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Fordham Prep's athletic program is built on a foundation of integrity. As a Catholic Jesuit school, we believe that true sportsmanship begins with honesty, fairness, and respect. Our Rams are expected to embody these values, consistently demonstrating ethical behavior in competition and in their personal lives. This commitment to integrity reinforces our belief that the true measure of success is not just in winning but in the character and honor displayed on and off the field. It is also why offering a robust experience to student-athletes is integral to our mission.

The Fordham Prep athletic program strives to create a supportive and positive atmosphere where every student-athlete feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential. Our coaches, staff, and community work together to cultivate a sense of belonging and pride in our program. Through our rich traditions and spirited engagement, we aim to build a culture that drives athletic achievement, and promotes lifelong friendships and a deep sense of community. It is no surprise that so many prospective families first experience the Prep community through athletics. The experience of being a student-athlete here is that special.

Our student-athletes are diligent in their studies, dedicated in their athletic endeavors, and engaged in their communities. This holistic commitment ensures that our graduates are not only accomplished athletes but also responsible, compassionate, and capable leaders.

It is also the reason that so many colleges at all NCAA levels recruit Fordham Prep student-athletes. Our recent success in college placement for student-athletes speaks volumes about the demand for our Rams.

As you read more about the present and exciting future of the Athletic Department in this edition of *Ramview*, know that our commitment to this work comes directly from our Ignatian identity. Fordham Prep is dedicated to developing student-athletes of strong character who embody integrity, contribute positively to our culture, and demonstrate unwavering commitment in all they do. By fostering these core values, we prepare them for success in sports and in life, ensuring they leave the Prep with the skills, principles, and experiences that will serve them well into the future, for God's greater glory.

Go Rams!

Anthony Day
President

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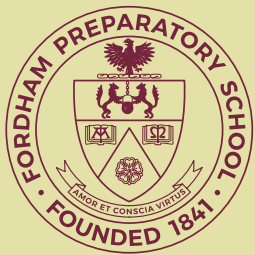
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The name of varsity football student-athlete Will Dessofoy '24 was mistakenly spelled with one "f" instead of two in the article titled "Rams' Turkey Bowl Winning Streak Continues at Historic 100th Game" [pages 24 and 25].

The captions above and below the photo of the current and former presidents and trustees in "Community News" [page 37] were miswritten. We meant for them to read:

Current President Anthony Day and current Chairman of the Board of Trustees Mario Ciampi '78 were joined by former President Rev. Christopher Devron, SJ, former Board Chairmen Paul Brusco '82 and Jim Rowen '82, and five current and former board members at the Columbus Citizens' Foundation Gala in October 2023.

Left to right: Jim Conforti '82, Paul Brusco '82, Maurice Hyacinthe '77, Rev. Mario Powell SJ, Mario Ciampi '78, John Haley '87, Llew Hyacinthe '80, Jim Rowen '82, Rev. Christopher Devron SJ, and Anthony Day.



Creating a Community of Support



Alfonso '24 discovered track and became a star scholar athlete at Fordham Prep thanks to Mr. George Febles P'15,'22, legendary track coach and Hall of Honor inductee — one member of a trifecta of supporters who would help Alfonso clear a major hurdle in life.

The son of first-generation Americans, Alfonso understood the importance of the college decision-making process, so he sought guidance from Mr. Febles, Mr. Tejeda '07, his college counselor, and Colin Flynn '07, a pivotal mentor he met through the Prep's George Jackson '76 Scholarship Initiative. Together, they helped Alfonso discern his long-term goals and navigate scholarship opportunities. Today, he is a two-time All-American, ready to take the field and study physics and engineering at Williams College and Columbia University in a five-year program beginning in September.

Your support of the Annual Fund will help students discover the pathway to their goals.

“Supporting Alfonso has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had. As a mentor, I could not be prouder of his faith in God's plan, his decision-making, his work ethic, and his goal-setting abilities. Best of all, I know he's set up well to effectively navigate the ups and downs of life ahead.

— Colin Flynn '07

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FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



ATHLETICS AT FORDHAM PREP

A Q&A with Sal Annunziata '11

Sal Annunziata '11 returned to his alma mater as Athletic Director in the summer of 2023 after holding similar roles at both Regis High School and Cardinal Hayes High School. After a stellar high-school baseball career he attended Seton Hall University and starred for the Pirates. Annunziata also spent multiple summers playing in the highly competitive Cape Cod League.

Q: The Prep currently offers 18 unique varsity sports. Why is it important to offer such a wealth and breadth of opportunities for students to participate in interscholastic athletics?

A: Offering a variety of sports is essential to ensure a competitive and balanced athletic experience for all student-athletes at the Prep. The lessons learned through athletics during a student's four years are an invaluable part of our mission. We want to ensure that every student has the opportunity to participate in a varsity sport if they so choose. I have two brothers who also attended the Prep and we all played different sports. That is one of the special aspects of Fordham Prep Athletics: opportunity for everyone to be a part of a program that fits them best.

Q: What attracts student-athletes from around the tri-state area to our program and makes them want to suit up for the Rams?"

A: To start, sharing the Rose Hill campus with Fordham University gives our student-athletes a unique opportunity to practice and play on high-level NCAA Division I facilities. Numerous teams travel during their seasons. These trips provide experiences that will last beyond the high school years. This year alone, Rams traveled to Portugal, Ireland, Puerto Rico, California, Miami, and South Carolina. Over 70% of our student body will participate in a sport during their time at the Prep. Our offerings speak to student-athletes of all types. Finally, I would say our college placement is excellent. Coaches, teachers, and counselors put a lot of time and effort into ensuring proper placement for our student athletes from both an academic and athletic standpoint. Colleges know that Fordham Prep student-athletes are, in the truest sense of the word, outstanding students and high-caliber athletes.

Q: Each year, we have a number of student-athletes go on to play at the collegiate level at competitive academic institutions. What does Fordham Prep do that prepares them so well for that experience?

A: Fordham Prep prepares our student-athletes to be successful at all types of schools. The recruiting process can be intimidating. We spend a lot of time with each student to assess what would be the right fit for them — academically, geographically, institutionally, and athletically. This individualized attention to each student is a big reason for our success. It is also very Ignatian, which permeates everything we do at the Prep. I know that our coaches are very gratified when they help one of their players, through training, encouragement, or relationships with collegiate staff, achieve their dream of continuing their careers after high school.

Q: How has high-school athletics changed since you attended Prep? What does the future of Fordham Prep athletics look like to you?

A: All aspects of the high-school experience go through periods of change. However, there have been *dramatic* changes in high-school athletics over the last five to ten years. Social media, live streaming capabilities, name/image/likeness (NIL) contracts — are now standard practices in high-school athletics. This was certainly not the case when I was at the Prep not so long ago. These have enhanced the ability for Fordham Prep to promote our student-athletes and athletic program to both college coaches and prospective families. In addition, upgrades to athletic facilities continue to be an area of focus of all high schools. One need look no further than the Prep's new Fitness and Wellness Center to see that continual improvement of the physical plant and access is vital to our strategic athletic goals.

One thing that has not changed, however, is the wonderful community that exists here at the Prep. The community exists due to the care and dedication of our entire coaching staff and the support of our administration, faculty and staff, parents, and alumni.

The Athletic Department is committed to offering the best possible experience for each student-athlete. That this mission is fully supported by the entire Fordham Prep community, it is exciting to think about what the future holds for the Rams. ■

GRADUATION DAY 2024

WHO WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE?

Fordham Prep faculty, staff, and the Board of Trustees stand before the Class of 2024 at commencement.

Graduates of the Fordham Prep Class of 2024, their families and friends, faculty, staff, and trustees filled the sky-scraping neo-Gothic style church to celebrate the Prep's 179th Commencement Exercises.

After the singing of the national anthem, Chaplain Fr. Jim Coughlin, SJ, opened the exercises with an invocation to the Holy Spirit. He was followed by the traditional Speaker for the Graduates, John Barisano '24.

"This day marks my 160th Fordham Prep speech in the last two years," said President of Student Government Barisano, a member of the Speech and Debate team as well as the Fordham Prep Dramatic Society (FPDS).

“We gather to confer these diplomas and to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2024 just above the crypt in which Archbishop John Hughes — the founder of Fordham Prep — is buried, and in the seat of the Archdiocese on which he built a foundation of Catholic schools that still endures today,” said Principal Joseph Petriello, PhD '98 on May 29th at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Barisano reflected on the hardships brought on by the pandemic in September 2020, a time when he and his freshman classmates “thought the world might fall apart.”

“We were faced with so many new challenges — hybrid learning, restricted sports, no hands-on activities — do you know how hard it is to learn chemistry without touching a chemical?” he asked.

A freshman year of hybrid learning made returning to Shea Hall together as sophomores in the fall of 2021 more meaningful. They formed stronger connections with each other and their teachers. Barisano acknowledged social studies teacher Edward Jennings P'08,'10,'14, science teachers Matthew Distefano and Jennifer Muller, English teacher William Magner, religious studies teachers Paul Homer (Director of Christian Service) and Randall Pedro P'12,'17 (Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion), and modern language teacher Teresa Faustini P'06,'10, among others, in his tribute to Prep faculty.

Barisano took another look back in time to the freshman summer assignment, focused on developing the qualities of a Jesuit high school graduate at graduation. “As the years go by, you actually live [those qualities] out,” he began. “You



TOP: President of Student Government John Barisano '24.
BOTTOM: Retirees of the 2023–24 academic year (right to left) Pete McNamara P'11,'12,'17 (Science, Soccer; 39 years of service), Paul Homer (Religious Studies and Christian Service; 35 years of service), Dr. Patricia Morris (Mathematics, Modern Languages, Financial Aid; 35 years of service), Teresa Faustini P'06,'10 (Modern Languages; 28 years of service), Dr. Martin Carney (Religious Studies; 29 years of service).





ABOVE: Maurice Hyacinthe, Esq. '77, P'99,'08 addresses the graduates at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan.

learn what it means to be a man for others through the Freshman Retreat, Global Education, Emmaus, [Christian Service Immersion in] Tennessee, and the Great Ignatian Challenge. Moments like these call us to be open to growth, intellectually accomplished, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice. This is who we are as a Jesuit school community. We now reflect and represent the five pillars that were instilled in us when we were just 14 years old," he continued.

His speech concluded with a note of accountability and a few questions for the Class of 2024, honoring their potential to change the world.

"Who is going to set the world on fire?" he asked.

"Chances are it's going to be one of us," he proclaimed, adding, "A real man for others is a revolutionary. We need to be the ones to cure cancer, to end wars, to find alternatives, and to care for our common home. If we fail in our efforts to save this world, we may be the generation tasked with seeking a new one. So who will find it for us?"

“Back in junior year I made a catchphrase, and I said it with every single speech that I made. For the last time, it goes like this: As brothers of Fordham Prep, we aim and we shoot higher, so that one day we go forth, and set the world on fire.”

— John Barisano, '24



ABOVE: Anthony Day presides at his first commencement ceremony as school president.

The Class of 2024 will matriculate to a diverse array of schools both in the United States and abroad. Intended matriculations include Dartmouth, Georgetown, Boston College, University of Notre Dame, University of Southern California, New York University, the University of St. Andrews–Scotland, and Binghamton University.

In his address to the graduates, former member of the Fordham Prep Board of Trustees Maurice Hyacinthe, Esq. '77, P'99,'08, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at HMH Management Company, gave advice on making the most of the next four years.

"Realizing your passion is the culmination of the process that starts with knowing and pursuing your talents," he stated. "Your upcoming college experience — the next step in your educational and developmental process — will be the perfect time and environment to undertake these initial steps of this personal transformative process," he added.

Hyacinthe went on to note that this process might not be completely linear. After graduating from the Prep in 1977, he received a bachelor of science from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania before obtaining a doctorate from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace

University. These achievements led to a career spanning the worlds of finance, operations, real estate, and law. He credits his success to his family and his Jesuit education.

"I believe that the various educational and social experiences that you acquired at Fordham Prep have more than adequately prepared you for your college years and later as you pursue a career path that will ultimately lead to the realization of your passion. *Bon chance*," he continued, honoring his Haitian heritage, "and God bless every member of this stellar Class of 2024."

Diplomas and special awards were conferred to the graduates before Petriello and Fordham Prep President Anthony Day took a moment to honor retirees Dr. Martin Carney, Teresa Faustini P'06,'10, Paul Homer, Pete McNamara P'11,'12,'17, and Dr. Patricia Morris. A ram sculpture was bestowed upon each retiree as a token of our appreciation for their combined 186 years of service to Fordham Prep.*

Before the recession, Day reminded the Class of 2024 of their newly minted status and responsibility as members of the long maroon line of alumni.

"Now we send you off to take all that you have learned and experienced at Fordham Prep into a world that needs your kindness, your compassion, your leadership, your spiritual grounding, and your intellect," he remarked. "You are the hope we long to see." ■

* Read more about our retirees on page 42.



TOP: Ram statuettes were presented to this year's retirees at graduation.

MIDDLE AND BOTTOM: Graduates of the Class of 2024 pose on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

“ITE, INFLAMMATE OMNIA.”
— St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Class of 2024 will be matriculating at the following colleges and universities around the nation and the world.

Information available as of June 7, 2024.

Baylor University – 1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology – 1	University of Alabama – 3
Binghamton University, SUNY – 1	McGill University, Canada* – 2	University of California–Davis – 1
Boston College – 10	Mercy University – 1	University of California–Irvine – 1
Boston University – 1	Miami University–Oxford – 2	University of Central Florida – 1
Brown University – 1	Morehouse College – 3	University of Chicago – 1
Bucknell University – 5	New York University – 3	University of Connecticut – 1
California State University–Fullerton – 1	North Carolina A&T State University – 1	University of Florida – 1
Catholic University of America – 4	Northeastern University – 4	University of Houston – 1
Colgate University – 1	Northwestern University – 2	University of Iowa – 1
College of the Holy Cross – 3	Pennsylvania State University – 5	University of Maryland–College Park – 1
Cornell University – 2	Providence College – 2	University of Miami – 2
CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College – 1	Purdue University–Main Campus – 1	University of Minnesota–Twin Cities – 2
CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College – 1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – 2	University of Notre Dame – 6
CUNY City College – 1	Rochester Institute of Technology – 6	University of Pennsylvania – 1
CUNY Hunter College – 1	Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland* – 1	University of Pittsburgh – 1
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice – 1	Rutgers University–New Brunswick – 1	University of Rhode Island – 2
Dartmouth College – 1	Saint John Fisher College – 1	University of Richmond – 1
Duke University – 2	San Diego State University – 1	University of Scranton – 2
Fairfield University – 12	St. John’s University–New York – 2	University of South Carolina–Columbia – 1
Fordham University – 15	SUNY at Albany – 1	University of South Florida – 2
Franklin and Marshall College – 1	SUNY Cortland – 1	University of Southern California – 1
Georgetown University – 7	SUNY Maritime College – 1	University of St. Andrews, Scotland* – 1
IE University, Madrid* – 1	SUNY Stony Brook University – 5	University of Tampa – 2
Indiana University–Bloomington – 3	SUNY Westchester Community College – 1	Vassar College – 2
Iona University – 5	Syracuse University – 6	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology – 1
Johns Hopkins University – 1	Tufts University – 1	Villanova University – 5
Kent State University at Kent – 1	Union College – 1	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – 1
Lehigh University – 1	United States Merchant Marine Academy – 1	Wake Forest University – 5
Loyola Marymount University – 2	United States Naval Academy – 1	Williams College – 1
Loyola University Maryland – 3	University at Buffalo, SUNY – 1	Worcester Polytechnic Institute – 1
Loyola University New Orleans – 1		
Manhattan College – 3		
Marist College – 2		

* Indicates a school outside of the United States.

STUDENT REACTION

Track and Field Student-Athlete:
Alfonso Pimentel '24

My time as a student-athlete at Fordham Prep has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my four-year experience.

An unforgettable memory of my career as a track and field athlete was winning at Nike Indoor Nationals for the first time during my junior year. Going into the meet, the Shuttle Hurdle Relay team had done some research on our opponents and we knew that we were the second fastest team seeded. All of us understood that we needed to really push ourselves in order to win the gold and that is exactly what we did.



I am also truly grateful for learning how to incorporate my faith into my athletic career. Learning more about Christianity has helped me better understand myself on the track. I have been able to do more than what I was capable of, in my opinion, with the help of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Without Him, I would not have achieved what I did on the track or in the classroom. I also may not have had the opportunity to continue running track in college.

I chose to commit to Williams College because it was a great opportunity to receive an amazing education while also being able to do track at the same time. I never expected that I would go to Williams because at first glance it did not seem like a fit. However, after multiple conversations with the coach, and a lot of discussion with my College Counselor, Mr. Tejeda '07, Assistant Athletic Director and Coordinator for College Athletic Recruiting Mr. Hopwood, and Coach Febles P'15,'22, I realized that Williams was the right place for me.

I am thankful to have learned the importance of balancing a life of academics with a life of athletics and how to perform at my best in both. It is something I learned very early as a freshman at the Prep and have carried with me throughout my four years. I know those same skills will guide me during my time as a student-athlete at the collegiate level. ■

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Patrick Deane '88, P'25
Varsity Head Coach
Michael Grant
JV Head Coach

BASKETBALL

Brian Downey '95
Varsity Head Coach
Omar Ward '92 P'22,'24
JV Head Coach
Mike Borrelli
Freshman Head Coach

BOWLING

Frank Savoca P'12
Varsity Head Coach
Gus Menocal JR
JV Head Coach

CREW

Reid Cucci
Varsity Head Coach

CROSS COUNTRY

George Febles P'15,'22
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Edward Jennings P'08,'10,'14
Sophomore Varsity Head Coach
Pierre Chavez
Freshman Head Coach

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Seann Farrell
JV Football Head Coach
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Freshman Head Coach

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Brian Sohr '15
JV Head Coach

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Varsity Head Coach
Pierre Chavez
Varsity Head Throwing Coach
Edward Jennings P'08,'10,'14
JV Head Coach
Stefan Anikewich
Freshman Head Coach

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FROM T-BALL TO THE BIG LEAGUES



THE JOURNEY OF AIDAN CURRY '20 AND ERIC YOST '20

Best friends, Aidan Curry '20 and Eric Yost '20, have known each other since the age of five. They both grew up together in Ossining, New York, and played T-ball together in the Ossining Jesse A. Collyer, Jr. Youth Sports Little League (JCYS).



Curry has played for the Texas Rangers and their affiliate teams (Down East Wood Ducks, Hickory Crawdads, and Arizona Complex League Rangers) since 2020.

Yost signing with the San Diego Padres on July 20, 2023.



“The 2019 championship run was unbelievable. As a junior, I looked up to the seniors and knew we had something special... the whole team meshed well and came out firing. We went undefeated in the playoffs. **Celebrating that championship was unforgettable. It was the first one since 2009.”**

— Aidan Curry '20

Aidan Curry's love for baseball began at a tender age. "I played baseball as a little kid starting at five years old," he recalled. "I played in my town league all the way up to high school. It was in high school that I started taking it seriously. I had a growth spurt, put on a couple of pounds, and then things started to get a little bit serious with some philosophy jumps and developmental progress. I've been in love with the game from a very young age and stuck with it," he added. Curry also played basketball and soccer.

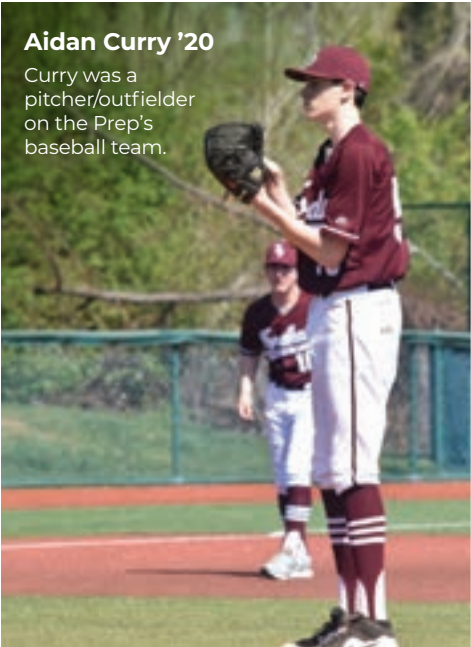
Similarly, Eric Yost's interest in baseball ignited at a young age. "I started playing baseball when I was probably five or six," he stated. "I really started to like it when I was around nine or ten and knew I wanted to play for as long as I could," he continued. In addition to baseball, Yost also played basketball and soccer.

At Fordham Prep, they both played a variety of sports. Yost played soccer during freshman year and ran track for two years. Curry ran cross country as a freshman and excelled in track during his sophomore and junior years, particularly in the 55-meter hurdles. "I was the freshman City Champion in 2016," he noted.

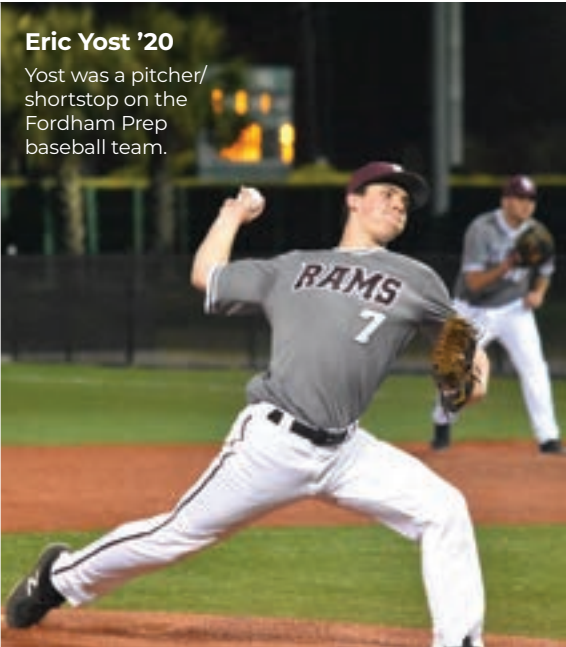
However, baseball remained a primary focus for both, shaping their high school and college sports careers.

When asked about their favorite memory of being on the baseball team at Fordham Prep, Curry and Yost both agreed that the team's 2019 championship win was a highlight.

"The 2019 championship run was unbelievable. As a junior, I looked up to the seniors and knew we had something special," Curry began. "The whole team meshed well and came out firing. We went undefeated in the playoffs. Celebrating that championship was unforgettable. It was the first one since 2009," he explained.



Aidan Curry '20
Curry was a pitcher/outfielder on the Prep's baseball team.



Eric Yost '20
Yost was a pitcher/shortstop on the Fordham Prep baseball team.

Influenced by a combination of academic and athletic opportunities, Curry decided to commit to attending college and playing baseball at Bucknell University. "I committed to Bucknell because I knew I could academically be challenged but still learn. The coaching staff at Bucknell were great to me and I felt that they were what I was looking for in coaches from a development standpoint," he said.

The COVID pandemic changed things. That year, the Major League Baseball draft was shortened drastically. After the draft, teams were free to make signing offers to all other draft-eligible players who were not taken. The Texas Rangers called Curry and he made the decision to forgo college for professional baseball.

"Year one was a bit rocky," Curry remembered. "Coming into it as a young 18-year-old, I started off my career with Brandon Marsh hitting a ball 109 miles per hour off the back of my head. Last year was a breakout year for me. I put up great numbers, moved up the prospect list, and won Carolina League Pitcher of the Year. Being able to do that was a big confidence boost," he added.

Playing for the Texas Rangers has been an exciting journey for him. "It's fun, especially coming off a World Series win. The organization is disciplined in development and knowing how to play as a team is one of the biggest things I've liked about the Rangers," Curry noted. He also appreciates the effort the team puts into developing players' mental skills.

Yost took a different track and committed to Northeastern University during his junior year, drawn by the vibrant city of Boston and the coaching staff. "I knew I wanted to play baseball in college, but I didn't know where, and after visiting Northeastern, I knew it was where I wanted to go," he said.

Yost was drafted by the San Diego Padres in the summer of 2023. "I was in the Cape playing summer ball on Draft Day. I got drafted in the 17th round, close to game time. My agent texted me, and I was super excited. My parents and sister were there. I was super happy that I was going to be able to play professional baseball," he recalled.

Beyond the championships and victories, both alumni cherish the life skills, lasting memories, and the friendships they forged at Fordham Prep. They attribute much of their success to their former coaches, as well as teachers such as Stephen Traendly (Mathematics Department) and Dr. Martin Carney (Religious Studies Department). Spanish classes at Fordham Prep have also proven valuable when communicating with their fellow Spanish-speaking teammates.

"One of the biggest things I've learned [at the Prep] was accountability, patience, and being able to stay composed in certain situations," said Curry, adding, "I've made lifelong friends on [the Prep's baseball] team. Some of them I talk to everyday. These relationships and memories will stick with me forever," Curry stated.

The strong work ethic instilled at Fordham Prep is something Eric carries with him. "The Prep taught me to work hard," Yost stated, "and that's something I'm going to try to do for the rest of my career." ■

GO RAMS!

A LOOK AT OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Special thanks to sports photographers **David Gelpi P'12** and **Melissa Hopwood**, as well as our Fordham Prep parents and coaches for helping us capture these moments throughout the school year.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

Fordham Prep's winter and spring 2024 sports seasons showcased remarkable talent and teamwork, with our athletes excelling across multiple disciplines. From the track to the golf course, our students demonstrated exceptional skill, dedication, and sportsmanship. Highlights include record-breaking performances, championship victories, and unforgettable moments that will be cherished for years to come.

Indoor Track and Field

The winter 2024 indoor track and field season ranks among the best in the Prep's storied athletic history. Both the freshman and sophomore teams won their respective New York State Catholic High School Athletic Association (CHSAA) championship meets on the same day, led by MVP performances of Kaiden Rusk '26, and Paxton Reyes '26, Zorion Narcisse-Brown '27, and Jordan DeJesus '27, to name just a few of the Ram's stars.

Despite many outstanding performances, the Prep lost in the final event to Iona Prep, at the Archdiocesan/City Championships. However, Fordham Prep qualified six student-athletes for the prestigious Millrose Games against some of the best in the nation. Julian Lynch '26 became the first sophomore in Fordham Prep history to pole vault 15 feet. On February 17th, 2024, the Rams won their seventh Indoor State Catholic Championship — and 2nd in a row — thanks in large part to track meet MVPs Jaylin Santiago '24 (300m and 4x400m

Champion) and Aden Bedford '24 (High Jump and 55m Hurdles winner). Gabriel Kramer Griffith '25, John Canale '25, and Chris Bustamonte '26 also collected state titles, and Ojilvy Sanchez '24 set the school record in the new-to-the-Prep-event 25 lb. weight throw.

As the winter season wound to a historic close, the Prep took its place among the nation's best teams in March. At the New York State Federation Championship, Jaylin Santiago '24 became the Prep's and CHSAA's first-ever repeat state champion in the 300m Dash. Santiago went on to earn All-American status in the 400m dash by virtue of a school record of 48.05. The capstone was another repeat, with coach Ignacio Febles and his hurdlers capturing the Nike National Championship in the Shuttle Hurdle Relay for the second year in a row. Congratulations to our National Champions Christan Camara '24, Jonathan Bailey '25, Alfonso Pimentel '24, and Aden Bedford '24.

Outdoor Track and Field



During the spring 2024 outdoor track and field season, storied varsity records fell in the high jump (Aden Bedford '24), 110m hurdles (Jonathan Bailey '25), 100m and 400m dash (Jaylin Santiago '24), hammer throw (Ojilvy Sanchez '24), and shuttle hurdle relay (Christan Camara '24, Alfonso Pimentel '24, Bedford, and Bailey are currently ranked number one in the nation).

The team took the CHSAA Archdiocesan City Championship for the 4th year in a row and placed 2nd at the CHSAA State Catholic Championship. In June, Bailey became the NY State all-around Bronze medalist with a 3rd place win and the best-ever finish for a Ram in the New York State Federation Championship 110m hurdles.

Through qualifying eight student-athletes for the State Federation, plus nine Rams for

the New Balance Nationals, and Santiago earning an exclusive trip to the Brooks PR meet in Seattle, the Rams have established themselves as a national force in track and field.

The freshman track and field team had lofty goals and expectations entering the 2024 Spring season. As defending 2024 CHSAA State Champions (indoor), the team (many returning from winter) never backed down and outworked everyone. They learned from a late-season defeat, remained humble, and successfully defended the crown by winning the 2024 Frosh Outdoor CHSAA Track & Field State Championship at Icahn Stadium.

Having won both the freshman and sophomore CHSAA state titles, the future looks bright for track and field at Fordham Prep.



Swimming and Diving

Varsity Swimming and Diving had another strong season finishing 7-2 in dual meets and winning the Archdiocese championships. During the CHSAA Championship, held at Eisenhower Park's Nassau County Aquatic Center, the Rams had a number of runner-up finishes in the following:

200 MEDLEY RELAY

Ryan Morris '24
Ryan McDonald '26
James Gonzalez '25
Xander Sohng '26

50 FREE

Ryan McDonald '26

200 FREE RELAY

Jackson Cooper '26
Ryan McDonald '26
Christian Burke '25
James Gonzalez '25

100 BACKSTROKE

Ryan Morris '24

100 BREASTSTROKE

Ryan McDonald '26

Two swimmers went on to compete in the State Championships — Ryan McDonald '26 (50 free and 100 breaststroke) and Jackson Cooper '26 (200 free and 100 free). Cooper was named dual meet performer of the year.

In addition, the Aqua Rams had 13 state qualifying times, two All-American consideration time standards, and finished third in both the Catholic NY State Championships and in the CHSAA City Championships.

LEFT: The Varsity Swimming and Diving team at Fordham University's Lombardi Center Pool.

BELOW: The Varsity Basketball team members and their coaches on Donnie Walsh '58 Basketball Court.



Basketball

The Varsity basketball team claimed a regular season league title in the CHSAA "A" Division, going undefeated in league play, and a 22-5 record overall. The Rams advanced to the City Championship game at Fordham University's Rose Hill Gym, where they lost to Monsignor McClancy High School. Varsity players Will Gregory '24 and Matthew Kapfer '24 both made the CHSAA "A" All-League Team and Ryan Jackson '24 was named MVP of the CHSAA "A." Congratulations to Coach Brian Downey '95, who was named Coach of the Year for the CHSAA "A."

The junior varsity team also went undefeated in league play and ultimately won the "A" JV championship.* This marked the first time that both the varsity and JV teams went undefeated in league play in the same season.

The Freshman Basketball season at Fordham Prep was a whirlwind of excitement, fun, and invaluable lessons for all involved. The team celebrated several wins by upwards of 20 points. They had an impressive victory over LaSalle Academy (53-39) and played a very competitive game against Xavier, falling short 57-54. They ended the season with a 7-9 record.

* See page 20 for more.

Jaylin Santiago '24 claimed his second consecutive NY State Federation title in the 300m dash on March 2, 2024.

Rams vs. Xavier Knights wrestling match in the new Fitness and Wellness Center at Fordham Prep.

Wrestling

Twenty-four Rams competed on the Prep's wrestling team during the winter season. More than half of the team's members were first-year wrestlers, which posed a challenge for dual meets. However, both novice and young wrestlers gained valuable experience on the mat throughout the season, and the team picked up four wins in dual meet competition.

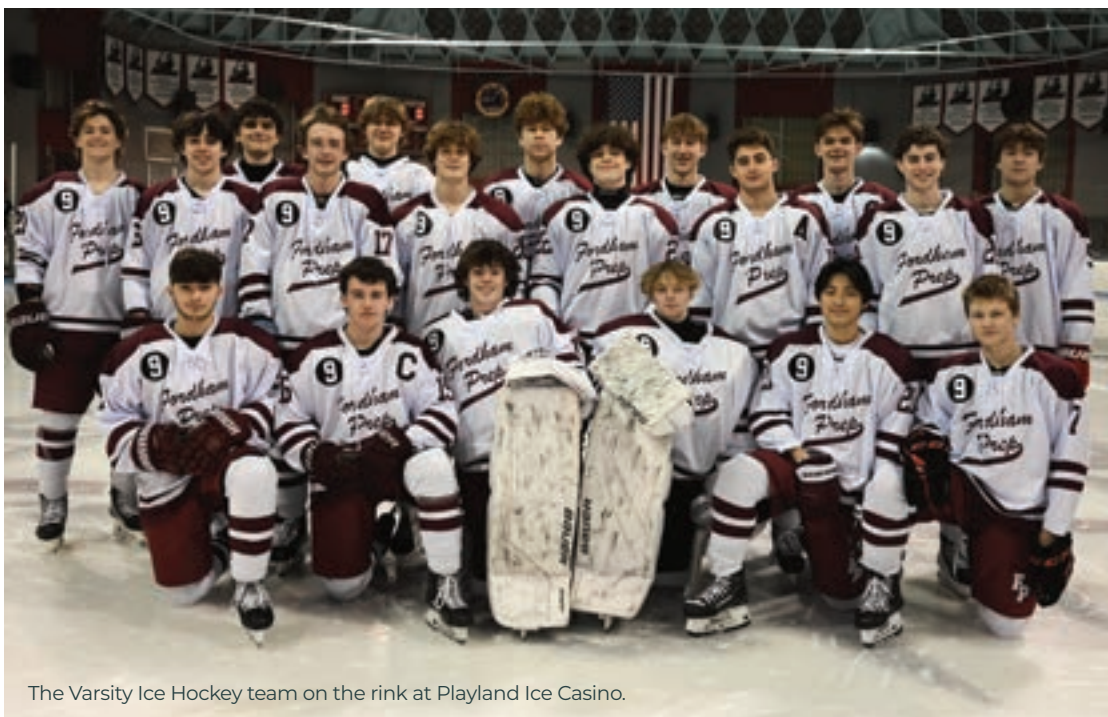
Leading the way for the Prep were juniors Xavier Chen '25, Dalton Danza '25, and Gianluca Marchese '25. All three wrestlers won over 20 matches, each of them qualifying for the CHSAA State Wrestling Championship. With so many returning wrestlers the team is looking forward to a successful 2024–25 season.

Ice Hockey

Fordham Prep Varsity Ice Hockey went 7–8 for the season. The roster was a mix of talented underclassmen and a deep lineup of upperclassmen.

The season got off to a hot start with wins over Xavier High School and Kellenberg Memorial High School. However, the team hit a bit of a rough patch going 1–4 in the five games that followed. Coaching staff kept players focused and reminded the team there was still something to play for, giving the Rams perseverance to finish their last games 4–4.

The JV squad ended the season in fifth place in the Catholic High School Hockey League (CHSHL), just one spot out of the playoffs. The team, consisting of 12 returning freshmen, hopes to make a playoff push next season.



The Varsity Ice Hockey team on the rink at Playland Ice Casino.

Squash

Varsity Squash played 10 matches in yet another competitive season. The highlight of the season was a gutsy 4–3 victory over Dwight-Englewood at Fordham University.

The team ended their season at the U.S. Squash Nationals at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy in Philadelphia. Over 200 teams represented 17 states and competed across 13 divisions. Fordham Prep played in the sixth division.

The team had great energy and enthusiasm in all of their matches. They finished the tournament with a tough loss in their final match to Staples High School 4–3. Special thanks to Cameron Kwas '24, Olivier Oddo '24, Winston Oddo '24, and Christian Stiker '24 for their outstanding leadership and commitment to the team.

The squash team poses with the Bob Hawthorne Cup.

Fordham Prep Crew team member Robert Romani '24 (center) rowing on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania during the Stotesbury Cup Regatta.

Crew

The Prep's crew program had one of its best spring seasons in recent memory. The team ended the season off with 10 scholastic medalists at the New York State Championships and nine semifinalists at the Stotesbury Cup, the largest scholastic regatta in the world. Robert Romani '24 became the first Ram to represent Fordham Prep at the U.S. Rowing Youth National Championship since 2017.

We are excited to continue forward with a new coaching staff and new direction, aided by multiple generous donations from our Fordham Prep Crew alumni and current parents. Special thanks to Ken Rogozinski P'24 for his generous, direct contributions to our fleet.

Lacrosse

Varsity Lacrosse left it all on the field during a seesaw campaign against a top-flight schedule. The Rams opened the season with a home win against Bethlehem Central and defeated Cardinal Hayes at the inaugural Duffy Cup. They also recorded wins over Poly Prep and Riverdale Country School. Shortly thereafter, the team hit a tough skid against strong competition at Bronxville High School, Iona Prep, and Chaminade to move to 5–4.

The remainder of the season brought wins against Kellenberg as well as Wilton High School and defeats at the hands of perennial powers Greenwich High School and St. Anthony's.

The opponent in the first round of the CHSAA playoffs was a talented Stepinac squad. While the Rams suffered a 14–8 loss, they fought right to the last second, symbolic of the grit of this year's team. In a volatile year against a difficult schedule, the Rams finished at 8–8 and look forward to 2025 to build on the positive elements in play this year.

The JV team ended the season at 7–6. They lost several close games throughout the season (twice to Iona Prep and once to Kellenberg), but grinded out one of the season's best performances against Stepinac in overtime with a 12–11 victory. They duplicated that success with another victory over the Crusaders in the league semi-finals (14–10). Unfortunately, after a valiant effort they fell short in the title game, losing to Iona Prep 14–7.



The Varsity Lacrosse team on Rowen Athletic Field.

Volleyball

Varsity Volleyball started out strong with recurring wins, finishing at 5-5 for the season. The team had a few difficult games and experiences that tested their athletic abilities and character. The Rams went from second to fourth place and had moments where hope was lost. Nevertheless, they competed valiantly and won their play-in match against Cardinal Spellman 3-2, bringing back the momentum they needed. The season ended in the semifinals against Iona Prep.

Golf



As defending CHSAA Champions, the golf team came into the season with high expectations and aspirations. After a busy week of training on Kiawah Island, South Carolina, the team enjoyed an 11-match win streak in the regular season before enduring the sole loss of the season to Stepinac during the

final regular season match of the year. The team, comprised of three seniors, five juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman, quickly bounced back to begin the playoff push with a quarter-final win over Stepinac, followed by a semi-final win over Iona Prep. The team then successfully defended the City

Championship title against St. Joe's-by-the-Sea in convincing style with a 5-0 victory in the finals. This is the third consecutive CHSAA City Championship for the team and the thirteenth in the history of the Program — more than any other team in the League.

The golf team on the course at Pelham Country Club.

Rugby



The Prep's rugby season started with positive results against Delbarton and a successful campaign at the Jesuit Cup tournament in Fairfield. The team received great support from the Prep rugby family and we were able to secure some silverware at both JV and Varsity levels.

The Rugby Rams traveled to California during the season, where the players bonded,

embraced cultural activities, and played rugby in a part of the country known for fast, skillful rugby. The lads were again successful in both tour matches against Bellarmine College and Santa Monica. The team also managed to fit in some campus visits to train with the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and attended a training session with the Los Angeles professional team.

The squad's league season was an up-and-down affair but paved the way for much postseason success. During a successful run in June, the team defeated St. Anthony's 24-0 to claim the New York State Tier II Championship.

TOP: The Fordham Prep Volleyball Rams vs. the Cardinal Spellman Pilots in Higgins Gymnasium.

BOTTOM: Varsity Rugby try scorer Jake O'Donnell '24.

Baseball

The Varsity Baseball team finished second in the division and fell in the playoffs to St. Joe's by the Sea 2-1 in a best-of-three series. Gus Magill '24 was selected first team all-conference and Tyler Sirchia '24 was selected second team all-conference. Four Rams represented the Prep at the CHSAA all-star game at Yankee Stadium on June 10th. The team will return seven junior starters for the 2025 season.

The JV Baseball season started out hot with an impressive seven-game winning streak. The team finished with a strong 12-3 league record, placing them among the top four teams in the league. A highlight was their victory over St. Joe's, a team they had not beaten in three seasons, battling back from a 10-2 deficit in the fifth inning, scoring eight runs to ultimately win 11-10.

Freshman Baseball had one of the best seasons in school history, winning 18 of their 21 games. A 2-1 comeback walk-off win against St. Peter's under the lights at Coffey Field was an exciting early season highlight. Behind strong pitching,

improved defense, and timely hitting, the team swept perennially strong opponents Iona Prep, Stepinac, Kennedy Catholic, and BC High during the regular season.

The Varsity Baseball team on Jack Coffey Field with their coaches.

Tennis



Varsity Tennis kicked off their season with a trip to Portugal. The Portugal trip created a wonderful opportunity to bond with one another, practice on clay courts, and play tennis with a Jesuit school. It also included attending the professional tournament in Estoril. Upon return, their sights were set on the coming season.

The team consisted of Nicholas Joyce '27, bursting onto the scene into first singles, with the other two singles positions held down by Griffin Bounds '25 and Sebastian Abela '24. In doubles, Matteo Antenucci '24 and Cameron Kwas '24 returned to the top doubles spot for a second consecutive season, while seniors Bennett Del Deo '24 and Winston Oddo '24 filled out the line-up. Even more impressive was how deep the roster went with the team, which was seen when Reid Chapski '26 and Julian DiMeo '26 stepped into match-play throughout the season. Varsity Tennis finished the regular season as the top team in the division and carried that momentum through the playoffs. In the CHSAA Championship, the Rams defeated Regis 3-0 to claim yet another title for the tennis program and end the year undefeated.

The Varsity Tennis team won the CHSAA Championship 3-0 over Regis High School.

CHAMPIONS OF THE COURT AND CLASSROOM

JV BASKETBALL COACHES

Omar Ward '92 P'22'24
Math Teacher

Adrian Newell
Assistant Athletic Director
and Physical Education Teacher

The saying goes that when we make plans, God laughs.

One could argue that math teacher and basketball coach Omar Ward '92 P'22'24 is a prime example of that statement. Assistant Athletic Director and physical education teacher Adrian Newell, a former student of Ward's, is the byproduct of it.

Both alumni of St. Helena School in the Bronx, their collective commitment to Fordham Prep's student-athletes, in the truest sense of both words, has yielded unprecedented success in recent years.

Ward's Junior Varsity basketball coaching career at Fordham Prep began in 2013, before he joined the faculty. Before then, he remembers working at a hospital in the central supply department even after graduating with a degree in sports science from Manhattan College. A former teacher of his from St. Helena's stopped by to visit her father at the hospital. Monsignor Thomas Derivan, pastor of St. Helena's parish at the time, had instructed her to look for Ward during her visit.

"She told me that they needed a teacher at St. Helena's," Ward recalled. He ended up teaching English there, which is where he met and taught Newell. However, Ward told them that if they wanted him to stay they had to find him a math position. Fortuitously for the Prep community, they never did.



JV basketball coaches Omar Ward '92 P'22'24 (back row, right) and Adrian Newell (back row, second from left) pose with the 2023-24 team in the new Fitness and Wellness Center.

When math teacher Suzanne Henry retired from Fordham Prep at the end of the 2016-17 school year, John Verlezza '94 took over as chairperson and asked his fellow Ram alumnus Ward to do the demo for the math teacher position.

"I only go where I'm wanted," Ward laughed.

Both Ward and Newell agree that Msgr. Derivan was a huge influence on both of their lives. He encouraged Ward to take the math job at Fordham Prep, even though his degree was geared more toward physical education. When Newell began coaching JV basketball part-time at the request of Ward in the 2013-14 academic year, Msgr. Derivan asked him to be open to opportunities to use his talents at Fordham Prep full-time. Newell took his advice to heart and landed a full-time role in physical education at the Prep in 2016.

Ward and Newell's value at Fordham Prep quickly became evident as they guided their teams to impressive achievements. Ward, a former basketball player at the Prep who also swam competitively, brought a wealth of athletic experience and passion back to his alma mater.

Ward's coaching philosophy emphasizes hard work and leveraging the talent within the student body. "Fordham does exceptionally well in athletics by working with the students in the building and our own efforts," he said. "The fact that we are as successful as we are is a testament to the students here and the coaching staff," he continued.

His approach paid off when the JV team went undefeated in the league this past school year and won the city championships. This triumph marked the first time the team went all the way, a testament to

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships."

— Adrian Newell
JV Basketball Coach,
Assistant Athletic Director and
Physical Education Teacher

Ward and Newell's ability to foster talent and teamwork.

Newell's journey is equally compelling. He played basketball throughout his school years and, motivated by health concerns, made significant lifestyle changes during his time at Monsignor Scanlon High School. His academic path took him from SUNY Morrisville for criminal justice to SUNY Albany, where he graduated magna cum laude in communications. He later earned a physical education degree from Columbia University, balancing multiple roles, including a job at a law firm.

In addition to being an Assistant Athletic Director, physical education teacher, and JV basketball coach, Newell also moderates the Sneaker Club and coaches rugby, spending two years with the junior varsity team and one year with the varsity team thus far.

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships," said Newell, reflecting on his coaching philosophy.

The partnership between Ward and Newell has brought numerous accolades to Fordham Prep. Ward recalls their first year at Fordham Prep when the school was transitioning from AA to A.

"Getting the team to be competitive took half a season, but we ended that year with a .500 record," Ward remembered.

The following year, the team boasted an average GPA of 4.0, with most players earning honor cards, a unique characteristic that ensured player retention and academic excellence.

In his first year as a varsity rugby coach, one of their standout achievements was during a California tour in spring 2024, where the team triumphed against Bellarmine Jesuit, San Jose, and Santa Monica Rugby Club, finishing with a perfect 2-0 record.

Ward and Newell's influence extends beyond the courts and athletic fields. Ward, who assists with the Kawiada Club, Cybersecurity Club, and the Outdoor Adventure Club, finds having coached his two sons particularly special.



"Getting the students to be competitive took half a season, but we ended that year with a .500 record."

— Omar Ward '92 P'22'24
JV Basketball Coach and Math Teacher



"Coaching my sons, Omari '22 on varsity and Jahliil '24 post-COVID, especially during the season opener against Cardinal Hayes, was a highlight," he shared.

Newell, having seen many of his students grow from the junior varsity team to varsity levels, echoes this sentiment. "This past year's rugby team is extraordinary because I've seen these students develop from JV. They're definitely good lads," he notes.

Both coaches emphasize the importance of adapting to the resources at hand.

"You have to work with the athletes you have," Newell said, highlighting their ability to cultivate talent within the existing student body.

Ward and Newell are a testament to the power of dedication, teamwork, and a deep commitment to student development. As they continue to shape the future of Fordham Prep's athletic programs, their legacy serves as an inspiration to students and fellow educators alike. Their journey from students at St. Helena's to influential coaches at Fordham Prep is a powerful reminder of the impact dedicated mentors can have on the lives of young athletes. ■

TOP: Coaches Ward and Newell speak to the JV basketball team on the sideline during the January 12, 2024 game against the Salesian High School Eagles in Higgins Gymnasium at Fordham Prep. The Rams beat the Eagles 74-35.

BELOW: Ward (back row, third from left) played basketball and baseball as a student at Fordham Prep.

ATHLETICS TRANSFORMED



Launched in the summer of 2022, the five-year Athletics Strategic Plan seeks to ensure that **Fordham Prep's sports programs align with our Catholic Jesuit mission and prepare our Rams for an innovative future.**

Providing a strong, competitive, and innovative athletic program is an integral aspect of the Fordham Prep mission. The skills learned on the fields and courts and in the pool and rink transcend the mere cultivation of athletic talent. They include sportsmanship, leadership, and resilience and mirror those tenets of the Jesuit High School Graduate at Graduation, “the Grad at Grad.” With 41 teams in 18 unique sports, the opportunity for students to both find and thrive in an endeavor that interests them is infinite.

Three years ago, Fordham Prep published its first Athletics Strategic Plan. The plan makes known the program's lofty aspirations and codifies a process for ensuring a best-in-class experience for student-athletes as well as its long-term future. It includes five areas of focus: facilities; fundraising and development; recruiting and admissions; student-athlete

experience and formation; and staffing and professional development. The plan has garnered much enthusiasm since its publication and much success has already been achieved. However, a brighter future is within reach due to the efforts of the Athletic Department, its coaches, and the broader Fordham Prep community.

WORKOUTS ON THE MOON

For alumni from the 80s and 90s, space was at a premium in Shea Hall. There was no weight room or fitness center of which to speak. Some remember weight benches and squat racks being located outside a maintenance room that served as a workout area for student-athletes. The Rowen Athletic Field? That was more of a dirt patch than an 80-yard turfed space with a track, throwing cage, and jumping pit.

“That field reminded me of the surface of the moon — so many rocks and dried-out dirt patches,” said Jim Rowen ’82 in a reflection during the May 2022 Reunion at Fordham University Church.

Thanks to the support of alumni such as Rowen, current and past parents, and friends of Fordham Prep, improvements to the sports facilities began well before a strategic plan was in place. In the summer of 2015, the renovation of the Prep’s backfield created a space for athletic teams, physical education classes, and student activities. Football, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, and track all use the facility for practice.

In the summer of 2023, the Prep began renovations of the Higgins Gymnasium and the Donnie Walsh ’58 Court, originally dedicated in the fall of 2014. However, it was the upgrade to

the Prep’s intramural gym and fitness center that was the most needed and welcomed.

The Prep’s long-standing partnership with Fordham University also allows our student-athletes to practice and compete using numerous NCAA Division I facilities on the Rose Hill Campus. These include the Hawthorn/Rooney Tennis Courts, Lombardi Center Pool, Lombardi Center Field House, Moglia Stadium at Jack Coffey Field, and Murphy Field. This summer, the University will renovate Murphy Field giving student-athletes an improved experience when they return for the new school year in September.

“The athletic leadership workshop helped me become a better leader by **giving me the opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a good teammate** and how leadership on the field requires service, integrity and resilience.”

— Joe Reagan ’24,
UChicago-bound football player



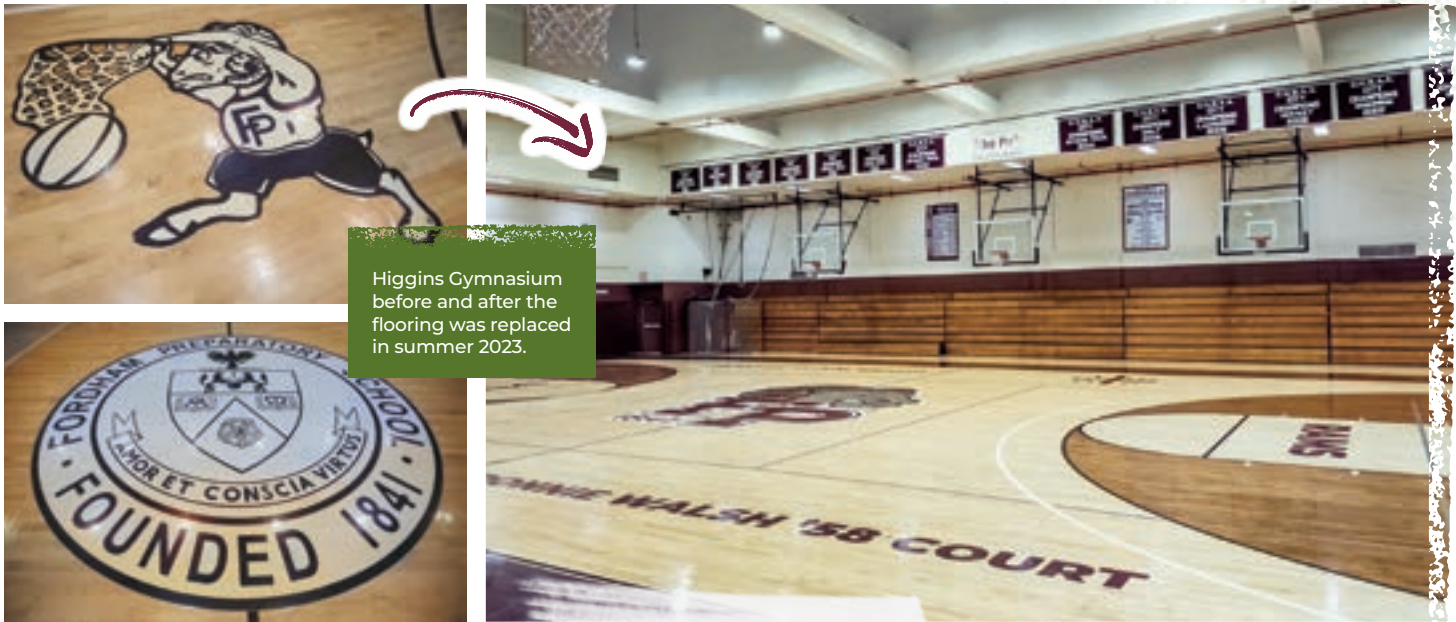
In 2005, turf was put down on the backfield, which was dedicated to former Prep coach, teacher and Hall of Honor member Joe Fox ’29, and the track named in his honor.



Renovations to the backfield were made possible by the driving forces of John Trimble ’16, David Randell ’15, track coach and math teacher George Febles P’15, ’22, and VP for Mission, Chief Strategy Officer Brian Carney.



The renovations for Rowen Athletic Field were completed before the Higher Achievement Program (HAP) began for the summer 2015 session.





A PLACE FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES TO EXCEL INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

For generations, Rams have left the confines of Rose Hill to compete at the collegiate level. Preparing student-athletes for this step both as a student and as an athlete is a vital aspect of the athletic program and the Strategic Plan. The stellar work of the Prep's College Counseling Department is augmented by additional resources in the Athletic Department. Associate Director of Athletics RJ Hopwood works directly with student-athletes to help them navigate the athletic aspect of their college process.

"Helping Fordham Prep student-athletes and their families navigate the college recruitment process is a collaborative effort that involves providing personalized guidance on identifying suitable colleges, creating strong athletic profiles and assisting in communication with college coaches," said Hopwood.

"Additionally," he stated, "fostering connections with college coaches and leveraging alumni networks can significantly enhance recruitment opportunities for our student-athletes. It's essential to offer support throughout the recruitment process, from start to finish. This allows for excellence in the classroom and athletic competition to remain the priority for our student-athletes."

While the Prep has always had student-athletes go on to play at the collegiate level, these numbers have risen dramatically over the last three years. Since the launch of the Athletics Strategic Plan in 2022, over 50 alumni have participated in a wide variety of

NCAA interscholastic sports including baseball, basketball, crew, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, and soccer. They have participated in these sports at schools known not only for their athletic success but, just as importantly, their academic rigor. The schools include Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Williams College, Northeastern University, Holy Cross, Catholic University, Dartmouth College, Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University, Vassar College, Georgetown University, and many more.

However, if recent success tells us anything, it is that these Rams possess the tools and the drive to make a career in professional sports. Since the turn of the century, a number of alumni have reached such heights. They are John Holland '06 (basketball), Cameron Young '15 (golf), Andrew Velazquez '12 (baseball), and Ryan Meara '08 (soccer).



Student-athletes of the class of 2024 who committed to playing a sport in college pose in the New Fitness and Wellness Center on National Signing Day.



Former student-athletes of the class of 2023 post for a photo on National Signing Day commemorating their commitment to playing a sport in college.



WHAT'S NEXT

The hallway adjacent to the new Fitness and Wellness Center.

While the first two years of the Athletic Strategic Plan have been filled with success there is still much work to be done. In order to facilitate such robust athletic offerings, the Prep invests substantially in its professional coaching staff. The plan allows for increased programming as it pertains to the staff. This includes new hiring and onboarding protocols as well as enhancements to professional development and evaluation. Coaches are learning to develop more intentional partnerships across sports to encourage greater multisport participation.

"We are proud of the progress made in the first two years of the Athletics Strategic Plan and are excited about the future of Fordham Prep Athletics," said Assistant Principal for Student Life John Mercorella '07. "The development of the strategic plan and investment in our athletic program has already paid huge dividends for our student-athletes with the construction of our new Fitness and Wellness Center, enhanced emphasis on the college recruiting process, and leadership opportunities for student-athletes. New onboarding for coaches and an increased emphasis on professional development and evaluation helps ensure our mission of developing young men of character and leaders committed to faith, scholarship, and service remains at the forefront of all we do," he added.

The plan also allows for increased collaboration to use athletics as a way for prospective students and their families to learn more about the Fordham Prep experience. As current student-athletes raise the profile of the program across the tri-state area, it is only natural that their success fosters interest from prospective families.

"Sports is often the way a prospective student or their family will first hear about the Prep. There is a tremendous opportunity to use that interest in order to get potential students, especially at a young age, on campus through camps not only in the summer but throughout the year and also at games. The collaboration between Athletics and the Admissions Office over the coming years on these initiatives is very exciting," said Brad Serton '95, Director of Enrollment and Marketing.

Perhaps the most important part of the strategic plan is the goal of enhancing the student-athlete experience. The first two years of the plan focused on this goal by upgrading athletic facilities, investing in our college recruiting process, and advancing faith and leadership formation opportunities.

One of the earliest outcomes of the Strategic Plan was the formation of the Athlete Leadership Council. This group, which includes leaders from each of the sports offered at the Prep, meets regularly and engages in conversations with Mercorella, Hopwood, and Athletic Director Sal Annunziata '11. Their mission is to offer a voice to the student-athlete collective. They are able to bring concerns and offer recommendations. Those who sit on the council are able to take part in leadership programs to help them develop these skills in their specific application for student-athletes.

"These meetings presented amazing value for each student-athlete leader as every single voice in the room was given a platform," said Dartmouth-bound Tyler Sirchia '24, Fordham Prep baseball player and member of the Athlete Leadership Council. "The most productive suggestions and comments

from the leaders were all put into operation, showing me that my voice as a leader was heard. The Athlete Leadership Council is an essential program for the success of Fordham Prep sports," he continued.

For the next three academic years, the Prep will work toward improving onboarding procedures, expanding professional growth opportunities, and fine-tuning the evaluation process for coaches. These steps aim to provide the Prep's coaches with the tools needed to give our Rams a well-rounded student-athlete experience focused on faith formation, school pride, healthy competitive culture, and belonging.

"I am grateful to take on the role of Athletic Director of Fordham Prep during the initial stages of the Athletics Strategic Plan — an exciting initiative that is centered around growth and collaboration. A strong athletic program only adds value to our institution as a whole," Annunziata noted. He added, "It is most gratifying to see the return on the investment we have made thus far, but there is much left to accomplish. With the continuous support of the Fordham Prep Board of Trustees, the administration, and the Prep community as a whole, we will continue to build on our early success. It is truly an exciting time to be a Ram." ■

For an in-depth look at our 2022-2027 Athletics Strategic Plan, visit fordhamprep.org/athletics/athletics-strategic-plan.

THE RAIN COULDN'T DAMPEN AN EVENING IN PARIS!

Paris is known as the City of Lights, not the city of cold and rain. Despite the early March precipitation and chilly temperatures, 625 members of the Prep community traveled to our own Paris in the Bronx for the annual IGNITE benefit.

Our Evening in Paris began as student volunteers in traditional French attire complete with berets greeted guests in the Rowen Lobby. Special guests were ushered down to the new Fitness and Wellness Center for a dedication ceremony honoring those who donated to its construction.

"The Fitness and Wellness Center has been a long time in the making," said President Anthony Day in his speech before Prep Chaplain Fr. Jim Coughlin, SJ, blessed the space and donor wall. The ceremony concluded with a toast before heading back upstairs to party in Paris.



The Blessing



Fitness and Wellness Center



Delicious food and drinks, including oysters, tequila, crepes, and more, were made available in both the Leonard Theatre Atrium and Moglia Commons. Guests also could dedicate love locks to their favorite Rams and commission portraits from our napkin sketcher. The LaGamma Duo, including Visual and Performing Arts Chairperson, Dylan LaGamma '09, entertained guests while they enjoyed each other's company and perused the numerous offerings of the silent auction out in Rowen Lobby.



Love Locks



Master of Ceremonies Bruce Beck



Ram Raffle

One of the highlights of the evening, the live auction, was kicked off by a roaring performance of the Fordham Prep Jazz Ensemble.

After remarks from President Anthony Day and Principal Joe Petriello, PhD '98, the Fordham PrepMothers' Club kicked off the evening in earnest by announcing the winner of the annual Ram Raffle. Returning for his sixth year, Master of Ceremonies Bruce Beck (Lead Sports Anchor at NBC 4 New York) then took the floor to begin the live auction.

As in past years, the live auction was filled with both fun and drama. Fierce battles ensued over the baseball bat signed by Yankee player Anthony Volpe, the Kiawah Island vacation home, the opportunity to walk the runway at Night of Fashion, and more. The pièce de résistance was a private in-home farm-to-table dining experience with *Chopped* winner Ciarán McGoldrick '12. McGoldrick ended up offering not one but two of these unique experiences to multiple bidders!

After the auction, guests enjoyed dessert and danced the rest of the evening away with sounds from our DJ Scot V on the Prep's replica Champs-Élysées.

Fordham Prep is extremely fortunate to have a community of parents, alumni, and friends who would brave the elements to support our Catholic Jesuit mission. Overall, the Prep raised over \$460,000 in support of academic initiatives and student scholarships. A very special thanks to Bruce Beck. This is Beck's fifth benefit at Fordham Prep and we are grateful for his passion for our mission. He has very much become an honorary Ram. We are also thankful for our event sponsors, vendors, and all of our IGNITE participants.

You made this year's benefit an unparalleled success. ■



Auction

AROUND THE PREP

Dennis FitzSimons '67 Encourages Students to Defend Democracy at Third Annual Civics Symposium

In March, Fordham Prep hosted the Third Annual FitzSimons Civics Symposium in the Leonard Theatre. In this presidential election year, the Electoral College, immigration, and foreign policy were among the topics presented and debated.

The FitzSimons Civics Symposium is part of the FitzSimons Civics Education Initiative. The initiative strives to cultivate an understanding and appreciation for the United States system of government and a recognition of the importance of free speech and respect for multiple points of view. It also aims to enhance Fordham Prep's students' skills necessary to successfully navigate today's digital news and information ecosystem.

In the months leading up to the symposium students on the FitzSimons Civics Education Initiative Committee hosted assemblies and after-school town halls with guest speakers including U.S. Coast Guard Chief Administrative Law Judge Honorable Walter J. Brudzinski, Immigration Case Manager Luis Adames, and Columbia University professor Jenik Radon '63.

David Hiller (McCormack Foundation) returned as moderator of the initiative's main event. He was joined this year by Catherine Rampell of the *Washington Post* and Mene Ukuieberuwa of the *Wall Street Journal*.

Student leaders of the Symposium Committee opened the event with a prayer, welcome, and note of thanks, as well as some Fordham Prep gifts, for the founder of the Initiative, Dennis FitzSimons '67.



David Hiller, Catherine Rampell, and Mene Ukuieberuwa at the Third Annual FitzSimons Civics Symposium.

Hiller then gave the panelists a chance to introduce themselves and talk a bit about how they got involved in politics and journalism. Rampell noted that she knew she wanted to be a journalist at a young age, starting a newspaper at her school during the second grade. After interning at several news organizations, including the *Washington Post*, she worked at the *New York Times* for six years before returning to the *Post* as an op-ed columnist.

Ukuieberuwa had a similar story, writing for his school newspaper at a young age. His passion for journalism and interest in politics growing up led him to write for his student newspaper in college. He thought he would work in government but loved debating ideas in writing so he ended up continuing his studies in journalism, writing for arts, culture, and public policy publications along the way.

Before starting the discussion of the topics at hand, Hiller asked the audience of juniors and seniors to raise their hands if they will be eligible to vote in the upcoming election.

"Well this informs a lot of urgency in the subjects we're going to be covering today," Hiller said after noticing a number of hands raised in the audience.

Hiller then moved into the first topic of discussion; the Electoral College.

Ukuieberuwa explained that the Electoral College was created to provide a layer of judgment from the electors between the division of the voters and the ultimate outcome as well as acknowledge the sovereignty of the states as political units that elect the president.



A student from the Symposium Committee asks the panelists a question.

"If we got rid of the Electoral College, what you basically would see is the Democratic candidate going to San Francisco, New York, and other large left-leaning cities and trying to generate as much turnout as possible. You would see the Republican candidate canvassing the middle of the country and the South, trying to generate enthusiasm and excitement from their side, but neither of them would really be forced to compete for the middle and create constructive policies that serve the interests of all Americans," he stated.

Rampell expressed her concern over the popular vote being completely different from the Electoral College in past elections, resulting in a presidential win that does not reflect the votes of the people.

"There are enough situations, including in recent memory, where the popular vote has conflicted with the outcome of the Electoral College and it's hard for me to understand what the upside of that scenario is. I just think it serves to undermine confidence in our electoral system and the idea that the president in office has a popular mandate," she said.

Students on the Symposium Committee asked whether the Electoral College truly represents the diversity of the American people and how post-election news coverage influences public trust in our democracy. The conversation then turned to the topic of foreign policy.

Hiller asked juniors and seniors whether they felt the U.S. should maintain or increase their involvement in foreign policy or decrease or stay out of that realm. The students were split about the issue.

After a brief discussion of moments in history that caused increased foreign intervention from the U.S. such as the Cold War and the September 11th attacks, a conversation on recent events surrounding China-based social media app TikTok started up. This particular discussion was of great interest to the Prep students in attendance.

Hiller mentioned that during the pre-event lunch, panelists and students discussed TikTok as a news source. He asked students in the crowd if they use TikTok, to which the majority of them raised their hands. Rampell and Ukuieberuwa went on to talk about the looming ban on TikTok in the U.S.

"It largely has to do with National Security issues, the idea that there is at least partial Chinese ownership and that we don't necessarily know how the information that the company gathers on American users is being used," Rampell stated. She also mentioned that there might be a concern over having the Chinese government in possession of such a popular app where disruptive messaging and disinformation can be disseminated by adversaries of the U.S.

Ukuieberuwa agreed, citing the example of TikTok videos by environmentalist Bill McKibben, which spurred a series of videos by other environmentalists on the platform just weeks before President Joe Biden signed an order regarding reducing global greenhouse emissions.

"Can any American specifically trace that to a Chinese influence campaign and say that they were changing the algorithm to boost this because they knew that it would hurt America's oil and gas industry? I don't think we have any direct evidence that they've

been doing that in that case or any other one but it's something that a lot of members of Congress wonder," he stated.

The panelists continued discussing America's involvement in foreign affairs when it comes to trading with Canada and wars in places like Ukraine.

The conversations moved onto immigration. Hiller asked the panelists to begin the discussion on the topic stating their views.

"There's lots of evidence that that continued infusion of new blood and new talent is what helps keep the United States dynamic and thriving. If you look at why the United States economy has surpassed expectations over and over again in the past few years with forecasts of a recession that so far we have defied — a large part of that has to do with the fact that immigration is up," Rampell noted.

Ukuieberuwa mentioned that while many immigrants from South and Central America are seeking asylum due to persecution in their homelands, many are claiming asylum when they know they don't qualify for it. He also stated that a compromise to properly process asylum seekers "came really close to passage but was tanked for cynical political reasons by some Republicans who wanted to continue to have immigration as a political issue going into the 2024 election."

The concluded with students from the Symposium Committee thanking Hiller, Rampell, and Ukuieberuwa before presenting them with gifts from the Prep. FitzSimons took the stage for a brief moment for the official end of the event.



The Symposium Committee poses with moderators Eleanor Friedman P'26 and Gillian Bennis, panelists, Dennis FitzSimons '67, President Anthony Day, Principal Dr. Joe Petriello '98, and Brian Carney.

"I wasn't going to say anything today but I couldn't help myself," he began. "In seeing half of the hands in this auditorium go up when it is asked who will be voting or who will be eligible to vote — I'd just like to urge everybody. I've got a lot of faith in our system."

"There's a lot of doubt about it right now. You guys are the future and it's up to you to defend our system. Thank you," FitzSimons said to the students.

Symposium co-coordinator Eleanor Friedman P'26 feels lucky to be able to provide the students with a forum to discuss such important issues.

"The students were very vocal about suggesting our areas of focus this year. This is kind of a pivotal moment for them to actually have the opportunity to vote so it's very timely and we're in a unique position to be able to do this work," she noted.

The Fitzsimons Civics Education Initiative has garnered the attention of the entire student body, not just Fordham Prep juniors and seniors.

"We have so many students that have reached out to us with interest," said co-coordinator and social studies teacher Gillian Bennis. "Just getting more people involved, I think would be great and maybe collaborating with other organizations on campus like the Social Justice Committee," she added. ■



Students visiting the U.S.–Mexico border wall.



Students at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, AZ.

Social Justice Committee Engages in Advocacy and Community on Transformative Trip

In February 2024, a group of nine students on the Fordham Prep Social Justice Committee, along with moderators Carolyn Wright, Assistant Director of Campus Ministry for Social Justice and teacher in the English department, and Dr. Martin Carney of the Religious Studies department, embarked on a journey of learning and advocacy, encountering diverse communities and fostering connections across borders.

Their visit to Arizona and Mexico during mid-winter recess left a lasting impression that led to a desire to advocate for social justice beyond the New York area.

The first stop was Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix, Arizona, where the group met with the Brophy Native American Club. Through dialogue and shared experiences, students gained a deeper understanding of the Save Oak Flat Act, a movement protecting sacred Apache land threatened by mining companies.



Students on the Fordham Prep Social Justice Committee spent mid-winter recess in Arizona and Mexico.

"The students learned to look at environmental justice through a different lens, considering both the Catholic perspective of stewardship and the deep connection Native American communities have to the land," said Wright.

After joining with Brophy students in prayer in the school's chapel, they took a sunset hike up Piastewa Peak. There, they participated in a prayer ceremony led by the Brophy Native American Club. The activity was filled with

moments of reflection and a sense of shared purpose igniting a responsibility within the students to work toward healing and justice.

On day two of the trip, students visited the Native American Museum of Art and Culture as well as the Heard Museum Boarding School Exhibit. They learned about Southwest tribes and the legacy of forced assimilation in boarding schools, a historical experience that continues to impact Native American communities today.

"One of the takeaways is my newfound appreciation for Native American culture and my gratitude for the life I am given," said Bobby '25. "I am blessed to not have my land stripped away from me or have to be pushed away by violence, which means I am blessed enough to help those who have," he continued.

Understanding the generational trauma caused by these schools was a turning point for the students. "The students feel a responsibility to advocate for healing and work to right wrongs in the Native American community," said Wright.

The second half of the trip focused on the plight of migrants seeking asylum. Partnering with José Leyba, Moderator of Kino Teens at Brophy, and the Kino Border Initiative (KBI), students volunteered at a Nogales shelter, serving breakfast, playing board games with children, and interacting with families.

Students were asked to do three things on the visit to KBI: be in the moment, seek to understand without judgment, and remember the names of three people they encountered.

"I met three kids when playing UNO. I found joy in the fact that they could find happiness in something as little as a game of UNO with so much going on around them," said Graham '25.

“The students feel a responsibility to advocate for healing and work to right wrongs in the Native American community.”

— Carolyn Wright, Assistant Director of Campus Ministry for Social Justice and English Teacher

Though the situation was extremely sad, the students were able to bring moments of joyousness to the 80 people they visited at KBI. "It was really meaningful to see students interact with families trying to seek justice and it was great to see smiles and laughter," said Wright.

Leyba, Wright, and Dr. Carney spoke to some of the families at KBI and brainstormed ways to work alongside other organizations to help them seek justice.

Later, the students took a walking tour of downtown Nogales, learned about the history of the Mexico–United States border wall, and explored the complexities surrounding immigration.

The group witnessed firsthand the complexities of the U.S.–Mexico border issue. "We wanted to focus on social justice rather than politics even though it can be hard to separate those two," noted Wright.

The experience wasn't just about service; it was about building lasting connections. Upon returning to the East Coast, a group of seniors began reaching out to officials to advocate for sacred land in Oak Flat. Fordham Prep students also bounced around a few ideas for a student club they can form to further advocate for these lands from afar and planned a digital story to share with next year's Social Justice Committee, ensuring the lessons learned and the spirit of collaboration continues to inspire future endeavors.

"This wasn't just an immersion trip — it ended up being a retreat," said Wright. "We wanted it to be a collaborative experience, empowering students to become advocates for the various topics they learned about."

The Social Justice Committee's trip to Arizona and Mexico serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of building bridges, fostering empathy, and taking action toward a more just world. ■



LEFT: The Robotics exhibit at the Third Annual iSTEAM Expo.

MIDDLE: President Anthony Day addresses attendees at the Third Annual iSTEAM Expo.

RIGHT: Peter McNamara P'11,'12,'17 showing the audience an Apple IIe computer used at the Prep in the 1980s.

BOTTOM: Now in its third year, the iSTEAM Expo allows students to showcase their passion for topics in science, technology, engineering, art, and math.



Two New Awards Announced at Third Annual iSTEAM Expo

On April 30, the Third Annual iSTEAM Expo was held in Moglia Commons. Over a dozen Fordham Prep iSTEAM activities, academic classes, and co-curricular clubs were represented at the event, including Robotics, 3D Printing, Game Development, Oyster Farming, Cybersecurity, Hydroponics, and Aviation.

“The purpose of this evening is to showcase the incredible creative contributions that students have made in science, technology, engineering, graphic arts, and math,” said iSTEAM Coordinator Raymond Gonzalez, EdD to the crowd. He then asked each group to stand when their club name was called to receive a round of applause.

Jack McDonald '24 read the iSTEAM Science Prayer before President Anthony Day took to the podium.

“Although St. Ignatius would not have imagined the advent of technology when he opened his first school in Messina in 1548, he did recognize the need for Jesuit schools to remain adaptive, always meeting the needs of the students that are currently enrolled in our schools,” Day began, noting that this is what keeps Jesuit education relevant and sustainable. “Our Fordham Prep iSTEAM faculty and staff have taken this charge of St. Ignatius seriously and have committed themselves to growing these departments in ways that inspire and inform our Rams,” he continued.

Before giving the floor to Archivist Louis DiGiorno '88 P'26, Day joked that the best computer drive is Random Access Memory (RAM).

DiGiorno gave a brief history of technology at the Prep, touching on Fr. Thomas Freeman, SJ, who built his own Western Electric machine in the basement of Thebaud Hall at Rose Hill, making Fordham the first electrified institution in the Bronx. He also mentioned actor Walter Kinsella '1917 and his after-school job helping to launch the motion picture industry at Edison Studios with none other than Thomas Edison.

“Before there was Hollywood there was the Bronx, and Fordham Prep was part of it,” DiGiorno stated.

He also noted that Fordham Prep was a spectacle even in the 1980s when the Ministry of Education in Japan came to visit Rose Hill to see what the future could hold.

“And since 1841, we have been here doing our own thing. And that’s the way it should be. It’s been that way for three centuries. Let’s take it to the 22nd,” he continued.

Director of Technical Operations Jeff Butkowski '99 then took to the podium to introduce the inaugural Freeman iSTEAM Innovation Award and its first winner, Paul Creegan '24.

“Though he’s a literal Eagle Scout, don’t be fooled. Paul is a troublemaker,” Butkowski said as the crowd laughed. He explained that Creegan is a “different kind of troublemaker” who entrenches himself into every aspect of iSTEAM and Fordham Prep, like troublemaker Fr. Freeman. This, Butkowski noted, Creegan does while looking for an opportunity to learn and grow not just as a student, but as a person.

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— Jeff Butkowski '99, Director of Technical Operations



Dr. Gonzalez poses with Paul Creegan '24, recipient of the inaugural Freeman iSTEAM Innovation Award.



ABOVE: Seniors at the Computer Science Exhibit pose with Computer Science Department Chair Tom Noone (left) and Assistant Director of Technical Operations Danielli Antoniou (right), proudly displaying their new Leadership in Technology (LIT) Award certificates.

BELOW: Members of the Sports Analytics Club pose with Dr. David Rosenthal, Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science at St. John's University (left) and Dr. Gonzalez (right).



Principal Joe Petriello PhD, '98, and Assistant Principal for Academics Andrea McDermott then presented the second inaugural award of the evening, the Leadership in Technology (LIT) Certificate, which is presented to seniors who have made contributions to the natural and applied sciences during their four years at Fordham Prep. A dozen members of the Class of 2024 received the award.

Dr. Gonzalez concluded the evening with a note of encouragement to the students and a thank you to the parents.

“Shoot for the mountaintops, because you never know where you are going to land. It has been an honor. It has been a privilege. And at this point, it is my duty to support you all in your journeys. Parents, thank you for your support. This does not happen without you,” he said. ■



CLASS OF 1964

Members of the Class of 1964 pose in Moglia Commons during their 60th reunion.

Celebrates 60 Years of Brotherhood & Generosity on Ascension Thursday

In a continuation of a longstanding tradition among classmates, 60 members of the Class of 1964 held their annual Ascension Thursday get-together in early May. However, to celebrate their 60th reunion, the event was held back where it all began, on the Rose Hill Campus at Fordham Prep.

The group was joined by President Anthony Day for a private Mass in the Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola, celebrated by Chaplain Fr. Jim Coughlin, SJ. Prayers were offered for alumni of the class who have passed away.

The celebration continued with a cocktail hour followed by dinner in the Leonard Theatre Atrium. A memorabilia table curated by Archivist Lou DiGiorno '88 P'26 featured several vintage items harkening back to their days at Hughes Hall. Tom Baffer '64 helped coordinate a Zoom meeting during the dinner portion of the event for his classmates who were unable to attend in person.

Special thanks to 1964 Reunion Committee members Robert Reid, Bernie Preisser, Tom Baffer, Mike Cesa, Fred Grein, Bill Perry, George Robinson, and Chuck Slivinski for organizing such a memorable event. Their efforts to keep the spirit of St. Ignatius alive with these yearly Ascension Thursday gatherings have led to an outpouring of generosity from the class. Their contributions, totaling \$120,000 to date, will support the new Class of 1964 Endowed Scholarship. The class also supports the Prep's Catholic Jesuit mission through the Gonzaga Scholarship for sons of first responders, the Charles W. DaParma, Jr. '45 Scholarship Fund, Sgt. Robert Murray '64 Award, John Vrionis 1964 Scholarship, and the Robert O'Donnell '64 Award. ■

To learn more about giving, visit fordhamprep.org/giving or contact Suzanne Dowden, Director of Engagement and Development at dowdens@fordhamprep.org or 718-367-7500 ext. 274.



Alumni converse near the 1964 memorabilia table in the Leonard Theatre Atrium during cocktail hour.

SOLVED JFK MYSTERY

On a November afternoon in 1963, Prep boys huddled in the Publicity Office on the fifth floor of Hughes Hall to listen to the reports coming out of Dallas. In that moment, decades and decades before camera-phones would become ubiquitous, someone had the wherewithal to understand the historical importance of that moment, got hold of a camera, and captured the mid-century Rams' shocked and solemn expressions for posterity.



The photo, simply known as 11/22/63, has become **one of the most iconic in the Prep's collection.**

Among late 20th-century and early 21st-century Shea Hallers looking back into yesteryear, a single recurring question has arisen: but who shot the picture? Several theories have persisted — including one that suggests the photo was staged at a later date.

We are happy to share that as of the night of 5/9/2024, the Class of 1964's Sixtieth Reunion, the mystery of the JFK image has been solved. The photographer was none other than Brian Heller '64, photography editor of the 1964 *Ramkin*. As Brian recalled at the Reunion, he immediately recognized the gravity of the moment and wanted to preserve it for all time.

Brian's classmates confirmed how he had been listening along with them, and suddenly sprang up, went next door to the fifth-floor darkroom and photography office, and grabbed his camera as the tragic news continued to come across the airwaves.

Thank you, Brian, for lending us your eye, and for giving us this extraordinary snapshot into history. Be assured your image will continue to intrigue your Ram successors in the 21st century and beyond. ■

CLASSNotes

1957

John Hoey and Hugh Laubis, both Class of 1957, recently celebrated their Reunion in Venice, Florida.



1958

Larry Ricciardi '58, pictured at the Morgan Library and Museum for their Centennial Celebration in March, is the President of the Morgan's Board.



Courtesy of the NY Times.

1961

On April 21, 2024, the Cyber-security Club, led by Paul Creegan '24, and Archivist Louis DiGiorno '88 P'26 had the pleasure of welcoming alum, former teacher, and Hall of Honor member Fr. Nicholas Lombardi, SJ '61 back to Fordham Prep for a presentation on the history of computer technology at the Prep. Fr. Lombardi was instrumental in placing Fordham Prep at the forefront of computer technology in the 1980s.

1959

John Acampora '59 is the owner of "Flat Breads," a sandwich shop that has been serving the Boston College community for 30 years. He was recently interviewed by *Boston College Magazine* where he discussed the challenges, connections, and commitments over the past 30 years.



1969

The Class of 1969 gathered for a Christmas dinner and had 32 classmates join!



1972

Warren Fox '72 recently retired from 46 years in aviation. He spent 30 years in aviation with the U.S. Marine Corps before retiring for the first time in 2006. He then spent the next 18 years flying corporate and as a Civilian Pilot for the military and has now (finally!) retired. Larry is pictured after his last flight in the Challenger 350.

politics, author, international lecturer on the negative impact of technology/social media on the human brain, wine grower, and avid but average golfer. He lives full-time in Prague, and has three children and two grandchildren.

Raymond Silliere '74 has recently retired.

Raymond Carile '74 has recently retired.

Barry White '74 has recently retired.

Timothy Pine '74 says he "met some of the best people and teachers while I attended the Prep and enjoyed the sports programs. So all in all, if I had not relocated to Florida 30 years ago for business reasons, my sons would have both attended the Prep. It is the best school in the city if not the state in my opinion!"

Edwin Bird '74 welcomed a granddaughter born to his daughter and son-in-law in November 2021.

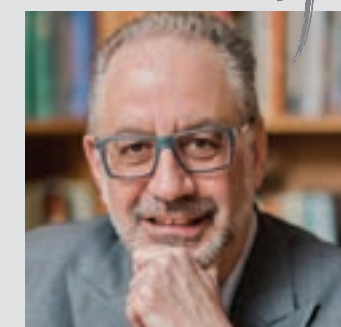
Richard LaRose '74 is looking forward to attending this year's Super Bowl game!

Michael Solari '74 recently attended his 50th Reunion and said, "When I saw the 50-year Reunion picture in my first yearbook I vowed to be in that picture when the day came. The day has arrived!"

Vin O'Leary '74 is the Managing Director at Brown Brothers Harriman.

1973

James Mustich '73, nationally renowned author of *1,000 Books to Read Before You Die*, editor, and digital innovator, was named Senior Advisor to Iona University's President.



1974

William Martimucci '74 is married to Edie with three daughters: Jeannette, Kristina, and Mary. He also has two granddaughters: Aubrey (4) and Nora (2). William also recently retired from medicine in June of 2023 after 38 years in practice, and was a Founding Member of WestMed Medical Group.

Martin Stransky '74 is a Physician, government advisor in healthcare and

Alfred Saint Jacques, III '74 recently celebrated his 50th Reunion. His father, Alfred J. Saint Jacques, Jr., graduated from the Prep in 1944 and his uncle, Joseph Saint Jacques, was a teacher at the Prep as well as the head of the Foreign Studies Program in the 1970s.

1975

Michael Marsh '75 was named Chief of Staff to the President's Office at the University of Rochester.



David Gilman '75 recently gave a TED Talk at the University of Mount Saint Vincent. The theme was sponsoring the University's 100+ year motto of Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge, with a topic of "Do people look forward to being with you?" David combined theme and topic to give a 14-minute speech about inclusion, emotional intelligence, and style versatility.



1976

Ed Leclerc-Bonanno '76 is the Mayor of Avon-by-the-Sea, New Jersey.

1979

Theobald Dengler '79 is a Patent Agent.

1984

Michael Burger '84 is the President and Agency Principal at MJB Agency, Inc.

Joseph Voli '84's son, Luca Voli, recently graduated from the Prep in 2023.

Kevin Miller '84 was recently appointed as Senior Pastor of St. Matthew's Community AME Church of Hollis, Queens, New York.

Steven Mitrakos '84's son, Jason, is a sophomore at Chapman University, College of Performing Arts studying musical composition.

Christopher Blake '84 works at St. Vincent's Medical Center.

1989

Bill O'Donnell '89 is the Northeast Division Manager at AstraZeneca.

Scott Hoina '89 is a Portfolio Manager at Neuberger Berman.

1992

Rodrigo Luzzi '92 is an NYC-based actor and can most recently be seen in the new Amazon Prime series *Fallout*.

1994

Steven Francescone '94 is a Cardiologist and the Medical Director at Mount Sinai Doctors Westchester.

Alfredo Jones '94 is the Deputy Executive Director at NYC Health + Hospitals.

Vincent Romano '94 is a Technology Teacher at Pearl River MS. He also has three children, Enzo (10), Rafael (7), and Lydia (4).

Marc Yovine '94 is the Market Research Director at Circana.

Patrick Brady '94 is a Fireman at Yonkers Fire Dept.



1999

Lloyd Nolan '99, pictured with Brian Carney at the CHSAA Hall of Fame Dinner at the Inwood Country Club in May.

Landon Dais '99 is a Bronx-area Lawyer and was unanimously nominated to run in a special election, winning the 77th Assembly District Seat in the Bronx with 78.1% of the vote.



The Class of 1999 got together to have a pre-reunion celebration at Downey's Bar to begin celebrating their 25th Reunion early!

James Rausse '99 is the Commissioner for Planning & Community Development for the City of Mount Vernon, NY.

Robert Masi '99 is CEO and Managing Partner at Accordo Compliance Solutions.

John Peters '99 was married to Elizabeth on July 1, 2017 and welcomed their son, Nolan John Peters, on September 15, 2018.

Alexander Hyacinthe '99 is the Lead Producer at ESPN.

Scott Broglia '99 is the Assistant Principal at Arlington High School.

Steven Padernacht '99 and John Irizarry '99 recently celebrated their 25th Reunion! They want to note that most of the photos from their senior yearbook were taken by the two of them, but they didn't get any credit!

Robert Mirabal '99 was married in 2008, and has two kids, Joseph (12) and Karina (11). He is also a certified CrossFit Level 1 trainer, and Board of Finance member, Marlborough, CT 2022-2023.



Carlos Vargas '99 recently received a doctoral degree in behavioral health management in 2023 from Arizona State University.

Jamaal Matthews '99 is an Associate Professor at the University of Michigan, Marsal School of Education.

Richard Balcarran '99 has been married for 17 years, and has two sons and one daughter. He is currently an Engineer and Independent Film Producer/Writer.

2000

Francis McKenna '00 was recently featured on the "LarchmontWealth" Instagram discussing interest rates, bonds, and income investments.

2004

Frank Sabatino '04 and his wife, Victoria, recently welcomed their daughter in February!

Matthew Del Nagro '04 is a Construction PM at CTS Builders.

Greg Sans '04 is a Senior Project Manager at Suffolk Construction.

2006

David Tubiolo '06 earned his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army.

2009

John Martin '09 recently beat fellow alumnus, Jim Andruss '89, in the Club Championship at Saxony Golf Club!

2010

Salman Rangrez '10 and his wife, Karen, welcomed their daughter, Amira, on May 31, 2023.

Tom Preti '10, Administrative Director of Tom Preti Events to Savor, sat down with MUSE USA to discuss his organization's Green Team and reimagining their culinary philosophy and sustainability in every part of the business.

2011

Benjamin Seo '11 was recently recognized as one of 914INC.'s Wunderkinds. This select group of Westchester, New York's best and brightest young professionals have been chosen by the editors of 914INC. for their unique talents, groundbreaking ideas, and community involvement, all while under the age of 35!

David Young '11 married Dana Gibbs, Communications Officer, on April 20, 2024.



2014

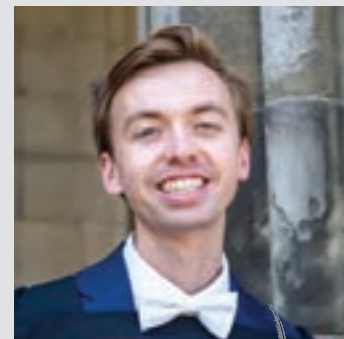
Christopher Denner '14 is a Special Education Teacher for the NYC DOE.

Kyle Creaven '14 has released his first album called *Scatterbrained* by Zanzifxm, is working on his 2nd album, and will be headlining the Buffalo Music and Arts Festival! He has also been working with American Beatbox and the Just a Friend Foundation, and volunteering, hosting events, performing, and raising donations for food and school supplies for local communities in the Bronx and Harlem. He recently ran the behind the scenes for the 50th Anniversary of Hip Hop show in Times Square in August of 2023.

Brandon Smith '14 is the Founder & CEO of Officewell.

Patrick Quirke '14 is a Corporate Advisor at Exbo Group.

Peter Kwauk '14 recently received a master's in data science and statistics from Columbia University.



2018

Michael Tozzi '18 is working as a paralegal for Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP while attending law school. He graduated from the University of St. Andrews in 2023 and is the former Editor in Chief of the *St. Andrews Law Review*.

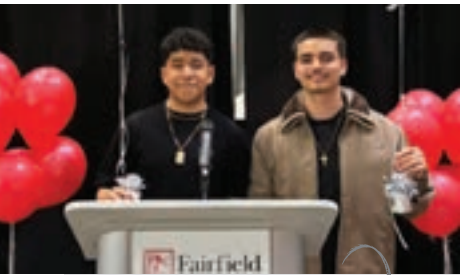
2019

Stephen Zupicich '19 was recently drafted by the Maryland Whipsnakes to play professional Lacrosse.



2020

Charlie O'Connor '20 is pictured holding the Lombardi Trophy for the owner of the LA Rams while working the U.S. Open @ Los Angeles CC. Charlie recently graduated from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California.



2022

Andrew Mejia Hernandez '22 is currently attending Fairfield University and was recently elected President of the Fairfield University Student Association (FUSA) in the 77th Presidential Election Party through write-in votes! After the initial student candidates gave a one-sided debate as the only candidates running for this position, Andrew and his fellow Fairfield classmate became candidates completely through student word of mouth and were written in on the ballots, leading them to a win.

2023

Alvin Gonzalez '23 and Felix Cabrera-Vargas '23 recently spoke at a REACH event hosted by Fordham Prep and the Father's Club about their transformational experiences with REACH and the Prep.



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM You!

Thank you to all who shared their news. We look forward to hearing more of your updates for the next edition of Class Notes! Share your updates at: fordhamprep.org/classnotes.

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IN MEMORIAM

These pages include all alumni that the Prep was informed have passed away since the publication of the last Ramview Magazine.

ALUMNI

Grid of 24 alumni portraits with names and graduation years: Kenneth Adams '50, Thomas Bellone '70, John Blessington '51, Constantine "Tino" Clemente '54, C. Stephen Connolly '51, Anthony Fiorella '56, Robert Hemsing '60, Joseph Lucca Sr. '41, William Lucca '46, Gerald McCarren '84, Dr. Neil McCarthy '53, Stephen Norton '69, Charles "Max" Pelisson '53, Gerard Pelisson '61, Carl Pellitteri '70, Raphael Plaszczymaka '07, Dr. Donald Powers '47, Thomas Tobin '62.

COMMUNITY

- Celia Angelica Baluja P'87
Mother of Eric Baluja '87
Cloty Barahona P'85,'86
Stepmother to Luis '85 and Iszail '86
James Beirne P'05,'08
Father of Brendan '05 and Aodhan '08 Beirne
Donald F. Brophy P'89
Father of Chris '89
Joseph Doherty Sr. P'96
Father of Joseph Doherty Jr. '96
Dwight Doscher P'03,'05
Father of Dwight Jr. '03 and Bryan '05 Doscher
Eise Duke P'73,'76
Mother of Eric '73 and Richard '76 Duke, Grandmother of John Duke '08
Robert Gleeson, Sr.,
Father of Robert Gleeson, Jr. '26
Joseph Kubeck Sr. P'20
Father of Joseph Kubeck II '20
Joseph LaRosa P'90
Father of Robert LaRosa '90



- Father Charles Sullivan, SJ
Former Fordham Prep Teacher, Member of the Hall of Honor
Jason Leddy
Father of William '24 and Graham '27
William Loftus GP'07,'08
Grandfather of Brian Loftus '07 and William Loftus '08
Gennaro Musilli P'87
Father of Silvestro "Sly" Musilli '87
Jake Ryan
Former student; 1993-1996



TRIBUTE TO RETIREES



Dr. Martin Carney

By Carolyn Wright

Assistant Director of Campus Ministry
for Social Justice Initiatives, English
Department

Teacher. Mentor. Social Justice Advocate. Campus Minister. Global Citizen. Family Man. Long-time Bronx Resident. The Simpsons Expert. Dunkin' Donuts Enthusiast. Gardener. Birder. "Doc."

These are just a sampling of words that describe Dr. Martin Carney. It is safe to say that all who encounter Doc — students, faculty, staff, visitors, neighborhood partners, new people he meets along the way — encounter a person of Faith and Radical Love.

In addition to educating a generation of students as a teacher in the Religious Studies Department, Doc has made an impact on campus, and beyond, in so many ways with his work with the Social Justice Committee and Faith Doing Justice Summit, decades of Christian Service with Part of the Solution (POTS), and numerous organizations, and years of delighting the school community at the annual Christmas Assembly. This past year, he also supported me in my new role as Assistant Director of Campus Ministry for Social Justice Initiatives. I am where I am today because Doc paved the way, and I know that I am not the only one. Doc has "walked with" so many of us, and that is a gift.

One of my favorite memories with Doc was the Social Justice Immersion trip in February 2024. With Doc's encouragement and his willingness to be a chaperone with me, this new program went from a dream idea to a reality. Together, we traveled with nine students to Phoenix, Arizona and Nogales, Mexico where we learned about Native and Indigenous History and Traditions and environmental justice issues like the Save Oak Flat movement led by the Apache Stronghold.

We also had the opportunity to advocate for migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers and volunteer for a Day of Service facilitated by the Kino Border Initiative. It makes perfect sense to me that Doc would carve out time in his life to accompany young people (and me!) on this amazing journey and seize every opportunity to "live the mission" during his final year at the Prep. It was a joy to witness Doc "in his element," meeting new people, showing a genuine interest in their lives, opening his heart to the justice issues at hand — and taking time to get to know each of the boys in the quiet moments along the trip. Asking them how the day was going. Praying. Reflecting. Making puns. Making memories. Picking out the perfect souvenirs to bring to loved ones back home. Reminding us to notice nature and look for "God in OWL Things." (Or was it "God in all Wings?")

Doc may be leaving the classroom, but he will forever be a part of the Fordham Prep family, and for that, we are so blessed.



Teresa Faustini P'06,'10

By Patricia Simeone P'12,'15

Modern Language Department

As the Modern Language Department is a small, tight-knit group where the average teaching tenure is 24 years, we are more than colleagues; we are friends. It is impossible to think of the department without Teresa Faustini. For 28 years, Teresa has been a steady presence in Room 233, teaching Spanish and Italian. Her dedication to her students and to Fordham Prep is apparent every day. I remember a student once referring to her as the "Cal Ripken" of teachers due to her near-perfect attendance.

Teresa's commitment is evident in her deep faith. She is a fixture at morning daily mass in the chapel. Her work on both the liturgy and the chapel planning committees has helped shape the school masses and the design of the new Chapel of St. Ignatius.

Teresa's work ethic is also clear in her efforts outside the classroom as well. I have been privileged to work with her both on the Student Life Committee and the Italian Club. In the Italian Club, Teresa is proud to share her love and knowledge of Italian culture and pride in her heritage with a myriad of students over the years. The students will fondly remember the countless trips to Arthur Avenue, the pizza parties with Ursuline, and bocce on the backfield.

Teresa is a loving and proud mother of four, including two sons who are Fordham Prep graduates. In recent years, she has become a doting grandmother of two... and soon-to-be three! Her kindness and compassion come through in all she does. She is a devoted teacher, a thoughtful colleague, and a dear friend. Personally, I will miss seeing her every day and the many laughs that we have shared in the Modern Language Office.

Enjoy your retirement, Ms. Faustini, you will be missed.



Paul Homer

By Brian Carney

Vice President for Mission,
Chief Strategy Officer

As I sat in the theater one morning this May listening to Paul Homer give the keynote address for Sophomore Dream Day, I was reminded, as I have been so many times before, of what a gift Paul has been to the Prep community for 35 remarkable years. Turning to a colleague beside me, I couldn't help but marvel, "Every time I think I might possibly approach Paul's level, he effortlessly raises the bar with speeches like this one!" With his trademark wit, Paul regaled our sophomores with tales of how his own dreams guided him to a career he loves. We are truly blessed that his aspirations led him to Fordham Prep.

Drawing from our Ignatian heritage, Paul has woven a narrative of faith, scholarship, and service that has left an indelible mark on the lives of all who have had the privilege of crossing his path. Through his unwavering commitment to the *magis*, the "more," he has inspired his students to strive for excellence not just in academic pursuits, but in their pursuit of justice, compassion, and a deepening relationship with God.

Paul's tenure as Director of Christian Service, the longest among all Jesuit schools in the country, has been a shining example of the Jesuit education hallmark of *cura personalis*, care for the individual. Whether leading service trips to Tennessee and Camden, New Jersey, or accompanying students to work with community partners in the Bronx, Paul has modeled a profound understanding of the importance of encountering God in all things, especially in the faces of those who are marginalized and in need.

In the Ignatian spirit of discernment, Paul has guided his students in the classroom through the complexities of faith, encouraging them to wrestle with difficult questions, to seek truth with open hearts and minds, and to discern their own unique callings in the service of others. His presence has been a constant

reminder that the journey of faith is not a solitary one, but a communal endeavor rooted in love, justice, and solidarity.

Not only was Paul a remarkable colleague to me for 31 years, but he was also a cherished friend whose presence brought light and laughter to every corner of our workplace in the ministry center. From the early days of navigating being a young teacher to the countless moments of celebration and support, our bond transcended the confines of the office. Paul wasn't just a colleague; he was the confidant I leaned on during tough times, the cheerleader who celebrated my victories, and the friend who made every day brighter simply by being there. I will forever be grateful for his warmth, humor, and unwavering friendship.

As Paul bids farewell to Fordham Prep, I am reminded of the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola: **"Go forth and set the world on fire."** Paul has done just that, igniting the flames of compassion, justice, and service in the hearts of countless students who will carry his legacy forward into the world. In the Jesuit tradition of AMDG — *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, for the greater glory of God — we give thanks for the gift of Paul Homer and the profound impact he has had on our community and beyond.



Pete McNamara P'11,'12,'17

By Robert McLaughlin

Chairperson, Physical Education & Health

Peter McNamara, currently the longest-tenured teacher at Fordham Prep, is a man of many talents. Pete has been a science teacher, soccer coach, mentor, and cherished friend to many since 1985. His absence will be felt in the classroom, on the pitch, in the faculty room, and in the hallways of Fordham Prep. The lessons he taught in the classroom and the soccer field, and the wisdom shared with colleagues will be forever remembered, as will his legendary performances at the annual faculty golf outing.

Immediately following his graduation from Fordham University, Pete began teaching and coaching at the Prep. For the last 39 years, Pete has been dedicated and committed to the Jesuit ideals of *cura personalis*. Over the years, Pete has taught a number of courses including Chemistry, AP Biology, and Biology honors. Pete, who has an uncanny resemblance to the scientist Gregor Mendel, shared his knowledge and passion for science, along with his old school chalk-and-talk style, abundance of notes, and memorable drawings on the board, with thousands of students over the years.

You'd be hard-pressed to find someone who loves and knows more about the beautiful game of soccer than Pete McNamara. **Pete established Fordham Prep as the preeminent soccer program in New York City and his successful tenure as the Varsity soccer coach is highlighted by CHSAA archdiocesan, city, and state championships, his induction to the CHSAA Hall of fame, and a decade of coaching his talented sons, Michael, Gregory, and Luke.** For almost 40 years, Pete molded young athletes into skilled

players and fierce competitors. During every practice and game, Pete prepared his players to compete at their highest level. In fact, numerous former players have gone on to play at the collegiate level, including his three sons.

One of Pete's most important and lasting legacies will be his establishment of the Unknown Mentor Scholarship Program.

This innovative program provides faculty and staff with the opportunity to give back to the Prep community by donating a portion of their weekly salaries to scholarships for students who would not be able to afford a Prep education. Pete's passion for this project has been unrivaled and will continue to provide financial assistance to Prep students for years to come.

As the school year comes to an end we say a fond farewell to Pete. We wish him all the best as he embarks on his next chapter along with his wife, Lisa, who is also retiring from her position as a math teacher in Long Island.

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Dr. Patricia Morris

By Nelson Ritter '96

Coordinator of Christian Service Immersion, Religious Studies Department

Though I never had the pleasure of being a student enrolled in a class taught by Dr. Patricia Morris, it would be an understatement to say I've been learning from her for over 30 years. We first met during my freshman year at Fordham Prep, when we were members of a group that traveled through England, Ireland, and Wales during Easter recess in the Spring of 1993. Though she was only "Miss" Morris then, Trish's good humor, care for everyone around her, articulateness, and

joie de vivre were all evident to all of us throughout the trip, and to me personally ever since. Trish and I have since taken many trips during our years on the faculty together, both domestically and internationally, often leading groups of students on Christian Service Immersion experiences and those same qualities have been unfailingly displayed throughout all of those trips.

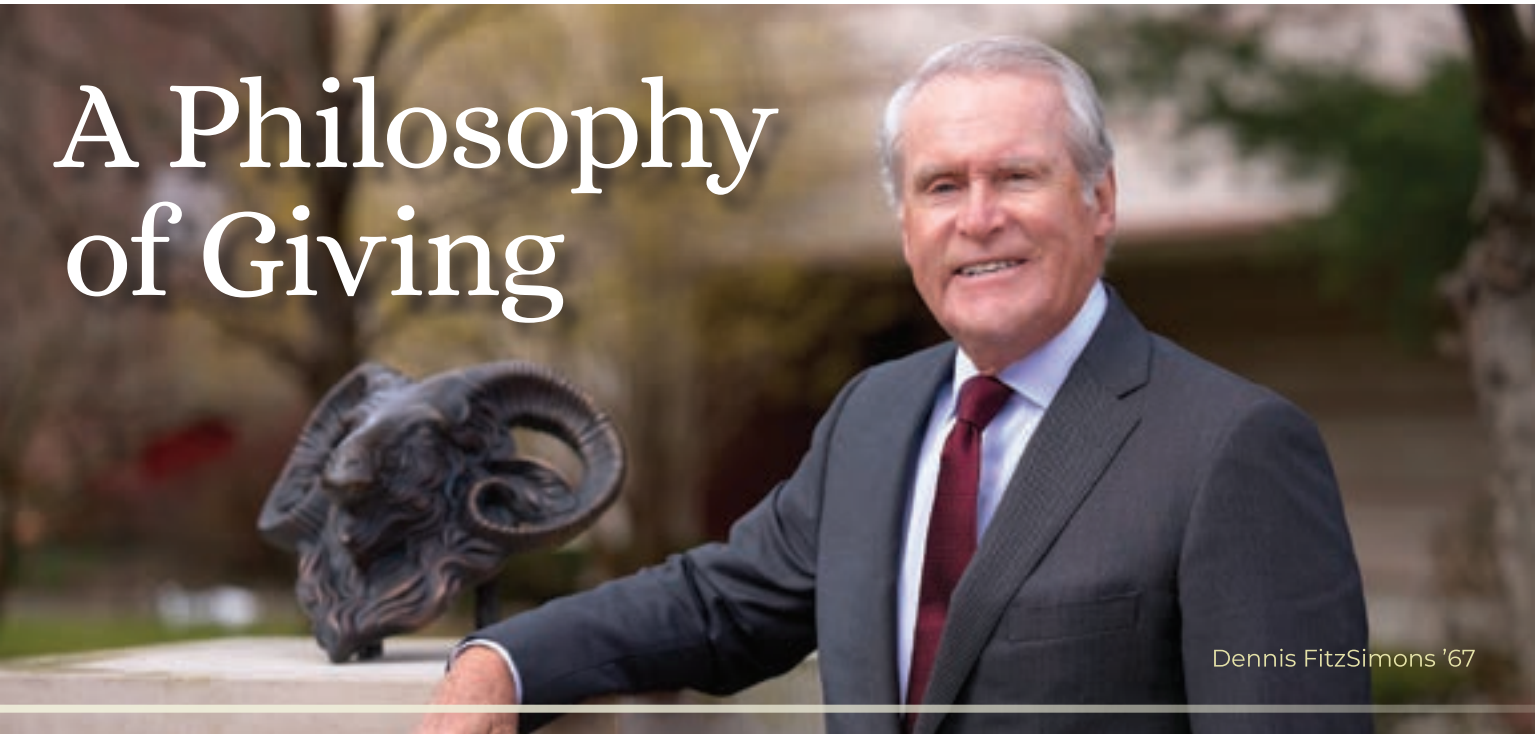
During Trish's 30-plus year tenure at Fordham Prep, she has never missed an opportunity to display a passion for her subject, a particular feat considering for the past 20 or so years, that subject has grown outside of the Modern Language realm to include mathematics as well. Whether it's the dedication required to successfully complete a two-column proof in Geometry or the linguistic nuances of *Le Petit Prince*, Trish always shares insights, reflections, and life lessons with her students and those of us fortunate enough to call her a colleague and friend.

I asked a couple of members of the Class of 2024 who were fortunate to study French with Trish to share their reflections about Madame; here's what they said:

"We had the privilege of learning from Dr. Morris during our last three years at Fordham Prep. In this time, she was not only our teacher, but a role model as well. The passion she had for French, and the effort that she put into each and every class was truly inspiring. She was always willing to help and cared for every single one of her students. Though we will miss her greatly, we are extremely grateful for all that she has done for us and the Prep community."

Trish once gave to me a postcard with the following quotation from St. Augustine, which could have easily been attributed to Trish herself, *"La mesure de l'amour, c'est d'aimer sans mesure."*

So, on behalf of all of us who have learned from, traveled alongside and been inspired by Trish, a heartfelt *merci beaucoup*; we will always "Miss" Dr. Morris! ■



Dennis FitzSimons '67

Dennis FitzSimons '67 counts himself as very fortunate to have received a Jesuit education. He recognizes that his formative experience was made possible by his parents' financial sacrifice. His goal now is to help other students have the same Rose Hill experience.

"Jesuits have always had a philosophy of giving, and a goal of blending socio-economic classes," says Dennis, "and that has been a successful formula. Today, private school economics have changed and fewer families can afford a Fordham Prep education. The least I can do is try to help make Rose Hill possible for deserving students."

Dennis went on to Fordham University and launched a successful career, always staying connected with Fordham Prep. He has supported the Prep in many ways, perhaps the most impactful being the creation

of an endowed scholarship. His goal remains enabling families of modest means to send their sons to Fordham Prep, commenting that there are lots of "very bright, talented, young men in every economic class, and it's a benefit to everyone to have deserving students attend the Prep."

Most recently, Dennis made a gift that supports financial aid, with a portion dedicated to a civics education initiative. It included the creation and support of an annual civics symposium, something he is passionate about, believing that an increased emphasis on civics education would be a positive for today's students.

Dennis' support demonstrates that he's clearly vested in the life of the school today, as well as supportive of the long-term financial sustainability of Fordham

Prep through his legacy gift. "Being able to contribute to an endowed scholarship fund to help qualified young students is a privilege, and I hope others will consider supporting the school that gave us so much," he says.

One way to do that is to make a legacy gift in your estate plan. Planned gifts and bequests cost you nothing now but have a tremendous impact on our ability to continue to offer the education of a lifetime to the next generation of students.

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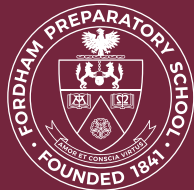
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