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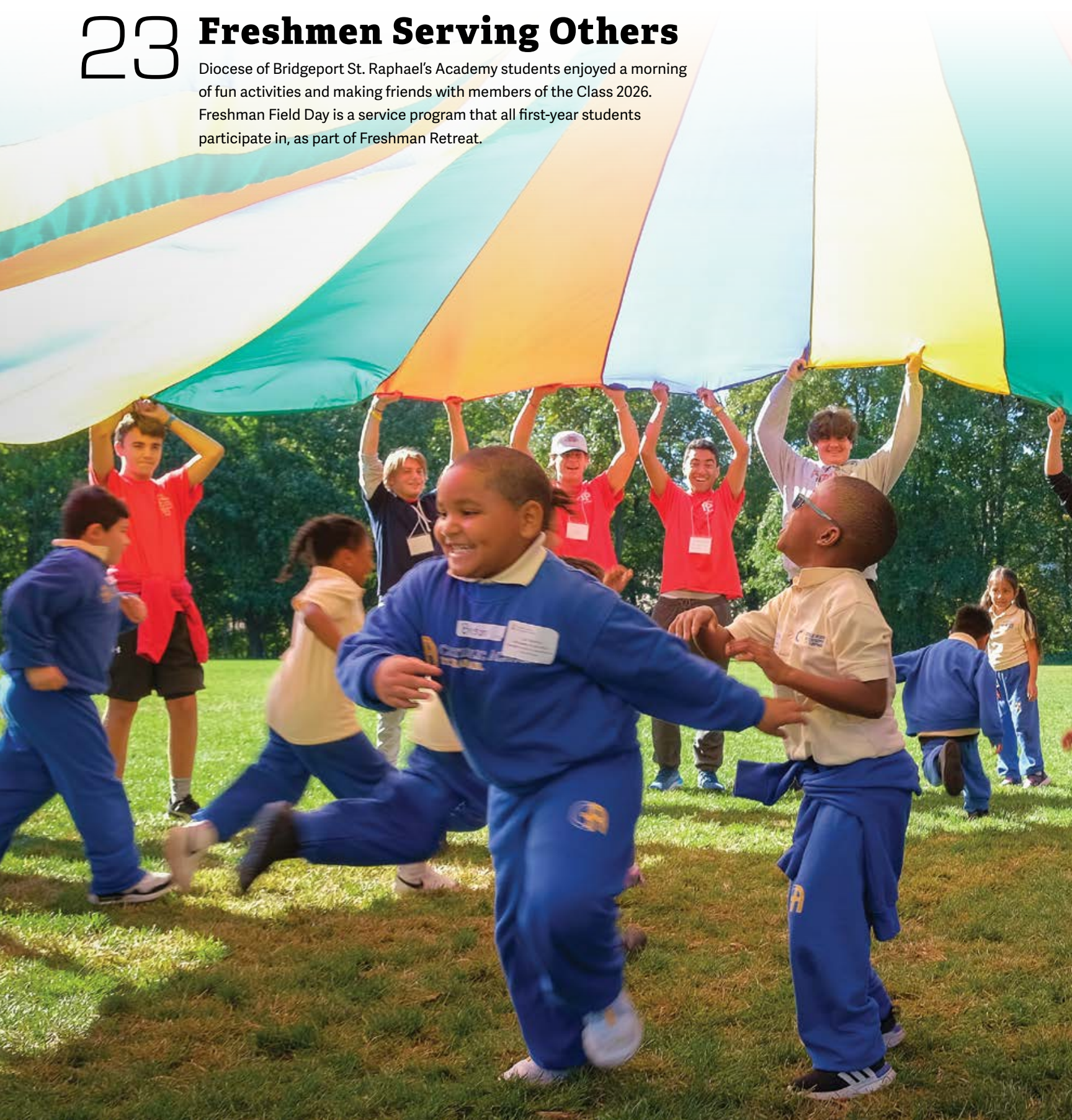
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Diocese of Bridgeport St. Raphael's Academy students enjoyed a morning of fun activities and making friends with members of the Class 2026. Freshman Field Day is a service program that all first-year students participate in, as part of Freshman Retreat.



ABOVE: Freshmen lead a parachute game with Catholic elementary school children. PHOTO CREDIT: FATHER RON PERRY, S.J.

COVER: From left: Maks Shemiako and Isaiah Sainvil at the Clubs and Activities Fair PHOTO CREDIT: RONALD DEROSA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS



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Barron Family Dedicates Millions to Aid Students

Striving to ensure young men have the opportunity of a Prep education.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear **Friends,**

Greetings from Prep in our 81st year in Fairfield! Our school theme this year is the perennial Jesuit motto *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, or “for the greater glory of God.” AMDG is a well-known mantra bequeathed by St. Ignatius to Jesuit schools everywhere. I remember so clearly introducing this core Jesuit concept to my Freshman Theology classes, “Gentlemen, at Prep, AMDG is the main thing. Keep the main thing as the main thing, and all other matters fall into place, with God’s gracious assistance.”

As I leafed through this inspiring edition of *Prep Today*, I noted countless examples of God’s greater glowry on display. We are so humbled by the announcement of the heroic generosity of **Frank Barron ‘69**. Frank’s singular philanthropic commitment to financial aid and access will be transformative in the lives of Fairfield Prep students. Frank’s family story, the commitment of his parents and grandparents to Jesuit Catholic education, and his brothers’ commitment to scholarship support is indeed a “gift to the next generation” of Prep boys. God bless Frank Barron ‘69 and his family for this support of Prep!

The profound grace of Prep brotherhood is also on full display here. Like so many, I was deeply moved by **Askel Sather’s** 2022 graduation address, “Dear Kid.” Don’t miss this incredible piece of the transformative Prep experience. Likewise, senior **Jamie Reilly’s** reflection on Prep as “home” is an eloquent metaphor for his life at Prep as the youngest of three brothers. Thank you Aksel and Jamie for opening your hearts to your Jesuit education.

Perhaps the most profound example of the power of Prep brotherhood can be found in the tribute to our departed brother **James “Jimmy” McGrath ‘23**. There will never be words to capture the sadness and grief that overcame the Prep community last spring at the loss of our brother Jimmy. It is also true that, in the midst of grief, we experienced the love of our Prep brothers, families, past parents and friends embracing us in our time of sorrow. We look forward to sharing news later this Spring about memorial tributes to our brother Jimmy. We continue to hold the McGrath family in our hearts and daily prayers.

In times of joy and times of sorrow, in moments of triumph and defeat, the Prep brotherhood is the gift that sustains us for lives of faith, hope and purpose. In that spirit, I invite you to be ignited by the stories and images of Fairfield Prep’s transformational mission. Know that we hold each of you in our daily prayers. May God bless you and all those you hold dear. Hail Prep! **+AMDG**

In gratitude,

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



Celebrating the Luck of the Irish— and Passing It On

Francis Patrick “Frank” Barron ‘69 considers himself lucky—and counts his experience at Fairfield Prep as a major marker on that path of good fortune. Thanks to a generous \$1 million gift and an additional \$5 million through his estate plans, generations of future Prep students will have the chance to be similarly lucky.

Frank traces his luck all the way back to Ireland in 1914 when his grandfather was fortunate enough to emigrate to America and find good-paying work with only a grammar school education. That luck continued through his father, Patrick Francis Barron, also called Frank. Thanks to his abilities, the tuition benefits of the GI Bill, and the Jesuits at Boston College High School, Frank Sr. became the first in his extended family to graduate from college. He went on to a successful career in broadcast sales, and together with his wife Audrey, put six sons through Fairfield Prep.

“I’m sure my father got up every morning,

pinched himself, and said, ‘I can’t believe how lucky I’ve been,’” recounts Frank, the oldest of those six sons. To thank their parents on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, the Barron brothers endowed the **Patrick Francis and Audrey Barron Scholarship** in 2000.

An Inauspicious Start

Fifty-seven years ago, in 1965 when Frank started his freshman year at Fairfield Prep, he never dreamed he’d be that grateful. As he recalls, he was a lackluster student whose only ambition was to go to Greenwich High with all his friends. His father made it clear, however, that going to Fairfield Prep was not open for debate.

“Within a week after starting, I realized that my father was right and I was wrong,” Frank recalls. “Prep was the right place for me. It changed the course of my young life just when it needed changing, and inspired me to strive to do my best.” After graduating from Prep, Frank earned a bachelor’s at

Harvard College and then a JD from Harvard Law School. He began practicing law at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in Manhattan, where he became a partner in 1985. He retired in 2014. Now, with time to give back, Frank serves on Prep’s Board of Governors and chairs the Advancement committee.

Realizing Potential

Frank has always been keenly aware of his immigrant roots and how far his family has come. He tells the story of the first time his grandmother, who emigrated to the U.S. in 1916, first set foot on a college campus. It was 1973 when Frank graduated from Harvard College. “My father told me that, as she entered Harvard Yard, she looked around in awe and, with her eyes glistening, quietly whispered in her soft Irish brogue, ‘Frankie, this is a great country.’”

“Hers is a sentiment to remember when, as inevitably happens, there are things about America that are disappointing or discouraging,” Frank continues. “We forget

sometimes that, in the course of human history, the history of our country and its experiment in self-governance is the blink of an eye. Our experiment is both youthful and fragile; its success is not inevitable. We must protect and nurture it with hope and devotion, but also with vigilance and determination.”

“One of the best and most important ways we can do that is by striving to ensure that children whose families don’t have the means to purchase high-quality education nevertheless have a chance at obtaining it. This has long been part of the Jesuit mission. We need to continue giving more young

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— FRANK BARRON ’69

boys the chance that my father was given: to receive a sound education, be inspired, go on to live lives of purpose—and then pass on that good fortune to the next generation. In doing so, we serve not only the interests of the individual boys we help, but the interests of our community, which suffers great loss

when human potential is wasted.”

“And so this is my philanthropic passion,” Frank concludes, explaining the motivation at the root of his scholarship: “helping kids who haven’t been born lucky to develop their talents and prepare for higher education and success in life.”

Planning for Fairfield Prep’s Future: Strategic Plan

As Fairfield Prep begins our 81st year, we are renewing our commitment to educating our sons in the Jesuit tradition, mind, body and spirit. Prep’s Strategic Plan, released in spring 2022, provides a comprehensive framework for growth and Jesuit excellence for the coming years. The five pillars of the plan will inform the investments we make in our students’ Jesuit education.

THE BARRONS’ GENEROUS GIFTS WILL DIRECTLY HELP:

PILLAR I

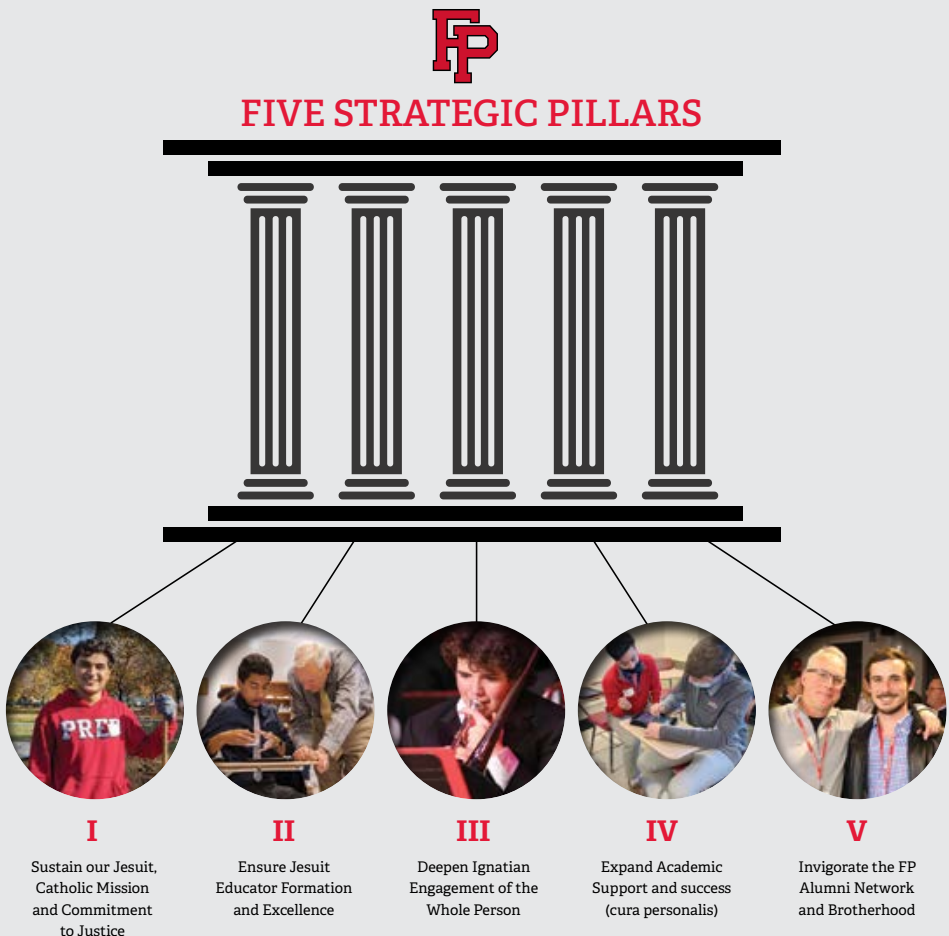
Sustain our Jesuit, Catholic Mission and Commitment to Justice

The Barron major gifts, targeted to support financial aid, will expand access to Fairfield Prep for many qualified young men in the coming years who desire a transformative Fairfield Prep education. The gifts will also work to sustain excellence and diversity by maintaining strong enrollment and ensuring access by many to the Prep experience both today and beyond.

PILLAR V

Invigorate the FP Alumni Network and Brotherhood

As a loyal Prep alumnus, Frank ’69 and the Barron family are dedicating resources which will positively impact the school for years. The Barrons’ support illustrates alumni leadership in underwriting and building current use and endowed funding, aimed at providing pathways for academic and spiritual transformation in educating the whole person. Frank’s generosity as an alumnus will be a model for fellow Fairfield Prep alumni to be generous and invest in Prep’s future.



MISSION STATEMENT

“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.”



*"Thank you Prep
for providing me
with the best four
years of my life."*

Jamie Reilly '22

Home Is Where Your Brothers Are

One of the biggest misconceptions we have growing up is that home is one place—that one place where we physically live. I too believed this to be true, although my experiences at Prep helped me realize that any person or place we love in our lives has the potential to become home for us. We all have many homes outside of the familiar walls in which we were raised—whether these homes are found in people or places—each of them is important to us.

Unlike any other school, Fairfield Prep offers students those characteristics that make a place a home. One is the opportunity to belong to a brotherhood. Brotherhood is a term that is hard to define and comprehend until you have actually lived it. The sense of family at Prep is unmatched and cannot be found anywhere else. For some it is felt immediately. For others it may take some time to settle in. As our special time at “home” came to an end, I guarantee that all the graduates sitting in white tuxes on that long-anticipated June day, felt the strength of brotherhood.

It is unrealistic to expect that someone will leave the halls of Prep at graduation the same as when they walked in as a freshman. We all change and with change comes challenges that every Prep man must be willing to face. Change is something we in the Prep Class of 2022 have become very familiar with over the past few years. Prep taught us well how to conquer and embrace the changes thrown at us.

Senior year can be especially challenging



Jamie Reilly '22 with Dean of Guidance & College Advising John Hanrahan and Reilly brothers Tommy '19 and Robbie '16

because the thought of leaving is in the back of everyone's mind. We tried to live in the moment before leaving our collective home. While the thought of leaving can be terrifying and difficult to accept, Prep taught us to take on these challenges with gratitude and joy, especially as we spent our last few weeks together as a senior class.

Senior week is a time for reflection, a time for all of us to be together as a class after our courses have ended. It is a time to enjoy each other's presence one last time before graduation. I will always remember at our senior breakfast being told that without reflecting on your experiences you are only experiencing half your life. Reflection was

important for me because until it was time to walk on stage that bright Sunday morning in June, I could not fathom the fact that I was actually leaving. Although departing was difficult for me, I am able to confidently say that I am walking out with the greatest friends and a brotherhood that will last a lifetime.

Thank you Prep for providing me with the best four years of my life.

*Reflection by **Jamie Reilly '22**. Magna Cum Laude honor student, National Honor Society member, Varsity Crew Team four-year member, Freshman Retreat Leader, and clubs and community service participant. Jamie is attending Fordham University.*



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Aksel Sather

Senior Farewell Address

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Aksel Sather and I am honored to speak to you this morning.

For those of you who do know me, and asked me to speak today, why would you do that? As you surely know, I am far from eloquent in front of large crowds, or any crowd for that matter.

However, in the words of Mark Twain "There are only two types of speakers in the world: the nervous and the liars." I am not a good liar and I don't want to bore you all with a long-winded speech I would be too nervous to deliver.

So instead, I am going to read a letter: A letter I received on my first day here at Prep.

Letter to my younger self..

DEAR KID,

CONGRATULATIONS ON **YOUR FIRST DAY**. I REMEMBER STANDING IN YOUR SHOES. THEY SEEM FIXED IN THE CEMENT OF THAT FIRST STEP, AS YOU GAZE UP AT THE SCHOOL. BENEATH THOSE ARCHES THAT LOOM SO LARGE. QUESTIONING ALL THAT'S AHEAD OF YOU. YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT PREP'S GREAT TRADITION AND LEGACY. BUT EXACTLY WHAT IT ALL MEANS IS UNKNOWN.

Teachers stroll by with briefcases, full of what you imagine to be impossible exams. Seniors with ominous shadows confidently take those steps, two at a time. You look around. Other freshmen seem to have the same expression as you. How will you all fit in?

Well, let me tell you, it is going to be quite a ride. Before I get into any of it. I have to warn you.

Watch out for one of **Mr. Mauritz'** class-long manifestos that leaves you a little too knowledgeable about his college experience.

Beware of **Mr. Dotolo** streaking down the alumni gym barefoot, khakis rolled to the knees, showing you to not take life too seriously.

Listen carefully as **Mr. Sather** inspires the school during a winter Pep Rally.

But kid, on a more serious level, today, tomorrow, and for the next four years of your life, each day you will walk up the steps.

You will cherish the daily nod from **Mr. Davis**, the smile from **Mr. Hanrahan**, and the sound of the first bell you will often be too late to hear.

Day after day, class after class, and conversation after conversation, these teachers will present you with a tremendous gift. Plenty of schools and thousands of teachers worldwide can teach equations, show you how to write an essay, and blow the whistle at practice.

But in the words of Martin Luther King, "Knowledge is not enough. Character plus intelligence—that's the objective, of true education." You will find your education here over these next four years goes beyond the accumulation of knowledge.

Here at Prep you'll find the deep Jesuit commitment to the development of that character.

It will penetrate past any assignment or grade into a joy of learning and a way of living. *Cura Personalis*. Not just care of the mind, but of the soul. And one day, you will have the chance to stand in front of your teachers, look out, and say "thank you."

DEAR KID,

ABOUT THOSE GUYS BOUNDING UP THE STEPS NEXT TO YOU, ON YOUR FIRST DAY. WHILE I WON'T SPOIL IT ALL, THESE ARE SOME OF THE CHARACTERS YOU WILL GROW TO CALL **BROTHERS**.

You haven't seen passion on display like a wild **Aiden Collins** screaming a speech at the top of his lungs during a half time.

You haven't felt true pride like watching an underdog football team take a school, and community, to the state championship.

You haven't heard a noise like the might of 800 students, screaming as a goal enters the back of the net at the Yale Whale, or as **Ryan Presiano** sinks a game-winning three.

You haven't been inspired yet like you will be when you gaze up from the pit and see the talent of the Prep Players as they dance and sing.

You will hear talk of this "brotherhood" and community hundreds of times during your four years. No one will show you how to be a brother, or when you become a brother. In the words of poet Peter Terzick:

You cannot see brotherhood;
neither can you hear it nor taste it.
But you can feel it a hundred times a day.
It is the pat on the back when things look gloomy.
It is the smile of encouragement when the way seems hard.
It is the helping hand when the burden becomes unbearable.

One day you will look around the Student Life Center and realize you have entered the brotherhood. And one day you will have the chance to look out into a sea of 170 young men in white tuxedos. Know you will forever be connected and love them.

And as you bid them farewell, you will have no words to express how grateful you are for what they have given you.

DEAR KID,

THE WIND WON'T ALWAYS BE AT YOUR BACK. THE JOURNEY WILL GET TOUGH AND CHALLENGE YOUR CLASS AND THE SCHOOL IN WAYS IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE. IN JANUARY OF YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR YOU WILL BE AT A 5AM PRACTICE. YOUR GOALIE COACH WILL COME UP TO YOU AND ASK WHAT YOU THINK OF ALL THE COVID NEWS SPREADING AROUND. YOU WILL SAY, "WHAT'S COVID"?

Then, for the next year and a half, you will get a pretty good idea.

Prep doesn't have any Public Health electives. Still, you will learn first-hand about pandemics, flattening curves, and sacrifice. But the isolation will teach you the value of community. The masks will teach you the power of a simple smile.

And as you emerge in the fall of your senior year, you will find a special ace in a not so good deck of cards. Your senior class will be the only one left at Prep that has seen a non-pandemic school. The only class that remembers the traditions, the spirit, and the culture.

The only class that really knows Prep.

And on a day in June, your senior class will reflect. You will all smile. Smile with the joy that comes when you complete a momentous task. As a senior class, you will bring Prep back—Kairos, the bomb squads, the musicals, the energy, the life.

DEAR KID,

NOW FOR THE HARDEST PART. YOU WILL LOSE A BROTHER. IT WILL SHAKE THE COMMUNITY TO YOUR VERY CORE. THAT COMMUNITY WILL STRUGGLE TOGETHER TO FIND A LIGHT OUT OF THE DARKNESS. TOLSTOY ONCE WROTE, "ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE CAPABLE OF LOVING STRONGLY CAN ALSO SUFFER GREAT SORROW, BUT THIS SAME NECESSITY OF LOVING SERVES TO COUNTERACT THEIR GRIEF AND HEALS THEM."

The community will feel unspeakable pain for the loss of a brother, and a son, because of the love he shared and the love you shared with him. Love is the cause of pain. Yet so too is it the remedy. This will all make sense on a solemn spring day. You, and hundreds of other brothers will march to Egan Chapel. Yes, to mourn and pay respects. But most of all to love. To love those around you, and let them know they are loved.

You will think of **Jimmy** often in the years that come. You will struggle to find wisdom in the pain. Maybe it is this: death walks beside us. This understanding demands courage. Courage to appreciate each moment of every day. Courage to inject passion and love into those moments. And courage to let the ones you love know that you do.

You will see this courage in the leadership of your teachers and administration. You will see this courage in your brothers and think of these lines:

Though much is taken, much abides; and though we are not now that strength which in old days moved earth and heaven, that which

we are, we are, one equal temper of heroic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but strong in will to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

DEAR KID,

BY NOW YOU HAVE PROBABLY FIGURED OUT THAT I AM YOU, YEARS DOWN THE LONG ROAD. YOU PROBABLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. I CAN'T SPOIL THAT FOR YOU. THE MYSTERY IS ONE OF LIFE'S GREAT JOYS.

One day you will show up to the halls of Prep. They will look wildly different. Tables and chairs will be set. A banner will read, "Class of 2022, 50th Reunion." **Bobby Rotondo's** luscious hair will have given way to baldness. **Henry Keller** may have even found a wife. **Matt Chamberlain** will arrive in Air Force 1 after his latest State of the Union. And together, you will get to share the wonderful stories, the laughter, and the tears that marked each of your journeys. You will look back and realize this. Fairfield Prep gave you an amazing foundation. The brotherhood will forever be your bedrock. Like all good things, it will end.

But that end will be a new beginning.

Kerouac speaks to this moment, "What is that feeling when you're driving away from people and they recede on the plain till you see their specks dispersing? It's the too-huge world vaulting us, and it's good-bye. But we lean forward to the next crazy venture beneath the skies."

Fairfield Prep will vault you. Lean hard into that next crazy venture.

Cherish the memories. And be immensely grateful for the community that gives so much, to turn nervous little boys who show up on their front steps, into fiercely proud young men, gathered in white tuxedos, not afraid to say goodbye but forever bound together by these shared experiences.

SINCERELY,

AKSEL SATHER '22



Aksel (pictured with Prep President Christian Cashman) is a Summa Cum Laude student, recipient of Johns Hopkins Book Award, St. Francis Xavier S.J. Award, and the Medal of St. Ignatius. He will be attending Yale University following a post graduate year at Westminster School.



Christian Cashman

President, Fairfield Prep

Allow me to congratulate you on your most heroic achievements both as individuals and as a class!

The Prep Class of 2022 will forever be etched in our memories. You graduate in the 80th year of Prep's history having experienced a once in a century pandemic.

Your time at Fairfield Prep marks an extraordinary moment in which you have been the caretakers of the PREP way, and you have heroically and carefully passed it on to the underclassmen for safekeeping – the BombSquad, Kairos, Urban Plunge, Wonderland, Rafferty, Performances at the Quick, the Fight Song and the Alma Mater.

Prep will never forget the Class of 2022 and the Jesuit leadership and resilience you have shown us all.



Msgr. Gregory Ramiskoon

Founder & Director of Mustard Seed communities

I should tell you, that whenever you have something to think about, make sure love is in the heart. What love is, is this: what you love, you must think about. What you think about, you must talk about. What you talk about, you must do. So it's easy to remember: heart, head, mouth, hands. Problem is now, what is your vision, what do you love? How do you define love in your own life?"

Every one of you here has something, and I'm not talking about money. I'm talking changing the I in 'live' to the O in 'love,' and bring in closely the presence of God, what St. Ignatius taught all of us: to be someone for others, especially others who need us most. And, many times, we have to pray, and ask the Lord, 'What do you want me to do?' But don't wait until we get an answer! Start anyway.





The **Medal of St. Ignatius Loyola** is awarded to the students in the top 5% of the Class of 2022 in honor of their outstanding academic achievement.

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Rev. Mateo Ricci, S.J. Academic Awards

Members of the Fairfield Prep faculty have selected outstanding students in each academic subject area to be honored for academic excellence, openness to growth, and a willingness to share their talents with others.

English

- ★ **Askel J. Sather**

Visual Arts

- ★ **Jude C. Pastorok**

Instrumental Music

- ★ **Evan M. Jang**
- ★ **Michael J. Rothberg**

Choral Music

- ★ **William F. Quincy**

Theatre

- ★ **Evan M. Jang**

French

- ★ **Hugh F. Hutchinson**
- ★ **John G. Reidy**

Latin

- ★ **Joseph M. Altieri**
- ★ **Matthew J. Dunn**

Spanish

- ★ **Henry O. Keller**

Mathematics

- ★ **Matthew P. Marsden**

Computer Science

- ★ **Colin M. O'Brien**

Biological Sciences

- ★ **Evan M. Jang**
- ★ **Nicholas D. Ferraro**
- ★ **Liam S. Lafond**

Chemical Sciences

- ★ **Carlos P. Delcristo**

Environmental Science

- ★ **Spencer C. Trautz**
- ★ **Nathaniel C. Duffy**

Physical Sciences

- ★ **Junwen Diao**

History

- ★ **Conor L. Glynn**

Economics

- ★ **Lucas Duarte**
- ★ **William J. McCarthy**
- ★ **Jack H. Gifford**

Business & Entrepreneurship

- ★ **Aksel J. Sather**

Social Sciences

- ★ **Matthew J. Dunn**
- ★ **Karum Chaudhry**
- ★ **Hugh F. Hutchinson**

Theology

- ★ **Michael J. Rothberg**

The Rev. Eugene C. Brissette, S.J. Award

honors the senior who is Prep's most representative scholar/athlete.

- ★ **Michael J. Rothberg**
- ★ **Jack R. Mullen**

The St. John Francis Regis, S.J. Campus Ministry Award

honors seniors who have shown outstanding leadership and generosity in their contribution to the enhancement of the spiritual life of Fairfield Prep.

For outstanding dedication and leadership in the promotion of the Fairfield Prep retreat program

- ★ **Brennan J. Newcomb**
- ★ **Daniel Maloney**

For outstanding leadership and generosity in their contribution to the liturgical life of Fairfield Prep

- ★ **Michael R. Deveny**

For outstanding leadership and generosity in his contribution to the Liturgical Music Program at Fairfield Prep

- ★ **Xingzao Zhuang**

The St. Isaac Jogues, S.J. Award

is given in memory of Mark Masiello, Class of 1983. A plaque and a check are presented to a senior who has shown tremendous courage during their years at Prep.

- ★ **Tymaine J. Smith**

The Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. Award

is given in memory of John Lambert, Class of 1994. A plaque and a check are presented to two seniors who have been key to the success of our literary publications.

- ★ **James A. Gill**

Jessica and Mitchell McManus Award

is given to a student who is a four year member of the SEED program and, through his actions, best exemplifies the qualities of the Graduate at Graduation.

- ★ **Nicholas Posada**

The **Cardinal Key Society Award** is presented to a member of the Cardinal Key Society who have distinguished himself by their leadership and service to the Prep Community.

- ★ **Sebastian M. Yanez**
- ★ **Matthew P. Marsden**

The Rev. Arturo Sosa, S.J. Leadership Award

, named after the current Superior General of the Society of Jesus, is presented to the senior class officers for their outstanding efforts in service to the Prep community.

- ★ **James R. Iaropoli**
- ★ **Theodore C. Bednar**
- ★ **Winston Wu**
- ★ **Daniel M. Barnick**
- ★ **John J. Petrafesa**

Vanderslice Family Award for Excellence in Math & Science

Through the generosity of Paul Vanderslice, Prep Class of '76, and his wife Lynne Vanderslice, former Prep Board of Governor; a new Scholarship Fund has been established. As part of this Vanderslice Family Scholarship Fund, an annual award for Excellence in Math & Science has been created and will be given to a graduating senior each year in the amount of \$5,000 who has exhibited outstanding achievement in the Math/Science subject area.

- ★ **Arav D'Souza**

The **Principal's Award** is presented to outstanding student leaders.

- ★ **William M. Bonnist**
- ★ **Charles Gussen**
- ★ **Michael J. Coyne**

The **President's Award** is presented to a student for providing outstanding leadership to the Fairfield Prep Community throughout the year.

- ★ **Tieman P. Curley**
- ★ **Conor J. Lillis**
- ★ **Ryan Oates**

SPECIAL AWARDS AT COMMENCEMENT

The St. Edmund Campion, S.J.

Award honors that senior who has demonstrated an enthusiastic quest for academic excellence which leads him to explore the possibilities of self, faith, goodness and justice in the world.

- ★ **Hugh F. Hutchinson**
- ★ **William M. Bonnist**
- ★ **Charles Gussen**

The St. Francis Xavier, S.J. Award

honors that student who has taken advantage of the full array of opportunities and experiences offered at Prep.

- ★ **Evan M. Jang**
- ★ **Aksel J. Sather**
- ★ **Michael J. Rothberg**

The St. John Berchmans, S.J. Award

honors that senior whose faith has led him to become a man of conscience, compassion and action in service of others for the greater glory of God.

- ★ **Matthew J. Dunn**
- ★ **Brennan J. Newcomb**

The Reverend Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Award

honors that senior whose vitality of faith frees him to be a "Man-for-Others."

- ★ **Daniel Maloney**
- ★ **Daniel M. Barnick**

The **St. Peter Claver, S.J. Award** honors that senior who has distinguished himself by his leadership and his commitment to the preferential option for the poor.

- ★ **James A. Gill**
- ★ **Conor J. Lillis**

The Jesuit Schools Network

Award honors that senior who has distinguished himself as a well-rounded, intellectually competent individual who is open to growth, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice in generous service to the people of God.

- ★ **Matthew P. Marsden**

SCC SCHOLAR LEADERS

Evan Jang (left) and Matt Marsden (right) were selected by Principal Mr. Timothy Dee (center) as Prep's SCC Scholar Leaders for their leadership and excellence in the school and local communities. Considered the "Best of the Best," the honorees have talents which include mentoring, athletic prowess, artistic talents, activism, decision making, and music.

Evan Jang has been a leader both inside and outside of the classroom. He is ranked in the top 5% of his class with over a 4.0 GPA, is a Freshman Retreat Leader, student leader of our REIGNS group and plays the French horn in our music ensembles. He is an accomplished actor, having been nominated for and winning several HALO Theatre Awards, and played the lead role in last spring's musical, Pippin. Evan is attending Tufts University this fall.



Matthew Marsden has been a leader at Prep since his freshman year. Besides being ranked in the top 5% of his class, Matt leads through his actions as a member of the Varsity Tennis team, as a member of the Keystone Club at the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club in Fairfield, and as one of the student co-directors of our Freshman Retreat Program at Prep. Matt has been a featured speaker at various student awards and parent orientation sessions over his years. Matt is attending University of Virginia this fall.

Keller and Coyne named SCC Scholar Athletes

Henry Keller (crew) and **Michael Coyne** (baseball) were both named SCC Scholar Athletes for the spring season sponsored by Great Blue Research.

Henry Keller is a standout Summa Cum Laude student-athlete in the class of 2022. Henry is a National Honor Society member and he also received the Tulane Book Award for his demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership and service. Henry played on the Varsity Ice Hockey and Lacrosse teams for the past three seasons. Despite his busy school and sports schedule, he has also been active in the Debate Club and has written articles for the Political Awareness Society. Henry has volunteered with Full Court Peace, Storm Hockey and distributed food for the homeless on the New Haven Green. Henry is attending Boston College.



Michael Coyne is a Magna Cum Laude student and member of the National Honor Society. Academically, he is an excellent student who pushes himself in and out of the classroom. On the athletic field, Michael is a top fielding shortstop for the Jesuits and a Div. I baseball recruit for the Georgetown Hoyas. For the past four years, Michael has played baseball for Prep as well as Baseball U during the spring and summer months. Beyond baseball, Michael volunteers at a homeless shelter, Columbus House in New Haven, and participates in Fairfield Connections, an organization that works with mentally and physically challenged teenagers.



Left to right: Robert and Kathryn Marsden, Matthew Marsden '22 and Phil and Elaine Lauria

Matt Marsden '22 is awarded the Phillip A. Lauria Scholarship

By his enthusiastic engagement in the mission of Fairfield Prep, **Matthew Marsden '22** has been awarded the **Phillip A. Lauria Scholarship**. Through the generosity of the Lauria family this scholarship was established in Phil's memory, a member of Prep's Class of 2005. Phil was a true "Man for Others" who lived and learned with integrity, ethics, kindness, religious values and respect for others, as Matt has in his Prep years.

Matt received summa cum laude honors for all four years while taking the strongest course of study offered including six AP courses in senior year. Many recognitions highlight Matt's scholarship including Commendation by the National Merit Scholarship program, National Honor Society, SCC Scholar Leader and the Harvard Book Award.

In Prep's Campus Ministry program, Matt served first as a leader, and then Co-Director of the annual Freshman Retreat. He also served as Co-Chairman of the Environmental Club and provided peer tutoring through the NHS and the Spanish Honor Society. Matt served as tour guide, assisted at school events like the Open House, and was a frequent featured speaker. Outside Prep, Matt volunteered with Fairfield Connections at the YMCA, and the Great Futures Mentoring program at McKinley School, sponsored by Wakeman Boys & Girls Club. Matt played on the Varsity Tennis Team and was twice elected captain. Matt received the prestigious Jesuit Schools Network Award as a young man who is committed to doing justice in generous service to God. Matt lives in Fairfield and is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. He will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.



Congratulations Eagle Scouts

Andre Borges	Brennan Newcomb	Michael Queenan
Conor Glynn	Liam Lafond	Winston Wu
George Kane	Ian Nolan	



From left: Fairfield Police Union Scholarship Fund Board Member Charles F. Chiusano, Police Captain Robert Kalamaras, Brennan Newcomb '22, Officer Keith Broderick, and Officer Mike Paris

Brennan Newcomb '22 Awarded Fairfield Police Union Scholarship

Brennan Newcomb was awarded the Fairfield Police Union Scholarship in the name of Judge Daniel Caruso. The fund was created to honor the life work of Judge Caruso who served as Fairfield Probate Judge and was an advocate for anyone who needed help in the community.

For four years, Brennan has been a scholar, athlete, leader and "Man for Others." He has always put others needs and the greater good ahead of his own. These qualities have made him a perfect person to lead younger students, from serving as a Shadow Day host his freshman year to a Senior Leader at the annual Freshman Retreat. He has been a dedicated percussionist with the band for four years. He began his athletic career as a coxswain for the crew team. Eventually he moved over to cross country where he served as one of the Captains in senior year. One of his most lasting legacies will be his leadership within Prep's Environmental Club as co-president, and helping lead an E-Waste drive and school-wide Earth Day community event. Brennan earned his Eagle Scout Award this past year. Brennan has an all-in attitude with his studies, achieving Summa Cum Laude honors. He will continue his contributions to a school community at Bucknell University in the fall.



From left: Principal Timothy Dee, Dean of Guidance & College Advising John Hanrahan, Rotary Representative Debbie Clancy, Hugh Hutchinson '22, and Guidance Counselor Rick Hutchinson

Hutchinson Awarded Fairfield Rotary Scholarship and Named CASCIAAC Scholar Athlete

Hugh Hutchinson was the recipient of a scholarship awarded by the Fairfield Rotary Club Foundation for "Service Above Self."

Hugh is a Summa Cum Laude honor student, member of the National Honor Society and serves as a peer tutor. He is a recipient of the Yale Book Award and the prestigious St. Edmund Campion, S.J., Award.

At Prep, he has participated in Ethics Bowl, Mental Health Awareness, Environmental Club and German Exchange program. Hugh has volunteered at the Special Olympics, Kennedy Center, Merton House and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Hugh has been a four-year member of the Varsity Swimming Team where he served as captain, helped lead the team to an SCC Championship his senior year, and was All-State in 2021 and All-SCC in 2022. He also qualified for the YMCA national championships. He was honored with the Connecticut CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete award as the Fairfield Prep senior recipient. Hugh will be attending Middlebury College, where he will continue swimming.



James Iaropoli, with parents Paul and Cynthia.

Iaropoli Football Scholar Athlete

James Iaropoli, was honored as a National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete by the Casey-O'Brien New Haven County Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. James is a Summa Cum Laude and NHS honor student who served as Student Government President his senior year. He was a 4-year team member and senior captain on the Prep Football team, which reached the State Championship and earned 2021 state runner-up. James was the recipient of the Columbia Book Award, the Medal of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and the Rev. Arturo Sosa, S.J, Leadership Award. He led a fundraiser for computers to benefit students on the Nez Perce Reservation in Idaho. James is attending Georgetown University.



Duffy Wins Young American Award

Nathaniel Duffy was presented the Young American Award by the Western CT Military Officers Association. He was recognized as an outstanding young citizen as exemplified by his service to the community and the nation. His inspirational essay on Leadership focused on former Prep President Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J. Nathaniel was recognized as recipient of the organization's top scholarship. The award was presented by Lieutenant Colonel **John F. Simonetti, USAF (Ret) '75**. Nathaniel will be attending the United States Naval Academy following a post graduate year at the Salisbury School.



Aspen with elk damage

Prep Teachers Take Their Learning Into the Field

We are all lifelong learners. If you spend enough time in any classroom setting you would have heard that phrase before. Over the summer, science teachers **Mr. Stephen Soto** (top left) and **Mr. Bob Ford, Jr.** (top right) decided to live out that platitude by participating in a professional development trip hosted by Ecology Project International (EPI) at University of Colorado Boulder's Mountain Research Station. EPI offers a wide array of experiences catered toward students and teachers to get outside and experience firsthand the concepts that we talk about in the classroom. Mr. Ford was selected to study winter ecology in Yellowstone National Park out of hundreds of applicants for the annual EPI teaching fellowship which focused on field science and conservation. In a follow-up summer program Mr. Soto had the opportunity to join



High altitude tundra research hut

him for a new program in Colorado. While on this trip, the pair of teachers learned about applying the Next Generation Science Standards to their own classroom experience. This emerging set of standards pushes science classes to engage students by presenting the lessons in the context of



natural phenomena that are interesting and relatable.

During their time with EPI, the two participated in designing a research project that will monitor the health of Aspen trees following wolf reintroduction to the area, they learned about a tiny relative of the rabbit known as Pika which are incredibly important for maintaining water sheds throughout Asia, and they

also visited the longest running climate data collection site on the continent. EPI provided a rich framework for Mr. Soto and Mr. Ford to learn new ways to create an impactful classroom experience about how exciting science learning can be and they are motivated to bring the energy into their classes this fall. Mr. Ford is taking a group of Prep students in February 2023 on an EPI trip to Yellowstone.



Searching for pika high in the Rockies



North entrance in Montana



Setting off to build bison enclosures in Wyoming



THIS PAGE: Last February, Mr. Ford participated in an EPI Fellowship trip which studied bison migration in Yellowstone, Wyoming.

Mr. Ford holding a juvenile wolf skull

Walking the Walk



Tremblay's Camino Pilgrimage Was a Life Changing Experience

Why go on the Camino? Why do it now? I had several reasons. Because of COVID, it had been three years since I was able to return to Spain, and my COVID fatigue was real. I was also ready to have a more intimate time of travel. I wanted to be active and get a break from technology, my phone and emails. I was going through a period of serious personal reflection, dealing with issues regarding my mother's health and her move to California to live with my sister. On top of that, we were mourning as a community at Prep. The time felt right to go. In the end, this trip turned out to be one of the best experiences I have had in my lifetime.

After months of planning—getting the right backpack, gear and boots, and finding someone who would sacrifice nine days of their own busy life to traverse the Spanish countryside with me—the date was set and I was ready to go to Spain.

A friend from my undergrad, Olivia, quickly agreed to accompany me. I explained to her a little bit about the Camino de Santiago. Fundamentally, it is a vast, ancient network of paths through France, Spain and Portugal. You must traverse at least 100 kilometers (approximately 62 miles) of the trail to receive your compostela, the certification of your Camino. Since Sarria is a little over 100 kilometers away from Santiago, it was a good starting point.

I told Olivia that while we are on the Camino, we'll find cafés as well as an albergue to house us—essentially, a hotel for pilgrims. Some offer

a big room with bunk beds for €18 euro a night (\$17.50) or a shared room with two double beds for €40 euro a night (\$38.80). Sometimes rooms cost even less. On one occasion, my aunt had slept in a sleeping bag on the floor because all the other albergues were full.

On June 22, we took an overnight flight to Madrid from JFK. After taking a train to Ourense, we took a taxi to the hotel about an hour and a half away. After dinner, we went to bed and woke up early to begin the trail.

At 8:00 a.m. we set out to find our pilgrims passports. It is necessary to identify yourself as a pilgrim to gain access to the Albergues. You are required to have your passport stamped at least twice a day, every day, in order to receive your compostela at the end. After some trouble finding the pilgrims passport, we finally received ours at a convent in Sarria.

The first day was full of excitement and a new mindset. We were free to come and go as we pleased, to ignore our watches, and to take time for reflection. We started a tradition of doing an examen each day as well as saying “¡Buen Camino!” to every passerby.

I had been to Galicia before, but I had never experienced it this way. The area was full of pastures with goats and bulls, small towns with ten to fifteen buildings constructed of large stones, and rolling hills overtaken by white pollen floating in the wind. At one point, Olivia and I sat on top of a hill at a café and watched the pollen drift by. We sat there for an hour in awe of the beauty and mystery that was before us.

That first day we were introduced to an abundance of faces that we would see repeatedly for the next seven—a German couple with a dog,

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Walking the Walk

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an Australian man and a woman from Texas who would check up on us each day, a woman from Guadalajara, México, who we helped back on the trail, an inspiring 93-year-old woman, an Italian woman walking to prove her strength after defeating breast cancer, a French-speaking couple, and a couple who met their first day in France and fell in love. I will be forever grateful to the countless people who lived along the trail and shared with us their culture, food, shelter, and advice.

The Journey on the Camino took Olivia and I through many different towns and cities—Sarria, Portomarin, Palas del Rei, Melide and Arzúa. The hike itself was not very forgiving. After the first day, Olivia and I had serious blisters on our feet. By the second, it was hard to start our walk. We quickly learned how to drain and dress our blisters correctly.

We averaged a 15-mile walk per day. In total, we walked 73 miles (about 113 kilometers). Pain was a companion on the journey. It was a small distraction from the culture, people, and countryside surrounding us—not to mention our inner journeys.

We did things that we never thought possible. There were moments



where our feet hurt so badly and times when we walked for what seemed like hours with no change of scenery—but we persevered. Olivia conquered her fear of heights by walking over a bridge that had a hundred-foot drop. On the fourth day, we sat and ate with the 93-year-old woman. It was raining, but luckily, we were under an umbrella. Things seemed like they were going to be hard for the rest of the day, muddy and dark. Yet, all we needed was a refresher.

We happened upon a pillar after we got up to leave that was dedicated to a boy who had passed away, and dreamed of going on the Camino de Santiago. The quote on that pillar read, “¡Las huellas del Señor no son invisibles, tu vida es una de ellas!” (The footprints of Jesus are not invisible, your life is one of them!)

Upon further inspection, I realized the pillar was a shrine to those who had passed too soon. There were tokens representing those in memoriam all over the monument. I looked down and realized that I had something that I wanted to contribute.

Before school let out, I had proctored the Junior prom. That night everyone had received light blue bracelets commemorating **Jimmy McGrath '23**. I always knew I was going to dedicate this walk to Jimmy, but I was not sure how. In this moment, I realized how. Although a small remembrance, I placed this little piece of us on the shrine. I wondered if it was the right thing to do. My hesitation faded when I looked down and saw something blue and shiny sticking out of the ground. It was a metal shell, the symbol of the Camino. I saw this as the Camino's way of giving back to me. It symbolized—keep on with the journey, that things will be okay. It made me feel more complete after I picked up that shell.

The Camino brought us to Santiago de Compostela, where we finalized this portion of our journey. We took pictures together in front of the cathedral—I took my favorite picture of my boots with the cathedral behind it—we hugged, and at the last moment, we met the couple who fell in love on the Camino. We laughed together about making it to our destination, and they told us that this is not where they would end their Camino. They were leaving the next day to go to Ferresteria, or the “end of the world,” together.

This was not the last leg of our journey, in fact, our journey had just begun. We spent these days as a time of reflection, of companionship, of an inner journey, and it was as if the Camino had showed us that. Now, it is our job to explore that more. To all reading this I say to you “¡Buen Camino!” I hope that one day you will be able to explore this amazing journey as I did.

By Jozef Tremblay, Spanish teacher, Freshman Soccer Coach





Class of 2022 Names Milazzo Inspirational Teacher

By Principal Timothy Dee

Corey Milazzo, known for his spirit, passion and care for all of his students, was selected as the Most Inspirational Teacher by the members of the recent graduating Class of 2022. Corey arrived at Fairfield Prep in 2010 after graduating from Fairfield University and began as a Theology teacher. For the past seven years, Corey served as Theology Chair and over the past three years has taught Economics to seniors. His Theology students have entered his classroom each day to an enthusiastic role model who teaches the students about our Jesuit and Catholic values through his words and actions. Seniors in his Economics class

have experienced Corey's passion for personal responsibility, as well as witnessed him weave in his passion of economics to how students need to act as they graduate from Prep and learn fiscal discipline. During his acceptance speech, Corey told our graduating seniors, "Take time to find God in all things. Find the more than quality, the specialness in things. You'll find God where you find the specialness." Corey has impacted the lives of hundreds of Fairfield Prep students, and it was an honor to present to him the Most Inspirational Teacher Award on behalf of the Class of 2022.

Mrs. Melissa Goodwin got Rave Reviews from Hearthstone

Fairfield Prep was pleased to award **Mrs. Melissa Goodwin** with the 2022 *Hearthstone* yearbook dedication this year. Mrs. Goodwin works as the World Language Department chair and remains incredibly active throughout the school community. Our students, teachers, and parents recognize and appreciate all of her commendable efforts.

Nic Vittoria '23

★★★★★

The impact Mrs. Goodwin has had on Prep this year did not go unnoticed. From organizing community periods to coordinating the morning prayer and announcements, Mrs. Goodwin has gone above and beyond in getting Prep back to full spirit after two years of COVID-19. Besides chairing the World Language department, Mrs. Goodwin also played a vital role in getting students involved in service. The games for Giving Day was all the work of Mrs. Goodwin. She teaches with care and passion and never lets a student fall behind. For almost two decades Mrs. Goodwin has truly lived out the magis here at Prep.

Matthew Mitchell '23

★★★★★

Mrs. Goodwin is a great teacher because she is always willing to take time to discuss any issue inside or out of the classroom and care for all of our well-being.



Nic Vittoria '23 presents Mrs. Goodwin with the dedication

Inigo Gil '23

★★★★★

Mrs. Goodwin is one of the most dedicated, funny, and caring teachers I have ever had the pleasure of having as a teacher. Her work not only in class, but also in the Prep community, has been helping bring back the school spirit that the upperclassmen experienced pre-COVID. From leading in the class to coordinating community days and allowing us to have fun days off from schoolwork, Mrs. Goodwin is a teacher that both Prep faculty and students should feel blessed to have representing their school.



ALGEBRA MATH FAIR

Algebra I Honors held a "math fair" in the McLeod Innovation Center in April. **Ms. Tracey Owens'** class created math games and activities tied to Bloom's Taxonomy hierarchy of learning levels: Knowledge, Comprehension, Application, Analysis, Synthesis and Evaluation.



HISPANIC SCHOLARS HONORED

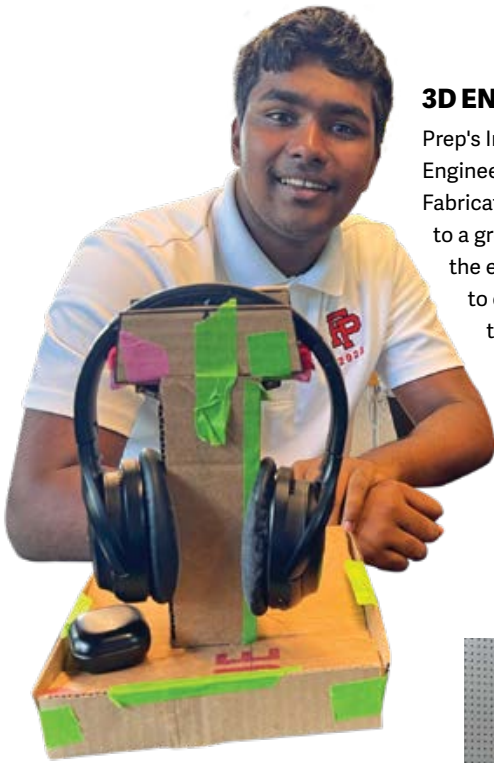
Congratulations! The College Board National Recognition Program honored four Hispanic American Prep scholars for their performance and achievements on The College Board tests, AP Exams and academic excellence at Prep. From left: Pres. Christian Cashman, **Luis Brea '23**, **Sebastian Rodriguez '23**, **Joshua Schumacher '24**, **Nic Vittoria '23** and Principal Tim Dee.



A SWEET SCIENCE PROJECT

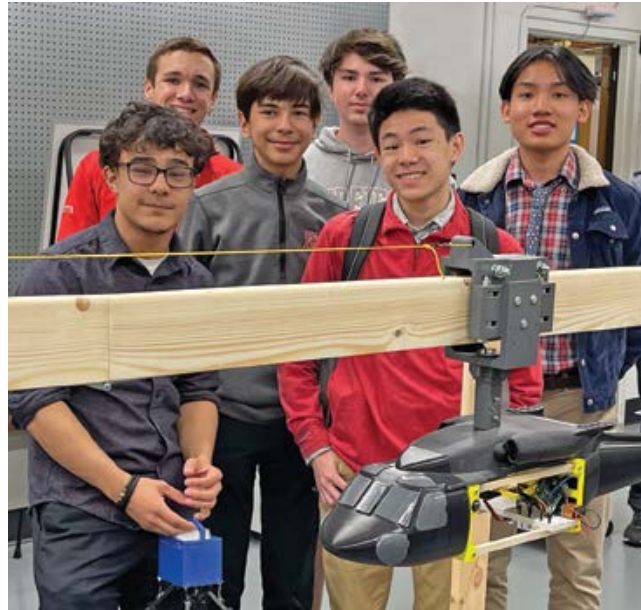
Congratulations to **David Boudreau '23** on his 5th consecutive entry into the CT Science and Engineering Fair. David was presented with a commemorative gift recognizing his accomplishments by the Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair board of directors. David's research, entitled "Better Honey," focused on demonstrating how honeys of different global origins may produce an antimicrobial effect on nonpathogenic *Staphylococcus epidermidis*. At Prep, David continually demonstrates his openness to growth and his drive for academic excellence.





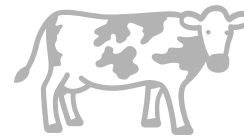
3D ENGINEERING

Prep's Introduction to Engineering & Digital Fabrication course is off to a great start! Students are applying the engineering design process to create a holder for an item of their choosing. They sketched their design on paper, built a cardboard model, and are designing a 3D model in Tinkercad which will be printed using our 3D printers.



SIKORSKY STEM CHALLENGE

Prep's Sikorsky Challenge Team is working to solve a specified engineering problem. Each year, a new engineering challenge is designed by a team of Sikorsky engineers in order to promote Sikorsky to future local engineering students, support realistic STEM education in Connecticut, gain Sikorsky engineering staff mentoring experience, and provide opportunities for out-of-the-box creative thinking in how to solve Aerospace- and Helicopter-related problems.



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE VISITS A SUSTAINABLE FARM

Environmental Science students in Mr. Ford's class visited Shaggy Coos Farm in Easton to look at sustainable farming practices and the economics of small scale agriculture.

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Be Ignited!
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CADEAU AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP



The Connecticut State Columbiettes awarded freshman **Jeff Cadeau** with a \$1,000 scholarship. To win the scholarship, Jeff composed an essay on why he chose Fairfield Prep and Jesuit education for high school.



PREP WELCOMES STUDENT-SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

In order to better support our students in their academic lives and their personal wellbeing, Prep has added Social Worker **Mrs. Robyn Bilotta** (top), and Director of Academic Support, **Mrs. Jenifer DiLillo** (bottom). These two professionals are helping Prep to achieve our Jesuit Mission of expanded *cura personalis*, care of the whole boy.



STOCK MARKET GAME SUCCESS!

Prep's Stock Market Club finished the 2021-22 school year with great returns on investments. Congratulations to **Daniel Fung '22** for winning Second Place in the overall CT State competition for the Stock Market Game — ending the year with a whopping \$144,346.56! In the local FP Competition, kudos to the top winners: #1 **Daniel Fung '22**; #2 **Micah Bory '23**; and #3 **Thomas Domino '25**. The Stock Market Club is moderated by **Mr. Jozef Tremblay**.



BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS PITCH PRODUCT CONCEPTS TO ALUMNI MENTORS

During Prep's latest spring semester, the Fairfield Prep Entrepreneurship Institute hosted a "Shark Tank"-type start-up competition in which teams of Prep students developed product ideas, created an elevator pitch and business plan, and delivered results to would-be investors. On April 5, Director of the Entrepreneurship Institute **Tom Shea '73** facilitated an in-person and virtual meet-up between these Prep students and several alumni mentors in the McLeod Innovation Center to discuss their ideas.

Service Calls

Prep brothers answer the call



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On June 10, students of Fairfield Prep travelled to Habitats for Humanity for another session of volunteer work. The students helped to install siding at Goodwin Place and dig porch posts on Granfield Avenue in Bridgeport.



URBAN PLUNGE

Prep students participated in an Urban Plunge this past spring from April 7 to 8. The Urban Plunge gave students the opportunity to help the organizations and institutions that are Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Homes for the Brave, McGivney Community Center, Inc. and Beardsley School in Bridgeport.



INTRO TO SERVICE

Prep hosted children from St. Raphael's Academy in Bridgeport as part of their Freshman Retreat experience in early October. Prep students led the elementary school children in fun activities, and participated in conversation and sharing with them.



Appalachian Angels

*Country roads, take me home.
To the place I belong!*

John Denver knew what generations of young men have understood since the Prep Appalachia Immersion program began in the '80s—that this is truly a special place where we can all belong.



During a week in June, 26 young men made their first Appalachia trip this year to Barren Springs and Fries, Virginia. This was the first time that Prep has rekindled the relationship with southwestern Virginia since 2019. Three long years missing our friends was incredibly hard on all of us.

Six senior leaders directed the immersion, no small task since none of them had made the trip before. **Danny DeRose, Robbie Donahue, Matthew Mancini, Thomas Nardone and Noah Orsini** all took the job seriously from the start by investing preparation time to learn about Appalachia.

Upon arriving, our students were welcomed by the Glenwood United Methodist Church in Barren Springs and the Fries Community Center. Both communities have amazing people we have come to love over the years. They are unrivaled stewards of Appalachian culture and hospitality. Our boys painted, weeded, fixed things (broke things), and most importantly created strong, loving relationships with each other and the Virginians!

Appalachia includes parts of 13 states and all of West Virginia. Through their substantial histories of farming, mining, and Scot-Irish settlement, Barren Springs and Fries share an existence of struggle and hope.

Like all of our Campus Ministry offerings, our Appalachia Immersion trip is intended to take our students out of their comfort zone



and introduce them to the broader world around them. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus, called for Jesuit school alumni to become "Men and women with and for others" in his classic, order defining call to the crowd gathered in Valencia, Spain, back in 1973. Introducing our students to the wonder and majesty, as well as the struggle and persistence of the Appalachia region, is one way that Fairfield Prep answers this call.

We are thankful for our adult volunteers who helped make this trip a reality: **Megan Hoover, Kevin Kery '00, Michelle Smith, and Stephen Soto**. Thanks to our awesome hosts for sharing an amazing week with us, and to the families who trusted us with their boys for a week this summer. Most of all, thank you to our wonderful students who answered Pedro Arrupe's call. We hope they are forever changed.



By **Kevin Kery '00**, Theology Department Chair, Freshman Football Coach, Head Rugby Coach



Excerpts from Prep student reflections:

I can use this work ethic and the desire to do good for others to help my family, friends, and Prep community. My perceptions have changed greatly from this experience. While the community of Barren Springs itself is quite underdeveloped and has its own issues, it has lots of natural beauty as well as great people who have great values and much to learn from.

Aidan Dennis '24, Barren Springs

Now that the trip has come to an end, I will try my best to welcome others within the Fairfield Prep community, similar to how the Barren Springs community welcomed me. I know how nerve wracking it is to enter Prep as a freshman, so I will try my best to welcome the underclassman this coming school year in the classroom and on the field.

Craig Sheehan '23, Student Leader, Barren Springs

I sincerely hope that more will choose to volunteer for the Appalachian trip next year because, at least for me, it had more benefits than I had anticipated. I've always wanted to help people. That is one of the reasons I embarked on this incredible journey. Happily, I had the opportunity to participate. However, I did not anticipate that Appalachia would be as helpful to me. What I want to do with my life has become clear to me. And I am aware that families and enjoyable moments can be found in the most unexpected places.

Tomas Galloza '24, Barren Springs

My life has been changed because now I know what some people have to go through on a daily basis. I am going to try and commit myself to their cause.

James Cavallo '24, Barren Springs

The immersion trip has made me more inclined to do acts of service at Prep and my community. I have become so much more grateful for the things I have and learned not to take even the little things like air conditioning for granted. I have become more aware of the privileges I have coming from Fairfield County.

Josh Shumacher '24, Fries

After a long day of work, I went down to the river to relax a little bit. A lady asked us if we were the volunteers who came every summer to help fix up the community. I responded with "Yes, we are." She went on to thank us because our help means a lot, not only to her, but the entire community of Fries. That made me feel like I was doing something greater in life—that did not contribute to my success or feeling good—but helped those in need. I was doing something greater than myself.

Sam Alvarez '24, Fries

Appalachia changed me, my views on the world, and on what inspires me in a way I can't see being undone in the foreseeable future. While I'm sure that the experience will have a lasting impact, I know I must be active in making that a reality. I'm going to commit myself to sharing my story to everyone I can reach.

Kent Costikyan '24, Fries

This opportunity will have a lasting impact on me, and I will carry the lessons I learned with me in my daily life. This trip changed my life and I want more experiences like it. They will create memories that I will have forever.

Matthew Hewitt '24, Fries





Belen Jesuit visits Fairfield Prep

Better Together

During the second weekend of September, Fairfield Prep welcomed Belen Jesuit, our fellow network school. Belen families joined Prep for this fall's Mass of the Holy Spirit, a tradition in all Jesuit schools. The Principal celebrant was Belen's **Rev. Willy Garcia-Tunon, S.J.**, with Prep concelebrants **Rev. Brian Konzman, S.J.**, and **Rev. Ron Perry, S.J.** The Belen visitors took tours of Fairfield Prep and Fairfield University. Later, both school communities enjoyed a pig roast tailgate party in the Pelletier Quad, followed by a spirited competition between the Prep and Belen football teams.



MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



PIG ROAST



GAME DAY



Arts & Ideas Showcase



In April, students rotated throughout campus to enjoy the Arts & Ideas Showcase, with performances by the Prep Players in a scene from 'Pippin,' songs by the String Orchestra, Jazzuits, and Select Choir, plus readings by creative writing contest finalists. Finally, guests viewed artwork created by the Visual Arts classes. Prep urges all students to pursue their creativity and develop their talents!





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



The American Songbook

Continuing the celebration of the 500th year of St. Ignatius's conversion and the theme of "All Things New In Christ," Prep's Music Dept. performed their spring concert at the Quick Center, titled *The American Songbook*. The variety of music, with origins from American composers and performers, entertained one of the largest audiences in recent Prep history. The featured

ensembles included String Orchestra, Select Choir, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazzuits, Blues Band and Combined Symphonic Orchestra.

Every moment the students spent in rehearsal provided them with a unique opportunity to learn more about music and to connect with one another as musicians. Henry David Thoreau once said, "When I hear music, I fear no danger. I

am invulnerable. I see no foe. I am related to the earliest times, and to the latest."

The concert was dedicated to the memory of **Jimmy McGrath '23**. In some of Prep's deepest sadness and grief, students were able to come together not in fear, but in love for one another.

By Dan Horstmann, Music Director



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Performing Near and Far

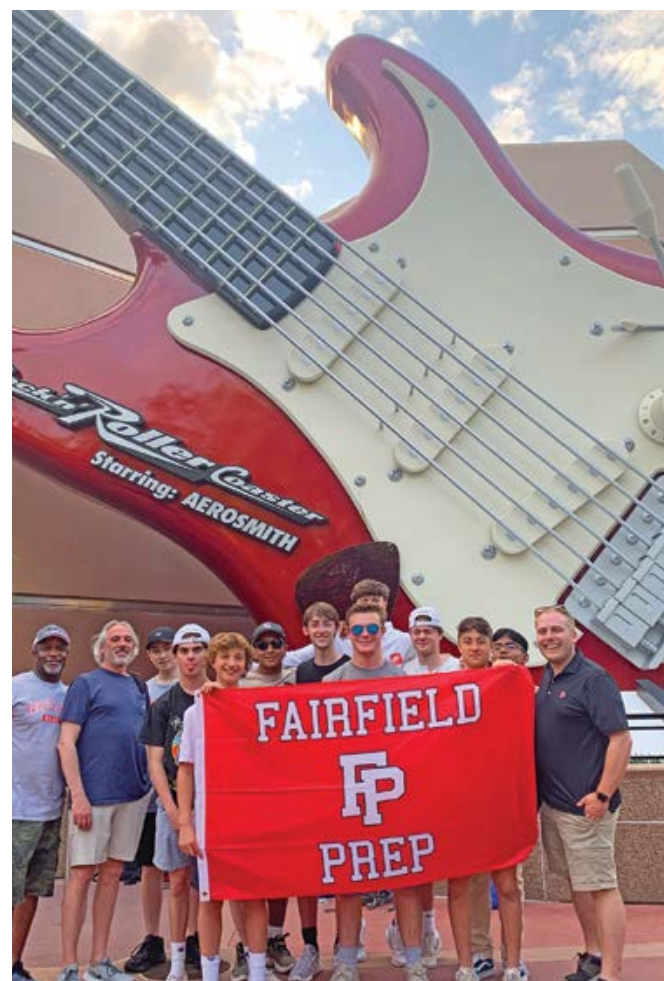
ROCKIN' DOWNTOWN FAIRFIELD

The Prep Jazzuits kept the music coming in this year's Annual Fairfield Memorial Day Parade! They performed American favorites in their festive Prep float as they entertained the crowds along the streets of Fairfield.



WHERE DREAMS COMES TRUE

Over spring break, 44 Prep musicians, Music Director Mr. Daniel Horstmann, and chaperones boarded a bus for Disney's Performing Arts Workshop in Orlando, Florida. All performers improved their technical skills and even created the soundtrack for some scenes from the *Aladdin* movie. Prep's Orchestra, Band and Choir performed on the CityWalk Lagoon Stage; the music showcase was spectacular. Students had the opportunity to enjoy Disneyworld and Universal Studios, too!





Prep Players
Nominated for 18
**HALO
AWARDS**

The Prep Players welcomed live audiences back to the Kelley Theatre

at the Quick Center for the first time since 2019 with the production of *Pippin*. In our fall production of *Puffs*, we followed a young man on his journey to discovering that love is the greatest magic there is, which was the theme of our year.

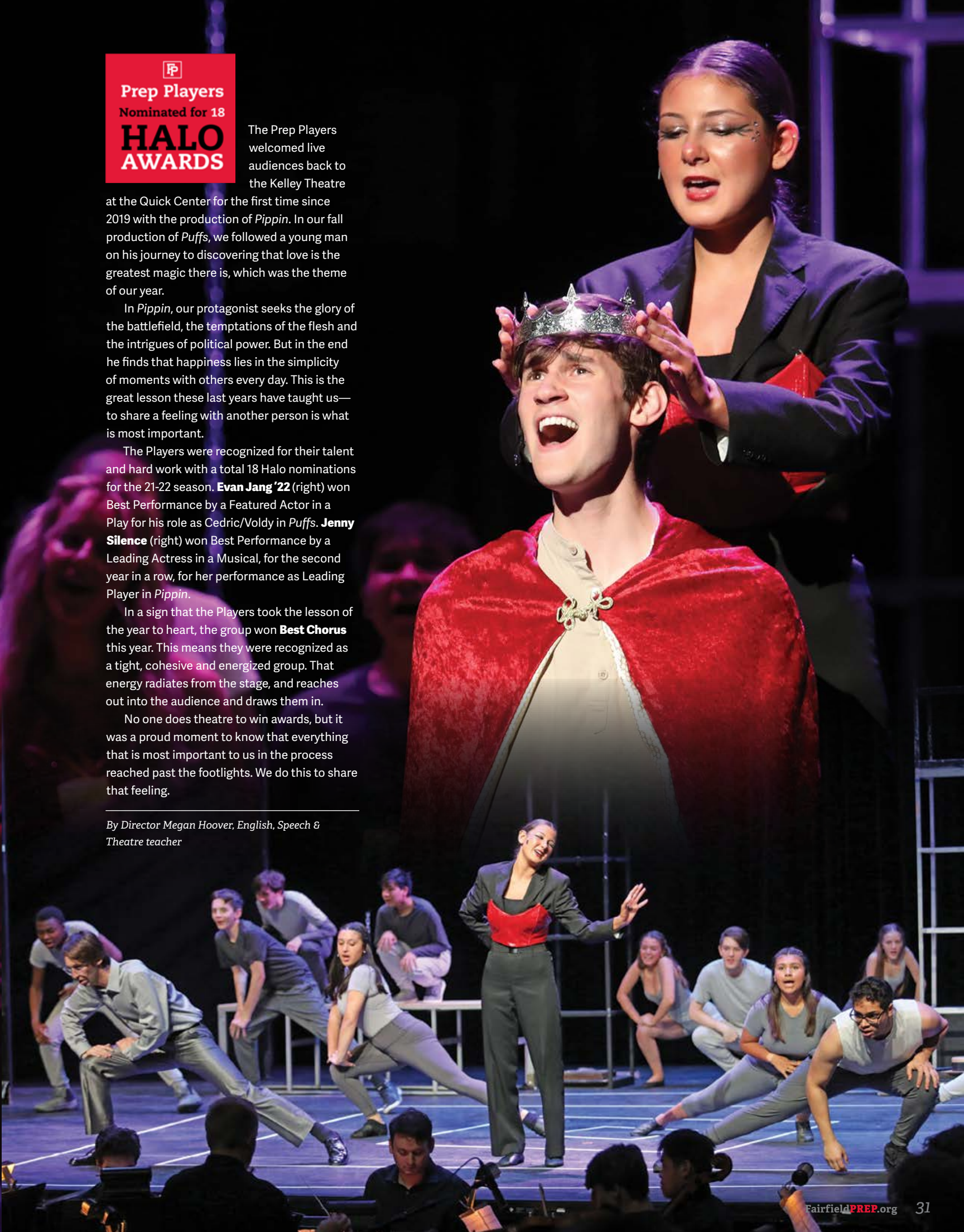
In *Pippin*, our protagonist seeks the glory of the battlefield, the temptations of the flesh and the intrigues of political power. But in the end he finds that happiness lies in the simplicity of moments with others every day. This is the great lesson these last years have taught us—to share a feeling with another person is what is most important.

The Players were recognized for their talent and hard work with a total 18 Halo nominations for the 21-22 season. **Evan Jang '22** (right) won Best Performance by a Featured Actor in a Play for his role as Cedric/Voldy in *Puffs*. **Jenny Silence** (right) won Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical, for the second year in a row, for her performance as Leading Player in *Pippin*.

In a sign that the Players took the lesson of the year to heart, the group won **Best Chorus** this year. This means they were recognized as a tight, cohesive and energized group. That energy radiates from the stage, and reaches out into the audience and draws them in.

No one does theatre to win awards, but it was a proud moment to know that everything that is most important to us in the process reached past the footlights. We do this to share that feeling.

By Director Megan Hoover, English, Speech & Theatre teacher



SEED Happenings



SEED DIVERSITY DINNER IS BACK!

We were pleased to welcome back the annual SEED Diversity Dinner, which took place in the Student Life Center on May 4. Current students along with members of the incoming Class of 2026 enjoyed a meal, a presentation, and fellowship with one another. **Dr. Donna Andrade**, who retired as Dean of Mission & Ministry this year, was also honored with an award and a standing ovation. Seniors gave incoming SEED freshmen a tie in a traditional ceremony.



INTERNSHIP IS A CRASH COURSE INTO THE WORLD OF FINANCE

This summer, two rising seniors **Isaiah Joseph** (pictured) and **Chad Byrd** participated in an internship with Evercore ISI, a global, independent investment firm based in NYC. While Isaiah and Chad worked in their Westport satellite office, they took the early morning trek to the NYC headquarters on September 6 to see what it really took to be a member of the Evercore team. The boys got a glimpse of a career in equity sales, trading, and learned about all facets of the business. Special thanks to **Rob Manning, P'26** who helped coordinate the internship.

Opening Doors, Minds + Hearts

A speech by Isaiah Joseph '23 given at the President's Reception held on April 29, 2022, to honor Prep benefactors

I was once a kid from a small charter school in South Norwalk who had no idea what the high school experience would be like. My middle school had many admission teams come visit and inform us of what their schools were like, but Fairfield Prep caught my attention more than any other school. The amount of opportunities that I could potentially take part in, if I enrolled here at Prep, was enticing to me.

I was an 8th grader who was very nervous about which high school I would attend. Fairfield Prep was my top choice. My shadow day was mind-blowing; after that no other private school could compare. The brotherhood was demonstrated in so many different ways that day. I could not have been more excited when I received my acceptance letter. From then on, I realized that this institution would be my home for the next four years and for the rest of my life.

An open door has long been a symbol of a new beginning. An open door indicates that there is a path inward and outward. Fairfield Prep welcomed me with open arms from the first day I walked into school. My teachers, peers, administrators, guidance counselor and especially Mr. Goodwin made me feel like this was my home. Now that I am a rising senior, that open door is pushing me into a new direction. It's forcing me to begin my



Isaiah is pictured with his parents Tamara and Jacquelin Joseph.

college search and look for new challenges outside of Prep. But that's ok, because I am ready! My time here has prepared me to live out our Jesuit mission. To be a young man of intellectual competence, who possesses the conscience to make wise decisions, has compassion for others and who is committed to justice.

During my three years here at Prep, I can honestly say I have created relationships with students in the classroom, on the baseball team and football team, whom I will call my brothers for the rest of my life. I have friends at other schools who cannot say the same. There is just something

special about this place. I'm sure I don't have to tell any of you in this room we are all here because Prep is a huge part of our family, minds and hearts.

Finally, the most important door that was opened for me, which was opened by my parents. My parents immigrated from Haiti and came to America looking for a better life. From an early age my parents instilled in me the importance of education and hard work. Currently, my mom is a social worker and my father is a mechanic. I also have three older brothers who have all graduated from college and I hope to follow in one of my brothers' footsteps and become a lawyer. I can attain my goal by sticking to Prep's core values I mentioned, especially to be committed to justice.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you who have joined us tonight. Without your support I would not be able to attend Prep. It's not just me; your support opens doors for hundreds of students who simply want the opportunity to attend a great school and be the best version of themselves. Please continue to support Prep, the SEED Diversity program and young men who need your support. The opportunity to attend Prep is life changing for so many young men, and you help make that happen.

Thank you!



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Getting to Know the Class of 2026



PREP 101

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.



RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

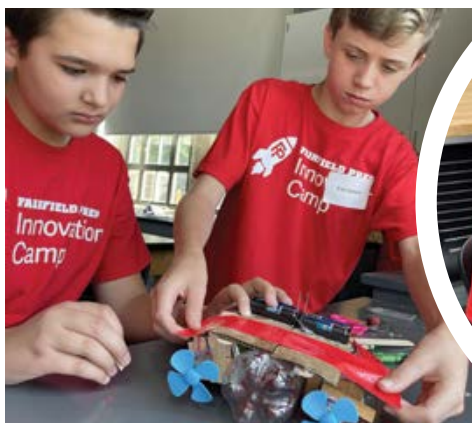
At orientation, new freshmen attended a Student Activities Fair. Prep clubs and activities participated with tables in Pelletier Quad. Club leaders talked with and presented their activities to the new Prepsters, who could sign up for the various offerings. The school encourages our students to participate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



SCORING FRIENDS

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

WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION



FRIENDLY COMPETITION

Innovation Camp debuted this summer at Prep. The McLeod Innovation Center's week-long camp, offered twice this summer, featured hands-on, immersive, engineering design experiences using the latest technologies. Boys and girls (grades 6-8) solved problems in small teams that competed against each other. Challenges included designing solar-powered vehicles, experimenting with 3D modeling and printing, and physical programming. Kudos to Innovation Director **Rinat Levy Cohen** for an outstanding program.



**McLeod
Innovation
Center**

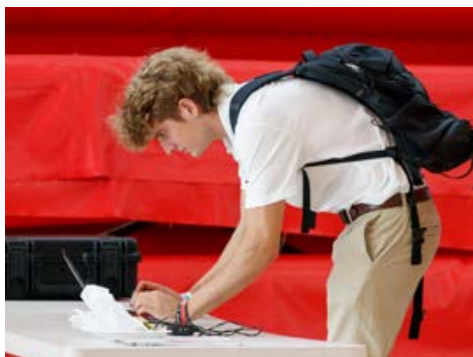


FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS

Football Camp provided athletes (grades 5-8) with the proper techniques, skills and fundamentals paramount to being successful—and safe—on the football field. The non-contact camp was held on Barlow Field. Campers received a t-shirt and medal at the conclusion of the week. The camp was led by Fairfield Prep Head Football Coach Keith Hellstern and his staff. A certified athletic trainer was on site.



Compassion for Self, Others and the Planet



IN A HEARTBEAT

Over 300 students participated in a free ECG heart screening on September 21 provided by In A Heartbeat, a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization. Prep had a chance to speak with the organization's founder and Prep's varsity basketball coach, Mike Papale, about the organization and their impact. Prep would like to thank Mike and his foundation for supporting our Jesuit mission of caring for the whole person.



REACHING FOR WELLNESS

Students rotated among wellness-oriented stations to learn mind and body care on March 25. Favorite activities included yoga, skin care, guided meditations, painting, pet therapy, effects of alcohol (with goggles) and more. Prep gives a special thanks to Fairfield University School of Nursing and the Counseling & Psychological Services Center for partnering with us and ensuring the day's success!



WALKING A MILE

On April 26, Fairfield Prep students took part in "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" to support the Center for Family Justice organization in Bridgeport. The event drew a huge turnout of students, faculty and staff all walking from Prep to Egan Chapel in support of domestic violence victims.



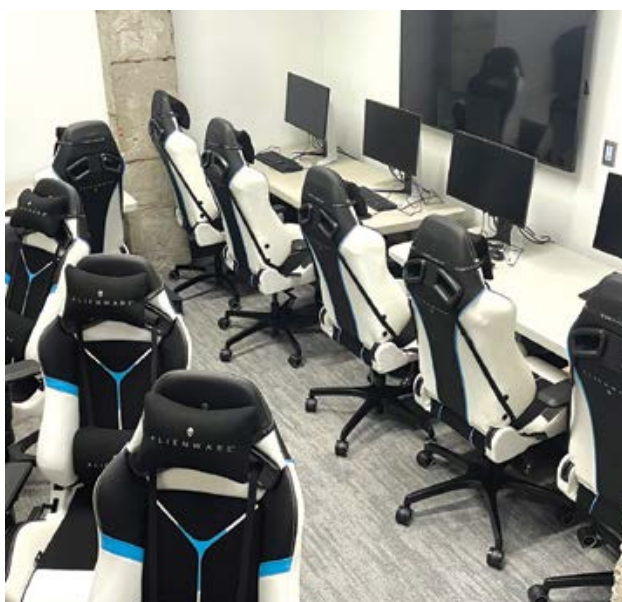
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS CHAPTER STARTED AT PREP

SEED students participated with Fairfield University in a dialogue about engineering opportunities and future fields of study. Prep started a school chapter of the society which meets once a month.



A CONSTRUCTIVE EARTH DAY

Prep held a series of environmental activities on Earth Day, April 6. Students cycled through stations where they built planter boxes, planted vegetable seeds, painted rocks, conducted a trash audit, and participated in a paper-recycling activity. The FP Environmental Club sponsored these events, with Prep's e-waste challenge, collecting outdated technology for recycling.



E-WASTE CHALLENGE WINNERS

The Environmental Club sponsored an E-Waste Challenge & Sweepstakes offered by Dell Industries, to collect electrical waste and promote awareness about recycling. Prep won the Sweepstakes, and was awarded a state-of-the-art gaming room, which will be used for club competition against other schools!



Fairfield Prep Defends Division I State Golf Championship Behind Rothberg's 69

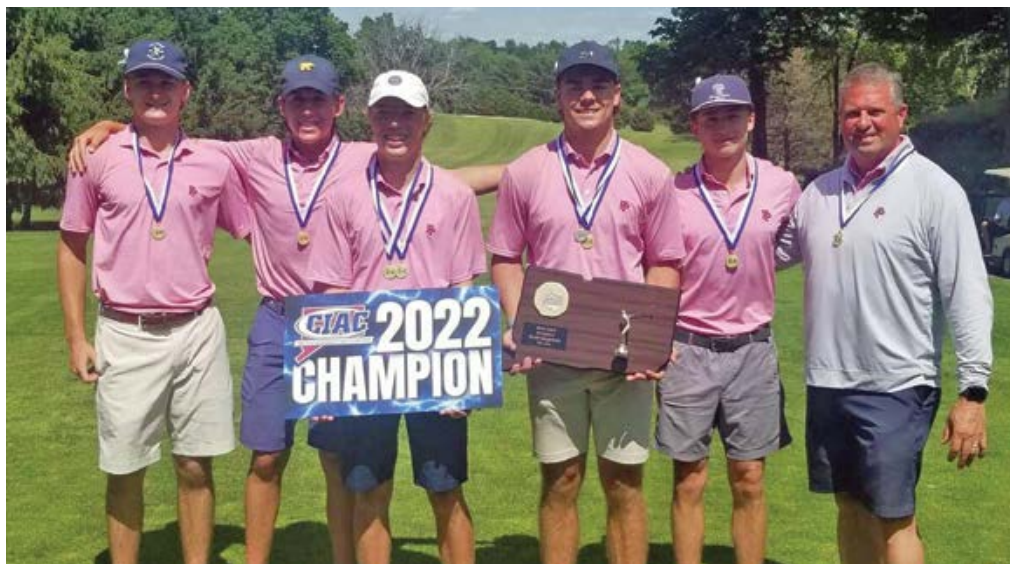
The golfers at Fairfield Prep may not have openly admitted the pressure existed, but anytime a team championship is there to be defended, pressure comes with the territory. The Jesuits were the heavy favorites to repeat at the Division I state championship meet. Add the fact this was Prep's last spring season before moving to the fall added even a little more intrigue. But for the Prep seniors, this was it. And they weren't about to go out without another piece of hardware.

One of those seniors, **Mike Rothberg**, fired a 2-under-par 69 to earn medalist laurels at Stanley Golf Course. The round helped Prep post a 304 cumulative total to win by 8 strokes. "We worked really hard for it so it looks like our efforts were rewarded. It's really fulfilling," Rothberg said. "It feels about the same, we repeated. We accomplished what we wanted."

Fairfield Prep coach **Bob Bernier** couldn't hold back the smiles afterwards — with a sigh of relief as well on the mission accomplished. He also noted his seniors went through graduation ceremonies on Sunday — it's the first Sunday in June every year, the day before the Division I state meet.

"It feels really good because I know how much pressure these guys put on themselves," Bernier said. "They played the entire season with the bullseye on their back and they knew it and they knew they had to win today or the whole season would just be a disappointment," Bernier said. "They had a long day Sunday, but yet they remembered to go home and get a decent night's sleep. A lot of teams I have coached that were pretty good struggled with playing (in the state championship meet) the day after graduation. It's just not the ideal scenario."

Prep shot the same total the previous week to repeat as SCC tournament champions at The Farms CC. The same team that finished second last finished runner-up to Prep in the championship. Cheshire cut the deficit in half — it was 16 strokes on June 1 — to place second behind **Jack Brewster's** 74 and **A.J. DePaolo's** 75. Cheshire was the only team to defeat Fairfield Prep during the regular season. "It was close right to the end and the last two sets of scores decided it," Cheshire coach Dan Lee said. "They wanted to



come here and compete and I think they did that. Rothberg came in with a 69, that pretty much sealed it right there. They beat the field today."

Rothberg birdied holes 7, 9, 12 and 14 on Monday. "He prepares mentally for a round and when he executes what he is trying to prepare to do, he is really tough to beat. He's our bulldog, Mr. Steady," Bernier said. [Rothberg will attend Sacred Heart University on a Div. I Scholarship.] **Charlie Duffy**, another Prep senior, shot 73 to not only help Prep defend, but earn a spot

alongside Rothberg in Saturday's State Open at Black Hall Club. "It's very rewarding. Coming into (the season) there was definitely pressure to repeat," said Duffy, who will walk on at Loyola (Md.). "Having the ability to do it is definitely rewarding."

Guilford's Andrew Beauton finished second to Rothberg, shooting a 1-over 72. Scott Petrosky of Bristol Central and Reece Scott of Hand joined Duffy in a tie for third place at 73 and both qualified for the State Open also.

Source: Hearst Media



LACROSSE: SCC Champion, CIAC Semifinalist

The 2022 Prep Lacrosse team finished 15-5 and ended its season in the CIAC Class L semifinals with a 16-9 loss to Darien High School. The team was led by captain **Harrison Steffens '22**. The Jesuits opened the season slowly starting 2-4 with tough losses to Wilton, Ridgefield, Farmingdale and Chaminade. Following the Chaminade loss, the team went on a 7-0 run with strong wins over Cheshire, New Canaan and Boston College HS.

On May 15, the team lost one of its own when **Jimmy McGrath '23** died tragically. The team responded incredibly four days later in playing a game vs. Shelton HS in front of several thousand spectators there to honor Jimmy's memory. The team finished its regular season in strong fashion by rolling through Xavier, then winning the SCC Tournament with two convincing victories over ND-West Haven and Cheshire. **Tyler Fox '23** was named Outstanding Player of the SCC Tournament.

The Jesuits earned the #7 seed in the CIAC Class L Tournament and easily won their first two games over Branford 21-5 and over New Milford 22-5. This set up a rematch with #1 seeded Darien HS whom the Jesuits had beaten in the 2021 CIAC Quarterfinals. In a hard fought game in front of an incredible crowd, the Jesuits unfortunately came up short losing 16-9 to the Blue Wave.

Headed into 2023, the team returns 32 players who dressed for the Class L State Tournament including a strong senior class of 17 seniors.

LACROSSE HONORS

Marco Firmender '23

SCC Player of Year
New Haven Register
Player of the Year
US Lacrosse All American

Tyler Fox '23

SCC Tournament Most
Outstanding Player

Peter Grandolfo '23

SCC Athlete of the Month
for May 2022

Henry Keller '22

SCC Scholar Athlete
Spring 2022
US Lacrosse Academic
All American

Graham Niemi

SCC Coach of the Year

MVP - Offense

Tyler Fox '23

Marco Firmender '23

MVP - Defense

Gavin McCarthy '24

Emmett Cheever '22

Most Improved

Henry Keller '22

Jack Reiling '22

The Chris Smalkais
Coaches' Award

Emmett Cheever '22

1st Team All SCC

Tyler Fox '23

Tim Shannehan '23

Marco Firmender '23

Peter Grandolfo '23

Cooper Callahan '24

Gavin McCarthy '24

Emmett Cheever '22

2nd Team All SCC

Luke Lombardo '23

George Hawley '24

Henry Keller '22

1st Team All State Class L

Marco Firmender '23

Peter Grandolfo '23

Tyler Fox '23

Gavin McCarthy '24

2nd Team All State Class L

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Honorable Mention

Peter Grandolfo '23

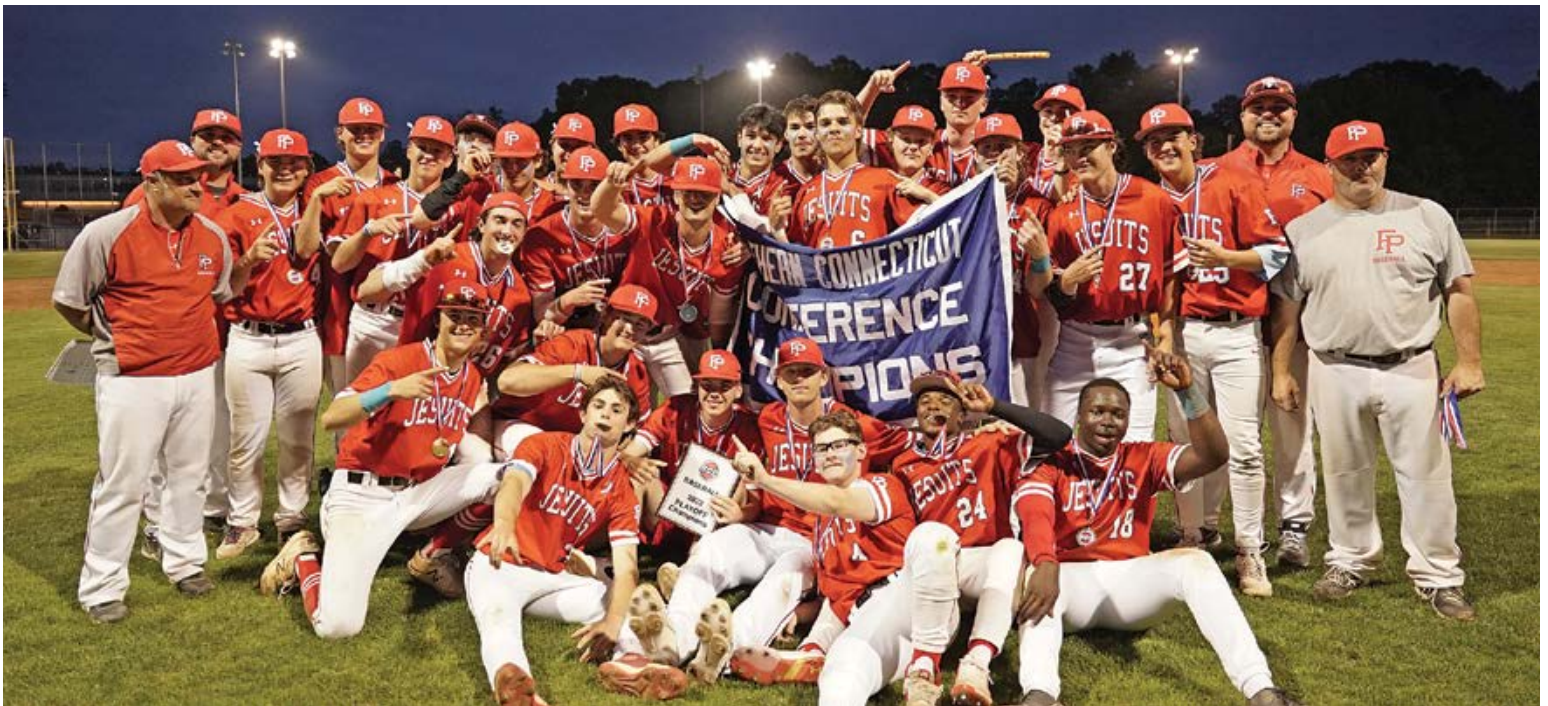
All Area New Haven

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Marco Firmender '23

Peter Grandolfo '23

Tyler Fox '23



BASEBALL: SCC Champion, 2nd Straight Year

The Prep Baseball team turned in another successful season, winning the SCC Championship for the second straight year and finishing with a 16-8 record. The Jesuits really hit their stride as a team during the second half of the season, winning their last six games heading into the SCC tournament. After winning at home against Guilford in the SCC quarterfinals, the Jesuits traveled to Amity and grinded out a 4-2 victory to earn a place in the championship game. The team once again rose to the occasion and avenged

two regular season losses to Xavier, with a convincing and thrilling 9-4 victory.

There were moments of great desolation and moments of euphoria, a championship and many lessons learned along the way. Our young men were challenged again and again and demonstrated the fortitude, the toughness, the grit, the "sand" required to "bounce back." The members of the varsity baseball team learned a key skill—how to be resilient—at the most wonderful place to learn, Fairfield Prep.

BASEBALL HONORS

James Aselta '22
CHSCA Senior All Star
Gametime CT All State
New Haven Register All Area
Southern CT Diamond Club
"No. 1 in Team" Award
Most Outstanding Player

Ryan Oshinskis '23
CHSCA Junior All Star

Ryan Preisano '23
CHSCA Junior All Star

ALL SCC 1st Team
James Aselta '22
Ryan Oshinskis '23

ALL SCC 2nd Team
Ryan Preisano '23
Joe D'Elia '22

Coaches' Award
Joe D'Elia '22
Ryan Preisano '23

Most Improved Player
Isaiah Joseph '23

RUGBY: CT HS Rugby State Semifinalist

The Fairfield Prep Rugby team had a phenomenal 2022 spring season, the final year for longtime and beloved Head Coach **Frank Decker**, who has been Prep's only head rugby coach for the past 38 years. The Jesuits finished with an 11-3 record and advanced to the Connecticut HS Rugby State semifinals. For the first time since 2019, Fairfield Prep hosted the Northeast Jesuit Rugby tournament on campus and came away as champions defeating Fordham Prep, McQuaid Jesuit and Canisius on the way to the title.

The regular season was highlighted by wins over two nationally ranked opponents in Boston College High and Trumbull High School.

All season long the Jesuits were led by senior captains **Joseph Altieri**, **William Gibson**, **Lorin Pellegrino**, and **Josiah Rosa**. The team will be captained next year by rising seniors **Brice Muller** and **Wally Wuchiski** and rising junior **Emmett Derby**. There are great things ahead for the 2023 Jesuits!



Prep Rugby win NE Jesuit Rugby Championship



Crew

The Fairfield Prep Crew team enjoyed a very successful Spring 2022 season competing in the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association against some of the top teams in the region. The 1st boat earned victories over perennial NEIRA foes Hotchkiss, St. John's Prep, BC High, St. John's Shrewsbury and Salisbury School. Meanwhile, the 2nd boat enjoyed an undefeated regular season, while the 3rd and 4th boats found their stride as the season progressed, sweeping all of their opponents in the month of May.

At the NEIRA Championship Prep was on the podium after six years, with the 3rd boat battling all the way down the race course in the Grand Final to earn a 3rd place medal. Coxed by **Bohdan Zazulak-Collins '25**, rowed by **Jack Stocknoff '24**, **Jakub Poznanski '22**, **Will Close '24**, **Liam O'Byrne '23**, **Alex Byun '23**, **Chris Hamilton '23**, **Will Clegg '23** and **Ronan Adamo** and coached by Brady Stergion the crew will go down in history as our first medalist crew at the championship.

The 2nd boat raced admirably but could not sustain their momentum built over the regular season as they finished 6th in the Grand Final. The team says goodbye to seniors **Jaime Reilly** and **Winston Wu** from the boat but look forward to coxswain **DJ Lee '25**, and rowers **Liam McMahon '24**, **Tony Musilli '23**, **James Louw '23**, **Jack Greenleaf '23**, **Chris Capalbo '23** and **Lucas Swarowsky '23** returning for another solid campaign.

Prep's 1st competed in the Petit Final at the championship and were runaway winners, defeating BC High, Salisbury, St. John's Shrewsbury, and St. John's

Prep. The crew then traveled to the Youth National Championship in Sarasota, Florida. Coxswain **Philip Martins '24** and rowers **Cam Petrelli '22**, **Nathaniel Duffy '22**, **Jack Mullen '22**, **James McGarry '22**, **Brendan Barrett '23**, **Tim Spahn '23**, **Zaza Kovacs '23** and **Jack Devine '23** took to the air and landed in Sarasota with a mission to put Prep on the national stage. The crew did very well in the time trail and raced to put Prep 20th in the country in the men's youth 8+ category: another high water mark for the team and a place among the best in the country!

Best of luck to senior captains **Nathaniel Duffy**, **James McGarry**, **Jack Mullen** and **Cam Petrelli**, and welcome to rising captain **Jack Devine** as we close out the 2022 season.

Sailing

Fairfield Prep had a stellar Spring 2022 season competing in the Fairfield County Sailing League, culminating with the Connecticut State Championship regatta. Coach **Sean Palizza** and Assistant Coach **Cassandra Kinskey-Lebeda** were proud to see their sailors develop new skills and improve their boat handling abilities and boat speed. The team once again sailed out of Pequot Yacht Club who were our gracious hosts for practice and home regattas. The team would like to thank the seniors who graduated: **Thomas Musser**, **Kevin Shanahan**, and **Chase Lombra** for their leadership and team building they showed. 2022 Honors: Most Improved - **Hank Shantz '24**; Most Hustle - **Ryan Costikyan '24**; Best Team Player - **Richard Marquis '25**.

Tennis

The Fairfield Prep Tennis team enjoyed a great spring season, advancing to the SCC Championship match and the CIAC quarterfinals. The Jesuits finished the season with a record of 18-4, defeating rival Amity 3 times. Freshman **Luke Levenat** occupied the top singles spot for the season and was named All-SCC alongside **Griffin Harding '22** and **Thomas Nardone '23** who earned the honor for their play in doubles. The Jesuits received strong singles contributions from **Charlie Fabro '23**, **Harrison Lent '23** and **Vishnu Kumar '23** all season long while **Matt Kelly '23**, **Robbie Donahue '23**, **Jason Gong '23**, **Colin Sullivan '22**, **Andy Beckerlegge '25** and **Axel Tabaschek '23** competed for the Jesuits in doubles. Prep tennis will look to reload next year returning much of their lineup from this season.

Track

The Fairfield Prep Track team had a successful regular season and postseason this spring competing in numerous league and state meets. The Jesuits finished first in the 4x100 relay at the SCC Championships as the team of **Tymaine Smith '22**, **Konrad Walinowski '24**, **Jonathan Morris '24** and **Rob Young '22** recorded a time of 43.23 seconds to secure the victory. **Tymaine Smith** took 3rd and 5th place in the 100m and 200m runs, and **Connor Smith '22** took second place in the 100m hurdles. A few days later Smith avenged his second place finish and took first place in the 100m hurdles earning him the individual state champion for the event.



READY TO PLAY

Prep proudly announces that by their strong character, academic success, and athletic efforts, many Class of '22 student-athletes have earned the opportunity to compete in sports while achieving their college degrees.



BASEBALL

Michael Coyne

Georgetown University

Grady Golier

Avon Old Farms School/
Lehigh University

Joe D'Elia

Siena College

James Aselta

Lafayette College

BASKETBALL

Max Manjos

Roger Williams University

CREW

James McGarry

Bucknell University

Nathaniel Duffy

Salisbury School/
United States Naval
Academy

Jimmy Gill

Georgetown University

CROSS COUNTRY

Angel Perez

University of Scranton

GOLF

Michael Rothberg

Sacred Heart University

HOCKEY

Aksel Sather

Westminster School/
Yale University

LACROSSE

Harrison Steffens

Roger Williams University

Michael Stevenson

Eastern Connecticut State
University

RUGBY

Jack Murphy

Fordham University

Josiah Rosa

Michigan State University

Danny Tack

Providence College

FOOTBALL

Jack Mullen

Colby College

Ryan O'Connell

University of Pennsylvania

Jack Reiling

Trinity College

Tymaine Smith

Central Connecticut State
University

Robert Young

University of New England

SOCCER

Matt Shea

Clark University

Marcos Ojea Quintana

Harvard University

John Reidy

Hamilton College

SWIMMING

Hugh Hutchinson

Middlebury College

Sean Rogers

Duke University

WRESTLING

Alex Cardozo

Johnson and Wales
University

Joe Cardozo

Johnson and Wales
University



PREP ON THE ROAD!

Alumni in both Boston and New York City were excited to join together at receptions held in both cities. Boston Alumni were hosted at the offices of CBRE by Prep Board of Governor **John Lashar '89** on Oct. 13; and NYC Alumni reconnected with friends at the Inside Park at St. Bart's on Sept. 22. Pres. **Christian Cashman** spoke with alumni at both events, and retired Housemaster **John Brennan** made a guest appearance in New York, too!

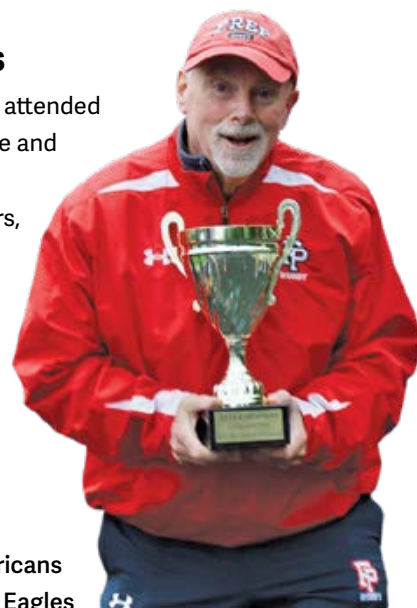


COACH FRANK DECKER RETIRES

Prep Rugby Alumni from past decades attended a reception on May 7, 2022, to celebrate and thank retiring Coach **Frank Decker**. Decker coached Prep rugby for 38 years, building the program from a club to a varsity sport, earning many team accomplishments and sending alumni to play in college and beyond.

The Decker Legacy

- ★ 5 New England Championships
- ★ 9 State Championship Games
- ★ 1,000s of college rugby players
- ★ High School and Collegiate All-Americans
- ★ Professional Rugby Players and U.S. Eagles



Coach **Kevin Kery '00** (below with Decker) gave a moving tribute: "Good sons, good brothers, good husbands, good fathers... that is what Frank, and the game of rugby, has taught me. Frank taught me to be patient, to wait for the right opportunity, and to hit it with everything that you have when the right moment arrives. Frank taught me to keep my teammates up. Frank taught me to respect my opponent and the rule keepers in life, even if I don't agree with their decisions. And Frank taught me to love something, passionately, and that when you do, to never let that thing go."



Straight Down the Middle

Fairfield Prep Golf Outing at Great River Golf Club

More than 120 alumni, parents and friends of Fairfield Prep enjoyed a great day of golf at Great River Golf Club in Milford on June 3. The outing supported Prep's scholarship fund in honor of the late head golf coach and past Athletic Hall of Fame recipient, **Roger Ratchford '51** (see page 53). Special thanks to the tournament committee chaired by **Alex Oracheff '94**, and committee members **Greg Chiota '93**, **Kevin Foley '73**, **Matt Gifford '92, P'22**, **Kevin Kozlowski '99**, **Kevin McQuade '73**, **Rob Weiss '09**. Special thanks to **Shawn McDonnell '72** who helped at the event. Also thanks to **Curran Volkswagen** in Stratford, CT – **Chris '77** and **Jim '78** for our Hole in One contest. The tournament was set up as a shamle and offered breakfast, lunch and reception afterward.



Class of 1972

Brothers Celebrate Their 50th

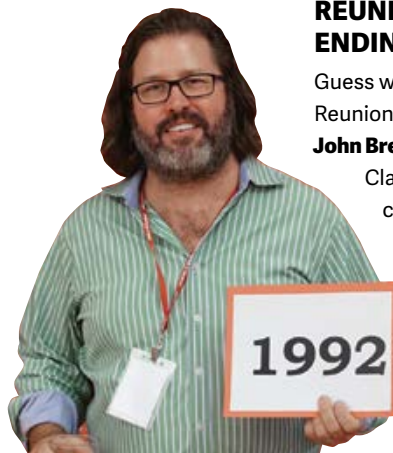


Prep Class of 1972 returned to campus to celebrate their 50th class reunion milestone on Saturday, June 18. The evening began with Mass in St. Joseph Chapel celebrated by **Rev. Bob Levens, S.J.**, with concelebrants **Revs. Konzman** and **Perry, S.J.** After Mass, the classmates were awarded golden diplomas. Festivities continued with cocktails and dinner in the McLeod Innovation Center where members of the jubilee class renewed and celebrated lifelong friendships! **Lou Pintek '72** was recognized by his classmates for helping to coordinate the reunion (shown with **Tony Gallo '72** far right, bottom corner).





Boys Night Out



REUNION FOR CLASSES ENDING IN 2 AND 7

Guess who attended the Alumni Reunion 2022? The Prep legend **John Brennan**! Members of Classes ending in 2 and 7 came back to campus for cocktails and dinner to reconnect and reminisce in the Student Life Center on Saturday, June 18!



2022 Alumni Reunion





2022 FAIRFIELD PREP ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Honoring the Achievements of Prep Giants



On June 17, 2022, Fairfield Prep welcomed five individuals and one championship team into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in a special

ceremony with family, friends, teammates and coaches held in the Student Life Center. **Robert Gerwien '51, Ronald Liptak '55, Brian McGillcuddy '81, Christopher Zingo '90, Robert Harris** and the **1997 Cross Country Team** were inducted into the 2022 Fairfield Prep Athletic Hall of Fame.

The inductees were each recognized with a tribute video recounting their tremendous athletic accomplishments and contributions. The honorees then accepted their awards and spoke about their Fairfield Prep experience. For the 1997 Cross Country team Captain **John Thomas '98** spoke on behalf of the team.

Thanks to **Jeff Sochrin '85**, Master of Ceremonies, and to Video Producer, **Ronald DeRosa**, Prep's Assistant Director of Digital Communications. The evening offered a great opportunity to reminisce about some of Prep's great sports legends and moments. Go Prep!



THE 2022 HONOREES



ROBERT GERWIEN '51

One year after his lifelong friend and basketball teammate Jack O'Connell '51 was inducted into the Fairfield Prep Athletic Hall of Fame, Bob Gerwien takes his rightful place in the AHOF alongside him.

The Bridgeport native was a two-year starter at Prep, a rugged rebounder who averaged 14.2 points per game and was selected to the All-District team. During his time with the Jesuits, they compiled a 34-13 record and upset regional powers Central, Harding and Hillhouse along the way.

Gerwien was selected to Prep's All-Decade Team (1942-1951) and then accompanied O'Connell to Fairfield University, where he moved right in and started all four seasons. He led the Stags in rebounding and registered 1,062 career points.



BRIAN MCGILLICUDDY '81

One of Fairfield Prep's rare three-sport stars, Brian McGillicuddy was both talented and feisty. Whether excelling as a wide receiver and defensive back in football, setting the table as a leadoff hitter in baseball or mixing it up as a point guard on the basketball court, McGillicuddy was always involved.

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McGillicuddy was a two-time all-MBIAC selection in football (1979 and 1980), an all-MBIAC choice in baseball (1981) and an honorable mention all-MBIAC pick in basketball (1981).

He went on to have an outstanding collegiate career at UConn, where he led the Huskies in receiving his junior and senior seasons and finished his career as the school's second all-time leading receiver.



RONALD LIPTAK '55

Tough and talented, Ron Liptak excelled in both basketball and baseball at Fairfield Prep and is one of the select few athletes who played in both the Little League World Series and the College World Series.

In between, the 6-foot-1 Liptak was a power forward for coach George Bisacca's Jesuits, leading the team in scoring and rebounding in his junior and senior seasons. The co-captain set a school record with 32 points in the Eastern States Catholic Invitational in Newport, R.I., in 1955.

Liptak was also a standout shortstop, starting all four seasons for Prep coach Ted Seymour and served as captain his senior season. He received a baseball/basketball scholarship to Holy Cross, where he helped the Crusaders to a third-place finish in the 1958 College World Series.



CHRISTOPHER ZINGO '90

Some athletes get better as they get older and Chris Zingo is a prime example. The hard-hitting all-state linebacker was a defensive stalwart on the 1989 Fairfield Prep Class LL championship team, as well as a USA Today honorable mention All-American. But he attained more success at the collegiate level.

Zingo was a two-time Associated Press Division I-AA All-America linebacker for Cornell and a three-time all-Ivy League selection. He established many school records that still stand. Incredibly, he registered 20 or more tackles in a game 11 times, averaging 17.1 tackles per game in 30 contests. He was inducted into the Cornell Hall of Fame in 2004.

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THE 2022 HONOREES CONTINUED



ROBERT HARRIS

From his arrival as a physical education teacher and freshman football coach in 1973 until his departure as athletic director in 2009, Bob Harris left an indelible mark on the school's athletic history. Harris was an assistant coach in both football and baseball, and spent 30 years as the school's AD, which is a laudable achievement in itself. But his success as the Jesuits' tennis coach is just as remarkable. Under his guidance, Prep won 10 state championships and 12 Class LL titles between 1986 and 2003.

Harris also mentored a host of all-staters and All-Americans, among them **Brad Norton '86**, **Mike Passarrella '95**, **Todd Paul '03** and 2019 Prep Athletic Hall of Fame inductee **Mike Sprouse '92**.

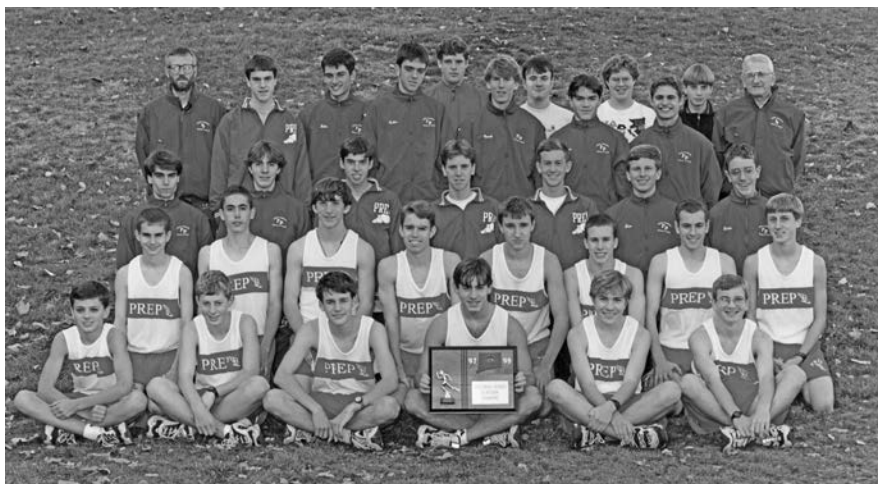


1997 Cross Country Team members present were: Ken Bereski '98, Brian Colleran '99, Vin Framularo '99, Brad Haywood '98, David Hennessey '99, Kevin Higgins '00, Matt Jackson '00, Leon Klein '98, Jim Koniers '98, David Lett '99, Brian McGovern '01, Justin Novak '98, Tom O'Donnell '99, Colin Rochford '99, Chris Scapillato '98, Mike Smith '98, John Thomas '98. Also, John Xeller '01 attended. Coaches Bob Ford Jr. and Bob Ford Sr. were honored with the team.

1997 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The 1997 Cross Country team was one of the best in Fairfield Prep history. It wound up being ranked 15th nationally and featured four all-state harriers. One—freshman **Brian McGovern '01**—would go on to become a four-time all-stater and an All-American. The other standouts included senior tri-captain **John Thomas '98** and junior **Colin Rochford '99** (both two-time all-staters) and senior **Jim Koniers '98**, also an all-state selection.

The team boasted an 8-1 dual meet record and captured the SCC championship, the Class LL championship, the State Open and finished second in the New Englands.





LEGENDS LUNCHEON FOR PREP CLASSES BEYOND THEIR 50TH

On Sunday, June 5, a group of esteemed alumni from the classes of '47, '52, '57, '62 and '67 enjoyed a social hour and delicious lunch in the Mcleod Innovation Center. Pres. **Christian Cashman** gave an overview of the school today, and welcomed the enthusiastic group of loyal Prep Alumni. The alumni had the opportunity to reconnect with Prep and share their favorite memories!



PREP ALUMNI

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



LtC Brian J. Lawler, USMC (Retired) '65

honorably and ably represented his client, Capt. Leroy Torres, USA in the matter of Torres v

Texas Department of Public Safety before the United States Supreme Court on March 29, 2022. In the decision of the Court on June 29, 2022, Lawler prevailed and this case will set a precedent in support of all veterans who seek legal and equitable relief under the Federal USERRA Law.

Learn more: PilotLawCorp.com.

Joseph V. Fiore Jr. '78 has started a new position as the NOAA NESDIS SPSPD Enterprise User Services Coordinator/Lead. The new position expands Joe's role in NESDIS User Services beyond just the Geostationary GOES-R Satellites to include Polar Satellites data (like JPSS), international satellites, and a broader user services and user outreach role, domestically and internationally using an enterprise approach.



Ed Gormbley '95,

Managing Partner of Workforce Partners and member of Prep's Board of Governors, spoke to the Class of '22 at their "Senior Sendoff" breakfast. He shared his own Prep experience and offered advice for the future.



Chris Szeftc '98, Ed Gormbley '95, Rob Vitulano '04, Larry Vitulano '68 at the occasion of the birth of Rob and Hilaire Vitulano's first child, Vivienne Isabella Vitulano in San Francisco.



Colin Lomnitzer '14 Ordained as Priest

On June 4, 2022, at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport, **Bishop Frank J. Caggiano** ordained **Deacon Colin Lomnitzer** to the Sacred Priesthood. Colin was a longtime parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena in Trumbull. He attended elementary and middle school in Trumbull before attending Fairfield Prep and graduating in 2014. He attended Catholic University of America and graduated with a bachelor's

degree in philosophy from Sacred Heart University in 2018 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sacred theology, a master's degree in theology and a master's of divinity from St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y.

Colin immersed himself in all of the Mission and Ministry opportunities available to him at Prep. In college, he served as pro-life committee chair and a RA while attending Catholic University of America, and organized and helped lead the Convivio youth conference for many years. He participated in two mission trips to Lima, Peru, and spent the summer of 2019 in Lima studying Spanish.

On the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola on July 31, Colin gave a moving homily about St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, and his lessons for our lives today: "This world is a means to the next and is not an end in itself. May we continue to grow in awareness of God's presence and of His love for us." Fr. Lomnitzer serves as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary Parish in Ridgefield, Connecticut



Adam A. Zaczowski '00 was named Le Moyne College Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Head Coach.

Captain Tyler Stankye '12 made Army history assuming command of C "COWBOY" Troop, 10th US Cavalry Regiment on July 29th. Cowboy Troop is the Army's first Brigade Armored Cavalry Troop and the largest Troop in the Army with 232 Soldiers. The Troop stood back up after almost 20 years of inactivation as part of the Army's efforts to modernize and restructure to meet modern global challenges. The Troop will function as the



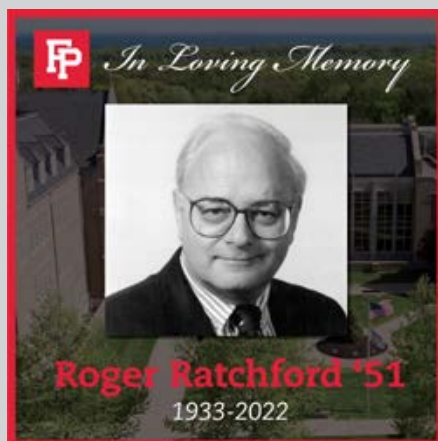
Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, the eyes and ears of the Brigade Commander on the battlefield. CPT Stankye was hand selected to stand-up and lead the Troop as the Army tests the Division Cavalry Squadron and Armored Cavalry Troop concept. CPT Stankye is on his second assignment in the 1st Cavalry Division as an Armor Officer in 1st "IRONHORSE" Brigade Combat Team and recently returned from a rotation to Poland with the Brigade.

Christopher A. Massaro Jr. '18 started a new career with New York Life.

ROGER RATCHFORD

A Prep Legacy of Teacher & Coaching Excellence

Roger Ratchford, 88, passed away on September 7, 2022. He left behind an unmatched legacy in teaching, coaching golf, advocating for people with disabilities, and in the love he imparted to those around him. Born in Norwalk, CT, Roger was raised mostly by his mother, and with the help of the large Hungarian side of his family. Though his mother passed away when he was 13, Roger was grounded by her love and faith, and went on to become valedictorian at Fairfield Prep. To supplement a tuition scholarship to the College of the Holy Cross, he worked at Worcester Quilting Company to cover room and board, no small feat. After graduating, he returned to Prep to teach Latin, Classical Greek, French and English, and to coach the golf team. That led to a 40-year string of wins for the team. Roger was honored in the Prep Athletic Hall of Fame, named National High School Golf



Coach of the Year, and had the national record for winning more matches than any other golf coach in the country.

At a Celebration of Life, Golf Coach Bob Bernier said: "What I remember about Roger, and what always impressed me, was his incredible memory, not only his ability to recite passages from the Odyssey in the original

Homeric Greek, but to vividly describe the teams he had coached. With a twinkle in his eye and his characteristic wry smile, Roger would recount the ups and downs of various matches and seasons, always with an emphasis on the players, HIS BOYS. It was obvious how much he loved them. Roger had a Hall of Fame coaching career, and I am humbled and honored to try to follow in his very large footsteps."

Roger improved opportunities for people with disabilities. Inspired by his son, Mike, he and his wife, Gail, became actively involved in STAR, Inc. Two-time President of STAR, he was named Volunteer of the Year by the ARC of CT in 1988.

A Fairfield Prep financial aid award is established in Roger Ratchford's name. Gifts may be made (note name) at www.fairfieldprep.org/give or sent to Prep Advancement, 1073 N. Benson Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824

In Memoriam

Paul B. Allodi '50 on April 19, 2022.

Roland Bescher on June 9, 2022. He was the father of Douglas R. Bescher '90, Adam L. Bescher '92, and Jonathan J. Bescher '93.

Willard P. Brown Jr. '61 on August 21, 2022.

Patrick J. Carolan II on April 18, 2022. He was the son of Patrick J. Carolan Jr. '79, the grandson of Patrick Carolan MD '55, the nephew of James M. Carolan '90, and the cousin of Seamus M. Carolan '20.

Christopher Carr on July 21, 2022. He was the father of Jonathan T. Carr '03.

James P. Carroll on June 13, 2022. He was the son of the late William P. Carroll '49 and the father of John W. Carroll '15.

Dom D'Ambruso '62 on August 4, 2022.

Angela DiTullio on August 1, 2022. She was the mother of Pat DiTullio Jr. '75 and John DiTullio '78.

Edward T. Dean Sr. '50 on April 7, 2022.

John A. Doyle '61 on June 19, 2022.

Norman William England III on February 27, 2022. He was the father of Norman W. England IV '92.

Eugene J. W. Ervin '55 on June 11, 2022.

Bertram J. Furgess '53 on August 19, 2022.

Patrick Gilbertie '56 on July 22, 2022.

Richard J. Grich '46 on April 9, 2022.

Robert C. Haborak '60 on November 11, 2021. He was the brother of the late George E. Haborak '54.

James M. Hanrahan on May 22, 2022. He was the brother of Christopher M. Hanrahan '85 and John A. Hanrahan (Dean of Guidance and College Advising) and the uncle of John P. Hanrahan '98.

Carroll H. Holst Jr. '58 on June 28, 2022.

Mary Homza on June 4, 2022. She was the mother of Joseph L. Homza '77, Michael K. Homza '80, and Thomas X. Homza '84. She was the grandmother of Joseph L. Homza '07.

John S. Johnson Jr. '48 on April 23, 2022.

Dennis W. Jontos '57 on June 16, 2021. He was the brother of the late Richard A. Jontos '53 and the uncle of Gregory A. Jontos '85 and Scott G. Jontos '89.

Thomas P. Kearney '60 on August 13, 2022.

Daniel P. Keogh '70 on September 19, 2022. He was the brother of John J. Keogh '66 and James Keogh '72.

W. Jerome Z. Kiernan '54 on July 12, 2022.

Edward J. Krygier '60 on July 1, 2022. He was the brother of Joseph R. Krygier '63, the father of Jeffrey E. Krygier '94 and the cousin of Frank T. Grywalski '61, Ronald Grywalski '65 and Michael E. Grywalski '75.

Robert J. Kuraska '56 on July 30, 2022. He was the brother of Rudolph S. Kuraska '50.

Bruce Kuryla on September 1, 2022. He was the father of Bruce P. Kuryla '80, Kevin O. Kuryla '84 and the grandfather of Bruce T. Kuryla '04.

Brian R. Laska '92 on August 30, 2022. He was the brother of Keith Laska '95.

John Long '64 on July 2, 2022.

Myra Lubeck on July 14, 2022. She was the mother of Christopher G. Lubeck '87 and the grandmother of David M. Spangler '19 and Harrison J. Spangler '23.

Tucker S. Ludwig '18 on April 7, 2022.

Harold J. Millbauer '54 on April 13, 2022. He was the brother of Kenneth R. Millbauer '58.

Philip A. Morris on April 22, 2022. He was the father of Edward D. Morris '88 and the grandfather of John Morris '26.

Gregory V. Nemerut '78 on July 14, 2022.

Elizabeth Piro on April 9, 2009. She was the granddaughter of the late John F. Piro Sr. '48, the niece of John F. Piro Jr. '76 and the sister of Frank J. Piro '08 and Nicholas T. Piro '11.

Charles J. Plasky Jr. '49 on April 18, 2022.

Patricia Pollard on August 24, 2022. She was the grandmother of Quinn Pollard '15 and the mother in law of Julie Pollard (Advancement Department).

John T. Powers '92 on August 25, 2022.

Anthony P. Prizio '47 on June 4, 2022.

Joseph J. Rackiewicz Jr. '58 on July 7, 2022.

Roger L. Ratchford '51 on September 7, 2022. See article above.

Peggy Rooney on September 17, 2022. She was the grandmother of Aidan P. Crino '25.

Norman P. Rousseau '53 on May 26, 2022.

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Rousseau '47 on November 5, 2021.

Richard J. Rychlik on September 13, 2022. He was the father of Peter R. Rychlik '83, Bruce R. Rychlik '85 and Terrence M. Rychlik '85.

Stasia Schroeder on September 27, 2022. She was the grandmother of Rick J. Vazzano '12 and the mother in law of John Vazzano (Prep Food Service).

Peter Scifo on August 19, 2022. He was the father of Francis R. Scifo '70 and the grandfather of Peter A. Scifo '98.

Christian M. Scinto '86 on August 6, 2022.

Georgia Skane on March 30, 2022. She was the mother of Sean M. Culhane '86, past Prep Governor.

Sumner Burton Sochrin on May 31, 2022. He was the father of Jeffrey W. Sochrin '85, Prep Governor.

Edward R. Tarczali on July 16, 2022. He was the father of Thomas E. Tarczali '74, Peter R. Tarczali '76, Timothy J. Tarczali '78, Jeffrey P. Tarczali '81, and Edward R. Tarczali Jr. '81; he was the grandfather of William J. Lopata '14 and Adam J. Tarczali '15.

Joseph L. Troiano '59 on April 7, 2022.

Donald E. Vogel '51 on May 26, 2022.

Louis Votto on August 5, 2022. He was the father of Kevin R. Votto '92.

Thomas F. Walsh Jr. '66 on September 9, 2022.

Joseph P. Ward '68 on May 31, 2022.

Joseph M. Wargo '52 on May 25, 2022.

John M. Weiss '54 on May 27, 2022. He was the brother in law of John J. DeMartin '50.



Antonicelli Wedding

Peter J. Antonicelli '15 married Julia Gillis on July 9, 2022 at Penfield Pavilion. Pictured from left to right are **Brendan Bles '15**, **Connor Jamison '15**, **Stephen Bosak '15** (back) **Bill Bosak '85** (Front), **Peter Antonicelli '15** (groom) **Bill Stone '15**, **Thomas Wiig '15**, and **Dylan Hawkes '15**.



Weir Wedding

Brandon Weir '08 married Erin Shannon on May 28, 2022, in Peekskill, New York surrounded by his fellow Fairfield Prep graduates, friends and groomsmen. Top row from left: **William Struss '08**, **Ryan Weir '07**, **William Gardella '08**. Second row from left: **Patrick Fortunato '08**, **Brandon Weir '08** (groom, center), **Alec Weir '12**. Bottom row from left: **Peter Eason '08**, **Michael Lacerenza '08**, **Ryan Pramer '07**, **Andrew Davenport '08**



Simonetti Wedding

Nicholas Simonetti '02 was married to Ashlie Alia on July 30, 2022, at the Great River Golf Club in Shelton. Prep Alumni joined for a photo, from left: **Nicholas Larsen '03**, **Gregory Mitchell '02**, **Michael Vipond '02**, **Nicholas Simonetti '02**, **Kevin Fox '02**, **Steve Santora '02**, **Peter McSherry '02** and **Patrick Maguire '02**.



Miles Wedding

Patrick Miles '13 got married (technically two years ago, but this was the post-Covid reception) to Jenna Miles on June 4, 2022 at The Inn at Longshore. Pictured from left to right are: **Dave Gerics '13**, **Mitch D'Eramo '13**, **Jenna Miles**, **Pat Miles '13**, **Tim Peterson '13**, **Jack Hand '13**, and **Charlie Dodge '13**.

Births



Parker J. Delmolino '11 and his wife Maura welcomed Edward Charles "Ward" Delmolino on June 4, 2022.



Justin Gregg '04 and his wife Becky welcomed their daughter Josephine ("Josie") Concetta to the world on February 23, 2022. Big sisters Margot (5) and Madeleine (3) love their new baby sister!



Patrick Fortunato '08 and his wife Violetta welcomed their daughter Emma Ann Fortunato on July 15, 2022. Emma joins big sister Charlotte at home, and **Cindi Brucoli (Office of Discipline)** is the proud grandmother.



Casey Mott '08 and his wife Jessica welcomed their first child, a baby girl, on June 16, 2022.

Dan Raccuia '04 and his wife Lindsey welcomed their second child, Louis Hugo Raccuia, in May 2022.

Vincent Cotto '10 and his wife Suzi welcomed their second son, Luca Salvatore Cotto. Prep Class of 2040, on July 1, 2022. Luca joins big brother Lorenzo at home.

Faculty/Staff

In Memoriam

Lois E. McKinney of Shelton passed away peacefully on September 11, 2022, at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport. She was affectionately known as the "Church Lady" among her children's friends as she taught religious education at Fairfield Prep in the 1980s and was the Director of the Office of Catechesis for the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Patrick S. Walsh on January 25, 2022. He taught science at Prep in the 1950s.

Wedding



Sean MacKenzie (Social Studies and Theology departments), and his wife Leslie, were married on June 24, 2022 at Our Lady of Mercy Luralton Hall. A reception followed at Candlewood Inn in Brookfield, CT.

Birth

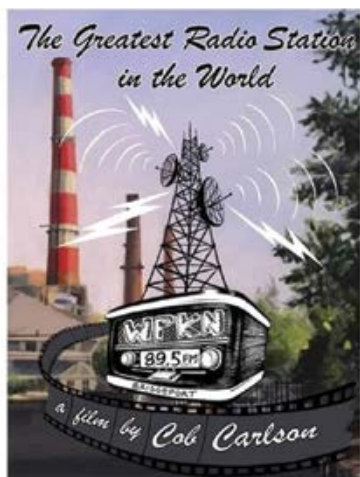


Zachary Thomas (Social Studies Department) and his wife Jill welcomed a baby girl Camryn Marie Thomas on August 12, 2022. Alumnus **Kevin Newall '80** is a proud grandfather, too.



Legacy Members Keep Prep All in the Family

After Baccalaureate Mass, some legacy members of the Class of '22 joined with their father or grandfather for a group photo: **Joseph and Christopher Altieri '95, Aidan Berry and James Roach '50, Rory Day (grandson, the late Joseph McCullough III '50), Gregory and David Flynn '88, Jack and Matthew Gifford '92, Griffin and Peter Harding '87, Hugh and Richard Hutchinson '87, George and Sean Kane '89, Henry and Matthew Keller '82, Aiden Mardi-Rickard and Denis Rickard '95, Ethan and Ed Natera '87, David and Joel Pleban '86, William and Scott Quincy '87, John and Griffin Reidy '90, Bobby and Robert Rotondo '88, Aksel and John Sather '88**



COB CARLSON '71 PRODUCES WPKN DOCUMENTARY "THE GREATEST RADIO STATION IN THE WORLD"

Cob Carlson's new documentary about WPKN, *The Greatest Radio Station in the World*, was celebrated at a premiere gala benefit screening at Bridgeport's downtown Bijou Theatre on June 25.

According to director Carlson, "The station's story is a dynamic one. It gives its programmers a tremendous amount of creative freedom to produce great radio

in whatever way they choose. That was one of the things that enticed me to do the film." *The Greatest Radio Station in the World* tells the 60-year history of WPKN (launched in 1962) with a great deal of color, in-depth interviews with station volunteers and listeners going back to the founding, and unique "found" footage.

Cob Carlson was born in Bridgeport and grew up in Fairfield. He attended Fairfield Prep and graduated in 1971. Cob has been a film editor/producer for 33 years, the past 30 spent in Boston. Cob has worked on documentaries, feature films, major network television programs, music videos, trailers, commercials, and web videos of all kinds. He is currently an adjunct professor at Eastern Connecticut State University. His 16-millimeter documentary film, *An Irish American Story*, about his grandmother who lived in the South End of Bridgeport, received critical acclaim and was broadcast on PBS in 1998. He recently produced the feature-length golf documentary *Donald Ross: Discovering the Legend*.

Editor's Note: A media student assistant on Carlson's film project at Eastern CT State University, John Pellegrino, joined the Fairfield Prep communications and teaching staff in August 2022.



REV. BRINSMADE '72 CELEBRATES BACCALAUREATE MASS

The Class of 2022 and their families attended the beautiful Baccalaureate Mass this past June, celebrated by **Rev. John Brinsmade '72**, a Prep 50th Golden Anniversary honoree. Fr. Brinsmade is the pastor of St. Gabriel in Milford; he shared prayer along with advice for the Prep seniors.



RYAN NELSON '06 IS A NAVY LT. COMMANDER

A 2006 Fairfield Prep graduate and Ridgefield native is serving in the U.S. Navy as part of the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise, Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC). Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Nelson is a pilot and the officer in charge of USS Sampson's helicopter

detachment, operating out of Everett, Washington.

Today, Nelson uses skills and values similar to those he learned in Ridgefield. "Hard work was instilled in me during high school and ROTC," said Nelson. "Learning what makes people different and the same is important. Getting a lot of people to pull from the same rope to get a job done is what we try to achieve in the Navy."

As the world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring safety at sea and security on the world's oceans. "During RIMPAC, I think it will be unique to work with the other nations," said Nelson. "I look forward to learning how other countries and their navies operate, and what they offer to this partnership."

Source: hamlethub.com



Bob Ford Sr. 90th Birthday

Beloved, retired Cross Country Coach **Bob Ford Sr.** celebrated his 90th birthday at a special event with his family, friends and former runners! He asked that in lieu of gifts for his birthday, contributions be made to the Ford Family Scholarship Fund established at Prep. A true Man for Others!



PREP ALUMNI FOOTBALL PLAYERS REUNITE

In June, former football players from the MBIAC (Metropolitan Bridgeport Interscholastic Athletic Conference) got together. The Prep teams from the early 70s had a great showing. From left to right are: **Tom Shea '73, Dave Roche '73, Bob Morrison '73, Bob Albert '74** (front row), **Jerry Webb '79**. 3rd row, **Pat Ditullio '75, Mike Dolan '74**, Coach Bob Mastroni (1971-76), **Paul Halas '74**, Nick Giaquinto (Stratford HS '73), also 3-time Super Bowl participant, and **Mario Contaldi '75**. Mario got the prize for longest distance traveled as he joined the group from Dallas. It was a great opportunity to again share Prep brotherhood.



NJ LACROSSE HALL OF FAME INDUCTS KOVACHIK '90

Last February, Delbarton Lacrosse Head Coach **Matt Kovachik** was inducted into the New Jersey Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

Matt played midfield for four years at Fairfield Prep, four years at Hartwick College and three years of club lacrosse in Connecticut. He started his coaching career at Fairfield Prep in 1995 before becoming the assistant coach at the University of Vermont until 1997. In 2001, Kovachik moved to New Jersey where he became the assistant coach at Delbarton School until 2017 under Chuck Ruebling '79. During that time, the Green Wave won 10 County titles and 14 State Championships (Non-Public A & TOC). After taking over as head coach in 2018, Kovachik led the Green Wave to a 19-1 record, a Morris County title, Non-Public A title and TOC Championship.



SWIMMING FOR A CURE

Our Prep Alumni continue to be Men for Others! **Andrew Lydon** (left) and **Alvin Gay** (right), both **FP '19** alumni and swimmers for Coach Hutchinson, caught up with one another at Swim Across America's Open Water Swim at Roger Wheeler State Park Beach in RI this summer. Both men swim for their college swim teams (Alvin at Roger Williams and Andrew at Holy Cross) and both swim in the annual fundraiser to support cancer research and finding a cure.



ALUMNI RUGBY GAME

Prep Rugby Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to play (or watch!) fellow teammates from many decades participate in the annual rugby game. All enjoyed being back on Grauert Field to reconnect and reminisce. Postgame festivities took place at Fire Engine Pizza.

HASKINS '17 IS READY FOR USC!

On his first day in Southern California, **Bobby Haskins** was already convinced he'd found his future home. After a chaotic few weeks in the transfer portal, the coveted Virginia tackle clicked immediately with USC's coaches and took to L.A. right away. "He's definitely not afraid to put himself out there," said Keith Hellstern, Haskins' coach at Fairfield Prep. He's brought that same energy to USC's offensive line room since arriving in January, even as he remained sidelined through the spring. After playing through an ankle injury during his final season at Virginia, Haskins underwent surgery soon after. That meant sitting out his first several months at USC, learning the new offense from afar. "It was hard to just watch," Haskins said. "Standing on the sideline, you get that little itch. All you can ever ask for in life is an opportunity to compete," Haskins said. "That's what I have. I'm really excited about it. We've got a great group on the offensive line. I'm here to help the team win any way that I can."

Source: LA Times



WHAMONDS AT JOHNS HOPKINS

Given their age gap and how their youth careers unfolded, **Axel Whamond '19** never played an official game with his younger brother, **Ian Whamond '21**, before the 2021 season at Johns Hopkins University. Suffice it to say the older brother was mightily impressed when they finally became teammates. "I'm super glad he came to Hopkins," Axel, now a senior, said. "I love playing with him and he even surprised me. When he got to college, he was way better than I anticipated and it shows in the awards, the stats and his impact on the team, on and off the field."

Source: NESoccerJournal.com



PRETTY JACKED UP

Jack Reiling (Trinity) and **Jack Mullen** (Colby) squared off recently in a Class of '22 matchup.

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'88 AND '89 MINI-REUNION

Prep Alumni came from as far as South Carolina and Florida to meet for a fun Connecticut weekend reunion last summer. From left: **Dave Flynn '88**, **Rich Bernard '88**, **Eric Wuchiski '89**, **Jon Sternberg '88**, **Brad Muller '88**, **Dan Murphy '88**. Missing from photo **Greg Flynn '88**, **Ed Morris '88**, **John Walsh '88**, and **Norm Roberts '89**.



PREP PAAC Meeting

Pres. **Christian Cashman** conducted the Inaugural Meeting of the President's Alumni Advisory Council (PAAC) in April. As part of the new 2022 Strategic Plan, Prep seeks to "invigorate the FP Alumni Network and Brotherhood." Alumni were asked to join the group to provide input, reflection and feedback regarding areas of critical need and to suggest strategies to begin building one of the strongest alumni brotherhood in the Jesuit network. See list of current PAAC members on page 2.



LOCKERY AND BLACK JOIN FORCES AS REALTORS

Dean Lockery and **Shawn Black**, both **Class of 2014**, chose to follow in the the path of their parents' businesses. Dean is working toward taking over the reins of his mother's firm, GRL & Realtors in New Haven. Shawn has joined his father and is working toward leading the management of First Choice Mortgage in Stratford. The Prep brothers decided to collaborate and advertise on a local billboard!





PREP MOURNS THE LOSS OF JIMMY McGRATH

Forever a Man for Others, Forever a Son of Prep

The Fairfield Prep Community mourns the loss of junior **Jimmy McGrath** and continues to extend our deepest sympathies to the McGrath family. Jimmy tragically passed away on May 14, 2022. He was a beloved son, brother, classmate and teammate to his friends and family in Fairfield and his hometown Shelton. Jimmy was a dearly loved student and standout athlete on the football and lacrosse teams, and he will forever be a member of the Prep Brotherhood.

More than 1,000 people gathered at a private prayer service on campus Sunday, May 15, followed by a school wide service Monday morning where President **Christian Cashman** addressed the students, faculty and staff: "I offer once again Prep's loving condolence and embrace of the McGrath family. May the Spirit of healing peace and love enfold them, and may we be instruments of peace and healing in the days ahead. May God bless Jimmy McGrath, Class of 2023, forever a Man for Others, forever a Son of Fairfield Prep."

Jimmy's life and memory were solemnly celebrated in the days following his death. During the lacrosse game between Prep and Shelton High School on Wednesday, May 18, the huge crowd all wore light blue, which was Jimmy's favorite color. Both Prep and Shelton students sat together in the same cheering section.

Jimmy was laid in repose at Egan Chapel on Thursday, May 19. During the visiting hours, thousands came to pay their respects, including hundreds of Prep students, Prep alumni, community members and friends, in a line of visitors stretching from Egan Chapel through the Fairfield University campus.

On Friday, May 20, over a thousand members of the community attended the Mass of Christian Burial for Jimmy McGrath at St. Theresa Church in Trumbull, CT. The principal celebrant was Bridgeport Diocese **Bishop Frank Caggiano** and the homilist was **Rev. Brian Konzman, S.J.**, assistant to the president at Fairfield Prep.

Both spoke eloquently to promote peace, healing and forgiveness as the communities work to mend their deep grief. Fr. Konzman reached out to the loved ones, families, teammates and students with powerful words:

"Our faith is hard, because the mystery at the core of our faith is hope, and the mystery at the core of our hope is love. ... And so I invite you, brothers and sisters, to bask in that love—the love Jimmy has for us, the love the disciples, and Mary, and Christ have for us, and the love we have shown each other this past week. Feel it like the sun on your skin. Let it sink into your bones and transform you, so that one day our hope may be fulfilled, and we be saints among the saints in the halls of heaven, and we might share Christ's glory with our brother, Jimmy McGrath."

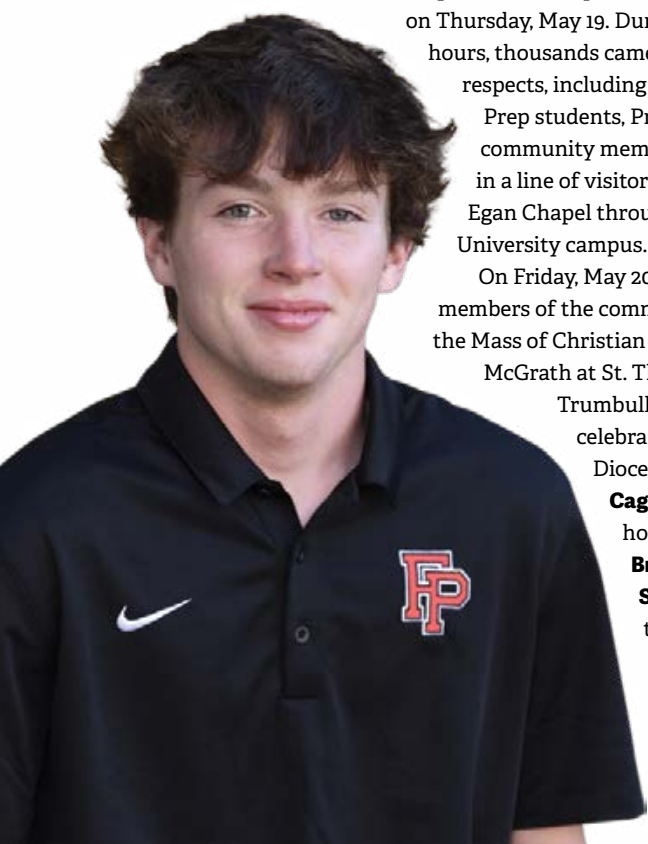
In the days following Jimmy's death, students and faculty had the support of the school's leadership team, Jesuit priests, campus ministers, and counselors from Prep and Fairfield University in helping with the grieving process during this tragic loss.

Lacrosse and Football Coaches remember Jimmy McGrath

Jimmy was a member of both the football and lacrosse teams during his three years at Prep and made quite an impression on Head Lacrosse Coach **Graham Niemi** and Head Football Coach **Keith Hellstern**.

Heading toward the end of his junior season playing for the Jesuit lacrosse team, McGrath was coming into his own, not only as a player but as a leader. McGrath lost his freshman lacrosse season due to COVID-19. As a sophomore, he earned valuable playing time as a defensive midfielder, along with taking some offensive shifts and playing wings. "He was just the jack of all trades on that team, and to do a job like that required a lot of selflessness," Niemi said. "Your name's not in the box score every game but you have to be willing to care a lot about the guys around you and help them do their jobs and Jimmy was great at that. He would take on any role that you wanted him to do." This season, McGrath was moved up to the offensive side of the field, running Niemi's second midfield line. Another non-glorious job McGrath did it with no questions asked. "He was selfless," said Niemi.

Likewise, with football, McGrath did whatever was asked of him. He played a slot receiver. He took turns at wide out. He played special teams and he returned punts. "When you're a punt returner, you have to have a certain level of fearlessness, a willingness to put your body on the line," Hellstern said. "That was Jimmy. He would do anything for his team. Tough competitor, huge heart. It's all real about Jimmy. He was a guy that was always ready to step up and step in. Fearless, and a guy that we had high hopes for next season. He would have been the glue to the group that was coming back."





What both Niemi and Hellstern will miss most about McGrath will be his passion. "He never stopped talking on and off the field. He treated everyone the same, whether he was the first guy on the depth chart or the 42nd, you were treated the same," Niemi said. "He didn't care if you scored four goals a game or never played a minute. He would play with you, he would have a catch with you, he'd jump into a drill. He treated everyone the same." Hellstern added: "He was a competitor. He worked hard and he had a passion. He gave it everything he had. The consummate teammate. He was a great kid. He would connect with anyone on the team. He was always engaged, always had a smile. He was that kind of glue, he really was. It's a credit to Jimmy. He was special."

The day of McGrath's funeral mass at St. Theresa Church in Trumbull, Niemi and Hellstern said their final goodbyes to Jimmy, serving as pallbearers. For both, it was a moment they will never forget.

"Kevin McGrath (Jimmy's father) pulled me aside and said, 'Hey, we'd like for you and the other coaches to serve as pallbearers.' Honestly, I didn't know what to say other than I'll do it," Niemi said. "I told the team where I was going to be and that I would be carrying precious cargo. It meant a lot to me for the family to ask me," said Hellstern. "It was something that I was deeply honored to do. Anything to support Jimmy's family. Being a part of that was something I will never forget and always cherish."

All of Jimmy's lacrosse teammates have stuck "JM-7" stickers on their helmets and, this fall, the Jesuit football team is also honoring their teammate's memory. "People create energy through their

relationships and a lot of the karma that Jimmy created in the hallways, on the playing field, were by-products of being such a purely good person who enjoyed life and who made sure his relationships in life were the most important," Hellstern said. "What better way to live than that? That kind of gratitude that showed in everything he did, I know I'll take with me and so many other people will too. That will always be a part of his legacy."

Niemi said: "He was smaller but he played bigger than his size. And his voice and energy on the field made him play bigger than his size. When Jimmy was on the field, you got everything from him. Everything was done hard. Everything was done with full effort and that's one of the many things that made him so special."

For both coaches, being the pillar of support for Jimmy's teammates has been difficult. However, the way that Prep, Shelton and other surrounding communities have come together to mourn and celebrate Jimmy, has shown a path forward. Hellstern said: "We'll make it because we're all doing this together as a family. Jimmy wouldn't have it any other way."

Fairfield Prep is planning to establish a scholarship in Jimmy McGrath's memory. Contributions noting his name may be made at www.fairfieldprep.org/give or mailed to Fairfield Prep, Advancement Office, 1073 N. Benson Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824. Any questions, please call 203-254-4237.



Family Photos of Fellowship and Service



BELLARMINE FRESHMAN MOMS NIGHT OUT

Freshman mothers gathered at the end of the year to celebrate their sons' first year at Prep and their new friendships. The gathering was held at Black Rock Yacht Club.



MOM & SON COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Bellarmine Guild continued the tradition of Mass and Breakfast with the Class of 2022 mothers and sons. Academic Dean Elaine Clark, P'14 was the guest speaker.

SENIOR MOMS DINNER

In June, senior moms gathered to celebrate their sons' graduation and the lasting family relationships made at Prep. The group enjoyed their evening at Black Rock Yacht Club.



BOB KING LEADS DRIVE TO AID UKRAINE

Prep Alum and parent **Bob King '84, P'25** sincerely thanks the Prep Community for donating Ukraine relief supplies to his sponsored drive with King Industries. Here's the first of three shipping containers arriving in Ukraine!



CALL IN THE PROS

The Prep Fathers' Club partnered with Center for Family Justice this past March to renovate their kids' room. Students and parents of Prep came together for a day of Christian Service, not only to renovate but also to assemble furniture and clean up the room that is used for individual counseling sessions with children impacted by domestic and sexual abuse, as well as childcare.



BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Fathers' Club hosted 30 fathers and sons for a morning of service at Blessed Sacrament in Bridgeport with **Rev. Joseph "Skip" Karcsinski '70**. They packed over 300 bags of food for their food pantry, restored a dance floor in the parish hall, reorganized children's books and toys and helped with various spring cleaning needs.



YOU AND ME BY THE BEAUTIFUL SEA

In May, approximately 50 Prep moms and sons spent a Sunday morning cleaning up beaches in Fairfield. They collected many bags of garbage and debris along their way.



ON THE CATWALK

Prep mothers and caregivers enjoyed the Spring Fashion Show at the Patterson Club in April, which featured mothers and sons of the Class of 2022. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, dinner and live runway fashion show with Emcee **Kevin Kery '00**.



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LEAVING HOME During Senior Week, members of the Class of '22 enjoyed various activities and relaxed camaraderie, including the Senior Send-Off Breakfast at the Barone Campus Center. Following breakfast, the young men posed for a photo on the atrium steps wearing their college t-shirts and spirit wear. Best of luck and God's blessing to the Class of 2022! + **AMDG**