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Members of the Fairfield Prep Class of 2023 celebrated their graduation at Prep's 81st Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 26, 2023, in the Leo D. Mahoney Arena at Fairfield University, where 202 graduates received their diplomas in front of family and friends.



COVER: The Freshman Class of 2027 was "clapped in" at the front entrance by the sophomore class members welcoming them to the Prep Brotherhood.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Autumn greetings from Prep as we begin our 82nd year on North Benson! Our school-wide theme, *For Others*, commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ's clarion call for Jesuit schools across the world to form "men and women for others." This universal Jesuit mantra informs Fairfield Prep's mission, and we see it from end to end of this edition of *PREP Today*.

Prep men are never outdone in their generosity, and this year is no exception. I am thrilled to announce the heroic generosity of **Frank Sica '69** and **Don Kiernan '58**, and thank them for their philanthropic leadership toward excellence and access for our young men. These two men are the quintessential examples of how Fairfield Prep has served as the foundation for generations of young men, and thanks to Frank and Don's commitment, we will continue to transform boys into men for others.

We were proud to send forth the Class of 2023 in a beautiful commencement held, for the first time, in Mahoney Arena at Fairfield University. As we bid one class farewell, we welcome the gifted, energetic, and academically excellent Class of 2027 at over two hundred boys strong. The pages which follow give witness to our Jesuit mission in action. From the launch of PREP for Success, a career mentorship program for seniors, to expanded counseling and academic supports for our boys, we are keenly focused on the development of the whole person. The return of our global learning experiences enriched the lives of our students and faculty.

Last year was a high-water mark of participation across our signature Kairos retreat, Urban Plunge, and service immersion experiences. We made Prep athletics history, with two of our three state championship teams led by Prep alumni in their first year as head coaches (both of whom played their respective sports as students). Way to go Hockey Coach **Vin O'Hara '01**, and Rugby



Coach **Kevin Kery '00**. I have no doubt that our Prep athletes would count these mentors, and all their coaches, as true men for others.

Finally, I wish to offer sincere thanks to our departing members of the Prep Board of Governors (pictured below). They have given of themselves generously and freely in support of *alma mater* Prep. And a warm welcome to our new governors who represent the most diverse membership in our board's history, across decades of Prep life as grads, retired staff, and parents.

Enjoy these inspiring images and stories of a Fairfield Prep that is positioned in strength for the year ahead. Know that we hold each of you in our daily prayers and intentions. May we all be inspired by our founder St. Ignatius to give of ourselves for others and for God's greater glory. Go Prep! **•AMDG**

In gratitude,

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

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Providing a ‘Turning Point’ Opportunity

When **Frank Sica '69** arrived at Fairfield Prep, he discovered he had to work hard in school for the first time in his life. The four transformational years that followed opened his eyes to the world of science, history, theology, English, and more—preparing him well for his academic and professional career.

A co-founder and partner of the investment firm Tailwind Capital, Sica considers his time at Prep a turning point in his life. His recent gift of **\$5 million to Magis Scholarships** will give other promising young men that same life-changing opportunity to pursue excellence in a Jesuit, Catholic environment.



“I attribute most of my personal and professional development to Fairfield Prep.”

— FRANK SICA '69

Eye-Opening Experience

“I attribute most of my personal and professional development to Fairfield Prep,” began Sica, who appreciated the push to work hard, the “first-rate” faculty, and the exposure to “smart people” at Prep.

“Some of my classes at Prep were the most intense learning experiences I’ve had, even surpassing those of college and graduate school,” said Sica, whose résumé includes a BS in biology from Wesleyan University and an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. “My time there was a real turning point in my life. It really opened my eyes to what there was in the world.”

Sica recalled a class in which he vehemently argued against his theology teacher’s position. Neither ever managed to convince the other, but Sica still got an A+ in the course. “It forced me to think deeply about religion,” he said. “The whole Jesuit process of teaching people how to think and educating them in all of the disciplines is terrific.”

Sica’s time at Prep wasn’t all about academics. He played baseball and football, and chose his college based on where he could continue playing football. “I barely made the starting

team,” he added, noting he was realistic enough to hang up his cleats after college.

Modest Start

Raised in what he described as a middle-class family, Sica recalled that he owned just one pair of pants. “There were six kids. My dad was a doctor in family practice. We weren’t poor, we didn’t starve, but we didn’t belong to a country club. There wasn’t a huge amount of money around,” he said.

After graduating from Wesleyan, Sica served a tour with the United States Air Force flying as a Weapons Systems Officer in an F-4 prior to completing his MBA. After Tuck, Frank joined Dean Witter and moved to Morgan Stanley in 1981 where he rose to become a Managing Director in the M&A department before moving to Morgan Stanley’s Merchant Bank. In 1998, Frank left Morgan Stanley and subsequently ran the private equity business of Soros Fund Management..

In 2006 Sica co-founded Tailwind, where he continues to serve in the role of senior partner. He’s also on the board of Safe Bulkers, a shipping company he admires for its high standards in terms of safety, ethics, and sustainability.

An Investment in Intellect

A board member for several nonprofits and a generous donor to a wide array of organizations, Sica doesn’t like the limelight and does much of his giving anonymously. A good share of his philanthropy is focused on giving back to institutions that have helped him throughout his life—including Fairfield Prep, where he’s been a longtime donor.

Sica estimates that he gives away approximately 20% of his income each year to causes related to the sciences, medical research, education, and matters of social justice that he’s thoughtfully considered — the mark of a true “Man for Others” by any measure.

Sica’s recent gifts to Prep focus on two of the school’s current priorities: investing in the school’s financial foundation and funding Magis Scholarships to provide opportunities for high-achieving students to experience Prep regardless of whether or not they can afford it. Sica sees his support for the latter as a way to reinforce the fact that the school values excellence.

“You have to have high expectations to have good outcomes. If you have some really good students, it’s like a rising tide—you have an achievement orientation for the entire school,” he explained. “Most people can achieve if they’re put in the right position, given the right motivation, and given the right help.”

“Fairfield Prep was really transformational for me,” Sica emphasized. “Now I’m trying to help Fairfield Prep transform itself for others.”

Jesuit Values Championed Through **Magis Scholarships**

Magis Scholarships are funded annually through the generosity of passionate and loyal Fairfield Prep Alumni. There are currently 111 Magis Scholars enrolled, receiving a total of \$288,000 annually! These awards were established by our alumni to ensure that future Prep men embrace the same excellence and passion for the Jesuit mission and education of the whole person that has been the hallmark of our school since its founding in 1942. Recipients of the Magis Scholarships receive a renewable annual grant provided students maintain cum laude status and an impeccable standard of good citizenship and commitment to the Fairfield Prep mission.

LEARN MORE ABOUT MAGIS SCHOLARSHIPS

What is the history of the Magis Merit Scholarships awarded by Prep?

The Magis Scholarship program was initially funded by two primary donors as a way to ensure that Prep could continue to attract high-quality students from mission-driven families across all socioeconomic levels. The first Magis Scholars have currently begun their junior year.

What are the application requirements for a Magis Scholarship? What is the deadline?

Applicants for the Magis Scholarship must have a combined 3.5 GPA in 6th and 7th grade and are required to write an additional essay focusing on how they are already working towards one of the five characteristics of the Grad at Grad. From that group of applicants, the committee selects finalists who are interviewed before a final decision is made. The deadline for application is December 1.

Can a potential student qualify for financial aid in addition to the Magis Scholarship?

The Magis Scholarship budget is fully funded by generous benefactors, ensuring that Prep is able to continue to offer a substantial amount of need-based financial aid. Students are eligible to apply for and receive both forms of "Scholarship," up to a combination totaling 100% of tuition.

How are Prep's current Magis Scholarship recipients performing in and outside the classroom?

In the first two years of the Magis Scholarship program, the recipients have outperformed their peers academically. The class of '25 Magis scholars finished two years with a GPA of 3.803, compared to their classmates with 3.195. After one year, the class of '26 Magis scholars finished with a GPA of 3.777, compared to their classmates with 3.193. Overall, 90% of Magis scholars participate in athletics, music, arts, retreats, immersion trips/experiences, or contribute to *The Bellarmine Review* literary publication. Magis scholars comprise 75% of the sophomore and junior student government representatives. Scholarship recipients come from diverse backgrounds: 63.6% Caucasian; 16.7% Hispanic/Latino; and 19.7% Asian/African American or other. Moreover, 30% of Magis scholars also receive need-based financial aid.

Overall, the program has launched with great success in helping make a Prep education possible for a diverse group of talented students who strive to live the ideals of our Jesuit mission: Open to Growth; Intellectually Competent; Religious; Loving; and Committed to Doing Justice.



KUDOS TO THE FIRST

Greg Strakosch '80, Board of Governors member, has been a major "seed" donor to Prep and was responsible for being the initial lead donor to start the Merit Aid (Magis) Scholarship Program in 2021-22.

In addition, Greg started the Fairfield Prep Entrepreneurship Institute in 2019 with a major gift. Greg's generosity and vision has been instrumental to Prep's success in recent years, and we are grateful for his partnership in our Jesuit mission.

Our Five **Strategic Pillars**



Sustain Our Jesuit, Catholic Mission and Commitment to Justice



Ensure Jesuit Educator Formation and Excellence



Deepen Ignatian Engagement of the Whole Person



Expand Academic Success and Support



Invigorate the Fairfield Prep Alumni Brotherhood

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1981 Hearthstone



2008 Hearthstone

to earn a master's degree from Fairfield University in 1984 in Instructional Computer Science, thus setting the stage for the next chapter in her career path.

Colleen along with her longtime friend and colleague, Maureen Bohan, were the prime movers who propelled Fairfield Prep into the age of the instructional use of computers. They began by expanding the math curriculum to include several courses in Computer Science, including the programming languages of Basic I, II, Introduction to Pascal and AP Pascal, all taught by Colleen and Maureen. They also designed and implemented a mandatory freshman course in Computer Literacy.

Director of Computer Science and Technology

In recognition of her leadership role in developing curriculum,

A 43-YEAR, MULTIDIMENSIONAL CAREER

Tribute to Colleen Keltos

In June of 1980, I was desperate to find a teacher to cover a Chemistry class in our Summer School Program. Colleen Keltos (nee Coyle), a recent graduate of Fairfield University, graciously volunteered to teach the class on incredibly short notice, even though she was not scheduled to begin her Prep teaching career until September. This generosity of spirit and willingness to serve, no matter what the task, became the modus

operandi for this multi-talented professional's stellar 43-year ministry of service to the Fairfield Prep Community.

Multi-Subject Teacher

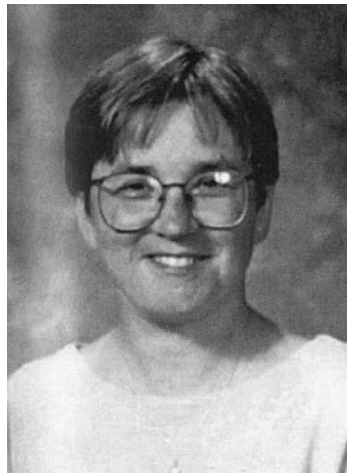
Colleen began her career as a science teacher who was known for her competence in the classroom, her passion for teaching, her ability to actively engage her students in the learning process, and her high expectations that her students

always strive for excellence. However, she was also known for her compassionate concern for the success of all of her students, especially those who struggled with the subject matter.

Colleen taught a variety of science classes including Biology, Honors Biology and Chemistry; and when the need arose, true to her generosity of spirit, she also taught Algebra I and II. Her intellectual curiosity led her



1993 Hearthstone



1996 Hearthstone

training faculty and effectively integrating computer-assisted learning into all disciplines, Colleen was appointed to the newly created administrative position of Director of Computer Science and Technology in 1995. As with everything that she does, Colleen worked tirelessly to train faculty in using various educational computer software programs as well as the use of Smart Boards, grading programs and other computer peripherals to enhance the learning process.

Colleen was truly visionary in foreseeing how computer technology would become an integral and indispensable part of our lives. Thus, her continuing efforts made Prep a school that was seen as an educational leader and “ahead of the curve” in the instructional use of technology.

Dean of Technology and Administrative Services

In her administrative capacity, Colleen conceived, proposed, and oversaw the construction and development of a \$250,000 Computer Center expansion. She also developed and implemented a Computer Use and Security Policy. Because of her stellar work, she was named Dean of Technology and Administrative Services in 2009 after earning her MBA in Management Technology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Dean of Operations

Based on her organizational and management skills and her many visionary successes, Colleen began another chapter in her career when she was appointed Dean of Operations in 2018. In her new role, Colleen was in charge of developing and implementing short-term and long-term facility plans in accordance with the school’s strategic planning process. She was also charged with ensuring that the Prep facilities were well-maintained, met all environmental, health, and security standards, and complied with all governmental regulations.

Within her role, she oversaw construction of the Student Life Center, the renovations of the music, theater and art rooms to create a Fine Arts Floor, the creation of a greatly expanded Student Weight Room, the renovations to St. Joseph Chapel, the creation of a state-of-the-art Science Facility, and the creation of a long-awaited Innovation Center on the ground floor of Xavier Hall. She also created a five-year plan to address several issues of deferred maintenance including the replacement of Prep’s antiquated plumbing system and air-conditioning the facilities.

Colleen was selected to “Whose Who Among America’s High School Teachers” and served on numerous Committees and Advisory Boards. Her many skills and areas of expertise made her



Colleen Keltos received a personalized Fairfield Prep chair with the school seal as a gift of appreciation from Pres. Christian Cashman at the annual end-of-year lunch for Prep Faculty and staff.

a much sought-after speaker and consultant. She was frequently asked to present at national and regional conferences sponsored by the Jesuit Secondary Education Association (now the Jesuit Schools Network) and served as the National Chair of Technology for the Jesuit Secondary Schools. She was also frequently asked to serve on NEASC school accreditation teams and Mission and Identity accreditation teams for Jesuit high schools throughout the country.

A dedicated and compassionate teacher, a gifted and consummate professional, a visionary and selfless leader, and an assiduous and tireless administrator are

some of the phrases that come to mind in describing Colleen. Colleen, I sincerely applaud you for a 43-year multidimensional career whose impact has helped make Fairfield the outstanding school that it is.

As you enter yet another chapter of your life, one of endless possibilities and limitless opportunities, may this new beginning bring you joy, peace, prosperity, and God’s blessings on you and your loved ones. Godspeed!



By **Robert A. Perrotta**, JD, EdD, retired principal, Fairfield Prep

SENIOR REFLECTION

Jesuit Education for Mind, Body and Soul

During my freshman orientation, the first words that came out of our senior speaker's mouth were "Don't be a 2:30 kid!" On the surface, this simple message urges students to take advantage of the countless service, clubs, and sports opportunities Prep has to offer; however, after spending four years here, I can tell you this message is much deeper. Many people know Prep for its Jesuit education, yet, it is difficult to grasp what a Jesuit education has to offer when you are only looking at it from the outside in. It is only after deep reflection that one who has experienced a Jesuit education can recognize the effects it has had on their thought process, life balance, and priorities.

Reflecting over the past four years, I can see now that Prep instills Jesuit values in their students without them even knowing.

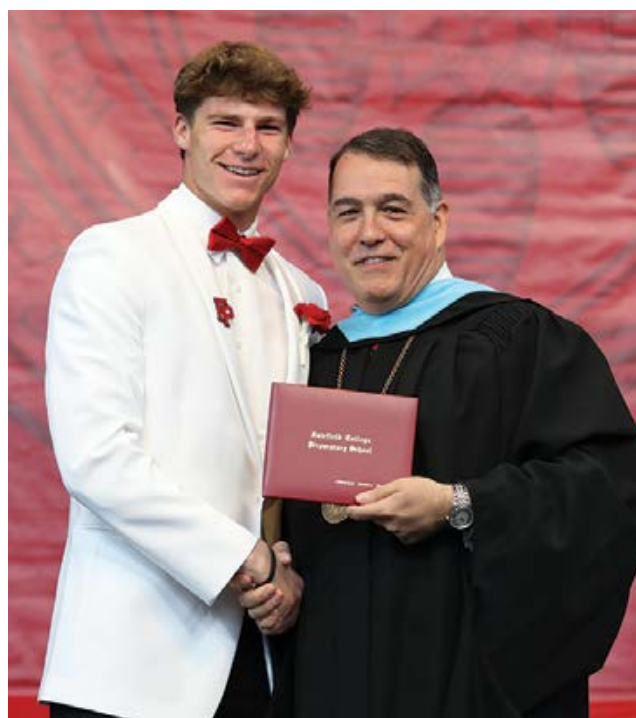
During freshman year, students are introduced to numerous Jesuit terms and values such as *Cura Personalis*. *Cura Personalis*, Latin for "care for the whole person," is the basis for success anywhere. One of the main goals of a Jesuit education is to develop students into loving people, but you cannot love others until you love yourself. Therefore, it is a necessity to take care of your mind, body, and soul.

Prep's structure allowed me to subconsciously fulfill *Cura Personalis*. Through Prep's rigorous classes, I was constantly enriching my mind; through Prep's crew team, I was constantly challenging and caring for my body; and through Prep's daily prayers and weekly examens, I was continuously calming my soul.

Another Jesuit concept Prep stresses is reflection which has become a key aspect of my life. Through weekly, schoolwide examens, or through retreats, students learn to reflect on their experiences.

I learned that if I set aside my pride and accept responsibility for all of my actions, I can learn from almost every situation; I can elevate my successes and prevent repeated failures.

Similar to any ceremony Prep hosts, the graduation itself was professional and personal. I felt as though all of the faculty who formed me over the past four years were there specifically for me. The speakers, voted on by my classmates, touched on all of the heartbreaks and triumphs we've experienced together over the past



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JACK DEVINE '23

four years; COVID-19, the detrimental loss of a brother, the appearance in two football championships, and even winning the state hockey championship. I feel like it was the ideal way to transition from a student to a graduate.

Now, as an alumnus of Fairfield Prep, I am proud to say that I am a part of the Jesuit Brotherhood for life. The "Jesuit Brotherhood," often thrown around casually, is not just a saying; it is real. Coming from a family of Prep graduates—both my grandfathers, numerous uncles, and my father—I can say with confidence that mentioning you graduated from Fairfield Prep to another Prep or Jesuit school graduate will provide you with many opportunities.

By **Jack Devine '23** Jack was honored with the Cardinal Key Society Award for leadership and service at the Senior Awards Dinner, and at graduation received the Francis Xavier, S.J., Award honoring a student who took advantage of the full array of opportunities and experiences offered at Prep. Jack is attending Boston College.



Rosie McGrath, Jimmy's sister, receives his honorary diploma

AN HONORARY DIPLOMA

"Jimmy McGrath's spirit and the impact that he had on this class, and on this school, remain with us today. Jimmy loved Fairfield Prep, and embraced his time here in the classroom, on the football and lacrosse fields, and with his family and friends. His love, warmth and strength will always be cherished and remembered. In recognition of Jimmy's achievements during his time at Prep, we are honored to present an honorary diploma to the McGrath Family. This honorary diploma symbolizes the culmination of the many years of Jimmy's hard work, dedication, and pursuit of knowledge and is a token of Fairfield Prep's deepest admiration for Jimmy."

– Principal Timothy Dee



A GOLDEN DIPLOMA

At Commencement, Prep Alumnus, teacher and coach **Tom Shea '73, P'08, '11**, was presented a golden diploma to recognize his 50th graduation anniversary. Tom serves as the Director of Prep's Entrepreneurship Institute.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER MR. BRENDAN COFFEY, S.J.

THE POWER OF STORIES



I've found myself walking campus these last few evenings and as I walk, it's like the memories come out to possess me. I approach Lessing and I'm back at a cross country practice, the sun moving down as **Miller, Rosenard,** and **Spahn** huff their way off Round Hill Road. I peer into Rafferty and hear the boom and cadence of the Bomb Squad, **Matthew Kelly** stirring the boys into frenzy after another glorious goal. I walk past the Pelletier Quad and yearn for a quick game of SpikeBall, and there's **Joey Cashman** and the **Cipollaro** twins meeting the moment. I nod to my old window in X205 and suddenly your fidgety frosh and soph selves are back in their familiar seats as another day feels full of possibility.

And so a walk becomes a contemplation as the imagination tells a story that evokes feelings, feelings that hammer home a sense of what happened here and a belief of what this place has meant to me, what you all mean to me, what a gift this all was. Perhaps you've been doing some remembering yourselves as you savor what happened here—breathing new life and laughter into treasured memories, the “I remember when's” that you'll dole out for years on ears new and familiar. And just like that, the days will stretch out into a story—a story that tells.

We often think about stories as things we tell, but this is equally true—stories tell us. They tell us who we are and where we've

been, what's most essential, most valuable to us. They tell us how to hope and dream and imagine. We're free to choose the stories we believe—free to live into stories that open our hearts and free to ignore stories that clog us up with junk and rob us of our joy.

The trick is waking up to the effect stories have on us. Sometimes that's not an easy thing. Our own Ignatius of Loyola came to that conclusion when looking back at the wreck from which God had delivered him. Recall that the world told Ignatius one set of stories. They taught him to reach for control over faith, to covet power more than love. They taught him that a life devoted to feeding his ambitions—for pleasure, prestige, profit—would satisfy his hungry heart. They taught him to perform: to be all things to all people, but never to be himself. It took a cannonball to the leg to shock him into seeing how these stories, which had shaped him into a joyless punk, were leading him nowhere.

It was tough for him to let go of those old, dead-end stories, but in time Ignatius let God teach him a new story. It went something like this: rise up, for you are my beloved child; be healed, for I have redeemed you; believe in my love, for it will set you free; be a friend to my Son and follow Him, for He will lead you to new life. All of this humbled the once-proud Ignatius, opening him to something wildly more beautiful than he could understand.

That's where you and I come in. See, we grew up in the light of that conversion story—hearing it enough times that it has become a part of us. And if we let it, it'll tell us who we are, and what's possible. At least that's what happened to me.

I had my own all-boys Jesuit high school experience in Philadelphia. I was an eager frosh when I first heard about St. Ignatius, the Society of Jesus, and the phrase “Men for Others.” I sensed something radically different about our school, what we call here “the brotherhood.” It was a visible thing in our rowdy sports fandom, but it was most palpably felt in this way: we all felt we belonged; we all felt we mattered. It wasn't until my own Kairos 76 retreat, that I realized that the life-blood of our community was love—the same self-emptying love that had set St. Ignatius free.

I was an ambitious millennial who was being shaped by stories that were teaching me to value very different things: like cultivating a pull-yourself-up-by-your-own-bootstraps brand of radical self-sufficiency; like having an obsession with my own image; like seeing the path to adulthood as a series of win-or-die blood sports where anything short of perfection was failure. Not a lot of room for brotherhood, or belonging, or men-for-others in any of that.

Still, the influence of these dead-end stories was powerful—their presence real and felt. And I bring them up not to talk about me, but to talk about you, because even in our brief time together I wondered if some of you weren't grappling with this same schizophrenia of the heart—feeling caught between two sets of stories: those which give life and those which seem to take it away.

Here's the good news: as the years went on, no matter how lost or dissatisfied I felt chasing shiny, worldly idols, no matter how many times I fell into the chaos of my own egoistic confusion, something, someone, always managed to break through and carry me home again. And I don't think it was a mistake that it always seemed to happen when I found myself being a Man for Others, that is, caught up in being like Christ, or when I was open and vulnerable and real in the company of truly life-giving, loving friendships, or when I actually stopped to listen to that still small voice whispering love and belonging and brotherhood into my heart.

In those moments, it was like my eyes were opened again to the power of stories in my life, and I could see once again with a vivid clarity the story of life as I wanted to live it, see again the pattern of love we were created to live into and share. And like Ignatius, I could see how absurd it would be to choose anything but the fullness of life and love as God gifts them to us.

I am not saying that you have to become a Jesuit in order to receive the fullness of life and love (though if a couple of you did that, I wouldn't protest). What I am saying is that you Fairfield Prep Jesuits are going to have to choose to believe in the story that this Prep experience has gifted you, to let the story of your transformed hearts and minds, of brothers who have loved and been loved,

become your story. And on that score, I have great hope.

I have hope because so much of the story of this class centers around joy—a hearty, collective, expansive joy that I regularly felt in your company. You guys love laughing with one another, playing with one another, and in this way did you build your brotherhood, a community of friends you each nurtured into being through acts of selflessness and generosity. It didn't just make Prep a fun place to be—it taught you how to be at home with yourselves.

And yes, that story was tested—even with great pain. Your class has been no stranger to suffering, the hurt that comes when we make ourselves vulnerable by our love, so that the loss of a brother felt like a part of the body was lopped off. But even then your joy was not lost, for together you wrote a story of healing, hope, and compassion—a story that honors your brother, Jimmy, a story of life and love that will be with you always as he will be with you always.

In your years together, that joy has not just deepened; it has taken on a certain wisdom—one that has taught that this joy, this love, is paradoxically at its fullest when it is given away. It's the logic that says: there's always room for one more at the raucous lunch table. It's that feeling so many of you discovered when caught up in service to the broader community, letting others catch the sparks of love and joy that animate the best of your brotherhood. That is a story that gives me hope about you and fills me with deep, lasting consolation, with smiles even to the point of laughter as I remember what an incredible blessing you were to Prep and to one another.

Today, as you go out to tell your own stories, enacting what quite literally is the role of a lifetime, know that you go with our love and our prayers. We bless you on your way.

As part of his Society of Jesus formation to become a Jesuit priest, **Mr. Brendan Coffey, S.J.**, served as a beloved Fairfield Prep teacher and coach for a two-year Regency from 2019-2021. He then attended the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University in California for his final, two-year ecclesiastical degree studies. Mr. Coffey will make his final vows and be ordained on June 8, 2024, at Fordham University.



Matthew Kelly

Student Government President

We are here today in celebration of the Class of 2023...A class that has had to overcome so much in order to be here today...A class that has not had the traditional experience that all of those who came before us had. COVID, online school, and losing our brother Jimmy have certainly made our journey challenging. Yet, we are here ready to embark on our next chapter because Prep

has prepared us to go into the world and accomplish great things because Prep has turned us into Men for Others.

We arrived at Prep with a Mission, a Mission to become the Grad at Grad... to become living embodiments of what Prep stands for and what Prep is truly about at its core. I think it's safe to say that we have completed that Mission. We are prime examples of what Prep men should be ...loving, selfless, strong men who care for each other and our community.

Gentlemen, continue to do what Prep has taught you out in the world. Spread the message. Make the change. Be great. Congratulations to everyone, and thank you for a great four years!



Matthew Mancini

Senior Speaker

What to say to someone, to something, to some place that has given so much to you? When thousands of words could be used to describe your gratitude, what do you say to that which you love?

Maybe we are overwhelmed, and maybe there is nothing to say. Maybe now—and even for some time after graduation—your words will fail you. But, in the failure of words, there

is one humble action that may just save you. We will struggle to adequately characterize this amazing place, this Brotherhood. We will search for ways to find it in our new lives. Where to feel it. Where to hear it. Here's the secret that no one tells you: we need not worry about finding it because the Prep Brotherhood has always been with us. Every day. Every night. Even right now. Can't you see it? Well, if you can't, then finally comes the part when I ask you to do something: JUST LOOK UP. You see a bright, blue sky that surrounds us all.

Gentlemen, after today, as a class, we will spread physically across the country—and the world. Miles and borders and mountains and seas will separate us. Walt Whitman writes: *"Return in peace to the ocean, my love, ... we are not so much separated, Behold the great rondure, the cohesion of all, how perfect! But as for me, for you, the irresistible sea is to separate us, As for an hour carrying us diverse, yet cannot carry us diverse forever; Be not impatient—a little space—know you I salute the air, the ocean, and the SKY, Every day at sundown for your dear sake, my love."*

Brothers, the irresistible sea will separate us. We may be separated on land, but we will never be separated in the Heavens: every morning, a new sky will rise, and that sky will be the same sky for all of us. No matter where we are. If we LOOK UP, once more, we will all be connected as one Fairfield Prep Brotherhood.

Today, gentlemen, allow the sky to take a new meaning for the Class of 2023. Allow the sky to be our refuge. Our saving grace. Our reminder of the boy who is not with us today—the boy who paints that sky his favorite color, light blue, every morning. "So let me go," Zach Bryan sings, "Down the line. I want to feel it all. Joy. Pain. And SKY." Brothers, LOOK UP and FEEL THE SKY. Reach out to it. Hold it close to your heart. And never let it slip. Just LOOK UP. So, to the Class of 2023, to my Brothers, I guess I leave you with one lasting question. Do you think you can do that?





The **Medal of St. Ignatius Loyola** is awarded to the students in the top 5% of the Class of 2023 in honor of their outstanding academic achievements. These seniors were also recognized at the annual Fairfield Rotary luncheon honoring outstanding students from town high schools. Pictured from left:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| ★ Michael Adams | ★ Matthew Mazza |
| ★ Robert Donahue | ★ Antonio Musilli |
| ★ Inigo Gil | ★ Ryan Oshinskie |
| ★ Rajan Khanna | ★ Sebastián Rodríguez |
| ★ Matthew Mancini | ★ Craig Sheehan |

Rev. Mateo Ricci, S.J. Academic Awards

Members of the Fairfield Prep faculty 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

- ★ **Jack Miller.**

Visual Art

- ★ **Matthew Mancini.**

Instrumental Music

- ★ **Kevin Brennan**
- ★ **Sebastián Rodríguez**

Choral Music

- ★ **Ryan Riccio**

Theatre

- ★ **Timothy Wong**

French

- ★ **Graham Michener**
- ★ **Matthew Kelly**

Latin

- ★ **Ivan Marin**

Spanish

- ★ **Sebastián Rodríguez**
- ★ **Brando Savi**

Mathematics

- ★ **Michael Adams**
- ★ **Rajan Khanna**
- ★ **Robert Donahue**

Computer Science

- ★ **Joseph Marotta**
- ★ **Benjamin Ackerman**

Innovation

- ★ **Benjamin Stokes**
- ★ **Noah Orsini**

Biological Sciences

- ★ **Matthew Mazza**

- ★ **Brendan Barrett**

Chemical Sciences

- ★ **Antonio Musilli**

Environmental Sciences

- ★ **Mark Valus**
 - ★ **William Dixon**
- ### Physical Sciences
- ★ **Joshua Fung**
 - ★ **Brice Muller**

History

- ★ **Luis Brea**

Economics

- ★ **Jackson Hicks**

- ★ **Harrison Lent**

Business and Entrepreneurship

- ★ **William McCormack**
- ### Social Sciences
- ★ **Ryan Oshinskie**
 - ★ **Matthew Mancini**
 - ★ **Sebastián Rodríguez**

Theology

- ★ **George Cipollaro**
- ★ **Matthew Mancini**
- ★ **Jack Miller**

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

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

- ★ **Ryan Preisano**
- ★ **Brice Muller**

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 Prep.

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

- ★ **Daniel DeRose**

- ★ **Thomas Scholl**

- ★ **Rajan Khanna**

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

- ★ **Lorenzo Pino**

- ★ **Antonio Musilli**

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

- ★ **Richard Herrera**

The St. Isaac Jogues, S.J. Award is given in memory of Mark Masiello, Class of 1983. A plaque and a gift are presented to a senior who has shown tremendous courage during his years at Prep.

- ★ **Noah Orsini.**

The Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. Award

is given in memory of John Lambert, Class of 1994. A plaque and a gift are presented to a senior who has been key to the success of our literary publications.

- ★ **Nicolas Vittoria**

- ★ **Jack Miller**

The All for One Award established by the McManus Family is a scholarship and award presented 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.

- ★ **Franck-hali Desravines**

- ★ **Isaiah Joseph.**

The Cardinal Key Society Award members of the Cardinal Key Society who have distinguished themselves through their leadership and service to the Prep Community.

- ★ **Charles Dooley**

- ★ **Jack Devine**

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

named after the current Superior General of the Society of Jesus, a Senior Class Officer for their outstanding efforts in service to the Prep community.

- ★ **Matthew Kelly**

The Vanderslice Family Award

for Excellence in Math & Science has been established through the generosity of Paul Vanderslice, Prep Class of '76, and his wife Lynne Vanderslice, former Prep Board of Governor. This \$5,000 scholarship and award a graduating senior who has exhibited outstanding achievement in Math and Science.

- ★ **Sebastián Rodríguez**

Letter of appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point

- ★ **Jackson Hicks**

The Dr. Donna Andrade Academic Dean Award

is given to members of the senior class who display academic excellence through intellectual ability, perseverance and determination that inspires others to greater academic success.

- ★ **Joseph Cashman**

- ★ **Matthew Mitchell**

- ★ **Chengyi Shen**

The Principal's Award is given to students for their outstanding academic achievement.

- ★ **Andrew Barry**

- ★ **Jason Gong**

- ★ **Craig Sheehan**

The President's Award is given to students for providing outstanding leadership to the Fairfield Prep Community throughout the year.

- ★ **Patten Royal**

- ★ **Matthew Kelly**

- ★ **Charles Dooley**

Fairfield University's Company Scholars Award

is a cohort-based full scholarship program founded to assist low income students who attend Jesuit schools.

- ★ **Richard Herrera**

- ★ **Sebastián Rodríguez**

SPECIAL AWARDS AT COMMENCEMENT

The St. Edmund Campion, S.J. Award

honors a 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.

- ★ **Luis Brea**

- ★ **Rajan Khanna**

- ★ **Ryan Oshinskie**

The St. Francis Xavier, S.J. Award

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

- ★ **Joseph Cashman**

- ★ **Jack Devine**

- ★ **Sebastian Rodríguez**

The St. John Berchmans, S.J. Award

honors a 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.

- ★ **Thomas Scholl**

- ★ **Quinn Stengrim**

- ★ **Timothy Wong**

The Reverend Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Award

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

- ★ **Robert Donahue**

- ★ **Timothy Spahn**

The St. Peter Claver, S.J. Award

honors a senior who has distinguished himself by his leadership and his commitment to the preferential option for the poor.

- ★ **Jack Richter**

- ★ **Matthew Mazza**

The Jesuit Schools Network Award

honors a 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 Mancini**

SCC SCHOLAR LEADERS

Matt Mancini (left) and Sebastian Rodriguez (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 the arts.

Matthew Mancini achieved summa cum laude honors and was a member of the NHS. A two sport athlete, Matt was a four-year member of the soccer team and contributing member of the Prep Rugby team, which won its first ever State Championship in 2023. Beyond sports, Matt led a service trip to Appalachia and a Kairos retreat. He volunteered with Urban Impact, was President of the Habitat for Humanity Club, editor of *The Bellarmine Review*, and member of the debate club. At graduation, Matt was elected by his peers as senior speaker, and received the Jesuit Schools Network Award, honoring a 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. Matthew is attending Georgetown University.



Sebastian Rodriguez is a summa cum laude honor student, a National Merit Commended student, a National Hispanic Scholar and NHS student. He was named a SCC Scholar Athlete as a four-year wrestler; played first tenor saxophone in the music program; and led the Robotics team and the Sikorsky STEM Challenge. He also served as lead counselor at Prep's first summer Innovation Camp. Outside school, Sebastian was honored as Wakeman Boys & Girls Club STEM Volunteer of the Year, sharing his talents in robotics as a mentor in an afterschool program. At graduation, Sebastian received the St. Francis Xavier, S.J. Award, which honors a graduate who has taken advantage of the full array of opportunities and experiences, offered throughout his years at Prep. Sebastian is attending the University of Pennsylvania.

Donahue and Little named SCC Scholar Athletes

Robbie Donahue (tennis) and **Maddux Little** (lacrosse) were both named SCC Scholar Athletes for the spring season, sponsored by Great Blue Research.

Robbie Donahue achieved summa cum laude honors and is a member of the NHS. Robbie led as team captain of the SCC Championship Tennis team. He was involved in many activities including the Ethics Bowl, Debate Team, and Stock Market Club. He also served as: Environmental Club president; Appalachian Immersion leader; Freshman Retreat Leader; and as a four-year student government member, including Vice President his senior year. Robbie participated in a Kairos retreat, Grounded in Gratitude Retreat, and was active in SASO (Scholars & Athletes Serving Others). Robbie is attending University of Notre Dame.



Maddux Little was an Honor Roll student and a member of the National Honor Society. On the lacrosse field he played as a three-year Varsity starter, helping lead the team to the Class L state finals in 2021 and 2023. Maddux has offered his lacrosse talents to the community through his work with the Reindeer Games, an annual fundraiser supporting Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse and the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. He has also volunteered at Bridgeport Sports Academy, Operation Hope and the Wakeman Boys and Girls Club. Maddux is attending Hamilton College where he is continuing his lacrosse career.



Left to right: Phil and Elaine Lauria, Tim Wong '23, Virginia and Richard Wong P'21,'23,'26.

Wong Awarded the Phillip A. Lauria Scholarship

By his enthusiastic engagement in the mission of Fairfield Prep **Timothy Wong '23** has been awarded the Phillip A. Lauria Scholarship. Through the generosity of the Lauria Family, this scholarship was established in memory of **Phillip Lauria**, Prep 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 Tim has in his Prep years.

Tim Wong graduated with magna cum laude honors and is a member of the National Honor Society. He received the St. John Berchmans, S.J., Award as a young man whose faith has led to him to become a person of conscience and compassion.

Tim served as Leader and then Co-Director of the annual Freshman Retreat, coordinating 300 participants. He acted in a number of Prep's dramatic productions as a member of Prep Players. He was also a member of Prep's Ethics Bowl team, a leader in Campus Ministry and Student Government, a member of Prep's Math Team, Film and Media Club and Debate Club. Tim served as Co-Chairman of Prep's Environmental Club and provided peer tutoring through the NHS and the Spanish Honor Society. He has assisted at school events like Open House, where he was a frequent featured speaker. Tim also volunteered at New Covenant House where he prepared and served meals to the underserved.

Tim is attending Syracuse University where he was accepted to the prestigious Newhouse School of Communication.



From left: Fairfield Police Union Scholarship Fund Board Member Charles F. Chiusano, Officer Mike Paris, Officer Keith Broderick, Danny DeRose '23, and Police Captain Robert Kalamaras.

Danny DeRose '23 Awarded Fairfield Police Union Scholarship

Danny DeRose was awarded the Fairfield Police Union Scholarship in the name of Judge Daniel Caruso. The fund was created to honor the life work of Fairfield Probate Judge Caruso who passed away unexpectedly in February 2018. Caruso embodied the spirit of community and civic duty, always putting service above self. Due to the generosity of the Fairfield Police Union Scholarship Board, Judge Caruso's legacy is celebrated each year with a scholarship award.

Danny led as a camp counselor at Fairfield University for the Brooklyn Jesuit leadership camp that serves underprivileged youth. He also served as Co-Director of the Freshman Retreat and as a Kairos leader. As a member of the Cardinal Key Society, Danny volunteered at open houses, Grandparents Day, placement tests, and graduation. He volunteered with Club Woofgang, an organization that works with adults with learning differences, as well as participated in the Model United Nations club and played on Prep's CT State Champion Rugby team. Danny was honored with the St. John Francis Regis, S.J., Campus Ministry Award for outstanding dedication and leadership in the promotion of the Prep retreat program. He is attending St. Joseph's University.



Coach Keith Hellstern, Matt Mitchell, Jack Richter, President Cashman, and Brendan Fogarty FYF Board

Fairfield Youth Football Scholarship

The Fairfield Youth Football Foundation created a scholarship for Prep football athletes who have a history of involvement with Fairfield Youth Football. Three Prep seniors from left **Matt Mitchell**, **Jack Richter**, and **Patten Royal** (not pictured) qualified for this inaugural award, presented by Brendan Fogarty, member of the board.

Thomas Nardone Awarded Fairfield Rotary Scholarship



Thomas Nardone '23 was recognized as the recipient of an annual scholarship awarded by the Fairfield Rotary Club Foundation for his dedication to the Rotary Motto, "Service Above Self." Thomas' many volunteer activities during his Prep years reveal a passion to serve and to lead. A simple list does not do justice to the many ways in which Thomas has reached out to share his talents for the benefit of others. In achieving

his Eagle Badge, Thomas raised \$5,000 to fund backpacks filled with school supplies for children of nearby Bridgeport, after witnessing them struggle with their books while he prepared food for distribution at the Merton House of Hospitality in Bridgeport. His awareness of the struggles that children face in the inner city grew deeper by his participation in Prep's Urban Plunge—a multi-day urban service immersion. He also witnessed the lives and struggles of the rural poor by his participation in Prep's Appalachia mission in 2021 and in his leadership of others in the Appalachia experience in summer 2022.

Thomas' personal history of service is long and well beyond what is required of Prep students. He led Prep's Freshman Retreat during his junior and senior years, the Grounded in Gratitude Retreat for sophomores, where he offered a talk on the "beauty of life," and in the fall of senior year he led Prep's Kairos Retreat. Thomas has a long history of preparing food at the local food pantry, Operation Hope. For Thomas, to lead and serve are actually one; his leadership is not showy, nor does he lead by voice alone. Leading by example defines him as he seeks and embraces challenges on and off campus.

Thomas is an outstanding young person who has achieved an exemplary academic record, taking on a rigorous course of study and achieving at the magna cum laude level for his Prep academic career. Thomas' character and achievements have led him to Villanova University.

Will Clegg awarded ROTC Scholarship

Congratulations to **William Clegg '23**, who will be studying Engineering at Syracuse University on an ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Scholarship, which covers three years of college tuition and housing. Choosing to serve in our nation's military

was not a difficult decision for Will, as he comes from five generations of veterans. While at Prep, Will served as captain of the Wrestling team and competed as a four-year varsity member. In the fall and spring seasons, he was a member of the varsity crew team. Will volunteered for the past three years at Nourish Bridgeport, a local food pantry and community program helping families with English as a Second language (ESL). Will also traveled to Appalachia to volunteer and participated in an Urban Plunge locally in Bridgeport. Will is a certified lifeguard, an avid skier, and has studied and played classical guitar for eight years.



CAS-CIAC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS

Ryan Preisano (left) and Ryan Oshinskie (right) were honored at the 40th annual CAS-CIAC Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet for exemplary academic and athletic careers, whose personal standards and achievements are a model to others, and who possess high levels of integrity, self-discipline and courage.

Ryan Preisano excelled in and out of the classroom, where he achieved summa cum laude honors and was an NHS member and peer tutor. Ryan committed to play football in senior year, adding to his other two varsity sports, baseball and basketball serving as a captain of both. In baseball, he was named All-SCC First Team, All-State, and CHSCA All Star. Ryan volunteered with special needs children in the Challenger Baseball program, led fundraising through Full Court Peace, and traveled to help the Native American Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. Ryan is continuing his baseball career at Wake Forest University.



Ryan Oshinskie achieved summa cum laude honors all four years at Prep. Recognized for his high academic excellence, he spoke about the quality of scholarship at the National Honor Society induction ceremony. Ryan was a leader in the Sikorsky Challenge STEM competition and a yearbook editor. As a four-year athlete, he was a baseball standout and named All-SCC second team. Ryan was a

leader of the Connections Club, which links Prep students with special needs children. He also volunteered at the McGivney Center afterschool program in Bridgeport. Ryan received the St. Edmund Campion, S.J., Award for demonstrated academic excellence. He is continuing his baseball career at Brown University.



Hicks: Young American Award

Jackson Hicks received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point for the Class of 2027. Jackson was a leader both in and outside of school. A four-year honors student, he was a member of the National Honor Society and graduated magna cum laude. In ice hockey, he spent three years on varsity, helping the Jesuits claim the 2023 CIAC Division I title. Jackson was active in school in the Cardinal Key Society, Sikorsky STEM Challenge Team and Political Awareness Society. He also volunteered with the Connecticut STORM ice hockey program. Outside of school, Jackson was a long time Boy Scout achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. This past spring, Jackson 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. The award was presented by Lieutenant Colonel **John F. Simonetti, USAF (Ret) '75**.



Tony Musilli Awarded Wilton Scholarship

Tony Musilli was awarded the Wilton Garden Club scholarship because of his longstanding involvement in horticulture. He has volunteered at the Wilton Trackside Youth Garden

since the fourth grade, building mobile handicap-raised garden beds for Wilton Commons, installing pollinator gardens at Middlebrook School and his home, and participating in seed sowing for the Youth Garden and Wilton Garden Club's annual plant sale. Tony is an Eagle Scout, a summa cum laude honor student, NHS member/tutor, a recipient of the Fairfield Rotary Club Certificate of Honor, and was named a SCC Scholar Athlete for his academic excellence and four years of rowing on the Fairfield Prep crew team. He is attending the University of Notre Dame.



Congratulations Eagle Scouts

Michael Adams
Christopher Cope
Jackson Hicks

Antonio Musilli
Thomas Nardone
Joseph Queenan

Class of 2023 Honors Matt Sather

Inspirational Teacher Award

Matt Sather '93 was awarded the Most Inspirational Teacher award by the Class of 2023. A favorite amongst students for many years, Matt's presence is felt well beyond his classroom on the 2nd floor of Berchmans Hall. After graduating from Fairfield Prep in 1993, he attended Amherst College where he played hockey, and captained the team his senior year. After graduating, Matt returned to Prep to teach English and coach hockey. His quiet confidence, sense of humor, and commitment to scholasticism quickly earned him a level of respect and admiration among students, faculty, and staff. As a teacher, Matt's experience is unparalleled. As a member of the English and Social Studies Department, he has taught all the grades, served as the English Department Chair, sat on committees, led retreats, and mentored many teachers (myself included). Matt is also a longtime baseball coach and former hockey coach, leading the programs to many championships with his good friend and colleague, **Rudy Mauritz '94**. That the boys of the Class of 2023 selected Matt as their Most Inspirational Teacher is a testament to Matt's enduring dedication to his craft and love for teaching and Fairfield Prep.

In his acceptance speech to the seniors, Matt gifted the boys some final parting wisdom before they began their journey to college. He implored



Matt Sather '93 receives award from Student Govt. President Matt Kelly '23

them to remember to be in the moment by disconnecting from the pull of the virtual world and immersing themselves in experiences with friends and loved ones. "Seek beauty, not safety," Matt said. "Grab onto whatever it is that makes you truly happy and inspires you to be creative, because you cannot find beauty without taking a risk." He urged the recent graduates to be authentic by resisting temptation to go with the flow by fitting in and leaning on the easy way out. Matt told them to "wear silly socks" to remind themselves to find the humor amidst all of life's seriousness. The Class of 2023 sat in respectful silence, once again inspired by one of Prep's master teachers, and I have no doubt the message sits ready to be recalled in their

minds because Matt lives by the principles he outlined. Matt is a Man for Others and a Prep Man through and through. His recognition as the Most Inspirational Teacher by the 2023 graduates indicates that Prep's mission is alive and well.



By **Vin O'Hara**, English & Social Studies Teacher, Varsity Hockey Coach

Mr. Tom Shea Honored in Hearthstone

The yearbook editors of the class of 2023 chose to honor Mr. Tom Shea with the *Hearthstone* yearbook dedication. Mr. Shea, currently the Director of Prep's Entrepreneurship Institute and assistant football coach, has taught for 19 years and coached at Prep for 27 years. Following is the dedication written by yearbook co-editor **Matthew Mitchell '23**. (Pictured, co-editor **Nic Vittoria** with Mr. Shea)

"My relationship with Mr. Shea has been one of the most impactful of my Prep career. On the field, Coach Shea was always the first to correct me when I messed up and encourage me when I succeeded. He knew when to be tough on me and when to lift me up. Coach Shea knows the game of football better than anyone I have ever played for, and his knowledge helps his players to succeed. Not only does Mr. Shea coach on the field, but he teaches his players life lessons. Through the countless ups-downs done during practice, he teaches about resiliency and always giving 100% effort.



Through the tireless drills day after day, he teaches the value of practicing until you're perfect. And through his prayer before every game, he teaches the value of God in all things. Through football, Coach Shea demonstrates to his players what it means to be a Prep man, a Prep man we all strive to be." – Matt Mitchell '23



Senior Internship Program Explores Career Paths



Prep for Success is a new, dynamic program investing in the power of our Jesuit mission. The program encourages young men to begin to envision the next chapter of their lives and invest in discovering their purpose. Adults who volunteer to mentor them offer the students a glimpse into their careers and the education and experience needed to provide the path to success. The students receive real world experience and make invaluable connections; the mentors receive the gift of giving back and encouraging our most valuable commodity—our youth.

The program kicked off in spring 2023, and 65 seniors were offered internships based on their interests in fields such as medicine, engineering, energy, law, finance, advertising, education, aviation, environmental science, and real estate—to highlight a few. Seniors interned at the Commonfund, Curiale Middle School, Bar Stool Sports, the State of Connecticut Public Defender's office, NBC Sports, and Mill River Wetlands. They learned about marine towing and private aviation. They also cared for patients in cardiology, veterinary, and dentist offices, and learned about marketing and advertising, wealth management and how to prepare a home for sale. The program culminated in a reception for mentors and students on the final day, and the positivity in the room was palpable. The experience for both the seniors and mentors was fulfilling and worthwhile. Prep for Success will be offered again in 2024.



Suzanne Gorab, Prep for Success Founding Director





CAREER EXPLORATION & NETWORKING

The Prep Fathers' Club presented the first annual Career Exploration & Networking Evening to all sophomore, junior and senior students at the end of March. Before students participated in three breakout sessions regarding career fields of choice, representatives from Fairfield University and Sacred Heart University coached them on taking advantage of the evening's opportunities. Twenty-five parent volunteers representing 13 industries presented these breakout sessions and offered networking during this exciting and successful experience. Along with Prep's Fathers' Club, the event was led by **Mr. David Cristini '95, P'23, '25** and **Mr. Robert King '97, P'25**, and supported by Mrs. Julie Pollard and Prep's Counselors.



Interested in offering an internship next year?

Contact David Houghton, P'17, '19, Director of Alumni & Family Engagement, dhoughton@fairfieldprep.org.



German Exchange Trip

As part of a long-standing tradition between Connecticut and Überlingen, Germany, Fairfield Prep students participated in a German Exchange program this past summer. With a packed two-week schedule, they traveled to Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France. The history and legacy of this German Exchange began in 1980 when the parents of theology teacher **Ms. Kathleen Jackson, P'25** and Herr Sebastian Fritz, Annelies Venus and Lothar Fritz, joined their schools in what would become a 43-year tradition.

As Fairfield Prep embraced this established foreign exchange program, the opportunity arose for the global connection of Jesuit schools in several countries! In 2018, Prep initiated a connection with a day visit to a Jesuit boarding school in the Black Forest, St. Blasien. In 2023, Prep students continued this connection with an overnight stay at St. Blasien. Fairfield Prep's host families in Überlingen allowed for this possibility of casting a web of continued relationships within the worldwide Jesuit community. Prep is looking ahead to another successful trip in 2024!

If your family is interested in this experience, reach out to Ms. Jackson, kjackson@fairfieldprep.org.





Student Reflections

"The German exchange trip had an everlasting impact on me and how I view the world and everything in it. The trip was great to see how someone my age lives in a different country... It's also fun to travel internationally with friends and people who become your friends. I became close with some people I would not have otherwise. The experience was life changing and I would recommend the trip to anyone."

Frank Sabados '24

"I have been to other countries before but being in an exchange program was an amazing opportunity because it not only showed me what the country was like but what the lives of the people (especially kids my age) are like. I also loved being able to host a student and show him my day-to-day life."

Matthew Hewitt '24



"I am so glad that I was privileged with the opportunity to share and connect with different people around the world. I fully recommend this program to anyone, as it was probably one of the best moments of my life and I am incredibly grateful to all the people who have made this possible."

Luke Richards '25



"The German exchange program is undoubtedly the most exciting and fulfilling experience that I have had during my time so far at Prep. When my exchange partner, Maya, was living in the States, I had a blast showing her (and her friends in the program) what life in Connecticut was like, and she and the others more than returned this favor when we went across the pond. Being able to experience a different culture and make lifelong international friends is something I will never, ever forget."

Kent Costikyan '24

"Overall, the German Exchange was a life-changing experience because of the amazing opportunities we had to visit unique places and different countries. The most valuable part was spending time in Überlingen with my host family, we had so much fun and they made me feel at home."

Charlie Jackson '25

"It was such an amazing experience it has inspired me to study German. It is striking to see how similar we are across so many cultures, and living in a foreign setting reminds me that there are other facets to the human experience."

Thomas Adams '25

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German Exchange Trip

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"It was an absolute blessing to be able to travel to a different country with my Prep brothers to experience an all new culture. One thing that had surprised all of us was the commonality that teenagers around the world share. No matter any language or cultural barrier, we were all able to connect and thrive, an experience that I will never forget and has shaped who I am forever as a man for others."

Lars Maechling '25



"The German Exchange experience fostered my personal growth, gave me a cultural perspective and allowed me to make connections with people from across the world."

Nicolas Alvarez-Bonilla '26

"The program taught me a lot about German culture, and other European cultures. I hosted a student by the name of Clarisse in 2022. She stayed at our house and some days attended school with me. She wanted to go to local stores like Walmart and Big Y, because they don't have big supermarkets where she lives. When we were with my fellow student hosts from Prep, we visited historical places like the Fairfield Town Hall. When we flew to Germany in June 2023, I was blown away by how even subtle differences like architecture change day-to-day life so drastically. The experience of hosting and visiting Germany were both amazing opportunities that I am so very grateful for."

Caleb Moura '25





PREP ACROSS THE POND

The Science of Passion

I was one of the few students lucky enough to attend the **"Prep Across the Pond"** science trip to Europe over spring break. If I were to sum up the entire trip, it would be "passion." Along with seventeen other students and three teachers, I traveled to England, Wales and Italy. Here are just a few highlights.

The English museums brought a wonder into my soul unlike anything I had ever felt. We toured the very special British Museum, a place with so much to observe: statues, monuments and beautiful creations. We also visited The Royal Institution, my favorite part of the entire trip, simply because of the Michael Faraday Museum. It is an absolute must-see for any aspiring physicist, or for anyone who wants to learn about an amazing, inspirational story. Michael Faraday was raised with a poor education and was taken advantage of, yet still succeeded in life. His exhibit was magnificent and drew tears to my eyes.

In Wales, we climbed one of the country's many mountains, a physical and mental struggle. Even though a mountain is no simple task, the majority of the group, including me, reached the top.

In Italy, we again became some of the luckiest people in the world while visiting the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. Filled with Italian/Roman art, which pulls at your heartstrings, and structures built in the likeness of the



Greek and Roman Gods, it truly captures the essence of the creators and shows their commitment to beautiful delicacy. By far, the greatest piece of art there is the "Duomo," the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, an extremely large, spectacular gothic church where we attended Mass. Never in my life would I have ever imagined getting the opportunity to tour three nations, see ancient constructs, view breathtaking landscapes and art, and eat amazing food with friends, all in the span of just over a week. It shows how lucky I am to attend Prep, a place that turns dreams into reality. I encourage others to participate in a trip experience.



By **Tomas Galloza '24**



Service Calls

Prep brothers answer the call



LACROSSE AT COVENANT

Prep's JV Lacrosse Team participated in a service event in May to help the new Covenant School of Bridgeport prepare for their inaugural school year, which commenced this fall. Our Prep boys were laying down wood chips and landscaping the future site of a playground. Covenant School of Bridgeport is a private, tuition-free school for boys in grades five to eight based on the NativityMiguel coalition, whose mission statement echoes that of Prep's commitment to forming young Men for Others. Executive Director of Covenant School, Matthew Fitzsimons, has had a long career in holistic education and carries his Jesuit educational experiences from Fordham Prep and Boston College in his work.



URBAN PLUNGE

Prep's Urban Plunge group, including our brothers from Belen, gathered for morning Mass on March 24 to begin their day in prayer and continue it with service. We are grateful to the students and adults who gave so generously in service to those who are underserved in our community. We are also grateful to have worked alongside our brothers from Belen; the bonds of brotherhood are strong. The Urban Plunge concluded the next day on March 25.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Fairfield Prep students and staff rolled up their sleeves to help Habitat for Humanity with landscaping on Clifford Street in Bridgeport. The organization thanked Prep for clearing the way for a low-income, working family to build a bright future as a Habitat CFC homeowner! College Counselor **Peter Francini '00** leads the popular Prep Habitat volunteer club.



Appalachia Immersion Trip

After an overnight at Fairfield Prep, our crew of 30-plus students and adults (**Mr. Via, Mr. Tremblay, Fr. Konzman, S.J., and Dr. Smith**) headed for Appalachia. The bus ride to Clarksburg, West Virginia, was 10 hours. From Clarksburg, we took vans to Nazareth Farms, a Catholic community that transforms lives through outreach. We were greeted by the Naz Farms community with hugs and warm welcomes. Immediately, we got to work on the farm — weed whacking, building decks, painting, rebuilding roofs, deconstructing and salvaging parts of an old chicken coop and other projects.

My group included **Liam Coyne, Thibaud Rubin, Mason Andrews, Hayden Young, and Daniel Tristine**, all class of '25. We traveled around in our van, "Speedy." Each work group was assigned three different rotations. On the first day our group installed porch roof rafters.



Day two had us painting a roof and rebuilding another (we also got to play with a litter of puppies). On day three we did chores around the house and cooked dinner for the crew.

Every day we enjoyed a lunch of farm-grown food provided by the previous day's farm crew. It was always healthy and tasty!

Education was an important part of this immersion experience. We took a long hike out to a gigantic rock at the highest point on the property where we shared communal prayer. We also learned about the impact coal and natural gas industries have had on the land.

On the hike, we encountered a dirt road that had recently appeared on their property, cutting through decades of mature trees. It was constructed to facilitate hydraulic fracturing to extract natural gas. The road was invasive but legal. Years before, the industry had signed a contract with the prior owners to relinquish their mineral rights.

Many people in West Virginia have been and still are in a precarious position of injustice. The energy companies strike a deal where families sell them the rights to resources on their land.

On the surface, for families who are in desperate need of money, the "deal" is lucrative. But, unfortunately, the companies then proceed to use any means they deem necessary to do their business. In the process they destroy natural habitats and enjoy profits in perpetuity.

On our hike, we saw multiple natural gas extraction points and could smell natural gas in



the air. It was an eye-opening experience that demonstrated poverty mixed with exploitation.

The peak moments of this trip were the daily prayers and large group gatherings. Each night we joined together to reflect on the experiences of the day. These were opportunities for everyone to listen, share and feel heard. Over the week, the members of Fairfield Prep and Nazareth Farms grew very close to one another.

After a last night of sleep (more like a few hours of quiet) and a long bus ride, we arrived back at Fairfield Prep. Passing through the front gates we sang the Fight Song. We were happy to be home, ready to share our experiences with our loved ones, and forever changed by our trip.



By **Jozef Tremblay**, Spanish teacher

Going the Extra Mile

SWIMMERS JUMP IN TO HELP

The Fairfield Prep Swim & Dive Team was recognized for being the top fundraiser in the 2023 Lap-a-Thon, administered by breast cancer research foundation Lion Heart. **Kathleen van Rijn**, founder of Lion Heart, and **Steve Jakab '84**, President of Bridgeport Hospital Foundation and member of Prep's Board of Governors, visited on May 11 to honor the team for its generous work.



EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY FOR THIS CLUB

This May, Prep's Environmental Club participated in a beach cleanup in Stratford sponsored by North American Marine Environment Protection (NAMEPA). Young women from Lauralton Hall in Milford joined Prep for the service opportunity too!



WALKING A MILE

On April 26, Fairfield Prep students participated in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes to support the Center for Family Justice in Bridgeport. The Walk is a nationwide event calling to end violence against women and girls. The event drew a huge turnout of students, faculty and staff, who walked from Prep to Egan Chapel in support of domestic violence victims.



GROUNDING IN GRATITUDE

Prep's "Grounded in Gratitude" retreat began with morning Mass on April 25 celebrated by **Fr. Ron Perry, S.J.** The group then traveled to the Wisdom House Retreat Center for overnight Christian workshops and reflection, and volunteered with children the following day at Cardinal Shehan Center and St. Raphael Academy in the Diocese of Bridgeport.



James Murphy '24 Raises More Than \$13K for Special Needs Hockey Program

By Jeff Jacobs, Hearst CT Media (edited for space)

James Murphy said he was chatting with his mom about school for next year, about his hockey team and about his other hockey team. He started thinking.

"I've been a member of the Storm since freshman year and it would be a good idea to try to do something for them," the Fairfield Prep junior said.

So he did.

Murphy set up a GoFundMe page. He put it out on Instagram. He reached out personally to people who might be interested in a 3 vs 3 hockey charity tournament, with all proceeds to benefit the Southern Connecticut Storm Special Hockey team.

The response was terrific. A total of 24 potential teams responded and eventually it had to be cut down to 16 entrants and 85 players.

At dawn of the tournament, \$9,000 had been raised. Donations picked up in a big way that day. At last check, \$13,731 had been raised.

"My original goal was \$5,000," Murphy said. "In theory, it's about \$400 for one year for a kid to play and that would cover about 10 kids. We blew that out of the water obviously."

Murphy spoke to Mike Korchinski of the Storm and was told the money would be used to fund equipment. That has been an issue in the past, specifically helmets.

The teams came from all over—multiple teams from Notre Dame-West Haven, New Canaan, from Fairfield, and from Prep.

Asked what he learned from the experience, Murphy said. "It was a difficult task putting it together. Two years from now, I want to study business (in college)," he said. "I feel it gave me an opportunity to get a look at a piece of the business world."

"I was reaching out to people. Mike and John Ferguson, who work at Wonderland, ended up donating the ice. It was an experience I can use later in life."

Beyond the 25 assists James dished out this season at Fairfield Prep, the GameTimeCT first-team All-State center is a giver. Yes, he scored two goals of his 20 goals in Fairfield Prep's 3-0 victory over Notre Dame-West Haven in the CIAC Division I final. He's also a state champion in more ways than one.

"Hockey is an awesome sport," Murphy said. "It's the perfect thing to connect with these kids on the Storm."



Sen. Tony Hwang, R-28 and State Reps. Jennifer Leeper D-132, Cristin McCarthy Vahey D-133, and Sarah Keith D-134 presented James Murphy '24 with an official citation for his service leadership, fundraising to support the CT Storm Special Hockey program. Shown at right, Murphy's grandfather, President Christian Cashman and Hockey Coach O'Hara.

The Storm provides children from age five through young adults with a developmental disability to play hockey. The non-profit program isn't a good thing. It's a great thing that not only builds skating and hockey skills, but builds life skills like self-reliance, focus and confidence.

Mostly, it's fun.

"Most of the kids, it's their best time of the week," Murphy said. "They'll tell you that."

Every Sunday from October to March, Murphy goes to the practices at Wonderland. Some don't know how to skate yet. So he teaches them. How to pass. How to shoot. There are large age differences. There are all different skills levels. Murphy said he typically gets a new kid to work with every weekend.

"Men for Others" is the Fairfield Prep motto. The message is faith needs to be put into action. Prep has a service immersion program where students perform volunteer service at a school, church, community.

"For school we need to do service and it was a perfect spot for me to be a mentor at Storm," he said. "But the kids became much more than that. I developed a real connection with them. It's an excellent program. They've done so many great things. I wanted to do something for them. And I want to continue it."

"I always loved the game and it grew over the years," he said. "Obviously, that love is higher than ever. We just won a state championship."

Anyone who followed Connecticut high school hockey knows this was no ordinary state championship. James Heber's dad, James, died unexpectedly at age 55 on Jan. 24. The

team rallied around their senior goalie and in turn raised themselves. Prep won its last nine games of the season for its 19th state title.

Heber made 42 saves in the final at Quinnipiac, including 22 in the third period. Afterward, amid the joyous celebration he would share a moment through the glass with his mom. It is a lasting memory.

"Oh, my gosh, it was unreal," Murphy said. "This year was a special team. We knew this was our year to win it. We had a bunch of good kids. I don't think anyone else knew it was our year to win it until the end. We knew it all along."

"James' dad died in the middle of the season. That brought us together. And James played out of his mind. He turned it up. Back to back shutouts in the semifinal and finals. He was incredible."

Murphy said the Prep players were fairly hyped for the 3 vs 3 tournament. Some helped him set up at Wonderland the day of the event. Heber played. Murphy, the unofficial commissioner, played on another team. Neither won. After more than five hours of competition, a team from Brunswick School ended up as champs.

It was a lot of fun and Murphy intends to have the tournament again next year. The GoFundMe page is still open and receiving donations.

He raised awareness. He raised lots of money. Yes, a high school kid can make a difference.

Learn more about James Murphy's GoFundMe for the CT Storm: <https://gofund.me/2f6c415e>

A Spiritual Journey



Sacred Sacraments at Ascension Mass

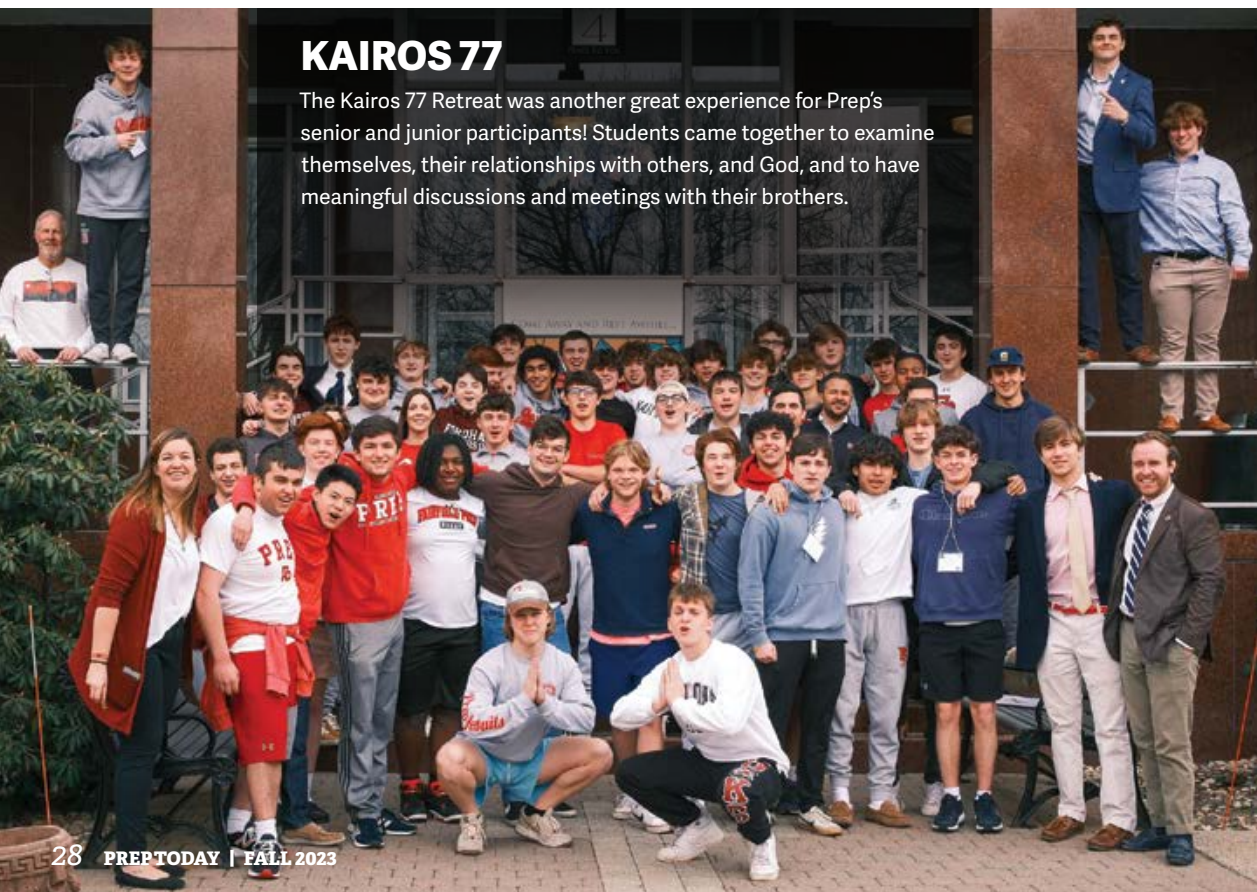
On Thursday, May 18, Fairfield Prep celebrated a full school Mass for the Feast of the Ascension in the Mahoney Arena. The **Most Reverend Bishop Frank Caggiano** was the principal celebrant and homilist. The Feast of the Ascension commemorates Jesus' ascension into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. Also, at this Mass two students were baptized and eight students received their Confirmation.

For more information about Fairfield Prep's Confirmation/RCIA program contact **Dr. Devon McCormick**, Director of Campus Ministry at dmccormick@fairfieldprep.org.



KAIROS 77

The Kairos 77 Retreat was another great experience for Prep's senior and junior participants! Students came together to examine themselves, their relationships with others, and God, and to have meaningful discussions and meetings with their brothers.





The Mass of the Holy Spirit: A Jesuit Tradition

The Fairfield Prep community gathered on September 8 in the Leo D. Mahoney Arena for the Mass of the Holy Spirit, the first Mass of the academic year and a tradition in Jesuit high schools worldwide. Prep welcomed Principal Celebrant **Rev. Kevin O'Brien, S.J.**, Vice Provost & Exec. Dir. of Fairfield Bellarmine College. With hearts filled with gratitude, we called upon the Holy Spirit's guidance for the journey ahead and gave thanks to God for the privilege of reuniting as one Prep family!



Prep's theme for this academic year is "For Others." The phrase

"men and women for others" comes from Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the Superior General of the Society of Jesus from 1965-1983. Fr. Arrupe is sometimes referred to as the 2nd Ignatius. We even named Arrupe Hall after him here at Prep. In 1973, Fr. Arrupe, delivered a speech in Spain to alumni of Jesuit schools in Europe, marking a pivotal moment in Jesuit education: *"Today our prime educational objective must be to form men and women for others; men and women who will live not for themselves but for God and his Christ—for the God-man who lived and died for all the world; men who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors; men completely convinced that love of God which does not issue in justice for men is a farce."*



PREP TEACHER ATTENDS MAGIS 2023 IN PORTUGAL

Massiel Rosales Montenegro, Spanish teacher (center front row), represented Prep at MAGIS 2023 in Portugal last summer, traveling with other young adults from the USA East province. MAGIS is a gathering organized by the Society of Jesus in which young adults ages 18-35 from the Ignatian Family come together from all over the world in the ten days leading up to World Youth Day with Pope Francis. These days are full of experiences that celebrate faith and service in a space of sharing and prayer.





Music from the Screens

Fairfield Prep musicians took to the stage at the Quick Center for the Arts for the Annual Spring Concert on May 17, 2023. The theme of this year's concert was "Music from the Screens," featuring favorites from popular movies.

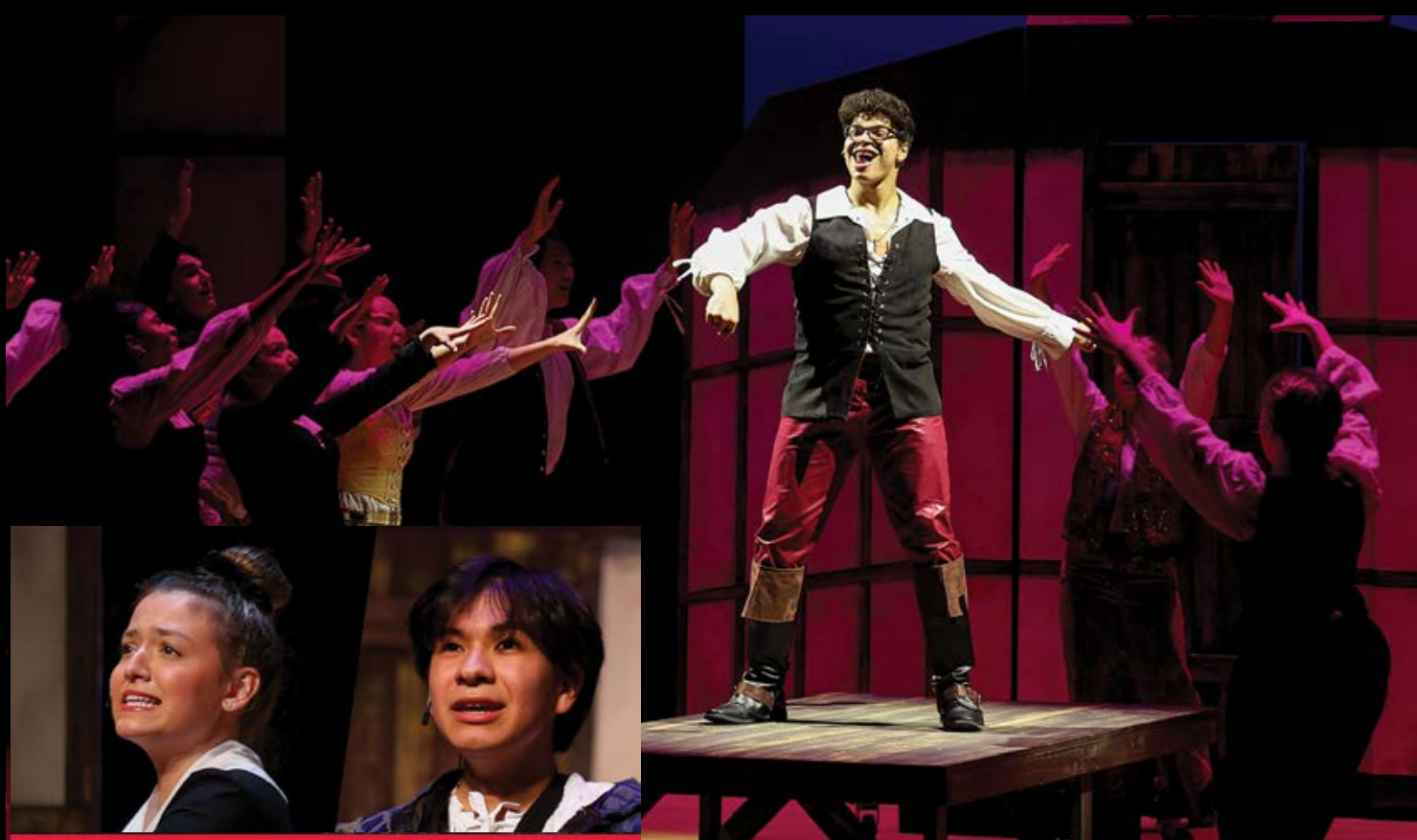
The performance included selections performed by ensembles that represent the entire music department at Fairfield Prep: String Orchestra, Select Choir, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazzuits, Blues Band, and the Combined Symphonic Orchestra.

By **Dan Horstmann**, Music Director



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





**20 HALO
23 AWARDS
WINNER**

Richard Herrera '23 & Sophia Papp

Nigel Bottom & Portia | *Something Rotten*
Best Performance by a Couple or
A Dynamic Duo in a Musical

Prep Players win Halo awards for 'Something Rotten'

The Prep Players theatre group returned to the Quick Center for the Arts with its spring musical, *Something Rotten*, on May 11, 12 and 13 at the Kelly Theatre. Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star known as "The Bard." When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical. But amidst the scandalous excitement of opening night, the Bottom Brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self.

Overall, **Prep was nominated for 21 Halo awards** for their two productions of the academic year, showing the breadth of talent in acting, music performance and production. Congratulations to **Richard Herrera '23** and Sophia Papp, who won the award for **Best Performance by a Couple or a Dynamic Duo in a Musical**. The pair played Nigel Bottom & Portia in *Something Rotten*.

Megan Hoover is the Director of Prep Players, and English, Speech and Theatre teacher



Arts & Ideas Showcase

Fairfield Prep performing arts were on display during the annual Arts & Ideas Showcase on Thursday, April 20. The entire student body gathered at the Fairfield University Quick Center to enjoy live musical and theatrical performances from our students, along with creative readings from our *Writing Royale* contestants. Prep's string ensemble class entertained the crowd with highlight songs from Disney's "Moana," and the Select Choir sang "I'll Make a Man Out of You" from Disney's *Mulan*. The Jazzuits provided additional musical performances, and the Prep Players presented a scene from their Spring production of "Something Rotten."



Original art pieces were displayed throughout the school showcasing Prep's Visual Arts program. Shown here is work by Studio Art student **Liam DaSilva '25**.



SEED Dinner Bids Farewell to Seniors, Welcomes Incoming Freshmen

The annual Fairfield Prep SEED Diversity Dinner took place at the Student Life Center on May 1. The event drew hundreds of SEED students, parents and friends, who brought multi-cultural, authentic foods. Speakers at the dinner included parent **Franck Desravines '23**, alumnus **Pablo Colón '90**, parent **Dan DeRose P'23 '26** and Prep's Director of Diversity & Community Engagement **Ruben Goodwin**. As an annual tradition, the graduating SEED seniors gave a Prep tie to members of the incoming class, to symbolize passing on the Prep Brotherhood spirit and welcoming the incoming freshmen.



ASPIRA TRIP TO THE MET

Members of Prep's ASPIRA, the Hispanic and Latino cultural club, traveled to New York City this past May to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The group took the trip specifically to see Hispanic artist Juan de Pareja's new exhibit. Students could take pictures and explore the museum for hours before taking the train back to Prep.



Class of 2027 A New Energy on Campus



WELCOME PICNIC

Prep welcomed their incoming Class of 2027 with a Welcome Picnic in May! New students and their families enjoyed a casual BBQ in the Quad, games, music and the opportunity to meet others and develop new friendships.



MASS AND REFLECTION

At Freshman Orientation, the class listened to inspiring speeches by Prep administrators, and they participated in a class Mass to experience Prep's Jesuit, Catholic mission to love one another as brothers, and live life for the greater glory of God.



WORKING TOGETHER

At Freshman Orientation, students took the field in their new advisory groups to compete in the traditional Freshman Olympics! In addition to soccer, corn hole, spikeball, Wiffleball, and touch football, the annual tug of war was the finale of the fun day of bonding.



CONNECTING WITH CLUBS

The Class of 2027 had the opportunity to explore the vast number of clubs offered at Prep. The Activities and Clubs Fair was set up in Pelletier Quad, so freshmen could explore many of the student-run extracurriculars. Prep encourages all students to get involved in after-school activities to broaden their experiences and develop new interests. Students have the opportunity to start new clubs, too.

PREP FOR PREP

New members of the class of 2027 had the opportunity to attend the summer Freshman Experience, where they chose from a selection of courses: academic, study skills, and organization/executive functioning. In addition, the "Prep for Prep" course introduced the history of St. Ignatius founding the Society of Jesus, and the students completed an Ignatian service project, as well as learned about brotherhood and school spirit from upperclassmen who taught the Prep cheer and fight song.



SUMMERTIME AT PREP



FOOTBALL 101

Prep's Football Camp

had another successful summer session, teaching athletes (grades 5-8) the proper techniques, skills and fundamentals of the game. The non-contact, active camp was held on Barlow Field, and led by Prep Head Football Coach Keith Hellstern, his staff and current team players.



GOOD GAME

Esports Camp

debuted this summer in the new state-of-the-art suite in the McLeod Innovation Center. The week-long camp for middle school boys and girls taught Rocket League games, focusing on fun teamwork, team cohesion and competition.



BLAST OFF!

Innovation Camp returned this summer with fun, new activities and challenges for middle school boys and girls. The McLeod Innovation Center's week-long camp featured hands-on, immersive, engineering design experiences using the latest technologies. Campers solved problems in small teams that competed against each other. Challenges included building water pressurized rockets, bridge building, 3D modeling and printing, and more.



Around Campus

FALL PEP RALLY ON UPDATED GRAUERT FIELD

Prep students showed their strong school spirit at the Pep Rally for fall sports on the newly renovated Grauert field! The band kicked it off with the fight song, and student government introduced new faculty staff. Football Coach Keith Hellstern gave an inspiring speech, and fall teams battled in a dodgeball tournament. Finally, faculty/student duos competed in a water balloon toss.

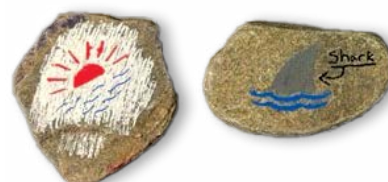


FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPS

Congratulations to "Fake Georges" on winning the 2023 Intramural Flag Football Championship! Fake Georges went undefeated during the season and capped off that impressive regular season performance with a 70-60 win in the Championship Game. The Class of '23 team members include: **Tommy Scholl** (team MVP), **Henry Cipollaro**, **Jack McHale**, **Jamere Brown**, **Alex Leporati**, **Jack Balsano**, and **Amaree Palmer**.

A CREATIVE EARTH DAY

On May 2, Prep celebrated Earth Day with an exciting multidisciplinary experience for students. They chose from a wide selection of many hands-on mini-labs, art projects and video learning and discussion opportunities, utilizing everything from rocks, to water bottles, to lemons! The event underscored the importance of reducing our carbon footprint and taking positive steps to save the planet.





SCOREBOARD

SPRING
2023



RUGBY Wins 1st State Championship

The Prep Rugby team ended a historically successful 2023 season as State Champions and ranked the eighth best program in the nation. Led by **Emmett Derby '24**, **Brice Muller '23**, and **Wally Wuchiski '23** the team began to gel after defeating Boston College High School in the championship game of the Northeast Jesuit Tournament, a competition that Prep has hosted since 2016. Following that win the team would only lose one more game in the 2023 season: falling to Greenwich in the regular season 26-10 on April 14. Following that loss, the Jesuits would finish the season 16-2, concluding with nine straight wins where they outscored their opponents 426-106.

The final game of that nine game set was the State Championship on June 10 vs Greenwich High School. The 2023 match-up would be the eleventh time Prep has faced Greenwich in the Championship match, so an instant classic began. Prep scored first, Greenwich led at half, and the lead changed hands four times throughout the course of the game. As time began to expire in the second half, Greenwich led 28-26 with less than a minute to go. A penalty off a Greenwich scrum led to a Prep line out inside the Greenwich 10 meter line, and a breathtaking, last second rolling maul followed, scored by **Conor Fitzsimons '24** with no time left on the clock. **Nic Vittoria '23** added the conversion which led to the Jesuits capturing their first Division I State Championship in program history, 33-28.

The 2023 Jesuits found success at every level of competition, with Division II finishing 10-2 and Junior Varsity finishing third in the June 10 Froshmore tournament. The Division I team traveled to Washington DC and won the Varsity Division of the Gonzaga Tournament in April. Most impressively, the team spouts 14 seniors who will continue their rugby careers at the next level for their college or university.

Juniors **Mike Silk '24** and **Emmett Derby '24** were selected for the New England Free Jacks (Major League Rugby) under 18 premier team and **Malachi Mercer-Robinson '23**, **Felix Crawford '24**, **Conor Fitzsimons '24**, and **Mike Silk '24** were selected to the 2023 CT All-Star team. Finally, Senior Captain **Brice Muller '23** was selected to represent the United States of America under 18 Eagles and toured with the team in Corendon, Amsterdam, where he helped the Eagles defeat Belgium and the Netherlands and tie Canada.

Capping off a memorable season in 2023, the rugby team introduced three special end of the year awards to join the most valuable Forward, Back, Most Improved and Coaches Awards. Special Awards were added to honor Lt. Hans Grauert, a naval aviator who was lost at sea during the Vietnam war. The rugby field at Fairfield Prep has been dedicated in Lt. Hans memory since 1969, honoring his commitment to community, brotherhood, and teamwork. The inaugural

RUGBY HONORS

DIVISION I

MOST IMPROVED:

Jackson Hicks '23

(United States Military Academy at West Point)

MOST VALUABLE BACK:

Matthew Mancini '23 (Georgetown) and **Wally Wuchiski '23** (Indiana)

MOST VALUABLE FORWARD:

Charles Dooley '23

(Virginia Tech) and

Malachi Mercer Robinson '23 (Fairfield University)

COACHES AWARD:

Matthew Mitchell '23 (Wake Forest)

DIVISION II

MOST IMPROVED:

Philip Brady '24

MOST VALUABLE BACK:

Morgan Emmett '23 (South Carolina)

MOST VALUABLE FORWARD:

Jacob Coerver '24 and **Billy Mitchell '25**

COACHES AWARD:

Danny Deroose '23 (Saint Joseph University)

Lt. Hand Grauert Award was presented to **Nic Vittoria '23**, who started at Boston College this fall. The **Jack Connolly '65** Award honors longtime manager and Coach of Prep Rugby and recognizes the senior who best emphasizes Jack's selflessness and team-first mentality. The inaugural Connolly award winner was **Ryan Smith '23** who now attends Virginia Tech. Finally, the **Frank Decker** Award was established in honor of the first coach of Prep rugby and the longest serving high school rugby coach in the USA. Coach Decker led 38 Prep rugby teams between 1984 and 2022, and the award in his name recognizes the senior whose dedication and passion for the game raised the level of every one of his teammates. The inaugural winner was **Brice Muller '23**, who attends Babson College.

Prep Rugby looks to repeat their success of the historic 2023 season under the leadership of captains **Henry Tymniak '25**, **Emmett Derby '24**, **Liam O'Hara '24**, and **Mike Silk '24**.

By Coach **Kevin Kery '00**, Connecticut Rugby Coach of the Year

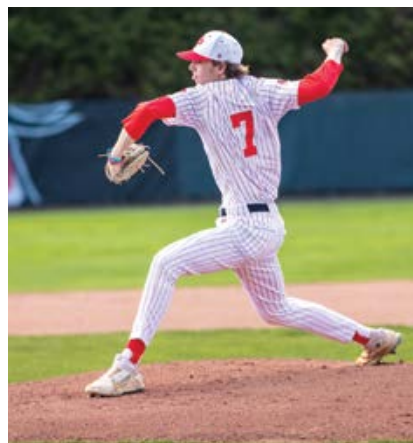




TENNIS Wins SCC Championship

The Fairfield Prep tennis team had an outstanding 2023 spring season, going undefeated in the regular season, winning the SCC Championship and reaching the CIAC semifinals. The regular season was highlighted by defeating Amity, Daniel Hand and ND West Haven each twice. In the SCC playoffs the Jesuits had to beat both ND and Daniel Hand a third time to earn their championship victory. The Jesuits were anchored all season long by sophomore **Luke Levanat** who played the #1 singles position. Seniors **Charlie Fabro** and **Harrison Lent** were steady forces all season as #2 and #3 singles, and freshman **Devin Kelly** stepped right into the #4 singles spot. Leading the

Jesuits' doubles roster were **Matt Kelly '23** and **Robbie Donahue '23** at #1 doubles, followed by **Jason Gong '23** and **Thomas Nardone '23** at #2 doubles, and **Andy Beckerlegge '25** and **Axel Tabascheck '23** at #3 doubles. **Levanat, Kelly, Donahue, Gong** and **Nardone** were all named All-SCC for their efforts. **Adam Mirsky** was named SCC Tennis Coach of the Year. The Jesuits won the first two rounds of the CIAC Class LL tournament before falling in the semifinal round. The Jesuits will return a majority of the line up from this team along with a group of hungry underclassmen looking to make their mark.



BASEBALL SCC Runner-Up

The Fairfield Prep Baseball team turned in another great season this past spring, finishing with a record of 16-8 and reaching the SCC Championship game for the 5th time in the last six tournaments. Senior captains **Ryan Oshinskie, Ryan Preisano, Isaiah Joseph, Michael Iannazzo** and **Andrew Cutler** led the Jesuits. After starting the season 3-4, the Jesuits rallied to win nine straight games, highlighted by two victories over Xavier and wins again perennial SCC powers Daniel Hand, Cheshire and Amity. In the SCC Playoffs, the Jesuits hosted Amity HS in the quarterfinals and earned a dominant 5-1 victory to send them into the semifinals against Notre Dame West Haven. The Jesuits earned an extra-inning 5-3 comeback victory over the Green Knights before falling just short in the championship game. In addition to the team captains, the Jesuits graduated a large class of seniors including **Chad Byrd, Owen Kalagher, Rocco Leito, Jack Marshall, Tim Domizio, Kyle Baudouin, Trey Hartnett, Lucas Carfi** and **Lorenzo Pino**. The Jesuits will look to reload next year with a talented group of underclassmen.

BASEBALL HONORS

All-SCC First Team:
Andrew Cutler
Michael Iannazzo
Ryan Preisano
 All-SCC Second Team:
Ryan Oshinskie
Isaiah Joseph
 All State:
Michael Iannazzo
Ryan Preisano
 CIAC Scholar Athlete:
Ryan Oshinskie
Ryan Preisano
 CHSCA All Star:
Andrew Cutler
Ryan Preisano
Michael Iannazzo



LACROSSE Wins State Runner-Up

The 2023 Fairfield Prep Lacrosse team finished their season 18-4, reaching the CIAC Class L Championship and the SCC Championship game. The team was led by captains **Marco Firmender '23**, **Peter Grandolfo '23**, **Tyler Fox '23**, **Maddux Little '23** and **Luke Lombardo '23**. The Jesuits played the most difficult regular season schedule in recent history and opened the season losing to Darien 9-8. After the loss, the team won its next 13 games, which included victories over Wilton 14-5, Farmingdale 14-8, Chaminade 13-12, Don Bosco 9-5, New Canaan 14-6 and Cheshire 13-12.

As the team headed toward the postseason, the team had an incredible 15-9 Senior Day victory over New Jersey State Champion Delbarton. It was a day that the program honored 18 seniors, including the family of **Jimmy McGrath '23** who passed away tragically during the 2022 season.

The postseason began with a 20-4 victory over ND West Haven in the SCC semis, yet the Jesuits dropped a tough overtime game in the SCC Championship. Despite the loss, the Jesuits earned the #1 seed in the CIAC Class L Tournament. The boys opened the playoffs with two wins vs. Newtown 19-2 and Simsbury 23-7, earning the team another trip to the Class L semifinals. In the Class L Semifinals vs. New Canaan, the Jesuits earned a strong 12-7 victory and moved on to the State Championship, where they ultimately came up just short. Despite the loss, the team had an outstanding season and was ranked the #22 team in the country by Laxnumbers. The Jesuits are returning a strong group for the 2024 season and will continue to play one of the top schedules in the country.

LACROSSE HONORS

US Lacrosse
All American
Marco Firmender '23
Tyler Fox '23
Peter Grandolfo '23

US Lacrosse Academic
All American
John Duffy '23

1st Team Class L
All State Attack
Tyler Fox '23

Midfield
Peter Grandolfo '23
Marco Firmender '23

Defense
Gavin McCarthy '23
George Hawley '23

2nd Team Class L
All State Attack
Maddux Little '23
Timothy Shannehan '24

Midfield
Brendan Mullahy '25
Defensive Midfield
John Duffy '23

Longstick Midfield
Graham Michener '23

Goalie
Greg Hilinski '23

All SCC
SCC Player of the Year
Tyler Fox '23

1st Team All SCC
Attack
Tyler Fox '23
Timothy Shannehan '24

Midfield
Brendan Mullahy '25
Marco Firmender '23
Peter Grandolfo '23

Defense
George Hawley '24
Gavin McCarthy '24
2nd Team All SCC
Attack
Maddux Little '23

Faceoff
Ryan Backus '24
Defensive Midfield
John Duffy '23

Goalie
Greg Hilinski '23
SCC Scholar Athlete
Maddux Little '23





CREW

The spring crew season is one of building excitement toward the NEIRA Championship race in May, and the 2023 season was no different. Preparation begins in early November in the erg room and weight room as athletes develop the massive cardiovascular fitness required of the sport. Led by Captains **Jack Devine** (Boston College) and **Zaza Kovacs** (Fairfield Univ.) the senior class has spent the last three and a half years doing just that.

The Jesuits opened the NEIRA regular season with Stonington and St. John's Prep visiting Captain's Cove on consecutive weekends. Clean sweeps across all categories meant the boys were off to a good start. The Kulaga Cup followed at the end of April and the weather was not kind; 35 mph winds and whitecaps down the racecourse did not make for an easy day. The 2nd varsity was able to get ahead of the Bruins with a gutsy row that was all gas and no breaks, however the cup remained with Brunswick since the 3rd and the 1st could not find the speed to match their opponents on a hellacious day for rowing.

May brought the anticipation to a peak with races against always formidable foes in BC High and Salisbury. The coaching staff tried to hone in the fastest possible lineups for those last opportunities before NEIRA. A renewal of the President's Cup with BC High meant the race on the Charles was all that more meaningful for seniors **Brendan Barrett** (Colby), **Chris Capalbo** (Boston College), **Lucas Swarowsky** (Univ. of Toronto), **Tim Spahn** (Villanova) and **Jack Greenleaf** (Bucknell). A hard fought narrow victory meant the team was bringing the President's Cup back to Fairfield after leaving it in



the capable hands of the 2023 Captains **Philip Martins '23**, **James Louw '23** and **Liam McMahon '23**.

The NEIRA regatta was back to full capacity and speed for the 2023 version; the perennial powerhouses had reloaded their boats with athletes from all over the United States. Prep accounted for themselves well amongst the fastest crews the league had to offer and were able to secure an overall placing of 8th in the first boat, 8th in the second boat and 11th in the 3rd boat.

Finally, this season marks the end of my time as coach. From my first day in 2008, to taking the helm from John Turner in 2012, to seeing our athletes compete in high school, college and the international stage, the goal has been to make FP crew a respected group of gritty, smart and fast athletes. I thank Tom Curran and Graham Niemi for their support over the years. Thank you as well to the hundreds of families and athletes that remained true to Prep and rowed for their school. – **Ed Feldheim** (pictured above top right)



SAILING

led by Coach **Sean Palizza**, the Prep Sailing Team and their dedicated group of sailors had another great season competing in the Fairfield County Sailing League and practicing down at Pequot Yacht Club. The Jesuits raced against Brunswick, Greenwich, Fairfield HS, Staples and others over the course of the season. **Robbie Upton '23** (right) earned national Junior Olympic ranking, competing in several competitions while attending Prep, including the Connecticut State Championships, NESSA Championships, and various other competitions across the country. Robbie has committed to sail at Fordham University.



SAILING HONORS

Most Valuable - **Robbie Upton '23**
Most Improved - **Richard Marquis '25**
Sportsmanship/Seamanship -
Will Bonito '25



OUTDOOR TRACK

The Prep track team had their strongest showing of the spring season at the SCC Eastern Sectional Championship, held at North Haven High School. Leading the way for the Jesuits were **Konrad Walinowski '24** (above front) and **Jack Davis '25** (right). Walinowski and Davis, who finished 2nd and 3rd in the 100m dash, also took 2nd and 3rd in the 200m dash. Walinowski and Davis were a part of the 4x100m relay team with **Charles Guglielmo '23** (above back) and **Jonathan Voskov '24**, which took 4th place, and **John Gerrity '24**, **Reid Hanson '25**, **Declan Murphy '24** and **Mason Andrews '25** placed 4th as well in the 4x800m relay.

In the field events, **Javier Cannonier '24** led the Jesuit throwers, and placed 5th in the shot put. In the jumping events, **Alex Scott '24** (below) finished in 6th place in the high jump and Guglielmo finished 6th in the long jump. Led by Coach **Mark Langston**, the Jesuits will look to build on their success next winter during the indoor season and when they return to the track in the outdoor season.



READY TO PLAY

Prep proudly announces that by their strong character and athletic efforts, many Class of '23 student-athletes have earned the opportunity to compete in sports while achieving their college degrees.

BASEBALL

Jack Arcamone
University of Richmond
Kyle Baudouin
St. Lawrence University
Andrew Cutler
George Washington
Michael Iannazzo
University of Maryland
Owen Kalagher
Lesley University
Ryan Oshinskie
Brown University
Ryan Preisano
Wake Forest University

BASKETBALL

Tommy Scholl
Stevens Institute
of Technology

CREW

Brendan Barrett
Colby College
Chris Capalbo
Boston College
Christopher Cimador
Bucknell University
Kevin Crotty
University of Pennsylvania
Jack Greenleaf
Bucknell University
Zalan Kovacs
Fairfield University
Tim Spahn
Villanova University

FOOTBALL

Timothy (Trey) Hartnett
Bates College
Tanner Langis
Union College
Sam Paolini
Salve Regina University
Quinn Stengrim
Dennison University

SAILING

Robbie Upton
Fordham University

SWIMMING

Michael Adams
University of Chicago

LACROSSE

James Auszura
Clarkson University
Tyler Fox
Boston University
Marco Firmender
University of Pennsylvania
Peter Grandolfo
Bucknell University
Greg Hilinski
Eastern Connecticut State
University
Maddux Little
Hamilton College
Luke Lombardo
Colby College
Graham Michener
Denison University
Harrison Spangler
Ithaca College

RUGBY

Micah Bory
Villanova University
George Cipollaro
Xavier University
Danny DeRose
Saint Joseph's University
Charles Dooley
Virginia Tech
Morgan Emmet
University of South Carolina
Jackson Hicks
United States Military
Academy at West Point
Garen Killilea
University of Miami
Matthew Mancini
Georgetown University
Malachi Mercer-Robinson
Fairfield University
Bryan Milian
UConn
Matt Mitchell
Wake Forest University
Thomas Morales
Fairfield University
Brice Muller
Babson College
Finn Murphy
Villanova University
Dani Yehyaw
Fairfield University



STUDENT ATHLETES

Committed to Play College Level Sports

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



CREW

Congratulations to **Chris Capalbo** on his commitment to row at Boston College next year!



BASKETBALL

Congratulations to **Tommy Scholl** on his commitment to the Stevens Institute of Technology basketball team!



FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our four Fairfield Prep football players who signed to play at the next level.

Tanner Langis - Union College

Quinn Stengrim - Denison University

Sam Paolini - Salve Regina University

Trey Hartnett - Bates College



Top Row: **Coach Kevin Kery '00**, **Charles Dooley**, **George Cipollaro**, **Brice Muller**, **Danny DeRose**, **Jackson Hicks**, **Morgan Emmet**

Bottom Row: **Matt Mitchell**, **Matt Mancini**, **Bryan Milian**, **Finn Murphy**, **Micah Bory**, **Garen Killilea**, **Dani Yehyaw**. Not pictured: **Malachi Mercer-Robinson**

RUGBY

Congratulations to our rugby seniors who committed to playing in college!

Micah Bory - Villanova University

Matt Mancini - Georgetown University

Jackson Hicks - U.S. Military Academy at West Point

Danny DeRose - Saint Joseph's University

Dani Yehyaw - Fairfield University

Bryan Milian - University of Connecticut

Morgan Emmet - University of South Carolina

Garen Killilea - University of Miami

Malachi Mercer-Robinson - Fairfield University

Finn Murphy - Villanova University

Charles Dooley - Virginia Tech

Matt Mitchell - Wake Forest University

Brice Muller - Babson College

George Cipollaro - Xavier University

A Big Win

Fairfield Prep Golf Outing at Great River Golf Club

Prep hosted 142 alumni, parents and friends on June 2 to enjoy a beautiful day on the links at Great River Golf Club in Milford. The tournament was set up as a shamble and offered breakfast, lunch and reception afterward. 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**. 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**. Thank you to Curran Volkswagon in Stratford, CT – **Chris '77** and **Jim '78** as our Hole in One contest sponsor. Also, special thanks to **Shawn McDonnell '72** who helped at the event.





Class of 1973 Celebrates 50th Reunion



The Class of 1973 celebrated its 50th class reunion on Sat., June 17. The evening began with a welcome reception in Pelletier Quad, joining the other reunion classes ending in 3 in 8. The '73 classmates were awarded golden diplomas to much applause, and festivities continued with cocktails and dinner in the McLeod Innovation Center, where members of the jubilee class renewed and celebrated lifelong friendships! On Sunday, an All-Alumni Mass in St. Joseph Chapel was celebrated by **Rev. Bob Levens, S.J.**, with concelebrant **Fr. John Savard, S.J., '74**, of the Fairfield University Jesuit community.







Prep For Life

REUNION FOR CLASSES ENDING IN 3 AND 8

Over Alumni Weekend, which took place from June 16-18, Fairfield Prep alumni from class years ending in 3s and 8s gathered in the Quad for a cocktail reception on June 17. Later, they met in the Student Life Center to socialize and remember the good times over dinner. On Sunday all alumni were invited to Mass on campus.







2023 FAIRFIELD PREP ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Honoring the Achievements of Prep Giants



Prep's Alumni Weekend kicked off with the Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony on June 16. The dinner was held in the Student Life Center

with family, friends, teammates and coaches who celebrated the induction of five alumni athletes and one legendary coach. The 2023 inductees were **Richard "Dick" Shea '46, John Maiocco '50, John Fitzpatrick '73, Alcindor Rosier II '87, Matthew Russell '01** and swimming and diving coach **Bruce Jaffe**.

As posthumous honorees, Dick Shea's award was accepted by his son **Richard Shea**; John Maiocco's award was accepted by his daughter **Nancy Maiocco**; and Coach Bruce Jaffe's award was accepted by Dean of College & School Counseling **John Hanrahan**, former coaching and teaching colleague of Jaffe.

The evening offered a great opportunity to reminisce about some of Prep's great sports legends and moments. Special thanks to **Jeff Sochrin '85**, Master of Ceremonies, and to video producers **Ronald DeRosa** and **John Pellegrino** of Prep's Communications department.



Watch the evening's recording with video tributes and acceptance speeches on Prep YouTube.

[YOUTUBE.COM/FAIRFIELDPREP](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep)



Dr. Donna Andrade with Al Rosier II '87 and his parents Alcindor and Jacqueline Rosier

THE 2023 HONOREES



RICHARD "DICK" SHEA '46



A native of Hartford, the late Dick Shea holds the distinction of being Prep's first three-sport standout: in football (halfback), basketball (guard and forward) and baseball (second baseman). Shea captained the football and basketball teams in his senior year and was selected as an All-District player (from Greenwich to Stratford) in football. He was also named to Prep's All-Decade Team (1942-1951) in both basketball and baseball.

Following graduation, Shea played baseball and basketball at Middlebury College, where he captained the baseball team during his senior season and earned All Collegiate Vermont team honors. During the summers while in high school and college, Shea played Senior City League amateur baseball as well as a short stint with the professional Bridgeport Bees in 1950. He then served with the Army in Korea from 1950-52, playing football and baseball with the 12th Infantry Regiment.

After his time in the military, Shea was a teacher in the Trumbull school system for more than 40 years. He then served as principal for two parochial schools in the Diocese of Bridgeport before retiring in 1999. Shea passed away in 2014.



JOHN FITZPATRICK '73



One can certainly call John Fitzpatrick's athletic choices diverse. He was one of three brothers to play baseball for 2018 AHOF coach Ed Rowe and usually got in shape for the season by hitting the slopes in the winter. For as competent as he was in baseball – playing third base and hitting .333 in 1973 – he had few equals in skiing. Although it had just gotten off the ground as a varsity sport in the early 1970s, Fitzpatrick did his best to make it successful.

As a slalom racer, he was second in the league championships as a freshman and continued to consistently place in the top five over the duration of his career, competing in the state championships each season. He was named co-captain along with Bob Morrison '73 in their junior and senior seasons. After graduating from the University of Vermont in 1977, Fitzpatrick raced professionally for two years before entering medical school. He is currently a radiologist with a practice in Pennsylvania.



JOHN MAIOCCO '50



The late John Maiocco was a Bridgeport native who excelled in sports as well as in the legal and political arenas. Maiocco was senior class president at Prep and a three-year, two-sport standout in football (tailback) and basketball (guard), earning All-District honors in both sports. He led the Jesuits' football team in scoring in his junior and senior seasons, highlighted by a record five touchdowns against Ludlowe for Prep's "Miracle Team" of 1949. It was the Jesuits' first unbeaten season (7-0-1), with the only blemish a 6-6 tie against Thanksgiving Day rival Stamford. Maiocco was also selected to Prep's All-Decade Team (1942-1951) in football and basketball.

After being recruited by more than 20 colleges, he attended Georgetown, yet never played football for the Hoyas because the program was dropped. However, Maiocco graduated from there in 1954 and then from UConn Law School in 1957. He then embarked on a long and distinguished legal and political career as a Superior Court judge, an Alderman for the city of Bridgeport, a Council President and a state representative. Maiocco passed away in 2014.



ALCINOR ROSIER II '87



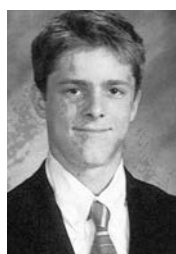
Like fellow 2023 inductee Matt Russell, Al Rosier was a two-sport standout at Fairfield Prep. Rosier made his mark on the football field and on the track. He was a sprinter, long jumper and triple jumper for the Jesuits in the spring, but in the fall Rosier did his work on the gridiron. A punishing runner, he led Prep in both touchdowns and total yardage his senior year and was a first-team all-conference performer in the first year of the ACC in 1986. Rosier was named to the New York Daily News All-State team in both football and track in 1987. He also received the Father Eugene Brissette, S.J. Student Athlete Award, and was lauded by his senior classmates with a "Senior Superlative", indicative of its best individual athlete.

Rosier continued his success at Dartmouth, where he played tailback in 1990 and 1991. In 1991 he set the school's single-game rushing record with 229 yards (on 25 carries) with four touchdowns against Brown. He was voted team MVP, won the Bushnell Cup as Ivy League MVP and was selected as an All-American by the Associated Press. When he graduated in 1992, Rosier held Dartmouth's single-season rushing records with 1,432 yards on 258 carries.

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THE 2023 HONOREES CONTINUED



MATTHEW RUSSELL '01

Matt Russell played two sports at Fairfield Prep, lettering twice in soccer and four times in lacrosse. It was in the latter sport that he made his mark in Prep annals as one of its premier goalies. Russell was named to the All-SCC and All-State first team three times, and was accorded All-America status his final two seasons with the Jesuits. He backstopped the Jesuits to a pair of SCC championships and helped them reach the CIAC Division I title game in 2001, where they lost a triple-overtime 6-5 heartbreaker to New Canaan. He served as captain in 2000 and

2001 and was the team MVP his senior season. He was also named National High School Player of the Week by Inside Lacrosse in April of 2000.

Upon graduation, he attended the United States Naval Academy and became a three-time All-American there. In 2004, Navy made it to the NCAA Division I title game for the first time since 1975, losing to Syracuse 14-13 after Russell had to leave the game with a broken collarbone. That season he was named Division I Goalie of the Year. He was second nationally in goals against average (6.69) in 2004, second in 2005 (6.68) and first in 2006 (5.45). Russell finished ninth in career saves at Navy with 380. He went on to play professionally for six seasons, in between deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan as a member of the Marines. Russell was named to the Connecticut Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2014.



BRUCE JAFFE

The late Bruce Jaffe left an incredible legacy at Prep, coaching swimming and diving for nearly half a century as well as soccer from its infancy as a varsity sport. While there were no state championships forthcoming in soccer, Jaffe's teams were formidable enough to win their share of league titles during his three decade reign.

However, overseeing the Jesuits' pool exploits place him in the pantheon of legendary Prep coaches. From 1967 until his retirement in 2012, Jaffe presided over some three dozen All-Americans (among them AHOF 2019 inductee Chuck Berke) and 100 all-staters. His teams won three CIAC divisional crowns and two State Opens. The final State Open title in 2012 was most memorable, as it capped an undefeated season in Jaffe's final year. When he retired, Prep had compiled a streak of eight consecutive SCC championships. In his final season, Jaffe was named Coach of the Year by the Connecticut Post and New Haven Register and also by the Connecticut High School Swim Coaches Association. In 2004, Jaffe was named National Coach of the Year for boys swimming and served several terms on the national rules committee. He was also the State Open meet director for 30 years. Jaffe passed away in 2020.



GOLDEN LEGENDS LUNCHEON FOR PREP CLASSES 50TH YEAR AND MORE

On June 17, Prep alumni from the Class of '73 and Prep alumni who had already celebrated their fifty years 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.



A GREAT TURNOUT FOR THE "JESUITS ON TAP" RECEPTION IN NYC

Prep alumni gathered at Inside Park in midtown Manhattan for our "Jesuits on Tap" reception! The event provided an opportunity for attendees to rekindle connections and share fond memories. We were delighted to have former Housemaster **John Brennan**, President **Christian Cashman**, and Dean of Mission & Ministry **Elliott Gualtiere** join us for the occasion.



FANNING '95 SERVING IN MINISTRY

Trevor Fanning '95 has returned to Connecticut to become the new Director of the D'Amour Center for Faith, Service, and Justice at the Canterbury School in New Milford. In his role, he will oversee Retreats, Community Outreach and Service, and create intentional spaces and programming for dialogue on how the school community can act as vehicles of change for good in the world. In addition to that work, Trevor will also direct the liturgical music program, and teach theology. It's also a bit of a mini Prep reunion as he will be working alongside former Prep teachers and mentors Peter and Tracy Garcia-LaVigne.



LENAHAN '96 IS A LEADER IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sean Patrick Lenahan '96 was recently named Managing Director in his role as an Endowment and Foundation Specialist working within the Institutional Investments and Philanthropic Solutions group at Bank of America. Lenahan joined Bank of America Private Bank seven years ago after a distinguished 10 year career at the Commonfund, and works with boards, committees and senior staff members of nonprofits and private foundations across New England and New York to meet their missions impacting society. Lenahan also serves on the Board of Directors for Family & Children's Agency and the Sustainability Committee for the Center for Family Justice, as well as leading the Community Outreach at his local place of worship, Northeast Community Church in Connecticut.



PROUD DADS SHOW OFF FUTURE PREP FANS

Fernando Borjas-Pavon and **Marino Giuliano** (Class of 2008) brought their little ones showing school spirit to the All-Alumni Mass on June 18.



CONTALDI AND ROWE CONNECT

Mario Contaldi '75 travels from Texas annually to reconnect with friends. He visited with retired teacher and coach **Ed Rowe '59** and wife Gail.

EMIL GAROFALO '45

Remembering a Beloved Prep Brother

Emil Victor Garofalo, age 96, of Fairfield, the beloved husband of the late Lillian Elizabeth (Trejsner) Garofalo, passed away peacefully at the Carolton Convalescent Home in Fairfield on August 27, 2023. He was the father of **Edward Garofalo '81**, **Richard Garofalo '83**, and daughter Linda Garofalo.

Emil was a proud graduate of Fairfield Prep '45 and the University of Notre Dame '50, earning a degree in mechanical engineering. He served as an instructor for the U.S. Army Ordinance School in Aberdeen, MD, and was Vice President of Wiretex Manufacturing Company.

Emil gave back to his community in several ways, including as a founding member of Fairfield Prep's Board of Regents, a founding member and past President of

Prep's Latin Scholars, and a member and President of the Board of Directors of the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club.

Emil was a talented star athlete who graced the basketball court and baseball field with his skill and leadership at Fairfield Prep and Notre Dame. He also influenced many young athletes as a well-respected coach and mentor for various Fairfield Little League baseball teams and St. Pius X basketball teams. He was the recipient of many honors and awards throughout the years, including **Fairfield Prep Athletic Hall of Fame**, the Wakeman Boy & Girls Club Hall of Fame, Old Timers Greater Bridgeport Athletic Award, Fairfield University Jubilee Medal, and the Connecticut Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame.



In Memoriam

John R. Barnwell '52 on June 4, 2023.

Barbara Bilotta on August 18, 2023. She was the mother of **Gregory J. Bilotta '95** and **Nicholas J. Bilotta '97** and the mother in law of **Robyn Bilotta** (Department of School and College Counseling).

Thomas M. Brennan on June 12, 2023. He was the brother of **Daniel Brennan '69**, the father of **Michael P. Brennan '92**, and the late **Ryan C. Brennan '11**. He was the father-in-law of **Mike Bartlett '95** and the grandfather of **Drew Delach '18** and **Matt Delach '21**. He was the uncle of the late **Robert Brennan '89**, **Daniel Brennan '98**, **Thomas Brennan '99**, **Shaun Connelly '15** and **Ian Connelly '21**, and the friend and relative of many Prep Alums.

John J. Bresnan '66 on January 24, 2023.

Garrett M. Brown '06 on June 13, 2023.

Harold R. Candee on September 21, 2023. He was the father of **Scott W. Candee '79**, the father-in-law of **Joseph J. Capalbo '78**, and the grandfather of **Michael F. DiNardo '04**, **Joseph Capalbo III '09**, and **Thomas J. Capalbo '13**.

Terrence Clancy on April 21, 2023. He was the father of **John R. Clancy '06** and **Coleman E. Clancy '11**.

Edward N. Coffey '57 on May 8, 2023. He was the grandfather of **Hunter C. Trautz '17**, **Andrew N. Trautz '19** and **Spencer C. Trautz '22**.

Robert J. Cooney '53 on September 13, 2023. He was the father of **Robert R. Cooney '04**.

Nick Costantini on September 10, 2023.

He was the step father of **Michael C. Haydu '07**, and the brother in law of **Robert J. Patrignelli '83**.

Eileen Conway on May 24, 2023. She was the mother of **William Conway '09**, **Christopher Conway '13**, and **Corrigan Conway '26**.

Michelle Nicole Cribbins on March 2, 2023. She was the wife of **Matthew G. Cribbins '91** and the sister-in-law of **A. Joseph Cribbins '87**.

Donald W. DiGennaro '54 on March 26, 2023. He was the grandfather of **Philip M. DiGennaro '07**, **Michael A. Digennaro '09**, **James DiGennaro '13**, and **Joseph D. DiGennaro '15**.

Francis J. DiScala Sr. '47 on March 16, 2023. He was the father of **Francis DiScala Jr. '79**.

Jay P. Dolan '54 on May 7, 2023. He was the brother of the late **Thomas J. Dolan '48**, and the uncle of **Michael T. Dolan '74**.

Thomas Doyle Jr. '64 on September 11, 2023.

Joseph R. Figmic Jr. '51 on May 7, 2023. He was the father of **Joseph R. Figmic III '78**, **Richard J. Figmic '80**, **John C. Figmic '89**.

Robert H. Fitzpatrick '47 on March 17, 2023. He was the brother of the late **John T. Fitzpatrick '44**, and the uncle of **William J. Fitzpatrick '67**, **Paul R. Fitzpatrick '70**, **John T. Fitzpatrick '73**, **David W. Fitzpatrick '75** and **Kevin F. Fitzpatrick '78**.

Theodore J. Gallagher Jr. '52 on July 14, 2023.

Emil V. Garofalo '45 on August 27, 2023. He was the father of **Edward E. Garofalo '81** and **Richard G. Garofalo '83**. (See article above)

Rudolph M. Gatti '50 on April 29, 2023.

Thomas D. Giacchi Jr. '54 on July 11, 2023.

Joseph M. Gruce Jr. '55 on August 5, 2023.

Thomas J. Guarcello '74 on July 24, 2023. He was the brother of **Mario Guarcello '70**.

Desmond Hamilton on June 6, 2023. He was the father of **Courtney M. Hamilton '92**.

Joseph F. Hellauer Jr. '52 on July 17, 2023. He was the brother of **James C. Hellauer '57**, **William A. Hellauer '59** and cousin of **Robert E. Hellauer '72**.

John F. Hughes '61 on August 30, 2023. He was the brother of **William C. Hughes '62** and **Kenneth Hughes '64**.

Edward J. Kelly '50 on June 26, 2023.

Robert M. Kelly '50 on April 5, 2023. He was the brother of the late **John F. Kelly '46**; the brother-in-law of the late **Rev. Alfred J. Jolson SJ '46**; the father of **R. Martin Kelly '75**, **Alfred J. Kelly '79** and **John H. Kelly '85**. He was the grandfather of **Sean P. Kelly '12** and **Alfred J. Kelly '17**.

Karl Kery on August 2, 2023. He was the father of **Michael P. Kery '95** and **Kevin J. Kery '00** and the grandfather of **Sean P. Kery '22** and **Matthew S. Kery '24**.

William E. Kinsella '45 on May 6, 2023. He was the brother of the late **James H. Kinsella '52** and **Joseph V. Kinsella '56**.

Peter M. Krup '03 on February 27, 2023. He was the brother of **Daniel O. Krup '99**.

Thomas J. Loughman Sr. '54 on April 9, 2023.

John F. McGrath '71 on August 21, 2023.

Raymond S. O'Connor '65 on April 5, 2023. He was the brother of the late **Vincent P. O'Connor '63** and the late **Thomas M. O'Connor '68**. He was the father of **Thomas K. O'Connor '94** and **Kieran M. O'Connor '96**.

Kevin M. O'Grady '64 on July 25, 2023. He was the brother of **Martin J. O'Grady '69**.

Marie A. Pompa on July 28, 2023. She was the grandmother of **Andrew M. Pompa '12** and **Matthew J. Pompa '16**.

Harvey Pond Jr. '68 on May 14, 2023. He was the brother of **Daniel D. Pond '70** and **Richard J. Pond '75**.

Robert M. Reilly '68 on July 19, 2023.

Joan Roach on September 20, 2023. She was the wife of the late **James P. Roach '50**, the sister in law of the late **Stephen J. Roach '47**, the late **David L. Roach '47**, and **Thomas J. Roach '55**. She was the mother of **Timothy S. Roach '78** and the grandmother of **Macklin J. Berry '21** and **Aidan P. Berry '22**. She was the aunt of **Daniel S. Roach '79**, and **Maura O'Connor** (Prep Mathematics Dept) and the great aunt of **Thomas P. O'Connor '14** and **John B. O'Connor '19**, and a relative and friend to many Prep alumni.

Todd G. Smith '97 on April 30, 2023. He was the brother of **Jeffrey A. Smith '89**.

Evelyn Soriano on May 21, 2023. She was the mother of **Thomas F. Soriano III '78** and **Edward R. Soriano '82**.

Stephen J. Swarney Jr. '46 on May 13, 2023.

Joseph F. Turziano '51 on May 30, 2023.

Patricia Willett on June 8, 2023. She was the mother of **Bradley C. Willett '91**.

Daniel J. Williams III '73 on May 22, 2023. He was the brother of **Kevin F. Williams '79** and the father of **Daniel J. Williams IV '04**.

Robert J. Worrell Jr. '53 on June 30, 2023.



Hesburgh Wedding

Theodore Hesburgh '10 married Samantha Galasso on August 5 at Burning Tree Country Club in Greenwich, CT. Prep Alumni in attendance were, from left to right Top: **James Hesburgh '08**, **Gian Angiolillo '10**, **David Perretta '10**, **Ted Hesburgh '10**, **Samantha Galasso Hesburgh** (bride), **Joe Burgess '10**, **Carmine Urciuoli '10**, and **Carlos Zamora '10**. Bottom: **Colin Perras '10**, **Matt Jaykus '10**, **Zak Zellers '10**.



McGreevy Wedding

Ryan McGreevy '99 married Ashley Higgins on March 11, 2023. The ceremony was at St. Leonard's Church in Boston, MA; the reception was held at the Seaport Hotel, also in Boston. Former President **Rev. Michael Boughton, S.J.**, was the celebrant/officiant. Pictured from left to right are **Dave Castle '99**, **Roy Bjorlin '99**, **Rob Stavert '99**, **Tim Cote '99**, **Ryan McGreevy '99**, **Ashley (Higgins) McGreevy**, **Fr. Michael Boughton, S.J.**, **Rob Baker '99**, **Ryan Cummings '99**.



Kokias Wedding

PJ Kokias '09 married Tom Hight on August 5, 2023. The ceremony and reception were held at Amarante's Sea Cliff in New Haven, CT. Prep Alumni in attendance were, from left front: **Christian Babikian '09**, **Charlie Featherston '09**, **PJ Kokias '09**. From left back: **Will Lomas '09**, **Tim DeMarco '09**, **Zach Kingsley '09**, **Jamie Featherston '10**, **Marc Ioli '09**, **Danny Featherston '13**, **Ray Featherston '15**, **Peter Kokias '16**, **Michael Kokias '15**, (missing from photo **Paschal Chukwu '14**).



Shea Wedding

Brendan Shea '08 married Nicole Devere on April 8, 2023, at Wedgewood in Boulder Creek, CO. They currently reside in Denver, CO. Prep Alumni in attendance were, from left: **Sam Rooney '08**, **Rowan Kane '08**, **Matt Garcia '08**, **Nicole**, **Brendan Shea '08**, **Justin Adams '08**, and **Jim McCarthy '08**. Brendan is the son of **Tom Shea '73**, Dir. of Prep's Entrepreneurial Institute, and brother of **Conor Shea '11**.



Terry Wedding

Brendan Terry '12 married Stephanie Landry on May 20 at 19 Main in New Milford, CT. Prep family in attendance were, from left: **Colin Terry '17**, **Matt Terry '82**, **Stephanie Landry** and **Brendan Terry '12**, **Martha Terry** (Prep Pride Store Manager), **James Terry '11** and **Greg Terry '15**.

Faculty/Staff

In Memoriam

William D. Cottle Sr. on May 13, 2023. He was the father of **Rob Cottle (VP of Advancement)**.

Geraldine A. Knapik on August 3, 2023. She taught English at Prep

Kathy Ann Rudden on September 14, 2023. She was the mother of **Thomas C. Rudden '19**, current member of Prep's Alumni Service Corps.

Births



Colleen Adams, Dir. of Communications, and husband **David Adams** were pleased to welcome grandson **Magnus Adams Mantz**, born Dec. 19, 2022, to their daughter **Brittany Adams** and **Warren Mantz**. **Justin Adams '08** and **Christopher Adams '11** are proud uncles.



Cassandra Kinskey-Lebeda (Innovation Department) and her husband, **David**, welcomed a boy, **Benet Thomas**, on Friday, May 12, 2023.



Tom Tulp (Theology teacher) and his wife, **Brady**, welcomed a girl, **Isadora "Isa" Jane**, on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Embracing a Divine Call to Lead



NIKO LIGNORE '16 PROFESSES FIRST VOWS OF JESUIT PRIESTHOOD

Niko Lignore '16, S.J., (second from left) of the USA East Province, professed his First Vows in the Society of Jesus on August 12, 2023, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse, NY. He joined Fr. Nick Colalella, S.J. (ordained priest), and Luke Olsen, S.J., They are pictured with Father Provincial Joseph O'Keefe, S.J., (far left), and Fr. George Witt, S.J., director of novices (far right). Fr. Witt in his homily so poignantly described the commitment they are making, "It is a graced interplay of the deep desire to match an interior life of prayer rooted in God's love, with an exterior life of service. With Christ... in imitation of Christ... called by Christ. The very heart of a Jesuit vocation." Prep wishes Niko many blessings in his work!



CHRIS HADDAD '87 ORDAINED DEACON

Chris Haddad '87 was ordained a deacon in the Archdiocese of Hartford in June. Chris and his two brothers **John '85** and **Matthew '88** attended Prep. Chris has worked for the Connecticut Attorney General, and now serves as Campus Minister at Northwest Catholic.

Fr. Simisky, S.J. Invited To Pronounce Final Vows Into the Society



Fairfield Prep is pleased to congratulate our former president, **Rev. Thomas M. Simisky, S.J.**, who was called to Final Vows into the Society of Jesus on July 31, the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola. The Provincial for the USA East Province, Rev. Joseph M. O'Keefe, S.J., presided over Fr. Simisky's act of final incorporation into the Society. Fr. Simisky served as president at Prep from 2015 to 2020, providing tremendous leadership for the school. Fr. Simisky, the Prep Community wishes you Godspeed as you continue to serve the Jesuit mission *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!*

A Warm Welcome Home!



JAKAB '84 INSPIRES PREP GRADS

Steve Jakab, member of Prep's Board of Governors, spoke to the Class of '23 at their Senior Breakfast and Send-Off in May.



HODSON '05 SPEAKS IN ENV SCI

Dan Hodson spoke to Mr. Ford's classes about his own Prep journey and his following education and career path, including the Peace Corps and medical school.



USAF FLY BY

Pat Corona '12 stopped by the Prep campus with Coach **Bob Ford Sr.** Pat is a commissioned officer in the Air Force having graduated from the Academy, and now is flying refueling missions internationally. Pat was a highly competitive distance runner at both Prep and the Air Force Academy. He is currently stationed in California. Corona and Ford pictured with Pres. Cashman.



UNDEFEATED 1973 FOOTBALL TEAM CELEBRATES 50 YEARS Members of the undefeated 1973 Prep Football team returned to campus to celebrate 50 years since their amazing season at the Prep game vs. Cheshire on Sept. 29. Despite the torrential rain, the team clapped in the current Jesuits as they took the field, and the 50th team was honored on the field during halftime. All enjoyed hospitality in the President's Suite. Attendees included, front row, from left: **Bob Mastroni** (Asst. Coach), **Pat DiTullio '75**, **Steve Sheaffer '74**, **Mike Dolan '74** (Captain), **Andrew Karpie '74**, **Robert Albert '74**, **Mario Contaldi '75**. Back row: **Robert Fortuna '75**, **Peter Tarczali '76**, **Dan McCarthy '74** (Mgr.), **Jim Lacerenza '75**, **Stanley Cal '75**, **Ray Cal '74**, **Bob Harris** (Asst. Coach), **Keith Lavin '75**, **Kevin Golger '75**, **Paul Halas '74** (Captain), **Gary Pintek '76**, **Gerry Norman '74**, **Scott McLeod '76**, and **Tom Coba '74**.



READY ALL, ROW!

The collegiate national championship, otherwise known as the IRA regatta, had a record number of Fairfield Prep alumni racing this spring: **Jim Brady '19** (Cornell), **Bill Duffy '18** (Navy), **Erik Spinka '19** (Princeton), **Sam DeSilva '19** (Drexel), **George Elias '21** (Holy Cross) and **James McGarry '22** (Trinity). Additionally, **Rob Dolcetti '19** (Boston College) and **Conor McNichols '21** (Bucknell) raced at the ACRA championship.

Returning to the United States Under-23 National Team this summer in Bulgaria, **Erik Spinka** sat five seat in the US 8+ that led the grand final for over 700 meters, before being overtaken by a powerful British crew and earning silver. They were able to hold off a charging Germany and stayed well ahead of Australia, the Netherlands and Romania. Spinka will now head to California to train with coach Mike Teti as he attempts to make the Paris '24 US Olympic team. Good luck, Erik!



HOCKEY FAMILY DYNASTIES

At the Alumni Hockey game last year, Prep fathers **David Woodward '91** (white jersey) and **David Hilinski '86** (red jersey) gathered at the Wonderland of Ice for a photo with their sons **Colin '23** and **Greg '23**. All played on State Hockey Championship teams!



WOODWARD LEGACY OF RINGS

The Woodward family boasts three generations of Fairfield Prep rings. Shown here are rings belonging to, from left: **Colin Woodward '23** (Hockey championship), **Tom Kelly '58**, and **David Woodward '91** (Hockey championship). It's truly Prep for Life!

ALUMNI HELP RAISE \$42K FOR TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION

FP alumni helped raise \$42K and competed against the FDNY, NYPD, USCG in the inaugural Heroes Cup Hockey Tournament in support of the Tunnel to Towers (T2T) Foundation. Since 9/11, the foundation's mission is to honor the sacrifices that military and first responders make to serve and protect our country.

Pictured left to right: **Nick Downing '11**, **Don Carnicky '11**, **Thomas Worsfold '12**, and **John Galiani '11**. The group has a total of six CIAC State Championships among them. Nick has been working alongside T2T for two years and organized the tournament. If you would like to get involved in any way next year, please connect with Nick on LinkedIn!





#PREP FOR LIFE

The Prep brotherhood finds itself in all sorts of places! **Matt Scalzo '20** (right) is a play-by-play broadcaster for the Bourne Braves, who play in the Cape Cod Baseball League, and **Will Quincy '22** is a photographer for the Cape Cod Baseball League. Matt recognized Will from being his Freshman Retreat leader at Prep.



WALK THIS WAY

Last Fall, **Mike Healey '00** hiked a portion of the Vermont Long Trail with fellow alum **Scott McDonald '01**. They started at the Massachusetts border and hiked north about 70 miles to Manchester, VT.



SCIARRETTA '16 ON GOLF CIRCUIT

The 25-year-old **Andrew Sciarretta** lives most of the year in Jupiter, Florida, where he competes on the mini-golf tours, including Minor League Golf. Sciarretta, a Wilton native and a former standout golfer at Fairfield Prep (2016 graduate) and the University of Richmond (2020), competed in the 89th Connecticut Open this summer at Shuttle Meadow Country Club.



PREP PAAC Members at the Game

PAAC (Prep Alumni Advisory Council) members gathered in the President's suite at Rafferty Stadium for a bird's eye view of the first home football game! From left: **Roberto Lopez '01**, **Steve Donahue '62**, **Jerry Hemenway '61**, **Kevin Leitao '82**, **Michael Donahue '98**, **Michael Spaight '01**, **Mike Connelly '83**, **Dan Pengue '73**



CLASS OF '72 ANNUAL MINI-REUNION

Not even a rainout for the second consecutive year put a damper on the Class of 1972's 10th annual Golf Outing and Dinner in September. Seven foursomes had signed up to play at Fairchild Wheeler, but Mother Nature had other ideas. The golf may have been wiped out, but not the camaraderie; more than 20 classmates gathered for dinner at the Gaelic American Club in Fairfield to share stories and memories. As always, the guys are anticipating another strong turnout for their event in 2024.

STEINER '13 NAMED CT ALL-DECADE SOCCER

Will Steiner '13 was selected by GameTime CT for his standout soccer career: Earned All-American, All-New England and CHSCA All-State honors as a senior. Was a two-time New Haven Register All-Area and All-SCC selection. Chosen as the SCC tournament's Most Outstanding Player and selected to play in the Senior Bowl. Had 17 shutouts in 24 games, allowing just 10 goals his senior season. Finished with 41 clean sheets in his career. Played at Villanova where he started all four years, posting a 1.35 goals against average and .725 save percentage as a senior for the Wildcats.



Prep is Family

KICKING OFF THE FALL SEASON!

Families and friends gathered on Sept. 16 in Prep's Pelletier Quad to kick off the fall sports season and the first home football game! Vendors offered food, and families enjoyed games and fellowship. Everyone was dressed in their spirit wear best! The crowd then walked to Rafferty Stadium to cheer on the Jesuits vs. Daniel Hand.



A BITTERSWEET BLESSING FOR CLASS OF 2023 MOMS

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.



2027 PARENTS WELCOME EVENING A HIT

The class of 2027 parents attended an orientation and welcome evening to hear about their sons' first days in school and to meet one another.



MOM & SON MASS AND BREAKFAST

The Bellarmine Guild continued the tradition of Mass and Breakfast with the Class of 2023 mothers and sons. Academic Dean **Elaine Clark, P'14** was the guest speaker.



WHO, WHAT, WEAR

The "Blazing Ahead" spring fashion show was held April 18 at Boca Grille at Smith Richardson Golf Course in Fairfield. Bellarmine Guild moms walked the red carpet with their sons and student escorts to show off the latest spring fashions.



FATHERS & SONS ESTABLISH A GARDEN TO FEED THE COMMUNITY

Fathers and sons helped build and prepare garden beds at Blessed Sacrament in Bridgeport, volunteering to support a Prep service grant initiated by **Christian Bujdud '23** (not pictured). **Pastor Rev. Joseph "Skip" Karcsinski '70**, realized the need for a garden on site to grow healthy produce for the church's food pantry, which serves 300 families weekly. Fr. Skip is a lifelong advocate for the underserved and individuals living on the margins. He has taught our students how food insecurity affects a community, and students have vowed to assist him every year with the garden.



A MEMORABLE MEMORIAL DAY

The Prep Jazzuits rocked Post Road in the annual Fairfield Memorial Day Parade on May 29! They performed patriotic classics and popular tunes throughout the streets and on their Prep-themed float!

Looking Long Term

"Scholarships for three to five boys this year, next year, and the year after. And after I'm gone, forever. That's my objective."

DON KIERNAN '58

"I want to give the opportunity to get a first-rate Prep education to young men whose families might not be able to afford it," says **Don Kiernan '58**, explaining why he and his wife, Pat, pledged \$1.5 million to Fairfield Prep.

Don explains that he was able to attend Prep 65 years ago because his hometown, Trumbull, didn't have a public high school. "You could go to a neighboring public high school or private school, like Prep, and Trumbull would pay," he continues. "My parents liked the fact that Prep offered a Catholic, Jesuit education. I liked that Prep had a wonderful reputation in sports. When you're an eighth grader, that's something really enticing."

Don recalls his Prep experience as "all-encompassing." "Football became an outsized part of my life," says Don, who is proud to have played on Prep's championship team. "But you just didn't play football; you also had to be on the track team because that was your spring training. And your teammates were your closest friends. From the time you woke up in the morning to the time you went to bed at night, you were doing something with your teammates."

Looking back, Don appreciates the socioeconomic diversity in the Prep student body as well as its mix of backgrounds and experiences. "We came from all over the area and economic spectrum. Our fathers were firemen, factory foremen, machinists, judges, doctors, and Wall Street bankers. Despite our differences, the integration was immediate. You're all sitting in the same class, struggling through Latin."

Don values the academic discipline he gained at Prep. Beyond book learning, he is also grateful that Prep provided "an environment that taught right versus wrong, a commitment to personal excellence, and how to be a good friend. There wasn't a course in it, but you learned it all the same. It was built into your DNA."

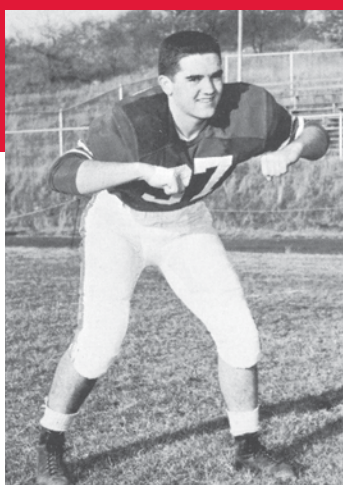
Following Prep, Don graduated magna cum laude from Boston College and then served in the U.S. Navy as a surface warfare officer. After the Navy, he obtained a CPA certificate and worked for Arthur Young & Company in their accounting practice. He went on to earn a master's in operations research from Florida State University and had a long and successful career with Arthur Young's national consulting practice. Don finished his full-time business career at SBC Communications as senior executive vice president and chief financial officer. He played a key role in SBC's expansion from a five-state regional phone company to a multi-national communications company, which is now AT&T.



Top: Prep President **Christian Cashman** with **Don Kiernan '58**, and **Mike Connelly '83**, Prep Major Gifts

Above: Don with wife Patricia

Left: Don from the 1958 Hearst yearbook



The Kiernans retired in 2001 and now split their time between Florida and Michigan, which allows them to pursue their passion for sailing. In recent years, the couple has focused their philanthropy on K-12 education "because that's where you develop your character," Don says. In 2018, Don and Pat established the **Kiernan Family Scholarship** at Prep and have enjoyed watching "their" student on his Prep journey. The experience inspired them to pledge \$1.5 million earlier this year. They will give \$100,000 a year for the next five years and then a \$1 million bequest to permanently endow the scholarship while also benefiting today's students.

"I'm a finance guy," Don explains. "I've been funding endowment for the Kiernan Family Scholarship, which is long term, but I also see immediate need. So I decided to divide my \$100,000 a year and give \$40,000 to what they call current use, and then \$60,000 for endowment. That way, I can help maybe three to five students a year. And when I die, \$1 million will go directly to the endowment, which will fund those scholarships forever."

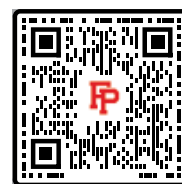
"I'm smiling to myself. I feel good about it," Don concludes, reflecting on the gift's impact. "For me, Prep was the perfect experience: a combination of sports, academics, and the diversity of the student body. I loved Boston College. I loved my experience in the Navy, and I had great luck in my business career. But I would still say that, second to my family, Prep was the best experience of my life." And thanks to the Kiernan's generosity, more students will benefit from that very same experience.



To learn more about the impact Fairfield Prep alumni, parents and friends had on Prep last year, scan the QR code.

Party with Prep People!

Connect with Prep brothers in your city during one of our 2023-24 "Jesuits On Tap" alumni gatherings. Stay up to date with all Prep Alumni events at www.fairfieldprep.org/alumni



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Save the Dates!

51st Annual Prep Auction
Sat., Nov. 4, 2023

Latin Scholars Christmas Luncheon
Thur., Dec. 14, 2023

Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament Reception
Wed., Dec. 27, 2023

Golf Outing
Fri., May 31, 2024

Athletic Hall of Fame
Fri., June 14, 2024

Reunions 4's and 9's
Sat., June 15, 2024

Golden Legends Society Luncheon
Sat., June 15, 2024

50th Reunion, Class of 1974
Sat., June 15, 2024

All Alumni Mass
Sun., June 16, 2024



Annual Fairfield Prep Auction



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Prep seniors gathered at Fairfield University's Tully Dining Commons stairs for a celebratory breakfast during Senior Week. The Class of 2023 represented their future colleges with t-shirts and sweatshirts. + **AMDG**