

# Prep Today



State Class LL Basketball Champions

# MESSAGE FROM THE President

Dear friends, students, and colleagues,

**I**t is with great pleasure that I write to you as President of Fairfield Prep. I feel honored to be part of our mission in Jesuit secondary education, and especially blessed to have met so many of you this past year.

I cannot imagine a better transition, having the chance to facilitate Prep faculty retreats for two years prior to my arrival, teaching Spanish and working with the administration beginning last August, and serving as a Jesuit priest here at many Masses, retreats, and extracurricular events. After the public announcement of my appointment in January, I visited other Jesuit schools and conferences around the country to learn their best practices. These experiences all cause me to rejoice in gratitude for what we share at Fairfield Prep.

We spend our days doing meaningful work within a community marked by its strong sense of fellowship and generosity. The *Grad at Grad* presents goals not only for our students, but ones that all of us as educators, parents, and alumni strive to attain. To thrive as an institution is to continually ask ourselves, “How can we be more open to growth, intellectually competent, loving, religious, and committed to doing justice?”

So many times this past year I have witnessed *Grad at Grad* ideals in action: families welcoming one another at S.E.E.D. events, parents sharing meals after games with players from opposing teams, committed teachers learning new technology and pedagogical techniques to reach their students in creative ways, fine arts performances that weave a multitude of talents into a unified production, coaches who put in countless hours to model how true love and sacrifice can be cultivated through sports, students courageously sharing life stories with one another on Kairos retreats, and alumni who regularly return to be renewed in their “Prep Brotherhood.”

God, the source of all that is good, is present in these life-giving expressions of gifts received. There is much for which we have to be grateful. With opportunities come challenges and responsibilities. We must never lose our focus on developing transformative leaders who will engage the troubles of our world in constructive, faith-filled ways. Hope for a world of peace and justice has to be infused into the projects we embark upon and everything we communicate to these young men. We challenge them, because we know that the challenges of our global context are great. Our confidence comes from knowing that God’s redeeming love surpasses all.



The president of any non-profit institution functions as its chief executive officer and head fundraiser, setting strategic goals and ensuring sufficient resources are assembled to meet those objectives. My role at Fairfield Prep is no different, and I enthusiastically undertake this responsibility because I am convinced in the value of our mission. At the same time, I view my moral obligation as head of a Jesuit work to be that of pastor to this extended Prep family, both in terms of pastoral presence and as one to shepherd us forward as we discern future growth beyond our coming 75th anniversary.

I encourage us to deepen our commitment as a learning, discerning, apostolic community through prayer and collaboration. And I invite you to participate in some Prep event you haven’t yet attended, appreciating the many facets of our school. See you soon around the halls, fields, and theater of Fairfield Prep.

AMDG!

Rev. Thomas M. Simisky, S.J.  
President

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam – For the Greater Glory of God*

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## The Student Life Center Opens!

**T**he new Student Life Center is scheduled to open before the start of student orientations in fall 2015. This state-of-the-art, technology-enriched, multi-purpose facility will feature a number of specialized, but functionally related spaces including: • A dining/commons area to accommodate 450 students for lunch, and other functions such as school-sponsored parent meetings, parent-sponsored activities, sports dinners, faculty meetings, development events, class reunions, and other school activities • Student meeting/seminar rooms • The Prep Pride Store • Office space to house Director of Christian Service and Student Activities, Campus Ministry (Director of Campus Ministry and Chaplain to the Students), and Assistant to the Director of Student Discipline and Dean of Operations. A dedication ceremony will be held on September 20 – more information will be available soon.



## Farewell Reception for Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J.

**M**embers of the Prep Community attended a farewell reception for President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., on June 7 at the Kelley Center, Fairfield University. Over 100 guests had the opportunity to extend their best wishes to Fr. Hanwell as he embarks on his new assignment as Socius of the USA Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus.

Fairfield University President Fr. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J., presented Fr. Hanwell with a special Apostolic Blessing issued by His Holiness Pope Francis. Additionally, Fr. Hanwell received an Official Citation issued by the State of Connecticut General Assembly from State Representative Laura Devlin P'10 and State Senator Tony Hwang.



# 215 Miracles

**W**hen I was a little kid in a small, Catholic elementary school, I thought the use of the word miracle was reserved for the amazing acts that Jesus performed during his short time here on earth. I thought that miracles were always short-lived wonders that dazzled onlookers but soon disappeared, leaving only tiny memories behind. I thought that miracles were only able to be performed by Jesus and thusly felt saddened that I would never see one. Now, as I reflect on all of the memories of my four years at Fairfield Prep, I see how in my time here I have not only witnessed a plethora of miracles, but have also been given the opportunity to be a miracle for others. I think this is why every Theology teacher at Prep tirelessly bombarded my classmates and me with the command to be a “Man for Others.” They wished to expose the miracle that is each and every one of us and to show us that we have the power to inspire all people.

As the rest of Class of 2015 and I waited in our designated lines in the RecPlex prior to the graduation ceremony; anticipated the awful heat and sweat to come from the lack of air-conditioning in Alumni Hall; tried to find a female teacher to appropriately pin our carnations onto our dazzling white tuxedo jackets; and took pictures with friends, I took a look around the room. I saw faces I would never see again, heard voices I would never hear again, and shook hands I would never touch again, but most importantly I saw 215 miracles all ready to shine their light in the world.

The ceremony began with a wonderful prayer from Mr. Gualtiere and a very nostalgic and surprisingly musical address from Fr. Hanwell, S.J., to the Class of 1965 as he recalled songs and the astonishingly low price of gas from 50 years ago.

Then came an address from our graduation speaker, Chris Specht, who dictated an inspiring quote from the critically acclaimed film, “Kung Fu Panda,” saying “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift—that is why it is called the present.” Chris’ speech reminded each and every one of us to live for the now, and to recognize the power inside of each one of our hearts.

Then, the time came for us to receive our diplomas. I wondered how it could be that I was already graduating from high school when it felt like I had only just started as a freshman. Nevertheless, eventually all of us were grasping small red booklets. Before we processed out, I looked up at my parents. Both had tears streaming down their faces and gave me huge congratulatory smiles.

I realized that sure, we might not recognize miracles every single day, but that doesn’t mean that they are not constantly surrounding us. For instance, it is truly a miracle that such an amazing experience can be summed up in a ceremony and a diploma; it is a miracle that we have been given the opportunity to grow from such an amazing education at Prep, and it is a miracle that all 215 of us will be brothers for life.

By *Matthew Rusin '15*, winner of *The St. Peter Claver, S.J., Award*, pictured with his family.





At the Baccalaureate Mass, President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., recognized the outstanding academic achievement of students in the top 5% of their class by awarding them the Medal of St. Ignatius Loyola. Pictured with Fr. Hanwell, from left: **Christopher Calo, Peter Campbell, Alejandro Correa, Dylan Hawkes, Kevin Maloney, Matthew Rusin, Christopher Specht, Jeffrey Swanson, Simon Whiteman and Thomas Wiig.** Previously, the students were honored at the annual Fairfield Rotary Luncheon held in the spring.



See photo galleries at [www.fairfieldprep.org](http://www.fairfieldprep.org)

# Top 3 tips for Jesuit grads

Excerpts from the keynote address given by the Most Reverend Joseph M. O’Keefe, S.J., Boston College

I had thought about doing a “Letterman” top-ten list: enumerating the top ten bits of advice for graduates of a Jesuit school. But, honoring my promise of brevity, I’ll share a top-three list instead.

## NUMBER THREE: “Charity begins at home, but it doesn’t end there.”

Your Jesuit education not only prepares you to make a living, it prepares you to make a life as a husband, a father, a son, a brother, a cousin, a friend. Be thankful for the people God puts in your life; and show your gratitude through fidelity and generosity of spirit to those around you. However, as you join the ranks of Jesuit alumni worldwide, several million strong, on every continent, be reminded that you are called to global citizenship, an appreciation of the myriad and diverse dimensions of human culture. And as you show fidelity and generosity of spirit to those around you, also dedicate yourself to eradicating poverty and injustice. Your education has given you a strong and clear voice in this world. Remember the words of Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was beatified last week: “Those who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless.”



## NUMBER TWO: “Seeing is believing, and believing is seeing.”

We all know the truism that seeing is believing. You’ve discovered that in the chem and bio and physics labs. You’ve been taught to be thinkers, critical but not cynical, men who question the easy answer and the sound-bite solution. You look for evidence and sound reasoning. Jesuit education fosters intelligence certainly; but, above all, it prizes wisdom. Seeing is believing but believing is seeing. In his book *Walking with Jesus*, Pope Francis wrote, “Wisdom is precisely this: to see the world, to see situations, circumstances, problems, everything through God’s eyes.” Through God’s eyes, you will see the world in all of its wonder and majesty most often in the simplest things – rolling green hills, sunrise over Long Island

Sound, a spring day after a winter from hell. Through God’s eyes, you will see the beauty and dignity of others, especially those deemed ugly or unworthy or marginal. And I hope that you will see yourself through God’s eyes: a beloved son who is loved unconditionally, no matter the GPA, the SAT, the bumbled play, the mistake, or the wrong choice.

## And now, my NUMBER ONE bit of advice: “Be a regifter.”

I want you to regift the blessings you have received here at Prep. God has blessed you with intellectual capacity and a first-rate education that few people on this planet have ever experienced. Use those gifts not just for yourself and your loved ones, but to build up the common good.

God has blessed you with a loving family, security, and shelter. Use those gifts to provide for others who do not have those benefits. On the playing fields or on stage, or in the classroom, you have learned to surpass the limits that you had imposed on yourself.

Give the gift of the *magis* to those who are insecure and self-doubting. At Prep you have experienced teamwork, and you have known the joy of being a band of brothers bound in friendship now and for years to come. Give the gift of companionship to those who are isolated and lonely.

Nearly two thousand years ago, Saint Matthew recorded Jesus’s advice to his disciples, “The gift you have received, give as a gift.” Be a regifter.

Welcome, young brothers, to the company of Jesuit educated men and women. And one parting comment: Please remember this—no matter where life takes you, God will be there waiting for you.

Congratulations and God bless.



## COMMENCEMENT HONORS



Charles McGrath '15 with Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J.

**The Reverend Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Award** honors that senior whose vitality of faith frees him to be a "Man-for-Others."

**Charles M. McGrath**

**President's Award** honors two seniors for outstanding leadership and school spirit for the inaugural "Monday Preport," which highlighted student activities and achievement in a lighthearted and humorous way.

**Ryan Matera**

**Andrew Spangenberg**

**The St. Edmund Campion, S.J.**

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

**Dylan T. Hawkes**

**The St. Francis Xavier, S.J. Award**

honors that student who by his choices and his actions has taken advantage of the full array of opportunities and experiences offered throughout his four years at Prep.

Ex Aequo: **Arthur J. Mansolillo**

**Christopher Paul Cashman**

**The St. John Berchmans, S.J. Award**

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

**Christopher D. Specht**

**The St. Peter Claver, S.J. Award**

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

**Matthew G. Rusin**

**The Jesuit Secondary Education**

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

**Kevin W. Stone, Jr.**

# John Szablewicz is voted Most Inspirational Teacher



John Szablewicz with Senior Class officers, from left: James Mangan, James Ruddy, Ryan Matera, Jack Thornton and A.J. Mansolillo

Mr. John Szablewicz "Szabs" was presented with an award from the Class of 2015 as the "Most Inspirational Teacher" at the Senior Send-Off program held at the Barone Campus Center on May 22. Watch [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)

Confucius once wrote, "Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life." What saying could better sum up the man, the myth, the legend that is John Szablewicz? Szabs, as he is affectionately known by his colleagues as well as his students, has been an inspiration to decades of Prepsters, my eldest son included. After taking sociology with Szabs Tim '03, went on to major in sociology, earn an MSW and today is employed as a social worker while studying for his licensing exam. In his usual self-deprecating manner Szabs says, "No, it wasn't me, the acorn doesn't fall far from the tree." While that may be true, Szabs, it does, in fact, take a village!

For a number of years Prepsters participated in a summer service immersion at the Jesuit mission on the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota. A

man of great knowledge in many areas Szabs, long recognized as Prep's resident expert on Native Americans, traveled to Rosebud with them when he could and, when that was not possible, imparted much knowledge to them in preparation for their time "on the rez."

Author of an exhaustive Prep history, there are few who know more about or love Prep more than Szabs. He exemplifies in so many ways the best of what animates Jesuit education; intellectual competence, conscience and compassion. Perhaps the great sage, Lao Tzu, best summed up the essence of what it means to be an inspiration to others when he wrote, "The wise man does not lay up his own treasures. The more he gives to others, the more he has for his own." Surely no man better lives out that wisdom than the inspirational teacher, John Szablewicz.



By Tom Sacerdote, Social Studies and Theology teacher



Members of the Class of 2015 wore their college t-shirts to the Senior Send-Off.

## THE FAIRFIELD PREP LEGACY LIVES ON!



Alumni fathers, grandfathers, and graduating senior sons gathered after the Baccalaureate Mass on May 28 for a group legacy photo. Pictured above:

- Chris '85 and Christopher Baudouin
- John '77 and Owen Haffey
- Victor '72 and Victor Riccio
- Not pictured:  
Athan '78 and Athan Crist
- Bill '85 and Stephen Bosak
- John Lannon '48 (grandfather) to  
Brendan Blee and Wyatt Lannon;
- Rob '88 and Jackson Rotondo
- John '85 and John Delvecchio
- Bill '84 and Vincent D'Amore
- Jack '77 and Wyatt Lannon
- Tom '86 and Matthew Rusin
- Dick '82 and Sean Miller
- Jim '75, Kyle '11 (brother), and  
Christopher Forgette
- Joe '83 and Joseph Palermo
- Joe Sargent '55 (grandfather) to  
John Murphy
- Kevin '83 and Brandon Powell
- Bill '79 and William Gardella
- Chris '86 and Charles Paul
- Matt '82 and Gregory Terry
- Steve '79 and Daniel Schmedlin
- Dick Gavlick '48 (grandfather) and  
William Cannon
- John Phelan Sr. '50 (grandfather) to  
Caleb Blagys
- Scott '87 and Cameron Thomas



## The Senior Farewell Address by Christopher Specht

“Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery.” We may know what colleges we’ll be attending, and some among us probably have planned out their entire college experience. However, as much as we may plan, we will undoubtedly encounter surprises along the way that can change everything in an instant. Nothing can truly be certain; the future is a mystery.

“Today is a gift, that’s why it’s called the present.” Take a moment to comprehend the gravity and importance of this moment. We’ve been awaiting graduation since we were freshmen, and now that we’re older and (dare I say) wiser seniors, our moment is here.

They will remember what we’ve done here. We overcame great adversity when we were put on probation by the CIAC, and we earned our victories when it seemed the world itself was against us. We served those in need, sometimes going across the country or across countries in order to do so. We grew spiritually into loving young men, going on retreats like Kairos to forge the bonds that make the Prep Brotherhood so strong.

We proved that Prep not only can survive great change, but thrive in it. We stepped up to every challenge that came our way, whether in the classroom, on the field, or in everyday life. We came, we saw, and we conquered. We laughed, we cried, and we never said die. With all we’ve done, I and many others here can confidently say that Fairfield Prep’s Class of 2015 is truly a Class of Champions. We have had so many memories together, and I’d like to close by making one more.

As you know, the last time the Bomb Squad came together was at the Mohegan Sun, where we earned our long sought-after basketball championship victory. That was the last time I ever put on this hat and called myself Captain, the last time until today. Would the Class of 2015 please rise with your captain for one last hurrah, for one last chant? Give me a “P”...

(Excerpts from speech)



Tyler Bernier



Brendan Blees



Michael Blevin



Stephen Bosak



Peter Campbell



John Carroll



Michael Connelly



John Edmonds



Colin Flynn



Ryan Foley



Dylan Hawkes



Colin Ihlefeld



Connor Jamison



Bryce Keblish



Michael Kokias



Andrew LaFleur



Anthony Mansolillo



Quinn Pollard



Matthew Rusin



Robert Silver



Christopher Specht



Kevin Stone



Conor Sweeney



Jack Taubl



William Weishaupt



Simon Whiteman



Thomas Wiig



## Dylan Hawkes is National Merit Finalist

Fairfield Prep is proud to announce that **Dylan Hawkes** was named as a National Merit Finalist for the 2014–15 academic year. Of the 1.5 million entrants in the nation, Dylan was initially recognized among the top 16,000 semifinalists, and continuing on in the competition he has now been recognized as one of 15,000 finalists.

Dylan was enrolled in AP Physics, AP English Language, AP European History, AP Government and Honors Calculus 3/ Honors Calculus 4. He is a member of the National Honor Society having achieved Summa Cum Laude honors each year; he received the Cornell University Book Award; and is an AP Scholar with Distinction. Dylan is passionate about science, and founded the Science and Engineering Fair Club at Fairfield Prep. Dylan has developed a program capable of predicting solar energy potential through artificial neural networks, and placed first in the Computer Science and Math categories at the CT Science Fair.

He is a four year member of the Crew team at Prep (honored as an SCC Scholar Athlete), and participates in the Robotics Club and the Symphonic Orchestra and Concert Band.

He has made a solid contribution to the Prep community by his involvement in the Peer Tutor program and to the local community through service at the Cardinal Shehan Center for economically disadvantaged children. Dylan is also an active member of the Boy Scouts of America and was awarded his Eagle Badge. Dylan will attend the University of Pennsylvania.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

**Tyler Bernier** – Charles “Chick” Evans Scholarship

**Brendan Blees** – Rotary “Service Above Self” Scholarship, Wakeman Boys and Girls Club 2015 Hoyt O. Perry Boy of the Year Award

**Michael Blevin** – Greenwich Boys and Girls Club Lillian Butler Davey Education Volunteer Award

**Stephen Bosak** – St. Patrick’s Scholarship

**Peter Campbell** – Rotary “Service Above Self” Scholarship

**John Carroll** – Southern Connecticut Diamond Club No “1” in Team Award

**Michael Connelly** – Leadership Award – University of Connecticut

**John Edmonds** – Presidential Scholarship – Union College

**Colin Flynn** – Kennedy Center Youth Volunteer of the Year, Kennedy Center Golf Scholarship

**Ryan Foley** – SCC Scholar Athlete, News12 Scholar Athlete

**Dylan Hawkes** – National Merit Scholarship Finalist, SCC Scholar Athlete

**Colin Ihlefeld** – United States Merchant Marine Academy

**Connor Jamison** – Wakeman Club “Mentor of the Year”

**Bryce Keblish** – SCC Scholar Athlete

**Michael Kokias** – 2015 Recipient of the Katherine M. See Award for Parish Service

**Andrew LaFleur** – St. John Seminary, Vocation Discernment

**Anthony Mansolillo** – National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete

**Quinn Pollard** – Charles “Chick” Evans Scholarship

**Matthew Rusin** – SCC Scholar Athlete

**Robert Silver** – Stop and Shop Scholarship

**Christopher Specht** – Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen

**Kevin Stone** – CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete, SCC Scholar Athlete

**Conor Sweeney** – New Canaan Knights of Columbus Scholarship

**Jack Taubl** – United States Army R.O.T.C. Scholarship

**William Weishaupt** – Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship

**Simon Whiteman** – G.E. Star Award, News12 Scholar Athlete, Fairfield County Catholic Top Graduate, Diamond Baseball American Legion Scholarship

**Thomas Wiig** – Fairfield County Catholic Top Graduate

**Eagle Scouts** Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2015 who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

<b>Peter Campbell</b>	<b>Dylan Hawkes</b>	<b>Griffin Roth</b>
<b>Logan Clair</b>	<b>Tim Moore</b>	<b>Nicholas Siveyer</b>
<b>Dan Collucci</b>	<b>Alexander Ney</b>	<b>Paul Stumpf</b>
<b>Michael Connelly</b>	<b>Matthew Norton</b>	<b>William Weishaupt</b>
<b>Kevin Garber</b>	<b>Charles Paul</b>	



Colin Flynn '15 (center) receives award from Kennedy Center representatives

## Colin Flynn honored as Kennedy Center Volunteer Youth of the Year

**Colin Flynn '15** was honored as Kennedy Center Youth of the Year at the annual awards dinner. Colin has volunteered for the Kennedy Center for the last three years at Black Rock School in Bridgeport, as part of the Lighthouse Program supporting people with disabilities. Colin's brother **Brendan '17** also volunteers through the Kennedy Center, and both boys were featured as News 12 "Hometown Heroes" in December. At Prep, Colin has been a Magna Cum Laude student and is a member of the National Honor Society. He has taken an active part in many facets of the school community. Colin has been a Peer Tutor as well a leader on the annual Freshman Retreat. For the past two years he served as a Manager on the Varsity Baseball Team. This past year Colin designed a website for Prep's new White Ribbon Club, an organization that works to bring awareness of violence toward women. Colin will attend Villanova University in the fall.

## Christopher Specht named Fairfield Prep's DAR Good Citizen

Each year the Daughters of the American Revolution recognize one outstanding young person from each area high school. To be considered for DAR Good Citizen recognition a student must exhibit the qualities of dependability (defined as truthfulness, loyalty and punctuality), service (cooperation, courtesy and consideration for others), leadership (personality, self-control and ability to assume responsibility) and patriotism (unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation) – all to an outstanding degree. From Fairfield Prep, **Chris Specht** is this year's DAR Good Citizen and he was recognized in a ceremony held on March 9 in Fairfield.

Chris is a Summa Cum Laude Scholar, a National Merit Commended Student, an AP Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. Chris has dedicated his energies to furthering his interests in politics, government and current issues on a local, state, national and international level. In pursuit of this passion, he is founder and current President of Prep's Model United Nations Club and Editor in Chief of "Zeitgeist," the political newspaper of Prep's Political Awareness Club. Chris is a Peer Tutor and volunteers at the Kennedy Center and Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport. Chris will attend Cornell University in the fall.



## Colin Ihlefeld appointed U.S. Merchant Marine

U.S. Congressman Jim Himes commended **Colin Ihlefeld '15**, who has accepted appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, at a program sponsored by the Fairfield Board of Realtors in the spring. Pictured with Jim Himes is Colin and his parents Tim and Vicki.

## Connor Jamison is Wakeman Mentor of the Year

**Connor Jamison '15** was one of two teens named Wakeman Boys & Girls Club's "2015 Mentor of the Year" on June 15 at Wakeman's Annual Kids Awards Night in Southport. The award recognizes teens for their volunteer service as a Mentor with the Wakeman Outreach at McKinley School. Connor volunteered more than 100 hours with his Mentee over two years, making a significant difference in his Mentee's life. Connor will be attending Endicott College.



Pictured from left: **Peter Campbell**, Rotary Club Director Marjory Tracy, Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta and **Brendan Blees**

## Rotary "Service Above Self" Scholarships

**Peter Campbell '15** and **Brendan Blees '15** received Fairfield Rotary Foundation scholarships, which are awarded for exemplifying the Rotary motto "Service Above Self," and for showing academic success.

**Peter Campbell** has served as a Peer Tutor, and as an Open House host. As President of Prep's Spanish Honor Society chapter, Peter has organized a number of drives to benefit the needy in the local community. He has also shared his musical talents with KEYS, a local organization dedicated to bringing and teaching music in Bridgeport. Peter is an Eagle Scout whose project benefited Sherwood Island State Park. He has assisted at the Westport Senior Center and Bridgeport Hospital in the Pathology lab. Peter will continue his studies at Johns Hopkins University.

**Brendan Blees** has been a standout in service both on campus and in the community. Brendan has served as a Peer Tutor, and was co-director of Prep's Freshman Retreat. In the community Brendan won the Presidential Gold Service Award for three years for his numerous roles in local service. He participated in the Wakeman Boy and Girls Club Keystone Club and McKinley Mentoring program. His tremendous efforts resulted in being named 2015 Wakeman "Boy of the Year," recognizing superior leadership skills, academic achievement and outstanding service. Brendan will continue his studies at the University of Michigan.



A.J. Mansolillo '15 pictured with parents Scott and Marie

## A.J. Mansolillo named National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete

A.J. Mansolillo '15 was one of 27 high school and prep school scholar athletes honored for academic excellence, leadership and citizenship at the 55th anniversary of the Casey-O'Brien New Haven County Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete dinner held on April 10.

A.J. is a Magna Cum Laude student and a member of Prep's National Honor Society, as well as a Peer Tutor. He has been a member of Student Government each year, and is Student Government Director of Communications in senior year. In addition to being a captain of the football team, A.J. earned many achievements: SCC All-Conference 2014, offensive line; MSG Varsity All-Connecticut team offensive line-2nd team 2014; New Haven Register All-State honorable mention; and New Haven Register All-Area-2nd team 2014. In living the Jesuit mission, A.J. served as Rector on a Kairos Retreat. He volunteers in the community at the Jewish Home for the Elderly and at Wakeman Boys and Girls Club. He also participated in Prep's Urban Plunge program. A.J. will attend Bowdoin College.



Pictured from left: (front) Quinn Pollard '15 and Tyler Bernier '15; (back) Dean of Guidance & College Advising Mr. John Hanrahan, Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, President Rev. John Hanwell, S.J., and Guidance Counselor Mr. Rick Hutchinson '87.

## Quinn Pollard and Tyler Bernier named Evans Scholars

Quinn Pollard '15 and Tyler Bernier '15 were awarded the prestigious Charles "Chick" Evans Scholarship, a full four-year tuition and housing scholarship awarded to golf caddies. Both have caddied at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield for several years.

Quinn Pollard has explored his interests and talents in initiating the MSG Varsity High School Cube program which presents live broadcasts of Prep sporting events to the community. He has further served the Prep community through the Cardinal Key Society, attended the Notre Dame Vision Christian Leadership program, participated in Prep's Appalachia Mission trip, and served in junior year as a group leader for the Freshman Retreat. Quinn has reached out to the local community through service at the Wakeman Boys and Girls Club through the Keystone Club and coaching basketball, and volunteers in the after-school program at Riverfield Elementary School.

Tyler Bernier is a Magna Cum Laude honor student, member of the National Honor Society, and has served the Prep community as both a Peer Tutor and as a member of the Cardinal Key Society. Tyler participated in Prep's Appalachia Mission trip. In junior year he was a group leader for the Freshman Retreat and in senior year he led a Kairos Retreat. A four-year member of the golf team, he was elected captain for his senior season. He also played hockey. He has volunteered with the Connecticut Storm Hockey program which assists special needs children and adults, and volunteers at Achievement First Academy in Bridgeport where he tutors children after school. Both Quinn and Tyler will attend Miami University of Ohio this fall.

## Stone CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete

Kevin Stone '15 was recognized at the 32nd Annual CT High School Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet in May. The annual award is given to one recipient from each of the state's high schools, recognizing standout academic achievement and athletic performance. The award is sponsored by the CT Assoc. of Schools (CAS) and CT Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC). Stone will attend Harvard University.



Bryce Keblish '15 pictured with SCC Commissioner Al Carbone (left) and Varsity Head Swim Coach Rick Hutchinson '87 (right).

## Bryce Keblish is SCC Swimmer of the Year

The SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference) has named Bryce Keblish '15 as Swimmer of the Year. Bryce is one of the top swimmers in Prep history setting multiple team, league and state records. In 2014, Bryce had one of the best individual swimming seasons in Prep history achieving ALL-SCC and All-State honors for the third consecutive year, was an All-American in two individual events (200 IM, 100 Butterfly) and two relays (200 Freestyle, 400 Freestyle), won the State Open Title in the 100 butterfly, set a LL state record in the 200 IM and swam the third leg of the State Open winning 200 Freestyle Relay that set a CIAC record and was ranked 6th in the country. In 2015 he won two events at the SCC Championships and was named Championship Meet MVP. He was also named SCC Athlete of the Month. Bryce is a Magna Cum Laude student, member of the National Honor Society and serves as a peer tutor on campus and at the Shehan Center in Bridgeport. He has also volunteered at the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club and was a founding member of the Fairfield Chapter of Scholars & Athletes serving others. Next year Bryce looks forward to continuing his athletic and academic career at the University of Virginia.

## Ready to Play

### Baseball

- John Carroll** – St. Anselm College
- Joseph Ganim** – Union College
- Travis Gerald** – College of Mount St. Vincent
- Simon Whiteman** – Yale University
- Kevin Stone** – Harvard University
- Brett Stevenson** – IMG Academy

### Basketball

- Thomas Nolan** – Fairfield University
- Ryan Foley** – Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Ray Featherston** – Choate-Rosemary Hall PG

### Crew

- William Geffs** – University of Pennsylvania

### Football

- Jake Buckley** – Curry College
- John Dellisanti** – University of New Hampshire
- Brendan DeMartine** – Bryant University
- Allen Gibson** – Endicott College
- Colin Ihlefeld** – U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- A.J. Mansolillo** – Bowdoin College
- Anthony Palazzolo** – Boston College
- Conor Roche** – Middlebury College
- Colton Smith** – Fordham University

### Hockey

- Jack Taubl** – Rutgers University

### Lacrosse

- Cameron Harris** – Drexel University
- John Edmonds** – Union College

### Rugby

- Ben Romeo** – Iona College
- Paul Stumpf** – St. Michael's College
- Greg Terry** – St. Bonaventure

### Sailing

- Braden Foster** – Massachusetts Maritime Academy

### Soccer

- Steven De Moura** – Boston College
- Michael Infante** – College of the Holy Cross

### Swimming

- Ed Stolarski** – Yale University

### Tennis

- William Cannon** – Connecticut College



Pictured in front row, L to R: Coach **Tom Shea '73**; **Jake Buckley** - Curry College; **A.J. Mansolillo** - Bowdoin College; **Colin Ihlefeld** - Merchant Marine Academy; Coach Keith Hellstern. Second row, L to R: President Rev. John Hanwell, S.J.; **Allen Gibson** - Endicott College; **Connor Roche** - Middlebury College; **Brendan DeMartine** - Bryant College; **Anthony Palazzolo** - Boston College; **John Dellisanti** - University of New Hampshire; **Colton Smith** - Fordham University; Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta

## Scholar Athletes commit to play College Football

Fairfield Prep is pleased to recognize nine scholar athletes from the Class of 2015 who will continue their football careers, having committed to play football in their respective colleges. Past Varsity Head Coach **Tom Shea '73** and new Head Coach Keith Hellstern expressed pride in the talent, growth and motivation of these athletes. Coaches Shea and Hellstern acknowledged the role of these athletes in guiding the program this year and expressed optimism for continued success for Prep in the upcoming season.

## NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT



Front row, l-r: **Colton Smith** and **Anthony Palazzolo**. Back row, l-r: Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta; Asst. Coach Keith Hellstern; Head Coach **Tom Shea '73**; and Athletic Director **Tom Curran '05**

### Colton Smith

#### Football – Fordham University

Dedicated to personal excellence on and off the field, **Colton Smith** has committed to continue his football career and growth as a student in signing a National Letter of Intent to attend Fordham University beginning in the fall of 2015. Colton has balanced his commitment to academics, service and football well. His contributions to the community include service with Ability Beyond Disability where Colton works with Special Olympians and participation in Prep's Urban Plunge. Colton also volunteers in the after school program at the Shehan Center in Bridgeport, CT. As a football athlete, Colton experienced strong brotherhood in the Prep program while achieving an outstanding

career as a three year starter on both offense and defense. This past season as Prep's quarterback, Colton rushed for 953 yards and 15 touchdowns, and threw for 1547 yards and 16 TDs. Over the past two seasons as quarterback Colton generated over 6,000 yards of total offense and accounted for 70 TDs. He was a team co-captain in 2014. In recognition of his outstanding football achievements Colton was named All Southern Connecticut Conference, as well as being named to the CHSCA Class LL All-State team, the New Haven Register All-Area team, the Connecticut Post Hearst 33 All-Star Team and the MSG All-Connecticut Team. Coach Tom Shea said of Colton, "He was one of the most dominant and exciting players in Connecticut high school football over the past two years."

### Anthony Palazzolo

#### Football – Boston College

**Anthony Palazzolo** has grown personally, academically and athletically in his Prep years exercising leadership on and off the field while committing his energies to a number of community service activities. Anthony will continue his football career, intellectual and personal growth at Boston College, having signed a National Letter of Intent to attend and play at BC beginning in the fall of 2015. In addition to his year round commitment to Prep football, Anthony has served in student government and makes a strong commitment to service. In addition to assisting in the after school program at the Shehan Center in Bridgeport, CT, Anthony traveled to Montego Bay, Jamaica, to participate in a service mission at an orphanage for special needs children. As a standout in the Prep football program, Anthony found a "Band of Brothers" in his teammates where he has been a three year starter on both offense and defense. In three years on defense he had nearly 100 tackles, 25 for loss, 10 quarterback sacks, one interception and 6 blocked kicks despite being regularly double and triple teamed. On the offensive side he helped his team average 37 points a game for the last 25 games. Anthony was a team co-captain in 2014. For his standout achievements on the field Anthony was named All Southern Connecticut Conference as well as to the CHSCA All Class LL All-State team, the New Haven Register All State and All-Area teams, and the Connecticut Post Hearst 33 All-Star Team. Coach Shea said, "Anthony has great physical gifts and a superb work ethic that will serve him well in the Boston College program."

# SENIOR ACTIVITIES



## Seniors enjoy Capture the Flag & Bar-B-Q

Over 80 Fairfield Prep Seniors gathered on April 28 for a cook-out in the senior parking lot, followed by a game of Capture the Flag on Grauert Field. This event was planned by a committee of students. The food for the cook-out was graciously donated by senior families, and the event was hosted by the Prep Guidance Department. Special thanks to parents Eileen Bles and Sue Connelly who helped pull the event together!



## Senior Send-Off

The class of 2015 enjoyed the "Senior Send-Off" held on May 22 at the Barone Campus Center. Students enjoyed a full breakfast buffet sponsored by Fairfield Prep Alumni & Development, followed by several presentations. Social Studies teacher John Szablewicz spoke to the seniors, sharing advice and words of wisdom for their journey ahead. (He was also presented the 2015 Most Inspirational Teacher Award – see pg. 5.) Additionally, alumni **A.J. Coppotelli '14** and **Conor Carey '14** spoke about their experiences as college freshmen, and Theology teacher Christian Cashman gave the pending graduates thoughtful advice about their life ahead. Earlier, Fairfield University Dean of Students Karen Donoghue spoke about transitioning to college. Watch [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1) to view the speeches!



During the last days of school seniors occupied Pelletier Quad with a non-stop Wiffle Ball game. See photos below at the Senior Prom.



# iPads revolutionize learning

**F**airfield Prep has completed its first year of a 1:1 iPad program. Previously students had access to computers in labs during class or in the Academic Center during free periods. These resources were not always available when students needed them most. Our dream was to put technology into the hands of students for all of their classes throughout the school day.

The iPad became the tool of choice for several reasons:

- We needed a device whose battery would last the entire school day. When students charge their iPad at home overnight, the fully-charged battery lasts 8-10 hours.
- We wanted a device that would help students to be more organized. On a single iPad a student can study digital textbooks, maintain notebooks for each class, download assignments and upload their projects. The excuses “I left my homework in my locker” or “I brought the wrong notebook to class” are by and large behind us.
- The iPad program has the potential to reduce textbook expenses for our families. Many of the classics read in our English classes have outlived their copyright protection and are available for free as eBooks. For other courses there are numerous online and free electronic resources for teaching and learning, such as wikis, open source class materials, free higher ed resources like Quest at the University of Texas, and even video resources such as Khan Academy and YouTube.

- Lastly, we wanted a device that would be intuitively simple to use. The skills students already employ on their smart phones translate well to the iPad environment for educational purposes.

Here are a few exciting examples of the iPad program in the classroom:

**Art:** Mrs. Tema and her students use an app that allows students to see an image rendered instantly in multiple artistic styles. This inspires the students to experiment and be open to different techniques and solutions.

**Biology:** Mr. Dotolo’s students download digital stills and videos to their iPads wirelessly from microscopes. They use Google Drive to pool together class data from labs. In small groups students create presentations of their research projects which are viewed on their iPad screen.

**Math:** Mr. Dee uses the technology to record solutions of the more challenging homework problems each day. He then uploads the videos to YouTube so the students can watch them once or again and again if they need to. This provides an effective solution for students who were absent or for those who are struggling with difficult concepts.

**Foreign Language:** Students can practice their speaking and listening skills wherever and whenever.

The tools students use today are different than in the past, but the Prep experience has not changed.



By Bob Bernier, Director of Ignatian Curriculum & Instructional Technology





# The Student's Point of View



After a year with the iPads, I would definitely say that they can be considered a good addition to the curriculum. It is true that the new technology acted as a distraction, however, I believe that the benefits of the program outweigh the downsides, and the program as a whole will only improve as the school becomes more familiar with the possibilities. Even at this early stage in the development process, iPads have certainly helped me keep up with schoolwork while, with Internet access, becoming more connected to the news and events of the outside world. iPads also helped to organize books, notes, and emails into a package that is far smaller than the multitude of books we had used previously. Along the same lines, iPads saved paper by moving classwork into a digital realm. When electricity starts coming exclusively from renewable resources, iPads will be a no-impact way to learn.

**Kyle Foster '15**



For me, the iPad has been an awesome tool that has enhanced my educational career at Prep. Apps such as iBooks and Kindle are a great way to have easy access to your textbook. These apps also allow you to take notes and highlight within. Specifically in Ms. Laguzza's Honors Spanish Literature course, the iPad is very helpful because our novels and note taking tools are all in one place. The iPad helps with organization and enhances the ability to take notes and dissect a text. I definitely plan on using the iPad next year in college.

**A.J. Mansolillo '15**



Throughout the course of the year, I have used my iPad for many tasks, and it has benefited me very much. The iPad has many useful apps. For example, *Notability* allows students to keep their notes for various classes in one area without any clutter. What I have found is that all of the tasks I would do on paper can be done on the iPad in the various Apps available. Another key tool that the iPad offers is allowing teachers to post the class notes or worksheets onto Blackboard. The students can then download that into *Notability* and take their notes on the iPad, with the teacher going through them on the board. The iPad is very helpful if a student is absent during a class period and misses notes. Another student can send him what he missed with no hassle. In my experience with the iPad, it has helped me and many other students become more organized and studious.

**Ryan Eckert '18**



The integration of iPads into our curriculum has made such a difference for me during my first year at Prep. Coming from a school where technology was used on a daily basis has made the transition to Fairfield Prep much easier. By way of the iPad, learning has become much more interactive both inside and outside of the classroom. Using *Notability* has allowed me to organize my thoughts into countless configurations, and I can type or handwrite my notes depending on the topic at hand. All documents are automatically backed up to Google Drive, keeping data protected. Having such a valuable tool as the iPad in our daily lives at Fairfield Prep has made a significant impact on my classwork and homework, and will continue to make learning proactive until senior year, and hopefully beyond.

**Alex McMullen '18**

# Leadership

For the ninth straight summer the Campus Ministry Office sponsored a Christian Leadership Retreat and Workshop. For the second year we traveled to the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT. During the retreat students identified what leadership means and how to apply leadership skills in everyday life. Leadership does not have an on/off switch which we flip when it suits us. It is a part of our identity and what makes us different from other schools.

The students spent time in dialogue with their peers and they reflected on their individual leadership style. Workshops focused on skill development such as: our motivation as leaders, giving a witness talk, facilitating small groups, leadership in the classroom and the Prep community, and planning effective meetings. Students were introduced to the idea of Christian leadership with Jesus' service-oriented life as the model. Students also participated in a zip line adventure and a low ropes course where they worked as a team to accomplish tasks set for them by the Incarnation Center Staff. Students created "leadership mission statements" and these will be displayed in the new Campus Ministry space. A few excerpts from those statements are below.



By Elliott Gualtiere, Director of Campus Ministry. For more information about leadership opportunities at Prep including the Campus Ministry Student Leadership Team contact Mr. Gualtiere.

**"I will strive to empower others to discover things about themselves and base all decisions on setting a good example."**

**"My personal mission statement is to live each day in service of others, courage to stand up for what is right, and being a role model to others."**

**"I want to inspire others. If I make a huge difference in someone's life by my leadership, I know that I have done a good job."**

**"I will seek out responsibility. I will step up and uphold the Christian values that we deserve."**

**"To live each day with compassion and confidence so that I can improve my overall leadership skills and empower others to do the same."**

**"I want to spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and lead others to encounter the love of God in their lives."**

## Leadership Reflection

Leaders—they are followed because they possess qualities that are seen by others as appealing. The leadership retreat was the perfect day to develop the qualities that make an attractive leader. A day just for learning, we vacated our daily lives and moved to the woods. We were taught lessons by different teachers in a variety of dynamic ways. Mr. Ford kinesthetically built our problem-solving skills, while Mr. Mauritz led a PowerPoint on notable qualities of a leader.

Aside from the group activities, each person was able to make his own journey in leadership development.

In Mr. Camus' and Mr. Gualtiere's "Small Group" Seminar I was able to practice leading a small group. The day let each individual have the opportunity to focus on himself, while listening to the thoughts and concerns of other leaders. Since participating on a Kairos and leading a freshman retreat, I feel

more capable of leading future retreats. I can build on the foundation of my Prep training.



Excerpts from a reflection by **Ryan McMullin '16**





## 2015 NOTRE DAME VISION CONFERENCE

# Responding to God's call

For the eighth straight summer Fairfield Prep sent a student and faculty contingent to South Bend, Indiana, and participated in the Notre Dame Vision Conference for high school students. Two main ideas permeated the week—how are we to answer God's call, and the "Witnesses to Holiness."

Here are some of the student reflections from this year's trip:

"ND Vision helped me gain knowledge about Christ and about myself. I was able to reflect more deeply about my life and how God was shaping it. I feel as if I spiritually transformed over the week that I was on ND Vision. I am more aware of how God is guiding me through life."

"Each speech given during the week inspired me to 'Encourage the Storm.' I need to do God's work on earth and be an example to others."



"Overall, I am most thankful for the small group that I had been given. The very deep and interesting conversations that I had could probably never have been mentioned in my day-to-day life outside of a retreat. For instance, at one point we discussed our interpretation of the Eucharist, and everyone showed that they cared and did not just brush off the question with a statement such as 'It's food for us.'"

"I am very thankful for my whole ND Vision experience, but if I had to pick out one part in particular that I was most thankful for it would probably be sharing the experience with my Prep brothers. I was able to meet and get to know the younger Prep kids that I never would have gotten the chance to meet if I didn't participate in ND Vision."

"The presentations given during the week deeply affected the way I view my faith. They were interesting and allowed me to see a different point of view. I now understand that I should be more aware of God's calling. We each have a calling to become a saint and we need to strive to become one. We need to listen in order to hear God's calling."



# PREP TEACHERS MAKING AN IMPACT...

## A LETTER TO THE FACULTY FROM THE SENIOR CLASS OF 2015

To the Beloved Faculty of Fairfield Prep,

The foundation of any great high school is its teachers. The relationship between a student and his mentors serves as the basis of his academic and personal development, and here at Fairfield Prep we could not have asked for a greater group of mentors. When we first arrived you treated us as we deserved: as young and idiotic freshmen. You put us in our place and let us know that we had to work and earn the respect we witnessed seniors receiving. Throughout this process, however, there was always love. Sitting in your class for hours every week we were able to accrue lessons during a time in our life when guidance was crucial. In those early days we looked up to you and modeled our newly forming identities after you. At one point or another we all sat there and imagined being teachers ourselves, just to hold a class with a lesson or a story as you did. No matter what was going on in our young and angst-filled lives you were a constant; always able to find the perfect balance between being a relatable human and not allowing emotions to cloud your judgment no matter how difficult we made it.

As we grew you went from role models to supporters and confidantes. Our maturity and development was the result of your acknowledgment that we were becoming adults, and it's nearly impossible to relate how grateful we are that you began to treat us as young men. We went from learning the basics to being taught how to think for ourselves and form opinions independently. We attribute our character and ability to interact intellectually to you—it is you who first introduced us to big words and thought provoking concepts.

The female teachers have especially served a crucial role in our maturation. We cannot begin to understand what it would be like to be a female amongst 900 boys, yet you somehow rise above our expectations and present to us strong women who may be gentle or firm. We love and respect you in a way that matures into

a deep respect for women in our adult lives. To you we are eternally grateful as these lessons stay with us forever.

Sure, there was turbulence along the way. Various incidents certainly remind the lot that we are still students and we are still young, but in all this time you never gave up on us. You never turned away and stopped chasing us for that test. You never said no to an additional lesson or denied us the right to your forgiveness. We are fallible people and you let us know when we were in the wrong before catching us and restoring our integrity. When we are asked so often “What makes Prep so good?” the answer has undoubtedly become the teachers. They are our most direct contact with the school and through them we learn the values of being loving, committed to doing justice, open to growth, intellectually competent, and religious. Each one of us has a specific teacher we think of when we reflect on our time at Prep, a teacher who has made his or her mark on us because we see who we want to be in them. With other schools it is common to feel distant from your teacher or to feel as if you are below them, but here you are allowed to be yourselves and to see us as equals, and we therefore see you as intelligent and emotional beings.

We may not say it, and it may often seem otherwise, but you have been a major part of our lives. We've each had about 20 different teachers in our time here and our only regret is that we couldn't have a few more. We may get mad at you, we may curse you behind your backs, and even the fairest of us may doubt you at times, but you never lose our respect. Your service is recognized and awe-inspiring, your maturity is a great archetype of the ideal prep gentleman, your openness is the key to our emotions, and your dedication is a lesson to us all. We will never be able to repay you, we only assure you that you are living out the Jesuit mission perfectly, and we owe a large portion of who we are to you.

Sincerely and with a great admiration,

**The Senior Class of 2015**

## Reflection from Dolores Tema



I have just completed my seventeenth year of teaching at Fairfield Prep, and while I will come

back next year to teach one more class, I realize how much Prep has meant to me. While I have had the experience to work in several other excellent schools over my career as teacher, my experience at Prep has been unique. I have had the opportunity to work with our young men, and to see the beauty in their growth over the four years they are with us. I have been part of a community whose mission of faith is both academically challenging and personally enriching. It has

allowed me to work earnestly with students whose curiosity bring challenging questions to the classroom.

Perhaps the most rewarding part of those years has been the challenge and growth that has been there for me as well as my students. At the same time that I am asked to look into the difficulties my students often face, and the struggle to answer the often complex and ethical questions they have, I have had to also look into myself for those answers. I have found comfort and strength in this Jesuit benchmark and mission. It is where I have felt most comfortable and where I hope to continue to serve students in the

coming year.

Prep has truly been my second family; working with colleagues, administrators and parents who have always shared ideas and offered support when needed.

And like our students, we have all grown together. It has been a wonderful 17 years for me. “Ad majorem Dei gloriam.”

Sincerely,  
Dolores Tema, Art teacher

## Liam Hullihan wins “Best Green Building”

For the second year in a row, **Liam Hullihan '16** received an award in the statewide student design competition sponsored by the Home Builders & Remodelers

Association of Central Connecticut (HBRA) at the Connecticut Home Show in Hartford on February 26. Liam won the award for “Best Green Building” and received \$500 designated for Prep’s Art Department. Liam entered the contest with the guidance of his art teacher Mrs. Dolores Tema.



## Jennifer Mauritz: the archetype Ignatian educator



Jennifer Mauritz with Student Government President **James Mangan '15** and President Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J.

At the Ascension Thursday Mass, Prep language teacher Jennifer Mauritz received the Rev. Martin Shaughnessy, S.J., Ignatian Educator of the Year Award. This award is presented based on nominations by fellow Prep faculty and administrators. The Mass was celebrated on May 14 at Alumni Hall, Fairfield University. Watch [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)

**M**rs. Jennifer Mauritz embodies St. Ignatius's "Prayer for Generosity." She lives out this prayer every day through her work in the classroom, Student Government and with her colleagues. Her tireless pursuit of molding students into "Men for Others," without concern for recognition, is exactly what makes her deserving of this award.

You'll not find a more caring Ignatian Educator than Jenn. Her ability to develop mutual trust with students and colleagues is unparalleled, shown by her efforts in her French classes. Her curriculum empowers students to take ownership of their learning. She integrated the terrorist attacks in France into her curriculum to discuss (in French) the political, emotional, and sociological effects. This models Ignatian Pedagogy—embracing provocative topics to instill an awareness and deeper understanding of significant issues and complex values to impel action. The lesson itself included: small group discussion about their initial reaction to the events, incorporation of the iPad and news video from French news vessels, and whole-class sharing to inspire discussion. Indubitably, the entire exercise (and many more of Jenn's instruction) created conditions that provided the opportunity for continual interplay of experience, reflection, and action. Students questioned and re-questioned (in French) their findings. Her trust in her students' ability to handle such a fresh and sensitive topic with maturity and poise is a testament to her empathy, and that she values them as individuals. This student-centered approach epitomizes this pillar of an Ignatian Educator.

Jenn has a difficult task discerning curricular and instructional programs in light of department goals because she is the only French instructor. This enormous responsibility proves difficult; nevertheless, Jenn strives to be a critically reflective teacher in accordance with Prep's mission. Her motivation is to scaffold previous years' learning to prepare the students for future French study. As one progresses, the more she teaches in the language. This accounts for the social and

cultural themes that higher level French study requires, which enriches her instruction and students' learning.

Jenn's talents transcend the classroom to her work with Student Government; she works tirelessly to motivate Prep's student leaders to trust in themselves and to pursue the best interests of Fairfield Prep. Her concern for senior leadership to be in the best practices of Jesuit tradition is a genuine one. As a result, these student leaders mature and achieve success. Consequently, so does Fairfield Prep and its mission. Explicitly, the revival of the school spirit pins was masterful. Rich in Prep tradition, this idea came from her stewardship, and the students saw it to completion. The boys felt an enormous sense of pride about themselves and their institution. Any teacher will attest that to accomplish such a feat is not easy; but is priceless when it happens.

I've known Jenn for nine years – as her student and now her colleague. She has counseled and guided me to grow as a man for others in both roles. Her empathy for my professional development empowers me to further Prep's mission. Our honest and respectful dialogue inspire me as I live out my role as Director of Alumni Relations. In my first week here, Jenn sought me out to collaborate to seek the greater good for student government and Prep. Our mutual trust conveys that she works to ensure the future of Jesuit education, which I strive to emulate. Our work together and her mentoring of me builds a collaborative relationship that will see Prep's mission maintained and continued.

Case in point, Jenn is the archetype of an Ignatian Educator. Our collaboration and her instructional methods prove her to be a woman for others, and that she works tirelessly to shape the school's vision and mission. Having dedicated over 13 years of her life to Prep and her vocation; Jennifer Mauritz is validated by her work in the classroom and extracurriculars, and mentorship of me.



By **Austin Ryan '06**, Director of Alumni Relations



Pictured with Elaine Clark, "Hearthstone" yearbook editors **Jihad Rogers '16** (left) and **Michael Scott '16** (right)

## Elaine Clark receives 2015 Yearbook Dedication

**T**he editors of the Fairfield Prep Hearthstone 2015 yearbook announced its dedication to Elaine Clark, beloved English teacher, at the Ascension Thursday Mass celebrated in Alumni Hall on May 14. Elaine received a standing ovation from the student body and thanked the Prep Community. Watch [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)



# El Salvador 2015



**make  
mission  
matter**



## Prep continues to build “bridges” in 2015

Since February 2010, Fairfield Prep has been bringing a group of students to Tierra Blanca, El Salvador, during February vacation week. Tierra Blanca is a small village near Usulután, located about 90 minutes from the country’s capital city, San Salvador. While on this trip students, under the supervision of Prep faculty and administrators, lived as the El Salvadoran people live. They ate like they ate, slept like they slept, and worked like they worked. Prep students also met and heard the stories of a number of survivors from the country’s civil war (1979-1992). A large part of this trip was visiting different villages, learning about the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero, visiting the University of Central America and other sights in San Salvador. There is a rich, Jesuit history in the country of El Salvador that Fairfield Prep’s students who attended this trip experienced. The February 2015 trip was a great immersion trip for the participants.

The small country of El Salvador surprised me with an overwhelming essence of happiness and solidarity. My immersion freed my mind of previous wants, complaints and unrecognized entitlement. Upon my arrival to Tierra Blanca, I quickly recognized the drastic difference in living conditions as compared with the states. Having studied the Salvadorian civil war, the government oppression, and massacres, I was prepared to enter a deeply emotional environment. The shantytown setting filled with mud houses made this history real to me.

My first experience with the Salvadorians was a sit-around discussion with an extremely impoverished family. The mother told us how gang violence is so prevalent that her son can’t go to another village because he would most likely be dead the next day. Interacting with other communities can be a death sentence for teenage boys in El Salvador, and this fear constricts the lives of these people. Jobs are as dry as the land. There is almost no chance of finding a paying occupation besides farming. This agricultural life is the only option and yet the weather is so dry a harvest becomes almost impossible. Oh, and if they are lucky enough to find work, the Salvadorians are paid only an average of \$5 for a day’s labor.

The families explained their troubled past through civil war and harsh living conditions but never stopped smiling. Their untainted happiness surprised me because it made communicating with them very special (even though I don’t know a word of Spanish). The language barrier was barely an obstacle because the Salvadorians’ emotions and expressions say it all. Luckily some of our group study Spanish, and we could rely on them to translate. When we couldn’t piece together their explanations on our own, the Salvadorians were extremely patient with us. At home I see Americans quickly agitated with foreigners. However, the El Salvadorians waited for us to understand them, repeated themselves over and over, and were very happy to do so.

Even though their conditions are beyond poor, they manage to maintain strength in their communities and survive because of their vibrant faith, love and community. I believe this is what drives them to live happily each and every day.

I always thought immigration was something impoverished populations sought out because of the great benefits and possibilities. However the reality these residents spoke of focused on the harshness of immigration and that it is not what many want, but it is a necessity for family survival. The route to America is extremely dangerous and can mean death for many El Salvadorians. If they do reach America, many are deported as illegals and this is not done in a secure manner. If the Salvadorians reach America and are lucky enough to find work, they can only stay for a limited

amount of time before being forced home. Immigration isn’t a glorious transition from poverty to prosperity, but rather a harsh necessity for many foreign families.

The brutal history of El Salvador was very present at various civil war massacre sites. We heard first-hand the personal accounts of the survivors. At La Quesera, one Salvadorian woman spoke of hiding under dirt for four straight days to avoid the military murder squads. There were random massacres where the government-funded military would invade and open fire. They spoke of the rapes, torturous murder games, and starvation. This emotional site brought forth all the realities these Salvadorians lived through. Traveling to these sites brought powerful emotions to me, shaping my thought process. It intensified how grateful I am for my life in the United States.

This trip was far too dense in thought-provoking experiences and impacting moments to pack into one reflection, but the lessons I’ve learned and the feelings I experienced will always be rooted in me. We learned more in one week about El Salvador than any course could ever teach.

I have never fully felt such strong feelings of togetherness, brotherhood, and community before this trip. Not only did Prep students build relationships with El Salvadorians, we strengthened our connection with each other. This time means so much to me and to the others in the group.

To keep these experiences alive within us, we must seek the Magis and apply our reinforced ideals. I am committed to continue building bridges between the United States and El Salvador. I’m not certain on exactly how but at the very least I will express the truths I’ve learned, and the moments that have changed my thinking.

I hope my experience in El Salvador will encourage and compel others to venture beyond their comfort zone. It may completely change how they view life. Honestly, the week in El Salvador may be the most important week of my life because of how it personally impacted me, forcing me to question myself, seek alternative thought, and understand the world in a more clear and complete manner.

I think everyone needs a trip like this to discover your own unknowns. I’m beyond grateful for the support of my parents who made this trip possible for me. This experience has made me a better global citizen.



Taken from reflection by **Connor Bercik '16**



# Ecuador 2015

**F**airfield Prep students spent the April 2015 vacation week living with and serving the people of Ecuador. The purpose of the Rostro de Cristo retreat is to expose people from North America to the spiritual, physical and emotional realities of the people from Duran and Guayaquil, Ecuador. This is done through building relationships with the people of the neighborhood and from the surrounding communities. Each retreatant is expected to live his/her life as simply as possible while living in the retreat house. While each person takes something away from this experience, it is the sincere hope of the program that all deepen their faith in God and their commitment to issues of poverty.



There is no clear-cut way to describe the experiences that I had in Ecuador. I can attempt to summarize my feelings or describe the reflections that we had at the end of each day, but none of those things can do the trip justice. Mr. Sacerdote and the volunteers at Rostro de Cristo said that our true feelings would surface over the course of weeks after our return. Three weeks later I still don't comprehend the significance of this trip. Even something as trivial as seeing a child cry over a toy is different for me now. I'll spend the rest of my life looking at things in a different light. It the greatest blessing that God could give me. I consider myself extremely lucky for being able to go on this trip and to the best of my ability I will attempt to record a few of my feelings in this reflection.

Appreciation is a difficult concept to grasp at times for my generation. Our culture always wants more, even if we won't admit it. While down in Ecuador we read a poem that compared the difference between a child crying for a new video game versus a child crying for food. Those comparisons define the differences between the cultures of Fairfield county and Third World countries.

It seems that we have a definition of poverty in other countries and while people acknowledge it they rarely act on it. The few who do are the ones who make a difference and I am lucky to finally know the truth of the matter.

Luis, an important manager at Hogar de Cristo (an organization dedicated to helping those in Monte Sinai), explained this concept to us. He said that outsiders could come and build

houses for the people of Monte Sinai every year and think they are making an enormous difference. However, those who come and listen to the people, talk with them, and just be with them are the ones who help the most. These are the visitors who give the citizens of Monte Sinai the hope and drive to keep moving forward.

Compare this to a father who never had time for his child but gave him every material thing he could ever want—except the love that he desperately needed. In Monte Sinai I was able to listen and understand what is happening in the real world, without the media, social, and cultural distortion upon it. Our job wasn't to go in and build houses for the people, but to meet them and listen to their stories, and hopefully grasp at least a slight understanding of their day-to-day lives.

One morning our group traveled to the Refuerzo, a school where a summer camp was hosted for the local children. Immediately kids jumped into our arms, asking us if we wanted to play, where we were from, what are our names—it was almost overwhelming. These kids eagerly wanted to know us.

One of the children whom I was blessed enough to meet was Roberto, a seven-year-old who was just like me when I was his age. He was quieter than the other kids in the art class that I was assisting in, not talking as much, or shoving his artwork into your face for approval. I engaged him in conversation—roughly translating—and we hit it off. I asked him about his life and he asked me about mine. I wished our conversation would last forever, and as

corny as it sounds, I looked into his eyes and saw myself.

When it was time to leave he asked me when I would come back and that's when it hit me. We weren't allowed to promise that we would be back because you never know what would pop up in our lives.

Now I understood what Luis had described. You can give Roberto a house but did you really get to know or understand him? Did I show him that people do care and that I want him to get all the opportunities that every kid deserves? It isn't our responsibility to fix other people's lives but it is our responsibility to give people the opportunities to fix their own lives. You can give a man a fish and he will eat for a day but if you teach him to fish, he will eat for a lifetime.

Speaking of houses, the difference between the living conditions in Monte Sinai compared to our own in the U.S. is almost incomprehensible. The flooded dirt roads, shack-like housing, and unsanitary conditions are not even explainable through our photos. We were lucky enough to stay in a walled compound with linoleum flooring, cement walls, and a tin roof. Just outside those walls were a multitude of cane houses, some of which were often flooded by the river. Just weeks before our arrival two houses had fallen into the river during a torrential storm.

The schools and school system were also very different from our own. Many do not go to college and those who do are placed into specific areas of education based on their

exam scores. Students in the United States may choose their own career path, for those in El Salvador, the government dictates it for them.

"Opportunity" was one of the main words that was passed around in our discussions on schooling. I can't thank God enough for the opportunities that I have been blessed with and can't berate myself enough for those that I have squandered through my own laziness and stupidity.

I didn't ask to be born into this better life. Why did God bless me with a loving family, a good education, and a country with opportunity and not give the same to Roberto? I may never know why but I've pondered this question every day since we landed home at LaGuardia.

Right now I am sitting here with my iPhone on shuffle listening to "Only Just a Dream" by Nelly. Ecuador can't just be a dream for me. It was an experience that I will never, and can't ever, forget. I can type over 100 pages and still not explain the trip and the impact it has had on me. I will never view the world the same way. I will take my experiences in Ecuador and use them not only to better my own life but the lives of others.



Taken from reflection by  
**Thomas Moore '16**



make mission matter



## The Drowsy Chaperone is madcap delight!

The champagne flowed, the caviar chilled and all the world was a party in Fairfield Prep's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone" on May 7 and 8. This tightly knit ensemble offered the opportunity to disappear for a while into the decadent world of the 1920's. The musical is a loving send-up of the Jazz age musical featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. With the houselights down, a man in a chair appears on stage and puts on his favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical. The recording comes to life and "The Drowsy Chaperone" begins as the man in the chair looks on. Mix in two lovers on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a desperate theatre producer, a not-so-bright hostess, two gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a misguided Don Juan and an intoxicated chaperone, and you have the ingredients for an evening of madcap delight. The acting, singing, dancing, stunts, comedy, and so much more entertained the audience on every level. Special thanks to Director Megan Hoover, Musical Director Christine Evans, and all of the young men and women involved. Watch [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)



## Prep Players win Halo Award 2nd Year in a Row

On May 27, the Prep Players attended the Halo Awards at the Palace Theatre in Hartford, and received the award for "Best Acting by an Ensemble Cast" for "The Laramie Project." Fine Arts Chair and Director Megan Hoover commented, "This is the second year that we have won the award in this category, which is a true testament to the way in which the students in this program connect and support each other on stage." The Laramie cast included: **Aidan Foley '15**, **Al Kelly '17**, Annamarie Fama, **Brendan Reed '15**, Devon Valera, **Dimitri Kousidis '15**, Elizabeth Martinez, Ivy Tebbetts, **Jackson Mendes '16**, Katie

Rooney, **Kelvin Alvarez '15**, **Liam Traynor '16**, **Matt Didelot '16**, **Michael Kokias '15**, **Niko Lignore '16**, **Serginho Valcourt '15** and **Victor Riccio '15**.

The Prep Players were recognized with several Halo Award nominations this year. Mrs. Hoover said, "Please help me to congratulate the casts of both our musical and our fall play on this incredible accomplishment." At the awards, **Michael Kokias** and **Victor Riccio** performed their tap number from "The Drowsy Chaperone." Watch [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)

**NOMINATIONS RECEIVED:**  
**Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical:** **Dimitri Kousidis '15** as Man in Chair in "The Drowsy Chaperone"

**Best Comic Female Performance in a Musical:** Annamarie Fama as Kitty in "The Drowsy Chaperone"

**Best Contemporary Play:** Fairfield Prep - "The Laramie Project"

**Best Acting by a Cast in an Ensemble Production:** Fairfield Prep - "The Laramie Project"

**Best Standout Performance(s) in an Ensemble Production:** Fairfield Prep - Elizabeth Martinez in "The Laramie Project"





# Spring Concert rocks the house



The Annual Spring Concert was held on May 13 at the Quick Center for the Arts, Fairfield University. Performances included the Jazzuits, Encords, Select Choir, Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra. Music was directed by Mrs. Christine Evans. The full house enjoyed the showcase of multiple performances, including modern and traditional pieces. For videos of Full Concert Highlights, Seniors' performance of *Uptown Funk*, and *William Tell Overture* watch [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).



## Prep Student Art Show

Arupe Hall was transformed into a vibrant art gallery filled with imaginative multi-media artwork at the annual Spring Art Show held on May 21. Art enthusiasts enjoyed the range and creative uses of different media.



## Prep jazzed to perform at the Apollo Theater

The Fairfield Prep Jazzuits and Encords performed on the famous Apollo stage in Harlem on April 11, 2015, participating in the New York Jazz Festival.



## Art show honors the late Lou Saracco Jr.

The annual Student Art Show was dedicated to the memory of the late Louis A. Saracco Jr., beloved social studies teacher. Lou inspired many students in the lifelong love of art. He served with distinction not only as an educator but as a friend, colleague and mentor to thousands of students and members of the Prep community from 1959-2009. Pictured from left: Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., Steve Jakab Jr. '84, George Holmes '65 and Tim Murphy '85.

# SEED

Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity



## SEED celebrates at Diversity Dinner!

The annual SEED Diversity Dinner was held on April 8 in the Brissette Gymnasium. Approximately 400 guests attended, honoring the graduating seniors and welcoming the incoming freshmen. Families were asked to bring dishes that represented their culture or ethnic background, and with over 100 families, the food was delicious and plentiful! Speakers included students and parents who gave testimony to the success of the SEED program.

SEED (Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity) celebrated its 27th Anniversary this year as an integral and important program in the Prep Community, promoting racial, socio-economic, and cultural diversity at Fairfield Prep. Special thanks to Mrs. Alecia Thomas, Director of the SEED program, her committee, Prep families, and Prep staff members for making this evening possible.





## Serginho Valcourt '15



If I had been asked to write a speech for an occasion such as this my freshman year, I would have panicked. I had crippling stage fright, and giving a heartfelt speech in the presence of a live audience was not my forte. I wanted to change that about myself, and it is a struggle I continue to face. And even now, to say I'm not nervous would be a lie, but this is my challenge to myself.

There's something about this school that offers a form of growth to everybody—a way in which we are all personally challenged to change something about ourselves. However, that change can only be measured through how willing you are to look at yourself and say "I need to change this about myself." For me, that meant changing my outlook on life in a way that allows me to take on more responsibility, something that heightened more and more, culminating as I became a senior, and I found the mantle of serving as a leader for others placed upon not only mine, but the shoulders of every current senior in this room. And it's crazy. I remember the June of 2011: being a nervous eighth grader, only having graduated the week before and spending the next month taking summer class to prepare me for the four years to come. Little did I know it, but I would meet some of my best friends there. But we weren't even students at the time. To think that we would one day serve as an example for younger students would be a thought I felt I wouldn't have to worry about for ages.

But these four years have raced by.

One minute, I'm sitting in homeroom, orientation of freshman year, receiving my first schedule and thinking this school is MASSIVE, and the next, it's the middle of November and I'm completing my college applications. Now, I've heard the phrase "appreciate these four years, because they'll fly by." But I never believed it. Everything felt so slow paced and dragged out until I began writing this and thought "where did these last four years go?" And that's not to say I simply let my time here slip by. On the contrary, I filled my time here with so many precious, priceless moments that there wasn't a day that went by wasted. The clubs I've joined in these four years have given me countless opportunities to meet so many people, gain new experiences, and slowly become a part of their lives, in the same way they've become a part of mine.

But this is not only about me and the senior class. This is a celebration of everybody here.

Class of 2019: welcome to Prep. You have all entered an amazing place, and the possibilities that lie for each and every one of you on this journey you are about to embark is endless.

Freshmen: congratulations on passing this first milestone. There's so much more for you all to discover as you enter your sophomore year, so make sure to appreciate the time you have, and take everything around you in.

Sophomores and juniors: You all have the responsibility to look after your underclassmen. Pretty soon, the actions you make will serve as a precedent, so know that you are role models.

And seniors: you deserve to give yourselves a round of applause. We made it, and you deserve to feel proud of yourselves.

# SEEDS OF WISDOM

Following are excerpts from the students' speeches, giving advice to new students about their Prep experience.

## Kelvin Alvarez '15



When anybody asks me what is unique about Prep or what I like about it, many things come to mind. The amazing education, the variety of activities. But the one thing that I always talk about is the brotherhood that is fostered through the experiences here. I know that the friends that I have here are unlike any other people because I can rely on them, I trust them, I consider them my brothers. Through working together, whether during school or after, and relaxing together, I see my friends as brothers because we care about each other in everything that we do.

I came into Prep really not knowing anybody, but I was eager to come into a new environment. I was amazed to see how much there was to do and how many people I was able to meet. It wasn't magic that forced me to meet my new friends though; I met them through getting involved at Prep. Personally, I am a music person so as a result I didn't hesitate at all to join the music program here at Prep. I met some incredible people who I consider to be my best friends. For example, I remember joining the Prep orchestra and meeting a guy named Emil. After rehearsing for a bit, we found out that we were both in the same extracurricular orchestra. We really got to know each other and now he is my closest friend. We talk all the time, later in the night and into the morning than I would like to admit, we discuss music, school, and general life. He is a person who truly cares about me and my wellbeing and I for him as well.

I have the opportunities at Prep to thank for Emil. But I know that limiting me to solely music would not be enough. I wasn't ever involved with theater and I have never considered myself much of an actor, but I decided in my sophomore year to audition for the Prep Players. It was something completely new to me. I was introduced to a group of people who were motivated to create incredible works of art. Prep Players are a group of immensely diverse people who come together to perform.

Through our work, we bond together and we became a close knit group of friends. I have come to love the Players and I am eager to attend rehearsal.

Prep Players wasn't the only new experience. In my junior year, I went on Kairos and the El Salvador Immersion Trip. Kairos, for those of you who don't know, is a retreat for juniors and seniors and honestly, it is a mind-blowing experience. After Kairos, I saw people that didn't know each other mess around as if they had been friends forever and then sharing that bond that they experienced on the retreat with other members of their class. I noticed on Kairos even more than before that Prep students love and rely on each other. The El Salvador Trip is a mission trip where a small group of juniors and seniors go to El Salvador to experience the life in the third world country. The interesting thing that I noticed while participating in both of these programs is that I saw another side of the brotherhood. I saw that my brothers are doing more than just being friends with each other. They attained a generosity and a genuine care for others in the world. Similarly with El Salvador, the group saw how desperate people were and as a result, saw how much they needed to help others. In El Salvador, I could see them give every waking moment to go assist anybody who needed help. This mentality carried through their regular school life. I see my brothers now walking around the school being kind and helpful.

I realize that this is a trait of Prep students. We care for not only our fellow peers, but we all go out to help other people. Anyone can see this by going to a service site where Prep kids are present, going to a sports field where students are helping each other train, even by walking through the hallway; you can see how Prep kids help one another.

This is what I talk about when I speak of Prep. I could talk about the cafeteria food, the championship wins, even the spring musical, but when it comes down to it, I cannot stop talking about the relationship that Prep students have with each other. We all are brothers that join together not only to help each other, but also to go out and help the world.

## Dajon Hall '16



I grew up in the big city of Bridgeport, CT. First, I would like to welcome the upcoming freshmen that are about to embark on the complete Fairfield Prep adventure.

My time here at this school has been a whirlwind. Freshman year to junior year has been a journey of enlightenment and maturing. I started off as a kid who was full of dreams and ambitions. Before and after school, I aimed only to play basketball with my associates and generally just have fun. Putting athletics over academics ultimately led to my first quarter grades being the worst I ever had. Change was necessary at that moment and sacrifice was a necessity. Better time management and more self discipline was the perfect formula to have even though I it was going to be very difficult as well as bothersome.

But a key ingredient to this formula was surrounding myself with people that have as great of a mindset as you. If any of your classmates are negatively impacting your life in any manner, then you shouldn't be wasting your crucial time with them.

Personally, true friendships that I've created in this school don't compare to ones I have with others. At a public school, the people are more distant and connections are made with a small but not diverse group. Although there are about 900 students attending this school, the companionships developed here make it feel much smaller.

But the most vital piece of advice I received in the almost three full years I have been here is put yourself around others who want to succeed as bad as you do or even more. Having friends with tons of persistence will only lead to great things for all of you. Encircling yourself with ones who you want to be like positively will affect how you think towards certain situations.

Upcoming freshmen, you will absolutely face adversity on a week to week basis but it's all about how you react from it and overcome your struggles. Hard work in high school will lead to greatness later. So be patient!!

# Hate Me Not

Prep remembers  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
at Assembly



Pictured from left: Guest Speaker **Andrew Mitchell Davenport '08**; Musical Artist **Neddy Jean**; Director of Diversity & Academic Support Services **Mrs. Alecia Thomas**; and President **Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J.**



Musical Artist **Neddy Jean** performed with the Prep musicians.

The Prep SEED Program (Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity) sponsored a student assembly commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. on January 21 at the Quick Center for the Arts. The theme of the program was “Hate Me Not.” Through song, speech, drama and video, the students and guests delivered a multi-media message about tolerance and respect for humankind. Alumnus **Andrew Mitchell Davenport '08**, a teacher at Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, gave an inspiring address about taking action on behalf of social justice. Musical artist **Neddy Jean** performed a gospel-spirited song in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr., invoking the attendees to sing along. Finally, the Prep Players recreated a scene from “The Laramie Project,” which exposed the reality of violence and intolerance toward homosexuals. The program ended with a video/slideshow depicting historical video and photos of current Prep life with the background of King’s “I Have a Dream” speech.

## MLK Assembly Speech by **Andrew Mitchell Davenport '08**

I am you. All of you. And we already know enough. “It is not knowledge we lack. What is missing is the courage to understand what we know and to draw conclusions.” In this case, we must draw conclusions about the dangers of hate. And then we must act, with the fierce urgency of now.

I am you. If this were nine years ago, I’d be sitting in the audience, a Fairfield Prep student listening to an assembly in honor of Dr. King, one of the most courageous men who ever lived. I was a normal student—to the recurrent frustration of my mother. But, I was a normal kid. The only record I ever achieved at Prep occurred when, as a freshman in Ms. Mumma’s class, I served out 23 consecutive days of JUG.

But it was that same winter semester when, at fifteen, I first did something I had never had the courage to do. I hadn’t spoken to anyone outside of my family regarding our racial background. But in Ms. Thomas’s history class the conversation turned to race, and when she asked us to raise our hands if our ancestors were part of the African Diaspora, I did. I am the proud great-great grandson of Virginian slaves. But I imagine at that moment, in that class, sweating and nervous as could be, that I looked more like a cherry tomato than an African American.

Recall that Thomas Jefferson, from the same area of Virginia my slave ancestors called “home,” owned hundreds of people. Jefferson bred six children into slavery with a slave mistress. They all looked as white as their father—a founding father, no less—and yet, because they possessed one drop of black blood they were slaves. Jefferson never freed them during his lifetime. A century after Jefferson’s death, during the swing of the Harlem Renaissance, Langston Hughes could still write, due to segregation laws, “black blood sure is powerful as it only takes one drop to be considered a Negro.”

In that special way white suburban kids across the country have of being simultaneously impressed and intimidated by blackness, a couple of kids came up to me after that history class. “So that’s why you can dunk!” they said. Others told me they didn’t believe me.

Race has always been about how others perceive you. And so today I want to pose that this assembly isn’t only about race, though it so happens that Dr. King was a black

man. This assembly is about militant tenderness. This philosophy has no technical name, excepting activism. To act. To be. This assembly, just like your Prep education, is about what it means to exist. What it means to be a human being.

Being who we are—who we were raised by, and who teaches us—the spiritual uplift of every American sister and brother is our cross we must bear. You’ll recall that it wasn’t until Dr. King spoke out about an unjust war in Vietnam that he was killed. It wasn’t until he mobilized the poor of the world that he was killed. He laid down his life for a beloved human community.

King’s greatest virtue was his committed empathy with all the oppressed and his divine dissatisfaction with all forms of injustice. His philosophy was radically Christian. As Jesus did, King knew that hate destroys the hater. King and Jesus envisioned a radical new world. Recognize the enormity of that vision—a world where the first will be last and the last will be first. Where the meek shall inherit the earth.

Know that King didn’t make the movement. The movement made King. With this in mind, do not fear the burgeoning activism inside you. You must trust yourself, and your education. When the moment comes you will be ready.

At this American moment, we are not so different from King’s time. America has yet again embarked on one of her periodic crusades of racial injustice, killing unarmed black men and leaving their bodies untended in the street for four and a half hours to rot. Now that we’re here again, I ask you to consider this: what will you do? Now that America enjoys its widest gulf between the rich and poor, what will you do? Do not remain distracted by a media terribly fearful of black rage; a media fearful of another poor people’s movement. Take the needle from out of your arms—it is a myth that we’re a fair society. And, as students of American history, you know this is unconstitutional. The moment beckons.

You and I, from the moment we walked through the doors of Fairfield Prep, were told that more than the knowledge we would acquire here, the real goal of this school, as a Jesuit school, is to form us into “Men for Others.” The faculty knows that each of you is enormously gifted. I see it in my students at Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, too. As teachers, our goal is to open your eyes to see how you can use your gifts—not to make it into the one percent, but to be in solidarity with those who have not had the opportunities we have; to teach our hearts to be compassionate and our hands to tear down the walls that divide. Prep teachers challenged me—and they challenge you—to make radical Christian service an integral part of your character, not just as an extracurricular activity or a required community service project. No, we are taught to strive for the magis: to share our gifts and talents enthusiastically, to feel the pain of the other profoundly, to build a world community of peace and justice passionately. Live with the self-determination, and the fearlessness, to lay down your life for the initiation of a beloved community, to rethink and remix capitalism in a spirit of empathy, not solely to aim for a position among the landed gentry. “Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind.”

I am you. White and black. A man and still a child. A sinner and a relentless striver. A teacher and a student. . . We already know enough. It is not knowledge we lack. It is courage to see one another as equals. Who will rise to the occasion?

## NEWS WITH A COMICAL TWIST

# Prep loves “The Monday Preport”

In the words of one of the lead anchors  
**Ryan Matera '15, Student Government VP**

The *Monday Preport* is a controversial topic on all fronts. Unrecognized by the school as an official function, unregulated in any way by administration, and completely devoid of any strategy or procedure, it stands out from the other Arts and Athletic entities of the school yet still finds a way to permeate Fairfield Prep life and be a known institution to every student. Perhaps it is this freshness and this exciting sense of creativity that gave the *Preport* its zeal and originality. In early November our first intercom broadcast (the portion of the show better known by students and staff) aired to rave reviews from most listeners. The content was mediocre but the mere redefinition



L-r: **Patrick Godino '17, Andy Spangenberg '15, Jason Mis '98 and Ryan Matera '15**



of the medium once held by mundane announcements was enough to catch the attention of passive students and appeal to the masses.

The online portion of the show, hosted by lead anchors **Ryan Matera** and **Andy Spangenberg**, was a feat made possible not by these two gentlemen, but by two others whose importance and influence was far greater and will continue for years. The first is a technical wizard, a genius who was able to sift through hours of useless material to create an episode worthy of viewership. **Patrick Godino** was a sophomore working among seniors who was able to swiftly direct and fearlessly lead the two immature and lazy sacks of no-good foolishness that were Ryan and

Andy. His work on the show is present at all times.

The other leader is a teacher, though this title falls far short of his true role. **Jason Mis** served as a mentor, a writer, a producer, a conniver, and a friend to our show's faces, and was able to train these two in an art unknown to the vast majority of high schoolers. His wisdom and sage advice was seemingly limitless, and his presence on the show will forever be necessary and crucial. It is to him the show owes its unique character and hint of absurdity. It is to him the school owes the gratitude of shepherding students into the real world in a far greater way than can be taught in a classroom.

Finally, concerns of the show's future

must be addressed. Questions have risen surrounding the program's chief values—that of spontaneity, originality, unauthenticity, and that of its hosts. Fans (including faculty, students, alumni, and parents) may fear that if these elements are lost then this institution will lose what makes it so great and will in turn lose all credibility. This fear may safely be discarded. The show derived its character from not only its hosts, but from that of the character of the class of 2015 in general and from the countless amount of people who made the show possible. It is true that the character of the program will shift in future years, but the show will no doubt find a new character with new leaders and will have the tenacity to redefine itself year after year in a unique way. There will be years worse than the original, though there will be years far greater as well. As the show builds popularity and influence the presence of opportunity will not affect creativity and will only prove to increase the experience that is the *Monday Preport*.

So to a group of pioneers, to a school that allowed such tomfoolery to exist in the name of true education, to the many who supported this great entity, and to an institution: please remember that it's not just news, it's news.



## Freshmen host Field Day for Bridgeport school children

On March 12, freshmen began their journey as Men for Others by participating in their first official Prep service project, Freshman Field Day. This one day event is designed to expose freshman students to those with life circumstances somewhat different from their own. Freshmen were paired with elementary school students from Cathedral Academy of Bridgeport. They exchanged letters describing themselves with their new buddies before meeting them at Prep. The day was held in Fairfield University's Alumni Hall and Rec Plex Fieldhouse, and all of the students participated in parachute games, obstacle courses, football tosses and many more fun activities. The smiles show the positive feedback to a great day! Watch [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)



# AMDG in their words



By Griffin Reidy, Theology teacher and past Department Chair

“I’ve got to get out of this cave!” So said Ignatius of Loyola—in not so many words—when he realized on the banks of Manresa’s River Cardoner nearly 500 years ago that God is not limited solely to churches or to rituals. Indeed, God is “in all things,” and we “meet” Him most clearly in other people. Inspired by this truth that can be traced back through the words of Jesus to the very beginning of Genesis, Ignatius abandoned his hermit life and committed himself to serving the greater glory of God—AMDG—by serving God’s people.

That core truth—that we serve God by serving others—is what motivates and animates Jesuit—“Ignatian”—education. As good as it is to provide teenagers with a well-rounded, superior education, that is not the sole purpose of this “service.” As Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, the then Superior General of the Society of Jesus, explained upon his visit to Fairfield University and Fairfield Prep some 27 years

ago, the purpose behind Jesuit education seeks more than just that. It means educating each student so that he will, in turn, have an ever-more beneficial impact on those he encounters as he moves forward in his life. In that way the service of God through others can grow like the mustard seed.

The Christian Service program here at Fairfield Prep is integral to that effort. In each year students are asked to leave their comfort zones—to venture forth from their own caves—by serving others who would otherwise be less able to help themselves. It happens through field days with children from Bridgeport’s parochial schools, through immersion trips to Appalachia and to El Salvador, to name but two, and it happens through the year-long, weekly projects that all seniors undertake. Is it effective? Does it resonate with our students? Are we remaining true to Ignatius’s mission? I’ll let the seniors answer that in their own words.

*From a participant on the immersion trip to Jamaica’s Mustard Seed Community serving disabled and HIV-positive children:*

I had never been out of the country before the immersion trip, I had never been away from home for more than a week, I had never worked with people this poor. It changed my life. I came to realize that I am such a small part of the world, and that there is so much more to life than my little iPhone. I recall sitting with a young boy named Glenardo. He was fourteen but had the body of a two-year old, small and decrepit. His face looked like a baby’s, and drool was constantly dripping off the corner of his mouth. He would lie on a towel and look around, not able to talk, not able to move. But when I would hold his hand a smile would erupt on his face. In those moments I truly found peace, and life is full of them.



Griffin Reidy at tip top of photo with senior class students and visiting vocation leader Fr. Fred Pellegrini, S.J.

*From a volunteer with TOPSoccer:*

The TOPSoccer program teaches the game of soccer to young mentally or physically-disabled players. However, what I saw was a group of very normal, very energetic young children. I saw kids just wanting to have fun. And yet at the orientation the program coordinator told us, "These children sometimes have no friends. They look forward to this hour for the whole week. This is one hour when they don't have to worry about anything." As it turned out, I didn't always play soccer with my "buddies." We would often just run around, talking about likes and dislikes, or would even just enjoy the nice weather together under a tree. I soon realized that the purpose of the program was not necessarily to get these kids to play soccer. It was to provide them an environment within which to socialize; to feel free from societal constraints or judgment.

*From an Operation Hope volunteer:*

The clients I serve at Operation Hope have an immediate need: they need dinner. I alleviate that need by serving them dinner. That, too, is justice in action. My time at Prep has helped me to realize that justice need not be some huge, spectacular event. It can be as simple as serving someone a hot meal. No matter how small or how big the act may be, it is good to serve those who need our help. It is our vocation as Christians.

*From a volunteer in the after-school program at Bridgeport's Beardsley Elementary School:*

Unlike my old school's modern facilities, Beardsley had torn-up white boards, tiny classrooms, outdated school supplies, and a tiny fenced-in playground that was literally falling apart. One day early on I was paired up with a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader named Lee. If you were to put us next to each other we looked completely different, but on the inside we were the same. As we were doing homework, Lee got a problem right and made a reference to "Naruto," a show that I, too, used to watch as a little kid. After hearing him start the classic catchphrase, "That's my . . ." I finished it off with, ". . . my ninja way!" We looked at each other with ear-to-ear grins. I am no artist, but as we talked on and on about the show's classic ninja fights, I offered to draw a picture of one of the ninjas for him. As soon as I finished drawing it he stuck it right in the front-cover flap of his binder. Harsh reality crept in on my delight when, as Lee left, the program coordinator

handed him a small lunchbox with food to help tide his family over for the weekend. That moment affirmed my decision to commit to the twenty-minute journey to Beardsley for twenty-six weeks. I have met so many kids like Lee there; I have helped them with their homework; I have learned about their lives and their struggles. They never asked for any of this to happen to them, and I feel that I have made an impact on them. As I walk through the halls and see my buddy Lee, I can still see my crudely drawn ninja in the front of his binder.

*From another participant on the immersion trip to Jamaica:*

I had never seen poverty like Jamaica's; shacks with roofs that looked like they would fall off at the smallest gust. My initial emotion was pity, and yet everywhere we went we were met with waves and smiles. Talking with some of the residents after Mass, they were so grateful for every single scrap they owned. I then began to question why a loving God would allow these poor children to be left behind.

My answer was given to me by a boy who could not speak, Troy. Nicknamed Usain Bolt because of his habit of running—that is, of running away—Troy was a constant source of stress, and I fully admit that I have not been blessed with patience. On our fourth day, Troy was where he usually was, in time-out. Instead of playing with the other kids, I simply sat with Troy. I put my hand through the bars that held him in; he felt and squeezed my hand with great curiosity.

I did not think much of it until the last day. On that last day, Troy was struggling against his caretaker as we were sitting at Mass in the gazebo. I assumed he was trying to run away as usual, but after he broke free, to my surprise, Troy ran over to me. He put his head on my shoulder and grabbed my hand, feeling and squeezing it as he did before. I was speechless. I realized that sitting down with Troy in his isolation had meant so much to him. My devoting a few minutes of my time to be there with him while he was all alone was an act of love through his eyes; it was an act of love through mine that he ran over to me rather than away on that last day.

I had heard that we are "the hands and feet of God" so many times that I had become desensitized to it, but it became real for me on that day. In Jamaica I had been looking for signs of God at work while I myself had not been at work. I should have realized that God works through His people, not apart from them; He works through me.

*A poem from a senior who volunteered in an after-school program in his own Bridgeport neighborhood:*

I go back every week because the kids standing in front of me,  
Are not kids, but bodybuilders that carry their circumstances in their eyes,  
making them droop.

I see a child retrieve a dollar bill from his pocket, holding it tight,  
As if Washington would taste an unfamiliar hand and fly away, before he  
was exchanged for a soda.

I see the dust of the gym floor picked up by pants way too large,  
But in too good of a condition to be thrown out,  
A pair of pants gains a pair of owners, brothers not sized for his stitches.  
In a swift drive to the hoop I can see the hours of practice encouraged by Dad,  
Because sports is what "we" do best.

As if we could never produce a student who wasn't on a scholarship,  
For running through a defensive line and into a preconceived rut of identity.

Looking at the children recreating last night's game, I wonder why,  
Why they rewind the same plays, instead of making new ones.  
In a student furiously scribbling out her answers, I receive mine.  
Surrounded by problems she can't begin to comprehend,  
She finds solace in her math book where an unknown always equal  
something.

Yet, at home, when concepts avoid her grasp,  
She can only turn to the shadows of those who could help.

Big brother is out with Mary and Molly, using them to cover up the hole that  
was never Dad.

Mom is only present in the meal she leaves on the counter, and a note that  
says "I love you."

In their eyes I can see them wonder why people who look like us, are  
pushed up against cars,  
Why they have to play inside when the Mercedes-Benz rolls onto the  
street.

I can see they're tired, staying up all night hoping that the Fourth of July  
had come early,  
And someone wasn't being tucked to sleep, under a sheet, on the curb of  
the street.  
But then I look closer, and I peer at the kids playing with their peers.

They love reading, and worlds far away from mommy's drinking problem.  
They love to play four-square, but I think they love having opponents to  
laugh with, even more.

I see them watch Pokémon and pick their favorites, which are always  
funny and smart and brave.

Already they find it more appealing to be a Pokémon than a basketball  
player,  
And that's a hell of a start.

On the best days, they dance, flailing their arms to some beat that only  
exists in their head.

But it is this unalloyed joy that takes the droop out of their eyes.  
And the sour and bitter taste of being born as a have-not, is driven out by  
optimism,

That they're only kids, and tomorrow they can play a new game and  
emerge victorious.

They can see me seeing them and they say, "I want to be like you because  
you're like me."

I go back every week because the kids standing in front of me . . .  
have hope.

## Student Happenings



### Business Club creates Young Entrepreneurs

The Business Club sponsored six teams of students, who developed new business concepts and competed in a presentation to moderator **Tom Shea '73** (back row), as well as alumni judges **Dan Pengue '73** (far left) and **Chris McLeod '73** (far right). The team presentations included: **VIGILANCE** a device to insure driver alertness and avoid accidents for the commercial transportation industry: **Jun Lin Mo '17, Freddy Rio '17, Brendan Sawyer '17, and Jonathon Siveyer '17. SAFE STRAW** a drink stirrer treated with a chemical to detect Rupalin and other harmful drugs to promote woman's safety: **Alex Capozziello '17, Will Bennett '17 and Stephen Westphal '17. BAGGAGE CLAIM** a software app to assist travelers in locating lost baggage: **Patrick Steed '17 and Ryan Dunn '17. NANNY IN THE AIR** a service offering trained escorts to assist minors traveling alone on flights: **Sonny Franke '17 and Nick Muro '17. The winning team was CNG** a proposal to convert local commercial transportation like buses and delivery trucks to natural gas: **Kevin Gallagher '17 and James Rivers '17.**

### SCC Scholar Leaders

The SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference) hosted its 21st annual Scholar Leader Banquet on March 23 at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. Forty-six scholar leaders, chosen by their respective school principals, were recognized for outstanding scholarship and leadership in their respective schools and external communities. Pictured from left: **Grant Stone '16**, Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, and **Jack O'Connor '16.**



**Grant H. Stone '16** is a summa cum laude student, a varsity letterman in baseball, and co-chair of the Fantasy Sports Club. He is a peer tutor and a tutor and mentor at the Stamford Boys and Girls Club. He coaches middle schoolers in the Stamford Peace Basketball League. Grant is also a Freshman Retreat Leader.

**John P. O'Connor '16** is a summa cum laude student who was nominated as a Governor's Scholar. Jack tutors and mentors at the Boys and Girls Club of Stamford in addition to coaching a youth lacrosse team. He was leader of the Freshman Retreat and the Kairos program. He also received All-State and All-SCC honors on the lacrosse field.

### Prep sponsors White Ribbon Assembly

On February 11 Prep sponsored an assembly to learn more about the consequences of domestic violence against women and girls. Students were challenged to sign the pledge to support the White Ribbon Campaign initiative. It is a global campaign that began in 1991. The goal was to gain 100% participation from Fairfield Prep, becoming the first high school in Connecticut



to have full participation. See video highlights with the following speakers: Marlon Ramnanan, Center for Family Justice; Todd Pelazza, Director of Public Safety, Fairfield University; Chief Chris Tracey, Asst. Chief, Fairfield Fire Department (left); Chief Gary MacNamara, Chief, Fairfield Police Department; and **Kevin Stone '15** at [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).

### Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair

Fairfield Prep congratulates two Sophomores, **Jonathan Siveyer** (left) and **Junlin Mo** (right), who achieved honors at the Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair held at Quinnipiac University. **Jonathan Siveyer** earned a First Honors and was a finalist in the Pfizer Life Science Award. He also won the Stockholm Junior Water prize and has been invited to advance in the competition. Additionally, he received the four-year participation award. **Junlin Mo** earned a Third Honors and was a finalist in the Peoples United Bank Mathematics award.



### Prep Robotics Club places 10th in State

Every year the Prep Robotics team competes in tournaments organized by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). This year's FIRST Tech Challenge, "Cascade Effect," tasked teams with making a robot capable of collecting plastic balls, placing them into goals of varying heights, and parking those goals in designated areas, all while working with an allied team's robot. The Robotics team (The Bomb Squad) spent five months getting ready for the Qualifier Tournament held at Greenwich Academy in Greenwich, CT. On February 7, The Bomb Squad qualified for the state tournament, placing sixteenth out of twenty-four teams.

After qualifying, the team set its sights on the State Tournament at Greens Farm Academy in Westport, CT. On March 7, 2015, The Bomb Squad placed tenth out of twenty-four teams. This was the second time in their four years of competing they have placed in the top ten, an achievement the club's moderator, Ms. Unger, described as, "Phenomenal," adding that, "[She] was extremely impressed by everyone's maturity and ability to work as a team."



Pictured from left: Team moderator Mrs. Amy Ardito, **Ignacio Altamiranda '16, Charles Paul '15, Haoxiang Zhang '18, Griffin Roth '15, Bowen Chen '18, Tommy Paul '17, Jack Llewellyn '18, Stephen Howard '16, Matthew Howard '18, Nicholas Howard '16, and Vincent Nguyen '16.**

### Math Team places in competition!

This year, the Math Team improved their performance greatly! They achieved a meet high of 49 points in March and a year total of 230 points to take 10th place out of 25 teams. In addition, they qualified for the state level competition. This is the first time that the math team has qualified, and the team hopes this is the start of a great trend. Interested students should contact Mrs. Ardito.

## Student Happenings



Pictured from left: Jorge Pererira of Readniss and Mead, **Jack Llewellyn '18**, **Gavin Granath '15**, **Haixiang Zhang '18**, **Bowen Chen '18**, Ms. Bohan and Mrs. Brennan

### Trig\*Star team wins State Championship

For the fourth season in a row, the 2014-15 Fairfield Prep Trig\*Star team won the State Championship. **Haixiang Zhang '18** took first place overall, and represented the entire State of Connecticut in the National Trig\*Star Exam in June. Prep's Trig\*Star team is sponsored by Readniss and Mead. It is moderated by Ms. Maureen Bohan and Mrs. Katherine Brennan and Jorge Pereira, a senior Surveyor at Readniss and Mead. The Trig\*Star State Exam is an annual high school mathematics competition based on the practical application of Trigonometry. Students that participate are not only provided with an opportunity to earn awards, but also leave with a better understanding of the technical profession of Geomatics, which includes Land Surveying, Mapping and Planning.

### Sikorsky Science Award winner Luke Clair

**Luke Clair '16** was among select high school juniors from Fairfield and New Haven counties who were honored for excelling in math and science studies by Fairfield University's School of Engineering and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation. The university hopes to inspire them to study and pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).



### Preppers volunteer for Mary's Fund

Seven students recently volunteered at the "Mary's Fund" Golf Outing in memory of the Newtown Sandy Hook school psychologist shooting victim Mary Sherlach. "Mary's Fund" was established to help Fairfield County children and teenagers receive quality mental health care. Pictured from left: **Tate Duran '15**, **A.J. Mansolillo '15**, **Greg Terry '15**, **Colin Ihlefeld '15**, **Shawn Connolly '15**, **Quinn Pollard '15**, **Ben Kelly '17**

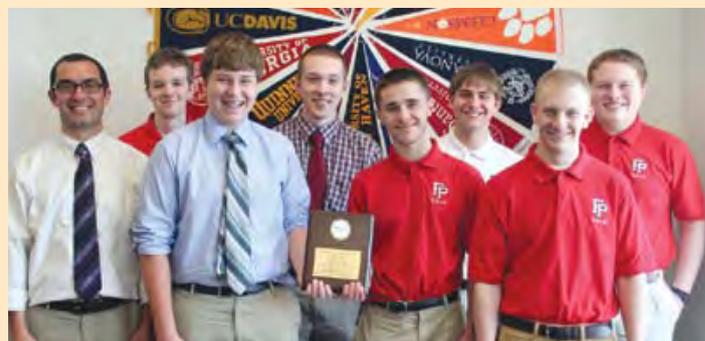
### Berry '18, Lyons '18 and Mannella '17 earn awards at Donate Life Connecticut

Pictured from left: **Mac Berry '18**, **Everett Lyons '18** and **Michael Mannella '17**

Donate Life Connecticut celebrated the 25th Annual High School Visual Art Contest on April 10, 2015. **Mac Berry '18**, **Everett Lyons '18** and **Michael Mannella '17** were among the winners. They joined their Biology teacher Mrs. Jane Novia O'Reilly at the state capitol for the awards ceremony.



Since 1990, thousands of Connecticut high school students have participated in the Donate Life Connecticut Annual Visual Art Contest. Each year, students are encouraged to create unique artwork to be used for raising awareness about organ and tissue donation and the importance of becoming a registered donor. Mac Berry was the 2nd Place recipient, and Everett Lyons received an honorable mention for his video. Michael Mannella was presented with the "Tony Award," an award chosen by the parents of a young man who passed away while awaiting an organ. Each year they choose the project that speaks to them. The teacher award was presented to Mrs. O'Reilly.



Pictured from left: Science teacher/moderator Anthony Dotolo; **Charles Paul '15**, **Patrick Piekarski '18**, **Kyle Foster '15**, **Michael Lagrange '15**, **Griffin Roth '15**, **Christopher Calo '15**, and **Gavin Granath '15**. Missing from photo: **Dylan Hawkes '15**.

### Engineers score high in TEAMS contest

Members of Prep's engineering club, the Lewis Engineering Society (LENSO), traveled to the University of New Haven this past March to compete in a nationally orchestrated contest known as TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science). This year's competition focused on the relationship between energy and engineering, with topics ranging from biofuels and solar power to electricity and nuclear energy.

The Prep team was awarded second place in their state division, and finished in 7th place overall in Connecticut. The CT contest proved to be highly competitive, and although Prep did not advance beyond the state level, the club tied for 19th in the nation among 660 teams.

Though Prep students have participated in TEAMS competitions in years past, 2015 marks the first time the students have competed as the Lewis Engineering Society (LENSO). In September, these and other members of the Engineering Society voted to recognize the contributions of the late Dr. Brian Lewis (inspirational Prep science faculty member and Engineering Society moderator) by renaming the club in his honor. The plaque that now hangs in the Prep trophy case stands as a testament both to the hard work of our students and to our warm memories of "Doc."

Students interested in joining LENSO in the 2015-16 academic year should contact Mr. Dotolo for more details.

## Student Happenings

### Clothing Drive benefits Rescue Mission

Members of the Spanish Honor Society loaded a SUV with bags of new socks and clothing donated for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. From left: **Kelvin Alvarez '15, Alejandro Correa '15, Steven DeMoura '15, K.C. Maloney '15, Peter Campbell '15, Ignacio Altamiranda '16, Brey Jackson '15, and Emil Friis '15.**



Every year the Spanish Honor Society sponsors a clothing drive to help those in need at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Those people who are fortunate to stay in a shelter for the nights are often turned out in the early morning with no place to go until the shelter allows them back in at night. They are frequently outdoors in the most frigid conditions. The drive collected hundreds of pairs of new socks, plus underwear, which were distributed by the Mission. Ms. Billie Brooks, Spanish teacher and moderator of the club, thanks the Prep Community for your kind contributions.

### Black Mambas are Flag Football Champs

In one of the most impressive performances in Fairfield Prep Intramural history, the Black Mambas finished the season by repeating as Flag Football Champions! With many challengers seeking to dethrone the Black Mambas, the 2015 Champions dominated the league once again. With a team comprised of graduating seniors, it will be exciting to see which team will take their place next year as the 2016 Intramural Flag Football Champions! With over 90 Prep students participating in the Intramural Program's most popular sport, it's anyone's guess as to who will claim the title next year!



### Preppers "Walk a Mile in her Shoes" to fight violence against women

On Saturday, May 2, Fairfield Prep showed up to "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes," and support the fight to end violence against women and girls, and support the Center for Family Justice in Bridgeport. In Fairfield, the varsity baseball team came out in force to support **Kevin Stone '15**, who received an award for leadership. It was a great day and Prep was proud to receive the award for Largest Team! Additionally in Milford, Science teacher Jane O'Reilly organized a group of students to participate in the walk held in that town.



### Stock Market Club visits New York Stock Exchange, wins 2nd in CT!

The Stock Market Club took its second trip to the New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street this April. 18 students along with club moderator Mrs. Leonardo and Mr. DeRosa attended. The group walked the trading floor and visited the Museum of Finance. The club has over 100 participants and one team, led by **Kevin Gallagher '17**, came in second place in Connecticut out of 883 teams this year!



### Praying, fasting and giving to Rice Bowl

The Fairfield Prep school community participated yet again this past Lenten Season in Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl Program. Operation Rice Bowl raises money in support of CRS' programs to alleviate hunger and poverty amidst the most distressed communities in our nation and in our world. This year was the seventh year in a row that Fairfield Prep has participated in the program, which encourages participants to "Pray, Fast and Give." Mr. Griffin Reidy's Theology classes took this program to a new level by engaging in some friendly competition for this good cause. Mr. Reidy's classes raised nearly \$1000, and his top class alone raised over \$300. As a school, Fairfield Prep collected a total of nearly \$2500 for CRS. Way to Go Prep!

### Carpe Diem on Connecticut Latin Day

On May 1, thirty-four Latin scholars, accompanied by Ms. Koren Mumma and Mr. Robert Bernier, attended the annual CT State Latin Day at Holiday Hill. Clad in tunics of their own design, students fueled up with breakfast before taking advantage of the wide range of activities. Many enjoyed meeting Latin scholars from other schools and playing soccer, basketball, badminton, horseshoes, miniature golf, and Ga-ga. **Paul Cashman '15** took on countless competitors and emerged victorious from the Ga-ga pit. **Zach Hamar '16, Kevin Lichtenfels '16, Dan Krischlunas '16, Gianni Leito '16, Calvin Reed '16, Tony Fidaleo '16, Michael Antonico '17, Matt Dilks-Anderson '17, Shawn Matthews '17, Will Marshall '17, and Jack Llewellyn '18** ably coached by **Ryan Conway '16** dominated on the soccer field.





# Promoting Wellness

On April 9, Prep's Guidance Department presented their inaugural Wellness Fair in the lobby of Arrupe Hall and in Arrupe 103. Guidance intern Laura Silence engineered a partnership with the Fairfield University School of Nursing as well as their Health and Counseling Centers, the Norma P. Pfriem Cancer Center and The University of Bridgeport Schools of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine, to raise awareness of whole body health and self-care among the students.

Nursing students and representatives of participating agencies staffed stations which provided interactive activities concerning hand hygiene, the physical effects of substance abuse, skin cancer awareness, nutrition, heart and cardiovascular care, breast and testicular cancer awareness and stress management – which included a visit from a therapy dog, Seamus, who was a big hit!

Open to the entire community, the fair served more than 300 students with faculty taking part as well. We welcomed back alumni **Marty Gavin '73** as part of the Norma Pfriem team, as well as **Jim Fitzpatrick '89** from the University of Bridgeport School of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (pictured right).

Thanks to Laura and the many presenters, Prep's inaugural wellness fair was enormously successful and will serve as a model for future wellness events, as the Prep Guidance Department plans to make this an annual event open to the entire community.





## 2014-2015 CLASS LL STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPS

# We are the Champions!

**T**he Fairfield Prep Basketball program is resilient. This year's team overcame many obstacles along the way to capture the school's third CIAC LL State Championship in its history finishing with a 25-2 record. Led by a core group of seven seniors, they battled injuries and hostile environments and never lost their focus to represent their school to the best of their abilities.

The State Championship victory was the result of a complete team effort. Senior starters **Thomas Nolan** and **Ryan Foley** finished their careers being named to the All-SCC Conference team and All-State. When games were close and it was crunch time

the two players always seemed to find an answer by scoring a huge basket. They frustrated other teams with their tenacity on the defensive end of the floor and their ability to find the open man.

They may have learned those great passing skills from senior **Ray Featherston**. Ray always impressed not only opposing coaches, but everyone in the stands with his court awareness and incredible passing skills. Unfortunately Ray was injured during a win over Hillhouse, but the injury did not dampen his enthusiasm for his team or his leadership. Ray became another coach on the bench and demanded his friends



**Ryan Foley '15 reflects on the season**

This year the Fairfield Prep basketball team achieved something that hasn't been achieved since 1997. The team had a great year finishing with a Class LL championship under their belt with a 25-2 record on the season. At the start of the year everyone in the state didn't believe that the team would even withhold a .500 record because of the vital loss of Prep's 7 foot center **Paschal Chukwu '14**. But the boys really came together as a team, which was led by seven seniors, and worked tremendously hard all year to achieve what they did.

There have been a lot of great teams in the past years for Prep, but none of those teams is nearly as close-knit as the team was this year. The key to the team's success was the chemistry that was built between all the boys throughout the season. There was no one outstanding player all season, the boys worked as a team and achieved what nobody thought possible for them. Overall it was a great season and the team deserved to win their state championship.

**BASKETBALL HONORS**

**CLASS LL STATE CHAMPS**

- Tom Nolan '15**
- USA Today, CT First Team
  - All-SCC
  - CHSCA First Team All-State Team
  - New Haven Register All-Area Team
  - New Haven Register All-State Team
  - Hearst Connecticut Media Group Super 15 All-Star

- Ryan Foley '15**
- SCC Scholar Athlete of the Month
  - All-SCC
  - CHSCA First Team All-State Team
  - New Haven Register All-Area Team
  - News12 Scholar Athlete
  - Hearst Connecticut Media Group Super 15 All-Star

- Rich Kelly '16**
- New Haven Register All-Area Team

- Leo Redgate '86**
- MSG Varsity All-Metro Coach of the Year

keep their focus. Senior **Joe DiGennaro** proved that with effort and intensity many great things can be accomplished. His work ethic on the floor often inspired his teammates to step up their own games and give it their all. Seniors **Allen Gibson, John Murphy** and **Tate Duran** all played valuable minutes coming off the bench hitting big shots and playing great defense. All three played with so much heart it was contagious and inspired the team to be their best not only during the games, but every day in practice as well. Juniors **Rich Kelly** and **Matt Gerics** were excellent contributors to this year's

State Championship team. **Rich Kelly** seemed to create opportunities to score out of thin air and was determined not to let his teammates down. **Matt Gerics** embraced his role as our defensive guru and made life miserable for opposing players all year long. They both play with such a high level of energy it makes the game fun to watch. Sophomore **Patrick Harding** was a huge factor in our success this year. He made excellent passes and secured many key rebounds throughout the year and played with a lot of emotion. Sophomore **Bobby Haskins** added valuable minutes

coming off the bench in key moments during the year. Freshmen **John Kelly** and **Will Lucas** provided a glimpse into the future with some great play all year. They worked so hard all year and wanted to win each and every game for the upperclassmen. The team always played hard, played smart and represented their school and families well. We hope they remember this year for a long time. We know we will.



By **Leo Redgate '86**, Head Varsity Coach



**SWIMMING & DIVING HONORS**

**Bryce Keblish '15:** All American (100 Butterfly); All State (100 Butterfly, 100 Breaststroke, 400 Freestyle Relay); All SCC (200 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 400 Freestyle Relay), SCC Swimmer of the Year

**Guido Balderrama '16:** All State (400 Freestyle Relay); All SCC (400 Freestyle Relay)

**Sean Paul Stolarski '17:** All State (400 Freestyle Relay); All SCC (400 Freestyle Relay)

**Stanislav Yarmoussik '18:** All State (400 Freestyle Relay); All SCC (400 Freestyle Relay)

**Jackson Rotondo '15:** All State (Diving)

**Robert McCrory '15:** All SCC (Diving)

## Swimming & Diving are SCC Champs, Class LL Runner-Up

Prep posted a 9-1 dual meet record with the only loss to a powerful Greenwich team. A Cheshire team on the rise gave Prep a close dual meet and even closer run at the SCC Championship. At the SCC Championship Meet, the Jesuits depth was the key. Twenty-nine swimmers and divers scored, often in the 24th-32nd positions, grinding out the necessary points for the victory.

The LL Championship best represented Prep's "team first" approach to the season. Despite only one individual

swim in a championship 'A' final at LL Championships at Wesleyan University, Prep "scratched" out enough points in diving, relays and numerous swims in the 'B' and 'C' heats, to secure a third consecutive Runner-Up finish. Diving turned out to be a key event all season long. For the first time in program history, three divers (**Robert McCrory '15**, **Jackson Rotondo '15** and **Michael Connelly '15**) all medaled (placing in the top 6) at the LL Championships.

At the State Open at Yale University, Prep placed

third. Prep relied on terrific diving and strong relay performances to quietly rise up the standings, edging out Darien HS by a mere ½ point for 3rd place. State Open highlights include: **Bryce Keblish** with two 2nd places: 100 Butterfly (49.45) and 100 Breaststroke (58.05). Three divers (**McCrory** – 9th, **Rotondo** – 14th, **Connelly** – 17th) scoring at the State Open for the second time in school history, and a young relay team (**Sean Paul Stolarski '17**, **MJ Duffy '17**, **Stan Yarmoussik '18**, **Oliver Rus '18**) placing 5th in the 200 Freestyle Relay (1:29.87).

## Jesuits play historic Baseball season

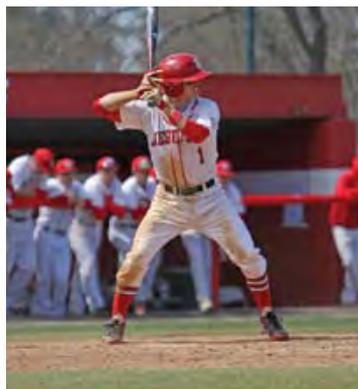
With ten seniors returning and a pitching staff intact from the 2014 team which went 19-5 expectations within the Prep Community for the 2015 season were very high. Others outside of Prep held the baseball program in high regard as well. In October the Prep Baseball program received the Fairfield County Board of Umpires Sportsmanship Award and in late February, *Baseball America*, the most reputable baseball publication in the country, ranked the Jesuits #45 in the nation in their preseason poll. Needless to say, the excitement for the 2015 season continued to grow and grow- so too did the inches of snow piled on top of Alumni Diamond.

Alumni Diamond was still covered in snow when the season started in late March. With two scrimmages and only a couple of practices on a full diamond under their belts the Jesuits proceeded to roll off twelve straight wins to start the season. The Varsity Baseball team for the second year in a row finished the regular season with a record of 17-3, which was good enough to claim



the number two seed in the CIAC Class LL State tournament and also a spot in the Southern Connecticut Conference Tournament. The Jesuits made the final of the SCC tournament for the second time in school history.

The Jesuits' season ended with a 2-1 loss to Stamford in the second round of the Class LL State Tournament, finishing the 2015 campaign with an overall record of 20-5. (This was the first time the varsity baseball team had won twenty games in a season since 1985.)



### BASEBALL HONORS

**Grant Stone '16** Pitcher, **Kevin Stone '15** Infielder, and **Jimmy Colihan '15** Outfielder were named to the SCC ALL-Quinnipiac Division Team. **Kevin Stone** P/1B was named to the Connecticut High School Coaches' Association Class LL All State Team. (With this honor Kevin became the first Fairfield Prep Baseball player to be named All State in school history.) Kevin was also named to the New Haven Register All Area and All State baseball teams (Second year in

a row for both of these honors) and named a Hearst Media All-Star. Kevin was selected to play for District II in the CHSCA Senior All Star Game.

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club of Greater New Haven named Fairfield Prep their Team of the Year. Coach **Rudy Mauritz '94** received the SCC Coach of the Year Award. Fairfield Prep also finished #7 in the Hartford Courant's final baseball poll and #11 in the New Haven Register final baseball poll.

Seniors **John Carroll** (St. Anselms), **Joe Ganim** (Union), **Kevin Stone** (Harvard)

left, and **Simon Whiteman** (Yale) right, are all planning on playing baseball in college.



By **Rudy Mauritz '94**, Social Studies teacher, Varsity Baseball Coach



## Wrestling wins SCC Division Title!

Congratulations to the Fairfield Prep Wrestling Team for capping off a 2014-2015 regular season with a 13-3 record and Division Championship! Captains **Mike Russo '15**, **Yanni Tsiranides '15**, **Jack Bosken '16**, and **Orlando Sanchez '16** led the team to an impressive victory over division rival Jonathan Law by a final score of 46-23 on February 10 at Alumni Hall.

### WRESTLING HONORS

- **Orlando Sanchez '16**  
– Second Team All SCC
- **Jack Bosken '16**  
– Second Team All SCC

## Ski team takes 2nd place in State Open

Congratulations to the Ski Team for another great season. The Varsity team completed the regular season with a 22-2 record and JV with an unbeaten record of 17-0. Varsity finished 2nd in the State Open final, losing a close one to Greenwich on a hot 50 degree day at Mt. Southington. **Sam Cusick '16**, **Patrick Lambert '15**, **Danny King '17**, **Connor Laurion '17** and **Owen Richards '16** all placed in the top 20, with junior Cusick leading the way with a 5th place finish.

The team will return seven of their top ten skiers next year to make another great run to the State Championship. Team coaches Cary Nadel and Jason Tweed have just completed their 4th year at Prep and have an overall record of is 85-8.



### SKIING HONORS

- **Sam Cusick and Patrick Lambert**  
– First Team All-State
- **Danny King and Connor Laurion**  
– All-State Honorable Mention

## From ashes to monuments: newly fortified Track and Field



The 2015 Indoor and Outdoor Track teams exceeded expectations. The team is rebuilding after the graduation of past stars such as **James Mulliken '14** and **Christian Alvarado '14**. Yet his year saw an impressive outbreak of qualifying times and results that all echoed that Prep is back and is here to stay! The indoor team witnessed junior **George Crist** (left) qualify in the 1600 meter (4:42.02) as well as in the 600 meter (1:32.07) and senior **Simon Whiteman** qualify in the 55 meter dash (6.82) along with the 300 meter (38.82). Joining them was promising freshman standout **Drew Thompson** who qualified for the 1600 meter with an time of 4:41.02 and the 3200 meter with a time of 10:23. The outdoor team experienced even more success with Crist qualifying in the 800, 1600, and 3200; senior **Lucas Lazarre** in the 100 meter; seniors **Harry Molloy** and **Vinny D'Amore** (right) in the Javelin; and Thompson in the 1600 and 3200. D'Amore continued his success by placing second at LLs with a throw of 166-01 earning him a well-deserved spot in the State meet. He was joined by **Drew Thompson**, whose unexpected 3200 meter finish time at LLs of 9:26.68 shattered his previous record by more than sixteen seconds.

By **Matthew Rusin '15**, Senior Cross Country and Track Captain

### SCC CHAMPIONS

- **George Crist**  
– SCC West Sectional 1600
- **Andrew Thompson**  
– SCC West Sectional 3200
- **Vinny D'Amore**  
– SCC West Javelin



## LACROSSE HONORS

- **John Edmonds**  
All-State Class L First Team;  
All-SCC - Attack First Team; New Haven Register All-Area
- **Chris Brown**  
All-SCC: Attack Second Team
- **Patrick Lambert**  
All-SCC: Attack Second Team
- **Cam Harris**  
All-State Class L: First Team;  
All-SCC: Midfield First Team
- **Colin Smalkais**  
All-State Class L: Second Team  
Attack; All-SCC: Midfield First  
Team; New Haven Register All-  
Area
- **Mitch Savoca**  
All-SCC, All-SCC: Midfield Second  
Team
- **Nick Franchuck**  
All-State Class L: First Team;  
All-SCC: Defense First Team
- **Jack O'Connor**  
All-SCC: Goal Second Team
- **James Loughran**  
All State Class L: Second Team  
LSM; All-SCC: LS Def Mid Second  
Team; Hearst Media All-Star
- **Jack McGowen**  
All-SCC: SS Def Mid Second Team



## Lacrosse finishes at top of SCC

Lacrosse completed another successful season finishing first in the SCC regular season rankings and advancing to the final of the SCC tournament. The team again competed against national power houses Delbarton and Chaminade and state powers Greenwich and New Canaan. The Jesuits secured an early season victory over Wilton which marked the first Prep victory in the newly constructed Rafferty Stadium and went on to earn key victories against Guilford, North Haven and Xavier en route to the top seed in the SCC tournament. The Jesuits again defeated Guilford in the tournament semi-finals before falling to Xavier. The team moved on to the CIAC tournament where they defeated Fairfield Warde in the first round and were defeated by Greenwich in the next round. The team was led by seniors **Kevin Edmonds** and **Cam Harris** who will attend Union and Drexel University and continue their lacrosse careers. Edmonds led the team with 48 goals and 25 assists while junior Colin Smalkais notched 27 goals and 20 assists. The young Jesuits Lacrosse team will return plenty of experience next year and look to contend for their 7th State Championship.



## Golf standout Sciarretta leads team

Early wins over NDWH and Xavier propelled the Jesuits to the top of the standings. By the end of the regular season, Prep stood atop the SCC with an undefeated record of 8-0-1. In state standings, the Jesuits finished the season as the #3 seed for the Division 1 tournament.

Led by junior standout **Andrew Sciarretta** and senior captains **Andy Spangenberg** and **Tyler Bernier**, the team finished second at the SCC Tournament and 9th at the CT Division 1 State Championship.

Prep's two-man team of **Andrew Sciarretta** and **Matt Cesare** finished tied for fifth place at the Chappa Invitational with a score of 68 (-1). **Andrew Sciarretta** was named to the All-SCC and All-State teams. At the season-end team dinner, Andrew was presented with the team's Most Outstanding Player award. The Most Improved Player went to junior **Matt Schmerzler** and the Coach's Award went to senior **Steve Bosak**. Sciarretta was named All-SCC, Hearst Media All-Star, New Haven Register All-Area, and captured the Connecticut Junior Amateur Championship at Watertown Golf Club.

The team bids a fond farewell to seniors **Tyler Bernier** (Miami University-OH), **Steve Bosak** (U. of Wisconsin) and **Andy Spangenberg** (Loyola-Marymount, CA). With a core of talented golfers anchored by Cesare, Schmerzler and Sciarretta, hopes are high for another excellent season in 2016.



## Tennis achieves success

Prep's tennis team achieved a 14-4 record and qualified as the second seed in the SCC Tournament, only to be knocked out by longtime nemesis Daniel Hand in the semifinals. Facing a schedule that included defending state champions from every division, the team was competitive every week and stopping a 9 match losing streak against Hand on our home court at the end of the year. In the end they finished 4-4 against the 2014 champs, and went undefeated in the rest of the matches.

Led by senior captain **Will Cannon** and junior **Will Graham** playing at #1 doubles in the States they ended up 5th as a team. At the semi-finals they met the eventual State Champs, losing a tight 3 set match. Scoring points for the team at States were senior captains **Emil Friis** and **Mike Blevin**, as well as sophomore **Steve Westfahl** in singles, and senior **KC Maloney**, playing with junior **Jon Konecny**, in doubles.

Stalwart performances during the season were given by **Shaun Connelly '15**, **Theo Allen '16**, **Jack Caserta '17**, **Frank Fortunati '17**, **Alex Reza '17**, **Ryan Finn '17**, **Will Duffy '16** and a strong freshman debut by **Nick Allen**.

Coach Harold Prather (right) was named 2015 SCC Tennis Coach of the Year. In four years Prather has coached the Prep team to a 48-21 regular season record and taken the team to four straight semifinal appearances in the SCC tournament.





## HOCKEY HONORS

- **Ryan Deering**  
Division 1 First Team All SCC Forward; New Haven Register All-Area Team; Hearst Connecticut Media All-Stars; MSG Varsity All-Connecticut Ice Hockey Second Team
- **Vinny D'Amore**  
Division 1 Second Team All SCC Defense; Hearst Connecticut Media All-Stars; MSG Varsity All-Connecticut Ice Hockey Second Team
- **Jack Taubl**  
MSG Varsity All-Connecticut Ice Hockey Second Team

## Hockey Recap 2014-15

The Fairfield Prep varsity hockey team entered the state playoffs after a very challenging and successful regular season. Although they only posted a 9-10 record overall, their schedule was the most difficult schedule in Prep hockey history and one of the most difficult high-school hockey schedules in the country. Every single game this Prep team played was against a top 10 team, including games against a top team in 4 different states (MA, RI, CT, NJ).

Led by captains **Ryan Deering** and **Vinny D'Amore**, the ten seniors set the tone all year as Prep finished runner-up at the prestigious Mount St. Charles Invitational tournament and

hosted a thrilling rivalry game against Delbarton at Yale's Ingalls Rink. Senior net-minder **Jack Taubl** was spectacular throughout the season while Coach Sather and Coach Mauritz groomed their underclassmen for a deep run in the state playoffs.

Regardless of the outcome of the playoffs, this year's team will be remembered for their resiliency and their willingness to accept a great challenge. These lessons will serve the boys well and there is no doubt that they continued to build on the great Prep hockey tradition.



## Sailing races with best

Sailing completed another successful spring season of team racing in the Fairfield County Sailing League and competed in the CT High School Sailing State Championships and the Fairfield and Silver Cup races. The team was led by first year coach and former Olympic Sailor Marc Jacobi.

## Crew among CT elite

The 2015 Crew season got off to a frozen start in Shelton with broken docks and an iced over river, forcing the team to move locations. Incredible support from **Bruce Williams '67** at Captain's Cove and Brendan Crotty from King Racing allowed the team to launch out of Captain's Cove for the first four weeks.

Crew delivered a solid performance on April 11 placing first in four out of five events against Farmington and Northfield Mount Herman (MA). Prep hosted perennial powerhouse Brunswick School on April 15, and while only the 4th boat was able to beat Wick to the line, all crews made up significant time from last year. At Providence, RI the following weekend the crew made a strong statement racing against some fast NEIRA schools.

Against Xavier HS on May 1, on the Housatonic for the 10th annual Founders' Cup, Prep did not let the hometown crowd down. Prep's 1V crossed the line in 11 seconds, or a little over 3 boat lengths ahead of Xavier. In Mystic Seaport on May 3, they won the four races it entered against Stonington HS and East Lyme HS.

On May 9, Prep competed against Boston College HS and Community Rowing (CRI) on the Charles River. BC High has held the President's Cup between the two New England Jesuit schools since 2010, and they were able to retain the cup with an 11 second victory over Prep's 1V. On May 16, Prep traveled to the Lake Washinee to race two highly-rated NEIRA crews—Salisbury School and St. Johns. Salisbury won the first Varsity race by 6 seconds, but the race for 2nd was hotly-contested. Prep narrowly beat St. John's by 0.6 seconds to take 2nd place and move up in the NEIRA rankings. Prep Crew's solid regular season performance qualified three boats for the New England Rowing Association's Championship Regatta. 1V, 2V and 3V competed in Worcester, MA. Rowing against some of the best high school programs in the nation, Prep showed that it would be a contender.



## Rugby stays strong!

The 2015 Fairfield Prep rugby team ended each day of work with same phrase... KIA KAHA! The phrase which is Maori for "stay strong" epitomized the rugby team's commitment to hard work and brotherhood as the 2015 squad advanced all the way to the state championship. Finishing 2nd in the state behind only Greenwich High School, Prep accumulated an impressive 10-5 record while playing some of the top teams in the United States. Led by captains **Greg Terry '15**, **Colin Ihlefeld '15** and **Peter Antonincelli '15**, Prep had significant contributions from members of the classes of 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Next year's team is already itching to get back out and play on Grauert Field. The team will be led by captains **Connor Bercik '16**, **Matt King '16**, and **Alejandro Castillo '16** and will be supported by a strong core of returning players. Prep will return to action next spring where it will look to build off of the successful campaign of 2015, defend its Town of Fairfield champion title, and compete for a state championship. Come and catch a game and always remember... KIA KAHA!!!

# Reunion Weekend

## Classes ending in 5 and 0 reunite

Approximately 250 Alumni and guests attended the Fairfield Prep Reunion for classes ending in 0 and 5, held on June 13, 2015, at the Barone Campus Center. Guests attended a Mass concelebrated at the Egan Chapel by President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., homilist **Rev. Stephen Gleeson Jr. '55**, **Msgr. Andrew Varga '70**, President-elect Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., and Rev. Larry Ryan, S.J. A reception followed in the Oak Room and dinner was served in the dining room of the Barone Campus Center. The previous day, all alumni were invited to attend the Annual Golf Outing at Great River Golf Club, and Alumni Jam at Brennan's Shebeen in Black Rock which featured Prep alumni performing music. All enjoyed the action-packed weekend and reconnecting with Prep classmates.



**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**Attention Classes**  
**ending in 1 & 6!**



Your reunion is  
**Saturday, June 18, 2016!**  
 Golf Outing is **June 17, 2016.**





## Prep Golfers enjoy Annual Outing!

Over 100 alumni, parents and friends of Fairfield Prep enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at Great River Golf Club in Milford on June 12 to support Prep's scholarship in honor of former head golf coach Roger Ratchford (pictured below in red shirt). The day consisted of friendly competition, great golf and a lot of Prep memories. A special thanks to the tournament committee chaired by **John Chiota '86** and consisting of **John Chiota '61, Kevin Foley '73, Tom Welch '83, Jim Butler '86, Alex Oracheff '94** and **Kevin Kozlowski '99**. Special thanks to alumni who helped at the event: **Ed Krygier '60, Ron Grywalski '65, Shawn McDonnell '72, Ray McKelvey '64** and **Bob Anderson '59**. Thanks to Nestle Waters North America for the water on the course. Also, thanks to NEJ, Inc. and Ed Mascolo for the golf shirts the players received. The tournament was organized as a shamle and offered lunch and dinner. Most importantly, the group was able to raise money for Prep. Everyone is looking forward to this great event next year.



## Alumni Jam kicks off weekend

On June 12, Prep Alumni musicians performed at Brennan's Shebeen in Black Rock for the Annual Alumni Jam. This event was an excellent start to the Reunion Weekend as over 60 years of alumni were on hand. The evening featured **Mark Vossler '89** with an opening solo act on the acoustic guitar. Following Mark was the impromptu trio of **Dan Carlucci '98** and **Rob Maresca '00** on guitar and vocals, and **Chris Adams '11** on the drums. The three wowed all as this was their first time performing together, most impressive was their cover of The Beatles' "Hey Jude." Alumni, current parents, and friends of Prep all enjoyed drink and appetizer specials, and excellent musical performances. Special thanks to **Mike Brennan '92** of Brennan's Shebeen for hosting the event. We look forward to continuing this rising tradition as part of Reunion weekend.



# Fifty years a priest

By Matthew Hennessey

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**T**welve year-old Billy Scheyd of St. Ann Parish in the Black Rock section of Bridgeport got polio. It was 1952, and the country was in the middle of the worst outbreak in its history. Nearly 58,000 people fell ill. More than 3,000 died.

That summer, Jonas Salk administered the first experimental polio vaccine to 30 children in his lab at the University of Pittsburgh. But it would be several years before the vaccine went mainstream. In 1952, all Billy's family could do was wait to see how bad his case would be, and pray for a speedy recovery.

Billy's father fretted. As a personnel manager at the Stanley Works factory, Mr. Scheyd did okay. But doctors were expensive, and polio had the potential to cripple a child for life. Father Walter McCarthy was the pastor of St. Ann's. He told Billy's father to find the best care available. Father McCarthy would pay for everything.

Billy got better, but he never forgot the priest's generosity. "He was a good man," Scheyd says now. "In those days, the parish priests did a lot of good for people. That was always my impression of them. They were good men."

Billy's parents were Catholic, but not "religious fanatics," he says. They were just decent, ordinary folks. Billy's mother was a nurse. Mr. Scheyd worked nights at the post office during the war. They were always helping out at St. Ann's in one way or another.

"Dinners, dances, basketball games—the parish was the center of our life," he says. "The Church was at the heart of our community."

High school for Billy was Fairfield Prep. One day a Jesuit there asked if Billy had ever thought of becoming a priest. Billy said that he had, but he didn't think he'd make a good Jesuit. "I'm not a real academic guy," he says. "Once in a while I read a whole book."

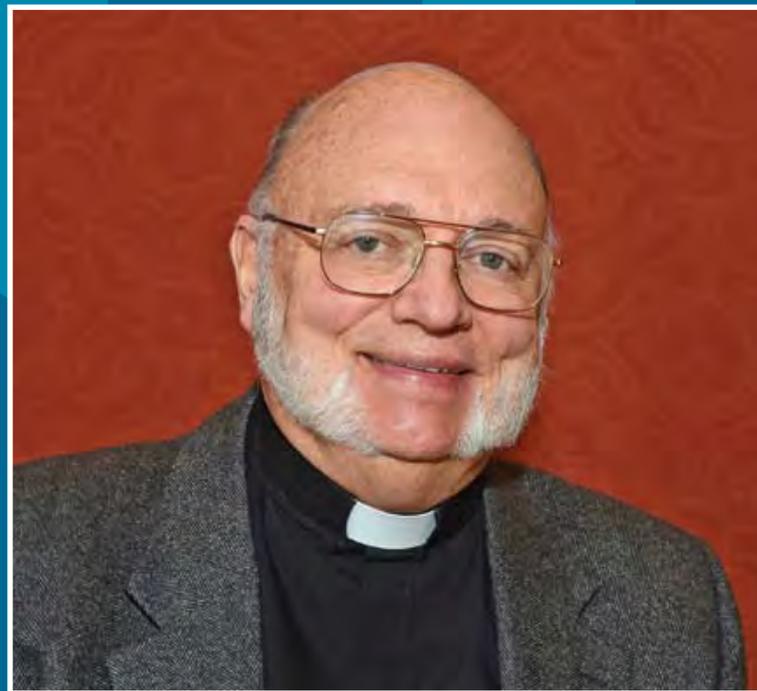
Teenage Billy didn't really know what he was aiming for. He thought about becoming a policeman, a lawyer, maybe going into business of some kind. He applied and was accepted at Fairfield U. and Boston College.

But during senior year, the principal came on the P.A. and announced that the vocations director of the diocese was in the office and that any boys thinking of becoming priests should come talk to him.

Billy surprised himself by getting up out of his seat. "The Holy Spirit must have been working on me," he says. First stop was minor seminary at St. Thomas in Hartford. Next stop, major seminary at St. John's in Boston.

He was in Boston for six years. And they were intense years. The Second Vatican Council was happening. The old ways were rapidly changing.

Father Scheyd was ordained by Bishop Walter Curtis on February 10, 1965, and went to work as an associate pastor at St. Mary's in Norwalk, just around the corner from the hospital. With proximity came responsibility. "It's one of the few jobs where you're asked to do just about everything on the first day," he says. The young priest went right in at the deep end—anoointing the sick, comforting the bereaved,



praying for lost souls.

As the years rolled on, Father Scheyd realized that his ministry was for people. He loved fellowship. Talking with people, hearing their problems, celebrating their blessings—these were his strengths. "As a priest, you see people at their best, and you see them at their worst. I offer my help, but I try to be humble enough to know that I don't know everything," he says.

On July 2, 1982—30 years to the day after Jonas Salk found his polio vaccine—Father Scheyd returned to Bridgeport as pastor of St. Augustine Cathedral. A decade at the cathedral was followed by a decade as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle in Norwalk. For the last 13 years, he's shepherded the flock at St. Aloysius Parish in New Canaan.

This month, Msgr. William Scheyd celebrates his 50th anniversary as a priest. He has held every position of high responsibility in the diocese you can think of. "He has been vicar general since Columbus arrived," quipped former Bridgeport bishop, Edward Cardinal Egan.

Yet Msgr. Scheyd has never lost his affinity for people. "I've always tried to create an atmosphere where all are welcome," he says. "And I've been lucky to have had the support of wonderful people in wonderful parishes."

The Bridgeport that Billy Scheyd grew up in is largely gone. Thanks to Jonas Salk, so is the polio virus that killed and crippled so many people in the summer of 1952. But Monsignor William Scheyd of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, isn't gone. He's still here and still a priest.

That is to say, he's a good man. He does a lot of good for a lot of people.

# Matt Russell '01

## Leadership on and off the field

Matt Russell '01 visited Prep on January 30 and spoke to the upperclassmen about leadership. On January 31 he was inducted into the CT Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

**M**y time in Iraq taught me the world is not black and white. In fact, there are multiple shades of gray—which every one of you will have to navigate in your lives. The gray I needed help understanding was the reasoning behind dishonest behavior. While it was easy for me to say I would do anything to defend my country and would never waver from my principles, it wasn't the same for others.

The Iraqi leadership was focused on making sure their sons, daughters and wives were safe in a war-stricken country, and they would happily steal anything to protect their family. They would always do the same for their neighbors, religious community (Sunni or Shiite) well before honoring their commitment to the Iraqi Army. I knew through the entire war that my family was safe in Madison, CT and that the only danger they faced day to day was a 16 year old Prep kid speeding on I-95 to get to the Country Cow before first period.

My advice—understand your counterparts' perspective. Whether it's in the business world, people with other skin-color, religion, sexual orientation, etc. Make sure you are well informed and understand the shades of gray.

Have conversations at your lunch table to see what lens your classmate looks through. If you are a white kid from Fairfield, I'd imagine your parents have never spoken with you about how to act around the cops. If you are a black student from Bridgeport, I'm assuming your parents have had that conversation with you. I can say with confidence that the most successful people I've met in my life understand what makes those around them tick. They understand the gray.

Being a Company Commander means looking out for the well-being of your people at all times. As a leader in the business world or anywhere it's important to have a clear, concise, simple message for people to follow. In the military we call it your **Commander's Intent**.

While we all came from different backgrounds, I firmly believed that everyone knew right from wrong and understood that if your "moral compass" is telling you an action you're about to take is wrong—you don't do it.

As future Prep alumni I challenge you to always use your moral compass no matter the obstacle and hold those around you to

the same standard. Everyone deserves to be treated with humanity and respect.

As you start to think about your college majors and careers post college, it's important to pick relevant majors and pursue internships which will lead to the job you want.

Never lose sight of the things you're most passionate about because it may very well open doors for you later. Personally I've always been drawn to sports (at Prep I played soccer, hockey and lacrosse). I was so passionate about lacrosse it was never hard for me to put in extra hours.

If it weren't for my success on the lacrosse field—doing what I loved—I suspect I wouldn't be standing here before you today talking about my time at the Naval Academy, Military and Goldman Sachs.

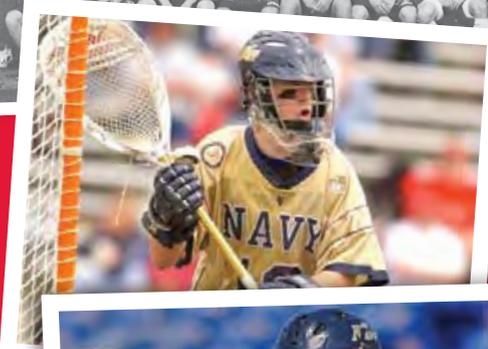
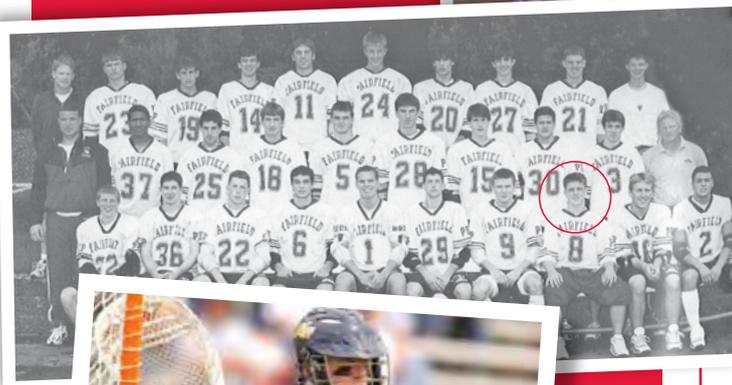
When I interview college students looking for employment at Goldman Sachs most of their resumes look the same. You often need to check those boxes if you want to get in the door for the interview. But the people who walk away with the job are the ones with the story (i.e. ran own company on the side in college, captain of sports team, designed a mobile app on the weekends with friends, volunteered every summer in Africa doing charity work, or paid their way through college being a DJ, which is exactly what the 22 year old on my desk did). Your teachers and staff provide you with all the extracurricular activities at Prep because they've all seen the power of being a well-rounded individual as I have. And at the end of the day if doing what you love doesn't open a door for you I still think you've won. You've lived life doing what you love.

Finally, Prep affords you a variety of ways to serve and give back. In my opinion, this is truly unique and sets you apart from your peers at other high schools. Most of your peers aren't volunteering in an inner city school, working at an elderly care center talking to WWII vets or volunteering at food shelters. Embrace these opportunities because through service I'm confident you'll begin to appreciate what real adversity looks like, what it means to serve and have the opportunities to see the world through a different lens.



By **Matt Russell '01**,  
Institutional Sales,  
Goldman Sachs

## CT Lacrosse Hall of Fame Inductee



## ACHIEVEMENTS

- 3-sport athlete at Prep (Soccer, Hockey and Lacrosse)
- 2-time All-American at Prep
- 2-time Prep Team Captain
- 3-time All-American at Navy
- Team Captain Senior Year at Navy
- Division I Goalie of the Year in 2004
- Served in the military from 2006–2011 deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan as a Marine Corps Officer (Specialized in logistics and electronic warfare)
- Played professional lacrosse for six years from 2006–2014 between deployments
- Brand Ambassador for STX (lacrosse brand) from 2012-2014
- Induction into the Connecticut Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2015
- Institutional Sales, Goldman Sachs



# Our Foundation is Our Future

While Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and Fitzgerald's *Gatsby* satirize those who fear the future and cling to the past, members of the Fairfield Prep community are exempt from these criticisms. Prince Hamlet fears the "undiscover'd country," or future; yet, **Jack Connolly '65** is including Prep in his will to "invest in tomorrow's leaders." Nick Carraway proclaims Jay Gatsby as "borne back ceaselessly into the past," or unable to evolve; but, **Andrew Davenport '08** grew



from a 20+ consecutive day "JUGee" to a beacon of compassion and tolerance which he embodied at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. assembly. Furthermore, Shakespeare scolds those who fail to "take up arms against the sea of troubles," or the obstacles of life. **Matt Russell '01** personifies this metaphor with his military service and accomplishments

in lacrosse. Fitzgerald longed for us to "beat on against the current," or to not conform to social pretenses. **Ted Lovely '51**, 2015 Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, earned this commendation for his 50+ years of service to the Greater Bridgeport Area.

Indubitably, Prep implanted in these men the Jesuit mission they live, the brotherhood they share, and the constant mindfulness of others they demonstrate. Ipso facto, we at Fairfield Prep are founded for the future.

This foundation is constructed in four years: experiences in the classroom or the chapel, on the sports fields or The Quad are the bricks and beams; Prep teachers, coaches, classmates, and parents are the builders and welders; God, the Jesuit mission, and Fairfield Prep traditions are the architects. The completed foundation is personified by *The Profile of a Graduate at Graduation*, as Prep prepares its alumni "to go forth and set the world on fire" per the command of St. Ignatius. While the means to accomplish this may vary, the end remains constant – look at the four alumni mentioned earlier.

As time wears on, reinforcing this foundation is essential. Examples of this reinforcement come from events like the Alumni Hockey, Lacrosse, and Baseball games. All three events now incorporate a prayer and community service component: Hockey and Baseball supported the Thomas Merton House Food Pantry in Bridgeport, and Lacrosse supported Operation Hope in Fairfield. The most impressive accomplishment of these alumni is their reverence of their team, alma mater, and the Jesuit mission simultaneously. Finally, the Alumni Retreat, in which alumni from 1950 to 2011 participated, verifies the resilience of Prep's foundation in the future of its alumni.

From **Brian Ferguson '86** and his efforts with equity in finances and health care, to **Dr. Robert Witt '58** and his stewardship of the University of Alabama system, to the 20 alumni on Prep's faculty and staff, and beyond, Fairfield Prep is our foundation and our future. Our time as students creates the framework upon which we build for the rest of our lives. As we build, we remember the Jesuit mission, the Prep brotherhood, and that we are called to serve others *ad maiorem dei gloriam* – for the greater glory of God. And we never, never say die! Let's go Fairfield, Fairfield Let's Go.

— Austin Ryan '06, Director of Alumni Relations

## DONOR REFLECTION



### "Putting Prep in my will is an investment, not a donation."

By Jack Connolly '65

**M**y 50th Reunion, in conjunction with the Class of 2015 Commencement, gave me the opportunity to reflect on how grateful and indebted to Fairfield Prep I am.

As a blue-collar kid from Bridgeport coming to Prep, I was enriched by the tutelage of Jesuit-dominated faculty, humbled by my Latin lessons, and strengthened by the camaraderie amongst my classmates and teammates. I didn't realize how much until my freshman year at Villanova – 300 classmates squirmed and sweated over an assignment from our professor while I chuckled because I had that paper from my days at Prep. This was the first time I realized how well Prep prepared me for life beyond its walls.

Aside from its academic rigor, Prep inspires its alumni to become leaders in their community in whatever capacity they deem self-fulfilling. For me, it was 35 years of classroom teaching. While I was serving the local community in this capacity, I always remembered Fairfield Prep. So, I gave as much of my dollar and time as I could because I never forgot what I learned at Prep.

My love for Fairfield Prep was reinvigorated when my son had the privilege to attend. The appreciation, courteousness, helpfulness, and chivalry of his classmates and teammates was unmatched by their peers whom I taught in other schools. Simply put, comparing another school to Fairfield Prep is like trying to compare an apple to an orange, there is no comparison. This is why my wife Maggie made bagged lunches for VJ and his teammates to have on the bus after every football game – we knew the boys appreciated our support. This is why I managed the rugby team for so long – I know the boys appreciate it. It was no surprise that when VJ was married, his best man and groomsmen were all Prep grads.

All in all, Fairfield Prep opened and continues to open doors for its students. Take me for example: a blue-collar kid from Bridgeport who bagged groceries to help pay his tuition, and had a chance to come to Prep because of the generosity of others. Such generosity opened doors for VJ, his classmates, and thousands of others. This is why I am including Fairfield Prep in my will. I am giving back to the place that gave so much to me and my son. I am investing in the future leaders of the world. I am investing in Fairfield Prep.

To learn about options, please contact **Larry Carroll '63**, VP Advancement, at 203-254-4237 or lcarroll@fairfieldprep.org



## Class of 1965 enjoys 50th Reunion Weekend!

The Class of 1965 gathered for an activity-filled reunion weekend May 29-31, beginning with a golf outing at the Patterson Club, followed by a welcome reception at the Trumbull Marriott on Friday, and a breakfast, presentation and tour at Prep on Saturday morning. The classmates and guests attended Saturday evening Mass at Egan Chapel with principal celebrant President Fr. John Hanwell, S.J., and concelebrants Fr. Paul Holland, S.J., Fr. Bill Eagan, S.J., and Fr. Larry Ryan, S.J. The homilist was Fr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, S.J.

All enjoyed a delicious pig roast dinner held under a tent in Pelletier Quad. The Class of '65 made a \$146,000 gift to Prep, which is the fourth largest gift from a 50th reunion class! Sunday events continued with breakfast at Prep and the 73rd Commencement at Alumni Hall, where the Class of 1965 processed with the Class of 2015 and received their golden diplomas. All attendees enjoyed reminiscing and reconnecting with their classmates.



### Notes of Thanks

#### From Ron Capute '65

Thank you so much for being a part of the class of '65 awesome 50th Reunion. It was a full weekend of activity, fun, nostalgia, and renewing relations that will never be broken. It was a once in a lifetime event, which I will never forget. I was impressed the whole time with the organization, quality, and presentation of events. It was fantastic to see the direction that Fairfield Prep is taking to strategically go forward into the future. I was captivated by it all.

#### From Cliff Potocky '65

I thank and congratulate every committee member and the Prep staff for making the 1965 reunion extremely successful. Each and every member exceeded all expectations and the results prove that with 53+ classmates participating. Again, thanks to everyone for their concerted effort to make our reunion outstanding and memorable!

#### From Tony Macleod '65

Fabulous and meaningful event. Thanks to staff and volunteers who made it happen. Wonderful to see everyone again.

#### From Ron Pavlucik '65

What a great weekend - once again much thanks for all your help and coordination...



## Rev. Charles Allen, S.J. honored at Merton Center Breakfast



Fr. Charles Allen, S.J., with **Peter Harding '87** and wife Jen

Fr. Charles Allen, S.J., was honored for his extraordinary dedication and service to education and the community at the Thomas Merton Center Celebrity Breakfast held on May 20 in Bridgeport. Prep alumnus **Peter Harding '87** gave the introduction for Fr. Allen, who proceeded to entertain the morning audience and serve as M.C. to raise funds for the center which helps men, women and children of the Greater Bridgeport community.



## An Ecumenical Encounter

The Ignatian call to serve often unfolds in creative ways throughout the lives of Prep alumni. It is always a thrill when they come back to share their experience. One exceptional example was the recent visit by **Deacon Thomas (Darren) Besse '83**, who gave presentations on Eastern Christianity and liturgy to various theology classes based on his experience as a Greek Orthodox deacon. Deacon Thomas' vocation story engaged our students with the breadth of his background. He graduated from Prep and enlisted in the Army, serving as a presidential escort in the "Old Guard" 3rd Infantry Regiment and then with an MP battalion in the Gulf War. After the military, he joined the Hartford police department, working as a canine handler, motorcycle officer, and academy instructor. He is currently studying for a master's degree in social work while serving as a deacon at the Greek Orthodox Church of Our Savior in Rye, NY.



## Ferguson '86 speaks at Boston Breakfast

In early April, several alumni and friends of Fairfield Prep gathered at the Boston College Club for breakfast and networking opportunities. Hosted by Rev. John Hanwell, S.J., President of Fairfield Prep, and the Development and Alumni Office, Fr. Hanwell informed attendees of current happenings at Prep and what the future holds. Attendees were alumni from Prep classes ranging from the 1960s through the early 2000s with various careers. **Brian Ferguson '86** spoke about his experiences at The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC, where he is Senior Portfolio Manager and Head of Large Cap Value for the company. His firm focuses primarily with equity in financials and health care. Brian gave a well-constructed and extremely informative presentation on the intricacies of Boston Asset as well as domestic and foreign financial trends and predictions.



## Lunch at Boston College for young alumni

As part of the Boston trip, Fr. Hanwell and **Austin Ryan '06**, Director of Alumni Relations, hosted a lunch for Prep alumni at Boston College. Pictured with Fr. Hanwell above, from left: **Andrew Muntean '12, Quinn Ward '12, Christian Backe '14, Austin Hughes '12** and **Steven Bayles '14**.

## NYC Business Breakfast features Dr. Robert Witt '58

Alumni and friends enjoyed breakfast and an educational presentation by alumnus **Dr. Robert Witt '58**, current Chancellor of the University of Alabama System and former president of the University of Alabama. The event was held at the Union League Club in New York on June 9. Bob spoke about his career and management of the successful transformation of the university into becoming one of America's fastest growing public universities and top-ranked academic institutions. In a Q & A session he answered questions regarding college trends, student athletes, academics and athletics. Watch [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1) for highlights.



Pictured: **Matt Terry '82, Dr. Bob Witt '58** and **Frank Barron '69**



## Chicago Alumni bid fond farewell to Fr. Hanwell, S.J.

On June 15-17, Fr. Hanwell, S.J., made his annual and final visit to Chicago as president of Prep to visit with alumni and friends, and thank them for their years of enthusiastic support. At a dinner held downtown on June 15, Fr. Hanwell was presented with a personalized Blackhawks jersey. The timing couldn't have been better as the hometown team captured the Stanley Cup later that night! On Tuesday evening, Fr. Hanwell welcomed alumni and guests to a cocktail reception and toasted the continued success of the Prep Chicago alumni chapter.



# Alumni Class News

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## Dan Hodson '05 visits Prep to share Senegal experience delivering malaria care

**A**s a Peace Corps volunteer, now in my fourth year of what I am told is usually a two-year contract, I am grateful for our unique role and perspective. A foreigner, but speaking a local language; well integrated into the health system, but not actually a part of it. The delicate dance means that through building relationships, I have had the opportunity, freedom, and privilege to work with every level of the health system from community health workers to health post staff to district leadership to national level decision makers. Sometimes I feel my role is simply to serve as a bridge among the levels, making the rural reality salient to higher levels and helping deliver the resources back down the hierarchy.

These communities have been my home, these patients my friends and neighbors, and the local staff my colleagues and mentors. I can describe to you the challenges of traveling to the health post to retrieve medicine, because I biked those paths myself. I can tell you the frustration of mindless paperwork, because I have stared eyes glazed over at those same forms. I can lend you insight into the thoughts of local staff, because they have voiced their honest minds to me in their native tongue. I will quickly describe the problems at each level, but I will also just as quickly defend the individuals at every level who work harder than I ever have, and who endure the system longer than I will ever be made to do.

Local language skills, intimate integration into the local community, and relationships built on common respect and trust have formed the basis of my Peace Corps service from the very beginning, and I hope these values will endure in my character beyond my finite time as a volunteer. — **Dan Hodson '05**

## 1940's

## 1950's



**Eugene Ervin '55** (above) currently lives in **Santa Cruz, CA**. He writes that he is in good health and has five wonderful grandchildren. He is extremely proud of being one of the early men of color to graduate from Prep. He believed it opened many doors in his life.

**Hon. John J. Ronan '50** spoke on June 5, 2015 at the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association remembrance service in memory of his classmate the late **Hon. John P. Maiocco '50**. This annual event took place at the Fairfield Judicial District Courthouse in Bridgeport.

**Rev. Msgr. William J. Scheyd '57** celebrated his 50th Anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood in February 2015. See pg. 42.

## 1960's

**Tom Baker '62** recently released his new novel *Paperwhite Narcissus*, a sequel to his previous two novels. See pg. 53.

**Stephen F. Donahue '62** received a 2015 Merit Award from the CIAC on March 21 at Mohegan Sun. The CIAC kicked-off a weekend of basketball championships with the 2015 Boys and Girls State Basketball Championships Dedication Ceremony at Mohegan Sun on Saturday March 21. "Official Stephen Donahue is a 26-year member of IAABO Board #9 in Fairfield County including a term as the Board's President. He received the Coogan-Lomme Award for his exemplary service to IAABO in 2003 and has been a significant contributor to youth sports across the state by working in leadership positions with Special Olympics and the State of Connecticut Commission on Violence in Sports."

**Joseph Gerics '68, P'97**, associate superintendent for the Archdiocese of New York, has been named the new principal at Trinity Catholic High School in Stamford. See pg. 53.

**Thaddeus S. Kowalik '67** is currently engaged as the Owner Representative/Project Manager on the following new hotel projects: Marriott Marquis Houston - a 1,000 room, 30-story, 1.1 million sq. ft. Convention Center Hotel located in downtown Houston, TX; and, the Gaylord Rockies - a 1,500 room, 2.0 million square foot Resort and Conference Center located in Aurora, CO.

**Michael J. Kurylo III '62** has been selected for induction into the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Portrait Gallery of Distinguished Scientists, Engineers and Administrators in recognition of his more than 40 years of research. NIST was formerly known as the National Bureau of Standards, NBS. His citation reads: "Michael J. Kurylo (Materials Measurement Laboratory: 1969-2003) - For leadership in the measurement and critical evaluation of gas phase kinetics, photochemical, and spectroscopic data of trace atmospheric chemical species related to the ozone layer and environmental change."

## 1970's



**Bennett V. Boccuzzi '75** (above) has recently graduated from Northcentral University with a PhD in Business Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Management. Ben is adjunct faculty in the School of Healthcare Management at University of Maryland University College and continues to serve in the Navy Reserve as a Captain in the Nurse Corps.

**Randy F. Stabile '72** has been named the new Director of Institutional Advancement at Kingswood Oxford School in West Hartford, CT. See pg. 52.

**Richard G. Williams '73** was awarded the Lifesaving Medal of Merit by the National Boy Scouts of America on February 22, 2015. The medal is awarded for meritorious action in saving the lives of two commercial fishermen whose boat had become engulfed in flames while working on Long Island Sound. While fishing nearby with a friend, Richard brought his boat alongside the flaming 40 foot commercial boat and pulled the seriously-injured captain and one of his crewman - who were both drowning - to safety. Residing in Stratford CT with his wife Lynda, Richard restores classic

wooden boats, serves on the Board of Directors for the Housatonic Council BSA and specializes in International Trade Compliance for Sikorsky Aircraft.

## 1980's

**Yohuru R. Williams '89**, Professor of History, was named to a two year appointment by Fairfield University as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences beginning on July 1, 2015. A nationally recognized teacher, scholar, and champion for public education, Dr. Williams most recently served as Vice President for Academic Affairs, leading campus initiatives on first-year student retention, academic support services and student-faculty research collaborations.

**Ted Drury '89** will be inducted into the Fairfield County Sports Commission Hall of Fame on October 19, at the Hyatt Regency, Greenwich. See pg. 50.

## 1990's

Commander **Kenneth J. Boda '93** captained the US Coast Guard cutter POLAR STAR, which rescued 26 fishermen trapped in Antarctic ice back in mid-February. POLAR STAR is the most powerful non-nuclear icebreaker in the world, and deploys to both the Arctic and Antarctic.

**Brian T. Burke '96** has joined Patrick Engineering as a Project Manager in their Boston, MA office. He also has received his certification as a Professional Engineer.



**Brian V. Carey '96** (above with First Selectman Tetreau) has been named the town of Fairfield Conservation Director. He previously served as Conservation Superintendent for the town of Stratford for the last seven years. He was instrumental in the 35-acre Long Beach West Barrier Beach Restoration Project, which was awarded the Coastal America Partnership Award by President Obama in May 2012.

**Peter S. Cowenhoven '91** is the Chief Investment Officer for Union Savings Bank. Pete is back in Connecticut after 20 years in Boston.

**Christopher R. Friese '93** received the 2015 Oncology Nursing Society Distinguished Award for Contribution to Nursing Literature. He was honored for the award at the opening ceremony of the ONS 40th Annual Congress in Orlando, FL, on April 23, 2015.

**Christopher W. Tymniak '97** has announced that he is a candidate for this year's Republican nomination for Fairfield First Selectman. See pg. 52.

**Patrick J. Verel '92** has recently published a book *Graffiti Murals: Exploring the Impacts of Street Art*. See pg. 53.

## 1990's Continued

**Matthew R. Webber '93** was recognized as 2012, 2013 & 2014 *FIVE STAR Wealth Manager* in Connecticut Magazine.

## 2000's

**Joseph F. Bogardus '05** recently obtained his Certified Financial Planner designation.

**Alexander Bues '03** graduated from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business with a Masters of Business Administration on May 10, 2015. He and his wife Katie plan to move to Birmingham, AL in June so that Alex may join New Capital Partners as an Associate.

**Christopher L. Casaccio '09** will be attending the University of New England Medical School in the fall. For the past two years, Chris worked at Prep as Admissions Counselor.

**Robert W. Culliton '06** recently joined the Peace Corps, and is serving in Benin, West Africa. He will be focusing on environmental action plans in Benin.

**Andrew Mitchell Davenport '08** joins Fairfield Prep in the fall as Admissions Counselor. He previously was an English teacher at Brooklyn Prep. See Davenport's speech given at the Prep Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly on pg. 26.

**Andrew DoRosario '04** is currently a Clinical Research Supervisor at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

**William "Bill" Pappa '04** is the Vice President of Business Development for Dartcor Food Service, with responsibility for new business development, transition, and onboarding, customer retention, and creative input for new initiatives and services. He recently served as a judge on an alumni panel at Prep's Economics Class group business presentations.

**Gregory Pacific '00**, who teaches middle school English at Curiale School in Bridgeport, won a \$25,000 Theodore and Margaret Beard Excellence in Teaching Award. See pg. 53.

**Ross A. Riskin '09** has written the eBook *How to Succeed in an Online Graduate Program*. See pg. 53.

## 2010's

**Carl D. Buckis '10** is currently working on his master's degree at The University of Georgia.



**Patrick Corona '12**, (above) running for the U.S. Air Force Academy Falcons, won the Mountain West Conference Track & Field championship in the 5000 meter in April, in San Diego. Pat's time is one of the best in the country. He closed out the individual races with a winning time of 13:57.67 in the 5000-meter run. Staying within the lead pack for the entire race, Corona pulled away from the field on the back stretch to easily claim the conference crown. He also qualified for the NCAA West regionals.



**Harry Cotter '11** (above) has earned top recognition playing Endicott College lacrosse. Cotter improved his offensive numbers (23g, 13a) his sophomore year before exploding last spring for 61 goals and 13 assists for a team-high 74 points. His efforts helped Endicott earn its first-ever at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, and he was named a third team All-American. Cotter's hat trick and defensive work were a key component in the Gulls nearly derailing Tufts championship run in the second round before the Jumbos prevailed, 10-9.

**Sanil S. Patel '11** has been awarded the Senior Alumni Award from Ursinus College. The award was presented during the April 2015 Alumni Weekend.



**Terrence M. Tarpey '12** (above) was named 2nd team all CAA and CAA Defensive Player of the Year. Terry is William & Mary's first Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Defensive Player of the Year honoree after contributing in nearly every phase of the game. Terry, a junior guard leads the conference and ranks 51st nationally with 8.4 rebounds per game, and is also first in the CAA in steals (50) and blocked shots (40). He grabbed 10 or more caroms in 11 games, recorded nine double-doubles and posted the first triple-double in Tribe history on Jan. 10. Terry also leads W&M with 89 assists and is third on the team in scoring with 12.0 points per game.

**Kristof Toth '10** was awarded the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) for 2015. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. from Yale University in the Chemical and Environmental Engineering Department.



## IN MEMORIAM

**Major Raymond J. Beauchemin Jr. '65** on October 20, 1996.

Robert F. Bennett on January 15, 2015. He was the father of **Robert T. Bennett '83** and **Michael J. Bennett '86**.

Sandra Boos on January 25, 2015. She was the mother of **Jonathan T. Boos '90** and the late **Scott L. Boos '87**.

Marie E. Burke on March 28, 2015. She was the grandmother of **Brian T. Burke '96**, **Timothy M. Burke '98** and **Kevin P. Burke '00**.

Patricia Tabram Abbott on February 22, 2015. She was the grandmother of **Stephen E. Cadoux '14** and mother-in-law of **Peter J. Cadoux '78**.

Mildred M. Carley on March 30, 2015. She was the mother of **Thomas J. Carley '76** and **John L. Carley '72**.



**David White '13** was named hockey NESCAC Rookie of the Year. He attends Amherst College. "White leads the NESCAC with 18 goals, including five game-winning tallies, and is tied for fourth with 31 points. He has been on a hot streak in the second half of the season, registering a point in 13 of the last 14 games. The first-year skater was also chosen as the NESCAC Rookie of the Year by the league coaches, becoming the third Lord Jeff to receive the award along with Beau Kretzman (2002) and Kyle Schoppel (2005)."

**James J. Carney III '54** on March 18, 2015.

Mary Pepka Carroll on May 20, 2015. She was the grandmother of **Charles F. Featherston '09**, **James P. Featherston '10**, and **Daniel J. Featherston '13**.

**Christopher W. Collins '02** on Monday 30, 2015.

**James Collins '65** on February 12, 2015.

James Condon on March 25, 2015. He was the father of **Daniel B. Condon '93**.

**Robert F. Coyne '53** on March 21, 2015. He was the father of **Edmund T. Coyne '48** and the late **J. Bernard Coyne '46**.

**Rev. Peter A. DeMarco '52** on July 20, 2015

Joseph C. Dolan Sr. on April 5, 2015. He was the father of **Joseph C. Dolan Jr. '95**

**Robert P. Fitzsimons '47** on November 6, 2014.

**Christopher A. Fox, Jr. '53** on April 4, 2015. He was the brother of **Mark F. Fox '54**.

**Monsignor William A. Genuario, P.A., '48** on June 24, 2015.

**Glenn Gramigna '65** on October 2013.

Frederick W. Haffner Jr. on May 24, 2015. He was the father of **Frederick W. Haffner III '81** and **Kurt E. Haffner '85**.

**John W. (Jack) Halloran '50** on April 17, 2015.

Gerald S. Hopeck Sr. on February 8, 2015. He was the father of **Rev. Gerald S. Hopeck Jr. '93**.

**John M. Hurley '52** on July 1, 2015.

**Rev. Michael A. Jolly '70** on April 10, 2015.

**Zoltan J. Kali '49** on April 7, 2015.

Robert A. Kinsley on April 7, 2015. He was the grandfather of **Craig T. Kinsley '07**.

Abigail G. Luchen on July 7, 2015. She is the daughter of **Michael C. Luchen '85** and niece of **Kevin Luchen '87**.

**Anthony J. Lugris '65** on February 26, 2010.

**Gregory J. Lyddy '48** on March 1, 2015. He was the father of **Christopher J. Lyddy '78**.

Josephine L. Helm on February 22, 2015. She was the mother in law of **Anthony M. MacLeod '65**.

Patricia Parker Magut on January 22, 2015. She was the mother of **Michael J. Magut '71** and **Jeffrey P. Magut '79**.

Maral Massaro on July 9, 2015. She was the wife of **Christopher A. Massaro Sr. '82**, mother of **Christopher A. Massaro Jr. '18** and sister in law of **Carl A. Massaro '73**, **Craig A. Massaro '78**, and **Cal A. Massaro '84**.

Margaret McAndrews on May 16, 2015. She was the mother of **Lawrence J. McAndrews '73**, **Kevin F. McAndrews '75**, **Brian P. McAndrews '76** and **Christopher L. McAndrews '82**.

**Kevin F. McCarthy '63** on March 17, 2015. He is the brother of **Michael H. McCarthy '59**.

**Charles J. McClinch III '65** on January 2, 2008.

**John J. McFarland '51** on July 7, 2015. He was the grandfather of **William D. Webb '18**.

Fred McIntyre on April 6, 2015. He was the father of **Stephen M. McIntyre '85**.

**Robert A. Metzger '56** on December 31, 2014.

**Kenneth J. Miklus '50** on January 28, 2015.

**Joseph D. Miko '47**. He was the father of **Daniel C. Miko '76**.

Lillian "Sis" Morris in July 19, 2015. She was the mother of **Col. Robert C. Morris Jr. '75 (Ret.)**.

Margaret Mary Murphy on June 2, 2015. She was the wife of the late **Robert J. Murphy '49**, mother of **Michael B. Murphy '82**, **Timothy F. Murphy '79**, and **Robert J. Murphy, Jr. '77** and the grandmother of **Shane P. Murphy '18** and **Rory P. Murphy '04**.

**Peter J. Natali '70** on January 25, 2015.

Barbara Card Neuberger on September 20, 2014. He was the wife of **Donald E. Neuberger '53**.

Linda Christiani (Novitzky) on May 15, 2015. She was the mother of **Matthew R. Notitzky '05**, sister of **David C. Christiani '68**, and the late **Leonard F. Christiani Jr. '65**, and sister-in-law of **Thomas C. Gniadek '68** and aunt of **Peter A. Christiani '09**.

John J. Novak Jr. on June 20, 2015. He was the father of **John J. Novak III '96** and **Justin P. Novak '98**.

**Thomas R. O'Marra '60** on September 15, 2011.

**Anthony P. Pagliaro, Sr. '50** on May 22, 2015.

Augustine J. Palmieri Sr. on March 3, 2015. He was the grandfather of **A.J. Palmieri '16** and **Frank Souza '05**.

Madalienne M. Peters on June 19, 2015. She was the mother of **Frank Peters '66**.

Ellen Redgate on July 2, 2015. She was the wife of **William T. Redgate '59**, mother of **Philip W. Redgate '84**, **Timothy J. Redgate '86**, **William T. Redgate III '88** and **Daniel P. Redgate '96** and relative and friend to many Prep alumni. She was a longtime volunteer at Operation Hope, where she coordinated Prep students' service.

**William P. Russell '56** on January 29, 2015. He was the brother of the late **Harris E. Russell '52** and the uncle of **George F. Russell '86**, **Timothy G. Russell '83**, **Peter S. Russell '82**, and **H. Edward Russell Jr. '79**.

William J. Sapone on April 15, 2015. He was the father of **Max A. Guerrero-Sapone '10** and **James T. Guerrero-Sapone '15**.

Bridget Sharkey on March 15, 2015. She was the grandmother of **Patrick B. Gleason '03** and **Andrew Gleason '06**.

Edward F. "Ted" Sharkey, on January 22, 2015. He was the grandfather of **Patrick B. Gleason '03** and **Andrew Gleason '06**.

Elizabeth Vassallo on June 8, 2015. She was the mother of **Brett J. Vassallo '87**.

**Patrick Voroschak '75** on July 14, 2015.

Eileen P. Scott on January 20, 2015. She was the mother-in-law of **Michael D. Wilemski '84** and grandmother of **Kevin P. Wilemski '16** and **Brendan M. Wilemski '18**.

Dr. Richard O'Shea on May 9, 2015. He was the father of **Peter D. O'Shea '86** and **Michael D. O'Shea '87**.

## FACULTY AND STAFF BIRTHS



**Patty Veno**, secretary to the principal, and her husband welcomed their first granddaughter Emma Rose on June 6, 2015.



**Jason H. Mis '98**, of the Prep Social Studies Department and his wife Kerry welcomed their son Darby Archer Mis on June 8, 2015.

## ENGAGEMENTS



**Thomas S. Corona Jr. '07**, (left) of the Prep Science Department and Daniela DePaula were engaged on December 13, 2014, in New York City. A June 2016 wedding is planned.

## IN MEMORIAM

Helen O'Malley Allen on February 28, 2015. She was the mother of former Prep Headmaster **Rev. Charles H. Allen, S.J.**

Judith Hogan on July 1, 2015. She was the grandmother of **Justin E. Adams '08** and **Christopher W. Adams '11** and mother of Colleen Adams, Prep Director of Communications.

**Charles M. Stankye Jr. '51** on June 23, 2015. He was the father of **Charles M. Stankye III '76** and **Ronald T. Stankye '78**. He was the grandfather of **Tyler D. Stankye '12**.

**David J. Sullivan Jr. '49** on February 7, 2015. He was the father of **David J. Sullivan III '82** and **Michael P. Sullivan '84**, the brother of **Donal P. Sullivan '52**, **Kevin J. Sullivan '60** and special cousin and "brother" of **Robert J. Shannahan '51**.

Margaret Vanderslice on May 13, 2015. She was the mother of **Thomas A. Vanderslice '75**, **Paul T. Vanderslice '76**, **John T. Vanderslice '79** and **Peter T. Vanderslice '82** and grandmother of **Paul T. Vanderslice Jr. '09**.

**Charles J. Vaughn '52** on June 1, 2015. He was the father of **Christopher C. Vaughn '79**.

Eva Jane Shupe Vaughan on March 26, 2015. Eva Jane taught invaluable lessons to many of our students and faculty over the years on our Appalachia trips as the Volunteer Coordinator at the Fries Recreation Center in Fries, VA.

Mary Lou Walsh on February 1, 2015. She was the wife of **Robert R. Walsh '46** and sister-in-law of the late **Richard O. Walsh '50**.

**James P. White Jr. '60** on May 6, 2015. He was the father of **Devin J. White '88**.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Thomas S. Corona Jr. '07** and Daniela DePaula were engaged on December 13th, 2014. See photo above in "Faculty and Staff."

**Keith Hoffman '06** is engaged to Rachel Lieber of Rockville, MD. They originally met at Tufts University and plan to live in Arlington, VA.

**Brendan P. Steiner '06** is engaged to Meredith McLennan. They met while at Union College. A summer 2016 wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS

**Robert T. Morton Jr. '04** married Shelby Mayer on June 23, 2015. See photo on page 49.

**Nicholas G. Framularo II '04** married Jennifer Meilander on May 24, 2015. See photo on page 49.

**Stefan J. Tropsa '06** married Amanda McCloy on June 27, 2015. See photo on page 49.

**John J. Philbin III '04** married Molly Hocht on May 16, 2015. See photo on page 49.

## BIRTHS

**Robert J. Fortuna '75** and his wife Terry welcomed their second granddaughter Maple Ann Fortuna on August 13, 2014.

**Timothy J. Francis '95**, and his wife Soo Jin, welcomed their second child, Hunter John, on May 1, 2015. Hunter joins his big sister Hana.

**Edward Z. Gormbley '95** and his wife Catherine O'Donnell welcomed their second child Dylan S. Gormbley on June 25, 2015. He joins big brother Conner.



**Patrick S. Kelly '95** and his wife Renee welcomed their first child Bridget Marie Kelly on April 9, 2015.

**Jason H. Mis '98** and his wife Kerry welcomed their son Darby Archer Mis on June 8, 2015.

**Donald J. Papsy '87** and his wife Angela welcomed their first children, Donald Joseph (DJ) and Luciana Elizabeth, on August 11, 2014.



**Christopher Staysniak '06** and his wife Jenny welcomed their son Thomas Steven Staysniak on April 7, 2015.

**Michael J. Tortora '89** and his wife Tiffany welcomed their fourth child, Evan Charles, on May 19, 2015. Evan joins big brother Michael, and big sisters Ava and Josie.

**Todd J. Ulman '96** and his wife Angela welcomed their son Todd Ulman on February 4, 2015. He joins big brother Charlie.



## Framularo Wedding

**Nicholas G. Framularo II '04** married Jennifer Meilander on May 24, 2015. Left to right: **Tom Feroletto '82**, **Charles Framularo '65**, **Rob Morton '04**, **Nick Framularo '69**, **Liam Colum '04**, **Angelo Framularo '96**, **Tim Skov '04**, **Adam Baranowsky '93**, **Vin Framularo '99**, front: **Jenny Framularo** and **Nick Framularo II '04**.



## Morton Wedding

**Robert T. Morton Jr. '04** married Shelby Moyer on June 13, 2015 at St. John's Basilica in Stamford. **William P. Pappa '04** was the best man. The reception was held at the Delamar Hotel in Greenwich. Fairfield University President Fr. von Arx (far right) was in attendance and led the dinner blessing.



## Philbin Wedding

**John J. Philbin III '04** married Molly Hocht on May 16, 2015 in Stone Harbor, NJ. Prep alumni in attendance were **Kevin Cullinane '05**, **Kevin Russell '04**, **Timothy Birge '04**, **Kevin Fabbri '10**, **Michael Fabbri '04**, **Jack Fabbri '07**, **Thomas Donohue '18**, **William Ryan '04**, **Andrew Urquhart '04**, **Brian Cullinane '04**, **Jake Donohue '13** and **Brendan O'Hara '04**.



## Tropsa Wedding

**Stefan Tropsa '06** married Amanda McCloy on June 27 at the Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown, RI. Reception was held at Fluke Wine Bar & Kitchen in Newport, RI. Wedding party featured **Paul Tropsa '08** and **Austin Ryan '06**.

## Ted Drury '89 to be in Sports Hall of Fame



**T**ed Drury '89 will be inducted into the Fairfield County Sports Commission Hall of Fame at a ceremony at the 11th annual Sports Night awards dinner, Monday, Oct. 19, at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich at 6 p.m. Drury joins his younger brother **Chris '94** in the pro wing as they become the second pair of brothers enshrined in the Hall of Fame. A nine-year National Hockey League veteran from 1993-2001, Drury played with six teams during his pro career, primarily with the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. Drury, who was a standout at Fairfield Prep for two years, was selected to play for the U.S. Olympic team in '92 and '94. After being drafted by the Calgary Flames in the 1989 NHL entry draft, Drury opted to play college hockey at Harvard University, where he was the Ivy and ECAC Player of the Year in 1992-93. He played five pro seasons in Germany before retiring in 2007. Drury was elected to the Harvard Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 2008.

## Arcobello named to U.S. national hockey team

**T**en of the 15 on the initial U.S. Hockey Team roster are currently playing in the NHL, including Milford's **Mark Arcobello** (Arizona Coyotes), a 2010 graduate of Yale. Arcobello, a former Fairfield Prep standout who scored 116 career points at Yale, tied an NHL record by playing (and scoring) for four different teams this season. He began with Edmonton, the team that signed him as a free agent out of Yale, then went to Nashville and Pittsburgh before finishing with Arizona. He notched 17 goals and 14 assists for the season, his first full NHL campaign.



## Alumni Baseball at Reunion Weekend

**O**n June 14, Prep Alumni Baseball players returned to campus for their annual game. This game was an excellent conclusion to the Reunion Weekend as over 50 years of alumni were on the beautiful Alumni Diamond of Fairfield University. The day was extremely eventful: retired coach **Ed Rowe '59** sharing stories; head coach **Rudy Mauritz '94** operated the pitching machine and provided color commentary; alumni reconnected with teammates; and **John Pellegrino '87** of Super Duper Weenie in Fairfield sponsored fresh hot dogs and burgers. Added to the program was an opening prayer, celebrated by Fr. Larry Ryan, S.J., and attendees donated Stop & Shop gift cards to sponsor the Merton House Food Pantry. Special thanks to Coach Rowe, Coach Mauritz, John Pellegrino, and Fr. Ryan, who helped coordinate the event and facilitate the additions to the afternoon. See you all next year!



## Alumni Ruggers Reunite and Compete

**T**he Fairfield Yankees and New Haven Old Black, clubs sanctioned by USA Rugby, competed in an exhibition match this spring. The match featured alumni ruggers, shown from left: **Mike Pappa '07**, **Austin Ryan '06**, and **Matt Leonard '10** (far right) for Fairfield, and **Jack Corcoran '09** for New Haven.



## Bobby Wallace '11 crews for UPenn

**B**obby Wallace '11 served as commodore on the University of Pennsylvania 1V crew. They ranked within the Top Ten during the season, coming in second in the San Diego Crew Classic, behind California Berkeley and ahead of Stanford and Navy. They also won the Burk Cup at the Schuylkill race. Pictured sitting 7 seat in the 1V.



## Alumni Laxers Return for Annual Game

**O**n June 6, Prep Alumni Lacrosse players returned to campus for their annual game. Amongst the attendees was a strong representation by the class of 2004. These Alumni Laxmen enjoyed themselves on the newly constructed Rafferty Stadium of Fairfield University, formerly Alumni Field. The beaming grandstands, the exciting jumbotron, and the freshly-laid synthetic turf made gameplay all the more action-packed! The day featured reliving glory, reconnecting with teammates, and delicious sandwiches from A & S Fine Foods in Fairfield. In addition to the traditional pre-game prayer, attendees donated food to Operation Hope. Special thanks to **Kevin Cullinane '05** and **Kevin Russell '04** who helped coordinate the event and facilitate the additions to the afternoon. See you all next year!



## Kinsley '07 reaches heights

**C**raig Kinsley '07, U.S. Olympian, was photographed rock-climbing outside of Julian, CA at a location called Three Sisters Falls. Craig competed in the javelin throw in the Summer 2012 Olympics, and continues to train with the U.S. Track & Field team for the 2016 games. Photo: Rock Climbing magazine photographer Kat Carney.

## Conlisk Honored with President's Medal

Kevin Conlisk, a member of Fairfield University's Board of Trustees, was presented with the President's Medal by the University of Limerick in Ireland for establishing a scholarship that has educated Irish business students at Fairfield for 25 years.

Conlisk, principal and chief financial officer of Milford-based Alinabal Holdings Corp., is the driving force behind the Rev. John M. Conlisk Irish Scholarship, which was established in 1981 at the University of Bridgeport and moved to Fairfield University in 1990.

It was founded by Conlisk in memory of his late brother **Rev. John M. Conlisk '54**, who was pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Georgetown, St. Patrick Parish in Redding and St. Jerome Parish in Norwalk. Source: Fairfield Daily Voice



Kevin Conlisk, right, receiving the President's Medal from President Don Barry at the University of Limerick.



## A Day of Service and Prep Fellowship

On March 14, 35 alumni spanning from the 1950s to 2010s returned to campus to rekindle the retreat experience in observance of Lent. The retreat, themed "A Day of Service and Prep Fellowship" featured: service for others, recalling God's presence in our lives, and spiritual talks by Jonathan DeRosa, Director of Student Activities & Christian Service; **Austin Ryan '06**, Director of Alumni Relations; and Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., President-elect of Fairfield Prep. In addition to speaking, Fr. Simisky led the retreat.

Upon their arrival, attendees donated food items and gift cards to stock The Merton House of Bridgeport as they enjoyed breakfast, fellowship, and a slideshow of pictures from service trips offered at Prep. Mr. DeRosa, accompanied by **Ryan Matera '15**, **Andy Spangenberg '15**, **Alejandro Correa '15**, and **Ryan Gannon '15**, reflected on their experiences on different service trips. Afterward, attendees were broken into small groups, with each senior assigned based upon the particular trip he participated in, to delegate small group discussion.

Lunch featured a delicious Fish Fry in observance of the Lenten season and more opportunity to see pictures of Prep students in service of others. Following lunch, Mr. Ryan spoke about his journey of service in Jesuit education: as a student, teacher, and now development officer.

Fr. Simisky concluded the day by calling to mind the obstacles to hearing God's call to serve, and how to overcome them. He and **Rev. Stephen Gleeson '55** celebrated Mass, during which alumni committed to a service project for Prep's National Day of Service, September 12, 2015. This retreat, following the Kairos module, offered ample time for self-reflection, quiet prayer, Reconciliation, and strengthening the bonds of Prep brotherhood among alumni. The day was enjoyed by all, and this experience will hopefully carry over into September, and beyond. AMDG.



Fr. Paul Holland, S.J., Rector of the Fairfield Jesuit Community, awards President Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., a \$100,000 check to benefit the school.

## Fairfield Jesuit Community donates \$100,000 to Jesuit Educators Academy

On behalf of Fairfield Prep, President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., received a generous \$100,000 gift from the Fairfield Jesuit Community. The gift is designated to support the Jesuit Educators Academy as part of the *Foundations for the Future: 75th Anniversary Campaign for Fairfield Prep*. The Jesuit Educators Academy was developed to serve these needs: Parents and students choose Fairfield Prep primarily because of its Jesuit tradition. The Jesuit approach to education is widely recognized as rigorous and deep. Although Fairfield Prep is blessed to have a few Jesuits on the faculty, this small number of priests is indicative of the gradual and inevitable decline of Jesuit presence in secondary schools in the United States. In addition to the declining numbers of Jesuits, many of the laymen and laywomen hired today are not only new to teaching, but they are also unfamiliar with the mission and methods of Jesuit education and its spiritual foundations. Prep's strategic plan identified this lack of familiarity as a key challenge: "We no longer enjoy a readymade cadre of educators already formed in Jesuit spirituality and teaching pedagogy." In response to the need to retain our Jesuit identity in the wake of these major challenges, Fairfield Prep developed the Jesuit Educators Academy (JEA), which focuses upon the professional, spiritual and personal formation of faculty and administrators in order to create an Ignatian Learning Community (ILC).

## ENTREPRENEUR'S CORNER



From left: **Chris Tymniak '97**, candidate for Fairfield First Selectman; **Ed Gormbley '95**; Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., new Fairfield Prep president; and **J Dillon Collins '98**, Prep Director of Major Gifts

## Ed Gormbley '95, new owner, revitalizes Fairfield Circle Inn

Fairfield Prep graduate and Bridgeport native **Ed Gormbley '95** saw potential in the aging Fairfield Circle Inn. "It needed to be revitalized," Gormbley said of the 1960s-era property. "It was begging to be improved." Gormbley, along with co-owner Clay Fowler, recently purchased the property and overhauled its rooms as well as its public spaces. The hotel celebrated the property improvements with a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 23 attended by First Selectman Michael Tetreau, Fairfield Chamber of Commerce President Beverly A. Balaz, and state dignitaries. "We're so happy to have this restoration in Fairfield," Balaz said in front of a crowd of several dozen people who turned out for a poolside reception. Source: Fairfield Daily Voice.



## Hockey Alumni hit the ice!

Hockey Alumni reconnected with Prep brothers in honor of Fr. Walter Pelletier, S.J., Fr. Robert Sproule, S.J., and in support of Fairfield Prep. Lacing 'em up again and competing on the hallowed ice of The Wonderland, the even years triumphed over the odd years 9-8. In an extremely competitive matchup, over 30 hockey alumni spanning over 40 years took to the rink in pursuit of the annual cup. Regulation time wasn't enough, as the evens put home the winning goal during the overtime period. The tempo was set by a magnificent pre-game prayer, composed by Fr. Pelletier, S.J. Food items were collected for Bridgeport's Merton House. Following the game, players, family, and friends gathered at Vazzy's in Bridgeport for a reception and dinner. With back to back wins, the even years will look to make it three in a row in 2016! Special thanks to **Brian Black '02** and **Dave Beckles '02** for coordinating this event; and to Don Jacobs, father of the late **Chad Jacobs '82** for his continued support of this event.



## St. Patrick's Day, Lovely '51 is Grand Marshal



Once again Prep was represented at the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade! **Ted Lovely '51** was honored as the Grand Marshal, in tribute to his years of dedication to education, service to others, and over 50 years of involvement and volunteerism in the Irish community. Student members of the Irish Culture Club marched representing Prep, also carrying a "Happy 73rd Birthday" banner for the school, which was founded on March 17, 1942. Additionally, alumni from the Latin Scholars rode on a float sponsored by O'Keefe Controls. Erin go Bragh!

## Late Zach Hauser '06 earns honorary degree

Gretchen Hauser, the mother of the late **Zach Hauser '06** attended his medical school graduation from Touro University College of Medicine this past spring. Touro University surprised Gretchen with a special commemorative presentation for Zach after the entire class had received their diplomas, giving her Zach's cap, gown, and honorary degree. Finally, Gretchen read the doctoral vows along with the graduates on behalf of Zach to confirm his becoming a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine!



## Randy Stabile '72 named Kingswood Oxford Fundraising Director



**Randy Stabile '72**, a fundraiser with nearly 30 years of experience at Boston-area colleges, has joined Kingswood Oxford School in West Hartford, CT, as the Director of Institutional Advancement. Stabile served most recently as Vice President of Advancement at Lesley University in Boston, where his responsibilities included major gifts, the annual fund, corporation and foundation initiatives, and alumni relations.

Among his achievements: a \$46-million capital campaign for a new Art Institute of Boston building on Lesley's Porter Square Campus.

Prior to Lesley, Stabile held fundraising positions at Babson College and at Boston College, where he managed the \$125-million "Campaign for Boston College" as well as two subsequent mini-campaigns that added another \$125 million.

A native of Stratford, CT, Stabile graduated from Fairfield Prep. He holds a bachelor's degree and an MBA from Boston College and a JD from the New England School of Law. He and his wife Barbara, a nurse, have four grown children.

## "Kal" Kallaugher '73 is Pulitzer Prize Finalist

**Kal** Kallaugher '73 was chosen as one of the three finalists for the 2015 Pulitzer prize for Editorial cartooning. His work received a citation from the judges "for simple, punchy cartoons with a classic feel lampooning the hypocrisy of not just his subjects but also his readers." Kallaugher (KAL) is the editorial cartoonist for *The Economist* magazine of London and *The Baltimore Sun*. KAL's work for *The Sun* and *The Economist* has appeared in more than 100 publications worldwide, including *Le Monde*, *Der Spiegel*, *Pravda*, *Krokodil*, *Daily Yomiuri*, *The Australian*, *The International Herald Tribune*, *The New York Times*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *The Washington Post*. His cartoons are distributed worldwide by *Cartoonists International* and the *New York Times Syndicate*. Learn more at [www.kaltoons.com](http://www.kaltoons.com).



Kal presented to a Prep student assembly in spring 2014.



## Annual gathering honors Ryan Brennan '11

An annual Corn Hole Game Fundraiser was held in May to build funds for the **Ryan Charles Brennan '11** Memorial Scholarship at Prep. The successful event raised over \$17,500. The backyard of Chris and Mary Ellen Brennan-Connelly, P'15 was filled with a great crowd who enjoyed a fun afternoon of camaraderie and memories.

## Tymniak '97 seeks public office

**Chris Tymniak '97**, a Fairfield Representative Town Meeting member and the son of parents who both served as state representatives, announced that he is a candidate for this year's Republican nomination for Fairfield First Selectman. Tymniak's parents both served as local representatives to the state General Assembly — his father, Paul. M. Tymniak, who died while in office and his mother Cathy who was elected in his place.

Tymniak served as the city administrator for Ansonia, and said that in his role assisting the mayor he helped "institute best practices that have streamlined the city budget." In the announcement, he also claimed credit for a city budget surplus "based on a budget freeze and other prudent management practices" that he said he recommended.

Tymniak was a director of former Gov. Jodi Rell's southwest office and also is a member of the Fairfield Republican Town Committee.

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### Fr. Larry Ryan named Prep Alumni Chaplain

Fr. Larry Ryan, S.J., who finished his 32nd year of service at Fairfield Prep, has been named the Prep Alumni Chaplain. A beloved Latin and Theology teacher for many generations of Prep students, Fr. Ryan recently served as the Student Chaplain in Campus Ministry. In his new role, Fr. Ryan will work with Prep's Alumni Office to support the spiritual and sacramental needs of our many alumni, including participating in Masses, retreats, reunions and Prep special events. "Father Ryan is highly respected and loved within the alumni community," commented Director of Alumni Relations **Austin Ryan '06** (no relation). "His involvement with our office will enhance the interactions with our alumni base and the services our office provides."



### Joseph Gerics '68 appointed Principal at Trinity Catholic HS

Joseph Gerics '68, P'97, associate superintendent for the Archdiocese of New York, has been named the new principal at Trinity Catholic High School in Stamford, according to the *Stamford Advocate*. The Diocese of Bridgeport said Gerics will take over the position July 1, the *Advocate* said. Gerics, a Trumbull resident, is replacing Mark Karagus, whose one-year contract was not renewed. Gerics taught for 24 years at Fairfield College Preparatory School before becoming principal of Immaculate High School in Danbury in 1994.

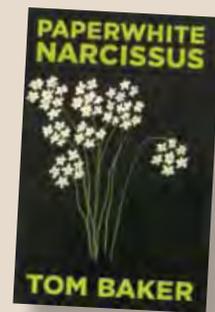


### Dougherty '09 speaks at MADD Assembly

Prep junior and seniors attended an assembly sponsored by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) on April 23 at the Quick Center for the Arts. The guest speaker was Prep Alumnus **Kevin Dougherty '09**, who works as a program specialist for MADD. Watch highlights of his speech on [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).

### Tom Baker '62 wins awards for *Paperwhite Narcissus*

**T**om Baker '62, recently released his new novel *Paperwhite Narcissus*, a sequel to his previous debut novel *The Sound of One Horse Dancing*, and second title *FULL FRONTAL*, to make a long story short. The books follow the life and experiences of Tim Halladay, who, in the new novel, is just finishing his senior year at the College of William and Mary. When Tim learns he was born as a twin, his curiosity about his unknown brother grows dangerously close to obsession. Tim's journey takes strange and adventurous turns as he goes from the Arlington National Cemetery, to Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg, and then to La Recoleta District of Buenos Aires. Along the way, *Paperwhite Narcissus* delves into an exploration of narcissism, identity and the doppelganger that you won't want to miss!



The book has received two awards: Winner of the 2015 Beverly Hills Book Awards, and Finalist in the 2015 NIEA (National Indie Excellence Awards). The books are available on [TomBakerBooks.com](http://TomBakerBooks.com), at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and [B&N.com](http://B&N.com).

Baker is a graduate of the College of William and Mary. He enjoyed a successful career in the advertising world, winning many awards for the ads and commercials he produced. He now writes full time. Baker lives in a tree house in Santa Monica Canyon with his two beagles.

### Patrick Verel '92 explores the impacts of graffiti

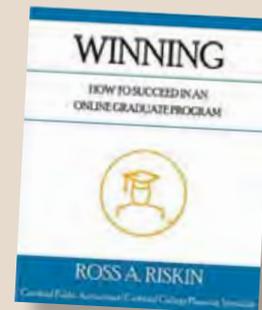


**P**atrick Verel '92 has recently published a book, *Graffiti Murals: Exploring the Impacts of Street Art*. Six case studies conducted in New York City, Trenton, and Jersey City, explore how graffiti murals are created and what role they play in a city where buffing illegal graffiti is a lucrative business. The author interviewed people affected on a daily basis by the murals at sites around the metropolitan area, as well as property owners who have allowed muralists to paint their property in hopes the graffiti murals would serve as a deterrent to vandalism—

and provide a more aesthetically pleasing alternative to buffing. An analysis informed by cultural Marxism and supported by street photography suggests a radical departure from traditional New York City policy: instead of spending money exclusively on the elimination of illegal graffiti, resources should also be devoted to the creation of graffiti murals. In the end, graffiti removal teams and mural promoters are pursuing the same goal: making the city a more visually appealing place. See [schifferbooks.com](http://schifferbooks.com)

### Ross Riskin '09 shares online education success

**R**oss A. Riskin '09 has written the eBook "How to Succeed in an Online Graduate Program," providing tips. With the job market and demand for highly skilled and highly educated workers becoming increasingly more competitive, students both young and old are looking to return to school to enhance their learning, build their networks, obtain new skill sets, and remain competitive in the workforce. Ross provides tips for success in this new learning medium. This eBook is available exclusively on Amazon.com.



### Pacific '00 wins Teaching Excellence Award

**G**reg Pacific '00, who teaches middle school English at Curiale School in Bridgeport, won a \$25,000 Theodore and Margaret Beard Excellence in Teaching Award. "I knew if I wanted to make a difference, this was the way to do it," Pacific said. Teachers are nominated by colleagues and students. There is an extensive application process and site visits. It is one of the largest teaching awards in the nation.

"He teaches in a way we understand," said Madison Harris, 13, leading a visitor to her eighth-grade teacher's second-floor classroom at Curiale School.

"You need to make a connection with kids," Pacific said. "You have to get buy-in and let them see the relevance of what you are doing." To drive home the literary concepts of characterization, setting and themes of the biographies the class is reading, Pacific had his students work in teams and develop movie posters for the books — complete with catchy tag lines.

Source: CT Post





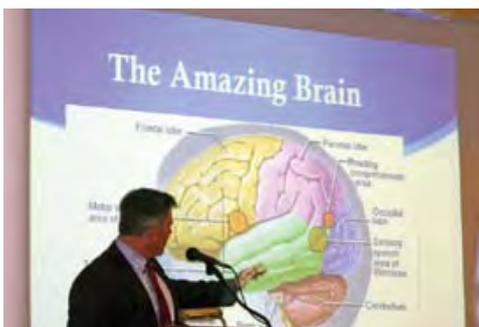
## FATHERS & SONS ENJOY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On Superbowl Sunday, February 1, the Fathers' Club held its annual Communion Breakfast. Mass was held in the Egan Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola. Fr. Hanwell, S.J., was the presider and Fr. Holland, S.J. was the homilist. Attendees were treated to a great breakfast, where guest alumnus **Tom Gaudett '10** spoke about his experience with Teach for America and how his Prep education has impacted his development as a person. After Fairfield Prep, Tom went on to Harvard, where he graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Government and a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. Watch Tom's speech at [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)



## Moms & Sons strike a pose for Prep

Over 200 guests enjoyed the Spring Fashion Show, sponsored by the Bellarmine Guild, which featured the mothers and sons of the Class of 2015. The event was held at Testo's Ristorante in Bridgeport on March 19. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, shopping with fashion vendors, delicious dinner, and live runway fashion show. Special thanks to M.C. John Brennan, retired Prep Housemaster; co-chairs Lisa Bosken P '16 and Danica Franchuk '16; Sue Connelly P'15, Eileen Blee P'15, Kitty Robertson P'15 and Julie Pollard P'15 who made the mother/son slideshow; and the committee for planning and hosting this event. See video highlights on [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)



## The Teenage Male Brain

Two psychologists from The Southfield Center for Development in Darien shared an informative and entertaining presentation: "Under Construction, The Developing Brain of the Teenage Male." Sponsored by the Bellarmine Guild of Prep moms, this January event attracted a receptive audience including many parents, faculty, and administrators from Prep who gathered for the talk. Dr. Chris Bogart, Executive Director and Founder of the Center, along with Dr. Frank Bartolomeo, Director of Strategic Development, gave keen insights into the wonderful and sometimes challenging and mysterious teenage sons.



## Mothers & Sons Communion

The annual Senior Mother Son Communion Breakfast was held on April 26 at Egan Chapel, followed by brunch in the Prep café with retired Housemaster John Brennan as guest speaker.

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## Spring Auction benefits Prep

Over 300 guests enjoyed Prep's annual Spring Auction "Building the Hallways to Success" held on May 2, 2015, at Alumni Hall. Thanks to all who supported the silent and live auctions to raise money to help support tuition assistance, faculty enrichment, student service projects, athletics and more. The winning ticket of the \$25,000 Tuition Raffle was pulled at 10:30 p.m. Thanks to Chair Jane Pompa, P'12, '16; the Auction

and Raffle chairs Eileen Brees, P'15, Mary Ellen Connelly, P'15 and Beth Kelly, P'13, '16, '18; the committee members and volunteers. Special gratitude goes to our sponsors who helped to underwrite the evening.

At the auction, the Prep Community honored President Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., as he prepared to move to his next assignment as Socius of the USA Northeast Province of the Society of

Jesus. A scholarship in Fr. Hanwell's name was established and announced by the Board of Governors, and auction guests responded with donations to "Fund a Future."

Donations to the Hanwell Scholarship may be made as an ONLINE GIFT, designating "Hanwell scholarship" in the note field ([www.fairfieldprep.org/give](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/give)). Watch video tribute to Fr. Hanwell, S.J. at [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)



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## Mary Corcoran wins \$25,000 Tuition Raffle

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Corcoran, P'09, '17 who won the \$25,000 Tuition Raffle! The winning ticket was pulled at 10:30 PM at the Spring Auction, held on Saturday, May 2, at Alumni Hall. Mary and husband Chris are parents of Jack '09, Matthew '17, and daughter Ellie. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the scholarship and student enrichment programs at Fairfield Prep. From left: Matthew Corcoran '17, Mary and Chris Corcoran, and Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J.





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# Step back and take a long view

Father Hanwell quoted recently Beatified Archbishop Oscar Romero wonderfully in an address to the faculty this past spring, noting that in our work, “It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.” These wise and simple words have much meaning in the mission of Prep, especially now as we recognize the extraordinary growth and achievements of the young men of the Prep Class of 2015. The “long view” as we reflect on the Class of 2015 takes us back to the beginning of their Prep journey in August 2011. The four years that followed have been a time of tremendous growth for them, individually and as a class. We who have accompanied this wonderful class through their growth and challenges, in classrooms and offices, on fields and stages, on the altar as well as in service and in prayer, know the joy of “taking the long view” as we now appreciate their growth, achievements and well-earned college destinations.

We also know that in the end, the college list we post is not an end line. It represents the rich story of the development of our young men of the Fairfield Prep Class of 2015 and is therefore very much a beginning.

As Archbishop Romero continued in his prayer, “We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capacities.” As we anticipate the future success of the 2015 class, appropriately dubbed the “Class of Champions” by senior graduation speaker **Chris Specht**, we send the young men of the Prep Class of 2015 off with the greatest of confidence for their foundation is solid and their possibilities limitless.



By John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising

## CLASS OF 2015 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

University of Alabama  
Allegheny College  
American University  
University of Arizona  
Assumption College  
Auburn University  
Binghamton University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Bryant University  
Bucknell University  
Butler University  
University of California at Berkeley  
Canisius College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Castleton State College  
Catholic University of America  
Central Connecticut State University  
Champlain College  
Chapman University  
College of Charleston  
University of Chicago  
City College of New York  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Colgate University  
University of Colorado  
Concordia University, Montreal  
University of Connecticut  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
Creighton University  
Curry College  
University of Dayton  
Dean College  
University of Delaware  
DePaul University  
Dickinson College  
Dominican College  
Drexel University  
Duquesne University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Edinboro University  
Elon University  
Emmanuel College  
Emory University

Endicott College  
Eugene Lang College  
Fairfield University  
Ferris State University  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Fordham University  
Furman University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
Harvard University  
High Point University  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Hofstra University  
College of the Holy Cross  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
Indiana University  
Iona College  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
John Carroll University  
Johns Hopkins University  
University of Kansas  
Kenyon College  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
LeMoyn College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University Maryland  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Lynchburg College  
Lynn University  
University of Maine  
Manhattan College  
Manhattanville College  
Marist College  
Marquette University  
University of Maryland  
Marymount University  
University of Massachusetts  
Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
Merrimack College  
Miami University, Ohio  
University of Michigan  
Middlebury College  
University of Missouri

Monmouth University  
Montana State University Bozeman  
University of Montana  
Mount Saint Mary College  
College of Mount St. Vincent  
University of New England  
New England College  
University of New Hampshire  
University of New Haven  
The New School for the Liberal Arts  
New School for Architecture and Design  
New York University  
New School of Architecture and Design  
Niagara University  
Nichols College  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
University of Notre Dame  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Pace University, New York City  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Parsons School of Design  
University of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania State University  
Philadelphia University  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pratt Institute  
Providence College  
Purdue University  
Queens University Charlotte  
Quinnipiac University  
Regis College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
University of Rhode Island  
Rice University  
University of Richmond  
Rider University  
Roanoke College  
University of Rochester  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rocky Mountain College  
Roger Williams University  
Rutgers University  
Sacred Heart University  
St. Anselm College  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. John's University  
St. Joseph's University

St. Lawrence University  
St. Louis University  
St. Michael's College  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
University of Scranton  
Seattle University  
Siena College  
University of South Carolina  
Southern Connecticut State University  
Southern Methodist University  
Southern New Hampshire University  
Spring Hill College  
Stonehill College  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk University  
SUNY Plattsburgh  
Susquehanna University  
Syracuse University  
University of Tampa  
University of Toronto  
Tufts University  
Union College  
United States Merchant Marine Academy  
University of Utah  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College  
University of Vermont  
Villanova University  
University of Virginia  
Virginia Tech  
Wagner College  
Wake Forest University  
Washington and Lee University  
Wells College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wesleyan University  
Western Connecticut State University  
West Virginia University  
College of William and Mary  
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## Fairfield Prep Golf Outing

Friday, June 17, 2016

Great River Golf Club, Milford, CT



Reunion

## 2016 Reunion

For classes ending in 1 & 6

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Reception & Dinner

Fairfield Prep  
Student Life Center

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## Class of 1966

### 50th Class Reunion Weekend

Friday, June 3 – Sunday, June 5, 2016



Alumni Retreats

## Alumni Retreats

Saturday, October 24, 2015

A Morning of Reflection

Saturday, March 12, 2016

A Day of Service and Prep Fellowship



On Campus

## On Campus Events

Friday, Sept. 11, 2015 at 12:30 p.m.

Mass of the Holy Spirit and Missioning of  
Rev. Thomas M. Simisky, S.J.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 at 12:30 p.m.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception and  
St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award Ceremony

**Join us!** • **Stamford Business Breakfast**, November 12, 2015 7:30 a.m., Stamford Marriott  
• **Spring Auction**, May 7, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Fairfield Prep Student Life Center