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Dear **Prep Community,**



I write in the Easter Season of resurrection and new life. This Easter we all mourned and celebrated the incredible life of our Holy Father, **Pope Francis**. I remember the election of Pope Francis like it was yesterday. Standing with my Theology 3 class in Berchmans 103, we heard the news, "White smoke, white smoke! And it's a Jesuit!" Volumes will be written about this remarkable papacy, but what will endure in our hearts, and in every Jesuit school and apostolic work around the globe, will be the special way that Pope Francis belonged to us, as a Jesuit. He spoke our Ignatian language as he pointed us toward the loving heart of Jesus. He reminded us repeatedly to live our lives with faith and joy. May we honor the legacy of beloved Pope Francis by spreading the gospel message with joy in our hearts.

As I complete my fifth year as President of Prep, we prepare to welcome another class of over 200 young men in the Class of 2029, representing another diverse and gifted class, which will include over thirty Magis Scholars. Our Jesuit model of academic excellence and innovation in the classroom continues to inspire and garner the attention of our peers and the best colleges in the nation. The men of Prep are receiving deeply intentional care of the whole person, thanks to our investments and expansion of counseling, college advising, social emotional and academic supports, as well as pastoral care and formation. It is a wonderful time to be a young man attending Prep.

Springtime always brings bittersweet farewells. First to the Prep Class of 2025, but also to those who leave us as volunteers and loyal employees. I offer my heartfelt thanks to our departing Governors **Mr. Frank Barron'69**, **Mr. Greg Strakosch'80**, and **Mrs. Sally Bednar**, Board Chair Emerita and mother of two Prep grads. The contributions of these Governors has been legion and is featured on some of these pages. We also say farewell and well done to Prep Giant, **Bob Bernier**. After over three decades of teaching and coaching, Bob will put away his Latin Grammar and pick up the golf clubs for retirement purposes, not for coaching. As one who shares a bond with Bob, both of us Prep Dads of the Class of 2015, I will miss the ever encouraging smile and "Peace, brother!" in the hallway. Well done, good and faithful servant. Gratias tibi ago!

In the Fall, we announced ***Go Forth: The Campaign for Fairfield Prep***. The center feature of this magazine shows the remarkable progress we have made toward our $90 million goal to build the BROTHERHOOD, invest in INTELLECT, and commit to CARE, all of which will culminate in the construction of the Barron Center for Arts and Recreation. The construction crews have arrived on campus and, as of this writing, we are days away from officially breaking ground on the most monumental capital effort since our founding in 1942. But the work is far from over. Many have stepped up, but we need many more Prep alumni, friends, families, and loyal supporters to raise a hand and join this effort. I invite you to help us make it known far and wide that Prep's Jesuit, Catholic mission is of essential importance to you and your family. ***Go Forth*** includes every individual gift made to Prep, at any level, during the campaign.

May our God of joy and mercy bless our work at Fairfield Prep. Know that we hold each of you in our daily prayers. Hail Fairfield! **+AMDG**

With a joyful heart,



Christian J. Cashman P '15,'23
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Farewell to These Board of Governors Members



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Rev. Michael Tunney, S.J.

Jesuit Paints Prep A Mural Masterpiece

It started in 2022 with a conversation. During a Board of Governors dinner, President Christian Cashman invited the **Rev. Michael Tunney, S.J.**, to exercise his artistic skills by creating a portrait painting of Francis Xavier. The painting would be placed in a large hallway on the lower level entrance of Xavier Hall, between Arrupe Hall and the McLeod Innovation Center.

In reviewing this particular area, however, it became clear that a vertical painting would be insufficient for such a horizontal space, Fr. Tunney said.

"I pretty quickly came to the conclusion that it would not just be Francis Xavier, but a whole collection of figures," Fr. Tunney said, speaking from his studio at the Jesuits East Province on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. "And, it wouldn't be a traditional Francis Xavier. It would be students of Fairfield Prep (and) some faculty."

During an interview in February, Fr. Tunney stood before the completed expansive artwork: a colorful diptych featuring contemporary Prep students and teachers in an 11-figure composition on Pelletier Quad. The painting took nearly a year to complete, starting in February 2024 and finishing the last brushstroke on Feb. 16.

To include the true nature of the phrase, "the whole boy," Fr. Tunney depicted students of all races and ethnicities represented at Fairfield Prep.

"One of the big ideas for this, when I realized that it would include a number of students as well as faculty and colleagues, was the idea of capturing that very familiar phrase, number one, the Brotherhood of Fairfield Prep students, and the care of the whole person," Fr. Tunney said.

The composition itself showcases a student from each of the four years, three teachers, and a Jesuit Regent. In the pictures, these figures are "doing student things," such as sports, giving communion, studying or attending Mass.

Fr. Tunney said he chose the Quad as his setting because of its tribute to **Rev. Walter Pelletier, S.J.**, "a wonderful Jesuit and companion, the kind of person that you want to be like when you grow old."

Fr. Tunney spoke about his artistic inspirations, beginning with Italian Renaissance painters such as Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, but later transitioning to French



"Educating Francis" by Rev. Michael Tunney, S.J.



modernists like Paul Cézanne and Henri Matisse. For this composition, he said he used a vibrant, saturated palette with broken brushstrokes.

"Everyone, everything is in development and in progress of changing, maturing, growing, and the fracturing of the brushstrokes is meant to communicate something of that as well," he said.

Although the composition was plotted out beforehand, Fr. Tunney admitted to some artistic changes as the painting came along. Teaching the course "Finding God In All Things" at Fairfield University, he often found students struggling with understanding God's will for them. His painting attempts to make that understanding easier.

"God's will for us is really pretty simple: to be happy, to flourish in our lives, to bring our own talents and great desires, into the intersection of the world's greatest needs, so that when we leave here, we leave the world a better place," Fr. Tunney said.

Fr. Tunney reminds us, however, that it is up to individuals to make good choices, move forward, and contribute to the world through the teachings of Jesuit education.

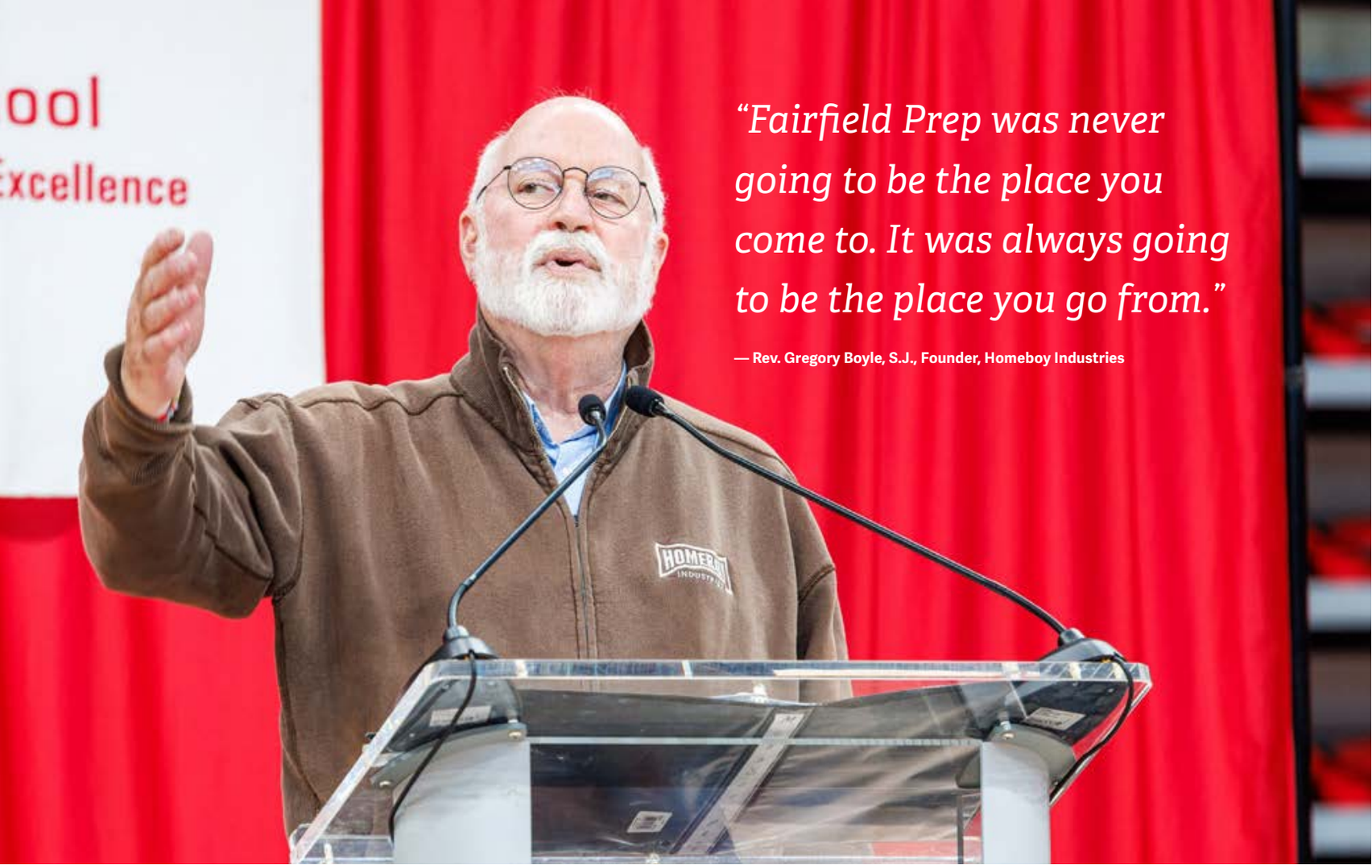
The artist and Jesuit said it was easy for him to find examples of such practices all over the Prep campus.

By Samantha Russell, Editorial Intern (Fairfield University '25). Assistant Director of Digital Communications Ronald DeRosa contributed.

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Father Tunney, S.J.





"Fairfield Prep was never going to be the place you come to. It was always going to be the place you go from."

— Rev. Gregory Boyle, S.J., Founder, Homeboy Industries

A Community of Us — Not Us and Them

"It's not the place you go to, it's the place you go from." This phrase is one told by **Father Gregory Boyle, S.J.**, to the Fairfield Prep community on April 9. Fr. Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries, an organization dedicated to rehabilitating gang members in Los Angeles (LA).

Homeboy Industries was founded in 1988, but Boyle had been reaching out to gang members for many years before. In 1996, Fr. Boyle became pastor of Dolores Mission Church, the poorest Catholic church in LA.

"If Los Angeles was the gang capital of America, [Dolores Mission Church] was the gang capital of Los Angeles," Fr. Boyle said.

At the time, eight different gangs were "at war" with each other outside of his parish.

For his visit to Fairfield Prep, Fr. Boyle brought two former gang members with him: Erica and Anthony (pictured).

Erica and Anthony spoke respectively about their experiences before, during and after Homeboy Industries' rehabilitation programs. For both, their childhoods were met with abuse, financial insecurity and a lack of belonging.



Homeboy Industries provided them with education, occupation, and genuine support.

"I started hanging out with the wrong crowd, and that's how I ended up getting into my neighborhood," Erica said. "My dad started to notice and would always keep me inside the house. I couldn't go anywhere so I would run away from home."

Erica endured rehab, pregnancy, and domestic abuse before finding her way at Homeboy Industries.

With a six-month-old baby on the way, Erica has expunged her record through her rehabilitation experiences.

"Homeboys has shown me the kinship and kindness that others haven't," she said.

Anthony went through similar experiences as Erica, raised by a single parent with just enough to make ends meet.

"At the time, I thought it was all fun and games – until it wasn't," Anthony said about his gang experience. A car accident was not enough of a wake-up call for him



Students and staff who participated in the Los Angeles Immersion Trip are shown with guest speakers (center) Anthony, Erica, and Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J. (L-R): Noah Morris '27, Nicholas Mazzarella '26, Lars Maechling '25, Theology Teacher Michelle Smith Ph.D., Pete DeRose '26, Pierce Gremse '26, Dean of Mission & Ministry Elliott Gualtiere, and Communications Specialist John Pellegrino.

to leave his environment.

Anthony faced incarceration and struggled re-entering into society. During Homeboy Industries 18-month program, he worked with a case manager to regain his driver's license and a high school diploma.

"Homeboys gave me the tools to become a productive member of society," Anthony said. "I am a full-time cook now, at Whole Foods Market, and I am able to provide for my daughter."

Anthony and Erica shared their gratitude for Homeboy Industries and the sincere effort it put into their futures.

Fr. Boyle reminded Fairfield Prep students that God's dream is "a community of just 'us,' not 'us and them.'" He encouraged students to stand with the marginalized so that the margins are erased.

Fr. Boyle started a school specific for gang members, on the third floor of an elementary school where nuns previously lived. He much later established Homeboy Bakery and Homeboy Tortillas — work opportunities for unemployed gang members.

"We would have three huge brawls a day, easily," Fr. Boyle said of the integration of gang members in school. "But they came. They showed up."

With 10,000 individuals a year walking through their doors, Homeboy Industries is the largest gang rehab reentry program on the planet, according to Fr. Boyle.

"Everyone walks through those doors barricaded behind the walls of shame and disgrace, and the only thing that can scale that wall is tenderness," he said. "We want to create a place that's safe, where people can be seen, and then they can be cherished."

Fr. Boyle says the measure of one's service lies in their willingness to be in kinship with those at the margins of society.

"If you don't welcome your own wounds, you may well be tempted to despise the wounded," Fr. Boyle said. "And Fairfield Prep was never going to be just the place you come to. It was always going to be the place you go from."

By Samantha Russell, Editorial Intern, Fairfield University '25



Urban Immersion in Los Angeles



REFLECTION BY PIERCE GREMSE '26

I am thankful for the opportunity to participate in this immersion. I was blessed by what it exposed me to through the various activities we engaged in. I learned a great deal about the issues prevalent in communities across this country, and I am more aware of the changes that need to happen.

God was present in the people we served throughout the week in the city. We often find ourselves troubled by minor inconveniences. Meanwhile, the people we served in LA struggle with much larger issues, like searching for a job, a home, or their next meal. Still, they were some of the kindest individuals I have ever met. It reminded me that God does not reveal Himself through what we have or don't have, but through our character.

The best part of this experience for me was buying and preparing meals for the men in the Guadalupe Homeless Project. Budgeting for our meal taught me about how much we typically spend on food versus what we actually need. We managed to serve 60 people a full dinner with dessert for under 200 dollars. Making and serving the food ourselves was also really meaningful because it connected us to those we were serving. Being able to interact with the men, even though most of them spoke little to no English, was very special.

Following this trip, I hope to participate in more activities related to serving communities that struggle with necessities like food. I hadn't found this kind of service appealing beforehand, but I discovered during the trip that it's actually quite fun and makes a visible difference in the lives of others. In addition to my local service activities, I plan to volunteer at food kitchens for those in need.





Pierce is pictured left cooking food for the Guadalupe Homeless Project. He is a summa cum laude honor student, NHS member, and a musician in Prep's String Orchestra and Jazzuits. He is also Prep Media Club Director and involved in the Italian Cultural Club.



REFLECTION BY AJ DUNN '25

I am incredibly grateful to have experienced these moments with my brothers and to reflect on my relationship with God. I was ready to serve others because, ultimately, people need our support. When we first arrived at Dolores Mission School, I was in awe of what I witnessed. You can see the love and support in the community, regardless of the challenges they face. As soon as I walked into the fourth-grade class, the kids immediately ran up to me and hugged me. It brought a smile to my face.

Although I was only in that class for two days, I learned that God created every single kid in that classroom with a purpose in this world. I met a student named Israel, and we talked a lot about sports, video games, and music. Israel made me realize how important it is to talk to someone, even if you feel lonely or tired. Overall, I loved the experience at this school and the opportunity to work with these kids.

The most challenging part of the trip was when we visited Skid Row. When I peeked at it from outside, I was completely shocked by the extent of the poverty. You can see numerous tents set up and mattresses scattered everywhere because people have no place to go. It reminded me how important it is to cherish the people in your life and be grateful for what you have. We were able to help them by providing food and acknowledging what they're going through.

This immersion trip was a humbling experience for me. I realized how blessed I am to attend Fairfield Prep, and I will cherish this experience in my heart.



AJ is pictured above tutoring at Dolores Mission School. He is a featured singer in Select Choir and Music Ministry and is a member of the African American Cultural Club. He volunteers locally at the Calvary food pantry.

Bees, Honey Harvesting and Our Common Home

Now in its second year, the Fairfield Prep beehive, located on campus in the green space north of Berchmans Hall, serves as a living example of our Ignatian principles. The beehive provides hands-on learning experiences that connect directly to science, environmental studies, social ethics, and service to others.

The first year was a huge success, with the fall harvest yielding over 30 pounds of honey. After **Mrs. Millott's** students extracted, strained, and bottled the honey in McLeod, **Mr. DaCosta's** class embarked on a cross-cultural experience to deliver these gifts to a local Jewish school just in time for their Rosh Hashanah holiday.

In January, **Father Coffey's** theology class melted much of the fresh beeswax and used it to make dipped taper candles, which were used to celebrate daily Mass in St. Joseph's Chapel. The remaining wax was used in **Mr. Fosse-Previs'** art class in projects displayed in McLeod. We look forward to the development of the FP Beekeeping Club, inviting our students to reflect on their responsibility to care for God's creation and the stewardship of Our Common Home.

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"The first year was a huge success, with the fall harvest yielding over 30 pounds of honey."

Molly Millott, Math Teacher, Apiarist

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WHAT WE DID ON WINTER BREAK

EXTREME IMMERSION LEARNING

2025 marks the third consecutive year that Prep has offered a winter-break travel course — an opportunity for twelve students to live and work together while exploring the ecology of a remarkable location: Yellowstone National Park. Prep partners with Ecology Project International (EPI) to educate students about the winter ecology of the vast 18-million-acre Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and its history. A century ago, wolves were eradicated from the region, and bison were nearly extinct. Their restoration and recovery were carefully planned and studied, allowing both species to recover to a point where their return has sparked controversy and serious discussions regarding their future management. Science can help provide answers to these societal questions, and our students participated in research and service work during their course that contributes to the collective understanding of the ecosystem. Additionally, more than half of the students have gone on to earn college credit at the University of Montana for their work.

— ROBERT FORD JR., SCIENCE TEACHER

Prep will return to Yellowstone in February 2026. Contact Mr. Ford at rford@fairfieldprep.org for information and an application.





REFLECTION BY JJ SCHACHINGER '25

We arrived in Bozeman, Montana, where we were warmly greeted at the airport by our EPI instructors. The hour-and-a-half ride through Montana's Paradise Valley to our lodge was breathtaking. We marveled at snowy mountains, icy rivers, and wildlife along the way. As we pulled into our lodge on the Yellowstone River, just outside the park, everyone's gaze was captivated by the scenery surrounding us. After unloading our gear, we spent the rest of the day settling in, getting to know one another, and beginning to learn about Yellowstone.

The first few full days of the trip seemed to fly by. First, we learned to snowshoe so we could get around easily while studying snow science. The snowpack in Yellowstone is critical both as a habitat for small mammals and as a source of water throughout the year. We learned how to track bison and other ungulates in the park using radio telemetry, as well as how to identify their age and sex from a distance, allowing us to collect data about their movements and numbers in the northern part of the ecosystem. This data is part of the citizen science project "Home on the Range, " which examines how bison feeding and migration affect other ungulate mammals and the grasslands they depend on. All along, we observed various kinds of wildlife.

Before we knew it, Sunday had arrived, and we had already spent four days there. This was the day we visited Mammoth Hot Springs, where we learned about the geothermal features, went hiking, and held a brief prayer service to express our gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful trip.

The next two days were the most impactful and meaningful of the trip for most of us. Although these days included some frustrations, they were certainly outweighed by the numerous breathtaking moments we experienced as a group. Monday was "wolf day," and we left the lodge in darkness to find Yellowstone's most famous resident. All did not go as originally planned; however, it taught us a far more important life lesson. We were initially scheduled to meet with a wolf expert, but after searching for hours, we still could not find him (there is no cell service in the park). Nevertheless, due to this early wake-up, we encountered something unexpected: four moose! Throughout the remainder of the day, we spotted bison, coyotes, a hibernating bear, and a bald eagle. Although we were discouraged about missing the wolves, when we returned to the lodge, we all agreed that "everything happens for a reason" and that we needed to trust God's plan for us on this trip. We decided to get up very early and try again the next day. After driving around for hours and all hope seemed lost, we finally had the opportunity to see wolves. At this location, we also spotted another coyote and two more moose! That same day, we additionally saw Pronghorn Antelope and even a Red Fox who nearly bumped into us as it prowled for a meal under the snow.

If we had been successful in spotting wolves the day before, we might not have been able to see the hibernating bear, moose, and coyotes. Although it was initially frustrating, it ultimately turned out to be a blessing in disguise. This experience reinforced my belief in God's plan and the idea that "everything happens for a reason."

In the final days of our course, we worked on a presentation project that utilized available field data to answer a scientific question. This helped bring all the elements of the course together before we returned home.

Thank you to Mr. Ford, Ms. Cuntrera, my Prep brothers, and all the amazing instructors from EPI for making this experience so memorable and impactful. I strongly encourage any Prep students considering this course in the future to step out of their comfort zones, make the effort, and sign up because it is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



JJ is a summa cum laude honor student, NHS member, and a captain of the Prep Varsity Baseball team. He volunteers with Special Olympics.











CAN DO! CANSTRUCTION

Engineering students took a trip to Lower Manhattan in the fall to visit 'Canstruction,' where food donations get turned into sculptures. The group later visited design and engineering firm Arup, where they learned how they could build one of these sculptures at Prep.





THE POWER OF HYDROPONICS

Mr. Soto's AP Biology class participated in a Hydroponics Lab, planting lettuce in a non-soil, rocky mixture, making baseline measurements, and tracking the growth effects of different nutrients in the watering system. The class concluded with findings for the most efficient and productive growing combinations and celebrated with a salad at the end of the multi-week lab project!

Fairfield Prep presents

writing royale

a short story contest

The Writing Royale, Fairfield Prep's annual creative writing contest, welcomed blind submissions of short fiction during January and February. This year's contest, sponsored by the Creative Writing Club and open to all students, netted sixteen submissions—a three-year high—with all four classes represented. Faculty moderator Mr. Brian Hoover offers thanks to all the students who shared their work, and to the panel of faculty who read the submissions and nominated the six finalists.

This year's guest judge, Wendy Elizabeth Wallace, editor-in-chief of *Peatsmoke Journal*, had the following praise for the finalists.



CONGRATULATIONS...
to **Ryan Sheppard '26**, the winner of Prep's "Writing Royale" contest, and to all the finalists.

"The Sentient Symphony" by Ryan Sheppard '26 (Winner of the Writing Royale 2025) plays with the transformative power of music, drawing on the surreal to make this impact manifest. The narrative begins with the anticipatory hush before a performance and ends with the echoing resonance in its wake. The language is lyric, lush, and imagistic, creating a magical and synesthetic portrait of the musicians, the audience, the sound itself. The author shows an impressive ability to build elaborately crafted metaphor, and to take a moment and leave it suspended and shivering before finally plunging forward again. The narrative challenges the fabric of reality itself, "revealing something else—not a void, not darkness, but an infinity of sound, a swirling cosmos of chaotic melody, eager to consume all in its discord." Like the symphony described here, the notes, rhythm, and pulse of this story ring long after we have finished reading.

"The Remains of the Clay" by Alex Salazar '25 explores the relationship between an apprentice and master potter as a young man attempts to replicate the skill and artistry of the work that surrounds him. The piece grapples with feelings of inadequacy that arise from the gap between ambition and ability, and the destructive impulses that can follow. In a surprising turn, however, the apprentice's rash actions allow the master to gain new perspective on the meaning of his work. Throughout, the author uses descriptive language to portray this craft with authority and to immerse us in the trials and triumphs of the artisan. The piece raises important questions about beauty and utility.

In **"Red Eyes" by Paul Pigliucci '26**, a father and son take a car ride together, speaking past one another instead of truly communicating. The dialogue is a vessel for strong characterization and plays cleverly with text and subtext; the son says what the father wants to hear, even as they "both knew he was lying." Underneath their words is the shadow of the truth of both of their lives, the depression that haunts them, a shadow neither of them are able to look at face-on. The author leaves us, brilliantly, with a gulf stretching between them, each continuing to hide instead of seeking the shared relief of solidarity.

"One-Sided" by Joshua Salazar '26 inhabits the point of view of a cat who seeks love and attention from a young boy, attempting to overcome the allure of a screen. The animal perspective allows for a unique and incisive critique of the addictive nature of devices, especially in children. There's a humor to the wry way the cat describes the "Baby Shark" video and his owner's glazed fascination with the content. The ending is poignant, as the cat hunkers down, defeated, imagining a future in which he could reclaim the affection he so desperately longs for.

In **"The Weight" by Quinn Lombardo '26**, we receive a portrait of the corporate doldrums, becoming intimately acquainted with a man who feels trapped in his mundane and lonely routine. The author uses sensory detail of his clothing and breakfast to make his ennui tangible, and complicates his emotions with the revelation of a brother who took his own life. The main character is forced to contend with his own mortality when we discover that this piece is set on the day of the 9/11 attack, with the plane's collision rendered in blistering detail. The story takes on ambitious themes and material, providing a moving look at how this historical event changed the trajectory of one individual's life.

"Before the Storm" by Kyle Sullivan '27 hums with urgency and dread as the narrator contemplates an oncoming natural disaster and the choices it forces them to make as they evacuate. The weather feels both palpable and ominous, creating a backdrop of tension as the main character struggles to decide what ought to be packed and what ought to be left behind. The piece arrives at a striking and profound revelation: that the meaning and memory of their possessions are not inherent in the objects themselves but carried within their own mind, a part of them that they will bring everywhere. The piece ends on a refreshing note of hope in the face of destruction.

Read the finalists' short stories in "The Bellarmine Review," to be released in late spring.

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Four Seniors Named National Merit Finalists

Fairfield Prep is proud to announce four seniors have been recognized as National Merit Finalists for exceptional academic talent and scholarship potential. With more than 16,000 others nationally, the National Merit Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.

Fairfield Prep is also pleased to announce recognition of six seniors named Commended honorees in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The seniors are recognized based on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken in their junior year. Approximately 34,000 Commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.



Pictured from left: Finalists Andrew Kopchick, Franco Arduino, Samik Soi, and Daniel Tristine.

Company Scholars Award Offers Full Scholarships

Congratulations to Fairfield Prep seniors **Louis "Alex" Salazar**, **Bryan Marin**, and **Christopher Contreras** on being awarded Fairfield University's prestigious Company Scholarship, which provides a full, all-expenses-paid college education. The program is a unique, cohort-based, full scholarship program founded to assist low income students who attend Jesuit schools. The namesake derives from the six closest companions of St. Ignatius of Loyola, who carried on the mission of the Society of Jesus by serving the underserved and dedicating their lives to social justice through education.

Shown left to right, with Corry Unis, VP for Enrollment Management at Fairfield University and Lucas the stag.





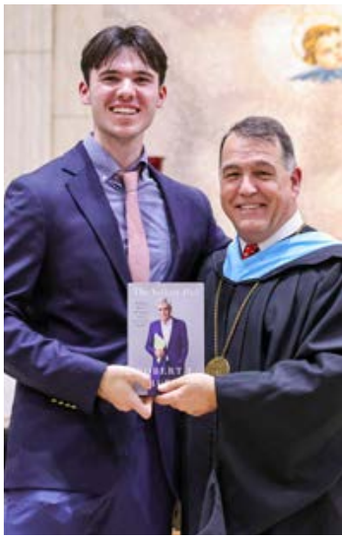
Senior Mason Frey with his father Brendon Frey and Varsity Football Coach Keith Hellstern.

Mason Frey Named National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete

Mason Frey'25 was awarded the National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete award, honoring a senior who has lettered in football, excelled in the classroom and been active in their community. Mason is a Summa Cum Laude student, a NHS member, a peer tutor, and has played for the Jesuits Football team for all four years, including serving as captain. Some of his many awards include: CHSCA Academic All-State, New Haven Register All-State First Team, and Walter Camp All-CT First Team. Mason has donated weeks volunteering in Appalachia with the Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, and has also mentored youth at the Wakeman Boys and Girls Club. He attended a Kairos retreat and trained as a Kairos leader. Mason is committed to play football for the United States Naval Academy.

Students recognized at 2024 Honors Awards Ceremony

Prep students were honored for their high academic achievement at the annual Honors Awards Ceremony held on Sept. 26, 2024, at St. Thomas Church in Fairfield. New members were inducted into the National Honor Society and seniors received special Book Awards, recognizing their outstanding school performance and leadership in key subject areas. Additionally, students were recognized for honor awards for the 2023-24 school year.



Pictured is ***Thomas Adams '25*** *winner of the Harvard Book Prize.*

Class of 2025 Book Awards

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

Brown University Book Award
Andrew Kopchik

Clarkson University Leadership Award
Samik Soi

Clarkson University Achievement Award
Finbar Malloy

Columbia University Book Award
Samuel Woody

Cornell University Book Award
Evan Marshall

Dartmouth College Book Award
Daniel Tristine

Endicott College Book Award
Matthew Martino

Gettysburg College Book Prize
Ryan Voytek

Harvard Book Prize
Thomas Adams

Rensselaer Medal
Daniel O'Donoghue

Sacred Heart Book Award
Alex Salazar
Joseph Martino

St. Lawrence University Book Award
Emmett Tolisano

Saint Michael's Book Award
Ben Lester
Oliver Mascera

Tulane Book Award
Daniel Guzman

Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award from The University of Rochester
Aidan Erive

Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award from The University of Rochester
Mason Frey

Kodak George Eastman Young Leaders Award from The University of Rochester
Lars Maechling

Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology from The University of Rochester
Liam Coyne

Jefferson Book Award from the University of Virginia
William Mitchell

William & Mary Leadership Award
James Callaghan

Yale Book Award
Cam Paisley

SCC SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Sebastian Cruz and Daniel Tristine were named SCC Scholar Athletes for the ***FALL SPORTS****, sponsored by Great Blue Research.*



SEBASTIAN CRUZ (SOCCER)

Sebastian Cruz helped the Jesuits reach the quarterfinals of both the SCC and CIAC state tournaments, scoring the winning goal in OT to defeat the #2 ranked team in the Class LL tournament. Sebastian was a two-year starter for the Jesuits and led the team in goals scored his senior year. He is also a summa cum laude honor student and National Honor Society member. Sebastian is active in Prep's ASPIRA organization, the Model UN Club, and Prep's Business Club, in which he serves as president. He has also volunteered at Special Olympics and for the Unified Sports Program, working with young people with developmental disabilities.



DANIEL TRISTINE (CROSS COUNTRY)

Daniel Tristine served as captain for the Jesuits his senior year. He finished 15th out of 120 runners in the SCC Championship meet, earning All-SCC 2nd Team honors. Daniel is a summa cum laude honor student and National Merit Scholarship finalist. His resume of activities and involvements is broad, with deep involvement in Prep's Campus Ministry program, Sikorsky Challenge Engineering Club, Trail Keepers Club, and Ethics Bowl Club. Daniel also participated in Prep's service immersion trip to Appalachia.

James Chesbro and Nicholas Hahn were named SCC Scholar Athletes for the ***WINTER SPORTS****, sponsored by Great Blue Research.*



JAMES CHESBRO (SWIMMING)

James Chesbro committed four years to the Swim team, leading as captain for the Jesuits his senior year and helping the team win the SCC and CIAC Class L Championships. With a strong GPA and challenging course load, James has taken full advantage of the many school opportunities offered outside of Swim. He has volunteered for the local Democratic Party over the past three years and thrived at the Georgetown Law Academy before his junior year. At the academy, James was named Best Witness in the final Mock Trial, delivering a closing argument that led his prosecution team to victory. James has served in Campus Ministry as well, leading a Kairos Retreat for his fellow brothers.



NICHOLAS HAHN (SKIING)

Nick Hahn served as both Skiing and Sailing captain for the Jesuits and earned First Team All-State, helping lead the Ski team to a CISL State Championship with their 3rd fastest time in the championship race. Nick is a magna cum laude honor student, engaging in a strong course of study and community service. He has committed to volunteering with Club Woofgang, where he plays Bunco every Monday night with disabled young adults, and participated in a service immersion trip to Appalachia. Nick is also a member of Prep's Cardinal Key Society and an ambassador at special events.

Shining in the Spotlight







AUTUMN MUSIC SHOWCASE

On Oct. 24, Prep proudly showcased our Jesuits' performances at Fairfield Prep's Annual Autumn Music Showcase in McLeod Innovation Center. The evening featured selections from the Freshman & Select Choirs, Piano Students, Guitarists, and Senior Musicians across the entire music program, including 25 senior spotlight performances. Additionally, all senior students in Prep's music program were honored with a certificate of recognition by Music Director Dan Horstmann. Prep celebrated the dedication and talent of our seniors from the Class of 2025, who have grown over the years not only as musicians but as young men. Thank you to all the families who came out to support these solo and group performances!

A GRAND BLESSING

Fairfield Prep hosted its very first piano recital on Feb. 1! Nine student musicians performed in the McLeod Innovation Center that night, dazzling their audience with a wide array of tunes such as "One Summer's Day," "Piano Sonata no. 11" and "Piano Man." These pianists put in tons of hard work to deliver some truly motivating pieces and create a special night filled with passion. Featured performers were: **James Guire, Arnav Sharma, James Cummings, Rohan Thung, Ben Fox, George Greene, Ryan Mozelak, Tim Sabol** and **Nick Rotondo** – with **Rudy Swaggerty** on bass.

Prep also gives a huge thanks to **Gianine and David Craw '78** for donating the Yamaha Baby Grand Piano, an amazing gift that will let generations of Prep students explore their creativity and love for music.





Winter Harmonies: A Celebration of Music

Prep's Music Department held its Annual Winter Concert, "Winter Harmonies: A Celebration of Music," on January 15 at the Quick Center for the Arts. Student musicians impressed audience members with exceptional performances from ensembles across Prep's music department and highlighted their talent, dedication, and passion for music.

This concert's theme encouraged musicians and their audience to celebrate scores from a variety of composers and arrangers. Prep's String Orchestra, Freshman Choir, Select Choir, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazzuits, Rock Band, Guitar Ensemble, Combined Symphonic Orchestra and featured students from our Collaborative Piano class worked extremely hard to bring warmth and joy to the winter season.



Watch video highlights on the Prep YouTube channel

YOUTUBE.COM/FAIRFIELDPREP1







PREP PLAYERS PERFORM

The Imaginary Invalid

Prep Players finalized their fall play, *The Imaginary Invalid,* this past November, with performances Nov. 21, 22 and 23. A modern update of a classic comedy by Moliere, the play follows Argan, a man whose over-the-top mental neuroses grossly outweigh his actual physical maladies. Offered a series of absurd cures from various crack pots, his medical debts mount which prompts him to concoct a scheme to marry his daughter off to a family of physicians. High comedy ensued–replete with thwarted love, false identities, dexterous wordplay, musical numbers, and a healthy dose of derision towards the medical profession.

Prep Theatre/English Teacher and Director Megan Hoover said: "So many of them are stepping out of their comfort zone on this show and I am so proud of the ways in which they are growing and putting themselves out there. I think you will enjoy and appreciate their work."

A full recording of the play is uploaded under News Archives at

WWW.FAIRFIELDPREP.ORG



WHERE THE PLAYERS ARE TEACHERS

Prep Players spent the day with students from St. Ignatius School in the Bronx performing *The Imaginary Invalid* on November 21, sharing lunch with new friends, and leading acting workshops. These workshops encouraged students to step outside their comfort zones and be more creative and expressive.

Welcome to Prep!



HUNDREDS ATTEND OPEN HOUSES

Fairfield Prep held open houses for prospective students and their families on Oct. 5 and Nov. 16. Students heard from key faculty members and senior Jesuits about Prep academics, clubs, and the brotherhood. Prep sports teams greeted families in the weight room, and activities in the McLeod Innovation Lab introduced young boys to our robotics and media departments.











ACCEPTED STUDENTS AND PARENTS DAY

In March, Prep students and faculty welcomed our incoming Jesuits for two exciting sessions of Accepted Students and Parents Day. Students attended mini-classes across various subjects, formed new friendships, and got a first glimpse into life at Prep. Parents engaged in discussions with school leadership and participated in a Q&A session.

Scan to see Prep Admissions information



Special Delivery

For Magis Scholars

President Christian Cashman, Principal Tim Dee, and VP for Enrollment **Kevin Altieri '00** had the honor of personally delivering Magis Scholarships to Early Decision students from the incoming Class of 2029. Congratulations to these outstanding Magis recipients and to all of our accepted students — welcome to the Prep Brotherhood!











Mission & Ministry

BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE

Prep seniors welcomed students from Hall Elementary School in Bridgeport for a memorable afternoon of autumn-themed fun to celebrate Halloween, concluding with "Trunk or Treat" on the Prep campus. This beloved event highlights how our young Men for Others embody the spirit of service and strengthen community bonds, living out the Jesuit call to care for Our Common Home. Students played field games with the kids on Grauert Field, and decorated their cars to pass out candy.













SPEAKING OUT AGAINST HATE







GUEST SPEAKER FOR MLK JR. DAY

On Jan. 10, Fairfield Prep celebrated its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Assembly with a powerful and engaging lecture from guest speaker **Woody Vereen**.

Gathered in the Fairfield University RecPlex, Mr. Vereen inspired the Prep community by thoughtfully linking Dr. King's legacy to our Jesuit mission and values. His interactive lecture created an impactful experience for our Prep community.





LIVING LINKS PRESERVE THE LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST

The Prep community gathered on Jan. 27 to honor those whom the Holocaust deeply affected. Guest speakers Annie Bystryn, Hilary Daniels, and Stacey Delikat from 3GNY recounted their families' experiences and shared an enduring legacy of resilience, hope and remembrance. 3GNY is a non-profit organization founded by grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. A few juniors and seniors had the unique privilege of sharing lunch with our speakers, learning how we can stand united against hate and ensure these lessons are never forgotten.

KAIROS: BUILDING BROTHERHOOD If someone were to ask me what co-curricular program has had the greatest impact on our school community, my answer would be Kairos. Kairos is a three-night, four-day experience open to juniors and seniors. This retreat program is grounded in our Christian belief that God is very much a part of our daily lives, especially through the continuing presence of Jesus Christ. Prayer, the sacraments, and the participants' involvement in reflection, discussion and community-living combine to create a life-changing retreat. This happens by listening to a student or a faculty member share, or through the Sacraments of Reconciliation or Eucharist. — *Elliot Gualtiere, P'21,'24, Dean of Mission & Ministry*













FRESHMEN BECOME BROTHERS



The Class of 2028 kicked off Freshmen Retreat on Oct. 18 with a day of fun with friends from St. Raphael Academy in Bridgeport. Students connected with their younger buddies through games like cornhole and parachutes on Pelletier Quad and Grauert Field, enjoyed pizza for lunch, then participated in a letter-writing activity for the afternoon.

Following the fun with St. Raphael students, Prep freshmen engaged in group workshops, meaningful discussions, and the "Walking Examen" in March. They heard from inspiring speakers which deepened their understanding of faith and brotherhood. These activities were rooted in the Jesuit tradition and are a true reflection of what it means to be Men for Others. Freshmen wrapped up the day with the annual Knee Hockey tournament, a celebration of camaraderie and community.



Being Men for Others

URBAN PLUNGE: SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

This year, Prep students embraced the Jesuit mission through Urban Plunges in November and March, serving communities in Bridgeport and Fairfield. They practiced simple living and worked with local schools and organizations, connecting with elementary students, and helping in kitchens. In March, students from Belen Jesuit in Miami joined us to serve at six sites, including packing meals for the Blessed Sacrament Church food pantry. These experiences deepened their commitment to service and "Our Common Home."





IGNATIAN FAMILY TEACH-IN

16 Prep students joined the wider Jesuit School Network at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice back in October. The Prep group spent three days in Washington, DC, discussing social justice issues with experts and fellow students. On the third day, students got a tour of the Capitol, and met with Senator Richard Blumenthal's office to advocate for solutions to the issues they discussed in the days prior.



VETERANS' DAY ASSEMBLY

The Prep community gathered in the Pelletier Quad for our annual Veterans' Day Assembly on Nov. 8. The event began with senior band members playing the National Anthem, followed by a prayer led by **Fr. Ron Perry, S.J.**, honoring veterans and alumni currently serving in the military. The assembly continued in the Fairfield Univ. RecPlex, where **Mason Frey '25** shared his reflections as he prepares to attend the U.S. Naval Academy next fall. The event included a panel discussion with alumnus **Bob King '97**, who shared insights from his career as a U.S. Army officer.





Building a Legacy of Faith





JUNIOR CLASS AT LEADERSHIP MASS

In December, Prep juniors took part in the Ignatian Leadership Mass just before their class retreat. Students learned what it means to be leaders and true Men for Others. They also received their St. Francis Xavier medals and their class rings.



AN INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE AT FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

The Prep community welcomed **Rev. Pat Nolan, S.J.**, Provincial Asst. & Dir. of Vocations for the USA East Province, to celebrate the Feast of All Saints Mass. Fr. Nolan shared his real-life experience with becoming a Jesuit and being inspired by the amazing lives of the saints. Choosing priesthood, he found he could wholly focus on the goodness of God in his life.



...AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN

On March 5, our Prep community gathered at Fairfield University's RecPlex to observe Ash Wednesday Mass and begin the sacred season of Lent. This day reminds us that ashes are not a mark of holiness but a call to reflect on who we are and who we are meant to become. During Mass, **Rev. Ron Perry, S.J.**, encouraged our campus community to embrace this season of transformation, shaping our hearts and minds to truly live as Men for Others.



“Our enrollment and the talent of our student body is the strongest it’s ever been. But far more importantly than filling our rolls to maximum capacity, our Jesuit tradition calls us to form these boys to our maximum ability. ***Go Forth*** invites us all to seek the *magis* for the boys in our care, to shape them as heroic leaders and men for others who possess the faith, the confidence, and the compassion to bring forth the good in this world.”

President Christian Cashman P’15, ’23



Please join us for the journey by supporting

Go Forth
The Campaign for Fairfield Prep

Go Forth Campaign Blazes Ahead

This past November, together with students, faculty, staff, alumni, benefactors, and community members, President Christian Cashman proudly announced the launch of *Go Forth: The Campaign for Fairfield Prep*, the largest and most transformative fundraising initiative in the school's 80-year history. This $90 million campaign marks a pivotal moment in our school's legacy as we continue to deepen our commitment to forming young men of faith, intellect, and character, grounded in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition.

The campaign's key priorities—aligned with and in support of Prep's strategic plan *Be Ignited*—outline a vision to enhance every aspect of a student's journey at Fairfield Prep. These priories include:

- **Build the Brotherhood** by expanding financial aid, merit scholarships, and the Fairfield Prep Fund's unrestricted resources.
  Fundraising Update: $38.4 million raised
- **Invest in Intellect** by enhancing our exceptional, research-driven learning environment tailored to the unique needs of boys, while supporting faculty and staff in their continued growth as leaders in Jesuit education.
  Fundraising Update: $2.2 million raised
- **Commit to Care** by strengthening programs that support the academic, emotional, and spiritual development of students.
  Fundraising Update: $1.4 million raised
  - **Complete the Campus** with the construction of the Barron Center for Arts and Recreation, a new state-of-the-art facility named in honor of board member and alumnus Frank Barron '69 and his family. This 47,000-plus-square-foot addition will provide the space needed for students to build physical strength, discover their creative talents, and deepen the bonds of brotherhood that define Fairfield Prep.
    Fundraising Update: $34.4 million raised

With an impressive $76.56 million raised to date, we are both overwhelmed by the generosity of our Prep family and well on our way to fulfilling these goals to ensure a brighter future for the school. As President Cashman emphasized, *Go Forth* is more than just a fundraising effort—it is an invitation to be part of a historic journey that will elevate Fairfield Prep for generations to come. To learn more about the campaign and explore ways to contribute, please visit goforth.fairfieldprep.org.

Together, we will continue to inspire our students to grow not only as scholars, but as men of integrity and compassion, living always for the Greater Glory of God. +AMDG

Progress to date as of April 1, 2025



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Fr. Brissette always prayed that God would help us be our very best, and that neither team would suffer injury. He would never pray for victory. Victory, he said, was up to us."

Frank Barron '69

Frank '69 & Eve Barron

Transformative Space for Growth

For nearly 20 years, at least one Barron brother walked the halls of Fairfield Prep. Their father Patrick Francis Barron, son of two impoverished Irish immigrants, credited his meteoric rise in life to a nun who saw something in him and the stroke of luck that landed him at Boston College High School. Determined that his six sons have the same Jesuit education that changed his own life, he enrolled **Frank '69, Greg '71, Bob '73, Bill '75, Richard '79 (deceased),** and **Andy '83** at Fairfield Prep. In turn, the Barron brothers have generously supported Jesuit education at Prep over the years.

Fairfield Prep recently announced that the school will honor the Barron family's legacy by naming the new facility to be built on campus the Barron Center for Arts and Recreation. The $20 million dollar leadership gift to the *Go Forth* campaign from **Francis Patrick "Frank" Barron '69** and his wife Eve—including $1 million for scholarships and $19 million for capital construction—has enabled Fairfield Prep to break ground on the new facility.

"When Christian told me that the new building would be named for my family, I was both surprised and moved to have my family recognized in this place that has been so central to our lives. I thought immediately of my courageous immigrant grandparents, and wished they could be here, for it's they who deserve the honor."

Breaking New Ground

Frank and Eve Barron's generosity to Fairfield Prep didn't begin—nor will it end—with this landmark gift. The couple have long been generous supporters and have named Fairfield Prep in their estate plans. In addition, Frank serves on Prep's Board of Governors and chairs the Advancement Committee.

Frank and Eve typically focus their Prep giving on scholarships to give other boys the chance that Frank's father was once given. But when Frank heard Prep President Christian Cashman describe his vision for the transformative potential of a proposed new building, Frank was sold.

"It's been wonderful to see the scope of Prep education expand into the arts and many athletic outlets that weren't offered when I was here. Now, any boy who wants to participate in arts or athletics can find a niche. But you need facilities to do that well. It didn't take long to persuade me."

Passing On Ignatian Values

As a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete his senior year under legendary coach **Earl "The Duke" Lavery '50**, Frank knows the importance of sports and other outlets. In fact, Fairfield Prep's current gymnasium is named for one of the most influential figures in Frank's life—Prep's long-time football team chaplain, Rev. Eugene Brissette, S.J.

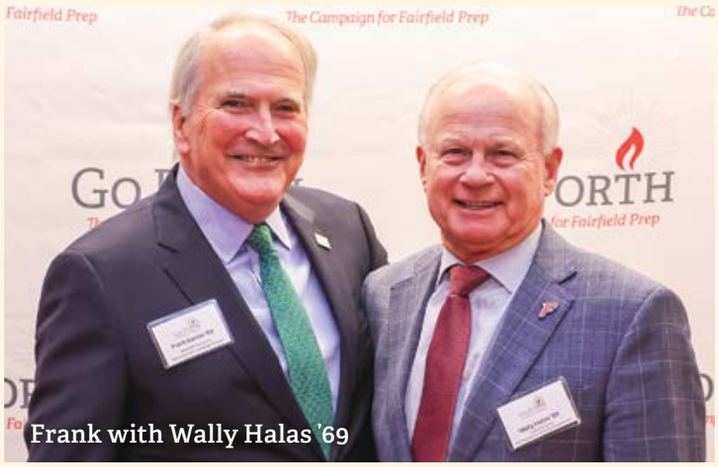
Frank vividly remembers Fr. Brissette, both as his chemistry teacher and as chaplain. "He was on the practice field every day in his flowing cassock, striding with Duke, urging the boys to hit the blocking sled harder, to run faster. Both he and Duke were partial to the linemen, because they themselves had labored in the trenches as players and appreciated the dedication of those who rarely got to touch the ball." But when this fiercely competitive man of God led the team's pre-game Mass each Friday evening, he would never pray for victory.

"He always prayed that God would help us be our very best, and that neither team would suffer injury. He would never pray for victory. Victory, he said, was up to us," recalls Frank, while Eve counts the story among many examples of the Jesuit ethos she admires.

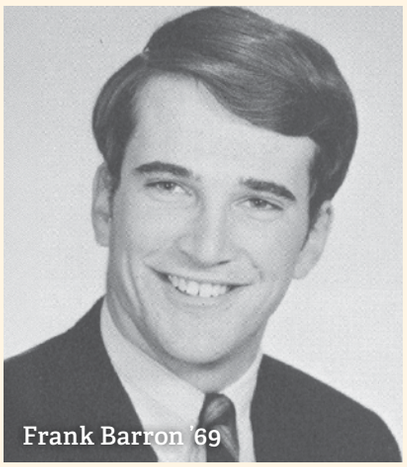
Frank admits that "not long after feeling so grateful for the honor bestowed on my grandparents and my family, I felt a twinge of guilt that the new building will replace the one named for Fr. Brissette. Christian's assurances that Fr. Brissette's name will have a central place of honor in the new building got me past it."

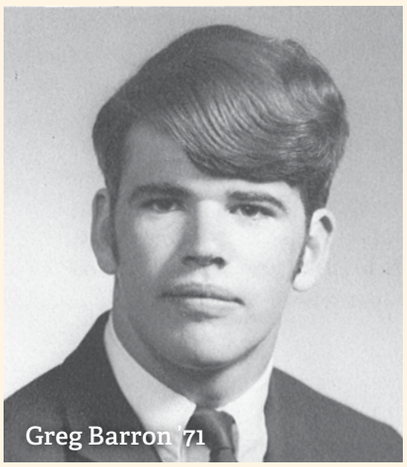
Frank has been impressed by the school's ongoing commitment to its Ignatian values under its increasingly lay leadership over the years and is enthusiastic about the school's direction for the future. "Jesuit education altered the course of my life, as it did for my father," says Frank. "Now, my main mission is to give other boys, on the cusp of becoming men, that same opportunity."



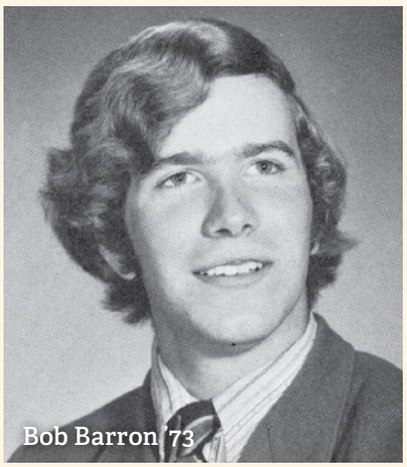


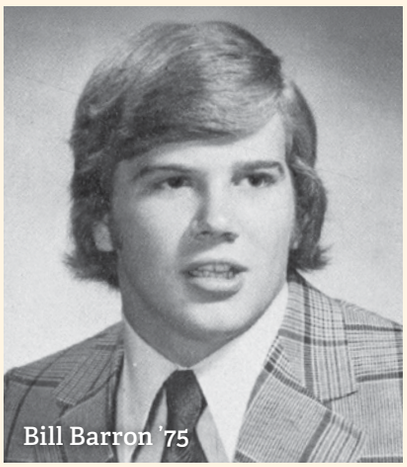
Frank with Wally Halas '69

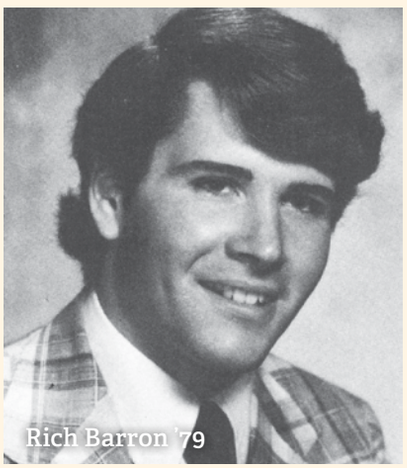

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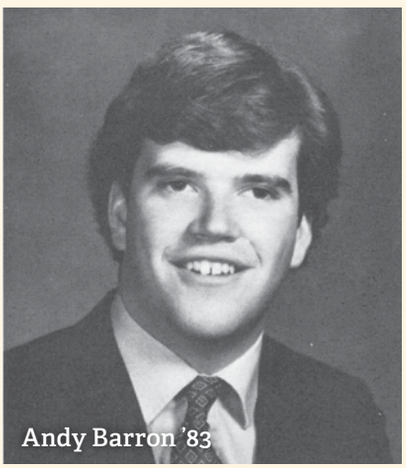

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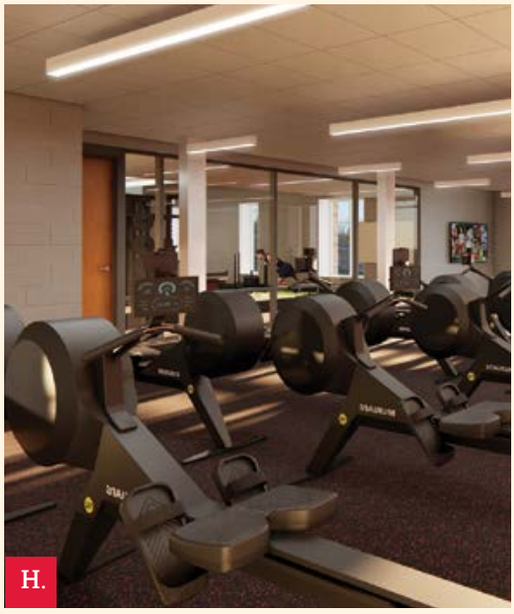

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"The arts are a way of understanding faith, history, culture, and politics. The arts are so deeply insightful, and they're a bridge to a different realm of human experience—to inspiration, the touch of God, the stirring of the soul, the magis."

Tim Murphy '85

Tim '85 and Mandy Murphy
A Leader in Leadership

Tim Murphy '85 is well acquainted with the elements of effective leadership. As chief administrative officer at MasterCard, where he's worked for the last 25 years, Tim has seen how his Prep education and the Ignatian philosophy of leadership as service put him on the right path. Inspired by Prep's intentional approach to forming men for others and by the school's current momentum in pursuit of the *magis*, Tim and his wife Mandy have stepped up as leaders for Prep with a $1 million gift to *Go Forth*.

"I've always believed deeply in the school. The core Jesuit approach has been profoundly impactful in my life and remains enormously important in terms of raising young men of conscience, character, and faith," says Tim, past chair of Prep's Board of Governors. Tim counts the brotherhood, excellent academics, and faith formation as influential aspects of his time at Prep. "But above all," he notes, "the Ignatian idea of leadership as service has been a really big part of how I've experienced the world. It's been proven to me again and again to be an enormously practical, useful, and authentic way to live."

Although the couple has two daughters and no sons, Mandy shares her husband's commitment to Prep and his esteem for the value of a Fairfield Prep education to society at large. In her words, "The world needs good men."

The Murphys have been impressed by Prep's current leadership, especially the vision of President Christian Cashman and the energy he has generated in support of Prep. The opportunity to help Prep tap that momentum and generate additional support prompted the couple to make their largest gift ever to any organization. "We want to help lead," Tim explains, "because we can really see how it will unlock more value for the school."

The couple's generous gift has been directed to support the Barron Center for Arts and Recreation, a project the Murphys wholeheartedly endorse—both for the transformational potential of completing the campus footprint, as well as the way the gift honors Murphy's own experience at Prep. Tim credits iconic Prep teachers like the late Lou Saracco with opening his eyes to culture and the arts, which have since become a rich part of his life and that of his family.

"You have to be literate in the arts to be an educated human," says Tim. "The arts are a way of understanding faith, history, culture, and politics. The arts are so deeply insightful, and they're a bridge to a different realm of human experience—to inspiration, the touch of God, the stirring of the soul, the *magis*."

Thanks to the Murphys, the Barron Center for Arts and Recreation will help Prep grow its arts programming to better care for our boys as they grow into heroic Ignatian leaders for tomorrow.

We invite you to read more from Tim's eulogy for beloved teacher Louis A. Saracco Jr. printed in the Fall 2011 Issue of *Prep Today*, where he talks about the profound impact Lou had on his own understanding of and appreciation for the arts.

Renderings:

A. Band and Orchestra Classroom with Individual Practice Rooms
B. Music Tech Room
C. Theatre from South Lobby
D. Blackbox Theatre
E. Locker Room
F. Gym from South Lobby
G. Gym Practice Court
H. Erg Room
I. Strength and Conditioning Center



We believe in this plan because we know it's what our kids need. We hope others will join us to make this dream happen."

Tom Shea '73, P'08, '11

Tom '73 and Jana Shea P'08, '11
A 360-Degree Perspective

Few understand the potential impact of the new Barron Center for Arts and Recreation as profoundly as the first lead donors to commit to the project with their gift of $5 million—**Tom '73 and Jana Shea P '08, '11**. As a student-athlete during his time at Prep, a past board member, football coach for the last 30 years, and a faculty member for the last 19, Tom has experienced the school's care for the whole person from every angle and played an instrumental role in the design of the center's strength and conditioning space. His wife Jana, the cofounder of a Broadway theatre, film, and television production company, sees the possibilities the center opens for our boys in the arts. Together, the couple watched their two sons grow into men for others at Prep and wholeheartedly support the vision for enhancing the experience of Prep's future students.

"My Prep experience made me who I am," says Tom, who retired from a successful career in the telecommunications industry and considers his second act as an Ignatian teacher to be a true calling. "A big piece of that was playing football, which taught me the importance of commitment, of loyalty, and of being someone whom other people can rely on. These are all things that helped me later in my business career and made me a good friend, husband, and father as well."

"I also see the very positive effect Prep had on both of our sons," Tom adds. "When I look at these two guys who are truly men for others, I couldn't be more pleased with the impact Prep has had on them."

Tom believes the new athletic facilities will greatly enhance the formation of our student-athletes and expand their collegiate opportunities. As he explains, "The new center will give our kids facilities that match their level of commitment. It will allow us to help them become the best that they can be, to give them these great experiences, and in the process, to promote bonds with teammates that last forever."

But the athletic facilities are about more than just space to train and bond. They'll also serve as a point of pride and promote a sense of shared history and identity. "Right now, there's nowhere to showcase our championship banners, our all-state awards, or our rich tradition of athletics," Tom notes. "In the new Barron Center for Arts and Recreation, that history will be on display for our boys to see—something for our alumni to be proud of and our current guys to aspire to."

Meanwhile, Jana is excited by what the black box theatre and the expanded music space will do for the performing arts at Prep, even if a student only chooses to make the performing arts a small part of their lives. "There's something that happens in a live performance, the connection that you make with an audience that doesn't exist anywhere else—not on TV or in the movies," explains Jana. "I think it's a wonderful thing to give the students this kind of opportunity."

The Sheas' early investment in the Barron Center for Arts and Recreation helped launch the effort to fulfill this dream of giving our boys the ability to perform on their own stage, the possibility of training together in a space that can accommodate an entire team, and the chance to play, practice, and gather in a facility with the capacity to house the entire school community, complete with our own logo at midcourt.

"In Christian Cashman we have a leader with a great vision and a great plan," Tom concludes. "I myself and others who are very involved with the school believe in this plan, because we know it's what our kids need. We hope others will join us to make this dream happen."

The brotherhood really is a true thing. It's not that hard to see in everyday life. There's just this general sense of belonging here. Nobody can slip under the radar."

Mason Frey '25





78%

student participation in at least one sport, including 222 multi-sport athletes in 2023-2024





38%

student participation in the Visual and Performing arts, including Prep's 9 performing ensembles

Accompany Us

Open to growth. Intellectually competent. Religious. Loving. Committed to doing justice.

These are the hallmarks of a Fairfield Prep graduate—the fruit of the exceptional educational experience we offer our young men. With their hearts on fire, our graduates leave ready to meet the challenges of modern society, to lead with love in a complex world that needs them.

In an ever-shifting economy and educational landscape, responding to the needs of each new class requires ongoing agility and ingenuity.

Can we count on you to help us do more, be more, for the next generation of heroic leaders in the making?

Please join us for the journey by supporting Go Forth

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On & Off Campus



ETHICS BOWL TEAM IN REGIONAL FINALS

Fairfield Prep's 2025 Ethics Bowl Team advanced to the Regional Finals Tournament held at UCONN Storrs on Jan. 25. The team participated in its 10th annual Regional Tournament; this year, Prep went undefeated in the four preliminary rounds reaching the finals. Prep team members include **Drew Kopchick '25**, **Samik Soi '25**, **Ethan Nozad '26**, **Mason Andrews '25**, **Daniel Tristine '25**, **Evan Marshall '25**, **Peter Moreno '25** and **Dante Agnello '25**.



IRISH CLUB TROCAIRE FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

In November, Prep's Irish Cultural Club hosted its annual fundraiser supporting Trõcaire, Ireland's largest international aid organization. Trõcaire, meaning "compassion" in Irish, works to alleviate poverty worldwide. This year's event at Fairfield's Gaelic American Club raised over $1,100. Highlights included traditional Irish music and poetry readings by Fairfield Prep students.



BUNCO BLAST WITH THE WOOFGANG CLUB

Prep students meet up with Team Woofgang every week for a game of Bunco in the Student Life Center. Woofgang provides job skills and vocational training for disabled adults who age out of the public school system. The group has formed a special bond, and Team Woofgang even came to cheer on the basketball team in February!



DECA TEAM SCORED WITH THE WINNING PLAN

Congratulations to **Ryan Sheppard '26**, **Liam Cannon '26**, and **Dylan Araujo '26** for winning first place in the Independent Business Plan category at the state DECA SCDC competition at Aqua Turf in Southington, CT. This was Prep's first year in DECA, where students compete in business-related events. After attending a fall conference and online challenges, they competed against 1,400 students from across the state.



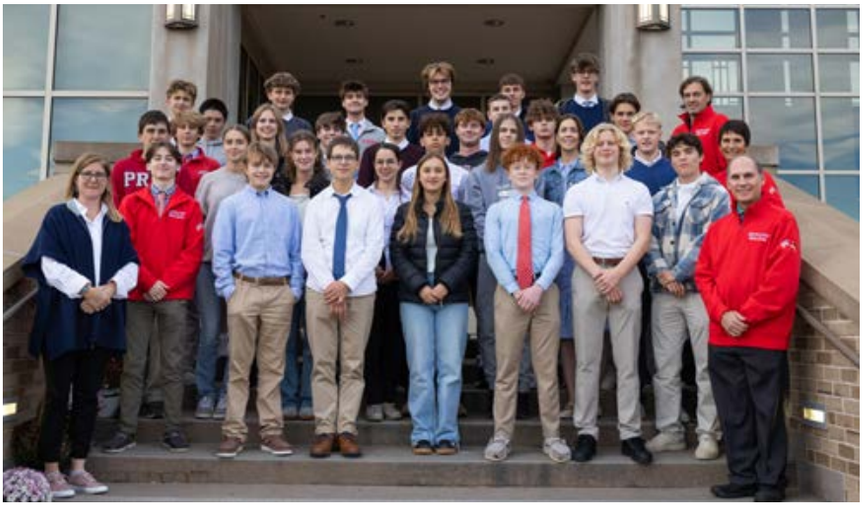
PREP AND LAURALTON JOIN FORCES

Fairfield Prep and Lauralton Hall volunteers joined children at Wakeman Boys and Girls Club's Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse working on nature projects. They built donated birdhouse kits to be distributed around the Wakeman Boys and Girls Club campus and properties of Aspetuck Land Trust!



FAIRFIELD U STUDENT INVESTORS VISIT PREP

A benefit of residing on a college campus is the mentorship our students receive! Prep is grateful to Fairfield University's Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF) for visiting our Stock Market Club and Prep Investors to give an inside look at their impressive portfolio. Students learned about global markets, investing strategies, and careers in finance from top student investors managing over $475,000 in stocks, bonds, ETFs, and mutual funds. These insights develop an understanding of the stock market through real-life simulations, guest speakers, and even potential scholarship opportunities.



LEBENSLANGE FREUNDE (LIFELONG FRIENDS)

On Nov. 1, Fairfield Prep bid farewell to their 17 German exchange students and their chaperones after an unforgettable stay at Fairfield Prep. The weeks before their departure strengthened the 45-year tradition of cultural exchange between Überlingen and Connecticut, fostering friendships and shared learning. We are grateful for the connection Überlingen students brought to our community. This program fosters lifelong friendships and enriches our community with shared learning experiences. Prep students hosted German peers for the last two weeks of October. This summer, they will have the chance to visit Germany and stay with those same families.





WHIRLWIND COLLEGE TOUR BENEFITS SEED GROUP

More than 20 Prep students traveled on a 7-day road trip from Atlanta to Connecticut, stopping at 12 colleges and universities along the way. They even had the opportunity to meet with a few Prep alumni at various schools. Thanks to our Diversity & Community Engagement Director Ruben Goodwin and other chaperones for organizing this SEED opportunity. The tour was made possible in large part by a grant from the **John and Ethel Kashulon Foundation**.


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SIX SCC CHAMPIONSHIPS, FOUR CIAC TITLES

Prep Golf Coach Bob Bernier Retires

Forty years ago, Bob Bernier was hired by Fairfield Prep to teach Latin and Greek. This June, Bob retires from Fairfield Prep. During his tenure, Bob has done a little of everything, serving as a classroom teacher, administrator, and coach. He started as a classroom instructor, teaching Latin, Greek, and English for the first ten years, followed by three years as the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, and then three years as the Vice President of Advancement. After spending one year in the private sector with a start-up company, Bob returned to Prep to teach Latin. His career has been marked by openness to growth and a willingness to serve Fairfield Prep wherever needed.

While fulfilling his teaching and administrative roles, Bob also coached various sports. He coached baseball, hockey, and golf at the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels, and he coached Freshmen Football, but most notably, he led Fairfield Prep' s golf program for the last twenty years. During his twenty years as head golf coach, Bob amassed a record of 377- 77- 10; his teams won four state championships and six Southern Connecticut Conference championships.

Bob Bernier has made numerous contributions to Fairfield Prep, but his greatest impact was felt by the students he taught and the athletes he coached. Talk to any of Bob' s former students, and they will recount his welcoming nature, calm demeanor, and constant encouragement, allowing all who had him to feel comfortable, even while he demanded nothing but their best effort and behavior. For the students he took on trips to Rome and Pompeii, it was an experience of a lifetime. Bob brought the same attitude and set of expectations to the playing field, the rink, and the golf course, proving to be a calming influence and mentor for the hundreds of student- athletes he taught and coached throughout his career.

Congratulations to Bob Bernier on an outstanding Fairfield Prep career as a teacher, administrator, mentor, and coach.



Your positive impact has been felt by thousands of Fairfield Prep students over the last forty years, and we are forever grateful.

By Rudy Mauritz '94, Social Studies Dept. Chair, Head Baseball Coach, Assistant Golf Coach

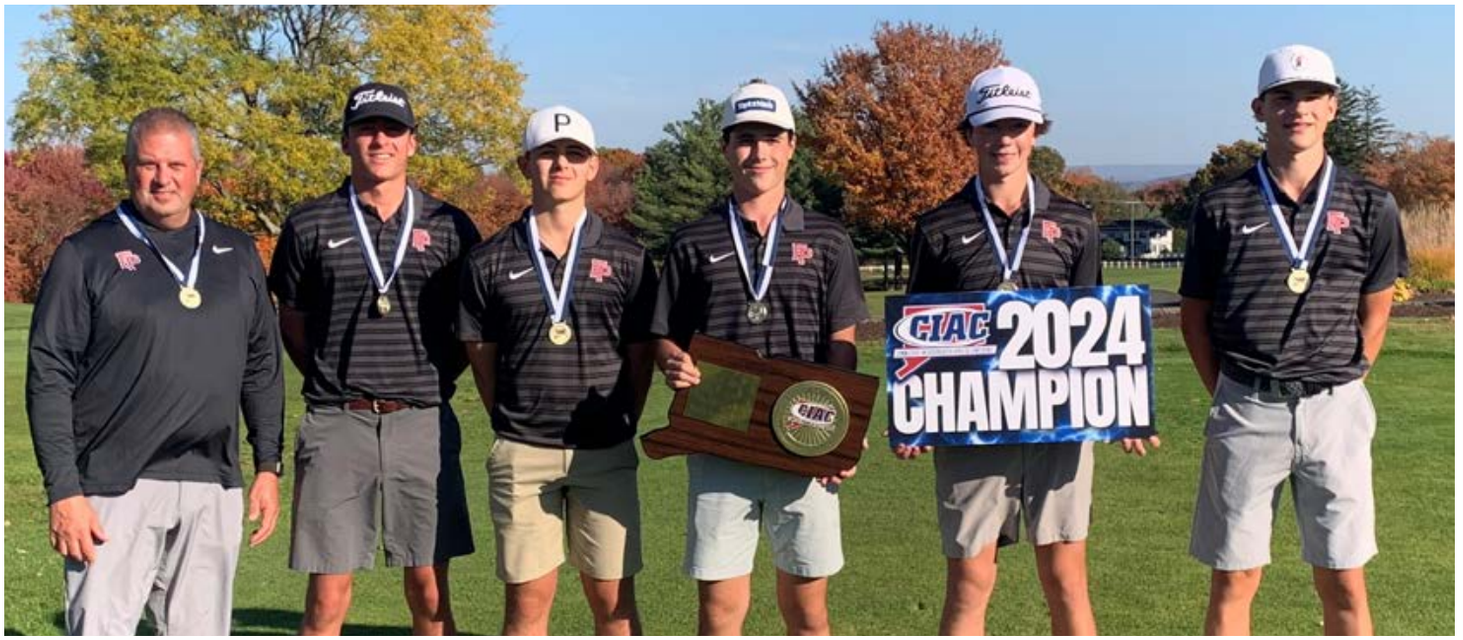
Prep Athletic Director Curran Announces Departure

Prep Athletic Director **Tom Curran '05** publicly announced that he will resign from his position at the school, effective June 30, 2025. He has accepted the Director of Athletics position at Rye Country Day School in Rye, N.Y., for the upcoming school year.

Curran has spent 14 years at Prep, serving as Director of Athletics for 11 years and 3 years as Assistant Athletic Director. He has presided over 21 CIAC State Championships, 22 CIAC State Runners-up and 43 SCC Championships. Additionally, Curran managed the transition of Barlow and Grauert fields to artificial turf, integrated community service into team programs, and introduced new athletic technology. He supervised two expansions to the Lavery Fitness Center and served as a key member of the leadership team in the design and strategic plan for the 47,000 sq ft Barron Center for Arts & Recreation, which will open in 2026 for athletics and theatre.



Principal Tim Dee praised Curran's contributions: "Since 2011, Tom Curran '05 has been a fierce leader of athletics at Fairfield Prep, shaping a program that not only provided opportunities for our young men to compete on the field, court, ice, water, and snow but also served as an extension of the classroom, bringing our Jesuit values to life through competition. Under his leadership, Prep celebrated countless SCC and CIAC state championships, all while fostering a culture of excellence, sportsmanship, and growth. Above all, Tom has been a tireless advocate for our students, a model of our Jesuit mission, and a friend to many. I am deeply grateful for his tremendous service to Fairfield Prep." Pres. Christian Cashman added, "Prep is grateful to Tom Curran for his tremendous dedication to his alma mater and we wish him God's blessings in the next phase of his professional journey."



Varsity Golf Coach Bob Bernier and the Golf team celebrated their State Championship win! From left: Luke Hoglund '27, Robby Rosati '26, Caden Piselli '25, Luke Kowalchik '28, and Billy Rosati '27.

Golf Wins Back-to-Back CIAC State Championships

On a beautiful, sunny day in late October, the Fairfield Prep golf team set out to win a second consecutive Connecticut Division I State Championship. This year's team was especially well prepared after a record-breaking season during which the team finished with a scoring average under par for the season and defeated every team in its path to the championship, finishing with a perfect 48-0 record. It is Prep's fouth state title in the last five seasons.

In the State Championship match, captains **Caden Piselli '25** and **Robby Rosati '26** led the way as the team bested Conard H.S. and New Milford H.S. by 6 shots. Glastonbury and Fairfield-Warde finished tied for fourth, 11 shots behind Prep. Contributing to the championship with solid rounds were freshman **Luke Kowalchik** and sophomores **Luke Hoglund** and **Billy Rosati**.

Prep's outstanding season even stunned their coach. "I would arrive at each match wondering what they would do to surprise me today," marveled **Coach Bob Bernier** about his team's standout play during the season. Playing an independent schedule (the rest of the SCC plays in the spring), Prep continued to strive to play every traditional golf power in the state. Traveling to matches from Greenwich to Glastonbury, the team finished with a perfect 14-0 match record, and also won the Ryan Lee Invitational (8 teams), the CIAC Fall Classic (12 teams) and the Fairfield Cup (3 teams). In more than half of their matches, the team total was under par!

While Prep was led by its talented underclassmen, the team also received regular-season contributions from seniors **Chris Sola**, **Luke Richards**, **Matt De Luca**, **Mason Pasquale**, junior **Ravi Khanna** and freshman **Austin Mack**. It was a team with a blessing of riches.

With 16 players scheduled to return to the team next year, the future of Fairfield Prep golf is extremely bright!

GOLF HONORS

DIVISION I ALL-STATE TEAM AND GAMETIMECT ALL-AREA TEAM
Caden Piselli '25
Robby Rosati '26
Luke Kowalchik '28

QUALIFIED FOR THE NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP
(PLAYED ON 10/28/2024)

Caden Piselli '25 – finished tied for 2nd
Robby Rosati '26 – finished tied for 2nd
Luke Kowalchik '28 – finished tied for 3rd

CHAPPA INVITATIONAL RESULTS
1st place: **Caden Piselli** and **Robby Rosati (-8)**
2nd place: **Luke Hoglund '27** and **Luke Kowalchik '28** (-7)



FAIRFIELD PREP FOOTBALL 2024

The Standard is the Standard

The 2024 football season brought the Jesuits back to the "LL" playoffs for a program record fourth consecutive time while securing the number one overall seed in their division. Along the way, our young men enjoyed tremendous success – the foundation of which was set in their off-season training which demanded consistent effort and accountability to each other as Prep brothers and teammates.

Week #1 started strong as the Jesuits won their home opener against perennial CT power Southington (38-8) but subsequently suffered a tough away loss at Daniel Hand (34-3). Reaffirming their need to consistently fulfill the five principles of the Fairfield Prep football program (Process - Response - Intensity - Discipline - Execution), the team ripped off nine consecutive victories.

The streak started away at both Trumbull (17-13) and Xavier (42-19) followed by Shelton (41-15) and Bishop Hendricken (#1 team in RI / 27-7) at home. State playoff finalist Sheehan (35-6) and Hamden (42-9) were both defeated on the road as well. The regular season closed out with thrills on Senior Night versus North Haven (38-32) and Thanksgiving Eve against West Haven (31-20). The playoffs started with a massive victory against Kennedy (51-8) but the season ended on a tough note against West Haven in the semi-finals (42-7), leaving the Jesuits with an overall record of 10-2.

The entire 2024 Fairfield Prep football team, which was led so capably by our seniors, can take pride in the fact that they represented our program and school community to the highest standard. Their commitment to excellence — fortified by self-made resilience and mutual respect — are a legacy to be proud of and emulated by future Prep football teams. It will serve as an inspiration to our endeavors and goals in 2025. PREP — P.R.I.D.E. — VICTORY!



Mason Frey being interviewed by Prep Media reporter Karsten Koeppl '26.



By Keith Hellstern, Head Football Coach, Social Studies Teacher

FOOTBALL HONORS

Mason Frey '25: Reverend Eugene C. Brissette, S.J. Award (Defensive Player of the Year); All-SCC; CHSCA All-State "Top 26" Team; CHSCA Academic All-State; 92nd Annual New Haven Register All-State First Team; Walter Camp All-CT First Team; National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete

Finbar Malloy '25: Mark Massiello Memorial (Offensive Player of the Year); All-SCC; CHSCA All-State "Top 26" Team; CHSCA Academic All-State; 92nd Annual New Haven Register All-State Second Team

Robbie Manning '26: Mark Massiello Memorial (Offensive Player of the Year); All-SCC; 92nd Annual New Haven Register All-State Honorable Mention; CHSCA / SCC Offensive Player of the Week vs. North Haven

Ben Conelius '26: James T. McGrath Memorial Special Teams Award; All-SCC; CHSCA All-State "Class LL/L" Team; 92nd Annual New Haven Register All-State Second Team; Walter Camp All-CT Second Team

Noel Curran '26: James T. McGrath Memorial Special Teams Award

Kyler Robinson '25: Richard Magdon Most Improved Player Award; All-SCC

Anthony Dorsi '25: Chris Boyle Memorial Coaches Award; All-SCC

James Burgess '26: Bob Skoronski Lineman Award

Bradley Michaud '25: All-SCC



CREW HAS STRONG FALL SEASON

In the 20th year since Fairfield Prep Crew's inception, the 2024 fall season saw change, progress and success on many fronts. The program's founding coaches John Turner and Cis Fischetti returned to their original roles along with Prep Crew alum **Will Short '18**, who had assisted Coach Feldheim in the past.

Prep fielded its largest contingent in over a decade and performed admirably against rivals across New England. Three new freshmen crews and three varsity crews traveled to Boston, Hartford, Worcester and Philadelphia to row hard for their school through a range of chilly, seasonal conditions.

The roster comprised exactly six eights, and unavoidable absences tested crew's resilience at practice, almost daily. The team overcame every obstacle, illness, or injury to race all Prep boats in scheduled regattas. Seniors **Peter Grace**, **Henry Johnson** and **Peter "PJ" Lynch** set fine examples for their team and Co-Captains, and freshman coxswains **Gray Kenny**, **Julian Gyurkovics**, **Luke Crusio**, and **Ryan Mozelak** boldly accepted profound responsibility for their crew's safety and success.

In their first formal event, Prep's 1st Novice 8+ dug for gold in Boston at the CRI Fall Classic Regatta, grinding out a fourteen-second win over the second place boat after already racing for 21 minutes. A month later, Prep's 1st Varsity 8+ charged along the same course at the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta against stiff national competitors. Prep's 2nd and 3rd Novice and Varsity crews steadily improved throughout the season and built a strong foundation of camaraderie and spirit – ready for spring racing and next year's competition.

CROSS COUNTRY CATCHING SPEED



During the 2024 summer, the Fairfield Prep Cross Country Team reunited to begin their summer practices that would catalyze a successful season. Led by Captains **Daniel Tristine '25** and **Henry King '25** the practices helped build camaraderie and usher in talented freshmen. The fall cross country season got off to a great start at the Neubauer Invite at Sheehan High School where the JV/Freshmen placed 1st/5 teams and Varsity placed 3rd/9. Two weeks later at the Lauralton Hall Classic, the JV/Freshmen won again placing 1st/9 teams, while Varsity captured another 3rd place finish out of 11 teams. At the SCC Championship meet the team proved that they were one of the best teams in the conference. In the Varsity race freshmen **Ben Brindley '28** and **Peter Elles '28** stepped up to compete with predominately upperclassmen and aided the Jesuits to an 8th place finish out of 17 teams. Senior, **Daniel Tristine** finished the race in 17:14 (15th place) and earned All-SCC honors. In the same meet the JV team finished 6th out of 12 teams and the Freshmen team came in 3rd out of 7 teams.

SOCCER REACHES STATE QUARTERFINALS



The Fairfield Prep soccer program turned in another strong season this fall, finishing the regular season with a record of 9-6-1, and advancing to the SCC Quarterfinals and the CIAC Class LL quarterfinals. The Jesuits' regular season was highlighted with victories over SCC rivals: Cheshire, Guilford, Hamden, and CIAC powerhouse Hall High School. The Jesuits dropped a heartbreaker in the SCC quarterfinals, falling 1-0 in double overtime. The soccer team recovered, though, winning the opening round of the CIAC state tournament 2-1 (5-4 in penalty kicks) with junior **Callum Wilson** scoring the winning goal. In the second round of the tournament the Jesuits traveled to Naugatuck to take on the #2 seeded team in the tournament and won a defensive battle 1-0 on a **Sebi Cruz** goal with 18 seconds left in the second overtime period. The victory propelled the Jesuits into the state quarterfinals and was earned by great defensive and goalkeeping all game long. For their efforts, senior **Jack Marcus** and **Sebi Cruz** were named All-SCC first team and **Callum Wilson** was named All-SCC second team. The Jesuits will miss seniors **Marcus, Cruz, Joe Martino, Fionn Hogan, David Bonito, Logan Petreglia, James Couto, Chris Gordillo, Ryan Hicks, Hayden Young** and **Alex Meier** but will bring back a very strong team on contributors this season that will look to continue to push the Prep soccer program forward.

Jesuits 2025 CIAC & SCC Champions



The 2024-2025 Fairfield Prep Swim and Dive season was one for the history books. Coming off back-to-back runner up finishes at the Class L State Championships, our boys were poised to finally take their place on top of the podium.

The dual meet portion of our season started strong. With every meet that passed by we saw new stars emerge, including **Andy Thung '27** - who would go on to represent the Jesuits at the State Open and be named All State. Andy was one of the many fresh faces to wear the FP cap this season. One of the highlights from our dual meet season was an out of state meet with fellow Jesuit powerhouse, Saint Peter's Prep. This meet featured many top 10 all time performances and was highlighted by Senior captain **Owen Tharrington '25** breaking the 100 backstroke school record. As we continued to roll through our season, we would suffer a tough loss to Greenwich High School and finish up with big victories against the best of the SCC in Daniel Hand, Amity, and Wallingford. The Jesuits would finish as SCC dual meet champions for the 3rd season in a row.

With the structure of the SCC Championship meet being that the top 32 places score – our goal was to get as many swimmers/divers to score as possible. While our veteran talent shined through all season – it was our underclassmen that led the way to our fourth consecutive SCC Championship. **Jack Cunningham '27** and **Evan VanVelzor '27** went head-to-head in a blazing fast 200 freestyle, placing first and second, while their fellow sophomore **Gabe Swarowsky '27**, would go on to earn all SCC honors for his critical roles on both the 200 Medley and 200 Freestyle relays. The Jesuits took the sweep at the SCC championship meet; **Owen Tharrington '25** was named SCC Swimmer of the Year, **Evan VanVelzor '27** was named SCC Swimmer of the Meet, and **Head Coach Rob Urban** was named SCC Coach of the Year.

Over the last two years the Class L State Championship meet was a battle between Prep and New Canaan, two blue chip Connecticut programs. In 2023 in an agonizingly close championship, Prep was Runner-Up by a mere 21 points. In 2024 New Canaan widened their gap and would take home the State Championship by 112.

In dominating fashion, Fairfield Prep would go on to win its first Divisional State Championship in 13 years and 4th all time. In this meet the Jesuits would break the Class L Medley relay record, along with the 400 Freestyle relay record. On top of these record-breaking performances, Fairfield Prep would crown State Champions in the 50 and 100 Freestyles (**Jack Cunningham '27**), along with the 100 backstroke (**Owen Tharrington '25**). Additional outstanding performances include Captain **Timmy King '25** finishing second in the 100 butterfly, and moving to number 2 all time in Fairfield Prep history. Not only did Fairfield Prep shine in the pool, but they also excelled on the diving board. Juniors **Gianmarco Barrato '26**, and rookie **Blaise Leopold '26** would both finish in the top 10 and would qualify for the State Open.

The season would conclude with the State Open at Yale where Prep would finish runner up for the 8th time in school history. At the State Open, Fairfield Prep would go on to win the 200 Medley Relay, our first Open win since 2018.

Additional recognitions on the year include sprinter **David Kavasansky '26**, who would go on to represent Fairfield Prep at the State Open and earn All State Honors in Prep's 200 Freestyle Relay. Other scorers at the State Championships include **Ethan Arnett '28, Luke Adams '28, Maks Shemiako '26, Nick Rotondo '25**, and **George Woody '26**. Team captains were: **James Chesbro '25, Timothy King '25, Nicholas Rotondo '25,** and **Owen Tharrington '25**



Owen Tharrington '25 will swim for the University of Notre Dame

SWIMMING AND DIVING HONORS

FINAL TEAM OUTCOMES
Dual Meet record: 12-1
SCC Champions
State Class L Champions
State Open runner up

INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES

Jack Cunningham '27
All SCC 200 Free, 100 Free, 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay, All State 200 Medley Relay, 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, and 400 Freestyle Relay

David Kavasansky '26
(All State 200 Freestyle Relay)

Timothy King '25
All SCC 200 Medley Relay, 200IM, 400 Freestyle Relay, All State 100 Butterfly, 400 Freestyle Relay

Gabriel Swarowsky '27
All SCC 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay, All State 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay

Owen Tharrington'25
All SCC 200 Medley Relay, 200IM, 100 Backstroke, 400 Freestyle Relay, All State 200 Medley Relay, 200IM, 100 Backstroke, and 400 Freestyle Relay

Rohan Thung '26
All SCC 200 Freestyle Relay

Andy Thung '27
All SCC 200 Medley Relay, All State 200 Freestyle Relay

Evan VanVelzor '27
All SCC 200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay, All State 200 Medley Relay, 200IM, 100 Backstroke, 400 Freestyle Relay



Hockey Scores SCC Championship

"Fall down seven times, stand up eight" is a Japanese proverb about resilience. It is a mantra for those who struggle against the odds yet do not give in to adversity. Our team demonstrated Prep's "never say die" mentality and as a result, we are proud of our season's story despite its conclusion.

Our season began as planned with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Ridgefield, with the Bomb Squad rooting us on. The next month would be one of the most trying tests of will I've experienced as a coach: an eight-game losing streak stretching over the course of a month.

The hockey term "puck luck" is used to describe the fortunate bounces a team can get, whether random or lucky. During our four-week winless streak, we had zero puck luck. Goals were hard to come by, calls weren't going our way, and with each loss, our team had a choice: get up or stay down. Fortunately, our eight seniors refused to give up. Their leadership helped the team focus on what truly matters: teamwork and effort.

On Jan. 22, we finally broke through with a pivotal comeback conference win over Notre Dame Prep, and we never looked back. We went 10-4-1 in our final 15 games. Highlights of our growth and maturity were: tying Don Bosco 3-3 at West Point, our 4-3 OT win over Bishop Hendricken at the Pope Francis Invitational, and overcoming the loss of key players to season-ending injuries. We scored three goals with our goalies pulled to take games into overtime this year successfully. The last of those games was in our final game against Notre Dame West-Haven, which pains me to recall because I am proud of how our team competed.

However, I refuse to let our season be defined by how it ended. I choose to remember the moment when we reclaimed the SCC Championship title at Bennett before a rowdy Bomb Squad, the best game we played all season because being a champion is being willing to get back up despite the circumstances. This year's team absolutely did that. Fall down seven times, stand up eight.

Thank you to our captains, **Brooks Reynolds '25** and **Chris Sola '25** for their leadership and time dedicated to making our team the best it could possibly be. Thank you to the rest of the senior class, all of whom are deserving of letters on their sweaters: **Ayden Ayers '25, Gavin Burke '25, Matt De Luca '25, Joey DiGioia '25, Ryan Hicks '25**, and **Declan Murphy '25**. Thank you to our fans, the parents, and our administration for your support. Our work is not done. The Road to 20 begins in December, so see you at Wondy next winter.



By Vin O'Hara '01, Varsity Hockey Coach, English and Social Studies Teacher

HOCKEY HONORS

Gavin Burke '25
2025 CTHSHockey Defenseman of the Year Nominee
2025 GameTimeCT Third Team All-State

Chris Sola '25
2025 CIAC Division 1 All-State Team
2025 SCC All-Conference Team
2025 GameTimeCT First Team All-State

Connor Driscoll '26
2025 CIAC Division 1 All-State
2025 SCC All-Conference Team
2025 GameTimeCT First Team All-State
2025 CHSCA Player of the Week Nominee
2025 CTHSHockey Player of the Year Nominee

Charlie Rodrigue '27
2025 CIAC Division 1 All-State
2025 SCC All-Conference Team
2025 GameTimeCT Second Team All-State



BASKETBALL

The Prep Basketball team had a successful winter season finishing with an overall record of 13-10. The team was led by senior captains **Will Kane '25, Will Kennedy '25, Matt Feeny '25**, and **Ciaran Fitzsimons '25**. The team also received contributions from **Andrew Wong '26, Lukas Kiger '26, Troy Rumboa '26, Ryan Andrews '27, Alex Quan '27, Jack Nolan '27, Reid Stanton '27**, and **Noah Loban '28**. The team had some big regular season wins against Daniel Hand, Foran, Hamden, Norwalk, and Kolbe Cathedral. They also won a game in the SCC Tournament against Xavier. The team peaked at the right time winning 8 of their last 10 games. **Will Kane '25** was honored with the team MVP award.



SKI TEAM WINS STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

"Losing sucks. So we won!" — THE CAPTAINS

The Ski Team had another successful year, finishing 40-7 in the regular season and placing 2nd in Class L behind rival Staples. Coming into the state open, the boys were confident and prepared. They had a chip on their shoulder and something to prove to themselves and the league. So, after some "hyped"pre-race speeches by senior captains **Nick Hahn '25** and **Evan Scheffler '25**, the boys were ready for battle. The energy created by the junior varsity guys at the top of the hill was something not otherwise seen all season; it was electric and intimidating! The team fed off that energy.

At the end of the day, the boys stood alone at the top of the podium. **Evan Scheffler '25** finished 9th, followed by a career best finish by **Brendan Morris '26** (11th). **Nick Hahn '25** (19th), **Charlie Bilek '27** (22nd), **Finn von der Wense '28** (27th), and **Nate Weiss '27** (34th) rounded out the top six. In the words of **Nick Hahn**, "I don't care where I finish, just as long as we win." So, despite having fewer "trained racers" (kids who grew up ski racing) than Weston, Greenwich, and Staples — our closest competition — our group of athletes out-skied every other team in the league. On Feb. 26, the boys from Prep showed up with war paint on and the competition did not! Hail Fairfield!

Junior Varsity Record: 38-1; First Team All-State: **Nick Hahn '25**; Second Team All-State: **Evan Scheffler '25, Brendan Morris '26, Charlie Bilek '27, Finn von der Wense '28**

INDOOR TRACK Sets Records
Advances to New Balance Nationals



The Fairfield Prep Indoor Track season was one for the ages, with many record setting performances. The ultimate highlight of the year began with an early season first place finish in the 4x200 relay at the Yale University high school classic meet. The finish set a new school record with the 3rd fastest time in the state. Along the way there were significant improvements across many events; both in the short and mid-distance sprint area. Our sophomore jumper **Dakota Newton** had great success in the long jump with top jumps in the state for his year. We ran very competitive races in the 55m and the 300m sprints as well with **JD Davis** and **Kyler Robinson** leading the charge.

Our greatest success would end like it began with the 4x200 relay gaining our team a first-place finish at the State Class LL State meet and following that up with a 2nd place finish at the State Open and the New England Regionals. The New England regionals time was good enough to place us as one of the two top CT relay teams and a New Balance Indoor Track national entry. The relay team consisted of **Kyler Robinson '25, Jackson Pinzon '26, Theo Rudolph'26** and **Jeremiah Langston '26**.

Honors: 1st team All CIAC, Kyler Robinson, Jackson Pinzon, Theo Rudolph, Jeremiah Langston. (2nd place New England regionals), (2nd place state open). 2nd team All SCC: Kyler Robinson

WRESTLING



Fairfield Prep's Wrestling team capped off their 2024-25 season with a 9-20 record. The team had only 5 seniors this year and 21 underclassmen, of which 11 were starters, and finished 9th in SCC out of 18 teams. Prep looks forward to a bright 2025-26 season with a great number of returning wrestlers.

An array of top wrestlers stood out at Prep this year. **Christian Borges '25**, the team's 126lb captain, placed 4th in the LL's and 3rd in SCC. He finished with a season record of 32-15, and a career record of 73-61 and 37 pins. Christian's teammates voted him Most Outstanding Wrestler, and he will continue his wrestling career at Kings College.

Another senior captain with an admirable record, **Franco Arduino '25** wrestled in the 150lb group and placed 5th in the Ludlowe Tournament. Franco won the Coaches' Award for Best Wrestler on the mat and in the community, due to his service work, and finished with a season record of 27-16 with 12 pins, and a career record of 57-57 with 28 pins.

Jack Lilly '26 finalizes this year's wrestling captains. A 165lb Jesuit who placed 6th in LLs' (2x placewinner) and 3rd in SCC (2x placewinner), he finished the season with a 27-9 record. Jack also won the Coaches' Award, with a cumulative career record of 81-36 with 50 pins.

Prep is excited to welcome back our top returnees for the 2025-26 season, including **Harrison Siegel '28**, **Will Bucci '28** (Most Improved Wrestler), **Nick Barone '27**, **Colten LaBrecque '27**, **Camino Ressi di Cervia '27** (Most Improved Wrestler), **Tillman Kovac '26**, **John Williams '26**, **Cole Garrett '26**, **Dean Cavallo '26**, and **Ed Bucci '27**.

READY TO PLAY

Prep proudly announces that by their strong character, academic success, and athletic efforts, many Class of 2025 student-athletes have earned the opportunity to compete in sports while achieving their college degrees.



BASEBALL

Evan Scheffler
Colgate University



GOLF

Caden Piselli
University of Maryland



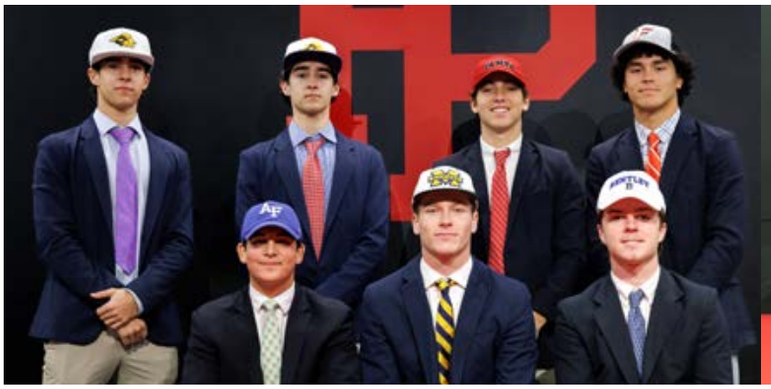
SOCCER

Sebi Cruz
Carleton College



WRESTLING

Christian Borges
Kings College





LACROSSE

L-R: TOP ROW: **Ethan Munsch** - Emerson College
Harrison Munsch - Emerson College
Griffin Rothe - University of Tampa
Alex Meier - Fairfield University

BOTTOM ROW:
Nate Estrella - Air Force Academy
Luke Shannehan - University of Michigan
Matt Barry - Bentley College
FAR RIGHT:
Emmett Crotty - Colgate University



TENNIS

Luke Levant - Boston College
Andy Beckerlegge - Gettysburg College





FOOTBALL

Anthony Dorsi - Denison University
Parker Chapman - Denison University

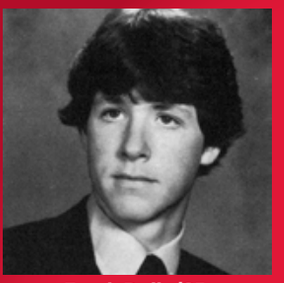
Mason Frey - US Naval Academy
Bradley Michaud - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

David DeLibro - UMASS Dartmouth
Lucas Elliot - Sacred Heart University

Kyler Robinson - Pace University

2025 INDUCTEES

The Fairfield Prep Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2017 to honor those alumni who achieved excellence and distinguished themselves in Fairfield Prep's athletic programs while also living Prep's mission throughout their lives as "Men for Others." Inductees are selected through a nomination process by the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.



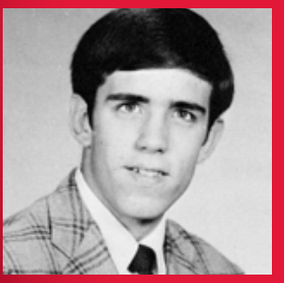
Frank Dully '85



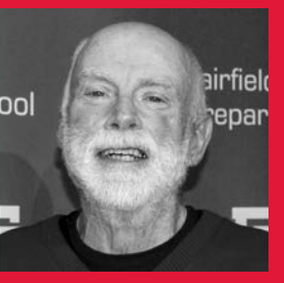
Frank Robotti '57



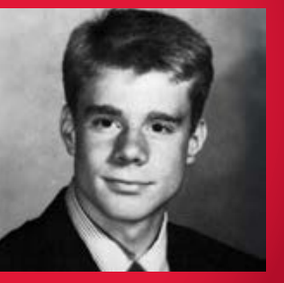
Craig Kinsley '07



Hal Smith '69



Coach Frank Decker



Chris Surran '89

The Athletic Hall of Fame will be held May 29, 2025, 6 p.m., in the Oak Room at the Barone Campus Center, Fairfield University.

Register Today! www.fairfieldprep.org/ahof

FRANK DULLY '85: GOLF

Frank Dully was a four-year golf standout from 1981-1985, with the Jesuits winning Class L state championships in 1983 and 1985. Dully served as team captain in 1985, was a three-time all-MBIAC performer (1983-1985), made the CIAC Division I All-State team and was named to the CSGA Junior Ryder Cup team, also in 1985.

Dully played collegiately at Holy Cross, where he made the All District New England team in 1988 and 1989. He also won the New England Division I NCAA title, the Dartmouth Invitational in 1989, and was captain of the Crusaders his senior season.

Dully turned pro and has been a standout club professional ever since. He won the 2006 New England PGA Championship with a record score of 14-under-par. Dully is also the youngest player to be enshrined in the PGA of America New England Hall of Fame, inducted in 2023 at the age of 56.

Dully and his brothers **Bob** (Class of 1978) and **Bill** (Class of 1981) have served as title sponsors of the Fairfield Prep Alumni Golf Tournament for the past four years.

FRANK ROBOTTI '57: FOOTBALL

The late **Frank Robotti** was an All-District and All-State fullback and co-captain of Fairfield Prep's undefeated football team of 1956 (8-0). He and fellow co-captain Joe Sikorski hold the distinction of being the first Prep players to be named All-State. The Stamford native attended Boston College after graduation, where he played football and baseball. On the gridiron, he was a two-way player at fullback and linebacker. On offense, he gained 688 yards on 181 career carries and added 151 yards on 15 catches

The six-foot, 220-pound Robotti was signed to a professional contract by the AFL's Boston Patriots in 1961 and started seven of 12 games at linebacker in his only pro season, recording a pair of interceptions. He did go to training camp with the New York Titans (forerunner to the Jets) as a running back and linebacker in 1963, lasting six weeks before being cut.

Robotti was tragically killed in an auto accident in 1971 at the age of 32. Following his death, a trophy that bears his name was created and awarded to the Most Valuable Player of the annual Thanksgiving Day game between Fairfield Prep and Stamford High until that series ended after the 1977 season.

The trophy is still awarded today to the MVP of the Turkey Day game between inter-city rivals Stamford and Westhill.

CRAIG KINSLEY '07: TRACK & FIELD

Fairfield native **Craig Kinsley** got a break – literally – that turned his athletic fortunes around. Unable to play baseball for Fairfield Prep because of a fractured hand, he turned to track and field and everything fell into place. He exceeded a fine career with the Jesuits with an even better one for Brown, and then trumped it all with a berth on the 2012 Olympics as a javelin thrower.

At Prep, Kinsley ran hurdles and did the high jump, but later added the javelin after his hand healed. He was named All-State in the decathlon, high jump and javelin throw. Kinsley became a four-time Ivy League champ and a three-time All-American in both the high jump and javelin throw for Brown. He also won the 2010 NCAA title in the javelin.

An injury prevented him from defending his title in 2011, but he wound up qualifying for the Olympics the following summer by excelling at the Olympic trials. He made it to the Qualification round of the Men's Javelin, but although his toss of 78.18 meters was the longest by any American, he did not advance to the next round.

Kinsley was named the head women's track coach at Brown in 2023.

HAL SMITH '69: BASKETBALL

The late **Hal Smith** was a co-captain and formed a lethal one-two punch with All-American and Fairfield Prep Athletic Hall of Famer **Jim Fitzsimmons** on the Jesuits' basketball championship team of 1969 under Hall of Fame coach **Bob Sylvester**. The 6-foot-3, 185-pound Smith was an all-MBIAC and All-State selection that season when he averaged 22 points per game, including a career-high 41 against Law of Milford. He also netted 29 points in Prep's win over Harding, which handed Prep its only loss earlier in the season.

Smith was also a standout on the baseball diamond, manning third base for AHOF coach **Ed Rowe**. He was a co-captain for the Prep nine his senior season when he hit .368 and was an all-MBIAC selection.

Following graduation, Smith played 53 games over three seasons as a reserve guard on the Harvard basketball team as well as four seasons as a slugging outfielder/first baseman on the Crimson baseball squad, which played in the College World Series in both 1971 and 1973. Smith led the team with a .353 average in 1973.

FRANK DECKER: RUGBY

Coach **Frank Decker** was the face of Fairfield Prep's rugby team from the early 1980s until his retirement in 2022, a total of 39 seasons. He helped transition the program from club to varsity status and along the way compiled over 400 victories as well as coaching six Prep All-Americans. Under his leadership, the Jesuits appeared in 11 state championship games, won five New England championships and made two appearances in the National Championship tournament.

Decker was a standout rugby player himself, competing for 10 seasons with the Essex RFC. He was a four-time Met Union All-Star and three-time Eastern Rugby Union All-Star.

He also played for the USA Eagles, a national team which represented the country in international play.

CHRIS SURRAN '89: LACROSSE

One of the finest lacrosse players to play for Fairfield Prep, goalie Chis Surran was a co-captain his senior year, but found even greater success at Syracuse after graduation. In four seasons with the Orange, Surran participated in three Final Fours and two national championship games, winning it all in his final season (1993), when he made 20 saves in a 13-12 victory over top-seeded North Carolina. He was named Final Four MVP that season and ended his collegiate career with 476 saves.

Surran then became a successful head coach, spending three seasons at the Naval Academy Prep School in Rhode Island before moving on to Dallas Jesuit Prep in Texas. Surran will begin his 19th season at the helm and has an impressive career mark of 226-74 with four state championships, three runner-up finishes and 15 appearances in the state playoffs.

Surran owns a successful lacrosse business and is also an attorney in Plano, Texas.

PREP for SUCCESS

Prep for Success is Fairfield Prep's signature career readiness program. Focused on seniors, Prep for Success provides students with exposure to various career options and access to Prep's robust network of alumni, parents, and friends. Offerings include Career Panels, LinkedIn support, and hands-on learning through Workplace Shadow opportunities and Job Treks.



CRAFTING CONTENT ON LINKEDIN

Prep seniors participated in a hands-on LinkedIn workshop in October. Students developed their LinkedIn profiles, began to grow their networks, and were added to our Fairfield Prep Alumni Network group.



A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE FROM YOUNG ALUMNI

As a part of the Prep for Success program, three Prep alumni shared advice with the Class of 2025 in November. **Traug Keller '11**, **Jack O'Connell '14**, and **Connor Byrne '11** shared insight about their collegiate and career journeys to our graduating seniors, and explained how the Prep Brotherhood became an integral part of their lives.



EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO PROFESSIONALS

In late January, members of the Class of 2025 participated in a Prep for Success Career Day. Seniors had the opportunity to hear from a diverse group of alumni, parents, and friends of Prep representing a variety of career types and industries.



A NASDAQ GRAND TOUR IN NYC

Seniors **Logan Petraglia**, **Mason Andrews**, **Liam Coyne**, **Samik Soi**, and **Emmett Tolisano**, accompanied by moderator **Jozef Trembaly** (left), took part in our first Prep for Success Job Trek to NASDAQ's MarketSite office in Times Square! A big thank you to Prep Alumnus **David Valovcin '95** for hosting them!

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PREP *for* **SUCCESS**

Hands-On Career Experience

In March, selected seniors participated in various job shadow experiences and career treks with host companies in the New York metro area. Some students experienced a day in the life of a large company in NYC, while others spent time with smaller companies closer to home. The experiences ranged from engineering, sports management, and medicine to law, real estate, education, financial services, and many more!



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Help us make Prep for Success great for our next class of seniors! If you are interested in hosting students or being part of a career panel, please reach out to **Jennifer Royal P'23**, Assistant Director of Family and Student Engagement at: **jroyal@fairfieldprep.org**














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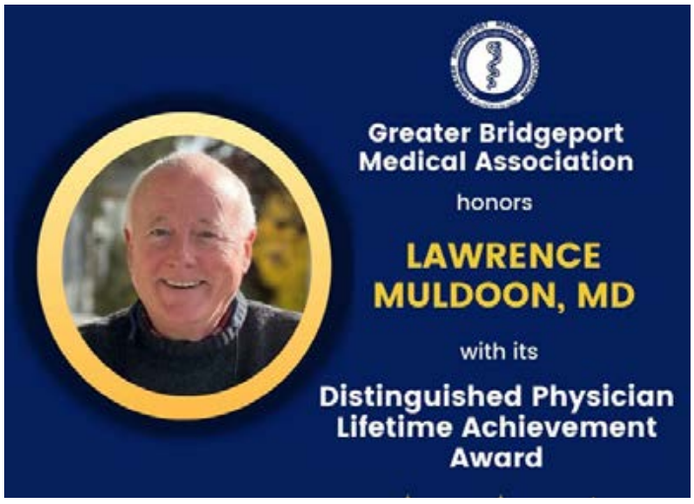
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JOE BEDNAR '20 COMMISSIONED IN MARINE CORPS

Prep alumni are continuing their service as Men for Others! **Joseph Bednar '20** was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps this year, and is headed to Quantico, VA, to begin his training at The Basic School, where he will learn the fundamentals of leadership, tactics, and warfighting as a Marine Corps officer. Joe graduated from Boston College in 2024, and is excited to dedicate himself in service to the Marines. Shown from left: **Sally Bednar** (former FP Board of Governors Chair), Lulu Bednar, **Teddy Bednar '22**, **Joe Bednar '20**, and Dave Bednar.



DR. MULDOON '75 HONORED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Greater Bridgeport Medical Association honored **Lawrence Muldoon, MD '75**, retired urologist from Northeast Medical Group - Bridgeport Hospital. He is one of Connecticut Magazine's Top Doctors. Prior to that, he was a "Physician of the Year" at St. Vincent's Health Services, Bridgeport CT. Dr. Muldoon was presented with its Distinguished Physician Lifetime Achievement Award at an Irish Breakfast at The Castle, Black Rock on St. Patrick's Day.

Jolly Good Fellows

LIAM WOODS '19 AWARDED FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP



Liam Woods '19 was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship and is residing in Greece to continue his teaching career in a cross-cultural exchange. Liam graduated from Villanova in 2023 with a Bachelor's in Political Science and Philosophy; he demonstrated excellence through his academic prestige and research experience. As an undergraduate, Liam worked as a substitute teacher in his home school district. Almost immediately after graduating, he taught a year of middle school science for an inner-city Catholic school in Bridgeport. The scholar comes from an extended family with a very strong history of careers in education, and is thrilled to take the family business international. Apart from his teaching experience, Liam was an active member of Model United Nations and joined Villanova's Club Curling team, where the school placed 5th at Nationals two years in a row.

WILL GUALTIERE '21 SELECTED AS O'HARE FELLOW WITH AMERICA MEDIA



William Gualtiere '21 is one of three recipients of the 2025-26 Joseph A. O'Hare, S.J., Postgraduate Media Fellowship at America Media. The O'Hare Fellowship, named in honor and memory of **Joseph O'Hare S.J.**, provides three recent college graduates the chance to develop their literary skills and professional relationships while living and working in the capital of global communications, New York City.

William is graduating from Fordham University this year, where he studied film and television and consistently engaged in Jesuit and academic activities. He was an intern and leader for the school's retreat team, studied and observed the recent Synod on Synodality in Rome, and worked as a development intern for Broadway Video.

As an O'Hare fellow, William will spend 11 months as a writer for Catholic media, working with American Media and their numerous platforms. Apart from regularly participating in editorial meetings and generating professional content, William will enjoy a rich personal and professional experience through ongoing mentoring.

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VIETNAM VET IN HALL OF FAME

Fairfield Prep alumnus **William O'Brien '64** of Stratford was inducted into Connecticut's Veterans Hall of Fame this January. William enlisted in the Marine Corps after his graduation from Fairfield Prep and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. "I think it's in my DNA," he said about his military service.

In an interview with Connecticut Post, William recalled one of his most memorable Marine experiences, when his base faced a hit from 21 rockets in 1968 as part of the Tet Offensive. "I've never been able to describe the sound as you heard them go overhead," William said.

At 78 years old, William has volunteered at Stratford's Sterling House for over 30 years and is still currently involved at the community center. He is a founding member of the Stratford Veterans Museum, acts on the town's Board of Education, and is a former member of the Town Council.

After finishing his service as a sergeant, William earned a bachelor's degree in business and public administration from the University of New Haven. Currently, he serves on Stratford's Parks and Recreation Committee.

Source: Hearst media





CLASS OF '72 KEEPS PREP TIES STRONG!

Prep's Class of 1972 is staying active! In October, a group of '72 alumni met for a golf outing in Bridgeport, enjoying the outdoors and remembering the good times (photo left). In January, thirteen members of the Class of '72 gathered again for an informal dinner, organized by **Jim Geanuracos**, on Jan. 22 at Gusto's in Milford. A highlight was **John Cal** visiting from Miami! (photo right). Front row L–R: **Dave Maxham, Al Stanczyk, Jim Geanuracos, Frank Rizzardi, Tom (Hank) Savard. Back row L–R: Mike Loh, John Cal, George Szondy, Mike Tarczali, Lou Pintek, Ray Guido, Ed Roche, Steve Doyle**.



FAMILIAR FACES AT TURKEY TROT

The Pequot Runners Thanksgiving Day Race is an annual event for many Fairfield Prep Alumni and family members. Join us next year, contact **Vin Framularo'99** at vincentframularo@gmail.com.



ALUMNI SWIMMERS GET THEIR KICKS

After a three-year hiatus, the Prep Alumni Swimming & Diving meet returned in December. It was a fun day getting back into the RecPlex pool and reconnecting at the post-meet gathering at Fire Engine Pizza. Interested in joining us next year? Contact **Rick Hutchinson'87** at rhutchinson@fairfieldprep.org

Milestones

Evanko Wedding



Don Evanko III '09 married Caroline Valentino (center) on October 18, 2024. The ceremony and reception were held at Harbour Town Golf Links, Sea Pines Resort in Hilton Head Island, SC. Prep alumni in attendance included **Emmett Croker '09, Frank Aquino '09, Ross Riskin '09, Conor Lynch '09, Michael Autore '08, John Griffin '09, Kevin Dougherty '09, Andrew C. McMahon '09, Tobin Sotil '09, Matthew Gaughan '09, Alexander DiMauro '09, Michael Ward '09, Tate Langerman '09.**



Riley Wedding

On September 28, 2024, **Peter Riley '13** was married to Rachel Sang, in Stowe, Vermont, surrounded by friends and family. In attendance were many members of the class of 2013, including (pictured): **Tim Peterson, Mitch D'Eramo, Chris Golger, Greg Gentile, David Gerics, Tommy Capalbo, Matt Montani, Matt Festa, Dylan Duffy, Danny Featherston, and James Marusi.**

Vanderslice Wedding



Paul Vanderslice '09 married Lauren Vaca on February 8, 2025, at the Church of St Ignatius of Loyola in Manhattan. Front row from left, **Gordon Sommer '09**, **Paul Vanderslice '09**, Lauren, **Paul Vanderslice '76**, **Tom Vanderslice Jr. '75**. Back row, **Peter Vanderslice '82** and **John Vanderslice '79**.



Leary Wedding

Sean Leary '17 married Alexandra McGill on November 16, 2024. Prep Alumni present at the celebration were **Colin Spadinger '17**, best man **Ricky Pabón '17**, and groomsman **Bernston Valenzuela '17**.

BIRTH



Andrew Ford '05 and his wife Alexandra welcomed their first child, a boy, August Francis Ford on January 28, 2025. **Bob Ford Jr., P'03,'05** (Prep Science Department) and his wife Peggy are the proud grandparents.



FACULTY/STAFF

HONORING DEDICATION TO PREP

President Christian Cashman recognized six faculty and staff members for their dedicated years of service in front of the entire Prep community during the Thanksgiving Prayer Service at the RecPlex. The honorees are shown from left: VP of Enrollment Management **Kevin Altieri '00,P'28** (20 yrs.); School Counselor **Lynne Chesbro,P'25** (20 yrs.); English & Theatre Teacher **Megan Hoover** (20 yrs.); College Counselor **Rick Hutchinson '87, P'22** (20 yrs.); Social Studies Teacher **Rudy Mauritz '94** (20 yrs.); and Asst. to the President **Margaret Rosario** (25 yrs.).

IN MEMORIAM

Marie Perry on April 11, 2025. She was the mother of **Fr. Ron Perry S.J.** (Prep Chaplin).

BIRTH



Michelle Smith, P'19 (Prep Theology Department) and her husband James became grandparents! Their daughter Molly and son-in-law Mitchell are the proud new parents of Giulia Nami Tokuoka born on February 20, 2025.



Athletics Hospitality

Alumni, family, and friends watched a home football game from the hospitality suite at Rafferty Stadium this fall. They cheered on the Jesuits, while reconnecting and socializing with others. Shown above, from left: **Jack Howard'19**, **JB Brown'19**, **Matt Howard, P'19, 21,'22**, and **Jack O'Connell'51**. Shown below, from left: **Jana Shea, P'08'11** and **Rich and Ginny Wong P'21,'23,'26** (Board of Governors)



STEVE THURSTON '05 SHARES BRAND-BUILDING EXPERTISE WITH FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS

Steve Thurston '05 visited Mr. Sather's Principles of Business & Entrepreneurship class to share his experience launching and growing his drink company, Viva Seltzer. Thurston discussed the challenges of building a brand, the importance of strategic marketing, and offered practical advice that connects directly to what Prep students are learning in class. Pictured with Steve are **Matt Sather '93** and **Rudy Mauritz '94**.



In Memoriam



... his exposures of organized crime and public corruption in Connecticut won him numerous journalism awards, including the 1978 Pulitzer Prize at only 29-years-old.

REMEMBERING

Anthony R. Dolan '66



Anthony R. Dolan '66, the Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist-turned-chief-speechwriter to President Ronald Reagan, died on March 11, 2025, at Inova Alexandria Hospital in Virginia at age 76.

Dolan was born in Norwalk, Conn., in 1948. Perhaps his most memorable accomplishment was coining the "evil empire" phrase used by President Reagan to describe the Soviet Union in 1983. But, Dolan's achievements span much further. The journalist graduated from Fairfield Prep as class president in 1966, then attended Yale University as a philosophy and history double-major.

Despite the majors listed on his college diploma, politics and journalism underscored Dolan's career. Specifically, his exposures of organized crime and public corruption in Connecticut won him numerous journalism awards, including the 1978 Pulitzer Prize at only 29-years-old. Dolan worked as an investigative reporter for the *Stamford Advocate* before traveling into presidential campaigns.

William Casey hired 32-year-old Dolan as a speechwriter for Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign. In June 1982, Dolan presented on organized crime to senior staff at the Department of Justice and played a major role in establishing the President's Commission on Organized Crime and developing the administration's successful strategy for taking down the mob.

Dolan was a devout Roman Catholic and a fierce anti-communist. Many of the speeches that Dolan crafted for Reagan exposed the malevolence of communism and predicted the coming triumph of freedom and democracy. These included the May 8, 1983, "Evil Empire" speech before the National Association of Evangelicals.

With Dolan's words, Reagan urged his audience to



Tony Dolan was the Chief Speech Writer for Pres. Ronald Reagan

"beware the temptation of pride, the temptation of blithely declaring yourselves above it all," which, he warned, would be "to ignore the facts of history and the aggressive impulses of an evil empire."

David Gergen, Reagan's communications director, praised Dolan's directness: "I hate to admit it, but it's true: History has shown that Tony Dolan was right and I was wrong. That phrase...allowed Reagan to speak truth to totalitarianism."

Reagan's famous quote, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall," was also written by Dolan.

Dolan was the only member of Reagan's senior staff to serve all eight years at the White House. He contributed to nine total presidential campaigns, including those for Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Newt Gingrich and Fred Thompson. Dolan served as a specialist 4 in the U.S. Army and was the recipient of the Department of Defense's Medal for Public Service.

In Memoriam

Joseph L. Alberti Sr. '54 on April 1, 2024.

Marie Ambrose on December 30, 2024. She was the mother of **Stephen F. Ambrose '72** and **James R. Ambrose '73.**

Paul G. Ambrose '50 on July 11, 2024. He was the father of **Timothy P. Ambrose '86**.

Joan Antisdale on November 18, 2024. She was the mother of **Connor M. Antisdale '06, Ryan L. Antisdale '08** and **Evan C. Antisdale '12**, **Rev. Robert J. Braunreuther SJ '52** on January 6, 2025.

Anthony Buzzi on January 13, 2025. He was the father of **Leonardo A. Buzzi '28**.

Barbara Camarro on March 9, 2025. She was the wife of **Thomas C. Camarro '86**, the sister-in-law of **Daniel J. Camarro '89**, and the daughter in law of **Kenneth D. Camarro '58**.

William F. Carey '58 on November 5, 2024.

Leo P. Carroll '62 on December 13, 2024. He was the brother of **Philip R. Carroll '52**, the late **Walter J. Carroll '55**, **Roger C. Carroll '59**, the father-in-law of **Patrick W. Donaher '86**, the cousin of **Lawrence F. Carroll '63** and the uncle of **Roger C. Carroll '89**.

Jeffrey M. Coe '81 on December 6, 2024.

John W. Collins '53 on December 8, 2024.

Kevin P. Collins on January 18, 2025. He was the father of **Brendan A. Collins '12**.

Marita Mulligan Conron on January 25, 2025. She was the mother of **William T. Conron '93**.

James G. Considine on November 6, 2024. He was the grandfather of **Kevin T. Considine '06** and **Matthew J. Considine '11**.

Bruce R. Croffy '66 on December 22, 2024.

Michael E. DelGais Jr. '89 on March 17, 2025.

Maria de Lurdes DeJesus on February 15, 2025. She was the grandmother of **Phillip J. DeJesus '18, Joseph A. DeJesus '20**, and **Nicolas F. DeJesus '23**.

Julius P. DeNitto '49 on March 4, 2025.

Anthony Dolan '66 on March 10, 2025. Pulitzer prize-winning journalist and speechwriter for Ronald Reagan passes away. See article on pg. 58.

John H. Donovan III on October 19, 2024. He was the father of **Ryan P. Donovan '92**, **John H. Donovan '93**, **Matthew D. Donovan '96**, and **Michael D. Donovan '96**. He was the grandfather of **Charles R. Donovan '28**.

Dorothy Doyle on February 27, 2025. She was the wife of the late **Robert W. Doyle '48** and the mother of **Jonathan R. Doyle '86**.

William B. Dragan on January 11, 2025. He was the father of **William P. Dragan '84**.

Paul C. Dunn '53 on April 15, 2025.

Charles K. Enderle '51 on February 24, 2025.

Stephen R. Fedak '58 on February 4, 2025.

Kenneth F. Feslmann Jr. '54 on March 4, 2025.

David S. Ford on August 20, 2024. He was the son of the late **John C. Ford '46.**

Cody Fortuna on March 21, 2025. He was the son of **Robert J. Fortuna '75.**

Joseph E. Fraccascia '56 on August 5, 2024. He was the father of **Joseph L. Fraccascia '89.**

Joan Franchini on February 12, 2025. She was the mother of **Robert A. Franchini '92** and the grandmother of **Robert Franchini '27**.

Charles A. Gorman Jr. '58 on November 8, 2024.

Joseph T. Gormley Jr. '50 on November 29, 2024.

Dorothy A. Guman on January 13, 2025. She was the wife of the late **John D. Guman Jr. '50**, mother of **John D. Guman III '84** and **Mark D. Guman '86.**

Donald Incerto '49 on February 25, 2025. He was the brother of the late **Anthony Incerto '51**.

James M. Keane '56 on March 25, 2025.

Dorothy Keefe on February 13, 2025. She was the mother of **Brendan J. Keefe '03** and **William Keefe '06**.

Edward T Krolikowski III '74 on November 18, 2024. He was the son of the late **Edward T. Krolikowski Jr. '46**.

Rudolph S. Kuraska '50 on February 4, 2025. He was the brother of the late **Robert J. Kuraska '56**.

Imre Joszef Lantos on November 23, 2024. He was the father of **Rodney J. Lantos '98.**

William J. Lavery Sr. '55 on November 14, 2024. He was the brother of **Hugh J. Lavery '58;** the father of **William J. Lavery Jr. '90, Michael E. Lavery '91,** and **Christopher J. Lavery '93;** the uncle of **Hugh J. Lavery '95;** and the cousin of **Edward M. Tristine '88.**

John A. Lucas '56 on February 10, 2025. He was the father of **John C. Lucas '87**, the grandfather of **John W. Lucas '18**, and the brother-in-law of the late **Francis J. Carbone '58**.

James E. Masiello Jr. on January 21, 2025. He was the brother of the late **Mark Masiello '83**.

Sean M. Meehan '59 on January 9, 2025. Sean began his teaching career in 1963 at Fairfield College Preparatory School where he taught history, French and served as an Assistant Dean of Men.

Frederick J. Menosky '58 on March 6, 2025.

Gary Mihalek '69 on January 9, 2025.

Michael F. Money '78 on January 1, 2025. He was son of the late Ralph J. Money, Jr., longtime teacher at Prep, the brother of **Ralph P. Money '77** and **James J. Money '79** and the uncle of **Matthew L. Leonard '10** and **Jefferson C. Atkins '11.**

Kathleen Nagle on January 24, 2025. She was the mother of **Flynn M. Coffey '19, Griffin M. Coffey '21,** and **Riley M. Coffey '23.**

Charles Nolte on December 31, 2024. He was the father of **James M. Nolte '05**.

Thomas F. (Nipper) O'Donnell '72 on February 17, 2025. He was the brother of **John P. O'Donnell '71**, the father of **Thomas P. O'Donnell '99** and **John D. O'Donnell '03**. The brother-in-law of **David P. Lyons '69** and **Robert G. Lyons '73**; and the uncle of **Patrick S. O'Donnell '05** and **John T. Lyons '18**.

Ralph G. Olsen II '57 on October 24, 2024.

William E. Patuzzi '48 on October 29, 2024.

Michael Provost '82 on April 15, 2025. He was the uncle of **Alexander C. Provost '08** and **Trevor B. Provost '12**.

Mathew A. Pugliese '57 on March 12, 2025. He was the father of **Jeffrey M. Pugliese '84**.

Edmund J. Ramos on December 29, 2025. He was the father of **Matthew J. Ramos '01**.

Thomas J. Redgate '62 on December 15, 2024. He was the brother of the late **John H. Redgate '54** and the late **William T. Redgate '59** and the brother-in-law of **Charles G. Hemenway '61**.

Roger N. Rizzardi '62 on December 29, 2024. He was the brother of **David J. Rizzardi '64**.

Matthew D. Rossi '80 on February 23, 2025.

R. Thomas Rotondo III '83 on January 24, 2025. He was the brother of **James P. Rotondo '80, Christopher J. Rotondo '86,** and **Robert E. Rotondo '88**. He was the cousin of **Daniel J. Bridge Jr '85** and **Michael J. Marella '96**; and the uncle of **Jackson R. Rotondo '15, Christopher J. Rotondo '17, Bobby E. Rotondo '22, Nicholas R. Rotondo '25**, and **Cooper A. Rotondo '26**.

George F. Russell '86 on December 15, 2024. He was the son of the late **Harris E. Russell '52**, the brother of **H.E. Russell '79**, **Peter S. Russell '82**, and **Timothy G. Russell '83.** He was the nephew of the late **William P. Russell '56** and **John S. Santa '60**; and the uncle of **Samuel W. Cargill '21**.

Anthony R. Salvato '55 on January 22, 2025.

Richard J. Sanislo '50 on January 18, 2025. He was the brother of the late **Robert J. Sanislo '54**.

Donald F. Santa Sr. on December 28, 2024. He was the brother of **John S. Santa '60**, the father of **Donald F. Santa Jr. '76**, and **James E. Santa '83**. He was the uncle of **S. Tracy Santa '72**, **Thomas S. Santa '73**, and **Devin J. Santa '90**, and friend and relative to many Prep alumi.

Janet Santa on March 17, 2025.She was the mother of **Thomas S. Santa '73** and **Michael S. Hillgen-Santa '86**, the sister-in-law of **John S. Santa '60**, and relative to many Prep alumi.

Mary Ann Skinski on September 7, 2024. She was the wife of **Edmond J. Skinski '54**.

Barbara Sposato on November 4, 2024. She was the mother of **Christopher D. Sposato '77**, **Timothy S. Sposato '80**, and **Michael G. Sposato '82**.

Tom Tolisano on September 15, 2024. He was the grandfather of **Emmett T. Tolisano '25** and **Kyle S. Tolisano '28**.

Harry W. Voccola '58 on October 7, 2024.

Gladys Weimer on March 29, 2025. She was the mother of **Alexander M. Weimer '93**.

Kaye Williams on November 16, 2024. He was the father of **Bruce R. Williams '67** and the grandfather of **Colin B. Williams '04**.

Donald F. Wilson Sr. on January 13, 2025. He was the father of **Donald F. Wilson Jr. '86**.

Prep is Family

MOMS PREP THE HALLS

"Prep the Halls," this year's Sip 'n' Shop event, was a success. Prep mothers, alumni mothers, and friends gathered for a festive celebration complete with drinks, charcuterie and unique vendors selling fashion, jewelry, and home accessories. Fairfield University's Bensonians and Sweet Harmony made a musical appearance to sing classic Christmas songs.







DADS AND SONS ENJOY MASS AND BREAKFAST TOGETHER

Prep fathers and sons gathered on Feb. 2 in the Egan Chapel for family mass, followed by breakfast in the Student Life Center. Families feasted on a delicious brunch while listening to thoughtful words and advice from **Frank Barron '69**.



LUNCH IS READY!

The Bellarmine Parents' Organization generously hosted multiple hospitality lunches to express gratitude for the faculty and staff. Men and Women for Others!



LAURALTON AND PREP AT NOURISH BRIDGEPORT

Prep students and parents were joined by Lauralton Hall students to wrap and deliver gifts at the annual Christmas Party at Nourish Bridgeport. Thanks to the generosity of Prep families, those receiving services from Nourish Bridgeport were treated to a festive party with pizza, desserts, games, and a whole night of fun. Dozens of gifts were collected, wrapped and delivered by Santa and Mrs. Claus!







TREE BLESSING, CHRISTMAS MUSIC, AND REMEMBERING RYAN

This December, a new Fairfield Prep Christmas Tree was planted in loving memory of Prep alumnus **Ryan Charles Brennan '11**. Ryan's family generously donated the tree for Prep's Pelletier Quad. Also, family and friends of Prep celebrated Christmas with Advent Carols and the Tree Blessing & Lighting Ceremony.



CLASS OF 2028 PARENT SOCIAL

Class of 2028 parents joined together in January for a Parent Social at Elicit Brewing Company, forming relationships and enjoying each other's company as part of the freshman parent experience!



PREP AT ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Prep's Irish Cultural Club marched and the talented Jazzuits entertained from a float at the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade in Black Rock on March 14. Prep students showed their Irish pride to the thousands of fans.

Summer Camp at Prep

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Esports Camp
July 14-18

Rocket League Drills, Teamwork, and Competitions

For Boys & Girls Entering 6th, 7th and 8th Grades



Innovation Camp
July 7-11

Immersive, Engineering Design Experiences

For Boys & Girls Entering 6th, 7th and 8th Grades



Rugby Camp
July 7-11

Rugby Fundamentals and Instruction

For Boys Entering 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grades



Football Camp
July 21-25

Football Fundamentals and Instruction

For Boys Entering 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grades

Showing Off Our Grandparents



GRANDPARENT LEGACY
Jerry Sabol '61, P'91,'97, Tim Sabol '28
Graham Mitchell '28, Bill Cotter '63



GRANDPARENTS DAY BREAKFAST & MASS

On Oct 11, Prep welcomed the grandparents of our freshmen and transfer students for our Annual Grandparents Day Breakfast and Mass. Prep hosted more than 300 students and grandparents for a wonderful and memorable morning.







LIVE FROM FAIRFIELD — IT'S THE PREP MEDIA CLUB!

The Fairfield Prep Media & Broadcasting Club had a busy fall and winter, covering home games for football, soccer, basketball, and hockey. Students ran full productions with multiple cameras, replays, live commentary, on-field reporting, and ad spots, gaining hands-on experience similar to a Division I college broadcast program. Students also utilize the McLeod Virtual Broadcast Studio to livestream school announcements, showcasing their skills to the school community.





WINTER – GO PREP! – RALLY

Prep's annual Winter Pep Rally celebrated our spring sports teams with an afternoon full of energy, competition, and school spirit. Coach O'Hara started the event with a thoughtful speech and shoutout to our state champion golf and lacrosse teams. Halftime kept the hype going with a slapshot contest and a performance from the Prep Rock Band. For the main event, faculty and staff showcased their skills on the court, taking on the basketball team in a showdown at Mahoney Arena.



LOYOLA CIRCLE

Memorializing An Unforgettable Friend

For the past three years, **Chris Popadic '93** has honored the memory of his best friend and Prep brother—the late **Rev. Joseph R. Palmisano S.J. '93**—by establishing an annual scholarship in his friend's name. This has been a meaningful way to enable a current student to enjoy the benefits of the Prep experience that he and his friend once shared.

Chris hopes to perpetuate the scholarship in Fr. Palmisano's name by endowing it in the future and encourages others who knew and loved "Joey" to help make that endowed scholarship a reality.

The Right Thing to Do

Back in 2023, Chris was approaching his Prep class's 30th reunion. A successful human resources executive and a firm believer in the value of a Jesuit education, Chris was already a leadership donor to Prep. However, he wanted to do something extra special for the occasion to honor Joey, who had succumbed to a brain tumor in 2015 and would be deeply missed at the event.

Chris considered his options. Donating a memorial bench was out—family and friends had already done that at Boston College where the two had both attended undergrad. Joey would have teased him for not coming up with something different. But a scholarship in Joey's name—*that's* what he would have wanted.

"I believe people recognize that Joey valued education. He held multiple master's degrees as well as a PhD. On top of that, he published a book. With his connection to Prep and people's connection to him, I'm satisfied that a scholarship was the right thing to do," explains Chris, noting that Joey not only had connections to Prep as a student, but also spent a year teaching at Prep himself.

The Seeds of Friendship

Chris and Joey first met in elementary school, but it was their four years at Prep that solidified their lifelong friendship, which continued through their years at Boston College and stretched across oceans. During their Prep years, they participated in many of the same activities, including theater tech, key club, honor society, and ultimate frisbee (at which neither was very good).



Christopher Popadic



Joseph R. Palmisano



"My time at Prep taught me the value of an education, set me up for success in my career, and instilled the values and work ethic I have today. I think anybody should have an opportunity to get a Jesuit education. Funding a Prep scholarship is investing in a kid's future."

— Chris Popadic '93 with the late Rev. Joseph R. Palmisano S.J., '93

Chris visited Joey regularly as his vocation took him to Ireland and Jamaica.

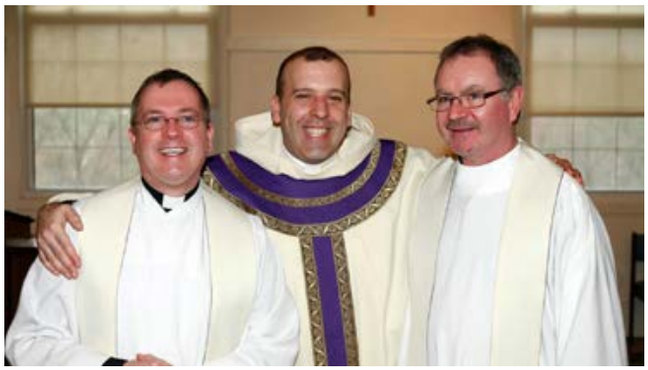
Known for his friendly manner, infectious laugh, and sense of humor, Joey was the beloved son of Joe and Dolores Palmisano and the older brother of John Paul '97 Palmisano. Joey was loved by many, and after his passing, there were numerous notes online from people whose lives he had touched—sometimes only through a single retreat or experience. To this day, he still comes up in Chris's conversations with mutual friends and family several times a week, often for humorous reasons.

"He took his faith seriously," recalls Chris, "But he never took himself too seriously."

A Helping Hand

In his own career, Chris entered the field of human resources through a summer internship with GTE, calling vendors to check if they were Y2K compliant as concerns about system failures swirled ahead of the year 2000.

After Chris graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, several HR positions ultimately led him to a 15-year stint at IGT, where he became Vice President of Total Rewards & HR Operations. He currently serves as Vice President and Global Head of Human Resources for Cerence AI, which delivers AI solutions to the automotive industry, a position that also aligns with his passion for cars. Chris notes that his professional success has enabled him to assist others, such as current Prep students.



Joe Palmisano, S.J., a member of the New England Province, studied in Ireland for many years, and he spent time in Belfast as part of his PhD at the Irish School of Ecumenics. He is very fondly remembered by Irish Jesuits, friends and colleagues.

Source: The Jesuits in Ireland website



This is a photo of Joe's Final Vows in 2012, at Campion Center, taken after he had completed various treatments, but when he was still relatively able-bodied. It's a wonderful photo, particularly since it shows him (on the right, in the white chasuble) sharing a laugh with then-Provincial Myles Sheehan, S.J., (on the left). Joe (or Joey, to many of his friends) had a fantastic sense of humor, a ready smile and a great laugh. He was a source of delight to all who knew him; and it was clear to anyone who knew him that his joy flowed from his deep faith.

Source: Fr. James Martin, S.J.'s facebook post

Read Fr. Palmisano's Commencement Address to the Class of 2008.



Excerpt from the Commencement Address to the Class of 2008 by Fr. Palmisano

My hope for you is that in the energy of your youth, you will become fully aware professionals and experts. But I also hope you will always remain, in some way, amateurs ... an amateur from the French or amator from the Latin means a lover, one who falls in love and stays in love with something... Please, fall in love and stay in love with this wonderful world, and always remember we're all amateurs at being fully human and humane to one another. Sure, we will make mistakes along the way and always be starting again. But I am confident, very confident, my brothers, that you will become even more sensitive to the beauty and fragility of our world through your tending to the brokenness in the lives of others through healing and raising them up.

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Fairfield, Connecticut

For a holiday treat, Fairfield Prep and Lauralton Hall partnered for a special Jesuits on Tap event in Fairfield at Elicit Brewing Co. during the Christmas season. More than 100 alumni from both institutions spent the evening socializing and reminiscing about the special bond between our schools. A group of FP-LH couples gathered for a photo, too (above)!







Naples, Florida

In February, Pres. Cashman and **Rev. Ron Perry, S.J.**, hosted alumni, parents, and grandparents for a cocktail reception at the Club Pelican Bay. Guests spanning decades appreciated the opportunity to reconnect and learn about the exciting developments at Prep.



Prep On the Road Again



New York City

Pres. Christian Cashman met up with **Grant Stone'16 a**nd **Kevin Wilemski'16**, roommates in NYC, where they had a chance to reconnect and reminisce. Grant is employed with Evertrue and Kevin with Barstool Sports.



Fordham University

Rev. Brendan Coffey, S.J., English and Theology teacher, gathered with a group of Prep Alumni currently at Fordham University in the Bronx. It was a great opportunity for Fr. Coffey to reconnect with some of his previous students whom he taught at Prep as a Jesuit Regent in formation.



Jupiter, Florida

Pres. Cashman hosted a dinner in Jupiter, FL with alumni and benefactors this spring. From left: Christian Cashman, President, P'15,'23; Peggy Berke, **Chuck Berke'70**; Kathy Harris, Bob Harris, Ret. Athletic Director; **Dick Lynch'69**, Terri Lynch; **Wally Halas'69**; **Peter Altieri '73**, Sandra Altieri; and **Lynne Vanderslice, P'09**, Past Governor.



South Florida

Pres. Cashman and Major Gift Officer **Mike Connelly '83** enjoyed a visit with **Greg Barron'71** and **Bill Barron '75** in South Florida.



THANKSGIVING MINI REUNION FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

Will Lucas hosted Prep brothers from the Class of 2018 for a get together over the Thanksgiving holiday.

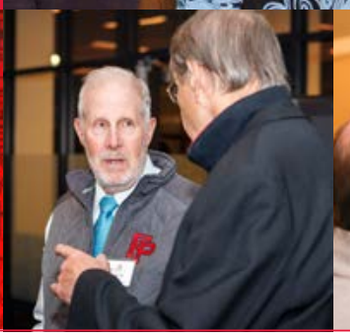
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GO FORTH KICK-OFF

Prep hosted a special reception to kick off the Go Forth Campaign with Leadership donors and special benefactors and friends on Nov. 14, 2024, at the Barone Campus Center at Fairfield University.















Best Giving Day Ever!

Giving Day 2025 was Fairfield Prep's most successful yet, raising **more than $428,000** from **1,133 donors**: the largest total and highest participation in the event's 8-year history!

Campus was buzzing with class activities, from Prep Trivia to service projects, a guest speaker, and alumni networking. The **Class of 1986** led alumni participation, while **Class of 2028** families topped current families.

Thank you to the Prep community for your incredible support and impact!









Party with Prep!

★ **50th Reunion Class of 1975**
Thurs., May 22, 2025
Fri., May 23, 2025

★ **Athletic Hall of Fame**
Thurs., May 29, 2025

★ **Alumni Weekend**
Reunions 5's and 0's
Fri., May 30, 2025
Sat., May 31, 2025



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ONCE A BROTHER, ALWAYS A BROTHER Prep alumni from all decades attended the Annual Latin Scholars Christmas Luncheon at the Gaelic American Club in Fairfield on Dec. 12. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect and network with old and new friends alike. **Mason Frey '25**, committed to the U.S. Naval Academy to play football, spoke about his Prep experience and the lasting bonds of brotherhood. **Nick Perna '60** was named Man of the Year for his tremendous career and service through philanthropy, mentoring, and volunteerism.

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