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\$5MM, Prep's Largest in History**

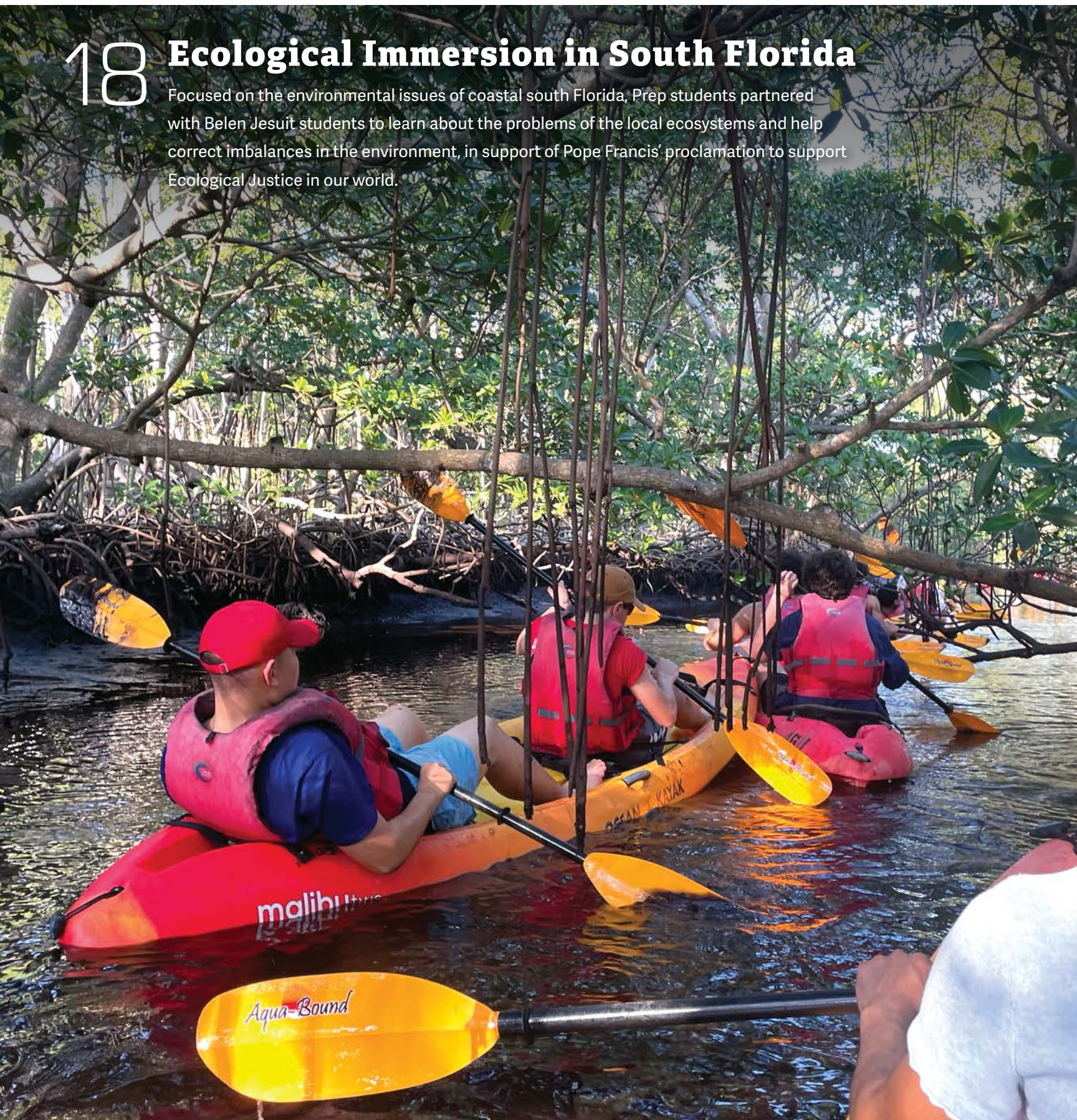
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Greetings from North Benson and Happy 80th Anniversary, Fairfield Prep! As I write to you today, signs of spring and new life surround us. The boys are out on the baseball diamond, on the lacrosse field, sailing on the Sound, and preparing the spring musical, concerts and all the year-end ceremonies, including graduation for the wonderful Prep Class of 2022.

As I conclude my second year as President, I am filled with gratitude at the profound efforts of our students and faculty since the beginning of the pandemic in March of 2020. I am humbled by the heroic support of our alumni, parents, friends and benefactors who have stood with us during these challenging times. Prep has not only survived, but I believe we have also thrived in unexpected and grace-filled ways.

In the midst of two quite challenging years, we have also managed to pause and reflect together on Prep's vision for the future. This most Ignatian way of proceeding has allowed us to formulate **Fairfield Prep's Strategic Plan 2022**, which provides a comprehensive framework for growth and Jesuit excellence over the next five years. Our strategic pillars will inform the investments we make in the young men of Prep and their distinctive Jesuit education. Read more about this plan in the next pages.

Phase one of our strategic plan will address the sustainability of our Jesuit, Catholic mission through access to Prep by way of scholarship and financial assistance. Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors over the last two years, we have been able to increase our scholarship and financial awards significantly, while also increasing our enrollment to the highest level in seven years. This first phase will also address the urgent social emotional, wellness and academic supports needed by our boys in light of our Jesuit mission to care for the whole person, and respond to the challenges facing our students as we emerge from the pandemic.

While we are beginning to unfold our plan, I am thrilled to share that we have received the single, largest, philanthropic gift in Prep's history in support of our strategic vision. Dr. Jim Barrett '60 and his

wife April have committed \$5 million dollars to fund our strategic pillars, beginning with increasing access through financial aid. As you will read, Jim Barrett was the quintessential Prep man of the 1950s. He was born and raised in Bridgeport, the oldest of five brothers, with working class parents who sacrificed morning and night to send their sons to Fairfield Prep. Jim has never forgotten the lifelong impact that his Jesuit and lay teachers made on his life. Jim and April Barrett's transformative gift, right on the heels of their gift to our Xavier Hall renovations creating the Barrett Science Center, is the kind of decisive generosity that will secure the vitality of our Jesuit mission and change lives of Prep boys for years to come. May God bless Jim and April Barrett for their loving care of our mission.

As we conclude the global **Ignatian Year 2021-2022**, we have certainly experienced the motto of the year: "To see all things new in Christ." The gifts of St. Ignatius and the Society of Jesus continue to inspire our work and bless our days. I often wonder how St. Ignatius would react if he were to visit our campus today. I suspect he would find himself very much at home in the familiar mission we have nurtured and continued for over 470 years, and 80 years here at Prep. I believe he would also relish the ingenuity and creative *Magis* of our faculty and our boys, who embrace the challenges of the modern era with our signature passion and holy boldness.

My heart is overflowing with gratitude for the graces we all share in our life at Prep. Thank you for making it a priority to support Prep's vital mission. 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, '23
President

FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

Dr. M. James '60 and April Barrett Make the Largest Gift in Prep's History

In March, Dr. M. James and April P. Barrett made a \$5-million gift to Fairfield Prep—the largest individual gift received in the school's 80-year history. The Barretts' record-setting donation will support the five pillars laid out in the school's 2022 strategic plan, one that will influence the course of Fairfield Prep as it starts its next 80 years.

"April and Jim are the first big investors in the new strategic plan," said President Christian Cashman. "We are so grateful for their support and their enthusiasm for the direction of the school. The Barretts have a deep belief in the value of Jesuit education, a 450-year-old model that still has relevance for our day. They appreciate its commitment to excellence, academic rigor, and social justice."

Professional Path

The Barrett name is a familiar one at Prep: In 2020, Jim and April donated \$2.5 million to transform the fourth floor of Xavier Hall into the Barrett Science Center. That facility is one Jim can truly appreciate: He is a scientist who earned a B.S. in chemistry from Boston College and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Tennessee Medical School. He started his career at the pharmaceutical company Smith Kline & French as the director of a clinical biochemistry lab in Boston, then in Dallas, before moving to California as the company's head of research and development. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from Santa Clara University and, at age 39, became Smith Kline & French's youngest vice president leading the entire lab division.

Jim was then recruited by a venture capital company to turn around Bethesda Research Labs in Maryland, one of the very first biotech companies. After taking that company public in 1984, he started Genetic Therapy in 1989, an early pioneer in gene therapy technology. Jim sold that company in 1996 and briefly retired. "We spent the four years traveling the world and enjoying ourselves," recalled April, who was the executive director of the nonprofit Jung Society of Washington, DC. She continues to serve on the board of that organization today.

Eventually, the venture capital firm New Enterprise Associates (NEA) lured Jim back to develop its burgeoning health care practice. He quickly took to the work, becoming a general partner. Jim remained at NEA for 20 years before retiring for the second time in 2018. "I went from being a scientist and quasi-business guy to becoming an entrepreneur," he explained. "It was a great, fun experience for me in the second half of life."

Connecticut Roots

Jim's success in the world of venture capital is a long way away from his upbringing in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He was the oldest of five brothers—all of whom attended Prep—and worked three jobs to help with tuition: delivering newspapers in the morning, manning the switchboard in Bellarmine Hall in the evenings, and caddying at a local golf club during the summers.



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— DR. M. JAMES BARRETT '60

Looking back, Jim unequivocally credits Fairfield Prep as the bedrock of his success. "College and graduate school and everything that came after would not have been possible without the foundation laid at the Prep," he reflected. "For that reason, I've always felt an obligation to the Prep. Prep transformed me as a personality and a person. It taught me the world of the mind—a world I'd never seen before as an adolescent. And because April and I have been so fortunate, we wanted to give back."

"Jim jokes that he and Prep have grown together. He was born in 1942—the same year Prep was founded," said Vice President for Advancement Robert Cottle. "In Jim's 50-year professional career, he witnessed tremendous change in the biomedical sciences. Prep, too, has undergone tremendous change in that same period. Support from donors like Jim and April is vital in ensuring that Fairfield Prep can evolve and grow while remaining true to its mission."

— By Maura King Scully

Planning for Fairfield Prep's Future

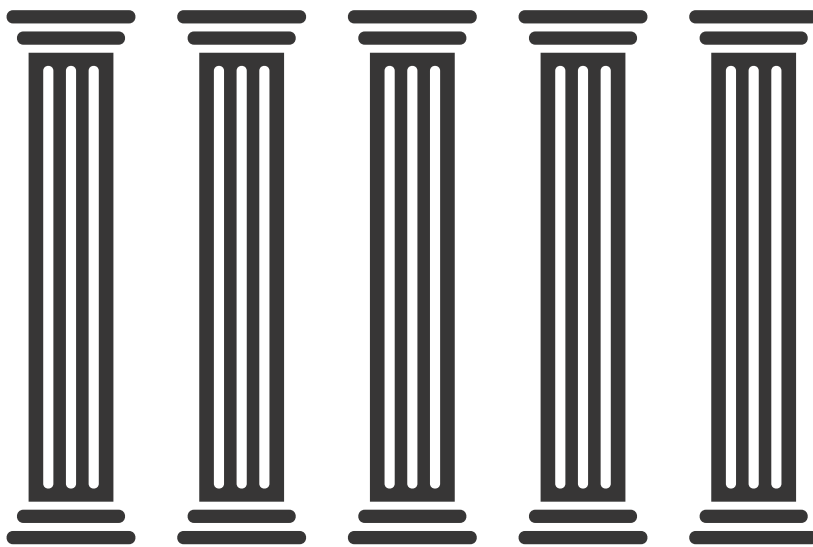
As Prep celebrates our 80th year in Fairfield, we are renewing our commitment to educating our sons in the Jesuit tradition, mind, body and spirit. We have formulated **Fairfield Prep's Strategic Plan 2022**, which provides a comprehensive framework for growth and Jesuit excellence for the next five years at Prep. These five pillars will inform the investments we make in our students' Jesuit education.

Our Mission Statement sets the framework for Prep's Jesuit education to develop transformational leaders for the future:

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



FIVE STRATEGIC PILLARS



I

Sustain our Jesuit, Catholic Mission and Commitment to Justice



II

Ensure Jesuit Educator Formation and Excellence



III

Deepen Ignatian Engagement of the Whole Person



IV

Expand Academic Support and Success (cura personalis)



V

Invigorate the FP Alumni Network and Brotherhood



Be Ignited for Prep!

- In light of profound societal challenges and the educational disruption of pandemic, our region needs Fairfield Prep and our transformational Jesuit, Catholic mission more than ever!
- Prep men are formed for excellence in college and life. They become community leaders of conscience, intellectual competence, and compassion for a needy world.
- Our Jesuit mission is current and innovative, while still being rooted in a 500-year-old, time-tested model of educating the whole person.
- Our approach to rigorous academic, spiritual, moral and physical development is foundational and is distinctive for 14- to 18-year-old boys in Fairfield County, on the campus of Fairfield University.



As we celebrate Prep's 80th Anniversary, our dedicated Board of Governors is pleased to support the forward-looking Strategic Plan set forth. It will provide the foundation to strengthen and grow Fairfield Prep's excellence as a Jesuit, Catholic school for the future.

— SALLY BEDNAR, P'20, '22, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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A Great Place to Learn Together



ELECTRIC VEHICLES FOR THE FUTURE

Prep participated with high school students across the nation in an engineering lab as part of National Catholic Schools Week. Students learned about the history, development, and design of electric vehicles, and had the opportunity to build their own using materials provided by Engineering Tomorrow.



3D PRINTING PROTOTYPES AND PARTS

Students in the Entrepreneurship class designed Prep-branded products made by utilizing 3-D printing technology, and the supporting business cases for sale and/or distribution to students.



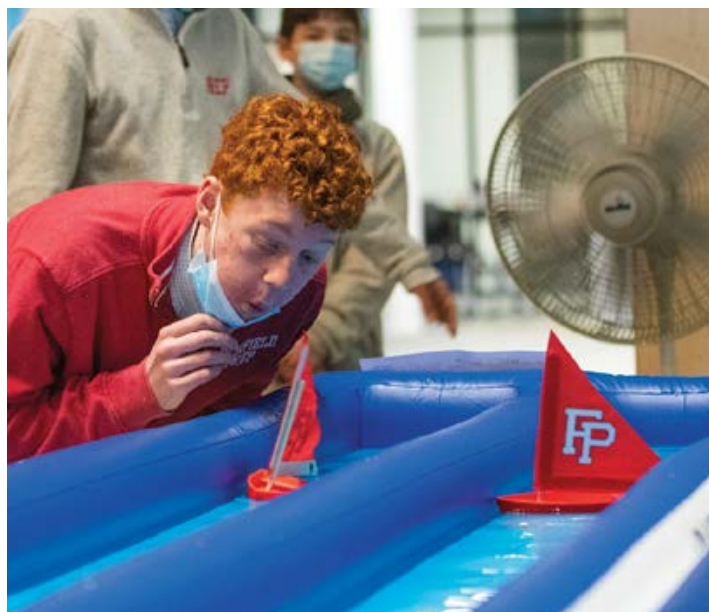
READY, AIM, FIRE!

Honors Physics students designed and built catapults to achieve specific distance goals while learning about the laws of motion. Mr. Ford's class tested their designs in the McLeod Innovation Center.

SIKORSKY STEM CHALLENGE

The Sikorsky STEM Challenge provides students with the opportunity to partner with a Sikorsky Engineering mentor and solve an engineering design problem applying the lessons of the classroom to the technical problems being faced in their mission.





SAILBOAT RACING AND MATH?

Math can be fun! It's that competitive spirit which kicks in when you're racing. Geometry students learned about applications of the Pythagorean Theorem using nautical navigation as a real life example. Special thanks to alumnus **Devin Santa '90** who shared his sailing expertise.

McLeod Innovation Center



'JESUBOTS' AT WORK!

The Jesubots Robotics Club collaborates as a team to build interactive robot components which will respond to this year's challenge outlined in the regional/statewide competition.



BUILDING BRIDGES

Honors Physics students worked with partners to build bridges that could sustain up to 50 lbs. using scientific principles. Lots of duct tape, glue, and sticks were provided. Thanks to Engineering Tomorrow for sponsoring this learning challenge!



CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR

Students enjoyed a cultural experience event in celebration of the Chinese New Year. Authentic foods were served and demonstrations were hosted by Prep's international students and sponsor AIEP Host Families.

**INVITING THE
CLASS OF**

2026

MAGIS



SPECIAL DELIVERY!

Prep surprised Class of 2026 candidates with the great news of acceptance, PLUS delivered "Magis" Merit Scholarship awards. Congratulations to all of our accepted students and welcome to the Prep Brotherhood!

OPEN HOUSE

PREP VISITORS FIND PEOPLE TO MEET, PLACES TO GO, AND THINGS TO SEE

Fairfield Prep welcomed two full sessions of prospective students and their families during Open House on Sunday, October 3 and Saturday, November 20.

Each session opened with a presentation by President Christian Cashman and Principal Tim Dee, along with engaging speeches from student speaker **Daniel Maloney '22** and faculty speaker Mrs. Elaine Clarke about the Fairfield Prep experience and Prep's Jesuit mission.

Visitors were then welcomed to learn more, meeting members of the Prep community at various stations for academics, clubs, and sports. They also enjoyed hands-on demonstrations in the McLeod Innovation Center, and toured the Barrett Science Center, the Lavery Fitness Center, the Sal Santella Visual & Performing Arts Floor and the Boughton Academic Center.



**WELCOMING THE
CLASS OF**

2025



BUILDING BONDS TOGETHER

At the Freshman Rally Day, 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

REFLECTION FOLLOWED BY INDOCTRINATION INTO THE BOMB SQUAD

The annual Freshman Retreat was held on March 10-11, which included group workshops, reflection, witness talks and team building fun. In addition, the Freshman Class joined the Prep Bombsquad to cheer for the Jesuits Basketball vs. West Haven in a state playoff!

PREP for Music

Celebrating the Seasons

AUTUMN SHOWCASE

The Autumn Music Showcase was performed in the McLeod Innovation Center on October 28. The Select Choir Ensemble and the Class of 2022 Senior Musicians performed a variety of solos, duets, and ensemble songs. Seniors who were featured with spotlight performances included: **Peter Zhuang, Danny Maloney, Jack McDermott, RJ Fricke, Will Quincy, Evan Jang, Aksel Sather, Michael Hyland and Mike Rothberg.** Additionally, all seniors in Prep's Music Program were honored with a certificate of recognition by Music Director Dan Horstmann.



A NOT SO SILENT NIGHT

Prep hosted a beautiful Advent Carols & Tree Lighting, followed with a Select Choir and Jazzuits Christmas Concert and refreshments.

Thank you to Prep's Campus Ministry, Music Department, and our many families who joined us.





Making “All Things New”

Prep’s Music Department held its Annual Winter Concert on January 12. The performance showcased the entire music department: String Orchestra, Select Choir, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazzuits, Blues Band, and the Combined Symphonic Orchestra.

The theme was “All Things New” in Christ, as the school is celebrating the

500th Anniversary of St. Ignatius’s Conversion. In music classes, a focus of the first semester was to see “All Things New” — to take every opportunity to be creative and see with a new perspective. As members of an ensemble, the students were challenged to re-learn how to perform as a group, to develop the skills needed for success, and to build relationships.



“Every moment the students spend in rehearsal provides them with a unique opportunity to learn more about music and to connect with one another as musicians. Tonight’s performance of the repertoire is truly a testament to their hard work, dedication, and passion for music.” — MUSIC DIRECTOR DAN HORSTMANN

Fairfield Prep presents

writing royale

a short story contest



The Writing Royale is Fairfield Prep's Creative Writing Contest, which is open to both short stories and personal essays of no more than 1,500 words. This year, we had our highest number of submissions in the three years the contest has run. Mr. Jamie Chesbro, faculty moderator of *The Bellarmine Review*, wishes to thank the panel of three English teachers who read the submissions anonymously and chose the five finalists.

This year's guest-judge, Sonja Livingston, is the author of five books. Her latest book is *The Virgin of Prince Street*, which explores the changing concepts of devotion and her journey back to the Catholic Church. She is also the author of three essay collections as well as *Ghostbread*, which won the AWP Book Prize for Nonfiction. Livingston's essays appear widely, including in: *Salon*, *LitHub*, *America*, and *The Kenyon Review*. She is an associate professor of English at Virginia Commonwealth University.



CONGRATULATIONS...

to **Jack Miller '23**, chosen as winner of Prep's "Writing Royale" contest and all the finalists, who are Prep juniors.

JACK MILLER'S "The Smithy of My Years," stands out for the writer's rare ability to observe and convey the intricacies of human nature. The narrator's uncle is both joyous and sorrowful, playful and harsh. Throughout it all, a sense of the uncle comes through and he is clearly important to the narrator, whose descriptions so beautifully capture his character. Descriptions of the old theatre, which "seemed to rot from the outside, with the different coats of arms spread across the building breaking apart," are similarly effective and evocative. This is a writer who notices the world around him, the people in it and is able to bring them to life in this richly complex and haunting portrait.

JASON GONG'S "One Action for All," is a riveting story of baseball, action and character. The writer uses telling details and effective descriptions to develop his character, create a believable setting and ratchet up the internal and external tension as the playoff game progresses from an easy win to a potential loss. Because of his talent and influence on the team, the main character, Grady, is under a great deal of pressure to win the game. The story's surprise ending demonstrates the writer's ability to grab readers with a good story and a believable situation while showcasing a character who transforms from an individual on a team to a true team player.

ROBBIE DONAHUE'S "Toyota Highlander," conveys the eerie silence of a future world inhabited by self-propelled vehicles and people whose lives have become one of bland uniformity and ease. Donahue's main character, Eli, resists the soul-crushing sameness through his attachment to his 30 year-old vehicle, which requires that he still think on his own to drive. Donahue's use of the vehicle as a symbol and his atmospheric descriptions make the world he's created seem both real and oddly prophetic. The ending is masterful. The story reads as a warning against the temptation of the easy path as it underscores the human desire (and necessity) to be challenged and outspoken instead of meekly following the crowd.

JACK GREENLEAF'S "The House on the Corner," is a masterful demonstration of setting and voice. The writer brings the gloomy house to life through vivid descriptions such of dark hallways and peeling walls. If the rotting wood and broken windows are not enough to convey the ominous setting, the narrator's description of his father seals the deal: "My father spent his days lurking throughout the home." Every word seems well chosen. Through the writer's skill, the reader understands the decay of the place and of the father-son relationship. Through his strong storytelling voice, we sense the narrator's imprisonment and complicated feelings about his father and the freedom that eludes him even when he finally leaves the old house.

CHARLIE WIELE'S, "The Irresistible Mine," hooks readers from the first line as his character ventures deep into an Appalachian mine in search of a treasure with the power to change his life. His character's determination and desperation come through the skillful use of specific setting details, heightening action and character description as he burrows deeper into the tunnels, seeking gold. The situation the writer describes and the tension he so effectively builds pulls the reader along and does not end until the last line, which comes with a lesson for the character and for readers as well.



Prep Players Triumph Over Evil in "Puffs"

Prep Players theatre group performed its fall production, "Puffs," at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts on November 11, 12 and 13, 2021. Everyone is familiar with a certain "Boy Wizard" who went to a Wizard School and conquered evil. This, however, was not his story — it was the story of the Puffs... who just happened to be there, too.

"Puffs" was a tornado of a play that took the audience through all seven famous books with just 11 actors in 90 minutes. It gave a new look at a familiar adventure from the perspective of three potential heroes just trying to make it through a magic school, one which proves to be very dangerous for children. Alongside them are the Puffs, a group of well-meaning, loyal outsiders with a thing for badgers. Certainly, it was a tale for anyone who had never been destined to save the world.



The Ensemble

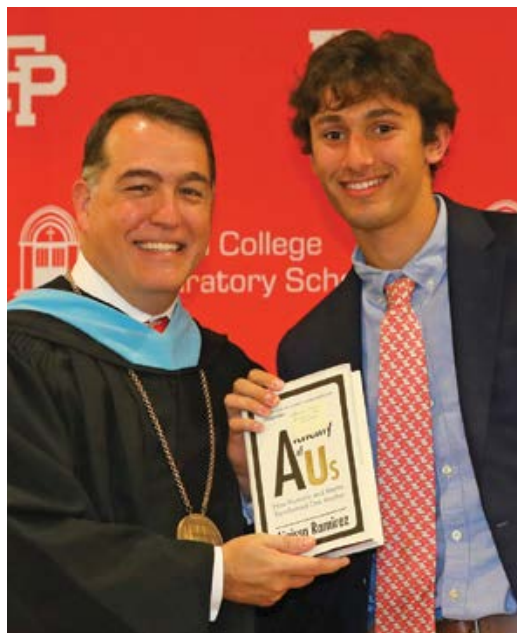
Will Quincy '22	Wayne Hopkins
Jenny Silence	Megan Jones
Preston Lyons '23	Oliver Rivers
Evan Jang '22	Cedric/Mr. Voldy
Nick Gualtiere '24	Narrator
Flor Huerta	Sally Perks & others
Tim Wong '23	Ernie Mac & others
Samantha Hoffman	Hannah Abbott & others
Eileen O'Connor	Susie Bones & others
Tomas Galloza '24	J. Finch Fletchley & others
Grace Stern	Leanne & OTHERS



HIGH ACHIEVERS

Students recognized at 2021 Honors Awards Ceremony

Prep students were honored for their high academic achievement at the annual Honors Awards Ceremony held in the fall at the Student Life Center. The event was split into two sessions to accommodate honorees, faculty, and family members. New members were inducted into the National Honor Society and seniors received special Book Awards, recognizing their outstanding school performance and leadership in key subject areas. Additionally, students were recognized for academic honors for the 2020-21 school year.



William Bonnist receives the Brown University Award from President Cashman



James Gill received the Dartmouth Book Award, shown with mother Donna Gill

CLASS OF 2022 BOOK AWARDS

Fairfield Prep seniors were recognized at the 2021 Honors Ceremony. Book Awards were given for outstanding academic performance and leadership in key subject areas.

Brown University Book Award

★ **William Bonnist**

Clarkson University Achievement Award

★ **Tiernan Curley**

Clarkson University Leadership Award

★ **Matthew Dunn**

Columbia University Book Award

★ **James Iaropoli**

Cornell University Book Award

★ **Evan Jang**

Dartmouth College Book Award

★ **James Gill**

Gettysburg College Book Prize

★ **Conor Glynn**

Harvard Book Prize

★ **Matthew Marsden**

Johns Hopkins Book Award

★ **Aksel Sather**

Rensselaer Medal

★ **Arav D'Souza**

Sacred Heart Book Award

★ **Emmett Cheever**

St. Lawrence University Book Award

★ **Conor Lillis**

Saint Michael's Book Award for Academic Achievement

★ **Michael Coyne**

Saint Michael's Book Award for Social Conscience

★ **Daniel Barnick**

Tulane Book Award

★ **Henry Keller**

University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Science Award

★ **Charles Gussen**

University of Rochester Fredrick Douglas & Susan B. Anthony Award

★ **Eric Hoerdman**

University of Rochester Kodak (George Eastman) Young Leaders Program

★ **Michael Rothberg**

University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology

★ **Baxter John**

Villanova University Book Award

★ **Theodore Bednar**

University of Virginia Jefferson Book Award

★ **Andre Mead**

William & Mary Leadership Award

★ **John Reidy**

Yale Book Award

★ **Hugh Hutchinson**

Straker honored as Wakeman Youth of the Year



Fairfield Prep is proud of the exemplary contribution made by **Jonathan Straker '22** in being named Wakeman Youth of the Year 2022 at the Smilow Burroughs Clubhouse. Jonathan has distinguished himself by his character and commitment to support positive growth in the lives of others by his outreach through Wakeman. He is a member of the Smilow Burroughs Clubhouse, the Keystone Club and the Diplomas2Degrees Program. At Prep, Jonathan is a member of the Chess Club, the Bowling Team, a participant in intramural sports, and a student ambassador. He is a giving young man who is active in music ministry in his church and serves others on and off campus. Jonathan anticipates a career in business or engineering and hopes to develop products to benefit others. He will attend Elon University.



Ethics Team Reaches Semifinals 2nd Year in a Row

A group of nine scholars from Fairfield Prep's Philosophy Club attended Manhattanville's 7th Regional Ethics Bowl on February 5. These students met twice a week and on weekends since September in order to prepare for this year's match-up. As the Ethics Bowl gains recognition for its development of young minds in the field of ethics, the regional bowls are attracting fierce competition. Manhattanville's Regional Bowl has always been considered a 'small' bowl with under 10 schools participating. If a team claimed victory after five rounds, then they would have to win another 'small' bowl in order to go to Nationals at UNC.

The 2018 Fairfield Prep Ethics Bowl team had to win two bowls to get to Nationals that year. This year, the logistics for Prep's 2022 team were more intense with Manhattanville's Regional competition being considered a 'large' bowl with 10 schools and 140 students participating, with the winner going straight to UNC for Nationals! This year, Fairfield Prep won all three preliminary rounds earning them a spot in the 2022 Manhattanville Regional Ethics Bowl Semi-Finals. Prep was one of four qualifying teams that had a shot of going to the big game, but unfortunately did not advance.

Kudos to the 2022 Prep team! Pictured from left: Ms. Kathleen Jackson, **Drew Kopchick '25**, **Farrell Nivrose '25**, **Kyle Elliott '24**, **Tim Wong '23**, **Hugh Hutchinson '22**, **Joseph Altieri '22**, **Jack Miller '23**, **Luis Brea '23**, **Kevin Murphy '25** and Mr. Kevin Kery.

SCC SCHOLAR ATHLETES

*Daniel Barnick and John Reidy were named SCC Scholar Athletes for the **FALL SEASON**, sponsored by Great Blue Research.*



Daniel Barnick, Football

A standout Summa Cum Laude student and member of the National Honor Society, Daniel has distinguished himself in his academic life. He is a four-year member of Prep's Football and Crew teams and was the leading rusher for Prep's State Runner-Up football team. Daniel has served in Student Government and is a member of Prep's Business Club and Cardinal Key service organization. He serves

the community through the organization Gather New Haven. Daniel will be attending Wake Forest next year.



John Reidy, Soccer

A standout Summa Cum Laude honor student in the classroom and member of the National Honor Society, Reidy will be attending Hamilton College, where he will be playing soccer. As a varsity soccer captain, Reidy helped lead the Jesuits to the CIAC Soccer Quarterfinals this year. John is the president of the Debate Team and has made a significant contribution to

Prep's music program as a four-year member of the Symphonic Orchestra. He serves the community through his support of the Kennedy Center Bowling program.

*Nathaniel Duffy and Max Manjos were named SCC Scholar Athletes for the **WINTER SEASON**, sponsored by Great Blue Research.*



Nathaniel Duffy, Swimming

Nathaniel Duffy, a Cum Laude honor student, is known for his dedication and hard work in both his academic and athletic life as well as for his leadership, serving as captain for both Prep's Crew and Swimming and Diving teams. Nathaniel helped lead the Jesuits to an SCC Championship in Swimming and will continue his rowing career at the

United States Naval Academy after a PG year. Known well for his positive energy and enthusiasm for all things Prep, Nathaniel has shared his giving energies through community service supporting recreation programs at the Cardinal Shehan Center and the Kennedy Center Bowling program.



Max Manjos, Basketball

A Cum Laude honor student in the classroom, Max Manjos has been a standout on the court for Prep's Varsity Basketball team. As a senior captain, he led the Jesuits to Runner-Up in the SCC and by his leadership and inspirational play, he led the team to the CIAC Semifinals. Max, who is well known for his character and volunteer service for Filling in the Blanks, an

organization which works to fight childhood hunger. Max will attend Roger Williams University where he will continue his academic success and his basketball career.

Nicholas Posada '22 is the Fairfield University Company Scholarship Winner

Nick embodies everything we want our students to be when they graduate from Fairfield Prep. He fully understands the opportunities that have been afforded to him in life, and has paid it forward by being a loving and generous member of our Prep community. The Company Scholarship will enable him to be the best version of himself for the next four years.

— RUBEN GOODWIN, DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY & ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Nicholas Posada '22 was honored with a Fairfield University Company Scholarship in March. This unique, inaugural program provides a four-year, full-cost scholarship. The program seeks to serve students representing diverse identities. The award was made to Nicholas in a surprise meeting in the Prep Guidance offices, and was presented in person by Fairfield University VP of Enrollment Management Corry Unis.

Dean of Guidance & College Advising John Hanrahan commented on Nick's growth and qualifications: "At Prep we challenge our students to be open to growth and Nick is truly one who has sought growth with a strong sense of mission. When I offered Nick a last word in a recent meeting, I was not surprised that he took me up on my offer in expressing, 'Someone with a reason can achieve anything they put their mind to.' Nick has a reason and he has certainly achieved all he has put his mind to."

The following is taken from a speech given by Nicholas Posada '22 to the guests at the Fairfield Prep Auction on October 23, 2021.

Fairfield Prep has a longstanding tradition in my family. The first in my family to attend Prep was one of my older cousins. He was the first to expose me to the opportunities that Prep has to offer, and the values that Prep instilled in him that I also wanted in my own life. After Prep, my cousin was able to attend Pace University and earn a degree in Marketing and Business Management. He is currently living in Brooklyn, New York, and works for a marketing agency as well as doing freelance work. I, along with my sister, are first generation Americans. My parents came to this country from Colombia in order to give us the opportunities they were not able to have themselves. Regardless of their situation, my parents instilled in us the importance of education.

My cousin was the first to tell me about Prep but it was not until 7th grade when I actually took the time to learn about what Prep has to offer. After meeting with school administration at a high school fair, something stood out about Prep that I did not see in the other schools that were there. Prep encourages us to support each other not only with our afterschool activities like cheering each other on at games, but



Nick Posada with Corry Unis, Fairfield University VP of Enrollment Management

also to support each other academically. Prep additionally values service and within the opportunities of service, the bonds of brotherhood strengthen. I can truly say with confidence that the friendships I have created here at Fairfield Prep are lifelong friendships. The brotherhood that we create at Prep is a brotherhood that will withstand the test of time.

Brotherhood was not the only reason why I chose Prep, it was also the opportunities that Prep offered that I know I would not have had if I had chosen another school. I want to touch on the class sizes. Did you know that in the state of Connecticut, classes can have up to 30 students? 30 is a lot! Due to our classes being smaller, the teachers at Prep actually get to know their students, learn our strengths and weaknesses, and help us become better

learners. The teachers that I have had at Prep have shown me that they are truly the best in their field of studies. Prep, as an educational institution, keeps its students up to date with the latest technology trends that are available. From the new Barrett Science Center to the McLeod Innovation Center, we have unbelievable places to hone our skills. This gives us the opportunity to be ready for the real world.

Now to the future. Being that I am a first generation student, I was not exposed previously to many people who have navigated the college process. Prep has exposed me to so many colleges that I never knew existed and has sparked interest in me in applying to colleges I never thought I could consider. However, knowing the education that I have received, which has allowed me to have a 3.86 GPA along with an extensive list of afterschool activities, I am very confident that I will receive an acceptance letter from one of my top seven schools that I am applying to.

I stand in front of you as a completely different person that came into Fairfield Prep my freshman year. I am no longer a shy freshman, not knowing how to navigate this thing called life. I now stand in front of you all as a confident senior ready to take on the next chapter of my life as a college student. This change would not have been possible if it were not for people like you helping students like me, by giving us the opportunity to attend Fairfield Prep. Thank you.

Elliott Gualtiere Named Fairfield Prep's Next Dean of Mission and Ministry

Following a thorough search, which evaluated a top slate of candidates from Catholic and Jesuit schools across the nation, Fairfield College Preparatory School has named Elliott Gualtiere as the next Dean of Mission and Ministry effective July 1, 2022. Elliott Gualtiere is a veteran of Jesuit Education and a highly experienced Ignatian campus minister and educator with a long tenure at Prep.

For the last seventeen years, Gualtiere served as the Director of Campus Ministry. Prior to his arrival at Prep, Gualtiere served in ministry and teaching positions in the Archdiocese of New York, including Preston Catholic High School for girls in the Bronx, where he taught theology and served as Campus Minister.

In his distinguished career at Fairfield Prep, Gualtiere became the first lay Director of Campus Ministry. He expanded student retreat programs to include a full range of retreat programs from ninth to twelfth grade, including Freshman and Sophomore Retreats, Grounded in Gratitude, the Ignatian Movie Retreat, Notre Dame Vision and the annual Christian Leadership Retreat. He has led over a thousand young men in Prep's signature Kairos Retreat.

Mr. Gualtiere has moderated service immersion trips to Jamaica, Ecuador and the Ignatian Family Teach-In. He has also worked extensively in adult faith formation for Ignatian educators and parents at Prep. Mr. Gualtiere has additionally been a respected presenter, committee member and collaborator within the Jesuit Schools Network.

Fairfield Prep President Christian Cashman praised Gualtiere's commitment and abilities: "Elliott Gualtiere is a deeply faithful and committed lay minister in Jesuit education. Elliott's strong knowledge of the Fairfield Prep Community over his tenure will allow him to lead and serve from a place of bonded relationships with students, adult constituents, our Prep alumni and University collaborators alike. His extensive fluency in Jesuit and Ignatian spirituality will allow him to deepen our mission outreach, especially to adult constituents who are so critical in forming and raising our young men and in carrying out our Jesuit Catholic mission."

In his new role, Mr. Gualtiere will work closely with Fairfield Prep's President and Principal to enhance our Campus Ministry and Adult Formation programs with an eye to strategic growth in Jesuit mission, retreats, service and spiritual formation. Building on strong foundations of Jesuit identity at Prep, Mr. Gualtiere will help to nurture a spirit of Ignatian innovation and growth for the next chapter in Fairfield Prep's Jesuit, Catholic mission programs.

The Dean of Mission and Ministry was the first endowed chair established at Fairfield Prep through a generous gift from the estate of **John "Sean" O'Rourke '59**. This gift ensures that there will always be a dedicated leadership focus on the Jesuit, Catholic mission and identity



"I am very excited to get to work as Dean of Mission and Ministry and to continue the great work of my friend Dr. Andrade. I am simply filled with a spirit of gratitude and that will translate into my work as Dean." — ELLIOTT GUALTIERE, P'21, '24

of Fairfield Prep. Elliott Gualtiere will succeed Dr. Donna Andrade, the first Dean of Mission and Ministry at Fairfield Prep, who will retire from full-time work at Prep in June. Dr. Andrade praised Gualtiere's qualifications: "Elliott possesses all of the personal characteristics, leadership skills, and professional acumen to serve as our next Dean of Mission and Ministry because he embodies all that it means to be an Ignatian educator. As a servant-leader, Elliott is a man for and with others, he employs cura personalis in all of his interactions and relationships, and he animates the Jesuit Mission and Ignatian identity of Fairfield Prep. Our community is blessed and fortunate to have Elliott Gualtiere serve our school in this new role."

Excited to assume the role of Dean of Mission and Ministry, Elliott Gualtiere expressed his passion for our mission, "Thank you to Mr. Cashman and the Fairfield Prep Community for entrusting me with this sacred call. I am so grateful to God for this graced opportunity. I am grateful I can continue serving the Fairfield Prep Community in this role. I am grateful for the relationships I have developed over the last 17 years with students, colleagues, parents, and alumni. I am very excited to get to work as Dean of Mission and Ministry and to continue the great work of my friend Dr. Andrade. I am simply filled with a spirit of gratitude and that will translate into my work as Dean."

Gualtiere brings a rich portfolio and Jesuit educational background, which includes: B.A., Political Science and M.S. Ed., Administration and Supervision from Fordham University. Elliott also completed the training for Spiritual Directors at the Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Fairfield University, where he will remain an active collaborator and serve as a board member at the MCIS. A search has begun for openings now created in Mission and Ministry who will report to and collaborate with Mr. Gualtiere.



Ecological Justice Immersion in South Florida

Fairfield Prep students joined Miami's Belen Jesuit High School students in an Ecological Justice Immersion trip in south Florida this February break. The 14 students were led by teachers Elaine Clark and Bob Ford and Belen Jesuit Christian Service Director Theresita Gonzalez. This was done in the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, the Earth is our common home and we have an obligation to care for it as we care for our brothers and sisters.

Focused on the environmental issues of coastal south Florida, students learned about the problems and did service to help correct imbalances in local ecosystems. The students

and their teachers participated in a number of projects including learning about runoff pollution into Biscayne Bay and the role that oysters and other shellfish play in helping to clean polluted water. They then helped build oyster habitat to be placed in the waterways to increase oyster growth.

Other projects and learning opportunities involved trail recovery in Everglades National Park, Longleaf Slash Pine

ecosystem maintenance in one of the only two ecosystems in the U.S. that support slash pine, and wet walks with park rangers in both the bald cypress and sawgrass ecosystems of the Everglades.

Finally, students attended Mass in Little Haiti, a part of Miami that is undergoing "climate gentrification," the process of less affluent communities being displaced by those who are escaping the problems of coastal sea-level rise, the usual "high-rent" property in Miami. Discussions with Haitian community members described the transition from being a vibrant

smaller culture within Miami to being displaced by higher rents and higher cost of living. This transition is driven by individual and commercial interest that are looking for the high-ground (ten-feet above sea-level) that is less likely to be flooded during increasingly energetic storms.

This was Prep's first cooperative immersion trip with another Jesuit high school and Belen Jesuit was an excellent host. Everyone enjoyed the

warm weather and great food and had a chance to make friends with their Miami Jesuit brothers.

— By Bob Ford Jr., Science Teacher





Service Calls

Prep brothers answer the call



A DIFFERENT KIND OF HOME WORK

A Prep team worked for Habitat for Humanity Coastal Fairfield County to build housing for families in need on October 16. Habitat for Humanity is based in Fairfield, CT, and creates easy homeownership opportunities for deserving families. The organization thanked Prep: "It was an honor and a pleasure to meet you and your group today. We really appreciate all of the continued years of support of our program."



URBAN PLUNGE IS BACK!

On October 21, a group of Fairfield Prep students embarked on an Urban Plunge service trip, the first one since the fall of 2019. As part of the plunge, a group of students spent time at Beardsley School in Bridgeport, CT, where they helped kindergarten and first-grade students during their classes. Prep students who participated included juniors **Tom Scholl**, **Thomas Nardone**, **Robbie Upton** and **Zach McCarthy**, plus others.



GREAT SUPPORT FOR GREAT IGNATIAN CHALLENGE

Once again, Fairfield Prep joined our fellow Jesuit high schools in the Great Ignatian Challenge Food Drive, devoted to raise awareness of the hunger in our communities. Prep collected a record 23,400 food items for five local food banks and pantries with much-needed provisions for hungry families.



'Call to Action' Grant Challenge Winners

Congratulations to our three "Call to Action" grant winners! Prep students were invited to participate in a grant competition that awarded \$500 to help initiate a new or expanded service opportunity. The service opportunity or initiative was to be based on one or more of the Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preferences to serve those in need and our environment. Prep is proud to announce the winners and the organizations they plan to serve:

Jimmy Gill '22 – Woofgang Company: supporting a Fairfield-based non-profit organization which trains and employs young adults with disabilities to supply and run a local store selling pet foods and accessories. The project offers social events hosted for the young adults, interacting with Prep students, to help build the young adults' social skills and have social opportunities. The picture below Jimmy shows a Bunco game and pizza party hosted at Fairfield Prep.



Conor Lillis '22 – Full Court Peace: supporting a non-profit organization which restores basketball courts, parks and other recreational facilities to create programs and opportunities for underserved youth in urban areas. Conor will be launching the first major project in April.



Christian Bujdud '23 – Blessed Sacrament Parish Food Pantry, Bridgeport: developing a community garden to grow fresh produce for the church's food pantry, which serves hundreds in the low-income neighborhoods of East Bridgeport. Christian will be launching the garden this spring.



KAIROS COMMUNITY AT WORK

Prep's Kairos Retreats were grace-filled experiences of prayer, reflection and community. Kairos, meaning the Lord's Time, is open to juniors and seniors. The retreats are held at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford.

PREP for Hands-On Learning

Educating with trips, tools and time



DOWN BY THE RIVER

On October 22, Environmental Science students explored the Cascades in Fairfield, where they evaluated freshwater stream quality through chemical, physical and biological parameters. Teacher Bob Ford Jr. used a D-net to collect “benthic invertebrates,” bugs who live on the bottom of the stream! In a tray, the class helped sort insects from the leaf detritus collected from the bottom.



EXPERIMENTING IN HONORS BIOLOGY

Prep’s new Barrett Science Center uses combination lab classrooms to facilitate experiments. In October, Honors Biology students meticulously tested for the presence of biological molecules in food items.



ZOOMING IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK

Students in Mr. Soto’s biology lab conducted introductory microscopy experiments, where they learned about depth of view and resolution using the Barrett Science Center’s Bluetooth-enabled microscopes.



PHYSICS IN THE QUAD

Mr. Ford’s Honors Physics students took their learning outside to continue their studies on displacement vectors, distance measurements, and directions; they used paces and compasses to literally measure the “Quad in the Quad.”



DRAWING INTEREST WITH BLACK HISTORY POSTERS

Prep kicked off Black History Month with a schoolwide community program. Classrooms were assigned historic black leaders to research, then the students designed posters reflecting their major accomplishments and impact on our society and world. Through collaboration students were able to learn about their assigned leaders in an active, engaging environment!



MUSEUM VISIT

Students from Mr. Sather's junior American Studies class took a field trip to the Fairfield University Art Museum on November 29. The group received a tour that held a focus on discerning a narrative through visual art.



EXTRA EFFORT

NHS volunteer tutors and faculty members helped students prepare in Math, Science, Social Studies, English, Spanish and Theology for their midterm exams.



PICTURE PERFECT

Jack Jurgielewicz '22 applies some finishing touches to his portion on the Berchmans third floor mural, which is an ongoing project originally commissioned by former Prep President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J. Studio Art students are invited to contribute to this mural every year as a way to leave their visual mark at Prep.

Brothers Just Want to Have Fun!

Prep students enjoy a variety of fun activities and clubs



BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE Halloween at Prep continues to be a day of fun and service as the Class of 2022 carried on the tradition of “Trunk-or-Treat” with students from Hall School in Bridgeport. The Prep seniors led students in a number of games such as limbo, Simon Says and a ring toss, among others. Hall students then went “trunk-or-treating” in the parking lot where Prep seniors decorated car trunks and gave out candy to the children. The event proved to be another rousing success, with Hall students always eager to come back to Prep for this annual event.



MANGIAMO! Lots of cannoli! The Italian Cultural Club sponsored a cannoli truck in Prep Quad to celebrate Italian Heritage Month, putting smiles on lots of faces!



WIFFLE BALL WINNERS The 2021 Intramural Wiffle Ball Champions were “Chirp Money Build Squad!” Team members include juniors **Colin LaBella** (MVP), **Chase Benton**, **Christian Bujdud**, **Gabe Garcia**, **Sam Beers** and **Sean Kingston**.



GO PREP!

Student Government hosted a rousing Pep Rally to build spirit for the Prep Football team advancing to the Class LL State Championship! The Rally took place on December 10 in Pelletier Quad, and featured Coach Hellstern, Provincial Fr. Joe Parkes, S.J., and team members. Shown left: Student Govt. Pres. **James Iaropoli '22**.



SKI & SNOWBOARD TRIP A group of 40 Prep students and chaperones enjoyed a Ski & Snowboard weekend trip to Jay Peak Resort in Vermont. A great time for students to bond with each another and meet new friends!



PREP'S IRISH CLUB hosted its annual musical charity-fundraiser for Ireland's aid organization, Trócaire. Trócaire ("compassion" in Gaelic) helps to combat the causes of poverty. This year's event, at Fairfield's Gaelic American Club, raised more than \$700. Thanks to **Fionn Hogan '25, Samik Soi '25, Garrett Cannon '23, William Reidy '24, Matthew Murphy '24, Greg Flynn '22, Tiernan Curley '22, Robert Caruso '22, Kevin Shanahan '22, George Kane '22, Tim Spahn '23, John Reidy '22 and Rory Day '22**.



BOWLING CLUB SCORES 3RD PLACE

Congratulations to the Prep Bowling Team, who won 3rd place in the Connecticut High School Invitational State Bowling Tournament!

FP SPORTS

FALL
2021



The stands were packed at Rafferty Stadium for the season opener.



FAIRFIELD PREP FOOTBALL

JESUITS FINISH STATE RUNNER-UP

The 2021 Fairfield Prep Football team finished the season with an 11-2 overall record, reaching the CIAC Class LL State Championship and ranked #3 in the state in the final poll.

The Jesuits opened the season at home to a packed house that had the energy of a play-off game. Down 16-0 to Daniel Hand, Prep stormed back to win the game (29-16) in a physically dominating fashion. After a close call against determined visitor Hillhouse (20-13), the Jesuits went on the road for three successive games defeating Conard (28-0), losing an extremely tight contest at Greenwich (14-7) and triumphing at longest played rival Notre Dame West Haven (28-22). Halfway through the regular season and sporting a 4-1 team record, our young men were determined to make a push to the playoffs, attacking each remaining opportunity presented them.

In one of the more explosive streaks in Fairfield Prep football history the team went on a three-game home stand winning by a combined margin of 144-0! Both Fitch (42-0) and Harding High Schools (48-0 on "Senior Night") were met by tremendous efforts in all three phases of the game by the Jesuits. Ultimately, those victories were exceeded by Prep's crushing victory against state-ranked and conference opponent Shelton (54-0) that was one of the truly dominating performances in program history. Going on the road to close out the regular season, the Jesuits beat rival Xavier (35-21) and defeated West Haven (28-7) earning a fourth consecutive victory over its now customary end of season opponent.

Thanks to the strong finish to our regular season, Prep earned the #1 seed in the LL Playoffs and hosted two consecutive playoff victories against familiar opponents: Greenwich (21-14) and Shelton (24-3), eventually falling to an excellent Darien squad in the state championship.

The tremendous spirit felt each game day in 2021 exemplified the brotherhood we value so strongly at Fairfield Prep. Thank you to our graduating senior players who helped elevate the standards of excellence within the program – no matter the challenges or circumstances. It will be the goal of

our returning players to add to Fairfield Prep's football tradition and legacy in 2022. Prep - P.R.I.D.E. - Victory!



By Keith Hellstern, Head Football Coach, Social Studies Teacher



END OF SEASON RECOGNITION

- SCC Tier 1 Co-Player of the Year: **Tymaine Smith**
- All-SCC Tier 1: **Emmett Derby, Jack Mullen, Ryan O'Connell, Tim Pearson, Connor Smith, Tymaine Smith**
- CHSCA All-State Top 26: **Ryan O'Connell, Tymaine Smith**
- CHSCA All State Class "LL" Team: **Jack Mullen, Tim Pearson**
- 89th Annual New Haven Register All State First Team: **Jack Mullen, Ryan O'Connell, Tymaine Smith**
- 89th Annual New Haven Register All State Third Team: **Aidan Graham**
- Walter Camp All-CT: **Jack Mullen, Ryan O'Connell, Tymaine Smith**
- National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete: **James Iaropoli**
- SCC Tier 1 Coach of the Year: **Keith Hellstern**
- CT Minority Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year: **Jeff Paulin**



Soccer

Led by 11 seniors, the Jesuits finished the 2021 fall season with a 15-4-1 overall record, reaching the SCC semifinals and the CIAC state quarterfinals. The team started the season 7-0 with wins over Glastonbury and Weston in non-conference play and continued with dominant



performances to open their SCC season. State and national pundits alike noticed the quick start as at one point, Prep was ranked #1 in the state and rose to as high as #7 in the country. The Jesuits qualified for both conference and state tournaments with an overall record of 13-2-1 in regular season play.

Led by a stellar defense with 10 shutouts during the regular season, Prep hosted Guilford to open up conference tournament play, a team they had beaten twice during the regular season in very close games. The close trend continued as the game ended in regulation with a 1-1 score, but the Jesuits prevailed in overtime with a golden goal winner. The Jesuits dropped their next game and turned attention to the state tournament, which they entered as the #3 seed and secured a 1st-round bye. In the 2nd round, the Jesuits hosted FCIAC powerhouse Danbury and came out with a hard fought 1-0 victory to move on to the Quarterfinals. Unfortunately, the Prep season ended with a heartbreaking 1-0 loss.

The Jesuits scored an impressive 44 goals for the season and ended with 11 shutouts. Coach Neumeyer and staff hope to continue that momentum into the 2022 season and reach even higher heights.

A huge congratulations to the graduating seniors **Harrison Steffens, John McDermott, Capt. John Reidy, Liam Hickey, Luciano Paoletta, Luis Mendizabal, Matthew Shea, Capt. Nicholas DeVellis, Nolan Piselli, Capt. Robert Caruso** and **Willem McCarthy** for a fantastic season.



SOCCER HONORS

- **John Reidy**
All New England, All State, All-SCC
- **Luciano Paoletta**
All SCC
- **Brady Day, Jack Hickey**
SCC Honorable Mention



Crew

The 2021 Fall Crew season was a welcome return to the normal schedule of racing across the northeast. Led by Captains **Nathaniel Duffy '22** and **James McGarry '22**, the team measured themselves against clubs and schools from Boston

to Philadelphia. Placing 5th at the CRI Classic in Boston began the season for the 1st boat as the rest of the crew looked to the Head of the Housatonic in Shelton for their first opportunity to race.

A good effort was seen from all boats in Shelton and the crew readied itself for the New England High School Championships in

Worcester, where Prep 1st varsity boat took second place out of 23 teams. The boat was comprised of **Corey Guilfoyle '24, Nathaniel Duffy '22, Brendan Barrett '23, Jakub Poznanski '22, John Greenleaf '23, James McGarry '22, Lucas Swarowsky '23, Zaza Kovacs '23** and **Jack Devine '23**.

The Jesuits outlasted Stonington, Glastonbury, St. John's Prep, Farmington and Simsbury high schools among others en route to their 2nd place finish. The Jesuits 2nd and 3rd boats each took sixth place. The NEIRA Championship is returning this spring and the crew are putting in the hard hours on the erg and in the weight room to regain their status among the very best in New England high school rowing.



Cross Country

The 2021 Cross Country season was a refreshing return to normalcy after a short, irregular 2020 season. The season was filled with personal records, team wins, and a wonderful Senior Night send-off. **Angel Perez '22** (pictured right) led the team with the fastest time 16:25 at the SCC Championships. He advanced to the State Open Championships and made the All-Area team for the New Haven Register. Several other members of the team ran personal records throughout the season, including but not limited to **Daniel Tack '22, Leonard Rosenbard '23, Jack Miller '23, Charlie Santa '24, Reid Hanson '25**, and **Daniel Tristine '25**, resulting in breakthrough performances at meets. The freshman team earned 3rd place at the SCC Championships as well. Overall, this was a great comeback season showing potential for a strong fall 2022 season.





FAIRFIELD PREP BASKETBALL

JESUITS MAKE POST-SEASON RUN

The Fairfield Prep Basketball team enjoyed a successful season with a final record of 22-4. Led by captains **Max Manjos '22**, **Griffin Harding '22**, and **Jack Petrafesa '22**, and seniors **Aidan Berry '22** and **Will McCarthy '22**, the team made a postseason run to SCC Championship and the Division I State Tournament Semifinals. The Jesuits started the season 2-1 before winning 12 games in a row to improve to 14-1, and finished the regular season 18-2. **Max Manjos '22**, **Griffin Harding '22**, and **Tommy Scholl '23** earned All-Conference

honors; the team also had great performances from **Mike Iannazzo '23**, **Alex Leporati '23**, and **Ryan Preisano '23**. The Jesuits defeated Wilbur Cross in the SCC Quarterfinals and Daniel Hand in the SCC Semifinals before losing a tight game in the SCC Championship Game. In the Div. I State Tournament Opening Round, the Jesuits dominated West Haven in a 66-40 victory. This led to one of the most exciting games in Fairfield Prep basketball history in the Div. I State Tournament Quarterfinals against Norwich Free Academy. Trailing by 1 point with less than

10 seconds remaining, **Ryan Preisano '23** grabbed a rebound, dribbled the length of the court, and made a 3 at the buzzer to seal the victory! The play was featured as the #1 play on ESPN that evening and the next day! The Jesuits dropped their next game in the Semifinals to East Catholic, the eventual state champion. It was an exciting year for the Jesuit Basketball team and the future is bright with some great, young talent in the program.



FAIRFIELD PREP SWIMMING & DIVING

JESUITS WIN SCC CHAMPIONSHIP

Enthusiasm was high as the season started and at the opening team meeting of the year, the groundwork was laid. Reclaiming the SCC title after two successive third place finishes was within reach, but it could only be accomplished through an entire "team" effort: everybody matters; everybody can play a role; 'Prep Pride' would be paramount.

The dual meet season proved to be one of the most exciting in recent memory. After a few early wins vs SCC opponents, the Jesuits rekindled the traditional rivalry vs. Greenwich High School. The break out star would be freshman **Owen Tharrington '25**, who shined with victories in the 100 fly and 100 back. Next up was Amity. A come-from-behind touch out in the 200 freestyle by **Captain Nathaniel Duffy** and a diving sweep proved to be the difference in the Jesuits tight 11-point win. That win would portend more exciting finishes. Weather forced an uncommon double dual meet at the RecPlex, with the Jesuits taking a split decision with a victory over Hand and a narrow loss to Xavier, the two-time defending SCC Champion. A week later on Senior Night vs. the New Haven Co-Op was the most thrilling dual meet of the year. Prep stormed back from 8 points down going into the 100 breaststroke and then won the 400 free relay to end in a rare 93-93 tie, just the 4th tie in team history. The table was set for the Championship season.

With the return of 32 place scoring at the SCC Championship meet this season, Prep reached back to what has been so important to its success: depth. All season, the Diving squad made major contributions, yet none more impactful than at the SCC Championships. The divers, led by SCC Champion **Thomas Kehoe '22**, and including **Jack McDermott '22**, **Rocco Leito '23**, **Dylan Morrissey '24** and **Hudson Mathews '25** scored 146 points and got Prep off to an amazing start to the Championships. Following the divers, 20 swimmers scored at the meet. Despite not winning a single swimming event and falling behind early, the Jesuits scratched and clawed

their way to a 50 point win over Xavier to win the SCC Championship. It was the narrowest margin of victory for any team in 25 years. "Doing it as a Team" was the path to victory.

Additional recognitions on the year include **Captains Hugh Hutchinson '22** and **Winston Wu '22** who helped instill Prep Pride at all times. **Timmy King '25** was a standout all season in sprints and relays. Other significant contributors include: **Kevin Brennan '23**, **Riley Coffey '23**, **Jack Greenleaf '23**, **Colin Markelon '23**, **Thomas Morales '23**, **Lucas Swarowsky '23**, **Joseph Queenan '23**, **Alvin Zhang '23**, **Jack Boyle '24**, **Nick Rotondo '25** and **PJ Lynch '25**.

Tradition, depth, "Prep Pride" and "Doing it as a Team" are the essence of what has made Fairfield Prep Swimming & Diving such a unique, successful and special program. The 2021-22 team embraced these mantras and carved out their own place in team history.

FINAL TEAM OUTCOMES

Dual Meet record: 8-2-1

SCC Champions

3rd State Class L

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

- **Owen Tharrington '25** (All State: 100 Backstroke, All SCC: 100 Butterfly, 100 Backstroke)
- **Nathaniel Duffy '22** (All-SCC: 200 Freestyle)
- **Hugh Hutchinson '22** (All-SCC: 500 Freestyle)
- **Thomas Kehoe '22** (ALL-SCC Diving, SCC Diving Champion)



Hockey

The Fairfield Prep Hockey team finished the season 13-8 reaching the State Quarterfinals before falling in a heartbreaking 3-2 overtime loss. The Jesuits were 6-3 in league play and recorded wins over out-of-state powerhouses St. Joseph Collegiate (NY) and Bishop Hendricken (RI) along the way. Led by captains Aksel Sather, Luke Noonan (All-SCC and All-State) and Tiernan Curley (All-SCC and All-State), the Jesuits fought through injuries all season long and still competed with best playing their typical challenging in and out of state schedule. The Jesuits will miss seniors **Aksel Sather, Luke Noonan, Matt Chamberlain, Kevin Shanahan, Jack Gifford, Tiernan Curley, Henry Keller, Bobby Rotondo, Emmett Cheever** and **Nick Ambrosio**. With 13 underclassmen on the team this year, the Jesuits are looking forward to reloading next year.

Skiing

The Prep Ski Team turned in another impressive year capturing the CISL Class L regular season title with a 64-1 record and finishing as runner-up in the CISL State Open Championships at Mount Southington. The team was led by junior **Brice Muller** (pictured) who was awarded All-State 1st Team and placed on Team Connecticut for his third successive year. **Drew Cessarato**, also a member of Team Connecticut, received All-State Honorable Mention status. Senior captain **Ryan O'Meara** consistently finished each race in Prep's top three races, also earning All-State Honorable Mention status. Rounding out our racers who contributed each week to the Varsity team's success are: **Aidan Clarke '24, Aidan Graham '22, Carter Goodrich '23, Danny Tack '22, and Evan Sheffler '25, Matthew Mazza '23, and Paul Genna '23**. The Jesuits are looking to continue their success on the mountain next year.



Wrestling

The Prep Wrestling team completed one of the best seasons in school history, finishing 3rd in the SCC, 7th in Class LL and ultimately 10th in the State Open. The team was led by captains **Connor Smith '22, Joseph Cardozo '22** and **Alex Cardozo '22**. **Malachi Mercer-Robinson '23** (2nd SCC/5th in LL/6th State Open) led the team in wins with a 31-7 record. **Connor Smith** (pictured) went 30-4, highlighted by a 1st place finish at the State Open (3rd NE/State Open Champion /2nd LL/2nd SCC) and **Alex Cardozo** (4th LL/2nd SCC) and **Joseph Cardozo** (2nd LL/3rd SCC) tied with 26-5 records. **Jack Murphy '22** finished 20-7 and placed 3rd in the SCC while **Tyler Smith '24** went 18-9 with a 4th place finish at SCC's. **Sebastian Rodriguez '23** finished 21-11, **Will Clegg '23** finished 16-10 and **Ben Virgulak '23** was 13-11. **Will Smith '24** (15-7), who was hurt most of the season, returned before the SCC Tournament and continued to improve: placing 3rd at 132lbs at SCC, 4th in LL the following week and capping off Runner-Up honors at the State Open, thus qualifying for the New England Tournament in Providence, RI with **Connor Smith** and **Malachi Mercer Robinson**. The Jesuits will graduate a lot of talent and wins, but bring back a great nucleus for next winter.

WRESTLING HONORS

- **Connor Smith** — All-SCC, All-State
- **Malachi Mercer Robinson** — All-SCC
- **Alex Cardozo** — All-SCC

Indoor Track

A 5th place finish at the SCC West Sectionals at the Floyd Little Athletic Center highlighted the Fairfield Prep Indoor Track winter season. Senior **Tymaine Smith** (pictured) led the way for the Jesuits taking 1st place in the 55m dash. Also running the 55m was **Rob Young** (2nd), **Jonathan Voskov** (5th) and **Chad Byrd** (7th) who all advanced to the finals and placed. Senior **Angel Perez** finished in 2nd place in the 1600m run, and the 4x200 relay consisting of **Smith, Young, Voskov** and **Konrad Walinowski** took 2nd place as well. Senior **Josiah Rosa** finished in 4th place in the long jump for Prep rounding out the meet for the Jesuits. The Jesuits winter season has proven to be great preparation for this upcoming spring season, which has much promise for a deep team.





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.



**SEÁN
ROGERS**
Duke
SWIMMING



**MASON
WHITNEY**
Michigan
LACROSSE



**HARRISON
STEFFENS**
Roger Williams
LACROSSE



**NATHANIEL
DUFFY**
U.S. Naval Academy
CREW



**JAMES
McGARRY**
Bucknell
CREW

FOOTBALL SIGNINGS



Congratulations to our talented seniors for their commitments to play football in college! **Jack Mullen** will be attending Colby College, **Ryan O'Connell** will be attending University of Pennsylvania, **Tymaine Smith** will be attending Central Connecticut College, and **Jack Reiling** will be attending Trinity College.

BASEBALL SIGNINGS



Congratulation to the Fairfield Prep seniors who have committed to continuing their remarkable baseball careers in college! **James Aselta** will be turning to Lafayette College, **Michael Coyne** to Georgetown, **Joe D'Elia** to Siena College, and **Grady Gollier** to Lehigh University.



AKSEL SATHER

The Latest in His Family's Fairfield Prep tradition

By Michael Fornabaio, Hearst Media, reprinted with permission.

They might be the first family of Fairfield Prep hockey, four players and two coaches who make up an almost unbroken chain that goes back through four of the program's five decades. But the Sather family's passion, right down to winter co-captain **Aksel Sather '22**, might not be hockey. "People look at the sport of hockey, and it can become all-dominating, in the culture," said **John Sather '88**, a Jesuits star in the mid-1980s who went on to play at Yale, the oldest of three brothers. "If you ask all of us in the Sather family, as much as we love hockey, it's music."

The brothers have a band together, and John calls youngest brother **Tim** "a particularly exceptional musician, singer/songwriter." Tim has been on middle brother **Matt's '93** coaching staff for going on two decades. And Matt says that Aksel, John's son, is a really good guitar player. "I'm in jazz band at school, and I'm in a rock band with friends. We're called Tweed Sugar. We gig locally," Aksel said. It runs in the family. The elder Sathers have a band called Roamer. "I sometimes play at their shows. It's a lot of fun."

John thinks music has helped Aksel through a difficult season in which Aksel broke his collarbone twice. The first fracture cost him the first few games of the season, the second fracture cost him most of the second half. Aksel returned to play in the Jesuits' last game of the season, the State quarterfinals.

Since there hasn't been a Division I tournament each of the past two years because of the pandemic, Aksel is one of the few players around the state with substantial state-tournament experience. He scored two goals in the 2019 semifinals against Xavier. "When the games got really big, even as a freshman, that's when he played his best," Matt said.

"These last two seasons were cut short, but SCC championship games that we played in, he seemed to come up big in those moments." John said he had some doubts whether Aksel could compete as a 14-year-old freshman, but poise allowed him to be successful. "(He has) kind of a mellow nature in general, which carries over into the way he plays the game," John said of his son. "He's never the loudest or the hardest-hitting, but I think his poise in general, in life and on the ice, allows him to be a distributor, a supporter of his teammates."

"I don't think he's ever chasing goals, points. It's how he fits the system." Aksel said that he wasn't sure he'd even make the junior varsity as a freshman, let alone contribute to an 18th CIAC championship. "When I was a freshman," he said, "some of those seniors really took me under their wing, brought me into the Prep community, into the high school

hockey community." He's trying to pay it forward as a captain this year.

Aksel even had Uncle Matt as his AP English teacher last year, a course that Aksel said instilled in him a love of reading, writers like John Steinbeck and Jack Kerouac. "It's rewarding, really, to sort of, A, watch him grow up," Matt said, "and B, watch him leave his mark as a leader around Prep, around the team, and see that family tradition passed on."

That tradition goes a ways back. As a young boy, John remembers playing at the Wonderland of Ice and going to Milford Ice Pavilion to watch the Jesuits with his dad. "Our parents, Skip and Gretchen, have been the anchors through this," John said. Aksel has spent a lot of time with them, too, since his family lives in Lyme, an hour's drive from Fairfield.

"It is remarkable that my parents have been able to go to Prep games over these four years and see their two sons coaching, their grandson playing and their granddaughter singing the national anthem, all at the same rink they first brought me to 45 years ago."

John became a standout for Marty Roos' Jesuits. Matt remembers going to games, running around the Milford rink with Chris Drury — yes, that one, now the New York Rangers' president and general manager — as their older brothers played. They didn't pay much attention to the games, Matt said, but he remembered hearing a lot of "John Sather from Ted Drury and Craig Duddy" over the PA.

"He's five years older than me, 10 years older than Tim, so we had very different relationships with him growing up. I was close enough to sort of be a playmate." Matt laughed. "It wasn't always pleasant." It's a close-knit family. John stayed in the area after Yale and is now a doctor in the emergency department there; he still plays hockey in part because of the sport's community in the area. Matt came back to Prep and became head coach not long after. And Tim returned to the area and became goaltending coach.

Aksel is planning to play a postgraduate year and hopes to play in college, but he has already carried on the tradition. "Being able to play for his two uncles" as well as Rudy Mauritz and Pat Ryan, John said, "in the same rink where I grew up, where the same folks, the Fergusons, put my first pair of skates on, it's wonderful to see, the family and the community at large."

Source: Hearst Media

Editor's Note: Aksel will attend Westminster for a PG year, and Yale University in fall 2023.

Five Decades of Prep Hockey



Fairfield Prep hosted a special 50th Anniversary Hockey Celebration to gather decades of

Prep Hockey Alumni and guests for a special reception in the McLeod Innovation Center in Xavier Hall on January 15, 2022. The festivities included speakers and a tribute presentation highlighting the history of Prep's Hockey program over the decades. Guests received a commemorative *50th Hockey Retrospective*, written by Prep alumnus and retired *Connecticut Post* sportwriter **Lou Pintek '73**, which details the history of the program from club team through today. The guests viewed Prep Hockey jerseys over the decades and displays of trophies and awards — all while reminiscing with teammates, other alumni, families and friends. Everyone enjoyed food and refreshments.

Earlier, Prep held the Annual Alumni Hockey game and welcomed players from the classes of 1978-2020 on the ice for a fun odds and evens scrimmage. The game was refereed by **Rob Russell '99** and played at Wonderland of Ice. Following the game, all were invited to attend the Prep Varsity Hockey vs. Notre Dame of Fairfield game, where Prep dominated in a 9-1 win.



Prep Hockey Coaches gathered at the 50th Celebration, from left: Matt Sather '93, Rudy Mauritz '94, Peter LaVigne, Tim Sather, Bob Bernier and Vin O'Hara '01.





Celebrating 50 Years

PREP HOCKEY RETROSPECTIVE

WRITTEN BY LOU PINTEK '72



Pretzels to Pennants

As **Shawn McDonnell '72** remembers it, organized hockey at Fairfield Prep ranked barely above the cold Berchmans cafeteria French fries.

"We had guys that just wanted to skate," said McDonnell, who served as chief cook, bottle washer and skate sharpener, and who is credited with founding the hockey "team" in the winter of 1968. "No matching tops, different color pants, just chip in a couple of bucks for ice time at Wonderland [of Ice] once a week."

McDonnell wound up doing most of the heavy lifting in those halcyon days. He booked ice time, arranged scrimmages with other local schools and helped defray ice and equipment costs by selling pretzels in Berchmans Hall during his free time from classes.

"Yep, senior year we were all [taking classes] in McAuliffe [Hall] and I was over in Berchmans every day waiting for the pretzel guy to show up so I could sell them to the kids coming into the cafeteria."

It's a long way from pretzels to pennants, chipped skate blades to championship banners, but over the course of half a century Fairfield Prep has gone from a ragtag group of hockey denizens to perennial contenders for Connecticut high school supremacy.

Beginning with their first championship – a Division II title in 1977 – the Jesuits have amassed 17 Division I championships since 1978, along with four runner-up finishes and an amazing total of 41 appearances in the Division I playoffs.

EARLY TIMELINE

- **1968-69:** The first organized "hockey club", as stated in *The Hearthstone*, got together once a week at Wonderland of Ice under the direction of coaches Fr. Dan Sullivan and Rev. Mr. John Clifford.
- **1969-70:** The club got more serious, with players getting scrimmages against the likes of Wilton, Notre Dame-Fairfield and Stamford Catholic. When the "season" ended, Prep was anticipating elevating its status to a varsity sport and joining a local league with teams from Notre Dame, Warde, Ludlowe and Kolbe.
- **1970-71:** Hockey remained a club sport, with Prep players again paying their own way for ice time once a week and occasionally playing pick-up games against other area teams. Pretzels began being sold to help fund the team for the next two seasons. Little did anyone suspect what was in store for the following year.
- **1971-72:** At long last, hockey was recognized as a varsity sport. Prep played a Division II schedule and went a respectable 11-6-3. This season, there was a legitimate coach – Marty Roos – with Fr. Dan Sullivan and Fr. Walter Pelletier as his assistants.
- **1976-77:** After paying its dues for five seasons, Prep grabbed the brass ring by defeating Cheshire 4-3 in the Division II championship game.



Prep has done this under the guidance of just four coaches: **Marty Roos** (1971-1990), **Peter LaVigne** (1990-1996), **Adolph Brink** (1996-1999) and **Matt Sather** (1999-present).

Initially, Prep hockey was a club sport, as referenced in the 1969 *Hearthstone*. Students got together once a week at the Wonderland under the direction of **Rev. Dan Sullivan** and **Rev. Mr. John Clifford**.

"[The winter of] 1968 was really the beginning of it all," recalled **Mike Fusco '72**, a forward on the first varsity team in 1971-72. "**Fr. Dan Sullivan** was running pickup hockey at Wonderland of Ice in Bridgeport on Thursday afternoons. We would warm up, skate around and do some simple drills, then scrimmage."

"In the beginning, we were merely a hockey club playing among ourselves," forward **Greg Griffith '72** added. "When [the late] **Dennis Welch '72** transferred into Fairfield Prep [in 1969] and became goalie, captain and team leader (in many ways), we began to be less of a club and more of a team."

"**Dennis Welch** [was the] best goalie I ever played with, a cat with great stand-up form," added **Brian O'Sullivan '71**, co-captain along with the late **Bob Gilligan '71** of the final club team at Prep. "[He was] the No. 1 reason we could compete that first season."

"I think we went 10-10 thanks to **Dennis Welch**," Fusco said of that 1970-71 team.

Scheduling games was difficult with all the hockey-playing schools under the CIAC umbrella, but Prep's first actual scrimmage against an opponent was a 4-0 loss to now-defunct Stamford Catholic in 1970.

"We started meeting guys from other schools like Trumbull, Warde, Ludlowe and Notre Dame-Fairfield," Fusco said. "That's when we started picking up games. Funny thing is, some of those [opposing players] became lifelong hockey buddies and friends, playing together until our early 60s."

1970s

In 1970-71, Prep became an official club team with the moniker of "**Roos' Raiders**" in deference to new coach Roos, who had been coaching youth hockey in New Canaan. **Rev. Walter Pelletier, S.J. '47** had been a supporting sponsor and had come on as an assistant.

That winter also brought tragedy to the fledgling group, with the untimely passing of second-line center **Don Mittman '72**. "I was his left wing," Fusco said. "We all went to the funeral in Norwalk. Six of us were pallbearers and we rode in **Larry Mulhern's '72** famous station wagon. [It was a] sad time, but we were united as a team, building toward the future."

Fusco recalled some late-night practices at the old Crystal Rink in Norwalk, with its infamous lack of facilities that made changing clothes virtually impossible.

"I pretty much wore my equipment to the rink and back. It was a tight fit in my '66 Mustang. Our equipment was old school, cheap plastic or leather five-piece helmets, heavy leather skates with old style blades and of course wooden sticks."

"**Dennis Welch**, **Bob Gilligan** and I went to athletic director (and Prep Athletic Hall of Famer) **Joe Brosley** to sell him on starting a Prep varsity team in the fall of 1970," O'Sullivan said. "He was positive on the idea long term, but told us the funding wasn't available then. So we got permission to play under Prep's name, which was thrilling. However, he said if we did, we would have to fund [ourselves] for equipment and ice time."

"So that was the [first] winter of the pretzels in the cafeteria. We



The 1970-71 Team Kneeling: Mike Fusco, Brien O'Sullivan (Capt.), Dennis Welch, Bob Gilligan (Asst. Capt.), Greg Griffiths, Matt Kaminski. Standing: Don Mittman, Larry Mulhern, Bill Urell, Mike Valentine, Larry Makovich, Peter Altieri, Tom Mullen, Jay Cleary. Missing from photo: Jon Kaplan, Mike Frymus



The 1971-72 Team Kneeling: Matt Kaminske, Steve Kolenda, Dennis Welch (Tri-Capt.), Mike Fusco (Tri-Capt.), Larry Makovich, Tom Clifford. 2nd Row: Coach Marty Roos, Statisticians Perry Roos, John Larson. 3rd Row: Treasurer Steve Ambrose, Shawn McDonnell (Mgr.), Bill Urell, Larry Mulhern (Tri-Capt.), John Klimas, Bill Reindl, Mike Frymus, Greg Griffith, Jay Clary, Fr. Dan Sullivan. Missing from photo Pete Altieri and Terry McGannon.

staffed a booth selling large hot soft pretzels in the cafeteria at two for a quarter, which sold out every day and raised enough one way or another over the season to buy jerseys [and] ice time."

The entrepreneurial venture was eventually shut down by the school's food supplier, and O'Sullivan opined that it was for only one reason.

"We took too much of their business."

But perseverance was indeed a virtue because the 1971-72 season saw the school designate hockey as a varsity sport. It was classified as a Division II team.

Welch, **Fusco** and **Mulhern '72** (a defenseman) served as tri-captains and the team went 11-6-3, including a watershed 1-0 victory over previously undefeated (and also defunct) St. Mary of Greenwich.

Welch was named team MVP and the foundation had been established. Fairfield Prep finally had a full-fledged hockey program and a dedicated coach in **Roos**, who said the formation of the team involved "lots of preparation and hard work."

Fast forward to the winter of 1976-77. Prep was coming off its best



On Playing for Coach Marty Roos

"When I first met Marty Roos, he said, 'Fusco, if you don't get that hair cut, you don't play!' Next game I scored two goals with my long hair and we beat Trumbull 4-2. Marty said, 'Fusco, you're all right.' Never did cut my hair!"

Mike Fusco '72

"He demanded each player to give his absolute maximum effort. You want to play for Marty, you better produce the "110 percent" he asked for every day. He knew how to

win and what was necessary to reach elite status in the state and beyond. His coaching methods at times were unconventional, but they were always effective to get the best out of every player, whether they liked it or not. Marty was famous for skating four lines, something other teams would not or could not do. "We've got 20 guys on this team. Either we win with all 20 or we go down the tubes with them," he once said.

Kevin Martin '81

"I remember trying out as a freshman (in 1989) and being in awe of Mr. Roos, and totally intimidated when I had to bench press my weight (110 pounds) in order to get on the ice."

Matt Sather '93

season to date at 17-6 and making it to the Division II semifinals. But with captain **Mark Roy '77**, **Joe Motherway '77** – both all-staters – and late goalie **Mike Pribesh '77** leading the way, the Jesuits fashioned a 22-2 record (bested only by two other Prep teams), scored 10 or more goals in a game on five occasions and won the Division II championship by defeating Cheshire 4-3.

"It was a very rewarding experience for the school and the hockey program," Roos said. "It put us on the map. The players certainly deserved [it] for their persistence and hard work."

The next year saw Prep move up to Division I (along with Cheshire) and Cheshire avenged its defeat from a year ago by beating the Jesuits 6-5 in the Division I championship game. Prep's first true hockey rivalry had been born, and the Jesuits turned the tables on the Rams the following season by nipping them 3-2 for their first title in Division I.

"Hamden has always been the premier rival for Prep, but for a few years in the late '70s and early '80s, it was Cheshire," said **Kevin Martin '81**, an all-stater and the 1981 Division I Player of the Year. "Those two teams really grew to not like each other."

"Both teams moved up to Division I in 1978, where the Jesuits finished that season 14-2-2 in state (15-5-2 overall) and ranked third, with Cheshire ranked fourth. Led by captains **Bill Jenkins '78** (all-state), **Robert O'Connor '78** and **Tom Skarzynski '78**, Prep beat Staples, New Canaan and Greenwich to get to the finals. Cheshire beat two FCIAC teams in McMahon and Darien and then Fermi, which had beaten Hamden in the semifinals. In the title game, Cheshire nipped Prep 6-5, imposing a stinging defeat that was impossible to forget."

Martin recalled the atmosphere around the team the following season, when Prep finished the regular season 13-7, including a pair of losses to Cheshire, which now owned a five-game winning streak against the Jesuits.

"Marty was frustrated with the state rankings, as he took it as a slap in the face and used that to fire up his team," Martin said. "Captains **Doug Banquer '79** (all-state), **Bill Robinson '79** and **Drew Burns '79** led Prep to wins over West Haven, Fermi and Simsbury by a combined score of 26-3. In the final against [Cheshire], the Jesuits returned the favor with a 3-2 victory. It also gave Prep the upper hand in taking a second championship in the three-year title-game series between the two teams."

1980s

In 1980, Prep won again, this time beating Amity 3-1 for a 20-3 final record and a No. 4 national ranking by the National Sports News Service, behind Mount Saint Charles (RI), Matignon (MA) and Grand Rapids (MN).

In 1981, for the only time in its history, Prep recorded its third consecutive state title, defeating archrival Hamden 3-2 in overtime.

Three all-state selections – tri-captains **Martin**, **Steve Falcone '81** and **Pat Kennedy '81** – led the way. **Dan Dunn '81** scored the game-winning goal at 1:20 of overtime in front of more than 5,200 fans at the New Haven Coliseum.

So in Prep's first four years in Division I, the Jesuits made the finals four times, won three championships, posted a record of 71-19-3 and were

"Shawn McDonnell '72 [was a] powerhouse manager. He had the best wheels too. Probably still does."

Brian O'Sullivan '71

13-1 in state tournament play.

But changes occur as the years go on: rivalries are created and then disappear, new foes arise and of course, the players move on, some of whom are fortunate to have played more than one or two seasons with Prep. Then there are the rare ones who transcend the sport on the high school level, like **Ted Drury '89**.

A Prep Athletic Hall of Fame inductee in 2019, Drury is widely regarded to be the best high school player in state history. The older of the Drury brothers (younger sibling Chris '94 is also a Prep Athletic Hall of Famer from 2017) skated for the Jesuits from 1986-1989, was a three-time All-State selection (1987-89) and was named Division I Player of the Year in 1989. In his final two seasons for Prep, the 6-foot forward scored 56 goals (35 in 1988-89) and assisted on 59 others for 115 points in 49 games. That summer, he was selected 42nd overall by the Calgary Flames in the NHL draft, but opted to attend Harvard. He went on to play eight seasons in the NHL and was a two-time Olympian.

Amazingly, Prep was near the end of a 10-year title drought when Drury graduated and did not win again until brother Chris came aboard in 1990-91.

Current Prep coach **Matt Sather '93** couldn't figure out why.

"I remember in 1988 running around the [Milford Ice Pavilion] rink listening to the PA announcer call out, 'Prep goal, [Ted] Drury, from [John] Sather '88 and [Craig] Duddy '88.' Those late '80s teams were stunningly good, but could not quite close the deal."

Chris Drury's penchant for past success (i.e., the 1989 Little League World Series) might have rubbed off on the hockey team, because it was crowned champion in 1991 under new coach **Peter LaVigne**.

1990s

"In 1991, [we had a] new coach, new locker room, new rink [Wonderland of Ice after many years playing at Milford Ice Pavilion]," Sather recalled. "We upset Hamden at the Hartford Civic Center for our first state championship in a decade. [We had all-stater] **Dave Woodward '91** on defense, **Billy Towle '92** in net, **Jason DePalma '91** and **Jim Solkoske '91** up front. I was a third line wing and my center was a freshman named **Chris Drury**."

Prep has since honored both **Drurys** by retiring their number 18, which hangs in the rafters of Wonderland as well as in Prep's Brissette Athletic Center and a business establishment partly owned by **Chris Drury** in Fairfield.

"It was a tremendous honor to get the number retired, and [it's] particularly cool to share it with my brother," **Ted Drury** said.

"Growing up, I dreamed of being an athlete at Prep and I will never forget the first time I got to put on a Prep jersey (a scrimmage at Albany Academy, N.Y.)," **Chris Drury** said. "It was thrilling to be part of such a historic hockey program and I will always consider myself lucky to have gone to Prep and be a Jesuit hockey player."

"The 1991 championship team was a special team in many ways," said **LaVigne**, now a teacher at the Canterbury School in New Milford. "They won a ton of games that year and suffered only two in-state losses, both to Hamden. Guys like **Solkoske** and **DePalma** and (**Dennis**) **Mastriano '91** scored some big goals all year; the [defense] corps was tough as nails and really, really strong, with **Woodward** and (**Liam**) **McCarthy '91** leading the

way, and **Towle** was great, game in and game out, all year long. [That] team had what it took to win it all. They checked their ego at the door and worked their tails off every day. The third time against Hamden was the charm in the finals. We outworked them, out-hustled them, out-skated them, outplayed them. Simply put, we wanted it more than they did and proved it. We were the best team in the state."

Following **Chris Drury's** departure for Boston University and future success in the NHL – including a tenure as captain of the New York Rangers, for whom he is now the President and General Manager – the program reached new heights. From 1995 through 2005, Prep made the Division I finals six times and prevailed in all of them.

Goalie **Scott Jacob '97** was a key component of that run. The three-time all-state goalie helped backstop two straight titles in 1995 and 1996.

"We were loaded on defense with captain **Mike Peroni '95**, **Chris Molyneux '95**, and sophomores **John Heffers '97** and **Andrew Townsend '97**," Jacob said. "This was our strength. It was a safe feeling for goalie **Jim Donnelly '95** and me to know we had such a strong defensive group in front of us. Offensively, the team was led by assistant captain **Brendan Kapteina '95**, assistant captain **Bryan McShane '95**, **Matt Macleod '96** and **Tory Jacob '97**."

Prep defeated rival Notre Dame-West Haven three times that season, including once in the state tournament. **Jacob** recorded a semifinal shutout win over then-No. 1 Enfield and Prep steamrolled New Canaan 6-1 in the finals, with **Macleod** earning game MVP honors.

The following season the Jesuits returned a strong nucleus, although as **Scott Jacob** cautioned, "Repeating is not easy. When you're the defending champion you have a target on your back."

Nonetheless, Prep took care of business, dispatching Notre Dame-West Haven in the semifinals and whitewashing New Canaan 3-0 in the finals, the Jesuits' only shutout that season. It earned **Jacob** game MVP honors.

But Prep was denied a chance at a third straight championship when it lost to Notre Dame-West Haven in the 1997 semifinals.

"Sometimes the puck needs to bounce your way," **Scott Jacob** said. "We were 19-2-3 that year, loaded with talent but in the end didn't get the job done. For me that is what makes the two championship years so special."

"Leadership is paramount for a team destined for success," **Jacob** added. "We were fortunate to be under the guidance of coach **LaVigne**, and assistants **Adolph Brink** and **Bob Bernier**. They believed in discipline,

"I'll never forget skating onto the ice for the first time as a freshman and experiencing the Bomb Squad cheering! It was an experience that only comes with being a part of the Prep family. [In those years] you could find no bigger friend or fan of Prep hockey than headmaster Fr. James Arimond SJ. Countless times he would join us in the cafeteria, or we'd spend our free period in his office talking hockey. Years after we graduated many of the players and parents would get together with Fr. Arimond to relive those years."

Scott Jacob '97





From Coach Peter LaVigne

"When I think of those six teams from 1990-1996, even thirty years later, I am so incredibly impressed with those student-athletes. There were some really gifted hockey players who went on to play in college like Dave Woodward, Billy Towle, Matt Sather, Chris Drury, Tory and Scott Jacob, Andy Townsend, John Longo (who left Prep to play at the Taft School in Watertown), Dennis Mastriano and others. There were tremendous two-sport athletes like Rudy Mauritz '94, the McShane brothers [Tom '92 and Bryan '95] and Matt Macleod and many more. Then there were natural leaders like Liam McCarthy, Mike Peroni '95, Mike Marella '96, and Greg Mello '92.

And finally, there were players who would run through the wall just to be a part of Prep hockey, like the Jacques brothers [Scott '91 and Shawn '93], the O'Neill brothers [Pat '91 and Dan '95], the Steczkowski brothers [Bob '94 and Tom '98], the Molyneux brothers [Chris '95 & Shaun '99], Andy Waldera '95 and Todd Schettini '95. There are just too many great character kids to mention. Each one of them contributed to the winning culture and was a pleasure to coach."

Coach Peter LaVigne (1990-1996)

hard work and pushed us many times to get the best out of us. They treated us as young adults and held us accountable for our actions as individuals and as members of the team. To see the hard work pay off with two championships was truly a blessing and a reminder that success is a by-product of hard work."

2000s

It would be three more seasons before Prep would win again, but success continued to come in bunches as the Jesuits went back-to-back in 2000 and 2001.

Two integral pieces of those championships were **Michael Healey '00** and **Micky Girardi '01**. Healey was a three-time all-state goalie and was Division I Player of the Year in 2000, while **Girardi** was a two-time all-state forward and the D-I Player of the Year in 2001.

"Winning the 2000 state championship remains my most cherished

sports memory," **Healey** said. "Our team was talented but we won on character and grit. We had guys that had worked their way up from the JV team, guys that battled back from injuries, and unsung heroes that played their best in the biggest moments. As just one example of the storybook nature – the guy that scored the winning goal for us in the semifinal, current Prep Director of Admissions, **Kevin Altieri '00**, was a goalie freshman year! He then played two years of JV as a forward before making varsity. That's an amazing story in its own right and is perhaps emblematic of the whole season.

"But what made the 2000 team extra special was that, for the first time in a really long time, we were the underdogs. We weren't expected to win. In my first three years at Prep, we breezed through the regular season at the top of the rankings only to fall short in the playoffs. Our senior year, we suddenly found ourselves in unfamiliar territory: struggling to make the playoffs. We needed the last couple weekends in February to [get in]. We ended the regular season with a losing record (8-11-1) and earned a lowly No. 14 seed.

But Prep managed to defeat Enfield, Newington and Darien to set up a championship game against Greenwich.

"It was a 0-0 game going into the third period," **Healey** recalled. "I remember barely a word was spoken in the locker room as we waited to take the ice for the final time of [my] Prep career. Late in the [third period], our leading scorer, **Micky Girardi**, put us ahead. Greenwich pulled the goalie with what felt like three minutes remaining. I remember the battles along the boards in our zone – **Brett Vaughn '00** trapping the puck in the corner and eating up valuable seconds, **Kevin Brawley '00** taking a hit to chip the puck out to center ice, **Ryan Birge '00** blocking a shot. Every so often, I'd glance up to check the clock. With less than a minute remaining, **Joe Deck '01** got behind the Greenwich defense and buried an empty-netter [for] a 2-0 lead that became the final score."

"What a group of characters," **Sather** said. "**Mike Healey** in net, **Danny Nemchek '00** on defense and **Micky Girardi** up front. We struggled to score and struggled to win, but played an extremely tough schedule. We were ready and loose – nothing to lose. And we steamrolled everyone, giving up only three goals in four games."





"[Healey was] one of the best goalies in New England," Girardi added. "I played with guys that would star on any other team in the state. With that said, I can't take any credit without crediting all the guys I played with. I scored [the] winning goal, but it wouldn't have happened without our [defenseman] (Vin O'Hara '01) making two split decisions to stay on the ice and then pinch and make a pass. We would not have won our game against Darien in the semis if one of our seniors (Kevin Altieri) hadn't scored both goals in a 2-1 win. [Healey] only allowed two goals in the tournament that year. It was a collective team win, as it should be."

"The 2000 season was also special because it was the first [full season] for coaches Matt Sather and Rudy Mauritz," Healey said. "Perhaps they were more panicked at the time than they let on, but to us they were cool, calm and collected. They kept us focused on the task at hand – the next game, the next period, the next shift. They believed in us. Needless to say, it was the start of a legendary coaching career."

Girardi – and the coaching staff – got a chance to celebrate again the following season, but without all the agita of a championship nailbiter. The Jesuits beat Notre Dame-West Haven 8-0 in the final, their second shutout of the playoffs.

"Our senior class that year was incredible, both as guys and as a skilled aspect to the team," Girardi said. "We had a lot of fun that year. I remember a couple goals I scored, but the big thing I remember was going out with a resounding win. We had beaten [Notre Dame-West Haven] 1-0 during our last home game of the year when Matty Altieri '01 scored in overtime. When it came time for the finals, one of the NDWH guys said it was a dream to play Prep in the finals or something to that effect, and I remember the guys took that and ran with it in terms of motivation. It worked out pretty well."

The solid programs manage to maintain their pedigree and sustain excellence, but not even the school itself could have imagined what transpired three years later. After failing to reach the championship game the previous two seasons, Prep began the most dominant stretch of winning in its history by notching four state titles in five seasons, from 2004-05 through 2007-08. The 2004 squad fashioned a record of 20-4, the first 20-win season for Prep in more than two decades.

Sather had the best view behind the bench for every one of those games, many of them memorable. One, however, stands out.

"The greatest game I ever saw was the [2004] state semifinal against West Haven, [a] double-overtime win," he said. "JP Hansen '04 made a crushing hit behind the West Haven net and Dave Arcobello '04 slammed home the winner. We won the state championship [against Notre Dame-West Haven] three days later."

"The line of Dave Arcobello (26 goals, 17 assists, 43 points) Mark Arcobello (17-31-48) and Jesse Weinzimmer '04 (18-20-38) is one of the great lines in school history, combining for 129 points in 24 games, against amazing competition."

Before leaving for prep school after the 2005 season (and eventually finding his way into the NHL), Marc Arcobello and goalie Kevin Carey '05 were the backbone behind Prep's successful title defense and an even better record than 2004 (20-3-1). Arcobello bettered his production by five points (29 goals and 26 assists), Doug Martin '06 chipped in 11 goals and 20 assists for 31 points and Carey fashioned a 13-2 record with a sparkling 1.67 goals against average.

But the difficult "three-in-a-row" goal eluded Prep again as Notre Dame-Fairfield ended Prep's bid in the 2006 quarterfinals.

However, the Jesuits were back at it again in 2007 with a new group, headed by three-time all-stater Darric White '08 and two-time all-stater Rob Summerlin '08.

"[Losing to Notre Dame-Fairfield in 2006] was like getting blindsided by a train," Summerlin said. "Watching the seniors in the locker room after that loss was torture. That stayed with me and everyone else who kept playing for Prep. I think we all sort of decided that we'd rather not end our careers at Prep that way. Maybe that's what gave us an extra lift the next year in '07: that chip on the shoulder, the tears of those '06 seniors. No way. Not again. Not us. And as it happened, the next two years we beat Notre Dame-Fairfield in the finals."

Indeed they did. In 2007, Prep defeated the Lancers 3-2 in overtime. The following season Prep prevailed 5-3 as Paul Tropsa '08 excelled on the blue line.

"We started out 2-7 and rounded into shape as the year went along," Sather said. "We battled every game in the state tournament to the most unlikely state championship in school history."

"When you start playing for Prep you walk into this living energy, this tradition, this history of winning, an expectation of winning," added Summerlin, who scored 38 points that season. "You walk into the Prep locker room and suddenly you're a foot taller and twice as fast. My senior year, we started out 2-7. But still, the whole time we're still thinking, 'We're Prep. We get to wear Prep jerseys. We won it last year. So, we're going to win it again this year.' It may have been silly, but we turned out to be right."



"My Fairfield Prep state hockey championship experience is one of my proudest and cherished achievements. I would do anything to suit up and play for Fairfield Prep again."

Jack McGee '18

2010s

The decade of the 2000s came to an end, but the championships did not. In fact, it was the beginning of another dominating stretch of supremacy. During that period, the Jesuits captured three state titles in four years, with only a defeat by Glastonbury in the 2012 semifinals preventing an unprecedented (for Prep) four consecutive championships.

Still, there were plenty of accolades to go around. The years 2008-2013 belonged to the **White** brothers, **Darric '10** and **David '13**. Both were three-time all-state honorees, and Darric, the Division I player of the year in 2010, had known success as a member of the 2007 and 2008 Division I champs. But Hamden knocked off Prep 6-5 in the 2010 championship game, so naturally the returning players had extra motivation to finish the job.

"In 2010 we had a great run and unfortunately lost a close battle with Hamden by one goal," said **David White**, a two-time Connecticut Division I player of the year. "[The 2011 team] had great senior leadership that was always striving for greatness. After a hard-fought win [over South Windsor in the semifinals] we knew we were running into one of the more skilled teams in the state in St. Joseph. We came out fast, starting with some great work from **Bryan Puffer '11** and **Dave Griffin '11** that carried on throughout the game. Our goalie, **John Galiani '11**, was by far the best in the state and stopped almost everything in a dominating 5-0 win."

And as in 2010, the bittersweet taste of defeat in 2012 served as a springboard for going the distance the following season. But no one could have predicted what evolved in 2013. Prep took the ice and won – and won – and won – until its record was 17-0. Powerful Catholic Memorial of Massachusetts ended the streak with a 4-3 win at Wonderland of Ice, but that loss was the only blemish on a school record 23-1 season, capped by a 3-2 championship game victory over Notre Dame-Fairfield.

"[It was] our most dominant team," **Sather** said. "The inimitable **David White** and the **Henry** twins [**Connor '13** and **Sean '13**, both all-state selections] ran roughshod all year. Our only loss was to Catholic Memorial in a game where **Connor Henry** had to sit out due to a concussion. That team was just so balanced. We had an incredible second line of [**Matt Wikman '14**, [**Dean Lockery '14** and [**Kenny Kochiss '14** and a dynamic goalie tandem (all-stater **Matt Beck '14** and **Chris Gutierrez '14**) who would all go on to win in 2014."

"What a special year," White added. "There are not enough words I can say about [that] season. There were many milestones achieved and we came up one goal short of [going] undefeated. Every time I look at the banner in the rink, I can proudly say I was a part of the best team in Prep hockey history."

Wikman and **Kochiss** were named all-state selections as Prep repeated in 2014 with a 2-1 overtime victory over Darien in the finals.

2020s

And as Prep turns the page on a half century of hockey excellence, the 2021-22 Jesuits will have something to shoot for as well: another chance at three straight championships. That's because COVID wiped out the team's chances for a 2020 title, when Prep would have entered that season as two-time defending state champions, having won in 2018 over Greenwich and then over Notre Dame-West Haven in 2019.

With all-staters **Jack McGee '18**, **Skyler Celotto '18** and **Cole Casl '18** leading the way to a 22-2-1 record, **Sather** rated the 2018 team ahead of all other Prep teams he coached except for the record-setting '13 squad.

"A close second," he said. "We also went undefeated in Connecticut. [It was] a dominant senior class, led by **Jack McGee** in net and **Skyler Celotto** up front, that moved through Connecticut competition like no other team in Prep history."

"[That] was a very special team," **McGee** said. "[It] was a team compiled of 16 seniors that had played together for almost 10 seasons. We grew up playing hockey with one another so it was a special bond that our team had. Between the road trips, bonding in the locker room, and celebrating our victories we were not going to be denied from our goal as a team. Going 22-2-1 that season and being undefeated in the state of Connecticut was something that was truly remarkable."

So many games, so many victories, so many championships and yet so much more to be written as Prep embarks on the next half century of hockey. The privilege of playing for the school has certainly left an indelible mark on many of its alumni.

"I grew up in Fairfield and played youth hockey in Bridgeport," **Micky Girardi** said. "As I progressed and got older, I would watch Prep in small amounts after a pee-wee or midget practice and the more I watched, the more I wanted to play hockey at Prep. Fortunately I was able to do so for four years."

"My brother **Tory** and I often talk about those days and appreciate our time at Prep," **Scott Jacob** said. "It was an honor to lace them up with so many friends, coaches and staff. I am humbled to be part of a program that has a distinguished history and I'm confident that Prep will continue to set the standard for excellence in Connecticut high school hockey."

McGee may have summed it up best. "Fairfield Prep hockey has been the best four years of my life," he said. "The lessons on and off the ice that Prep hockey has taught me not only [made] me a better hockey player but a better person. For those playing now and in the future, you are a part of a legacy that has been instilled in Fairfield Prep's DNA. Wear the 'FP' on your chest proudly. It goes by quickly, so make sure you enjoy every minute. And as always, worry about winning the next state championship."

Pretzels, anyone?



A million thanks to retired Connecticut sports writer **Lou Pintek '72**, well-known from his career at the *Bridgeport/Connecticut Post*, for contributing this Prep Hockey Retrospective. He culled huge amounts of historical information with personal interviews to report on the sports legends of the past, and their memories and paths. Much information was also gathered from the *Hearthstone* yearbooks and news articles and clippings from the last 50 years.



Fairfield Prep Hockey's CIAC State Championship Teams

Beginning with their first Championship – a Division II title in 1977 – the Jesuits have amassed 17 Division I championships since 1978, along with four runner-up finishes and an amazing total of 41 appearances in the Division I playoffs.

1977



Kneeling: Mark Roy (Capt.), John McCarthy, John McMahon, Bob Overton, Mike Pribesh, Paul Jacob, Tom Skarzynski.

Standing: Mike McDougall (Mgr.), Bob Vietz, Tom Walsh, Bill Vietz (Asst. Capt.), Joe Motherway (Asst. Capt.), Rob O'Connor, Brad Bowen, Bill Jenkins, Brian Casl, Doug Banquer, Drew Burns, Bill Godbout, Mark Kristoff, Mike Dushay, Marty Roos (Coach).

1979



Kneeling: Bob Tagliaferi, Pat Kennedy, Rich Farace, Kevin Martin, Jamie Dore, Bill Godbout, Rich Carbone.

2nd Row: Mike Maloney (Mgr.), John Krozier (Trainer), Hugh Curran, Mike Dushay, Bob Bozym, Brian Casl, Steve Falcone, Roger McKnight, Dan Dunn, Mark Jelenik, Frank Martin, Joe Alberti (Statistician).

3rd Row: Kevin Bowler (Mgr.), Mark Kristoff, Drew Burns (Capt.), Doug Banquer (Capt.), Bill Robinson (Capt.), John Siletto, Joe McKnight, Marty Roos (Coach).

1980



Sitting: Bob Tagliaferi, Bill Godbout (Capt.), Kevin Martin, Mike Dushay (Capt.), Rich Farace, John Siletto (Capt.), Hugh Curran.

2nd Row: Sean McDonough (Statistician), Bob Bozym, Frank Martin, Mark Kristoff, Pat McCarthy, Roger McKnight, Rich Carbone, Mark Jelenik, Marty Roos (Coach).

3rd Row: John Hummel (Mgr.), Dan Dunn, Steve Falcone, Pat Kennedy, Brian Casl, Brad Seitz, Mike Tracy, Mike Maloney (Mgr.)

Missing Dave Lutar (Asst. Coach).

1981



Sitting: Brad Seitz, Bob Tagliaferi, Charlie Galgano, Steve Falcone (Capt.), Pat Kennedy (Capt.), Kevin Martin (Capt.), Mark Jelenik, Rich Carbone.

2nd Row: Dave Lutar (Asst. Coach), Dave Rapillo, Mark Farrell, Mike Doyle, Dan Collins, Gary McGovern, Chad Jacobs, Mike Maloney (Mgr.), Marty Roos (Coach).

3rd Row: Mike Tracy, Kevin Powell, Jim Franko, Tom Christiano, Pat McCarthy, Brian O'Connor, Dan Dunn.

Missing from picture: Sean McDonough (Statistician).

1991

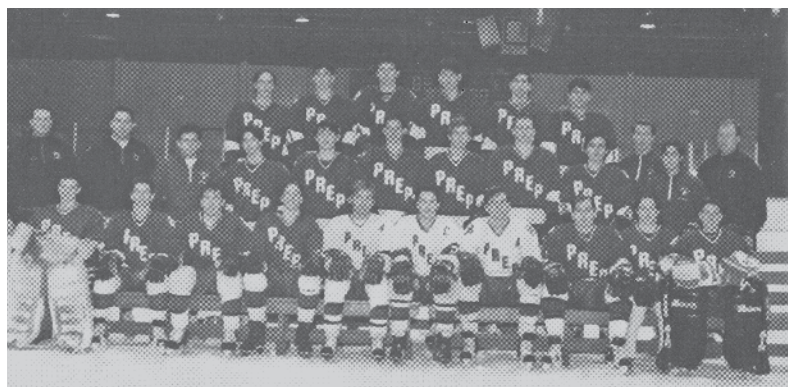


Kneeling: C. Massey, C. Drury, J. Reese, R. Mauritz, M. Sather, J. Roos, G. Mello.

2nd Row: K. Johnson (Coach), K. O'Connor, B. Hebert, S. Kyle, J. Budnick, S. Eagan, W. Towle, M. Maturo, LaVigne (Coach), Brennan (Coach).

3rd Row: J. DePalma, D. Mastriano, L. McCarthy, D. Woodward, M. Whittier, B. Hassinger, S. Jaques, J. Solkoske.

1995



Seated: J. Donnelly, A. Waldera, D. O'Niell, C. Molyneux, B. Kapteina, M. Peroni, B. McShane, C. Remsen, M. Holub, S. Jacob.

Middle Row: R. Bernier, P. LaVigne, J. Perillo, K. Altieri, J. Longo, T. Jacob, P. Scott, W. Morris, J. Mello, D. Fish, W. DeMayo, A. Brink.

Back Row: D. Mello, D. Turrentine, J. Heffers, A. Townsend, M. Macleod, M. Marella.



"There were many players throughout my career that are now successful in their own careers. It would be nearly impossible to single out any [one] player. I had a tremendous experience throughout my 19 years."

Coach Marty Roos (1971-1990)



1996



Seated: Scott Jacob, Dan Turrentine, Bill Morris (Capt.), Matt MacLeod (Capt.), Mike Marella (Capt.), Tory Jacob, Brian Budnick.

2nd Row: Peter LaVigne (Coach), Josh Mello, Peter Scott, Dustin Mello, Andy Townsend, John Heffers, Ken Mitchell, Rick Chu, Nick Lardis, Dan Rodrigue and Bob Bernier (Asst. Coach).

3rd Row: Kevin Kozlowski (Mgr.), Jake Sifers, Michael McDonald, Shaun Molyneux, Dave Saunders, John Longo, Kieran Altieri, Matt Fischer and Bill Demayo (Statistician).

Missing from picture: Adolf Brink (Asst. Coach).

2000

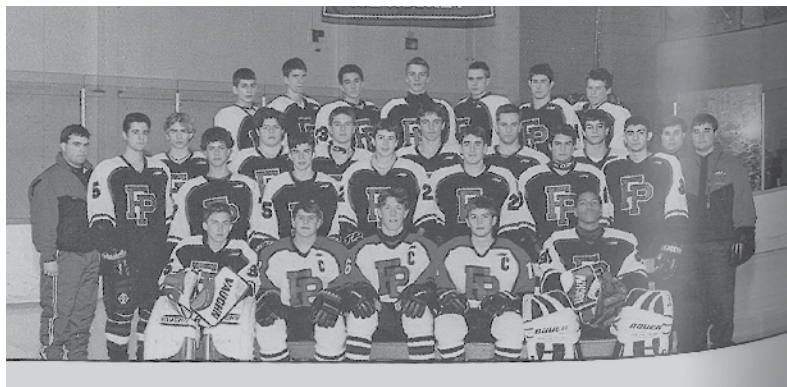


Seated: Charlie Rochlin, Brett Kapteina, Kevin Brawley, Dan Nemcheck, Mike Healey, Morgan Lewis, Kevin Altieri, Ryan Birge, Greg Martino.

2nd Row: Travis Cooke, Chris Thurston, Mike Cruz, Rob D'Amato, Joe Deck, Matt Altieri, Colin Macleod, Brian Walsh.

3rd Row: David Beckles, Austin Bussen, Scott McDonald, Vin O'Hara, Mickey Girardi, Anthony Jannetta, Conor Gleason.

2001



Seated: Matt Signore, Joe Deck, Mickey Girardi, Mike Cruz, Dave Beckles.

2nd Row: Coach Mauritz, Scott McDonald, Brett Kapteina, Brian Black, Colby Dennison, Matt Altieri, Greg Martino, Rob D'Amato, Coach Sather.

3rd Row: Conor Gleason, Austin Bussen, Vin O'Hara, Dylan Cooke, Anthony Janetta, Colin Macleod, Coach Ryan.

4th Row: Kyle Mills, Chris Thurston, Charlie Rochlin, Travis Cooke, Greg Mitchell, Pat Mellilo, Ryan Lynch.

2004



Seated: Kevin Carey, Andrew Cunningham, J. P. Hansen, Jesse Weinzimmer (Capt.), Ryan Lynch, David Arcobello (Capt.), Brendan O'Hara, Mike Ripley, Johnny Vazzano.

2nd Row: Matt Sather (Head Coach), Ryan Corcoran, Zack Helm, Steve Osipow, Jonathan Cox, Steve Thurston, Mark Arcobello, Matt Helderman, Matt Improta, Connor Antisdale, Joe Johnson, Ryan Miniaci, Pat Ryan (Asst. Coach), Greg Hirshorn (Mgr.).

3rd Row: Rudy Mauritz (Associate Head Coach), Dan Diotalevi, Ryan Hayes, Doug Martin, Tim Sather (Goalie Coach).



2005



Seated: John Vazzano, Pat Bourque, Doug Martin, Zach Helm, Steve Osipow (Capt.), Kevin Carey, Steve Thurston (Capt.), Dan Diotalevi, Sean Dennison, Ryan Garvin.

2nd Row: Rudy Mauritz (Associate Head Coach), Matt Improta, Matt Sather (Head Coach), Steve Maier, Dave Wirkus, Mark Arcobello, Connor Antisdale, Dave Osipow, Matt Helderman, Ken Stern, Ryan Hayes, Tom Raccuia, Derek Summerlin, Jonathan Cox, Pat Ryan (Assistant Coach), Tim Sather (Goalie Coach).

2007



Seated: Chris Van Hise, Ryan Ralston, Luke Lavoie, Dave Wirkus, Ryan Garvin, Jon Cox, Kevin Dishon, William Lomas, John Errico.

2nd Row: Darric White, Matt Bean, Dave Osipow, Paul Mignone, Brad Improta, Chris Cotter, Nick Horvath, Paul Tropsa, Alex Zeiss.

3rd Row: Matt Sather (Coach), Pat Ryan (Coach), Brendan Hayes, Philip Tapia, Rob Summerlin, Tom McGarrity, Max Heaton, Tim Ryan (Coach), Rudy Mauritz (Coach).

2008



Seated: Ethan Enriquez, Alex Zeiss, Paul Mignone, Robert Summerlin (Capt.), John Errico, Paul Tropsa (Capt.), Quinn Zimmer, Brendan Hayes, Spencer Sodokoff.

2nd Row: Rudy Mauritz (Assistant Head Coach), Darric White, John Griffin, James Horne, Steve Puffer, Joe Bastone, Michael Tirone, Kyle Garvin, Nick Downing.

3rd Row: Matthew Sather (Head Coach), Will Lomas, Colin Sullivan, Glenn Maiorano, Jackson Bargiello, Josh Roberts, Tom McGarrity, Tim Sather (Goalie Coach), Pat Ryan (Assistant Coach).

2011



Varsity Team Roster: Andrew Hatton, Sean Henry, Nicholas Downing, Kevin Brown, William D'Amore, David White, Anthony Unker, Connor Henry, Patrick Hayes, Donald Carnicky, Craig Puffer, Bryan Puffer, Nicholas Bargiello, Raymond Boudiette, David Griffin, Evan Antisdale, Matthew Brophy, Conor Peterson, Liam Ferguson, Thomas Worsfold, Matthew Beck, Riley Wikman, John Galiani.



"I played for two head coaches: coach [Adolph] Brink and coach [Matt] Sather, the latter of [whom] I think is what made us the teams we were. Coach Brink was a tough coach; the old-school, skate until you drop, Herb Brooks-type of approach. Coach Sather knew the game very well but knew the psychological aspect to coaching even better. Like any good team, it starts from the top and Coach Sather proved to be pivotal to not only our teams at the time, but the Prep hockey program in general. His track record proves that. We had several other great assistant coaches as well: Bob Bernier, Rudy Mauritz and Pat Ryan. I think Matt's brother [John] helped a little here and there my last year or so as well."

Micky Girardi '01



2013



Varsity Team Roster: Co-Captains: Sean Henry, David White, Connor Henry. Jack Taubl, Andrew Hatton, Matthew Wikman, Brandon Powell, Kevin Brown, William D'Amore, Nicholas Bargiello, John Quinn, Aidan Rush, Kenneth Kochiss, Ryan Deering, Steven Bayles, Timothy Edmonds, Bryan Connell, Dean Lockery, Brendan Killoy, Michael Ventricelli, Matthew McKinney, Matthew Beck, Christopher Gutierrez.

2014



Varsity Team Roster: Co-Captains: Matthew Wikman, Kenneth Kochis, Dean Lockery. Jack Taubl, Burke Smith, Matthew Wikman, Brandon Powell, Vincent D'Amore, William Overby, Justin Blanchette, John Quinn, William Dempsey, Kenneth Kochiss, John Hoey, Ryan Deering, Steven Bayles, Geoffrey Hadden, Bryan Connell, Dean Lockery, Brendan Killoy, Michael Ventricelli, Matthew McKinney, Jack McGowen, William Schlichtig, Matthew Beck, Christopher Gutierrez.

2018



Varsity Team Roster: Colin Bella, Devin Blanchette, Connor Boyle, John Carroll, Cole Casl, Skyler Celotto, Anthony Clericuzio, Ryan Dowd, Chandler Dumont, Ryan Eckert, Evan Farruggio, Matthew Kernaghan, Carter Kral, Joseph Mancini, John McGee, Shane Murphy, Kevin Oricoli, Calyb Reeves, Evangelos Uva, Jake Walker, Matthew Wenger, Mason Whitney.

2019



Varsity Team Roster: Coaches: Matt Sather '93, Rudy Mauritz '94, Tim Sather and Pat Ryan '86. Matt Ambrosio, Lucas Baksay, Colin Bella, Connor Boyle, Seamus Carolan, Jack Carroll, Anthony Clericuzio, Peter DiDomenico, Chandler DuMont, Cooper Eckert, Jack Esse, Evan Farruggio, Teddy Gravanis, Tommy Martin, Luke Noonan, Thomas Quinn, Calyb Reeves, Aksel Sather, Andrew Stietzel, Roberts Viguls, Jake Walker, Matt Wenger, Mason Whitney.

"Through middle school I grew up watching Prep hockey as my older brother Darric was a part of championship teams. After making the team freshman year we thought it would be a rare opportunity that we could be on the same team and win a state championship. In 2010 we had a great run and unfortunately lost a close battle with Hamden by one goal."

David White '13



COVID Cross-Checks Super Seasons for 2020 and 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019-20 and 2020-21 hockey seasons both ended abruptly. The 2020 team earned an SCC Championship, defeating Notre Dame West Haven 3-2 in OT, before the state playoff season was canceled. They ended their run ranked #1 in the CIAC. The following year, the 2021 team posted another impressive season, finishing with a 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 Tournaments due to the shortened season. Overall, two great Jesuits hockey teams carried on the tradition of Fairfield Prep Hockey excellence.

2020



Varsity Team Roster: Matt Ambrosio, Nick Ambrosio, Joey Bisset, Seamus Carolan, Kyle Colucci, Tiernan Curley, Cooper Eckert, Jack Esse, Luke Giardina, Teddy Gravanis, Henry Keller, Tommy Martin, Andrew Mitchell, Luke Noonan, Thomas Quinn, Aksel Sather, Andrew Stietzel, Robert Viguls, Matt Vinoski, Matt Wenger, Mason Whitney, Aaron Wong, Tyler Woods.

Coaches: Matt Sather '93, Rudy Mauritz '94, Pat Ryan '86, Tim Sather.

SCC CHAMPIONS

Mason Whitney '21

All-SCC First Team, SCC Player of the Year, CHSCA Division I All State First Team

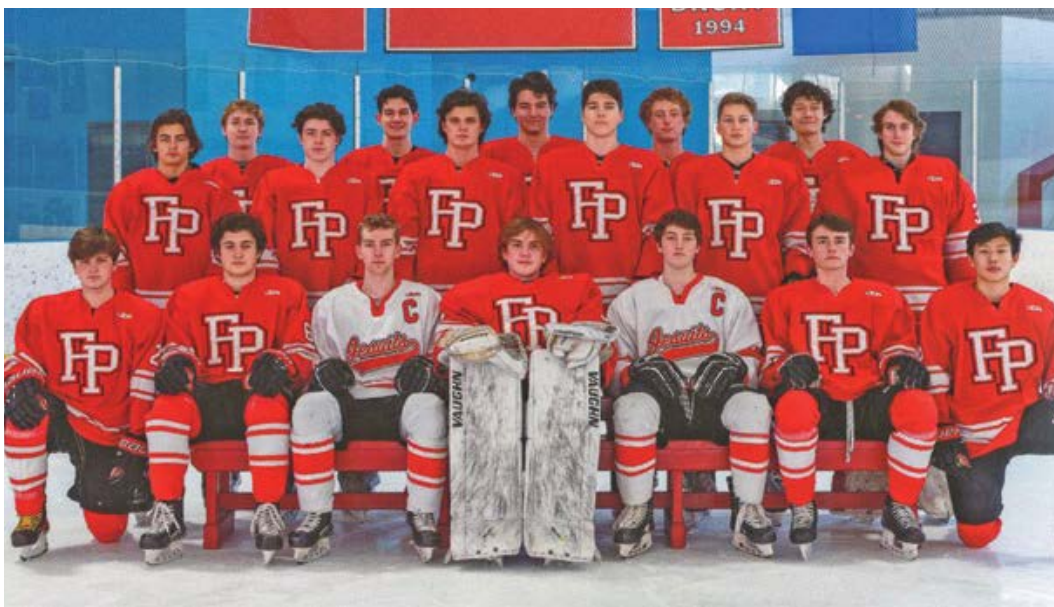
Andrew Stietzel '20

All-SCC First Team, SCC Winter Scholar Athlete, CHSCA Division I All State First Team

Cooper Eckert '20

All-SCC First Team, CHSCA Division 1 All State First Team

2021



Varsity Team Roster: Nick Ambrosio, Joey Bisset, Jack Bowery, Kyle Colucci, Tiernan Curley, Luke Giardina, Teddy Gravanis, Will Huntington, Alex Joliet, Henry Keller, Connor Mahoney, Tommy Martin, Luke Noonan, Aksel Sather, Matt Vinoski, Jason Wegiel, Mason Whitney, Aaron Wong. Coaches: Matt Sather '93, Rudy Mauritz '94, Pat Ryan '86, Tim Sather.

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



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**CIAC STATE
CHAMPIONS**

2019, 2018, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004,
2001, 2000, 1996, 1995, 1991, 1981, 1980, 1979, 1977

CIAC TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES

- ★ **2019: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame - West Haven, 5-2
- ★ **2018: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Greenwich, 4-2
- 2017: Division I Quarterfinals**
Ridgefield defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-3 in OT
- 2016: Division I Championship**
Darien defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-2
- 2015: Division 1 Quarterfinal**
Greenwich defeated Fairfield Prep, 5-3
- ★ **2014: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Darien, 2-1, in OT
- ★ **2013: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame, 3-2
- 2012: Division I Semifinal**
Glastonbury defeated Fairfield Prep, 5-4
- ★ **2011: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated St. Joseph, 5-0
- 2010: Division I Championship**
Hamden defeated Fairfield Prep, 6-5
- 2009: Division I First Round**
N.D.-West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 2-1
- ★ **2008: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame-Fairfield, 5-3
- ★ **2007: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame-Fairfield, 3-2 in OT
- 2006: Division I Quarterfinals**
N.D.-Fairfield defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-3
- ★ **2005: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame-WH, 4-1
- ★ **2004: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame-WH, 3-1
- 2003: Division I Semifinal**
Simsbury defeated Fairfield Prep, 1-0 in OT
- 2002: Division I Quarterfinal**
N.D.-West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 7-2
- ★ **2001: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame-WH, 8-0
- ★ **2000: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Greenwich, 2-0
- 1999: Division I Quarterfinal**
Greenwich defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-2
- 1998: Division I Semifinal**
New Canaan defeated Fairfield Prep, 3-2 in OT
- 1997: Division I Semifinal**
N.D.-West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-2
- ★ **1996: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated New Canaan, 3-0
- ★ **1995: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated New Canaan, 6-1
- 1994: Division I Semifinal**
West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 5-3
- 1993: Division I Semifinal**
N.D.-West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 6-4
- 1992: Division I Championship**
Greenwich defeated Fairfield Prep, 3-2
- ★ **1991: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Hamden, 3-1
- 1990: Division I First Round**
West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 8-1
- 1989: Division I Semifinal**
Hamden defeated Fairfield Prep, 2-1
- 1988: Division I Quarterfinal**
New Milford defeated Fairfield Prep, 5-3
- 1987: Division I Semifinal**
Darien defeated Fairfield Prep, 7-4
- 1986: Division I First Round**
Notre Dame defeated Fairfield Prep, 8-4
- 1985: Division I Quarterfinals**
Notre Dame defeated Fairfield Prep, 10-0
- 1983: Division I Semifinals**
Notre Dame defeated Fairfield Prep, 5-3
- 1982: Division I First Round**
Suffield defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-2
- ★ **1981: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Hamden, 3-2
- ★ **1980: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Amity, 3-1
- ★ **1979: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Cheshire, 3-2
- 1978: Division I Championship**
Cheshire defeated Fairfield Prep, 6-5
- ★ **1977: Division II Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Cheshire, 4-3



SCC DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS

2015-16, 2014, 2013, 2012,
2007, 2006, 2005, 2004,
2001, 1999, 1997, 1995

- ★ **2015-16:** Fairfield Prep (5-0)
- ★ **2014:** Fairfield Prep (5-1)
- ★ **2013:** Fairfield Prep (7-0)
- ★ **2012:** Fairfield Prep (7-1)
- ★ **2010:** West Haven, Fairfield Prep (5-1)
- ★ **2007:** Fairfield Prep (7-0-1)
- ★ **2006:** Fairfield Prep (7-1)
- ★ **2005:** Fairfield Prep (5-1-1)
- ★ **2004:** Fairfield Prep (6-0)
- ★ **2001:** Fairfield Prep (5-0-1)
- ★ **1999:** Fairfield Prep (12-0)
- ★ **1997:** Fairfield Prep (9-0-1)
- ★ **1995:** Fairfield Prep (5-1)



SCC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

2020, 2018, 2016,
2013, 1997

- ★ **2020:** **Championship**
Fairfield Prep 3, Hamden 2
OT - shootout 3-0
- ★ **2019:** **Championship**
Hamden 1, Fairfield Prep 0
- ★ **2018:** **Championship**
Fairfield Prep 5, NDWH 0
- ★ **2016:** **Championship**
Fairfield Prep 4, Xavier 3
- ★ **2013:** **Championship**
Fairfield Prep 6, Notre Dame 2
- ★ **1999:** **Championship**
Notre Dame 7, Fairfield Prep 3
- ★ **1998:** **Championship**
#3 Notre Dame 5,
#2 Fairfield Prep 1
- ★ **1997:** **Championship**
Fairfield Prep 5, Notre Dame 2



CONNECTICUT DIVISION I PLAYER OF YEAR

1981: Kevin Martin	2004: Dave Arcobello	2011: Bryan Puffer
1989: Ted Drury	2005: Mark Arcobello	2012: David White
1994: Chris Drury	2007: Jonathan Cox and Ryan Garvin	2013: David White
1996: Matt Macleod	2008: Rob Summerlin	2014: Matt Wikman
2000: Mike Healey	2010: Darric White	
2001: Micky Girardi		



CONNECTICUT DIVISION I ALL STATE

1980: Kevin Martin	2006: Kevin Carey, Doug Martin
1981: Dan Dunn, Steve Falcone, Mark Jelenik, Pat Kennedy, Kevin Martin	2007: Chris Cotter, Jonathan Cox, Ryan Garvin, Dave Osipow, Rob Summerlin, Dave Wirkus
1987: Ted Drury, John Sather	2008: John Errico, Rob Summerlin, Paul Tropsa, Darric White
1988: Ted Drury, Art Gravanis, John Sather	2009: Will Lomas, Colin Sullivan, Darric White
1989: Darren D'Amato, Ted Drury, Craig Duddy, John Lasher	2010: Jackson Bargiello, Luke Dennison, Spencer Sodokoff, Darric White
1990: Dave Woodward	2011: John Galiani, Bryan Puffer, A.J. Unker, David White, Tom Worsfold
1991: Dave Woodward	2012: AJ Unker, David White, Riley Wikman, Tom Worsfold
1993: Chris Drury	2013: Matt Beck, Billy D'Amore, Connor Henry, Sean Henry, David White
1994: Chris Drury, Rudy Mauritz	2014: Brendan Killooy, Kenny Kochiss, Matt Wikman
1995: Scott Jacob, Brendan Kapteina, Matt Macleod, Chris Molyneux	2015: Vinny D'Amore, Ryan Deering
1996: Scott Jacob, Matt Macleod, Andy Townsend	2016: Justin Blanchette, Chris Kral
1997: Scott Jacob, John Longo, Andy Townsend	2018: Jack McGee, Skyler Celotto, Cole Casl
1998: Mike Healey, Morgan Lewis, Jaime Sifers	2019: 1st Team - Colin Bella; 2nd Team Jake Walker, Connor Boyle, Calyb Reeves
1999: Bobby Gillon, Mike Healey, Jaime Sifers	2020: 1st Team - Mason Whitney, Andrew Steitzel, Cooper Eckert
2000: Joe Deck, Micky Girardi, Mike Healey, Dan Nemchek	2021: 1st Team - Luke Noonan, Mason Whitney; 2nd Team Tommy Martin
2001: Dave Beckles, Mike Cruz, Joe Deck, Micky Girardi	
2002: Brett Kapteina, Colin Macleod	
2003: Kyle Mills, Chris Thurston	
2004: Dave Arcobello, Mark Arcobello, Jesse Weinzimmer	
2005: Mark Arcobello, Kevin Carey, Steve Thurston	



Gametime CT CT Player of the Year

2020-21:
Mason Whitney

Gametime CT 1st Team All State

2020-21:
Mason Whitney
Tiernan Curley
Tommy Martin

SCC Player of the Year

2019-20:
Mason Whitney

2020-21:
Mason Whitney



CONNECTICUT DIVISION I ALL SCC CONFERENCE

2020-21: 1st Team: Mason Whitney,
Luke Noonan
2nd Team: Tommy Martin

2019-20: 1st Team: Mason Whitney,
Cooper Eckert, Andrew Stietzel

2018-19: 1st Team: Colin LaBella
2nd Team: Calyb Reeves,
Connor Boyle, Jake Walker

2017-18: 1st Team:
Skyler Celotto: Forward,
Cole Casl: Defense,
Jack McGee: Goalie

2016-17: 2nd Team:
Chris Brown: Defense

2015-16: 1st Team:
Justin Blanchette: Forward
2nd Team: Chris Kral: Forward,
Will Schlichtig: Defense

2014-15: 1st Team:
Forward: Ryan Deering
2nd Team:
Defense: Vinny D'Amore

2013-14: 1st Team: Brendan Killoy,
Matt Wikman
2nd Team: Matt Beck

2012-13: 1st Team: David White,
Sean Henry, Matt Beck
2nd Team: Connor Henry

2011-12: 1st Team: David White,
Tom Worsford
2nd Team: AJ Unker

2010-11: 1st Team: Bryan Puffer,
Tom Worsford
2nd Team: John Galiani

2009-10: 1st Team: Spencer Sodokoff,
Darric White

2008-09: 1st Team: Colin Sullivan,
Darric White
2nd Team: Jackson Bargiello,
Alex Zeiss

2007-08: 2nd Team: Paul Tropsa,
Robert Summerlin

2006-07: 1st Team: Goalie: Ryan Garvin,
Defense Dave Wirkus
Forward: Jonathan Cox

2005-06: 1st Team: Goalie: Kevin Carey,
Forward: Doug Martin
2nd Team:
Forward: Connor Antisdale

2004-05: 1st Team:
Defense: Steve Thurston,
Forward: Mark Arcobello
2nd Team:
Forward: Steve Osipow

2003-04: Defense: Steve Thurston
Forward: Jesse Weinzimmer

2002-03: Defense: Kyle Mills
Forward: Chris Thurston

2001-02: Defense: Colin Macleod

2000-01: Forward: Mickey Girardi

1999-00: Forward: Mickey Girardi

1998-99: Goalie: Mike Healey
Defense: Bob Gillon

1997-98: Defense: James Sifers

1996-97: Goalie: Scott Jacob
(Fairfield Prep)
Defense: Andy Townsend
(Fairfield Prep)
Forward: John Longo

1995-96: Defense: Andrew Townsend
Forward: Matt MacLeod

★ TITLES

Division I State Champions

1979, 1980, 1981, 1991, 1995, 1996,
2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008,
2011, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019

Division I Runner-up

1978, 1992, 2010, 2015, 2016

Division II State Champions

1977

SCC Tournament Champions

1997, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2020

SCC Divisional Champions

1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005,
2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014,
2016, 2019



THE COACHES

*Prep has accomplished these
achievements under four coaches:*



Marty Roos
(1971-1990)



Peter LaVigne
(1990-1996)



Adolph Brink
(1996-1999)



Matt Sather
(1999-present)



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Email us at development@fairfieldprep.org or mail to Fairfield Prep Alumni Office, 1073 North Benson Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824.

Alumni News

Hon. John J. Ronan '50 was recently honored by the Greater Bridgeport Veteran's Council for demonstrating the value of a veteran to the community over the years. He was presented with the Stephen Koteles Memorial Award for his Marine Corps active service and thereafter his community service throughout his many years as a practicing attorney and judge of the Superior Court.

On October 17, 2021, **William F. O'Brien Jr. '64** was honored with the John Wentworth Good Sports Award by the CT Sports Writers' Alliance at their 79th Gold Key Dinner at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. On November 2 he was elected to his 3rd term representing the 9th District on the Stratford Town Council.



On November 13, there was a celebration for the grand opening of the Stratford Veterans Museum, where Bill is a founding member and serves as the treasurer.

Francis Pfeiffer '62 was inducted into the Class of 2021 Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame for swimming and diving at Bridgeport Central High School and Lauralton Hall with a ceremony on November 18, 2021 at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Fran coached girls swimming at Lauralton Hall for 24 seasons, winning seven state championships and placing second 10 times. He also coached the sport at Bridgeport Central, winning a combined 250 matches.



John Shukie '67 was just inducted into CT Assoc of Athletic Directors Hall of Fame. John was a teacher, Athletic Director and coach at Northwest Catholic for 40 years.

Captain Kenneth J. Boda, USCG '93 is the Commanding Officer of the icebreaker USCGC HEALY. HEALY deployed this year to the Arctic, completed the Northwest Passage, and transited the Panama Canal, circumnavigating North America. HEALY the nation's largest and most technologically advanced polar icebreaker. Ken leads the 85-member crew of HEALY in conducting oceanographic research in support of national security and scientific priorities in Alaskan and Arctic waters. HEALY defends U.S. interests by maintaining a sovereign presence in Arctic waters, monitoring maritime activity, partnering with allies, and conducting U.S. Coast Guard statutory missions including search and rescue, law enforcement, and protection of marine resources. HEALY is named for Captain Mike "Hell-Roaring" Healy, a legendary Arctic sailor and brother of Jesuit Rev. Patrick Healy, S.J., President of Georgetown University.

James J. Pastore '91 was Appointed as The Public Defender for the Fairfield Judicial District.

Thomas S. Corona Jr '07 graduated from Barry University on May 1, 2021 with a degree of Doctor of Podiatry Medicine. Dr. Corona celebrated this accomplishment with his parents, grandparents, his girlfriend Dr. Beltzy Monterroso DPM, and his faithful dog Bentley. Dr. Corona currently practices at Jackson South Medical Center in Miami where he resides.



Captain **Patrick Corona '12** US Air Force, recently returned home to California after deployment to the Middle East supporting Operation Inherent Resolve. Captain Corona flies the KC-10 refueler, and was directly involved with refueling planes over Kabul during the evacuation of Afghanistan during this deployment. Patrick was greeted on the tarmac at Travis Air Force Base by his fiancée Erin Mae Perna and his parents, Thomas and Janine Corona on October 10, 2021.



Chris Fusco '16 was commissioned as a Naval Officer on October 22, 2021.



L TO R: **John Chiota '61, P'86, '89, '93, GP'18, '20, '24, John Santa '60, P'90** (Man of the Year Honoree), **Christian Cashman, P'15, '23, Joe McBride '80, P'13.**

FELICEM NATALEM CHRISTI The Latin Scholars Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 9 was attended by nearly 100 alumni, representing many decades, at the Gaelic American Club in Fairfield. Chaplain Rev. Ron Perry, S.J., spoke and gave the blessing, and Principal Tim Dee shared his own Jesuit education experience and the state of the school. All Prep alumni may join the Latin Scholars (not required to know or remember Latin!). Contact the Prep Development office at 203-254-4237 for information.

Robert C. Anderson '59 on February 20, 2022.

Vera Anderson on November 25, 2021. She was the mother of **Charles C. Anderson '75.**

Gordon R. Angell '55 on December 1, 2021. He was the brother of **Donald J. Angell '47** and **H. Joseph Angell '51.**

Sebastian Bastidas '08 on December 1, 2021.

Rudolf Basztura '60 on November 29, 2021.

David Baudouin on March 10, 2022. He was the father of **Christopher J. Baudouin Sr. '85**, and the grandfather of **Christopher J. Baudouin '15, Alexander J. Baudouin '18**, and **Kyle J. Baudouin '23.**

Peter J. Bellew on November 10, 2021. He was the father of **Michael J. Bellew '71.**

Jorge Canizares on February 27, 2021. He was the father of **Anthony G. Canizares '86** and **George H. Canizares '88.**

Edward P. Casey '13 on November 19, 2021.

Thomas S. Catalano '57 on October 12, 2021. He was the brother of the late **Michael A. Catalano '54** and the late **Hugh J. Catalano '60.**

Michael S. Chisarik '56 on November 10, 2021.

Brian M. Connolly '69 on November 9, 2021. He was the brother of **Kevin C. Connolly '66** and **Colan B. Connolly '72.**

Cynthia Connolly on February 10, 2022. She was the mother of **Brian P. Connolly '98.**

Patricia Connolly on February 7, 2022. She was the wife of **Joseph P. Connolly Jr. '60**, the sister in law of the late **John Y. Connolly '64**, and the grandmother of **Brian P. Connolly '23.**

Charles E. Conway '54 on March 5, 2022. He was the brother of **Arthur T. Conway '52** and the father of **Christopher C. Conway '90.**

George DeLeone Jr. '66 on March 1, 2022.

Kay Erb on December 5, 2021. She was the mother of **Rodney K. Erb '93**

and **Joseph R. Erb '99.** She was the sister-in-law of **Kevin M. Foley Sr. '73**, and the aunt of **Kevin M. Foley Jr. '04.**

Edward F. Fenton Sr. '44 on September 30, 2021. He was the father of **Daniel J. Fenton '76.**

Maurice J. Fenton '48 on February 8, 2022. He was the father of **Daniel Fenton '73** and **Thomas M. Fenton '82.** He was the brother in law of the late **John J. Ryan '53** and the uncle of **David J. Ryan '88.**

Thomas A. Flaherty '47 on March 7, 2022. He was the brother of the late **Patrick E. Flaherty '46**, and the father of **John A. Flaherty '80** and **Francis T. Flaherty '84.**

Sister Liyan Mary Fraher, RSM on December 5, 2021. She was the sister of **Thomas Fraher '63.** She was the aunt of **Thomas G. Fraher '00** and **Patrick J. Fraher '02.**

Philip A. Gilberti '66 on August 24, 2021.

William J. Gilhuly '54 on September 20, 2021. He was the brother of the late **Bernard A. Gilhuly '46** and the late **Robert T. Gilhuly '47.** He was the father of **Matthew L. Gilhuly '82** and **Thomas C. Gilhuly '85.** He was the uncle of **Bernard A. Gilhuly '79, Brian M. Gilhuly '83** and **Brendan M. Gilhuly '86.**

Thomas H. Grace '50 on March 3, 2022.

Peter J. Harrington '74 on February 7, 2022.

Charles W. Heran Jr. '78 on January 21, 2022. He was the brother of **Michael A. Heran '87.**

Margaret Incerto on November 16, 2021. She was the wife of the late **Anthony Incerto '51** and the sister in law of **Donald J. Incerto '49**

Elizabeth Jurgielewicz on October 21, 2021. She was the mother of **John J. Jurgielewicz V '22.**

John F. Kaslaitis Jr. '52 on August 19, 2021.

Gerald S. King on December 6, 2021. He was the father of **Daniel J. King '90.**

Robert D. King '57 on January 2, 2022. He was the brother of the late **Thomas B. King '53.**

Bradley C. Kontra '09 on October 13, 2020. He was the brother of **Bryan J. Kontra '04.**

Edward C. Lovely '51 on November 23, 2021.

Paul A. Lynn '83 on March 8, 2022.

Paul A. Mahoney '47 on January 22, 2022.

Nancy Masiello on February 5, 2022. She was the mother of the late **Mark Masiello '83.**

Martin F. McGowan '65 on March 11, 2022. He was the brother of **Donald A. McGowan '66.**

David M. McHugh on January 29, 2022. He was the father of the late **David J. McHugh '79** and **Mark J. McHugh '80.**

Colin McQuillan '70 on January 28, 2022.

John Francis Moriarty III '64 on September 10, 2021.

Frederick C. Nichols '61 on November 16, 2021.

Alfred J. Onorato '57 on December 10, 2020.

Frank Ostrosky on December 10, 2021. He was the father of **Thomas W. Ostrosky '82.**

Dr. Raymond K. Panda '58 on February 11, 2022. He was the father of **Kenneth B. Panda '88**, and **Brendan M. Panda '96.**

Anthony M. Parente '60 on December 16, 2021.

James J.G. Pelley '60 on August 24, 2021.

Donald D. Pierwola '59 on November 16, 2021.

Robert H. Pinbell '47 on May 4, 2021.

Robert M. Prescott '53 on November 18, 2021.

Helen Readey on January 21, 2022. She was the mother of **William J. Readey '71** and **Thomas G. Readey '72.**

Michael D. Reilly '65 on January 6, 2022.

Thomas N. Ribadeneyra '49 on January 27, 2021.

Richard P. Riccio '47 on June 26, 2020.

Ann C. "Nancy" Richter on October 23, 2021. She was the mother of **Paul F. Richter '79, Peter J. Richter '82**, and **Stephen C. Richter '83.** She was the grandmother of **James P. Richter '10** and **Jack C. Richter '23.**

Anthony G. Romano '71 on November 1, 2021.

George Romano on March 5, 2022. He was the father of **James G. Romano '87.**

Eugene R. Rose '62 on September 27, 2021.

Christine Ross on September 23, 2021. She was the mother of **Donald J. Ross Jr. '71** and **Edmund C. Ross '82.** She was the grandmother of **William G. Earls '07.**

Charles W. Santangelo '53 on January 29, 2022. He was the brother of **John Santangelo '60.**

Virginia Schultz on November 8, 2021. She was the wife of the late **Robert T. Schultz '48.**

Earl Sifers on March 18, 2022. He was the father of **Jacob C. Sifers '98.**

William R. Smith Sr. '49 on September 22, 2021.

Diane Theriault on December 2, 2021. She was the mother of **Gregory J. Theriault '91.**

Thomas Thorne '55 on November 28, 2021.

Anthony T. Varone '45 on December 22, 2021.

Msgr. Andrew G. Varga DMin '70 on March 7, 2022.

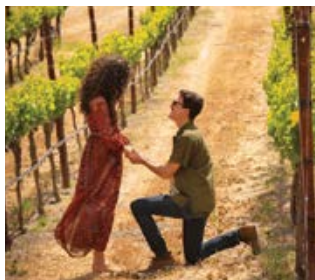
Joseph A. S. Voket '55 on December 25, 2021.

Marilyn Wanagill on January 21, 2022. She was the mother of **Robert A. Wanagill '73.**

Lois Welch on February 9, 2022. She was the wife of the late **John H. Welch Jr., '49**, mother of **John H. Welch III '80, The Hon. Thomas J. Welch '83** and grandmother of **Timothy Peterson '13.**

Frederick J. Whelan Jr. '56 on November 28, 2021.

Louis C. Zowine '58 on January 6, 2022. He was the father of **Michael A. Zowine '85** and **David T. Zowine '87;** he was the father in law of **Joseph J. Skovira '88.**



Engagement

Captain **Patrick Corona, '12** US Air Force, became engaged to his longtime girlfriend Erin May Perna in May 2021. Captain Corona proposed at Scribe Winery in Napa, California. A July 2022 wedding is planned in Sonoma California.

Weddings



Haley Wedding **Justin J. Haley '12** married Shannon Beaton on August 6, 2021. Many Prep alums were in attendance to celebrate the happy couple. Pictured (From left to right) First row: **JP Haley '17, Jack Borde '12, Patrick Sheeran '12, Salvatore Tartaglione '12, Justin Haley '12, Colin Morris '12, Conor Cunningham '12** Second Row: **Nick O'Kane '12, Fr. Gerry Blaszcak S.J., Patrick Dolan** (former Prep teacher), **Charlie Haley '14, Luke Sheeran '14, Ryan Blake '12, Peter Haley '19, Wes Craft '12** and **James McGrath '11**.



Kery Wedding **Kevin Kery '00** (Prep Theology Department) married Sara Green on July 16, 2021 at the Society Room in Hartford, CT. Rev. Michael F. Tunney S.J. and **Rev. Msgr. William J. Scheyd '57** officiated the marriage. Prep Alum in attendance pictured from left to right: **Robert Pelletier '00, Sean Kery '22, Frank Decker** (FP Rugby Coach 1982-2022), **Matthew Kery '24, Kevin Kery '00** Sara Kery. Back Row: **Robert Cunningham '00, Nicholas Cagginello '00, Brian Wilson '00, Jack Connolly '65, Finnian Kery '18, Joseph Crowley '00** and **Michael Kery '95**.



Births

Justin Adams '08 and his wife Pamela welcome their second child, a baby boy, Benjamin Manuel Adams on February 14, 2022. Benjamin joins big brother Tomás at home. Justin is the son of **Colleen Adams** (Director of Communications) and brother of **Christopher Adams '11**.

Faculty/Staff

In Gratitude for Years of Service

We are thankful for **Mrs. Jennifer Mauritz**, celebrating 20 years of teaching foreign languages at Prep. Jenn is loved by her students, fellow teachers and staff, plus the many Prep Alumni she has taught over the decades. An amazing Ignatian Educator and Woman for Others! Jenn was honored at the Thanksgiving Assembly.



Congratulations to **Ms. Cindi Brucoli, P'08**, for 20 years of dedicated service to Fairfield Prep! Cindi was recognized at the Thanksgiving Assembly by Pres. Christian Cashman as an annual tradition of honoring dedicated administrators, faculty, and staff for their devoted commitment to the school. Cindi greets the Prep Community with a smile every day in the main lobby, and works as Assistant to the Dean of Students.

In Memoriam

Bill Ahern on October 18, 2021. He was the father of **Kevin Ahern** (Office of Discipline).

Betty J. Carr on January 19, 2022. She was a secretary at Prep for many years and the grandmother of **John J. Donovan '03**.

Joan Hammill on October 2, 2021. She was a secretary at Prep from 1978-1980.

Daniel J. Horstmann on January 27, 2022. He was the father of **Daniel Horstmann** (Music Department),

Births



Corey Milazzo (Theology Department) and his wife Eleni welcomed their second daughter, **Cristiana Electra Milazzo** on March 5, 2022. **Cristiana** joins big sister, **Maria**, at home.



Will Petropoulos (Operations & Facilities Coordinator) welcomed his first grandchildren. His son and daughter in law, **John and Maggie**, welcomed baby girl **Sienna Rae Petropoulos** (left) on March 12. On April 3 his son **Scott** and daughter in law **Jenny** welcomed baby boy, **Axel B. Petropoulos** (right).



Sean Whalen (World Language Department) and his wife **Cadia** welcomed a baby girl, **Lorena Isabel Whalen**, on March 25, 2022.

Torres '19 Sets World Record, Named CT Magazine 40 Under 40

Matthew Torres '19, current Fairfield University junior, added another accolade to his swimming resume on December 18, setting a world record in the 1500m freestyle (S8) with a time of 17:42.44. The record-setting swim took place at 2021 United States Paralympics National Championships at the Greensboro Aquatic Center. Torres shattered the previous record of 18:10.7.

Torres has made his mark on the national and international levels over the past few years, including his bronze medal in the 400 S8 freestyle during the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics



Games, completing the distance with a time 4:28.47. Torres also competed internationally at the 2019 Para Swimming World Series, highlighted by a first-place showing in the 200m IM.

Born with amniotic band syndrome, Torres is missing half of his right leg and has deformities on both hands, as well as moderate hearing

loss. None of that has slowed him down since he began swimming in 2008 after being inspired by Michael Phelps at the Olympics in Beijing. A junior at Fairfield University majoring in finance, Torres is tracking to graduate in 2023 and plans to participate in the 2024 Paralympics. In his spare time, the Patriots and Real Madrid fan considers stock market trading a hobby.

Source: Fairfield University and Hearst Media



VIRGINIA FOOTBALL'S BOBBY HASKINS '17 NAMED ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Following a crushing 48-0 win over Duke, the Virginia Cavaliers were represented with four players on the ACC Team of the Week for week seven of the college season. **Bobby Haskins '17** won the ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week award for the first time in his career. At the left tackle position, Haskins allowed zero quarterback pressures and had seven pancake blocks. A consistent force for Virginia's offensive line in the Cavaliers' 48-0 victory over Duke: Graded out at 92 percent overall, 94 percent for run plays and 91 percent for pass plays; Allowed zero pressures from his left tackle position and accumulated seven pancake blocks during the game; Helped the Cavaliers compile 528 yards of total offense (including 164 rushing) and 29 first downs.



Axel Whamond '19, studying at Johns Hopkins, was named Soccer Offensive Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference.



DONOVAN '21 SAILS FOR FORDHAM UNIVERSITY IN COLLEGE MATCH RACING NATIONALS

William Donovan '21 (pictured second from left) went on to Fordham University this past year and joined the Rams Sailing Team. William's big boat racing experience (during summers on and off LI Sound) led to his placement on the match racing team in charge of the main sail. William is the only freshman on the boat, with a sophomore and two seniors. Fordham placed among the top 10 teams in the nation and competed in nationals in November in St. Petersburg, FL. They competed against Yale, Navy, Georgetown, Coast Guard, Wisconsin, Bowdoin, Tulane, Jacksonville, and Stamford.



BASKETBALL ALUMNI CHEER ON JESUITS

It was great to see Basketball Alumni support the Jesuits at a playoff game this season! From left: **Ray Featherston '15**, **Ryan Foley '15**, and **Paschal Chukwu '14**



L to R: Pres. **Christian Cashman**, P'15, '23, **Ed Gormbley** '95, **Mike Fox** '86, P'23, **Julio Ojea Quintana** P'17, '19, '22, **Mary Cunningham**, P'00, '08, **Lisy Martinez**, P'13, '17, '19, **Frank Barron** '69



L to R: VP for Advancement **Rob Cottle**, **Paul Halas** '74, Principal **Tim Dee**, **Dave Scopelliti**, P'19, **Steve Jakab** '84, P'16

BOARD OF GOVERNORS VISIT ON FP GIVING DAY!

Prep's Board of Governors met on campus on March 18, coincidentally on Prep's record-breaking Giving Day. On a break, they enjoyed watching all the student activities that were happening throughout campus to celebrate the day!



BILL DULLY '81 HONORED BY CORNELL AS 10 UNDER 10

William "Bill" Dully '81 (Cornell MBA '18), is global president and COO at Air Factory E-liquid. Prior to joining the Air Factory, Dully was divisional president at Solid Landings Behavioral Health, which built a state-of-the-art behavioral healthcare system across 63 properties in three states under his leadership. A certified

advanced alcohol and drug counselor who holds a masters of health administration, he also has served as senior vice president of operations at Windstone Behavioral Health. Before focusing his career on health, Dully held roles at companies that specialize in sports collectibles and memorabilia, including president and COO of Panini America and COO of the Upper Deck Company, where he worked with Michael Jordan. Bill commented on Prep: "I will keep supporting Prep as they were the best and most formative years of my life."

Source: Cornell Business



Nico Lignore '16 becomes a Jesuit novice

The Society of Jesus in the US welcomed Prep alumnus **Nicholas Lignore '16** as a new Jesuit novice. Nico has taken the initial step in his journey toward Jesuit priesthood or brotherhood, known as "Jesuit formation." He graduated

from Prep, where he witnessed the joy of the Jesuits and grew interested in the Society. He double majored in biology and religious studies at the College of William & Mary, where he worked as an academic tutor, resident assistant and teaching assistant. His volunteer experiences, including at a hospital, helped him discover a love of service. Nico enjoys playing the piano and is a die-hard Mets fan.



FR. PERRY BAPTIZES BABY GLOMB

Prep Chaplain Fr. Ron Perry, S.J., baptized the child of alumnus **Nick Glomb '91** and wife Kim Glomb, baby Khai, in February at St. Ignatius Loyola church in San Francisco. The Godparents were John Glomb and Vy Harris.



Teaching at Prep

CHRISTOPHER ALTIERI '95, P'22

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In Person REUNION

Classes Ending in 0, 1, 5, & 6

Guess who attended the Alumni Reunion 2021? The Prep legend John Brennan! Members of the Classes ending in 0,1,5 and 6 came to campus to reconnect and reminisce over the Thanksgiving break.





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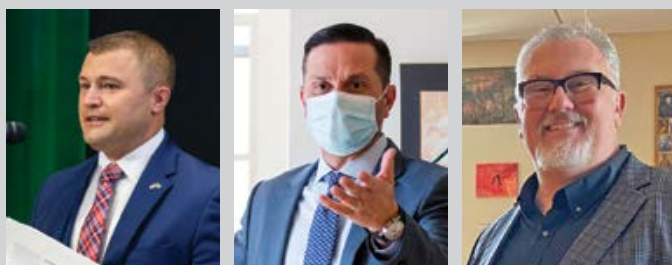
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ALUMNI SHARE CAREER EXPERIENCE!

Bob King '97, P '25 (top left),
Sean Gleason '97 (top middle),
Jay Ruane '90 (top right)
Traug Keller, P'11, '17 (bottom left)

Not pictured: **John Donoghue '90**,
Tom Gaudett '10, **John McKinney '82, P'14**,
John Reilly '90, **Devin Santa '90**

FAMILIAR FACES SEEN ON CAMPUS



L to R: Dean of Guidance & College Advising **John Hanrahan, P'98**,
Jeff Sochrin '85, **Jonathan Carroll '87** connected on campus.



L to R: Bridgeport Hospital Chief Medical Officer **Rockman Ferrigno '89** and Bridgeport Hospital Foundation President **Steve Jakab '84, P'16** visited Prep for a tour of the campus.



DENVER ALUMNI MEET-UP!

Prep Alumni gathered in Denver for a Happy Hour with VP for Advancement Rob Cottle. From left: **John Cunningham '08**, **Brendan Shea '08**, **Thomas Nolan '15**, **Michael DiGennaro '09**, **Chris Adams '11**, **Tim Burke '98** and **Wade Dodge '14**.

CORY METZ '09

Wishes Come True

Cory Metz, 30, just wrote a book titled **"More than a Wish: My Life and Stories from the Make-A-Wish Foundation."** All sales go to the nonprofit. The book shares his health journey and the immense impact Make-A-Wish has had on his life both as a teen and an adult.



Cory Metz had his wish granted in 2009 with a trip to the MLB All-Star Game in St. Louis, where he got to meet his favorite player, David Wright.

"I would say it was easily the greatest weekend of my life," he told News 12.

"That wish was life changing for him to this day. He wants to give back to other kids who've been through what he's been through," said his mom, Cynthia Metz.

He's now been a volunteer with Make-A-Wish, helping grant wishes for the past seven years. He said the book is another way to give back.

"The most important thing is wish kids read this book, and they have a brighter perspective on what they can do with their lives," Cory Metz told News 12.

"He wanted to inspire other sick children that, 'You're going to get through it. And there's life being sick. There's life after being sick. And you know, life is different, but it's still ok,'" added Cynthia Metz.

Cory Metz's life changed in an instant as an eighth grader in 2004. "They discovered there was a tumor on my spinal cord, and I had surgery to remove the spinal cord tumor," Cory Metz said.

The surgery initially left him paralyzed. Over time he gained movement in his legs but was still physically disabled.

"Before that surgery, I was perfectly healthy. I was playing baseball. I was playing basketball. I was doing normal things teenagers do, and now I was disabled. It was tough to adjust so going into high school -- that was a tough time for me," Cory Metz recalled.

"It was a whirlwind, but we got through it," Cynthia Metz said. "I thought, 'Wow. The worst part of my son's life is over. We made it through.'"

Four years later, during his senior year at Fairfield Prep, a brain tumor put him on life support. He's had two surgeries since.

"Now he has a shunt in his brain. He still has brain tumors. He still has spinal cord tumors. Every six months he goes for MRIs to monitor them," Cynthia Metz said.

Those continued health struggles didn't deter Cory Metz from writing his life story. He said at the heart of it is a message for anyone with an illness or disability. "It shouldn't stop you from being who you are," he said.

Find Cory's book at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

Source: News12.com



Igniting the Fire Within

Through Innovation and Discovery



Fall Auction Raises More than \$235,000

Prep's Annual Auction, held October 23, 2021, was a tremendous success! The evening focused on Financial Aid and raised more than \$230,000!

Thank you to the Prep Community for your loyalty and generosity! Special thanks goes to our Attendees, Sponsors, Benefactors, Committee members, and volunteers who made this event possible.

Our inspiring Auction speakers, Ruben Goodwin, Director of Diversity & Academic Support Services, and **Nicholas Posada '22**, (pictured above) described the incredible impact a Jesuit education and financial aid has on our students.

Stay tuned for our next Fall Auction, November 5, 2022!



THANK YOU to our students, volunteers, donors and benefactors who made our Fall 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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Thank you to the entire Volunteer Committee who made the Annual Prep Auction a success.

FAMILIES for Others

Prep Parents Actively Build Community



FILLING IN THE BLANKS!

Prep Fathers' Club hosted a food packing event at Filling in the Blanks, where 30 fathers and sons packed 900 bags of food for children who are food insecure. Filling in the Blanks fights childhood hunger by providing children in need with meals on the weekends, serving more than 3,800 kids in Fairfield and Westchester counties.



STAR AND HOME FOR THE BRAVE SERVICE PROJECTS

The Prep Fathers' Club performed two group service projects with their sons during the weekend of October 16. Dads and sons did a fall grounds and building spruce-up, then hosted a pizza party for a resident group home in Norwalk, CT, which was sponsored by STAR. STAR is an organization that serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Another service team met at Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport, CT, to clean out storage sheds, reorganize them, and provide a BBQ, games, and activities with the residents. Homes for the Brave provides housing, vocational training, and life skills coaching to help veterans.

A huge thank you to Catamount Catering who donated food in addition to what the Prep team provided!



NOURISH BRIDGEPORT

On December 20, students wrapped gifts and stuffed stockings with their Dads in a Fathers' Club service event to benefit Nourish Bridgeport.





FRESHMAN GRANDPARENTS WELCOMED ON CAMPUS

The community at Fairfield Prep was so happy to welcome the grandparents of our freshman Class of 2025 on campus for our annual Grandparents Day Breakfast & Mass on Friday, October 8.



SPORTS BUDDIES GET FIT

Saturdays in January, fathers and sons participated in a health and fitness program held at New Canaan High School for young people with disabilities from lower Fairfield County.



EVERYONE SPOKE CHRISTMAS AT THE NOURISH BRIDGEPORT ESL PROGRAM

On December 21, Prep's Bellarmine Guild and Fathers' Club sponsored a Holiday Party for Nourish Bridgeport ESL (English as a Second Language) program. Prep parents and sons served over 50 guests from 25 different countries. Families enjoyed a hot meal, hot chocolate, warm pajamas, and stockings stuffed with gifts for needy children.



DINNER AND A SHOW FOR MOMS AND SONS

Prep Mothers/Female caregivers and sons enjoy dinner and a show featuring Magician and Mentalist Ryan Oakes in the Student Life Center.

A FATHER AND SON SUPER BOWL TRADITION

The Fathers' Club Annual Father-Son Communion Breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday was a successful tradition and opportunity for Dads and sons to connect in community. More than 180 attendees enjoyed breakfast and speaker Mike Papale, Varsity Basketball Coach, in the Student Life Center followed by Mass in the McLeod Innovation Center.



PARENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Prep Parents kicked off the holiday season with a festive party to celebrate and get to know one another!



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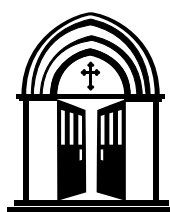
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Thank you for your support on **FP Giving Day! +AMDG**



Party with Prep People!

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