaw the design and installation of the four beautiful stained glass windows, which are displayed in the Gothic arched windows in Prep's front entrance lobby.

A Trailblazing Educator

MAUREEN BOHAN RETIRES



2021 minus 1973 equals 48 years! Thank you Math Teacher/Department Chair Maureen Bohan. You will be greatly missed!

The early '70s was a time of political and societal change. Fairfield Prep was not immune, and its traditional model of education was thrown into flux with the advent of widespread curricular change, mini-courses, modular scheduling, and the hiring of female teachers.

When Maureen Bohan arrived at Prep in 1973, she was one of only a handful of women on the faculty. Back then no one could have imagined the impact this outstanding individual would have on the math department, the school, the national network of Jesuit schools and beyond.

Maureen is a consummate professional educator who commands the respect of her students by actively engaging them in learning. She sets high standards but gives her students the tools to succeed, using multiple teaching modalities to address various learning styles. Her effectiveness was recognized when she was honored with the first Ignatian Educator of the Year Award in 2011 (see photo above).

Maureen is intentionally adaptable, focused on professional development to keep her methodology current to the changing needs of her students. She was a pioneer in utilizing computer-assisted learning, piloting creative initiatives long before the iPad came onto the scene. She trained teachers in developing websites, implementing the Blackboard and Schoology systems, setting up electronic grading, and was one of the first to employ iPads in the classroom.

Maureen was one of the original teachers to chaperone community service projects, most notably her longstanding commitment to our Appalachian immersion. She was also integrally involved in numerous retreats.

Highly respected by her peers, Maureen was consistently voted to represent her colleagues on Standing and Ad Hoc Committees — most importantly the Finance Committee — and all accreditation and sponsorship reviews. She chaired the math department, many times exceeding her terms.

Maureen was frequently called upon by NEASC, our accrediting organization, to serve on review teams for schools throughout New England and was enlisted to conduct sponsorship reviews within the Jesuit School Network (JSN). She also presented at numerous colloquia, symposia, and professional development workshops sponsored by the JSN.

Maureen's generosity of spirit is simply selfless, and she's always willing to take on a challenge or volunteer for a task. It is hard to imagine Prep without the fortitude, wisdom,

guidance, and leadership of Maureen Bohan. After a stellar career, spanning almost five decades, she will never be forgotten. She will always remain in the minds and hearts of her students and colleagues for the knowledge, motivation, and wisdom that she imparted.

Maureen, you have every right to look back with pride on an amazing career. May you thoroughly enjoy this next chapter of your life exploring endless possibilities and doing all of the things you always wanted to do.

By Dean of Operations Colleen Keltos and fellow colleagues

Dear Prep Community,

One of my life's greatest blessings was becoming a member of the Fairfield Prep community. Little did I know, when I visited the 3rd floor of Xavier for the first time in June 1973, that I would spend my entire teaching career at Prep — and that I would end it teaching in the very same room in which my initial interview was held!

I joined Prep as member of the Capsule faculty. In my first year, I was so excited to have a chance to develop math curriculum, offer a computer science elective and work with talented students. But I quickly realized that Prep was much more than just a college preparatory school. It was a family, with members looking out for one another.

I fondly remember Fr. Brissette meeting me at the elevator each morning and asking how the boys were treating me. He encouraged me to challenge them, to stick with it and not to let their antics discourage me. Having someone so respected by all taking an interest in my welfare, meant the world to me.

Fr. Borgo invited me to participate in the Appalachian mini-course. It was on these trips that I came to understand *cura personalis* as John would take the time to talk with everyone we met, making them feel special and valued.

When asked why I continued to stay at Prep I would answer that I loved teaching and that Prep was a special place. Many of my colleagues past and present, especially those in the math department, have become lifelong friends. I treasure those passionate faculty meetings in the '80s and '90s where we could not agree on much but still managed to remain friends.

But the reason I stayed was the boys — they are the heart and soul of Prep. COVID has certainly reminded us of that. Their energy, enthusiasm and embodiment of the Prep motto, "We may laugh, we may cry, but we never say die," is what brings Prep to life. I am so glad that the students have been able to return for my final spring. Every June my seniors would always ask me, "Will you miss us when we graduate?" I would say yes, but I want you to go — live your life, remember us at Prep and come back to visit. I want to hear all about it. To the alumni who have reached out to me from time to time to do just that, your notes always made me smile and renewed me.

I am as excited to begin the next phase of my life's journey as Prep is to begin its next chapter with the launching of the McLeod Innovation Center and the Barrett Science Center. I am confident that God's graces will be upon us both. May the Lord keep you in the palm of his hand until we meet again. — Maureen Bohan

Celebrating the Opening!



McLeod Innovation Center

To officially open the new McLeod Innovation Center in Xavier Hall, benefactor Mr. Chris '73 and Elaine McLeod were honored at a Dedication and Blessing held on Feb. 26, 2021. In addition to a ribbon-cutting ceremony and unveiling of an honorary plaque, a blessing was bestowed by Rev. Michael Tunney, S.J., Rector of the Fairfield Jesuit Community. During the program, Pres. Christian Cashman, Principal Dr. Tommy de Quesada,

McLeod's fellow Prep classmate and Director of the Entrepreneurship Institute Tom Shea '73, and Student Government Pres. Ryan Carroll '21 all thanked the McLeod family and spoke about

the future opportunities offered by the state-of-the-art innovation facility. Chris McLeod gave an inspiring speech about his experience in leading biomedical tech companies, and expressed

his vision that the center be a place where Prep students can explore interests outside the traditional classroom, engage in active learning, and reinforce Jesuit values.



Christian Cashman, Fairfield Prep President, with Chris '73 and Elaine McLeod at the plaque's unveiling.

Passing a Gift Along

Excerpts from Chris McLeod's speech

It gives me great joy to support Fairfield Prep and the McLeod Innovation Center. Prep has had a profound impact on my personal development and career. Prep instilled in me a commitment to excellence, challenging me in the classroom and athletics, and teaching me the importance of hard work, and being prepared. I learned concern for others which translated into empathy and listening skills. Jesuit values have provided direction, especially when making difficult decisions.

When it comes to values, Prep built on the solid foundation established by my parents. This gift is in honor of them and my whole McLeod family. Five brothers and now three generations of McLeods have attended Prep. We've benefited greatly from Jesuit education and are fortunate to be able to pass that gift along.

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My definition of innovation is finding a better way for products and processes. On a personal level, innovation has been integral to my career success. I've made it a point to work in sectors undergoing technological change, as when the established order is disrupted there is a greater opportunity to create value.

Some of the companies where I worked had innovative business models or innovative marketing. Others were built on innovative technologies. An innovator's DNA includes associative thinking – linking together ideas not obviously associated, plus questioning, observing, networking, and experimenting. This journey has been both financially rewarding and intellectually stimulating for me.

My aspiration for the McLeod Innovation Center is that it is a place where Prep students can explore interests outside the traditional classroom, engage in active learning, and be a place where Jesuit values can be reinforced. My hope is that fifty years from now, Fairfield Prep is still here, true to its Jesuit mission, and that you too have the privilege and joy of passing that gift along. AMDG.

On a Trajectory Toward Greatness

Excerpts from the speech given by Ryan Carroll '21

This creative space is going to allow Prep students to learn in a whole new way as it embodies the ideal of "cura personalis" contributing to the education of mind, body, and spirit. The McLeod Center will break down the walls between academic disciplines and build connections between those disciplines, reimagining learning at Prep, all while building community. The possibilities are endless.



I am so excited for the future generations of Prep students with the possibilities of the McLeod Center at their fingertips. I cannot express how proud I am to be a student and future alumnus of Fairfield Prep as Prep continues to take that trajectory toward greatness, and the McLeod Innovation Center represents a massive step in that direction. On behalf of Prep students, thank you again to Mr. and Mrs. McLeod for their tremendous gift.

Students Wowed at Sneak Preview

Groups of students toured the McLeod Innovation Center in January.



"God, bless Fairfield Prep's McLeod Innovation Center, our students and faculty who learn and teach here, Prep's staff and administrators who guide and direct our mission, all our benefactors who make our daily adventures in learning possible." — REV. MICHAEL TUNNEY, S.J.



PREP-ing the Class of 2025

What's it like to go to Prep?

Fairfield Prep's accepted students for the Class of 2025 were invited on campus to take mini-classes while their parents learned more about Prep's Jesuit tradition of educational excellence. All classes and presentations were socially-distanced, and the families had the opportunity to tour the new Barrett Science Center and McLeod Innovation Center!

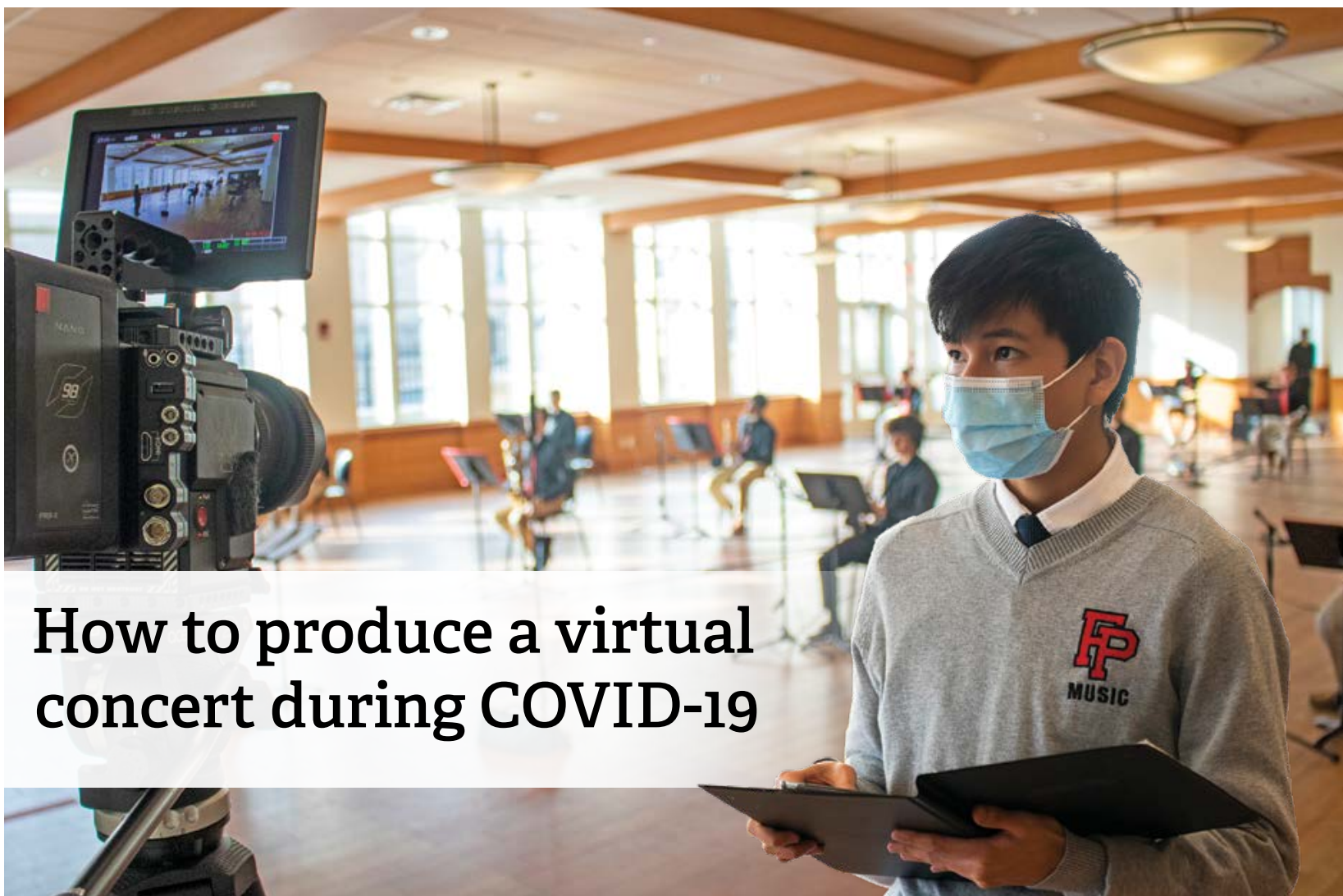




Special Delivery!

Class of 2025 Early Decision candidates were surprised with good news! Prep President Christian Cashman, Principal Tommy de Quesada and Director of Admissions Kevin Altieri '00 surprised them with in-person delivery of acceptance letters and Magis Scholarship awards. Welcome to the Fairfield Prep brotherhood!





How to produce a virtual concert during COVID-19

The Student Life Center was truly a sight to behold on Dec. 11, 2020.

Normally a place where students gather for lunch, socializing and the occasional assembly, the SLC had been turned into a full-fledged recording studio space, complete with four professional video cameras and an array of microphones appropriately distanced 12 feet apart for each individual band student and choral vocalist.

Up until this point of the school year — the latter part of 2020 — the performing arts world was frozen in time following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March. Prep, like all other schools and organizations, was forced to cancel all live events.

However building on the success of the “Evening of Virtual Music” in Spring 2020, Prep’s seven music ensembles led by Director of Music, Mr. Dan Horstmann, were committed to providing our community a winter concert experience with an in-person component for the students. That commitment came to fruition when the students gathered on Dec. 11 to record the January 2021 concert, titled *For the Love of Music*.

In my biased opinion as author of this story

(I’ll get to that part shortly), it was a tremendous feat and one that these young men pulled off spectacularly!

The Recording Process

Prep hired local professionals Spence Sound to capture the audio of the concert and Julian Focareta from Cured and Creative LLC to film the performance. For roughly six hours, each of Prep’s music ensembles recorded its set, with three takes per song. There were two stationary cameras and two roving cameras that floated throughout the room to capture closeups and sweeping shots.

“When the camera men were recording us, at first I felt kind of nervous,” said **Richard Herrera ’23**, tenor voice in the Select Choir. “But later on I just let it slide and I performed to the best of my abilities.”

The room had to be rearranged repeatedly throughout the day, as groups like the Full Symphonic Orchestra took up the entire room, while the Wind Ensemble and Select Choir only needed one section of the room. Singers and other instrumentalists were masked and — while not in the usual concert tuxedos — every musician was dressed accordingly for the

occasion in his FP Music sweater.

For some students, performing in front of a microphone was natural. For others, it was an entirely new experience.

“I was nervous as (the microphone) picked up every little sound, but that helped me really focus on playing better,” said **Christian Bujdud ’23**.

What makes this Winter 2021 Concert even more remarkable is that this is the first time this school year all of these students were able to perform together in one space. Up until this point, half of them were home trying to follow along with music practice happening in school over a Zoom session or SoundTrap recording.

“Being a student musician takes discipline and determination. This year especially, each student’s passion and dedication were evidenced in their devotion to practice and their willingness to push themselves outside of their comfort zone,” Mr. Horstmann said.

“Rehearsing at home placed a lot of responsibility on me to make sure I was on track,” said **Billy Weber ’21**, clarinetist in the Symphonic Band. “I just maintained a consistent practice schedule at home, and used both the SmartMusic app and Soundtrap to record class assigned practices.”



For most of these students, the day to record this concert marked the first time they had seen some of their friends and classmates all year.

"The gathering down in the SLC definitely brought some of the Prep energy back into the building," Billy said. "It was great to see everyone invested in their performances."

"It felt like a slow return to normal," said **Garen Killilea '23**, baritone horn in Symphonic Band. "It was a great day for the community because it showed that we can overcome the hardest challenges and that when an opportunity opens up like this, we have to take it," he said.

Watching Themselves Perform

Following the day-long recording session, the filmmakers and sound professionals handed over all of the audio and footage to Mr. Horstmann and me (this is where the biased author part comes in). Over the course of December and early January, Mr. Horstmann reviewed the audio and mixed together the best takes to deliver a professionally mastered audio file for the final performance video. I was in charge of editing the entire performance

together, a process that included combing through hours of footage to grab the takes that synced up with the audio, and to pull additional footage from other takes.

Personally, it was quite an ambitious and demanding project. Never have I cut together a 40-minute video like this. But it still stands as the most enjoyable and rewarding experience I have had in my near-four years as the video editor at Fairfield Prep.

On Jan. 13, 2021, Fairfield Prep debuted the concert on our YouTube channel. It was certainly a unique experience for the students, who were viewers of their own performance alongside their family and friends.

"I enjoyed watching the performance because it was almost like I was watching the concert with my family for the first time," Garen said. "And it's nice to be able to hear what the songs actually sound like from an audience perspective. I talked to my family when I had a solo or a major part coming up in a certain piece. It was nice to finally be able to see their reactions because I would not normally be able to when performing on stage."

Many students were able to share the

concert livestream with family who live far away — including internationally.

"I was able to share this concert with my grandparents in Poland and my cousin in Denmark," said **Jan Salafia '23**, cello in the String Orchestra. "It was great to hear praise from them, as they have not been able to see any of my concerts despite playing cello for slightly less than 5 years."

"The Winter 2021 Concert *For the Love of Music* although different in format was most certainly a success! Fairfield Prep's Music Program is an inclusive and intentional community within the school and every music student is challenged to be the best version of himself even during times such as the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mr. Horstmann. "I'm extremely thankful for the support of our administrators, parents and guardians, and alumni patrons. Because of your commitment to the arts our students are able to continue to follow their passions."

By Ronald DeRosa, Digital Communications Manager



To view the recording of the concert, visit www.fairfieldprep.org/winterconcert

PREP for Creativity

Talented art students share their Prep experience



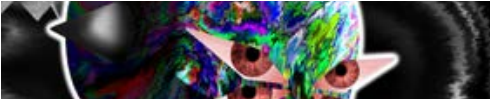
Curtis Willcox '21

My time at Fairfield Prep has taught me a lot. Not only academically but artistically. While I will admit I did not initially find Mr. Fosse-Previs' freshman Visual Art class interesting, because I had to take notes about art, it did teach me a lot. It gave me words to define what I had already been doing for so many years. Now that I have taken three years of Mr. Fosse-Previs' Studio Art class, I have been able to put my skills to use. I have been given the opportunity to not only design posters for the school but also various projects for friends, family, and clients. I plan to use these skills I have learned at Fairfield Prep in a possible future career. Mr. Fosse-Previs' guidance is truly unmatched.

"I highly recommend taking full advantage of Prep's excellent art program."

CURTIS WILLCOX '21





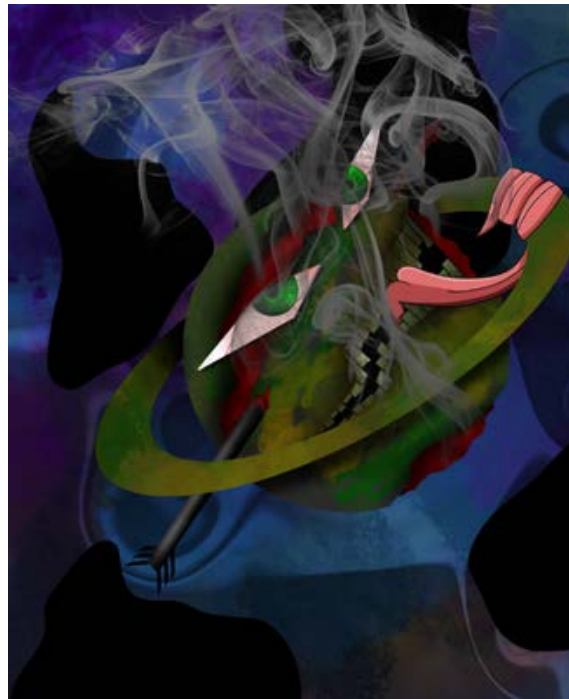
Jude Pastorok '22

My relationship with art and creation has always been very intimate. Even at a young age my mother had to buy me a notebook to doodle in because I would draw on my tests prior to handing them in. I think the number one reason for my consistent improvement would be that I have always been limited in a sense. It started with me being limited to the lined notebook back in elementary school, which eventually evolved into getting sketchbooks and different sorts of supplies. I remember going on my parent's desktop and watching drawing tutorials for hours and copying everything I could no matter how terrible it looked. Back then I was limited to pencil and paper.

The thought of digital art seemed so impossible to me at the time. I barely understood what it was. Coming to Prep was the turning point for me. The power of having an iPad for schoolwork and taking art all came so quickly to me. It was a difficult adjustment, but with the help of Mr. Fosse-Previs and the hours of repetition and practice, I really grasped the concept of art and design as a whole.

The feeling of limitation really helped me spark new ideas. I always have this burning passion inside of me that makes me want to overcome all hurdles and surpass all the limits that people think are possible. Suddenly this form of digital art was seeming to reach its limits, too. That is, until I found new applications to learn and apply to my work. I started going to see Mr. Fosse-Previs during my study halls and sat in with the Studio Art class.

The resources that I was offered when coming to Prep helped me push these limits. Instead of always drawing what I wanted, I had to start studying and observing different techniques. As I have grown, I am coming to realize that I am nowhere near my full potential. Every time I finish a drawing, I conquer what I previously thought was impossible. These limits are what push me to excel and keep improving. My few words of advice to any aspiring artists are to simply put the hours in. Be ready to draw things that aren't fun. Be ready to work on a drawing for 20+ hours that you aren't satisfied with. But also be ready to create anything you can conjure within the realm of your imagination. If you put in enough time and effort, your wildest dreams can be translated into art in any way that you desire. Never forget that being persistent and consistent ALWAYS beats natural talent. You make your own limits, and only you can surpass yourself.



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JUDE PASTOROK'22

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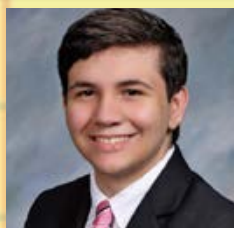
writing royale

a short story contest



Now in its third year, the "Writing Royale" is Fairfield Prep's creative writing contest. This winter, student submissions were read anonymously by a panel of English teachers, who selected the following five pieces (excerpts from each). All of them will be published in this year's issue of our school's literary magazine, *The Bellarmine Review*. This year's guest-judge, Jerald Walker, is an acclaimed essayist and memoirist. His newest book, *How to Make a Slave: And Other Essays*, has been named a National Book Award Finalist.

Jamie Chesbro, English teacher, Creative Writing Club and Bellarmine Review moderator



CONGRATULATIONS...

to **Nicholas Katsetos '21**, chosen as winner of Prep's "Writing Royale" contest.

"The Diner Vampire"

Nicholas Katsetos '21

The Fornarlamb Diner was reduced to rubble about six years ago. I jog by it daily, reminiscing on the random weekdays where I'd skip first period English with my friends. We were noisy, rude, baseball kids; kicking our feet up on countertops, dribbling our glass bottles of Coke, preaching vulgarities, and tripping the poor morning customers that looked at us funny. It wasn't a popular spot, most due to its niche location at the back corner of town and mediocre food. It was our memorable domain, and save for the elusive owner, we were the closest to the top of Fornarlamb's hierarchy.

"These Paths of Life"

Joe Altieri '22

Flakes have begun to fall, more and more every second but, ahead, in the distance, I can see a shape. A faceless shape, miles away. A cloud—darker and denser than any near me—towers over it. It stands out like a spot of ink on a white cloth. The image is fading, whitening; the snow covers my field of vision. All this time wandering alone I've whimpered along, and now

the sight of something other than myself, and the desolate waste, stirs within me a strength from some unknown depth. I step into the storm; the wind pushing against me, as if it were trying to stop me from reaching the shape. I will not let that happen. With all the strength in me, I tread; every step taking a mile's toll. I feel no pain; no frost on my skin nor aching in my bones. All I can think of is that shape.

"Wii Remember"

Tomas Lignore '21

Upon sifting through my bedroom closet where I keep my childhood things, I found many old toys I used to have on shelves in my room. Among them was my old Nintendo Wii, and a copy of Nintendo's 2009 remake of Punch-Out. I stared at the cover of the game, and upon cracking open the plastic coffin that held the disc inside, I felt the nine year old inside me come back to life. Something about watching the 5'7, 104-pound Bronx Bruiser shadowbox in the opening cutscene again brought tears to my eyes. I began to remember all the times I shadowboxed next to him, and with one screen shattering punch that revealed the title screen, I felt my composure shatter and my nine year old self embrace me for letting him out one last time.

"Vesitdo Azul"

Stephen Wong '21

I never reached my milestone. I mean, I actually tried to play my game with the deck that God gave me. I must have had a full house one day because I suddenly absorbed the audacity and courage to sit down in front of her at lunch. It was just us at the table, none of her friends by her side, and the expression on her face looked so surprised. Still, she kept me silent as she waited for my opening.

"Whirlwinds and Wildflowers"

Mark Kolotylo '22

Asam stood eyes level to his palms. Arms filled with cherries, carrots and an assortment of berries, he stood attentive arms raised as he fed the food to a ravenous basket at the fringe of his aunt's garden. The weather was cool yet sweat dampened his trying face, from keeping a constant pace he labored along the sunrise all the way till the sun died. Intertwined with monotony he harvested, from the golden grasp of nature's grounded hands, to the vine slats made from her flailing braids.

Playing On



This fall, the Prep Players returned determined to create and collaborate, recognizing that theatre would be a valuable way to re-engage after last year's period of intense isolation. Committed to sharing their work with audiences no matter what might come, the Players got flexible and innovative. The group started the year honing their improv skills, performing short-form sketches in the Quad as a part of the Sophomore Retreat in October. The following month, they took to Zoom to perform a "Harold," a long form activity in which the cast improvises a series of interwoven scenes inspired by a single one-word suggestion. In any other year, that would have been the end of their fall season, but these students understood the value of their time together and worked to produce a student-directed one-act, *Check Please*, via Zoom in January. All a reminder of the power of the performing arts to lift us up and bring us together.



Desir's Dreams Are Coming True

Congratulations to **Stephan Desir '21** who will be attending the University of Connecticut as the recipient of the Day of Pride Scholarship, one of UConn's most comprehensive scholarships which covers tuition as well as direct and indirect costs for all four years at our state's flagship university.

Day of Pride Scholarships are awarded to outstanding Connecticut high school seniors from disadvantaged backgrounds who have proven academic ability as demonstrated through high school grades, test scores, class rank, and letters of recommendation. In addition to a commitment to diversity and multiculturalism, demonstrated leadership and contributions to their community, students should have documented financial need and must be nominated by their Guidance Counselor.

Outstanding in every way, Stephan was nominated with pride for his growth and achievements by his counselor, **Mr. Peter Francini '00**.

Born in Haiti, Stephan immigrated to the U.S. in 2009 with his father when he was just five years old. His mother remained with the intention of joining the family that year. On Jan. 12, 2010, while Stephan's mother was still in Haiti, the capital of Port-au-Prince was struck by a massive earthquake, claiming thousands of lives in its aftermath.

"As days passed, the tension of waiting became more difficult. At this point, everyone thought my mother had died, and so did I," Stephan wrote in his personal essay for the scholarship. "My father prepared me for this outcome by teaching me about death. Imagine teaching a five-year-old about death."

On Jan. 24, 2010, Stephan's family successfully made contact with his mother. She was alive.

"Looking back at this experience, I realized this was a turning point in my life," Stephan wrote in his essay. "I learned perspectives, what is and is not important in life. During this time, I switched my focus on school. I was determined to be better. I wanted to improve my English, so I started to read more often."

Mr. Francini had this to say about Stephan: "Stephan is a diligent and highly motivated young man. He loves setting goals so he can have a bright future. He dreams big with the hope of having his dreams turn into reality... Stephan's goal is to one day become a doctor and I could 100% see him as a pediatrician. He has all of the tools to be a great, compassionate, and knowledgeable physician."



Below is a Q&A exchange with Stephan about his Prep experience and college plans.

What has the opportunity to attend Fairfield Prep meant to you?

The opportunity to attend Fairfield Prep is one that I greatly appreciate. I received one of the greatest Jesuit educations in the country while having a great time. The energy and brotherhood that I have experienced at Prep is something that is incomparable. It is an experience that I cannot receive in any high school in America, except for Prep.

How have you grown or changed with your Prep experience over these four years?

Over the past four years, I have grown or changed many aspects of my life. For instance, one of the five pillars of the "Grad at Grad" is to be committed to doing justice. And, in my opinion, this is the aspect or part of my life that has grown the most since my arrival at Prep. Before Prep, I never volunteered or served my community in any way. But, I knew that this was one aspect I wanted to change during my time at the school. Since then, I have volunteered at many places, but my most impactful experience has to be my time volunteering at Black Rock Food Pantry.

Do you have a favorite teacher or mentor at Prep?

My favorite teacher at Prep is Mr. Stephen Soto. To this day, I still remember all of the fun memories and moments we had as a Biology class. But, what makes him my favorite


teacher is all of my shared experiences with him outside of the classroom. For instance, he was the moderator for the Smash Bros. Club where I participated in weekly tournaments every Friday. And he created a safe and fun environment that was open to every student at Prep.

How has the SEED Diversity Program supported you, and how have you been able to give back?

Throughout my time at Prep, the SEED program has helped me tremendously. During my freshman year, there was a point where I was struggling to maintain a good grade in Spanish class. I went to Mrs. Alecia Thomas for help and I received a Spanish tutor the very next day. After receiving the tutor, I was able to raise my grade and at the end of the year, I finished the course with an A-. The SEED program was always there for me if I needed assistance with anything. I do not think I will be able to reciprocate all the assistance that the SEED program has offered me. I am a SEED tutor now, but in my opinion, this is not enough to reciprocate the amount of support I received from this program.

Fairfield Prep is proud to recognize Stephan, who in addition to achieving among the best in the Prep Class of 2021, has been a dedicated member of SEED and Prep's music program. He plans a career in the field of medicine and intends to study Biochemistry at UConn, and dreams to one day become an anesthesiologist.

By Ronald DeRosa, Digital Communications Manager

A portrait of Dr. Donna Andrade, a Black woman with curly hair, wearing a grey vest over a black top. The vest has a red logo that says "FP FAIRFIELD PREP". She is standing in front of a colorful, abstract painting. A quote is overlaid on the left side of the image.

"My greatest hope for us is that we don't lose sight of our history."

Dr. Donna Andrade, Dean of Mission & Ministry

Dr. Donna Andrade Named to Worldwide Commission on Role & Responsibilities of Women in Society of Jesuit

Editor's Note: The following article is taken from America Magazine, printed here with permission with some adjustments to the text.

Fairfield Prep is proud to announce **Dr. Donna M. Andrade**, Dean of Mission & Ministry, has been named to the worldwide Commission on the Role and Responsibilities of Women in the Society of Jesus. Donna is the sole female representative for the North American continent and is the only woman from the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States to be a member of the Commission.

On March 8 — International Women's Day — Arturo Sosa, S.J., the superior general of the Jesuits, announced the creation of the Commission, which is the next step in the Order's efforts to more fully include and collaborate with women.

The Commission on the Role and Responsibilities of Women in the Society of Jesus is made up of 10 members: six women, three Jesuits and one lay man. Members represent eight different countries and will work together over the course of three years before they present a final report and evaluation to Father Sosa, who will determine next steps for the Society of Jesus based on their recommendations.

Dr. Andrade: 'It's not just lip service'

One of the six women named to the commission is Donna Andrade, who has worked at Fairfield College Preparatory School for more than 40 years and now serves as the school's dean of mission and ministry.

She told *America* that she was "elated" to be selected as a member of the group and acknowledged the many "stellar" women educators she knows in the Jesuit network.

In 1987, Ms. Andrade began the United States' first diversity program for Jesuit high schools at Fairfield Prep. Eventually, that work expanded, and by 1994 she was helping to run a national diversity conference for

Jesuit high school students.

Ms. Andrade is excited to see meaningful representation fostered by the new initiative; the majority of the commission's members are women, and they come from such different places and cultural contexts. "It's not just lip service," she said. "The representation is impressive. And it's not only impressive to me as a woman. It's exciting to me as a Jesuit educator that there are people from all over the world, that I get to meet them and learn from them, that I get to experience their contexts."

She remarked that history will be important in the conversations she and her colleagues on the commission share over the next three years. "All of this is an evolutionary process. My biggest thing is to make sure we don't lose sight of that. This is the first time this question has been asked in this way, but we can only start to look at it this way because of things that have happened before us historically," she said. "My greatest hope for us is that we don't lose sight of our history."

As a Black woman with a career-long commitment to Catholic education, Ms. Andrade recognizes that she cannot separate her identities. "There are all of these intersections.... I want to make sure we look at all of those intersections that affect women's lives. And as far as the Church is concerned, to look at those structures that impede our ability to break the glass ceiling."

Ms. Andrade believes that the commission's work can be a signal to the wider Church about the future of women's leadership and contributions. "I think it might mean some honest reflection and discernment about those institutional structures and policies that can perpetuate sexism," she suggested. "A lot of what people might want to attack as far as the role of women in a patriarchal structure like our Church is highly politically charged and can be very divisive. I'm particularly concerned about having those conversations in a way that doesn't divide us but unites us."



HIGH ACHIEVERS

Matthew Hansen named National Merit Commended

Fairfield Prep is proud to announce senior **Matthew Hansen** received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Commended students placed among the top 50,000 scorers out of over 1.5 million nationwide test takers on the 2019 PSAT. This recognition supports Matt's outstanding academic career at Fairfield Prep. With a 4.15 GPA, Matt has earned the highest grade possible in very class. He has also taken the most rigorous course of studies possible. Matt is Summa Cum Laude, a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and is the recipient of the Dartmouth Book Award.

Within Prep's Campus Ministry program, Matt has lived the "Magis." He has served as an Usher, Lector and Eucharistic Minister at school Masses while also attending a Kairos Retreat and the Ignatian Family Teach-In in Washington, D.C. He was named Co-Chair of Fairfield Prep's annual Freshman Retreat, an event with 300 participants and leaders. As the Head Altar Server at his home parish St. Margaret Mary, he trains new servers for Masses. At



Pictured **Matthew Hansen '21** (right center) with parents Wayne and Debbie, and brother **Robert Hansen '19** (far left).

school he has been a member of the Track and Freshman Soccer teams. Whenever the call goes out for student volunteers, Matt is right there volunteering at the Open House and Entrance Exams for prospective students. He has also volunteered service for the Spooner House, the Hero Box project, and participated on an Urban Plunge immersion trip.

CLASS OF 2021 BOOK AWARDS

Fairfield Prep students were honored for their high academic achievement at the Honors Awards Ceremony on Oct. 13, 2020, at St. Pius X Parish in Fairfield. The event was livestreamed for all of the families. Additionally, 20 students who received Book Awards and their families were present for the evening. Congratulations!

The Brown University Book Award

★ **William J. Weber**

The Bryant University Book Award

★ **Zachary P. Conn**

The Clarkson University Achievement Award

★ **Anthony M. Dorazio**

The Clarkson University Leadership Award

★ **Ricardo M. Vasquez Capellan Jr.**

The Columbia University Book Award

★ **Christopher J. Hill**

The Cornell University Book Award

★ **Javier Gil**

The Dartmouth College Book Award

★ **Matthew C. Hansen**

The George Washington Book Award

★ **Nicholas M. Mancuso**

The Gettysburg College Book Prize

★ **Ford E. Young**

The Johns Hopkins Book Award

★ **Caleb M. Bolden**

The Sacred Heart Book Award

★ **Cameron E. Gough**



Nicholas Mancuso and family

The St. Lawrence University Book Award

★ **Desmond A. Brown**

The Saint Michael's Book Award

★ **Christian Ross Mallari**

The Saint Michael's Book Award for Social Conscience

★ **Aidan R. Derby**

The Tulane Book Award

★ **Connor B. Lardi**

The Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award

★ **Zhengjie Wang**

The Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award

★ **Trevor C. John**

The George Eastman Young Leaders Award.

★ **Griffin M. Coffey**

The Xerox Award

★ **Shanxu Li**

The Villanova University Book Award

★ **Matthew A. Ionescu**

The Jefferson Book Award

★ **Oliver Y. Kwon**

The William & Mary Leadership Award

★ **Conner D. Moore**



CONGRATS TO RYAN CARROLL

Ryan Carroll '21 was named Mr. Shamrock Runner-Up Scholarship honoree in the 2021

Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Ryan is an honor student and a member of the National Honor Society who shares his academic talents through Prep's Peer Tutor program. Fully invested in life at Prep, Ryan is a valuable member of the school's Baseball and Cross Country teams and is active in Prep's Irish Cultural Club.

Known for his leadership as a four-year member of Prep Student Government, he is President of the Senior Class, Eucharist Minister and retreat leader. Ryan and his family started the Challenger baseball program in Trumbull which allows mentally and physically disabled children to play baseball.



Ethics Team Reaches Semifinals

Prep's Ethics Bowl team, 'Full Throttle Aristotle' qualified for the regional semifinals on Feb., 7. **Luis Brea '23, Joseph Altieri '22, Thomas Frank '21 and Sean Flanary '21** advanced to the semis due to the hard work they put in analyzing the National High School Ethics Bowl 2021 case set.

The National High School Ethics Bowl cases are released in early September for over 4,000 high school students nationwide to begin preparing positions and supporting points for each ethical dilemma. Prep's Philosophy Club provides the platform for critical thinking seminars as well as 'mock bowls,' where guest faculty members participate, to create a solid foundation for our Prepsters.

The club moderators/coaches, Kevin Kery and Kathleen Jackson, and the club have been honored to have guest judges: **Tom Shea '73, Dr. Christopher Altieri '95** (Zoomed in from Italy), **Matt Sather '93**, Paul Denby, Elaine Clark, **Griffin Reidy '90**, Jayne Penn, Corey Milazzo and Megan Hoover.

Prep is excited to be part of this national effort. Our Prep students embody the "Intellectually Competent" characteristic of the "Grad at Grad" profile every time they engage in this type of lateral thinking!

During the semifinal competition this year, Full Throttle Aristotle lost only by a slim margin to Hackley School (NY) who would go on to win the entire Manhattanville Regional Tournament and earn a spot at Nationals at UNC. The Prep Ethics Bowl Team will be back in 2022!

SCC SCHOLAR ATHLETES

*Christopher Hill and Zachary Conn were named SCC Scholar Athletes for the **FALL SEASON**, sponsored by Great Blue Research.*



Christopher Hill is a four-year member of the Prep Crew team and a senior captain. In the classroom Hill is a four-year Summa Cum Laude honor student, a member of the National Honor Society and a recipient of the Columbia book award. Hill has also served as a Freshman Retreat leader and is currently completing service work his senior year through producing face masks for the community.



Zachary Conn is a four-year member of the Football and Lacrosse teams and served as a captain of the football team this fall. In the classroom Conn is a Summa and Magna Cum Laude student, member of the National Honor Society and a recipient of the Bryant University book award. Conn is also a member of the Stock Market and Habitat for Humanity Clubs. Conn has been a tutor

through the Urban Impact program as well as working with disabled adults at the Kennedy Center.

*Griffin Coffey and Timothy O'Leary were named SCC Scholar Athletes for the **WINTER SEASON**, sponsored by Great Blue Research.*



Griffin Coffey, a senior captain for the Prep Swim team, has been a four-time participant at the SCC Championship meet for the Jesuits, was named the Fairfield Prep Most Improved Swimmer in 2020. and qualified for the 2020 Class L Trial Meet. In the classroom, Coffey is a Summa Cum Laude student, a member of the National Honor Society and a recipient

of the George Eastman Young Leaders award. During his time at Prep Coffey has volunteered with the Norwalk Open Door Shelter, Filling in the Blanks Food Distribution Center and the Thomas Merton Center in Bridgeport.



Timothy O'Leary, a senior captain for the Prep Basketball team, helped lead the Jesuits to a 13-10 record during his junior season with wins in both the SCC and CIAC postseason, and a 9-1 season record as a senior. In the classroom, O'Leary is a Magna Cum Laude student and a member of the National Honor Society, the FP Ethics team and the Debate Club. O'Leary has volunteered with the Filling in the Blanks Food Distribution Center, helped collect canned goods for the Great Ignatian Challenge food drive and has served as a leader for the Freshman and Sophomore Retreats.

Welcome to the
BROTHERHOOD
Class of

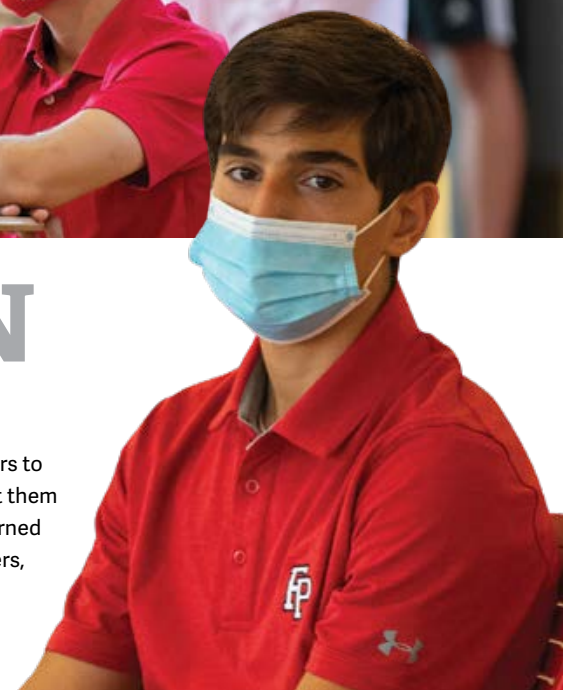
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ORIENTATION

GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

Freshman Orientation was a welcoming day that introduced our new Prep brothers to "Life at Prep." Upperclassmen greeted the new freshmen as they arrived, to direct them to their starting locations. The Class of 2025 heard informative presentations, learned about Fairfield Prep's Jesuit mission, followed their daily schedule to meet teachers, and had fun, too!



RALLY DAY



DAY-LONG EVENTS BUILD BONDS

At the Freshman Rally Day and the Freshman Retreat, the entire class gathered on campus for camaraderie and reflection. Activities included a faculty talk, a friendship talk held by student leaders, and small group conversations. From there, students rotated throughout the campus in various large venues — McLeod Innovation Center, the Student Life Center and Grauert Field — for several sessions including witness talks, group games, a “Letter to Self” and a scavenger hunt.

RETREAT



“Never underestimate the importance of having fun.”

RANDOLPH PAUSCH, AMERICAN EDUCATOR

2021



HALLOWEEN REVISITED

For many years Prep seniors have hosted Bridgeport elementary students for a fun day of outdoor games and “Trunk or Treat.” Since the children could not attend in person due to health safety, the seniors sent candy deliveries. They also had a fun class celebration on Grauert field to spend time together.





GONE SLEDDING!

Following the first major snowstorm, "Mount Senior Parking Lot" was created as a result of plowing. Seniors jumped on the opportunity and broke away one afternoon to tackle the steep hill with downhill daredevil stunts.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Animating the



St. Raphael Catholic Academy



Service Opportunities Benefit Local Charities

Director of Diversity Ruben Goodwin and Christian Service Director Ashley Woodworth collaborated on a project in honor of Black History Month. They created five new service opportunities directly related to the values espoused by Martin Luther King Jr. The five student activities reflected the themes of access to education, food and security, community revitalization, caring for our common home and pandemic safety.

Ms. Woodworth explained: "Part of our Mission here at Fairfield Prep is to recognize the value and dignity of all people. We hope to deepen the impact our students have on the marginalized, undeserved and excluded in our community and around the world."

As part of this service initiative, Prep completed a very successful school supplies drive, collecting more than 3,000 items and distributing them to Catholic, charter and public schools in Bridgeport.



the Mission



YTeach Partners with Prep School Supplies Drive

Prep students assisted in the delivery of supplies directly to area schools throughout February. This initiative caught the eye of one of our academic partners, YTeach, a student-to-student app to help the users find peer tutors. Because animating the mission requires action, YTeach was inspired to “pay it forward” and donated an additional 500 school supply items to Prep’s drive.



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Commenting on the motivation for her donation, the CEO and Co-Founder of YTeach, Lourdes Aviñó said: “We definitely felt motivated to contribute toward the Bridgeport school supply drive for a number of reasons. My son is, in fact, the one who came up with the idea because I would ask him every day

what he did to help someone. He thought of creating an app where students can connect to help each other in exchange for community service. So when I saw Prep’s post, it was a no-brainer. We knew it was something we could do to help and it connected very much with our mission.”

Prep is excited that YTeach recognizes the connection between their mission and ours. We hope, in partnership with our alumni, parents, benefactors, and others, that we continue to animate the mission of Jesuit education. Through the actions of our partners as men and women for and with others, together we can transform our world for the better. We welcome community partners! Our compassion isn’t complete unless we act on it! Please contact Prep’s Christian Service office if interested in helping.



DONATIONS TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Prep boys dropped off masks to Sterling House Community Center, Prospect House, North End Community Council Food Pantry, Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, and the Thomas Merton Center. This project supported our Martin Luther King Jr. inspired service initiatives during Black History Month.

Service is Contagious

The Mission keeps spreading with no signs of stopping!



SENDING OUT AN SOS

At the Annual Black Rock Food Pantry Thanksgiving distribution, it was heartwarming to see that the men who responded to the SOS for volunteers were all current Prep students and Alumni. The pantry was very appreciative of the help!



PACKING THE SHELVES FOR NEW COVENANT CENTER

Over the holidays, **Chase Lombra '22** ran a two-week food drive for New Covenant Center in Stamford. He collected food donations at his home plus raised nearly \$1,200 in online donations. Religious Education students at St Thomas More in Darien also participated as part of their service program.



FOOTBALL SUPPORTS THE PINK FUND FOR BREAST CANCER

The Pink Fund for Breast Cancer Awareness expressed gratitude to the Prep Football members: "Thank you so much to all the Fairfield Prep families and friends who have donated to our mask fundraiser in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month!" The Pink Fund provides financial support to help meet basic needs, decrease stress levels and allow breast cancer patients to focus on healing.



LET'S DO LUNCH

Prep's first day of service helping Nourish Bridgeport, a nonprofit that strives to improve the lives of those in need in Bridgeport, was a success. **Harrison John '24** dropped off 50 lunches made with volunteers **Baxter John '22** and **Ryan Barnard '24**.



BUILDING A BETTER SANDWICH

Students made sandwiches for both the Homes for the Brave shelter and the Prospect House in Bridgeport as part of Prep's Martin Luther King Jr. inspired service initiatives.





COZY WINTER WISHES

Our students made a difference this fall! **Conner '21** and **Nate Moore '24** hosted a coat and food drive to support Person to Person CT. **Conner, Remi Maher '21** and **Phil Gallagher '21** delivered the coats for distribution. (Not shown) **Nate** and **Luke Van Dussen '24** volunteered with the ND Alumni Association at St. Luke's Parish in Westport to create 120 bagged lunches for the hungry.



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR NURSING HOMES

Prep students created and delivered over 3,000 homemade Christmas cards to area nursing homes whose residents were unable to interact with family and friends this year. This Christian Service project helped warm hearts and spread Christmas cheer in our community!



"SATURDAY NIGHT SANDWICH" CHEFS CREATE A FEAST

Senior **Phil Gallagher** started 'Saturday Night Sandwich' as a grassroots program to coordinate the making and delivery of sandwiches to key community organizations in need, leading an active group of fellow Prep students. At Thanksgiving Phil was able to rally boys and families to cook 330 pounds of turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes. The food was brought to Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport! Senior chefs above (l-r): **Philip Gallagher, Henry McGuinness, Jack Kelly, Remi Maher, and Conner Moore.** Juniors **Jack McDermott** (left) and **Will Quincy** prepared potatoes.



Service is Contagious

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SOCCER TEAM SCORES FOR GHANA

Soccer equipment was collected and sent to a thankful Ghana community by the Prep Soccer team. "We are just getting started and cannot wait to put more smiles on our friends' faces in Ghana. Thank you for your continued support throughout the Goals for Ghana initiative!"

THANKSGIVING DRIVE DELIVERS 12,000+ FOOD ITEMS

Fairfield Prep once again joined fellow Jesuit high schools in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania for the **Great Ignatian Challenge** to raise awareness of hunger in our communities, while filling local food banks and pantries with thousands of pounds of much-needed provisions in this year of unprecedented hardship. The Prep Community donated more than 12,000 food items to: Blessed Sacrament Parish Food Pantry, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Alliance for Community Empowerment, and Kolbe Cathedral High School.



HOCKEY "BLESSING BAGS" GO TO VETS

The Prep Hockey Team prepared and delivered "Blessing Bags" to the Homes for the Brave shelter. Notes of thanks and hope were written by the team members to the veterans, then assembled into bags and taken to the home. **Matt Keller '82, P'22**, led the Prep Varsity Hockey Team in collecting, assembling and delivering the bags.



SHOVELING FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS

Prep students volunteered to shovel snow for home-bound seniors in Fairfield. The blizzard conditions kept them busy! Pictured is **Joe Cardozo '22** with a four-legged helper.



OPERATION: CARING FOR OUR VETERANS

Desmond Brown '21 organized "Operation: Caring for Our Veterans" which raised \$1,200 via GoFundMe and local sponsorships. The funds were used to purchase food and "wish list" items like sweatshirts, sweatpants, underwear and socks for Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport. Desmond's family helped prepare dinner for the vets. His parents are both Army veterans.

Prep Teen Leads Tablet/Computer Drive to Benefit Struggling Native American Community

Taken from an article by Kathy Bonnist P '22, reprinted with permission from GoodMorningWilton.com

Wilton's **A.J. Preisano**, a Fairfield Prep junior, is leading an initiative to collect tablets, laptops and computers for needy students in an area particularly hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wyoming's Wind River reservation, one of the largest Native American reservations in the U.S. and home to the Eastern Shoshone and the Northern Arapaho tribes, has seen COVID infection rates over 10% of the population. Schools there remain closed, but remote learning resources on the reservation are scarce, and many students simply do not have the devices they need to participate in remote learning.

Preisano became aware of the students' plight by Mike Evans, founder and executive director of Full Court Peace (FCP), a Norwalk-based non-profit that works to "unite, strengthen and educate... communities through basketball." Evans was quite familiar with Wind River, a community steeped in basketball tradition and the subject of the PBS documentary film, *Chiefs*.

While Evans and FCP were helping to support the Wind River community in terms of repairs to basketball courts and other basic needs, he came to learn that students in the community desperately needed electronic devices for remote learning.

Evans put Preisano in touch with the Ethete, WY school district superintendent Michelle Hoffman and the district's technology leader, who explained their students' needs. "[Superintendent Hoffman] explained to me that students wouldn't be able to learn without these devices," Preisano told GMW. On the district website, Hoffman acknowledged the lack of resources, telling the community, "Please know we are doing everything in our power to make sure students have the materials they need for their educational needs."

Preisano took the lead to collect what was needed, starting with a collection at the Wilton Riding Club in late December 2020. Forty devices were sent to the high school in mid-January, Preisano reported, and approximately 50 more are being prepared for shipment now. Preisano credited one Wilton resident (who wished to remain anonymous for this story) for arranging a donation of 30 Apple desktop computers.

GMW reached out to the superintendent for her reaction to the donations. "AJ's work in collecting donated computers for our students is an awesome endeavor on his part... His work is greatly appreciated!" she



"Connecting with a community I probably would never have experienced in my lifetime, to see what they don't have in comparison to what we have, has been really extraordinary." **A.J. Preisano '23**

said. She added that the donated devices will not merely be handouts. In addition to enabling students to participate in virtual learning, "The computers will be used as incentives for student attendance... and student of the month honorings. This allows our district to do something special for our students that we normally couldn't do for them."

Preisano said he plans to continue the collection until more needs on the reservation are met, but he quickly added that those needs do not require cutting-edge technology. "As long as they can connect to Zoom classes, that's fine," said Preisano. He reflected on the uniqueness of his experience. "Connecting with a community I probably would never have experienced in my lifetime, to see what they don't have in comparison to what we have, has been really extraordinary," he said.

Preisano says the superintendent has invited him to visit when pandemic restrictions are loosened. He hopes to travel there this summer and envisions additional service work there during the trip.

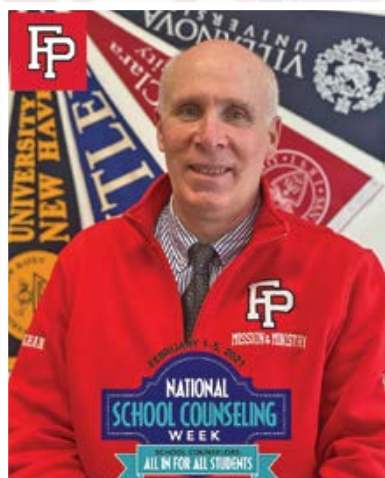


FULL COURT PEACE

Prep students joined Full Court Peace to refurbish and restore the basketball court at Wilbur Cross Elementary School in Bridgeport. The non-profit's mission is to unite, strengthen and educate Fairfield County communities through basketball. The organization seeks to serve all populations regardless of race or socioeconomic status.

Speaking Words of Wisdom

During National School Counseling Week in February, Prep spotlighted our school's Guidance & Counseling Department. Each counselor shared advice or a tip to help students find happiness and success.



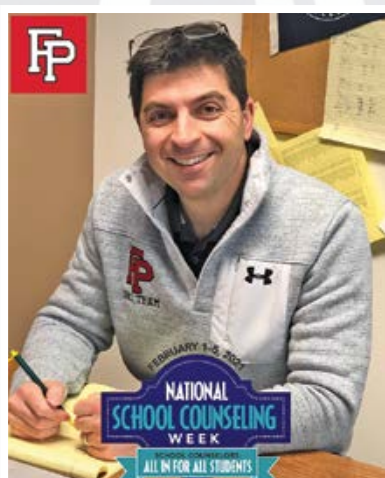
JOHN HANRAHAN, our Dean of Guidance & College Advising, has been a counselor at Prep for 21 years, and his son J.P. was a member of the Class of '98. John said, "My tip for today and for every day is to live each day of your life with a deep sense of gratitude. Live it, offer it, be open to receive it – allow gratitude to guide your life and be amazed where it leads you."



RICHARD HUTCHINSON, a counselor for 17 years, is a Prep Alumnus from the Class of 1987, and his son Hugh '22 is a current student. Rick's tip for student success is to always remember, "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."



LYNNE CHESBRO works with Prep freshmen. She has been a counselor for 17 years and an intern for two years prior. Lynne's tip is, "Go to events, join clubs, see your teachers for extra help, sit with someone you don't know at lunch. Freshman year, in particular, is all about stepping out of your comfort zone. That's where the growth happens."



PETER FRANCINI, Prep Alumnus from the Class of '00, has been a counselor for 15 years. Pete's tip for student success is, "Be a good listener. When you are talking you can't be actively listening. Also, never be outworked by the people around you. Diligence is one of the many keys to success."



SUZANNE GORAB, our Wellness Counselor, has been on the Prep team for nine years. Her tip for student success is "Never be afraid to reach out for help. Prep is a supportive environment for all students, and is invested in each individual's personal growth."



LINA GALLINELLI, our International Student Advisor, has served for the past four years. Lina's tip for student success is that, "Communication is key, let your teachers know if you are struggling."



STUDENT ATHLETES

COMMITTED TO PLAY COLLEGE LEVEL SPORTS

These seniors have demonstrated leadership qualities by being positive role models for others both on and off the field while maintaining high academic standards.

FOOTBALL AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

KYLE VACCARELLA

Kyle Vaccarella made a commitment to the Auburn University Football team for the fall of 2021. In 2019, he was named All-SCC Division 1, New Haven Register All State Honorable Mention and the Father Brissette Defensive Player of the Year. Kyle was a captain for his senior season. On the Jesuits Ski team, he was named First Team All-State as a freshman and sophomore and as a junior finished 12th out of 138 skiers during the CISL State championship race. He volunteers at the Thomas Merton Center and Operation Hope.



JACK BOWERY

Marist
BASEBALL



MATT DELACH

St. Bonaventure
RUGBY



GEORGE ELIAS

Holy Cross
CREW



JOHNATHAN FALLACARO

Adelphi
BASEBALL



PAT McALEAVEY

Providence
LACROSSE



CONOR McNICHOLS

Bucknell
CREW



TIMOTHY TURNBULL

Franklin & Marshall
SWIMMING



Jesuits Have a Record-Breaking Season

The 2020 Prep Soccer season began last spring when Fairfield Prep introduced Brian Neumeyer as the new head coach of the soccer program. Neumeyer and varsity assistant coach Jamie Poff worked to organize the Jesuits in the off season and the tremendous leadership of the senior captains **Brett Cattano, Conner Moore, Will Hansen, Cameron Gough** made this transition seamless and had the Jesuits ready to play in the fall.

The Prep Soccer Team played in the FCIAC league to keep down distance between teams for safety concerns. The Jesuits played a 10 game regular season schedule, Prep finishing with a 9-1 record and winning the FCIAC East regular season crown. In the postseason, the squad had an incredible comeback in the semifinal against St Joseph. Finding themselves down 2-0 with 12 minutes to go, Prep came back with two goals to send the contest into overtime, and then scored a dramatic game winner in overtime to send the Jesuits to the final. Unfortunately, the Jesuits lost a heartbreaker in the final by the score of 1-0. Despite the disappointment, the Jesuits finished the 2020 campaign with an impressive overall record of 11-2.

In addition to the captains, seniors **Niko Vlahos, Matt Scully, Conner Lardi, Jon Cela, Jake Holme, Javier Gil, and Erik Langeland** made key contributions all season long.

With many key players returning for 2021, the Jesuits are looking forward to chasing the SCC crown and making a deep run in next year's state tournament.



By Brian Neumeyer, P'19, '20, Head Soccer Coach

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- FCIAC East Season Champions
- FCIAC East Finalists

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-STATE

- Luciano Paoletta '22
- John Reidy '22

ALL FCIAC EAST

- Jack Hickey '23
- Conner Moore '21
- Luciano Paoletta '22
- John Reidy '22

SENIOR BOWL

- Brett Cattano '21
- Conner Moore '21

FP SOCCER MOST IMPROVED

- Jon Cela '21



FP SOCCER COACHES AWARD

- Conner Moore '21

FP SOCCER MVP

- Brett Cattano '21



CROSS COUNTRY

The Fairfield Prep Cross Country Team had a great fall season, joining the FCIAC for the year to keep races against schools within close proximity. The Jesuits faced stiff competition in Trumbull, St Joseph, Fairfield Ludlowe, and Fairfield Warde and earned a season highlight victory over St Joseph led by junior **Billy Bonnist**. Seniors **Alex Von Ehr, Jack Kelly, Charlie Scholl, Aidan Shannon**, juniors **Greg Flynn, Danny Tack**, and **Billy Bonnist** and sophomore **Tim Spahn** represented the Jesuits at the FCIAC Championship meet and turned in an impressive performance highlighting the strides the team had made throughout the season. A strong freshman and JV group of runners will look to pick up where they left off for the varsity squad next fall.

CREW

The Fairfield Prep Crew team made the most of their fall season making the trip to Captain's Cove every day after school and working hard on the water. The Jesuits worked with five boats each day and made great progress. Toward the end of the season, the Prep rowers were able to scrimmage and practice with Brunswick School and Stonington High School to get a feel for where they stood against other teams. When the Jesuits were not in the water they were able to take advantage of the new Fairfield Prep Crew Erg Room located across the hallway from the Lavery Strength and Fitness Center.

★ **HONORS: Christopher Hill** SCC Scholar Athlete



CLASS OF 2021 FOOTBALL PLAYERS

FOOTBALL

Due to COVID-19 the 2020 Fairfield Prep Football Team will go down as the first and hopefully only gridiron club to be denied a season in our program's long history. This is not a reality anyone ever wanted to experience but it should be remembered as one we persevered through with great heart and resolve.

Despite the pandemic, noteworthy accomplishments were made by our team in 2020. We held our best ever summer training program completely outdoors and all players

continued their development through practices and passing competitions during the fall. In addition, the final roster for grades 9-12 was the largest in program history representing close to 20% of the entire student body. The Prep football family remained strong while overcoming several obstacles in its path.

All members of the Fairfield Prep football program are asked to uphold the following standards of preparation, respect, intensity, discipline, and execution ("P.R.I.D.E."). A special thanks goes out to our football seniors from the Class of 2021 for following that mantra. Their

sacrifice and service will always be a part of Fairfield Prep's football legacy. The lessons learned from the adversity faced by the 2020 football team will help instruct and push our young men to greater personal growth and achievements – on and off the field – for years to come.



★ **HONORS: Zachary Conn** SCC Scholar Athlete

By Keith Hellstern, Head Football Coach, Social Studies Teacher



Hockey Ranked Top in State for 4th Time

The Fairfield Prep Hockey team posted another impressive season this winter, finishing with an 11-1-1 record and ranked as the top team in the CIAC for the 4th consecutive season. The Jesuits were named SCC Co-Champions and the CIAC did not have a State Tournament due to the shortened season.

The season opened with a tough loss to New Canaan in a game where Prep only dressed six forwards due to quarantines. Once all the boys returned, Prep went undefeated the rest of the way posting impressive victories over rivals Darien, Notre Dame West Haven and Xavier.

Prep was led by a tremendously committed and positive senior class who stayed focused. **Teddy Gravanis, Luke Giardina, Matt Vinoski** and **Joe Bisset** provided strength and leadership on the blue-line, while **Jack Bowery, Jason Wegiel, Aaron Wong**, and **Kyle Colucci** bolstered the offense. **Alex Joliet** served as the utility man, selflessly playing both offense and defense as the team needed flexibility. There were many standout performances, but **Tommy Martin's** incredible feat of 5 shut-outs, and **Mason Whitney's** 7-point performance against Immaculate stand out. This senior class will go down as one of the most successful in Prep Hockey history, and their loyalty and commitment will never be forgotten.



The underclassmen, **Aksel Sather, Luke Noonan, Henry Keller, Will Huntington, Tiernan Curley, Connor Mahoney, Nick Ambrosio** and **Emmett Cheever** will certainly have big shoes to fill next season.

By **Matthew Sather '93**, Varsity Hockey Coach, Assistant Baseball Coach, English Teacher

END OF SEASON RECOGNITION

SCC CO-CHAMPIONS

SCC REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS

- **Mason Whitney '21**
Academic All-State
CHSCA All-State
CTHSH Player of the Year
SCC Player of the Year
GametimeCT All-State (Hearst CT Media)
All-State and Player of the Year
- **Tommy Martin '21**
CHSCA All-State
CHSCA Goalie of the Year
CTHS Hockey Goalie of the Year
All-SCC
GametimeCT All-State
- **Luke Noonan '22**
CHSCA All-State
All-SCC
- **Tiernan Curley '22**
GametimeCT All-State
- **Aaron Wong '21**
CT Hobey Baker Award





Basketball

The Prep basketball team turned in another strong season under third year Head Coach Mike Papale, finishing with a 9-1 regular season record. The Jesuits opened with a heartbreaking overtime loss against Wilbur Cross and never looked back winning their nine remaining games. The highlight of the season included a 61-58 win against Notre Dame West Haven who was ranked #4 in the state. Other highlights include sweeping Hamden High School in two games and a win against Hillhouse at The Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven. Unfortunately, the Jesuits season was cut short and they were not able to participate in their final two regular season games or the SCC Tournament due to COVID-19 issues. The Jesuits were led by three captains **Finn Donelan '21**, **Tim O'Leary '21**, and **Conner Moore '21**. They will return **Max Manjos '22**, **Jack Petrafesa '22**, **Aidan Berry '22**, **Mike Iannazzo '23**, and **Tommy Scholl '23** who all played significant varsity minutes for the team this year.

★ **HONORS:** **Max Manjos '22** All SCC Team, **Logan Carey '22** All SCC Team, **Tim O'Leary** SCC Scholar Athlete, **Coach Mike Papale** SCC West Division Coach of the Year

Skiing

Not even COVID-19 could keep the Fairfield Prep Varsity and Junior Varsity Ski Teams from having undefeated regular seasons. The boys from 1073 North Benson Rd. were a force to be reckoned with as varsity won the Class L regular season Championship while going 60-0! Unfortunately, the boys fell short of their goal by placing 3rd in the State Open Championship. The varsity team was led by junior captain **Ryan O'Meara '22**, **Brice Muller '23**, and **Aidan Clarke '24**. Consistent contributions on varsity came from **Carter Goodrich '23**, **Paul Genna '23**, **Aidan Graham '22**, **Danny Tack '22**, **Marco Firmender '23**, **Gabe Garcia Gonzalez '23**, **Drew Kral '23**, and **Matt Mazza '23**. At the State Open, **Ryan O'Meara '22** led the charge (12th) for the Jesuits out of 132 skiers. The other racers in the top six were: **Brice Muller '23** (14th), **Aidan Clarke '24** (15th), **Danny Tack '22** (20th), **Aidan Graham '22** (22nd), and **Carter Goodrich '23** (33rd). In addition to the State Open, **Ryan O'Meara '22** and **Aidan Clarke '24** received All-State Honorable Mention (2nd team) awards! The Jesuits will have plenty of young talent returning next season to compete for another State Open Championship! Hail Fairfield!

★ **HONORS:** **Ryan O'Meara** All-State Second Team, **Aidan Clarke** All-State Second Team

Swimming & Diving

The 2020-2021 Fairfield Prep Swimming and Diving season can be best epitomized by one word: resiliency. The CIAC's two-month pause to the season saw the team shifting to the weight room and individual practice

sessions on their own. But a positive attitude never left the team. Through sheer effort, spirit and adaptability by every swimmer and diver, the Jesuits pulled out a strong 3rd place finish at the "virtual" SCC Championship meet. It was "90 minutes of Prep Pride" at its very best.

Beginning with a very strong start by divers **Thomas Kehoe** (2nd place: All-SCC) and **Jack McDermott** (14th place), the SCC Championship was capped off by valiant efforts during the swimming meet. Every swimmer, from the seniors down to the freshmen posted best times at the meet. It was spearheaded by outstanding swims such as Senior **Tim Turnbull's** (All-SCC) 2nd place finish in the 50 free and 100 fly, Junior **Nathaniel Duffy's** (All-SCC) 3rd place finish in the 200 free, Senior Captain **John O'Keefe's** strong finishes in the 50 free and 100 free, and Junior **Hugh Hutchinson's** notable swims in the 200 free and 500 free. Despite there being no opposing swimmers or spectators, team spirit emanated from every swimmer and diver. The RecPlex pool was filled with Prep chants as it closed out the 2020-2021 season. One of the most unusual seasons in Fairfield Prep Swimming & Diving history was also one of its most memorable and rewarding.

★ **HONORS:** **Timothy Turnbull** All-SCC 100 yard Butterfly and 50 yard Freestyle, All-State; **Nathaniel Duffy** All-SCC 200 yard Freestyle, All-State; **Thomas Kehoe** All-SCC Diving, All-State; **Nathaniel Duffy**, **Winston Wu**, **John O'Keefe**, **Tim Turnbull**: All-State 200 Free Relay; **Nathaniel Duffy**, **Winston Wu**, **Hugh Hutchinson**, **Tim Turnbull**: All-State 400 Free Relay; **Griffin Coffey** SCC Scholar Athlete

Indoor Track

The Fairfield Prep Indoor Track Team dealt with a unique winter season very well after much uncertainty leading into the season. The Jesuits were able to practice in the Rec Plex for the month of February and were able to compete against West Haven in early March. Captains **Charlie Scholl**, **Joshua Bacon**, and **Caleb Bolden** had the team ready to go against West Haven where Fairfield Prep placed 1 through 5 in the 55m Dash with **Darren Blount** winning with a blazing time of 6.64 seconds, **Tymaine Smith** running 6.72, **Robert Young** running 6.91, **Joshua Bacon** running 6.94, and **Jon Morris** running 7.14. In the 600m run **Jude Pastorok** placed 4th with a time of 1:39.79, **Macklin Berry** came in 5th with a time of 1:41.14, and **Charlie Scholl** came in 6th with a time of 1:42.87. **Josh Bacon** won the long jump in 20-02 feet, **Caleb Bolden** won the 1600m in 4:52.71, and **Charlie Scholl** came in second in the 55m hurdles with a time of 10.03 seconds. In addition, senior **Azaan Dawson** competed at various out of state meets and performed well earning himself All American honors at Adidas Nationals by placing 6th in the mile and running a time of 4:15. The Jesuits will use their winter practice time to prepare for a full spring SCC schedule and postseason championship in the coming weeks.

★ **HONORS:** **Darren Blount** All-SCC; **Joshua Bacon** All-SCC; **Caleb Bolden** All-SCC



Fairfield Prep senior goalie Tommy Martin poses with his father Kevin Martin, who won three state titles as the Fairfield Prep goalie from 1978-1981, in front of the Fairfield Prep state championship banner at the Wonderland of Ice rink in Bridgeport on Friday, Feb. 19, 2021.

Like Goalie, Like Goalie

Martin continues winning family tradition at Fairfield Prep

By Pete Paguaga, reprinted with permission by Hearst Connecticut Media

Sitting in the stands at the Wonderland of Ice rink, while Fairfield Prep coach Matt Sather worked with his team, Kevin Martin made an observation. Why would he? Martin hasn't played for Fairfield Prep since 1981 and while he practiced a lot for then coach Marty Roos, getting to watch this practice was a little different.

Standing in one of the nets was his son, starting goalie Tommy Martin. In his first season as the top netminder, Tommy is 4-1-0 with a .965 save percentage and a 0.80 goals against average. He also recorded three straight shutouts at one point. "He is so focused," Kevin said. "It's not just about stopping the puck."

About 200 feet away across from where Tommy is in net, a banner hangs over the ice displaying the 18 state championships — 17 in Division I — Fairfield Prep has won. Kevin looks at the banner, specifically the years that read 1979, 1980 and 1981. Those three years were

the first Division I state titles in Fairfield Prep history. It was the only time the program has won three straight titles and Kevin Martin was in net for each of them.

"I remember how much fun that was," Kevin said. "It was just a great time." Kevin became



Despite the reaction of West Haven's Dave Card (9, right), the puck is safely in the grasp of Fairfield Prep goalie Kevin Martin, who receives help from defensemen Mike Tracy (5) and Pat McCarthy.

the starting goalie early in his freshman season and never gave the net up. "He was a force in the locker room and on the ice," Roos said. "He made the team believe that we were not going to lose." Kevin led the Jesuits to four straight Division I state title appearances and was named to the New Haven Register All-State team twice.

"(The Fairfield Prep) foundation was built during Kevin's time," said Tom Chiapetta, a former Bridgeport Telegram reporter, who covered the rise of the Jesuits after Roos started the program in 1972. "I'm not sure what the history of Prep would be without a Kevin Martin in it."

Now, 40 years since the 1981 championship season, Kevin is watching his son man the crease for the Jesuits. "He has been wearing (Fairfield) Prep gear since Prep's onesies," Kevin said with a laugh. "He came to every alumni game, every championship game," Kevin added. "We went to (Madison Square) Garden and he's wearing his Prep hat waving to (Chris) Drury."

So, when it came time to choose where



ALL-STATE TRIO — Fairfield Prep tri-captains, from left, Pat Kennedy, Kevin Martin and Steve Falcone were named to Division I All-State hockey team. All three were four year starters for the three-time state champion Jesuits. (Sunday Post photo by Ed Brinsko)



Former New York Ranger great Rod Gilbert shares a smile with three Fairfield Prep hockey award winners at the team's annual dinner. From left, Steve Falcone, winner of the "Pass the Puck" Award for most assists, Hugh Curran, sportsmanship award winner, guest speaker Gilbert and goalie Kevin Martin, the team's most valuable player.

Tommy wanted to go to high school, the decision was easy. "I am really living my dream right now," Tommy said. "Starting as Prep goalie just like my dad. I think it's really cool. He's like the start of it all and then I come back and it's like living a legacy."

While Tommy has heard stories about his dad's play from his uncles, Frank and Chris, who played with his father, it wasn't until recently that he truly understood the impact his dad had on the program. "He brought out the old newspapers," Tommy said. "I actually saw it right in front of my face, it was cool. Looking back at the old pictures too, it looked like 'Slap Shot,'" he added.

Tommy said the two of them don't compare their stats or analyze his games when they are home. "He's just proud of what I am doing right now and that is all he cares about," Tommy said. For Kevin, he learned when Tommy got to high school, he was in good hands. "The position has completely changed," Kevin said. "I can't teach him anything that he is doing different or better."

When Tommy made 29 saves in a shutout win against Darien earlier this season, Sather told his goalie: "That is one of the best games I have seen a Prep goalie play in 20-something years. You can't do it any better." That performance and quote is something that the Martin's did discuss at home. "I got home and was like, you hear what Coach Sather said?" Tommy said with a laugh. "He never saw me play a game like that," Kevin said of Tommy's performance against Darien. "It was a different game back then."

Tommy began his hockey career at the Greenwich Skating Club and his father, who was the coach, didn't want him to play goalie. That only lasted two years. "He always wanted to be a goalie, I fought it off for a long time,"

"Starting as Prep goalie just like my dad. I think it's really cool. He's like the start of it all and then I come back and it's like living a legacy." **Tommy Martin '21**

Kevin said. "Well, I didn't fight it off that long, I fought it off until second year of mites and then I lost."

When Tommy arrived at Fairfield Prep it didn't look like he would ever become the starter. "What we saw right away he was extremely athletic and quick, especially his feet and he had soft hands," Sather said. "But he was weak and really out of shape when he came in as a freshman." As a sophomore, he was the fourth goalie on the depth chart on the junior varsity team.

Tommy worked hard, taking lessons with former NHL goalie Steve Valiquette and changed his diet. By the end of that season, he worked his way atop the depth chart of the

JV team and was added to the varsity roster for the state championship run in 2019. As a junior, he backed up GameTimeCT/New Haven Register All-State goalie Andrew Stietzel and earned the starting job this year.

"The surprise was the jump from sophomore to junior year," Sather said. "It's nice when you see a kid who really makes that investment, and it pays off for him." Tommy is the latest Fairfield Prep goalie to take his game to the next level. In each of the past three seasons the Jesuits have had an All-State goalie — Stietzel in 2020, Jake Walker in 2019 (second team) and Jack McGee (first team) in 2018.

"I always had faith in him," Kevin said. "I knew he had it in him."



Fairfield Prep's Tommy Martin makes a save against Darien at the Darien Ice House on February 13, 2021.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Tommy Martin finished the season with a .956 Save Percentage and the following awards: CHSCA All-State; CHSCA Goalie of the Year; CTHS Hockey Goalie of the Year; All-SCC; GametimeCT All-State



Prep Connects for a Purpose

Virtual Spring Auction Raises More Than \$120,000

The Fairfield Prep Annual Auction may have looked a little different in 2020, however that didn't stop the Prep community from demonstrating its tremendous financial support for our school and our students.

For the first time in Prep history, the Auction was conducted as a one-hour live virtual event held on Saturday, Oct. 24. Previously held in the spring — and drawing hundreds of attendees — the Prep Auction was postponed due to the rising Coronavirus pandemic and bans on large gatherings.

Despite a change of venue and presentation, the auction — titled "Prep Connects for a Purpose" — still proved to be a massive success with more than \$120,000 raised through both the silent auction and the Fund a Future program. The event was livestreamed to Prep parents, alumni and friends who registered, and several Prep families were recognized in real time as they contributed to the Fund a Future program.

The auction consisted of live presentations emceed by President Christian J. Cashman, Principal Dr. Tommy de Quesada, and Director of Diversity and Academic Services

Ruben Goodwin (pictured at right), as well as a series of videos showcasing Prep students and facilities.

"The Prep community's generosity is never outdone," said President Christian J. Cashman. "The heroic support of our first virtual auction will bring immediate help to our students in need and support all the programs at Prep from academics, to co-curricular athletics and clubs, to our essential Jesuit spiritual mission."

"Although reinvented virtually, the Prep Community stepped up as they always do to make this event a success," said VP of Advancement Rob Cottle. "Thanks to their generosity we continue to support our boys and our entire team is so grateful!"

Prep offers special thanks to its sponsors, benefactors, Prep families who held home gatherings, the Auction Committee and all the volunteers who made this event possible. We also especially recognize the work put into the auction by the Prep Office of Advancement.

Stay tuned for our next auction, October 23, 2021!



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PRESIDENT CHRISTIAN J. CASHMAN



LIGHTS. CAMERA, ACTION!

Produced live in the Student Life Center, The Prep Auction combined live commentary with video features to creatively reach the Prep Community.



THANK YOU to our students, volunteers, donors and benefactors who made our first Virtual Auction a success. We are truly grateful to be blessed with our Prep community. We could not do this without you!

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BIDDING FROM HOME

Prep families, alumni and friends made silent auction bids, as well as real time gifts, to support Prep. Home Host Sponsors received hospitality baskets for a socially-distanced evening.



Michael Fox '86, P'23

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Marc E. Fitzgerald '91, has been elected Co-Managing Partner of Boston law firm Casner & Edwards. This appointment marks a transition to the next generation of leadership that will carry on the firm's legacy of high quality, high touch legal service delivery.



Christopher Friese '93 was elected to the National Academy of Medicine, the highest honorary society in the United States for researchers in medicine and health. Chris is the Elizabeth

Tone Hosmer Professor of Nursing, Health Management & Policy at the University of Michigan and Associate Director for Cancer Control and Population Sciences at the Rogel Cancer Center. He leads an internationally-recognized team focused on improving the quality and safety of cancer care in the United States.



Drew Gardella '16 is currently living in Los Angeles and working full time as a cinematographer, shooting both narrative and branded content. He has been nominated by the American Society of Cinematographers (ASC) in the 2020 ASC Student Heritage Awards for his work on *Intrepidus*, which was his thesis film at Chapman. This award is designed to help foster the next generation of filmmakers and recognizes young cinematographers whose camerawork demonstrates exceptional cinematic skill. There are only five undergraduate films selected each year, twelve total across three categories.

Alumni Career Day is a Virtual Success!

On Nov. 19, 2021, seventeen Fairfield Prep Alumni led Zoom presentations in multiple sessions to the Prep student body. The program opened with a keynote address by **Charles "Chuck" Berke '70**, who was inducted into the 2019 Fairfield Prep Athletic Hall of Fame for his standout swimming career at both Fairfield Prep and the University of Maryland. Students also watched an interview with **Fr. "Skip" Karcsinski '70**, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Bridgeport, who spoke about the impact of the pandemic on his parish and the high demand of his food pantry.

Students were able to select alumni speakers who represented careers in a variety of diverse fields. The Prep Alumni spoke about their positions and how their Fairfield Prep education influenced their work experiences. Special thanks to our Alumni speakers!

- **Chuck Berke '70** - Key Note Speaker - Corporate Trainer and Author
- **Stan Bernard, PhD '82** - Professor of Public Health
- **Tim Butala '13** - Data Analyst
- **Andrew Mitchell Davenport '08** - Georgetown University Doctoral Candidate
- **Dan Diotalevi '05** - Port Engineer
- **Dr. Rock Ferrigno '89** - Doctor of Medicine
- **Mike Fox '86** - Public Relations Executive
- **Tony Fox II '14** - Systems Engineer II
- **Ed Gormbley '95** - Entrepreneur
- **Steve Jakab '84** - Healthcare Administration
- **Fr. Joseph "Skip" Karcsinski '70** - Pastor
- **Traug Keller '78** - Media Executive
- **Chris O'Connor '88** - Health Care Administration
- **Jason Perillo '95** - Politician, State Representative
- **Quinn Pollard '15** - Risk Analytics & Modeler
- **Nick Rosa '08** - Product Development Engineer
- **Anthony Sabatelli '75** - Patent Attorney



CHRIS DRURY '94 NAMED GM OF 2021 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

Chris Drury, who in his sixth year with the NHL's New York Rangers where he serves as associate general manager, and also as general manager of the Rangers' AHL affiliate Hartford Wolf Pack, has been named general manager of the 2021 U.S. Men's National Team. The team will compete in the 2021 International Ice Hockey Federation Men's World Championship, May 21-June 6, in Riga, Latvia. Drury served in the same capacity for the 2019 U.S. Men's National Team and was also named to be the GM of the 2020 U.S. Men's National Team before the IIHF canceled the 2020 Men's World Championship. "I'm humbled to be asked and really excited about the tournament," said Drury. "It's always such an honor to represent our country on the international stage."

Source: TeamUSA.hockey.com

In Memoriam

Eric A. Allen '04 on March 19, 2021.

William H. Bahner '46 on October 5, 2020.

Barbara "Bunny" Barrett on January 17, 2021. She was the wife of **Ronald L. Barrett '63** and the sister in law of **M. James Barrett '60**, **Raymond T. Barrett '61** and **Andrew J. Barrett '63**.

Peter E. Brawley '70 on September 21, 2020. He was the father of **Kevin C. Brawley '00** and father in law of **Vincent H. Massey '96**. He was the brother of **John B. Brawley '62**, the uncle of **Logan K. Cotter '14** and relative and friend to many Prep alums.

Elizabeth Lesjak Bukvic on November 21, 2020. She was the mother of **Dushan S. Bukvic '71**.

Robert Burke on January 23, 2021. He was the father of **Sean R. Burke '95** and **Brendan A. Burke '97**.

Robert J. Burns '58 on November 11, 2020. He was the brother of the late **James T. Burns '44**, **J. Vincent Burns '48**, and the late **William F. Burns '51**. He was the father of **Gregory J. Burns '82** and **Matthew L. Burns '89**.

William Carroll on November 25, 2020. He was the grandfather of **Sean Carroll '17** and **Ryan Carroll '21**.

Robert J. Connelly '68 on November 7, 2020. He was a friend and relative to many Prep alums.

Francis J. Costello '55 on March 11, 2021.

Peter L. Coughlin '63 on November 20, 2020. He was the brother in law of **Michael F. Dowley '59**.

John R. Csizmar '57 on December 24, 2020. He was the cousin of **Charles J. Coolidge '51** and the brother in law of **Robert T. Horan '51**.

Penny Jo DeFelice on October 31, 2020. She was the wife of **Joseph D. DeFelice '61**.

David J. Driscoll '65 on March 1, 2021.

Rev. Michael A. Fahey S.J., '51 on March 12, 2021. He was the uncle of **John R. Fahey '88**.

John L. Farrell '59 on January 7, 2021.

John A. Figlar '52 on December 8, 2020.

William J. Flanagan '59 on January 30, 2021. He was the brother of **Edward R. Flanagan '69**.

Robert J. Foley '50 on March 2, 2021. He was the brother of the late **John E. Foley '47**.

Joan E. Ford on December 22, 2020. She was the wife of the late **John C. Ford '46**.

Carole Furgess on May 26, 2020. She was the wife of **Bertram J. Furgess '53**.

William C. Gadus '61 on February 26, 2021.

Donald W. Goyette '55 on January 26, 2021. He was the father of **Donald P. Goyette '85**, **Thomas W. Goyette '87** and **John A. Goyette '91**.

Wesley S. Gregory '53 on February 15, 2021. He was the father of **Daniel W. Gregory '87**.

George E. Haborak '54 on October 26, 2020. He was the brother of **Robert C. Haborak '60**.

Patrice Halas on November 21, 2020. She was the wife of **Walter P. Halas '69** VP of Fairfield University Advancement. She was the sister in law of **Francis P. Halas '67**, **Paul J. Halas '74** and the aunt of **Daniel J. Pangrazio '98**.

William E. Hasenauer on October 10, 2020. He was the father of **Eric R. Hasenauer '96** and **Michael A. Hasenauer '99**.

Nuala Teresa Horvath on January 10, 2021. She was the grandmother of **Gavin J. Toth '21**.

Edward D. Jordan '49 on May 21, 2020.

Patrick Joyce '87 on December 7, 2020.

Robert F. Kiely '57 on January 18, 2021.

Alexander Kress Kriksciun on April 19, 2020. He was the son of **Thomas A. Kriksciun '65**.

Robert J. LeBlanc '53 on November 27, 2020. He was the brother of the late **J. Norman LeBlanc '51** and the uncle of **J. Norman LeBlanc '76** and **A. Lawrence LeBlanc '78**.

Kenneth M. Linger '96 on December 8, 2020. He was the brother of **Alexander K. Linger '91**.

Pamela Lorincz on November 3, 2020. She was the wife of **John E. Lorincz '77**.

George K. Lukach '55 on October 29, 2020. He was the brother of the late **Joseph V. Lukach '53**, **John B. Lukach '66** and the father of **George E. Lukach '81**.

Oliver P. MacKinnon Jr. on January 8, 2021. He was the father of **Oliver P. MacKinnon III '00**.

Vincent T. Martin '54 on March 19, 2021. He was the father of **Thomas V. Martin '81**, **Timothy R. Martin '83**, **Patrick M. Martin '90** and **Sean M. Martin '91**.

Stanley E. Matyszewski '54 on December 1, 2020

Rev. Edward J. "Whitey" McCall '47 on September 29, 2020. He was the uncle of **Thomas McCall '74** and **Brian McCall '75**.

James C. McKelvey '46 on August 27, 2020. He was the brother of the late **Leroy P. McKelvey '50**.

Thomas J. McLaughlin '61 on September 12, 2020.

Anne Mead on February 17, 2021. She was the grandmother of **Patrick J. Steed '17** and **John M. Steed '19**.

Philip T. Moore '50 on October 23, 2020.

Audrey Murphy on December 7, 2020. She was the grandmother of **John Murphy '15** and **Aidan Murphy '19**.

William M. Ndini '58 on October 5, 2020

Maurice F. Noonan Sr. on August 4, 2020. He was the father of **Maurice F. Noonan Jr. '71**.

Edward A. Pasenelli '46 on March 11, 2021.

Vincent J. Penna '88 on December 18, 2020.

Kenneth L. Petrucelli '54 on June 23, 2019.

Elliot L. Pierson '47 on September 28, 2020. He was the grandfather of **Matthew J. Pierson '01** and **John E. Pierson '08**.

Maria Leonarda Incoronata (Scinto) Riccio on January 23, 2021. She was the grandmother of **Austin M. Ryan '06** and the great-grandmother of **Michael J. Ramirez '21**.

Rev. Gerald J. Sabo S.J. '63 on October 24, 2020.

Sal M. Santella '49 on December 24, 2020. He was the father of **Robert N. Santella '75** and the father in law of **John T. Fitzpatrick '73**. See page 49.

William L. Seaman '62 on May 19, 2020.

Scott Sedgwick on November 22, 2020. He was the father of **Scott T. Sedgwick '12**.

James S. Shukie '68 on January 13, 2021. He was the brother of **John C. Shukie '67**, and the father of **Christopher J. Shukie '99**, **Brian P. Shukie '01**, **Kyle J. Shukie '04**, and **Colin E. Shukie '06**.

Arthur H. Sorensen Jr. '59 on December 8, 2020.

Mary Stankiewicz on October 29, 2020. She was the wife of **Anthony W. Stankiewicz '56**

Kevin J. Sullivan '60 on January 28, 2021. He was the brother of the late **David J. Sullivan '49**, and **Donal P. Sullivan '52**. The brother in law of **Ronald E. Vioni '60**, the cousin of the late **Robert J. Shannahan '51** and the uncle of **David J. Sullivan '82** and the late **Michael P. Sullivan '84**.

Jeanne Sylvestro. She was the grandmother of **Trevor T. Sylvestro '01**.

Stephen Sylvestro on September 6, 2020. He was the father of **Trevor T. Sylvestro '01**.

Helen Szondy on November 29, 2020. She was the mother of **Steven E. Szondy '68** and **George P. Szondy '72**. She was the grandmother of **Matthew Szondy '06**.

Theodore T. Terlaga '54 on November 2, 2020.

Francis E. Tomasko '48 on September 24, 2020. He was the brother of **Robert M. Tomasko '54**.

Francis Tomis '51 on March 21, 2021.

Mary B. Trautman on November 27, 2020. She was the sister in law of **John P. Chiota '61** and the aunt of **John E. Chiota '86**, **Christopher S. Chiota '89** and **Gregg A. Chiota '93**.

Donald E. Vallerie '54 on December 28, 2020.

Thomas A. Vanderslice on October 9, 2020. He was the father of **Thomas A. Vanderslice '75**, **Paul T. Vanderslice '76**, **John T. Vanderslice '79**, and **Peter T. Vanderslice '82**; he was the grandfather of **Paul T. Vanderslice '09** and the uncle of **Maxwell T. Vanderslice '88**.

Gerald E. Vavrek '61 on 12/25/2020.

Andrew T. Weiss '93 on November 6, 2020.

Robert D. Zsalman '58 on January 30, 2021.



LAST BASKETBALL GAME AT ALUMNI HALL

The Prep Jesuits were able to play one more season in historic Alumni Hall, as the rebuilding project was postponed last year. Prep beat Hamden 59-37.

Weddings



Brennan Wedding

Thom Brennan '07 married Jessica Chahanovich on March 13, 2021, at the Coolidge Corner Theater in Brookline, MA. Thom is a Yankees fan and Jennifer is a Red Sox fan. Their wedding cake celebrated their favorite teams.



Ball Wedding

Scott P. Ball '13 married Brynn Estabrook Bannister on October 10, 2020 at The Ashford Estate in Allentown, New Jersey. Pictured standing from left to right are **Jack McPadden '13**, Mary Ball, **Scott Ball '13**, Brynn (Bannister) Ball, **Shane Sutera '13**, and Blaise Desnoes.

Births



Patrick Fortunato '08 and his wife Violetta welcomed their first baby, a girl, Charlotte Grace Fortunato on September 30, 2020.



Garrett P. Georgia '07 and his wife Sarah Jane welcomed their first baby, a boy, Patrick Kennedy Georgia on July 15, 2020.



Peter Zamachaj '07 and his wife Kelly welcomed their first baby, a boy, Andrew Peter Zamachaj on September 26, 2020.



LATIN SCHOLARS VIRTUAL LUNCH

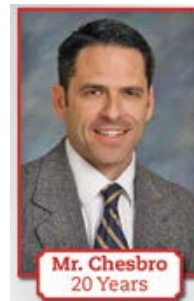
Our talented Pres. Christian Cashman played and sang the Fight Song at a Zoom lunch sponsored by the Latin Scholars, an active group of alumni who annually raise funds for Fairfield Prep scholarships!

Fr. Charlie Allen, S.J. (pictured) was our guest for the lunch. Guests

were able to reconnect with other alumni, Fr. Allen, and had a chance to meet Christian Cashman. Since they could not meet in person for their Christmas celebration which is usually held at the Gaelic American Club in Fairfield, more than 50 guests gathered virtually to celebrate the season and support our school!

Faculty/Staff

In Gratitude for Years of Service



In Memoriam

Arlene M. D'Aquila on October 13, 2020. She was the mother of **Mary Ellen Lehman** (School Nurse).

Father John H. Zupez, S.J. on February 21, 2021. He was a beloved teacher at Fairfield Prep from 1982-89. (See page 49.)

Shay Thomas on February 15, 2021. He was the husband of **Dr. Alecia Thomas**, former Fairfield Prep Director of Diversity and Academic Services.

Births



Ron DeRosa (Digital Communications Manager) and his wife Kadian welcomed baby girl Chiara Primrose DeRosa on September 29, 2020. Chiara joins big brother Lucas at home.



John Hanrahan (Dean of Guidance and College Advising) and his wife Sara welcomed a new grandchild baby boy Theo Manuel DaCosta on September 25, 2020.

Cindi Brucoli (Office of Discipline) welcomed her first grandchild baby girl Charlotte Grace Fortunato on September 30, 2020. (See photo under Births Patrick Fortunato '08.)



ZOOM HAPPY HOUR WITH JOHN BRENNAN

Prep legend and former Dean of Students John Brennan stopped by as a special guest along with his son **Ian '02** and Prep's President, Christian Cashman for an Alumni "Zoom" Happy Hour live-streamed from the new Barrett Science Center. Alums were able to have great conversations and reminisce about their high school years!



ALUMNI FROM THE CLASS OF 1973 AT THE OPENING

On Feb. 26, 2021, the Dedication & Blessing of the McLeod Innovation Center on the Fairfield Prep campus was held with a small number of guests due to the health restrictions. At the event, three members of the Class of '73 reunited as part of the celebration. Pictured from left: Greg Marshall, Special Assistant to the President; Chris McLeod, benefactor and honoree of the new McLeod Innovation Center; and Tom Shea, Director of Prep's Entrepreneurship Institute.



JACK COLLINS '74 RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Attorney **John A. "Jack" Collins III, Prep Class of '74**, was recognized last October by the Connecticut Law Tribune with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Collins, 64, was born in the Boston area and moved to Connecticut as a young boy, living in Stratford and then the Huntington section of Shelton. He attended Fairfield Prep, then College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., graduating in 1978. He said it was probably the eight years of Jesuit education, where the mantra was "Men and Women for Others," that motivated him to become a lawyer.

Married, with three adult children and two grandchildren, Collins is the town counsel for Old Lyme and has long served the community outside of the law firm, coaching Little League and serving on boards and committees. He's on the board of directors of the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library and served for years on the boards of New London Main Street, Lymes Youth Service Bureau and Old Lyme Day Care.

Source: The Day



DONOHUE DONATES 1,000 COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTS

Kevin Donohue '80, President and CEO of KMDIT, an IT solutions and services company, donated 1,000 COVID-19 antibody test kits to Fairfield Prep last fall. "As a Jesuit institution, Fairfield Prep focuses on care for the mind, body, and spirit, and this includes concern for others, not just 'self.' My longstanding support of the school and Athletic Director, Tom Curran, is important as an alumnus and contributor, but also as a business owner who understands the value of outreach in the form of community service," said Donohue.

"The test kits will add an important additional layer in our efforts to keep the Fairfield Prep student athletes healthy and safe in our current pandemic environment. We are incredibly grateful to Mr. Donohue for his support of the school," said Dr. Tommy de Quesada, Principal of Fairfield Prep.

BERNARD '96 PUBLISHES BOOK

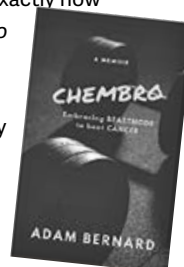


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Stone Outlasts Injuries and COVID to Play Harvard Ball

Two years felt like an eternity to **Adam Stone '19**. Suffering an ulnar collateral ligament (UCL) tear prior to his senior high school baseball season, Stone missed his entire final year on the diamond at Fairfield Prep. As a junior, he had helped Prep to a 19-1 regular season and the SCC championship before reaching the CIAC Class LL semifinals, where the Jesuits lost a heartbreaker to Cheshire, 5-4, in 10 innings.

At Prep, Stone was also a member of the basketball team and played his final high school game, a 69-45 loss to Sacred Heart in the CIAC Division-I Tournament Second Round, with the injury. He scored 15 points despite not being able to shoot from the outside. "I just went to the rack all game because I couldn't shoot," Stone said. "I knew I was hurt and probably needed surgery and wouldn't be able to play baseball my senior year. I had to play in that last basketball game."

After surgery and a year of rehab, Stone was two weeks away from pitching for Harvard as a freshman last spring. But the pandemic shut down the NCAA baseball season. "It was devastating," Stone said.

After such a long time off, the first pitch Stone threw was last summer in a game for the Waterbury-based Brass City Bombers (CT Collegiate League). An added bonus to playing in the summer league for Brass City was that Stone reunited with his brother, **Grant (Prep '16)**. Grant was a senior last season on the Harvard team, but the brothers never got to play. The last time the Stone brothers were on the field together was Grant's senior and Adam's freshman season at Prep. Grant was recovering from a shoulder impingement, and was a week away from joining the Crimson before the pandemic shutdown. Grant did get to play three seasons at Harvard with the eldest Stone brother, **Kevin (Prep '15)**.

The Fairfield Prep legacy of the three Stone family brothers playing Harvard baseball is an amazing story. Of note, their father, Kevin, also attended Harvard and rowed for the Crimson Crew team.

NOTE: Unfortunately the Ivy League is not playing spring sports in 2021. We wish Adam the best in 2022.

Source: Stamford Advocate

PREP MEN IN THE MILITARY

SALUTING LIEUTENANT MICHAEL KIRK '10

A Sandy Hook native is serving aboard Commander Task Force (CTF) 63, a duty station in Naples, Italy.

Lieutenant Michael Kirk (Prep Class of '10), (United States Merchant Marine Academy '14) serves as a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve's Strategic Sealift Officer Force (SSOF). "Our main purpose is to crew up cargo ships held in reserve to support the military's logistics missions, in times of war or national emergency," said Kirk. "In my current job, I work as the SSOF Operations Officer at CTF 63, where I coordinate members of my reserve community in supporting 6th Fleet's logistics missions."

Kirk joined the Navy Reserve six years ago to work as both a civilian engineer and reservist supporting the needs of the Navy. Kirk is most proud of managing a shipyard period as a port engineer for an expeditionary fast transport vessel, USNS Trenton, in Gaeta Italy. "To me, serving in the Navy means an opportunity to contribute, in my own small way, my skills and knowledge to a mission much bigger than myself," added Kirk.

Source: Waterbury Republican



FRANCHUK HONORED WITH NAVY LACROSSE JERSEY #40

Nick Franchuk '16 was chosen by his fellow Navy lacrosse players to wear the #40 "Brendan Looney" jersey this season, the highest honor that they bestow upon a teammate, representing a legacy of Faith, Family and Sacrifice.

Griffin Reidy '90, Theology teacher, commented: "I got to know Nick when I had him as a senior. I once told his mother that I feel reassured as an American knowing that at least some of our troops will be under Nick's command. As a Prep student, Nick represented a lot of what we talk about in the Grad-at-Grad, and the nature of this honor underscores that."

Navy Lt. (SEAL) Brendan J. Looney was killed in action when his SEALs team helicopter crashed during combat in Afghanistan. A decade after Brendan's death, his legacy lives on. The lessons from his life are an unshakeable faith and strength in family, and an unmatched perseverance and a never-give-up attitude. He wore the No. 40 on the lacrosse field. Ever since, the Navy men's lacrosse players select who will wear Brendan's number. He's remembered, not just because he gave the ultimate sacrifice, but because of the way he lived.

Source: Inside Lacrosse



2ND LT. AMADOR '10 STUDYING VETERINARY MEDICINE

U.S. Army Veterinary Officer **Alex Amador '10** is pleased to take the next step in his career: "I am grateful for the opportunity the Army Health Professions Scholarship Program has given me to serve my country and pay for school. I am excited to participate in the versatile nature of Army veterinary medicine while simultaneously serving as a soldier."

In memory of **SAL SANTELLA '49**

A Generous Benefactor of the Fairfield Prep Fine Arts Program

The Fairfield Prep Community is deeply saddened by the loss of **Dr. Sal Santella '49**, patron of the Fairfield Prep Fine Arts Department. Salvatore Michael Santella, MD, of Easton, passed away from COVID-19 on his most cherished day of the year, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020, while listening to Broadway tunes provided by his youngest grandchild. Sal was predeceased by his beloved wife of 58 years, Marilyn (Bradley) Santella in 2014. He was the father of **Robert N. Santella '75** and the father-in-law of **John T. Fitzpatrick '73**.

In 2016, Dr. Santella committed \$500,000 to the Fairfield Prep Fine Arts Department. The newly redesigned third floor of Berchmans Hall was named the **Dr. Sal '49 and Marilyn Santella Fine Arts Center**. Sal stated, "The arts cross all



boundaries. Whether you're in business, medicine or technology, the arts can be and should be appreciated by all. It is my wish that all current and future students of Fairfield Prep enjoy and experience the fine arts."

At Prep, Dr. Santella began a lifelong journey inspired by the Jesuit motto, "a Man for Others." He continued his Jesuit education at Fairfield University and Creighton University Medical School. Dr. Sal worked as a Family Practitioner in Bridgeport and Fairfield for 34 years. He was the Chairman of Family Practice at St. Vincent's Hospital and Director of Student Health at Fairfield University. After retirement, he and Marilyn spent time reading and storytelling to young children in the Bridgeport Public School System and helped establish the 9/11 Easton Memorial. As a parishioner of Notre Dame of Easton, he had a strong Catholic faith, an integral part of his life.

Remembering **Fr. Jack Zupez, S.J.**



Father John H. "Jack" Zupez, S.J., a Jesuit for 66 years and a priest for 53, died on February 21, 2021 at the age of 84. He taught at Prep from 1982 to 1989.

While Father Zupez' time at Prep was relatively brief, he played a significant role in the school's history. In the late seventies, Prep encouraged charitable good works through the mite box, food drives, Appalachian trips, events at Merton House, a tutoring/recreation program for Bridgeport Catholic school students, service minicourses, and extracurricular clubs like Oxfam America, Amnesty International and Youth Ending Hunger. Many of these optional activities were inspired by the 32nd General Congregation, which stated "The mission of the Society of Jesus is the service of faith, of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement."

In 1977 Prep instituted a 40-hour community service requirement for seniors. Today when community service is mandated even in public schools, it is difficult to conceive the resistance from students, parents, and even some teachers

questioning the pedagogical efficacy of "required volunteer work." As the service program expanded, Freshman Field Day for inner city elementary school students and Special Olympics were added to the academic calendar, and the reflection component grew into a year-long Senior Seminar, one semester on social ethics and one on geopolitics.

Father Zupez had been trained in Math and Physics, which he taught in the Missouri Province along with Theology. He came to Prep for the opportunity to move students beyond acts of charity and address social justice more directly. His course, Geopolitical Systems, studied how traditional cultures were impacted by the industrial revolution and westernization. His political and economic analyses of unjust social structures addressed global poverty and hunger as well as the effects of technology and the energy crisis on developing nations.

Straightforward, blunt and passionate about raising students' consciousness, Father Zupez challenged preconceptions, confronted prejudices, and probably alienated some. No doubt he was the most controversial teacher of his era at Prep. But in retrospect his reception says more about his students and Prep's milieu than about him personally.

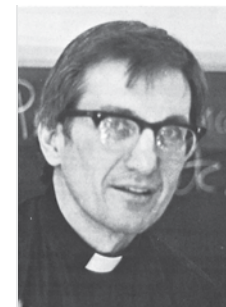
Father Zupez and Fairfield Prep were ahead of the times in addressing social justice in the curriculum; at that time students took both a Theology course and the Senior Seminar in senior

year, a remarkable institutional commitment. In my 24 years at Prep I knew no one more personally dedicated to social justice and the option for the poor than Father Zupez.

After leaving Prep, he taught Theology and Scripture in Belize, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. At age 70 he returned to pastoral ministry in the States, and from 76 to 82 he was a prison chaplain. He authored more than 50 journal articles. Of particular interest is "The Human Jesus" in the December 30, 2017 issue of *The Homiletic and Pastoral Review*.

Father Zupez' legacy lives on, and Prep students and his colleagues remain in his debt. Rest in peace, Jack.

Joseph Gerics, Ed.D., '68 taught Theology, chaired the department and codirected the community service program over the course of his years at Prep.



FROM THE 1983 HEARTHSTONE

"Gentlemen, this whole affair is getting off on a tangent." Immortalized by **Bob Bennett '83** on Senior dress-up day, Fr. Zupez is known as the creator of the "Ignorant Eisenhower Republican Club." We wish to thank you, Fr. Zupez for being you.

Drawing inspiration from Fairfield Prep's first graduating class.

1943

By Gregory Hugh Marshall '73, Special Assistant to the President

As we at Fairfield Prep prepare to celebrate the 80th anniversary of our school's founding on March 17, 1942, it is instructive for us to reflect on the fortunes of the first graduating class of Fairfield College Preparatory School, the class of 1943.

The reader may be surprised to learn that there was a class that graduated from Prep at the end of the first academic year of 1942-1943. In fact, among the 319 Prepsters who came to campus on September 9, 1942, the first day of school of Prep's first school year, there was a group of thirteen students who entered that fall as members of the class of 1943. Nine were fourth-year students; four were designated as "post-graduate," indicating that they had already graduated from high school but desired to also complete a high school degree at the new Jesuit school.

These students began their senior year at Prep at a perilous time in our nation's history, nine months after the attack on Pearl Harbor brought the United States into World War II. Entering Prep's campus for the first day of school on September 9, 1942, they knew that upon turning eighteen, they would be drafted to fight in World War II, even if this birthday occurred during the school year.¹ It is perhaps quite difficult for us, especially for those of us who are parents, to imagine this awesome necessity imposed by total war, in which a young man would be deprived of graduation in order to answer his country's call to service in war.

It is pertinent to note that *Hearthstone 1945* preserves (on page 57) a very moving aspect of Fairfield Prep's history, for it consists of a military honor roll of all former Prep students then fighting in World War II. It is important to note that the list contains sixty-four names from the classes of 1943, 1944, 1945 and 1946. The listing consists of thirty-five Prepsters who had graduated from Fairfield Prep and, significantly, twenty-nine who had been drafted before they could graduate. The list is titled "Alumni In The Armed Forces," which clearly indicates that the twenty-nine who had not officially graduated were nevertheless considered alumni, too. (They are preserved as such in Prep's alumni database.)



Touchingly, these twenty-nine are called "Ex-Men" in the military honor roll.

Returning to the class of 1943, we can glimpse in the graduation photo accompanying this photo the sacrifice rendered: **Stephen S. Moran '43** had already entered military service and so appeared for graduation in his military uniform rather than the traditional white dinner jacket worn by his classmates.

Not pictured in the graduation photo is **James A. Curran '43 (P.G.)**; he had already been drafted and was away for his training. Sadly, the aforesaid military honor roll reports that by the time *Hearthstone 1945* was published, Curran had perished in the war.

Also not pictured are **Carl J. Asman '43**, **Russell R. Ayers '43**, **Gerald D. McIndoe '43 (P.G.)** and **Elbert V. Kring '43**, all of whom are included in the *Hearthstone 1945* military honor roll. *Bellarmino Quarterly* vol. I, No. 2 – February 1943 mentions that by that time McIndoe had already been drafted. BQ vol. I, No. 3 – Easter 1943 mentions that Asman and Ayers were preparing to report for military service, and that Kring was departing early to enroll in Holy Cross College.

In our own time of uncertainty and peril, we draw inspiration from the great sacrifice rendered by the members of the Class of 1943,

and of those classes immediately following, all of whose members participated as pioneers in the audacious project planned and effectuated by the Society of Jesus, that of starting a new school amidst the outbreak of World War II.

As we begin our celebration of our school's 80th anniversary, we acknowledge the pioneering spirit of that small group who wished to experience the Jesuit education offered by the newly founded Fairfield College Preparatory School, even if for the brief time of one year. Let us always honor their memory and draw inspiration from their subsequent sacrifice.

To conclude this brief tribute, we reflect on the very own words of the Class of 1943, as recorded in their yearbook, *Hearthstone 1943*:

What the future holds for each of us, we can only dimly guess. But, indelibly etched on our memories to cheer and strengthen us is the bright image of Alma Mater, symbolized by THE HEARTHSTONE, in whose glowing presence we imbibed the loftiest ideals and learned the secret of successful living during the eventful year of 1942-43 at Fairfield College Preparatory School.

¹ Toward the war's end, Congress considered, but did not pass, legislation that would permit high school students eighteen and nineteen years of age to be deferred until the end of an academic year. General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, strongly objected to the legislation. —Blum, Albert A. (1960). The army and student deferments during the second world war. *The Journal of Higher Education*, Vol. 31, No. 1, pp. 41-45.

REMEMBERING PREP PIONEERS

Below is the definitive list of names of the members of Prep's first graduating class. Where applicable, each class member's branch of military service during the Second World War is included. The four whose listings are marked by asterisk appear in our records as post-graduate members of the Class of 1943. (NB: Some accounts of Prep's early history state that there were twelve members of the Class of 1943, omitting Gerald D. McIndoe, likely due to his having been drafted early in the school year. Nevertheless, he was considered then, and is considered now, a Fairfield Prep alumnus.)

CARL JOSEPH ASMAN

United States Army
(New Haven; salutatorian)

RUSSELL RAYMOND AYERS

United States Army Air
Forces (Stratfield)

JAMES ADAMS CURRAN

United States Army (Fairfield),
Died in World War II.*

THOMAS FRANCIS DAVIS

(Fairfield)

WALTER WARD GARRITY

United States Army Air
Forces (Fairfield)

ELBERT VICTOR KRING

United States Naval
Reserve (Bridgeport)

ROBERT FRANCIS MADDEN

United States Navy
(Stratford)

WILLIAM JOSEPH MANN

(Bridgeport; valedictorian)

PAUL BENEDICT MARLOWE

United States Army
(New Haven)*

GERALD D. MCINDOE

United States Army*

STEPHEN LAWRENCE

MCMAHON (Bridgeport)*

STEPHEN SYLVESTER

MORAN United
States Army Air Forces
(Bridgeport)

THOMAS BERNARD

WRYNN United States
Navy (Bridgeport)

*Curran, Marlowe, McIndoe and
McMahon appear in the records as post-
graduate members of the Class of 1943.

Another McGivney Miracle

Great grand-uncle Saint Michael McGivney answers John Walshe's prayer

On April 9, 2018, **John Walshe '61** was rushed to the emergency room after complications from hernia surgery. He was bleeding internally and suffering from what he says was "the worst pain I ever felt in my life." As they assessed his condition, his wife Kay overheard the doctors say, "I don't think this guy is going to make it. He lost a lot of blood." He went in and out of an induced coma and had to be resuscitated three times.

For most of his life, John prayed for others but never himself. However, this time he knew he needed help so he prayed to his great grand-uncle, Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, who was beatified on October 31, 2020. "It was the first time I prayed for myself," John recalled. "I said, 'Father Mike, you gotta get me out of this ... please. Do me a favor.'"

Several days later, when he woke up in his hospital bed at St. Vincent Medical Center, a priest from St. Pius X Parish was praying beside him. "And standing behind him," John said, "I saw Father Mike in his clerical garb." Clear as day. "After he finished praying, he left and so did Father Mike."

John recovered from the ordeal, and today he looks back on his encounter with Father McGivney as one of many answered prayers he has heard about through the intercession of his great grand-uncle.

A graduate of the Fairfield Prep class of 1961, John is a Fourth Degree Knight who has been a member of the worldwide organization for more than 55 years. He often attends conventions and comes face to face with people who attributed a favor in their life to Father McGivney.

"Somebody would come up to me and say, 'I had cancer and was given six months to live so I prayed to your uncle ... and that was ten years ago,'" John said. He also recalled going to a funeral for a former state deputy of the Knights and hearing people say Father McGivney had appeared to the man during his last moments on Earth. "I certainly was not the only guy to have an appearance from our saint," John said.

Brian Caulfield, vice postulator for Father McGivney's cause for sainthood, estimates that since 1997 there have been more than 1500 favors granted to individuals who prayed to the priest. They take many forms: a troubled marriage is saved, an alcoholic gets sober, an unemployed man finds work, and a terminal cancer patient goes into remission. Two years ago John experienced it himself when he saw the man he had heard about since he was a child.

John and his wife Kay of 26 years have two sons, Jake and Hugh, and live in Bridgeport. Their two



John '61, with his wife Kay and sons Jake '17 and Hugh '13

sons are Prep graduates **Hugh Walshe**, class of 2013 and **John (Jake) Walshe**, class of 2017.

Hugh went to Prep from Holy Family School in Fairfield, where he caught for the baseball team and was a founder of Holy Family's Columbian Squires and Deputy Chief of the Connecticut State Squires. At Prep, he played JV Football, and outside of FP junior hockey during and after FP at the Hartford Junior Wolfpack and Norwalk Junior Oilers before Indiana University where he played hockey for two years.

Jake graduated from St. Ann's Academy in Black Rock, where he was a Squire and Scribe of the Connecticut State Scribes. He played hockey and rugby at Prep before heading to Loyola Maryland, where he is a senior and played rugby for three years and will continue as a senior.

For 40 years, John Walshe had a law office in New York City. A member of the first graduating class of St. Peter's Catholic Elementary School, he went on to Fairfield Prep, Sacred Heart University and New York University School of Law.

On October 31, John and his family members attended one of the most noteworthy celebrations for Fr. Michael McGivney, the Mass for his beatification, celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. For his family, Father McGivney is still larger than life, a man they knew intimately from the abundance of stories that have been passed down over the generations.

"For us, people are never gone," John said. "That's the way it is with Father Mike because we know so many stories about him. And the reason he's so important to me and everybody else in the family is that it has been 120 years since he died, and he is still living with us. The stories and the jokes are still being told. He was a real person." He was a real person who was named a real saint.

Taken from an original article by Joe Pisani, published in the October 2020 issue of the Fairfield County Catholic. The complete article is available online: www.bridgeportdiocese.org/fairfield-county-catholic/

Prep Family Fellowship

Although physically apart the Prep Parent Community found ways to stay connected

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY VIRTUAL FATHER/SON MASS & BREAKFAST

On February 7, the Fathers' Club held their annual Father/Son Mass & Breakfast. Fr. Paul Rourke, S.J., of the Fairfield Jesuit Community celebrated the Mass as fathers and sons gathered virtually in their homes. President Christian Cashman was the guest speaker and gave attendees a tour of the new McLeod Innovation Center.



FATHERS' CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE FARM TAILGATE

On December 5, the Fathers' Club held their first annual Christmas Tree tailgate at Maple Row Farms in Easton. Parents connected in the outdoors for some food and friendship while picking out their Christmas trees.

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Todd '96 and Angela Ulman

Alumnus Establishes Scholarship Award



From the 1996
Hearthstone

Todd Ulman truly is a “Man for Others.” He and his wife Angela demonstrated this Jesuit ideal recently by establishing the **Todd and Angela Ulman '96 Scholarship**, a full, four-year tuition award for a deserving Prep student.

“It’s fair to say everyone has many crossroads in life, and you choose your path and God willing

it is onward and upward. Reflecting back on the roads that opened up for me and my family due to the Jesuit ideals and education I was afforded at Prep, I feel humbled at the opportunities I

was given to experience that journey,” said Ulman. The first recipient of the Ulman Scholarship joins the Prep family this fall as a freshman, Tyler Robinson (pictured).



Rob Cottle, VP for Advancement at Prep, added, “Todd and Angela live out each and every day striving to positively impact people’s lives. We are so grateful that each year, one young man will proudly represent this scholarship and hopefully prepare himself for a lifetime of giving back as well. We are so thankful for their generosity!” **AMDG!**



“The Ulman family is committed to helping those that need a helping hand find their path to Prep, and travel on new roads in the future, benefiting not only themselves, but those who follow in their footsteps. I call on all of my fellow alumni to join me so that Prep may continue to thrive for decades to come.”

TODD ULMAN '96



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