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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Thank you for your sacrifices and your generosity, which enable Prep to fulfill its mission of preparing young minds and hearts to meet the challenges of our world.*



**Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Fairfield Prep,**

**H**appy New Year and God's many blessings to you in 2015! This particular academic year has truly been a "Renaissance" for Prep. We have embarked on so many new initiatives and exciting transformations at our school. We welcomed new faculty and staff members, started the 1:1 iPad program, and watched the new Student Life Center being constructed before our eyes. Prep's Renaissance is well underway, and the strong academic and Catholic traditions of our fine school continue with new spirit and energy. I am confident about the transformations taking place this year. Our students excel in the classrooms, as teachers integrate innovative technology with Ignatian teaching methods to develop the well-rounded experience for the whole student. Cura Personalis, "care for the whole person," is a Jesuit hallmark in which we believe education should involve the mind, body and soul. This whole-person learning has its foundations both in the classrooms and in the spaces between – hallways and playing fields, club meetings, play and music rehearsals. Our magazine continues to showcase the many accomplishments and activities that make our school so special.

As you know, I have been appointed Socius of the newly-formed Jesuit USA Northeast Province, centered in New York City, commencing in late summer. I look forward to assisting our Provincial, the Rev. John J. Cecero, S.J., in coordinating the new landscape of our province as well as to work closely with our Jesuits and lay colleagues.

I feel assured leaving my responsibilities to the President-elect Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., who arrived at Prep this school year to teach and train as part of his Jesuit formation. (See announcement pg. 1.) All of us at the school are delighted to see Father Simisky become Prep's next President. It is very consoling for me to

know that Prep will indeed be well served in the future with Father Simisky.

As I prepare to complete my service as President, my overwhelming feeling is one of gratitude for the spirit of goodness that is palpable throughout our school. These last nine years have been a great blessing for me personally, as a Jesuit, and as a priest. I am profoundly grateful to God for the ways He has touched me and challenged me and helped me grow in my ministry at this great school. I cannot thank you enough, parents, alumni, friends and benefactors of Prep, for the opportunity to serve in educating and forming God's most precious gift to us: our students. Our young men who, through their collective Prep experience, become more aware of the difference that they are called to make in our community and beyond.

I also want to acknowledge, with great thanks and admiration, my colleagues: the faculty, staff and administration of Prep. They are indeed the "front line" folks who do the important daily work and they deserve great praise. I am honored to have been able to work with so many wonderful colleagues.

Thank you for your sacrifices and your generosity, which enable Prep to fulfill its mission of preparing young minds and hearts to meet the challenges of our world.

Lastly, thank you for blessing my life during these past nine years, and may God continue to bless each of you and your families. May God also continue to bless Fairfield Prep in the bright future ahead!

Sincerely,

*Rev. John J. Hanwell, S.J.*

Rev. John J. Hanwell, S.J.  
President

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## Rev. Thomas M. Simisky, S.J., named Fairfield Prep President-Elect

**F**airfield University  
President Rev.  
Jeffrey P. von Arx,  
S.J., announced on

January 7 that following a  
national search, Rev. Thomas  
M. Simisky, S.J., has been  
appointed President-elect at  
Fairfield College Preparatory  
School, a division of Fairfield  
University. Father Simisky will assume leadership  
of the school on July 1, 2015, succeeding current  
President Rev. John J. Hanwell, S.J., who has been  
named Socius for the Jesuit USA Northeast Province.

Father von Arx commended Father Simisky: "I am  
pleased to appoint Father Simisky to lead Fairfield  
Prep. In his short time already at the school, his  
passion for and commitment to the school, the  
students, and Jesuit education have been evident  
to all. He has my full support and confidence,  
and I pledge to him and the Prep community the  
University's continued and steadfast support of the  
school. I also would like to thank Father Hanwell for  
his service and contributions to Prep. We are going  
to miss him and wish him well in his new upcoming  
assignment helping to administer the Jesuit USA  
Northeast Province."

Father Simisky, 44, currently teaches Spanish  
at Prep and fulfills additional administrative and  
pastoral roles. Since arriving in August, he also  
celebrates Sunday Mass in Spanish at St. Charles  
Borromeo parish in Bridgeport, where many Prep  
students volunteer. Commenting on the mission  
and his new position, he stated, "Fairfield Prep is a

school committed to excellence, knowing that with  
opportunity comes responsibility. We form leaders  
who will engage the world from a core of faith and  
justice. Being at Fairfield Prep allows me to share  
my love for Ignatian spirituality and secondary  
education, combined with a missionary spirit that  
finds creative ways to express itself."

Father Hanwell added, "I'm delighted that Fr.  
Simisky will become my successor in leading our  
great school. Prep has already been blessed by his  
wonderful presence among us this year. He is a very  
fine Jesuit priest who will bring his many gifts in  
maintaining our important Jesuit, Catholic mission in  
the years to come. I can only hope that he will be as  
happy at Prep as I have been these last nine years."

The Search Committee was led by **Timothy H.  
Murphy '85**, chair of Prep's Board of Governors,  
and included additional representatives from the  
Board of Governors, Fairfield Jesuit community,  
University Board of Trustees and administration,  
Provincial's office, and Prep parents and alumni. The  
committee solicited input from the Prep community  
and actively considered the input provided. The  
committee unanimously recommended Fr. Simisky.  
Mr. Murphy commented, "Father Simisky brings  
many strengths to answer our community's call: a  
deep commitment to Ignatian spirituality, strong  
leadership skills that have been tested in many  
settings, a powerful ability to communicate and  
connect, and global vision. He'll build on the  
very strong foundation we've enjoyed under the  
leadership of Father Hanwell."

Originally from Worcester, Mass., Father Simisky's

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# The Hanwell Legacy

BY DR. ROBERT PERROTTA, PRINCIPAL

**F**ather John Hanwell, S.J., came to Fairfield Prep as president in July of 2006 with very impressive credentials. He graduated from Boston College High School and Boston College, cum laude with a degree in management. He studied philosophy at Loyola University of Chicago and received a master of arts degree in French literature, magna cum laude, from Middlebury College. He also received a master's of divinity, magna cum laude, from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology and a master of theology with distinction from Weston in 1991. In addition to his impressive academic credentials, Father Hanwell taught both Spanish and French at our brother Jesuit schools Cheverus and Boston College High School, served as Rector of the Jesuit community at BC High, and was associate director of advancement for the New England Province.

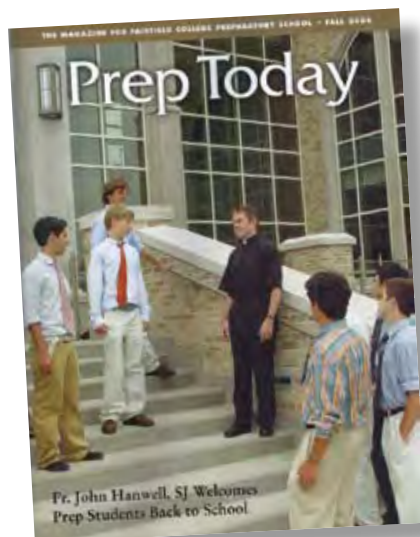
His nine years can be best characterized by his indefatigable efforts to raise monies to support Fairfield Prep's strategic goals, by his staunch commitment to support the faculty, and by his persistent challenge to the entire Prep community to "make mission matter."

One of Father Hanwell's first tasks was to develop a strategic plan in concert with the Board of Trustees

and the Board of Governors. "Prep for the Future" identified three major goals: increase the endowment to support financial aid, develop the Jesuit Educators Academy to assure faculty formation in Jesuit mission and identity, and construct a Student Life Center and a Student Fitness Center. Under Father Hanwell's stewardship and guidance, endowment increased from 9 to 20 million dollars supporting our ability to allocate over 2.4 million dollars in financial aid to students in need and to assure that a Jesuit education is affordable to a diverse population. The Jesuit Educators Academy expanded to provide faculty with multiple

opportunities for professional, spiritual, and personal development in academic disciplines as well as in Jesuit mission, identity, and leadership. Finally, last June, construction began on the long awaited Student Life Center. Scheduled to be completed in August, the Student Life Center will foster a synergy among the academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular lives of the school by providing students the opportunity to meet, to interact, to explore, and to cultivate their interests outside of the classroom.

In order to raise the funds necessary to support the major goals of "Prep for the Future," Father Hanwell was constantly on the road



The Fall 2006 issue of Prep Today welcomed the new president.





meeting with benefactors, hosting gatherings for our alumni, and “friend raising” to develop the next generation of donors. He worked tirelessly to explain the importance of our strategic goals to assure that Prep would always be a premier Jesuit, Catholic school of excellence. When back from his travels, Father Hanwell quickly shifted gears to minister, by his presence, to our students by celebrating the Eucharist at school-wide masses and awards ceremonies, attending sporting events, supporting the arts, and holding luncheons for student leaders.

Father Hanwell will be remembered for his steadfast commitment to the support of the faculty. During his tenure, faculty salaries reached the long-sought parity with the local public schools, and significant monies were allocated to support the Jesuit Educators Academy with its focus on faculty professional, personal, and spiritual development in the Ignatian tradition. Father Hanwell’s personal support and funding of a year and a half of training opportunities for the faculty in the integration of iPad technology into the curriculum before students arrived with iPads in hand assured the success of the program and has kept Prep on the cutting edge of curricular technological innovation.

Nevertheless, Father Hanwell’s greatest accomplishment was his steadfast commitment to the mission of a Jesuit high school. Going beyond academic excellence to form men of competence, conscience, compassion, and action is the key to a Jesuit education. In one interview Father Hanwell was quoted as saying: “We look at our

students as future leaders. What they gain in their four years through the classroom, playing field, service projects, retreat opportunities, all center around the Gospel values, and they take that with them to lead others in society.” He always exhorted the faculty “to make mission matter,” and challenged them to see this educational ministry as teaching not only subject matter but more importantly Jesuit ideals and values that are transformational in ensuring our students live their lives as Men for Others.

The entire Prep community is very grateful to Father Hanwell for his nine stellar years of service to the students, parents, alumni, and faculty that make up the Prep family. All of our lives have been enriched by his presence and his leadership. So to Father Hanwell,

*May the road rise to meet you.*

*May the wind be always at your back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face.*

*And rains fall soft upon your fields.*

*And until we meet again,*

*May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.*



# Building a Student Life Center

Enhancing our facilities for the campus community



## Student Life Center: Phase I

**S**t. Ignatius urged his followers to find God in the world. At Prep, this means not just in the classroom or the chapel, but also through what students call “the Brotherhood,” the fellowship of being together.

Construction is underway on a new facility that will transform campus life. The strategic plan calls for Prep to “expand its facilities to better accommodate its student-centered programs and to enhance locations that foster peer interaction in order to provide opportunities for growth beyond the academic life of the school.”

This major new space will provide students the opportunity to meet, interact, explore and cultivate their interests outside of the classroom, fostering a synergy between the academic and co-curricular life of the school. This technology-enriched, multi-purpose facility will include

an open assembly area for informal and interactive meetings; office space to support student clubs and activities; and a dining hall and multi-purpose commons. After school, the facility will host activities and events now held off campus, including parents’ meetings and presentations, sports team dinners, alumni dinners and receptions. Completion is expected by fall 2015.







# Foundations for the Future

The school has embarked on the beginning of our new *Foundations for the Future: 75th Anniversary Campaign for Fairfield Prep*. The building of the new Student Life Center is one part of a multiple goal plan which will revitalize our school and help us to continue to provide a foundation for the future of Men for Others for generations to come. The campaign will provide support in three critical areas:

- Strengthening student bonds and the campus community with enhancements to our facilities.
- Expanding the Jesuit Educators Academy to further improve an already outstanding faculty.
- Increasing endowment for financial aid.

You will hear more about this important campaign in the coming year. See [www.fairfieldprep.org/foundations](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/foundations) or call Prep Development at (203) 254-4237.



The two images above are artist's renderings of the future Student Life Center



# There's no place like Prep

I returned to Prep after spending two years in San Antonio, Texas, as a member of the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Program.

ACE is a graduate-level program in education that places young people from around the country in under-resourced Catholic schools. These schools struggle with a variety of issues such as finances, enrollment, or student achievement.

My ACE placement was Holy Cross, a school on the west side of San Antonio. It is in one of the poorest school districts—not only in Texas—but in the entire USA.

When I arrived in August 2012 I was understandably nervous being an outsider in an unfamiliar community. Fortunately the anxiety quickly disappeared. Believe me, I still had anxiety due to teaching, but I saw in my students a strong sense of pride and more importantly family.

Many of these students struggle on a daily basis, working a job after school and sports to help their families manage the tuition and yet they support each other unconditionally.

The entire school turned out for a funeral of a beloved alumnus. At the first football game I coached attendance was almost 12,000 (yes...12,000!). They lived and died by their motto "Once a Knight, Always a Knight," a code that emphasized family.

Their family code drew me closer to this remarkable community and I saw many parallels to my own high school experience at Fairfield Prep.

Part of the Jesuit high school experience is reflection. We take time every day—as St. Ignatius did—to evaluate our lives and to question if we are living in a manner that glorifies family, friends, community, and most importantly God.

While in San Antonio, I reflected constantly...on both my struggles and successes and



New faculty members, shown from left: **Brian Camus '04**, **Tom Corona '07**, **Jack Wallace '06**, Paul Denby and Sean Whalen.

each time I felt like my reflection was somehow connected to Fairfield Prep. Every problem I encountered at Holy Cross, Fairfield Prep seemed to have an answer. Whenever I had a "teachable moment" I thought back to the lessons Szabs, Fr. Barry, S.J., Mr. Sather, Coach Shea, and Dr. Andrade gave me when I was in class, the hallway, the cafeteria, or on the field. I found myself sharing this wisdom to the students in Texas. With each story I told, I felt my connection to Fairfield Prep and Holy Cross strengthening.

Fairfield Prep is more than just a school. As a student traveling from class to class, you may find yourself reading poetry, discussing the accomplishments of Roman emperors, or trying to master geometric proofs and the periodic table. But a Prep education goes beyond the classroom. It is an education for life. Look to the thousands of Prep alumni as examples.

Prep educates in the centuries old traditions of the Society of Jesus, focusing on a student's mind and heart. It is an education that challenges the student forcing him outside his comfort zone and into situations where the whole person grows.

So much has changed at Prep since the mid-2000s when I roamed the halls of Xavier and Berchmans.

The blackboards have been replaced with whiteboards, there are projectors in every room, and the maroon I wore as a member of the football, basketball, and rugby team has been replaced with the red that FP students so proudly display. Another big change is that every student has an iPad.

Despite the changes, a lot has stayed the same. The fight song hasn't changed, the Bomb Squad is still the most loyal student section in Connecticut, and most importantly FP students are still "Men for Others."

To our students, I encourage you all to listen. Listening is a skill that requires focus. Sometimes that will require putting away the technology. Take the time to reflect and ask yourself, have you done your best to be a "Man for Others"?

Take time every day to actually talk with your parents. They are amazing people who sacrifice so much to give you a top notch high school education. Parents are fabulous teachers in their own right and eventually you will realize how right they are...about everything.

Take time and listen to your coaches, administrators, guidance counselors, and teachers. They sacrifice their time and energy to help you achieve your dreams of a college education and want to help you to be successful.

Finally, take time to talk with your classmates. I have learned so much from my friends and my students. Age is simply a number. You can learn from people at Prep who are both older and younger. In the cafeteria, turn off the games, stow the iPad in your bag and talk to your classmates. You will be happy you did.

Being a "Man for Others" and a listener are not sometime things, but ALL time things. Winston Churchill famously said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." I encourage you to find a way to give each day.

The beauty of life is that we get a new chance each morning to start fresh. Try improving on one aspect of your life each day and you will find yourself living a life that you, your family, your friends, and St. Ignatius would be proud of.

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By **Jack Wallace '06**, History teacher  
(pictured center above)



# Introducing our new faculty and staff members



**Katherine Brennan** received a BS from University of Notre Dame and her MA from Fairfield University. She has taught math at Newton Country Day School and Staples High School. Katherine teaches Geometry and Algebra II.



**Kyle Hanson** is a graduate of the University of Hartford in Audio Engineering Technology. He provides technology support especially to the iPad program.



**Danielle Knapp** has her associate's degree from Housatonic Community College in Business Office Technology. Danielle serves in the Technology Department as the Help Desk Coordinator.



**Jennifer Unger** received her bachelor's degree from Drake University and master's degree from Cardinal Stritch University. She has taught at Marquette University High School and at Xavier High School in NYC where she also served as head soccer coach. Jennifer teaches AP Physics, Physics and Chemistry.



**Brian Camus** is a Prep alumnus, class of 2004, who received his BS from University of Notre Dame and his MA from Indiana University. Brian has taught science at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School and Georgetown Prep. He teaches Biology and Chemistry.



**Kathleen Jackson** received her BA in philosophy from Siena College and her MA from the University of Denver. She was department chair and International Baccalaureate Program teacher at the Education First International Academy in Tarrytown. She has also adjuncted at Fairfield University, Norwalk Community College, Sacred Heart University, and Kennesaw State University. Kathleen teaches sophomore and junior Theology.



**Iwona Kolotylo** is a graduate of Sacred Heart University. Iwona started during the 2013-14 school year and serves in the Technology Department as our database manager.



**Jack Wallace** is a Prep alumnus, class of 2006, who received his BA and MA from Providence College and a MA from the University of Notre Dame. He has taught at Holy Cross High School in San Antonio where he also coached football. Jack teaches Western History, American History and Constitutional Government.



**Thomas Corona** is a 2007 graduate of Prep and received a BS from Fairfield University. While at Fairfield University, the late Dr. Brian Lewis was his physics teacher. Tom taught science through the High Touch High Tech CT Program. He teaches Physics and Algebra.



**Deborah Kiel** received her BS from Wagner College, and her MS and Sixth Year Certificate from the College of Staten Island. She has extensive teaching experience at Monsignor Farrell High School, Fort Hamilton High School, and Moore Catholic High School where she was chair of the Science Department. Deborah teaches Chemistry and serves as Chair of the Science Department.



**Jayne Penn** received her BA in English from Georgetown University. She has taught in the AmeriCorps Program and at St. Martin de Porres Academy and Stamford Academy. Jayne also served as assistant track and cross country coach at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Jayne teaches sophomore and junior English.



**Sean Whalen** is a graduate of Canisius High School and received a BA from John Carroll University where he majored in Spanish and minored in creative writing. Sean taught Spanish at Canisius High School as a member of the Alumni Volunteer Corps. Sean has been integrally involved in Kairos and Emmaus Retreat Programs and Global missions to the Dominican Republic and El Salvador. Sean teaches Spanish 1 and 2.



**Paul Denby** received his BA from St. John's College and his MA from Boston College. He has taught English at The White Mountain School and Kingswood-Oxford School. Paul teaches senior English.



**James Turiano** received a BS from Southern Connecticut State University in Sports Management. He comes to us from Fairfield University where he served as an assistant to the Associate Director of Athletics. James serves as Assistant to the Director of Athletics.



# Why do we need Ignatian Spirituality in our world?

*Taken from Academic Dean Dr. Donna Andrade's speech at the launch of the Fairfield University Ignatian Spirituality Center (ISC). Donna serves as a board member of the ISC.*

**I**gnatian Spirituality is desperately needed in our fast-paced, rapidly changing, complicated, spiritually-bereft world; where disruptive innovation demands that we constantly plug in and connect to technological devices, but not to each other. In a world so desperately in need of understanding, tolerance, and above all, peace and love, the tools of Ignatian spirituality provide us with the “armor” to combat the alienation of modern society.

The Ignatian Spirituality Center (ISC) at Fairfield University will provide opportunities and programs for students, faculty, parishioners at local parishes, and individuals who are seeking to deepen their relationship with God. The ISC will enable those whose “only desire and one choice is this: I want and choose what better leads to God’s deepening his life in me,” to paraphrase the *First Principle and Foundation of the Spiritual Exercises*.

In my personal faith journey, I have been blessed with the opportunity to experience spiritual direction through the Ignatian Encounter currently being offered by the Ignatian Spirituality Center. Ignatian Spirituality invites us all into the company of Jesus on our own personal journeys and in companionship with and for others, because what good is any spirituality if it does not lead to God deepening his life in us? What good is a spirituality if it cannot be lived, experienced, and put into daily practice?

So, the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits, also refer to themselves as “The company” because they are in the company of and are companions of Jesus. This is significant because the lay women and men in the 112 nations and six countries who work in collaboration with the Jesuits are, de facto, also part of the company. In my small world, this has translated into me being in companionship with Jesuit and lay colleagues on a local, regional, and national level as an Ignatian educator beginning with Fr. James



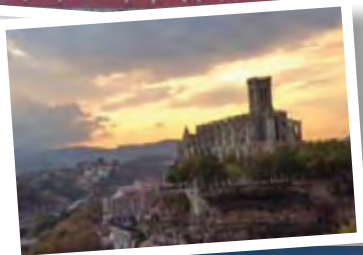
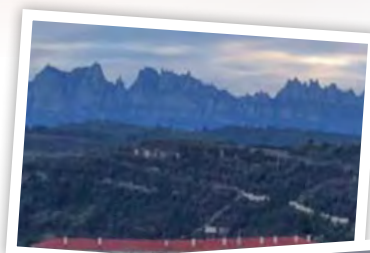
*Academic Dean Dr. Donna Andrade on her trip to Manresa, Spain.*

Bowler, S.J., Director of the Ignatian Spirituality Center at Fairfield University, who hired me to teach at Fairfield Prep 35 years ago.

Recently, I have been blessed to work with companions on a global level. I lived at the Center for Ignatian Spirituality in Manresa, Spain, at the very place where St. Ignatius wrote the *Spiritual Exercises*. I was a participant in a seminar on fostering Ignatian spirituality in our educational institutions to the ends that we form the young men and women who graduate from our schools to be people of competence, conscience, compassion, who are committed to a faith that does justice in an effort to heal and transform our very broken world.

The theme of the seminar was “the world is our house” and the participants represented Southeast Asia, Africa, India, Ireland, Australia, South America, North America, and Europe. In a small group session, Eamon, a layman from Ireland inspired me with how he imagined himself in conversation with St. Ignatius about whether or not Jesuit schools today were doing what he intended. St. Ignatius countered with these questions:

1. The “faith” question: Are our schools giving as many graduates as possible every opportunity to have a relationship with God? Do they know and talk to God? Because if every student came out of our schools this way, the world would be a different place.
2. The question of “difference”: Are we doing everything possible



*Center for Ignatian Spirituality in Spain, built over the cave where St. Ignatius wrote “The Spiritual Exercises.”*



to give our students the tools to make a difference in the world? Are we equipping them with the right attitude, the right values, to be men and women for and with others?

3. The “Magis” question: Are we, as Jesuit educators, doing everything we can, doing everything possible, to go deeper, to form the leaders of tomorrow?

The intersection between Ignatian Spirituality and Pedagogy ensures that we discern the questions that Ignatius posed to Eamon in their “encounter.” My work as Academic Dean calls for me to be a companion for and with others; to concomitantly live Ignatian Spirituality and impart Ignatian pedagogy. In this sense, Ignatian Spirituality has provided me with a road map, a guide, the tools, so to speak, to form the formers who will, in turn, form, shape, and equip our graduates with the spiritual, cognitive, and affective tools to transform the world.

In forming the formers, my work, my ministry, calls for me to practice the Magis in that I do not simply want to form good teachers. I strive to form excellent Ignatian educators. This distinction calls for me to go beyond merely giving information to teachers to forming Ignatian educators who are, ultimately, transformed; Ignatian educators who model and who live Ignatian spirituality and who put into practice the Ignatian pedagogy which shapes our students. To move from information to formation and, eventually, transformation, we employ Pedagogical Practices informed by the Spiritual Exercises such the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) repetition, use of the senses, creativity, imagination, discernment, and the examen.

The Jesuits and lay women and men who are my companions and whom I accompany are called to minister to a unique life form known as the adolescent male. Together, we explore and discover the ways in which Ignatian Spirituality informs **Who** we are, **How** we are, **Why** we are. We work in companionship to ensure that a Jesuit education goes beyond the classroom because we don’t merely teach subjects, we teach people; we work in companionship to demonstrate *cura personalis* in our interactions with our students. In our ministry, we discover God in all things and, like our students discover during their Christian Service, being **for and with others** is *symbiotic*, in that it changes us as much or more than the people we supposedly serve.

Together, we use our creativity to create a better world by forming young men and women of competence, conscience, compassion, and commitment to a faith that does justice who will go forth and set the world afire, *Ad Majorem dei Gloriam*, for the greater glory of God.



## Rev. Thomas Simisky, S.J. named President-Elect

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life has included many journeys marked by teaching, leadership, and a global perspective. After graduating from St. John’s High School and Assumption College with a degree in politics, he served as an artillery officer in the Marine Corps in the Persian Gulf and Western Pacific. He later was a district sales manager for an industrial manufacturer before earning a master’s degree in economics from Boston College. BC is where he first met Jesuits and experienced Ignatian spirituality.

Ordained in June 2014, Father Simisky has lived in Jamaica, Bolivia, Chile, Russia, and Kyrgyzstan. He speaks Spanish and Russian. He has a degree in philosophy from the Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Chile, as well as master’s degrees in divinity and theology from Boston College. He worked at Cheverus High School in Maine, Boston College High School, and Catholic Memorial in Boston. He has been a member of the Cheverus High School Board of Trustees for the past five years.

Over the next several months, Father Simisky will take advantage of this time of transition in preparation for assuming leadership of the school. The Prep community is excited to have Father Simisky, with his passion and commitment to secondary education, lead Prep into the future.

## Nominate an Outstanding Alumnus for the St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award

Fairfield Prep is pleased to open nominations for the 6th annual St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award. The award will be given to recognize those alumni of Fairfield Prep who exemplify the characteristics that Prep seeks to instill in its graduates, and who have become true Men for Others.

The five Characteristics of the Graduate at Graduation are:

- I. Open to Growth
- II. Intellectually Competent
- III. Religious
- IV. Loving
- V. Committed To Doing Justice

Last year, the Prep Community recognized **Mr. John Altieri ’64**, the late **Mr. J. Richard McCarthy ’64**, and **Reverend Monsignor Joseph Potter ’46**, for their extraordinary dedication to faith and service to others. (See story page 40.) Prep will accept nominations for the 2015 recipient of this award from March 1 – 31. Information on the award, including criteria for determining eligibility, will be available on Prep’s website under the Alumni tab. Nominations are submitted online by means of an easy-to-use online

form; filling out the form should take five to ten minutes. All members of the Prep community are encouraged to read the information on this award and to consider nominating a worthy Prep alumnus. If you submitted a nomination last year, you will have to resubmit the candidate’s nomination. Nominations close on March 31, 2015.

Thank you for taking the time to consider submitting a nomination. Any questions, please contact **Austin Ryan ’06**, Director of Alumni Relations, at [aryan@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:aryan@fairfieldprep.org).





# make mission matter



Jamaica was a great experience. I reread my journal and it was fun to look back at all of the life-changing experiences we had. Seeing how the people lived had the greatest impact on me. It showed me how much I take for granted. When we would drive outside of the Mustard Seed community we saw quite a few crudely made shacks with panels of fiber glass for roofing. It really made me feel bad for complaining about the minuscule problems I had with my living arrangements.

I felt incredibly bad about how these people live, but most of them have a smile on their face. The Jamaican people were able to show me that it is so easy to find joy in life's simplest things. I aspired to carry that same mentality home.

When we were done working we would always feel disgusting. Back home our first reaction would have been to immediately take a shower. I only took three showers during the course of the week despite working every day.

In Jamaica they had only one or two water barrels that are their only water supply for months. It made me realize how much water I waste. There are people all over Jamaica who could have used that

last sip I just dumped down the drain.

When I got back home I made sure that I was not going to return to my wasteful ways. A twenty-minute shower at home would go unnoticed. If I were to do that in Jamaica I would have used up all of their water. Now I use my waterproof watch to time my showers to make sure I'm not being wasteful.

I feel God wanted me to go on this trip to give me a different perspective on life. The life that I was accustomed to revolved around technology and self-gratification. God wants me to become more engaged in becoming a "Man for Others." He showed me how these people lived and how that compares to my life.

God gave me a wake up call and showed me that it is very easy to help others and that I live a very privileged life. God wanted to show me that it is easy to take joy in the simple things. This is a gift that all of us should learn to enjoy.

I will never forget the caretakers of Mustard Seed, they truly are saints. They have devoted all of their time and effort to the well-being of these kids.

I will never forget a caretaker named Norman. He worked incredibly hard all around the grounds and he is an inspiration to me. I remember one day

we were pulling weeds to clean out the drainage and Norman was cutting the grass with a weed wacker. It took him hours to finish all of the grounds and he probably has to do that every week. On another day we installed a fence. Norman orchestrated the whole project and was the most help—whether digging ditches or using his machete.

All of the caretakers are so inspiring. The women would spend all of their time with the kids, whether for devotion, teaching, or feeding them. The term "Men for Others" is right up the caretakers' alley. I wish all the members of the Prep community could see the time and effort these people invest in helping others.

What I will remember most about the trip are the kids. Most are not able to carry a conversation but are still able to communicate. A little boy named Rickoy always wanted to either kick a soccer ball or see someone else kick it. He would always bring a ball up to someone and tell them to kick it. No matter how many times Anthony kicked that ball for him, Rickoy's

face was always full of pure excitement.

That's what I mean—at home if someone kicked a soccer ball no one would be so full of excitement begging you

to do it again. This kid was able to take so much joy out of just a kick of a ball, which is one of the simplest things. His smile just spoke to me.

Most of the kids were like Rickoy. Just a small push on the swing, a push on their wheelchair, or throwing a ball to them is enough to make them happy.

This trip has allowed me to evolve as an individual and as a Prep brother. Before the trip I knew a few of the guys, but after we were all a tight-knit group of friends. I still communicate with them and I'm always glad to say hi when I see them in the hallway.

This trip inspired me to participate in more service trips. I hope to be a leader next year to help the incoming juniors have the same kind of amazing experience I had. As a leader I would make sure everyone is able to participate fully in the reflections without the fear of being judged.



Taken from reflection by  
**Alex Norton '16**



No one could have prepared me for my service trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica. Ever since I started high school, I've been exploring different opportunities and occupations. I know that I want to do something that really makes a difference. My problem is that I do not know what to do. I believe God encourages us to want to be "Men for Others," as the Jesuits encourage all members of their Jesuit schools.

Fairfield Prep does a fantastic job of encouraging their students to partake in immersion or service trips. I knew that I really wanted to do this but never did I guess how nerve racking it would be.

I had never been away from home for eight days without family, let alone in another country. Realizing while boarding my flight that these were my last moments with cell service and internet for a week, I sent my parents a goodbye text and switched off my iPhone. The flight was long and cramped. Finally reaching the island nation of Jamaica, we were able to look below at the beautiful country. The water was a shade of light blue that I had never encountered before.

I was unprepared to see the real Jamaica. Walking through the airport doors was a moment I will remember forever. The worst most intense heat I had ever experienced hit me like a dodgeball to the face.

We were received at the airport by a small van, where we stuffed in all our bags and ourselves. Our destination was the Mustard Seed Communities' Blessed Assurance Orphanage located about 40 minutes outside of Montego Bay.

The drive through the city was hard to bear for many reasons, the first being it was flat out terrifying. With poorly marked roads and the fact that they drive on the left instead of the American right side, sitting at the window was frightening.

Secondly, while driving we saw the condition Jamaica was in. Montego Bay was run down, the sidewalks were a mess and garbage was everywhere. It was a big difference compared to the U.S.

We proceeded on the worst ride I've ever taken. Riding on the sides of small mountains, with two-lane back roads the size of a single lane on the Merritt Parkway, cars sped past each other. I cannot express how close every car came to hitting us when they passed.

Many parts of the road had cliffs and ditches on the sides of them too, leaving no room for error by the driver. I don't even want to mention the number of men, women, children, and dogs that walked along the sides of these ice-thin roads.

After 40 minutes of driving terror, we reached a road guarded by barbed-wire fences, a manual opening fence, and a guard post. Turning onto the property, we drove over a bridge that separated the two-or-three acre property from a goat pasture. The dirt road continued for some 500 feet before coming to a small circle around a series of bushes.

Our first plan of action was to unpack the donations and separate them from our actual supplies and clothing. Our rooming situation was simple. With the exact amount of bunk beds necessary, the small room on the second floor was separated from the rest of the floor by thin wooden walls that didn't reach to the ceiling.

Being on the bed next to the door and the boundary wall, I was able to see over the wall and into the room where we all lounged in free time. The "Lounge" consisted of chairs in a circle where we played cards and other games. These games were the result of us not having our cell phones.

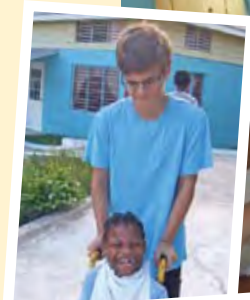
Not having cell phones was the greatest aspect of the week, as it took our eyes away from the screen and to see the world and what was going on in the moment.

Kevin, our mission agent and cook, was responsible for our group on campus. Kevin guided us through our trip with valiance and dedication. He has dedicated his entire life to this orphanage. I know that God sent him here to do great things, and that he will be rewarded in heaven.

Kevin gave us a briefing for our mission at Blessed Assurance; we were to do landscaping and child care.

What he told us about these children blew my mind. Out of the 33 children only about 15 walk, and only about six could hold a simple conversation.

This hit me like another dodgeball, almost knocking the wind out of me. I thought, "Not only are these children



orphans, but they are disabled and handicapped, too? How could God let these kinds of things happen?"

These children and young adults, all ages from 7-33, had close to nothing. Most had a small backpack, usually filled with a book missing pages, torn up coloring pages, a few broken crayons, and maybe some "blocks," the blocks being just pieces of cut up wood.

We took part in many landscaping projects on the campus and played with the children in our free time.

Norman, another native to Jamaica, dedicates his life to help with the landscaping and led the projects that we worked on. Wielding a large machete, Norman was outside in the intense heat every day doing tedious tasks with inadequate tools. His hard work and dedication inspired me when I felt tired and wanted to quit.

With the kids who could walk and run, we played catch with a football and frisbee. A small, worn swing set stood in the middle of a grassy area, most likely constructed by the hands of Norman.

For the kids in the wheelchairs, I found it very tough to help them. These kids have been orphans here for years, and they've been pushed on the same sidewalks and roads, but they were still happy every day we came to push them. I found the same thing with the other kids that could walk. They were happy with the same swing set, the same crayons, the same frisbee every day.

I wondered how this was possible, and in this moment I knew this was a work of faith. I knew from the beginning that God was going to be involved in our daily lives here as we did His work for others, but I didn't expect it to be as present as it was.

Two teams of about 12 nurses took care of the children. You can't even begin to imagine how frustrating and what strength it must take to care for 33 unique individuals on a daily basis. The nurses told us that their inclusion of God in their lives truly helps them. Every morning and afternoon, these women would have us gather all the children and volunteers to sing and praise the Lord for all He does.

Again, the question popped into my mind, "How has the Lord blessed Blessed Assurance? What good comes out of here if these children are to be bound to this campus for the entirety of their lives?"

Finally, the last dodgeball hit me. God's primary purpose for this trip wasn't for us to help these people, it was for these Jamaican saints to help us. Judging by their attitudes, they didn't need help. We, the people of privilege needed the help.

Being here opened my eyes to the many luxuries and graces I have in daily life, such as guaranteed electricity, food and water. What I really learned was that, no matter the circumstance or situation I am in the midst of, God will always be there to guide me and protect me.



Taken from reflection by  
**Ryan McMullin '16**



# Jamaica 2014



# Appalachia 2014

**At** 6:00 a.m. the Friday after school ended, 33 of my Prep brothers and five teachers loaded up into vans, all of us cell phone less, to make the eleven or twelve hour drive to the towns of Barren Springs and Fries, Virginia.

By the end of a fantastic week of service and frequent reflection, I realized that this trip embodied what are to me the most important aspects of service. While there is probably a deeper level on which each of them can be analyzed, I believe that each of these aspects can be boiled down to one thing, appreciation. It is this idea of appreciation that I want to focus on, specifically in four areas, appreciation of what we have, appreciation of what we don't have, appreciation for community, and appreciation for service.

The first way this idea is applicable is in appreciation of physical belongings. Being immersed in a culture where people have less than you provides a whole new perspective on what you are lucky enough to have and leaves you with a sense of gratitude for your blessings.

Next came the exact opposite of this gratitude for the things we have, an appreciation for a lack of possessions. Before the trip we had several meetings complete with YouTube documentaries on the poverty in the Appalachian region and so we all knew how little most of the people living there had. Upon arriving in Barren Springs, it became clear that the residents of this tiny town had much less than most of us here have, however, this was not exhibited in the fashion I was expecting. The people were perfectly happy with the simplicity of their lives. We were not there to give money to change the economic status of those living in Barren Springs, we were there to act simply as "neighbors to neighbors," as was the name of the organization we were working through, doing what simple things we could to help out. Barren Springs left me with a deeper understanding of the old adage, money can't buy you happiness.

This trip to Appalachia also instilled in me a value that is central to many of our service projects here at Prep, an appreciation for community. While in Fries or Barren Springs, we went without phones or iPods, not because the leaders wanted to make us miserable,



but because they wanted us to learn to live with a deeper sense of community with each other, a goal that is often impaired by technology. It does not require, however, a week with a group of guys without their phones to develop this sense. Any of the service that we do for Prep has the power to instill in us feelings of community with the Prep brothers that we do it with and the people that we do it for.

The next level of appreciation I came to have at Barren Springs is for the act of service itself. Each year we have a more extensive service requirement. For sophomores this will be your first year completing a service requirement on your

own. Freshman retreat provides a great introduction into the world of Christian service, but now it's time to take the next step and branch out on your own. Juniors also have a transition to make as we are asked to complete more hours in a more specified manner. As the demands on what we have to do become greater, it is important to try to develop a sense of not only having to do it, but wanting to. Our trip to Appalachia stressed the importance of getting to know the people we were there to help. This, in my opinion, is the best way to develop a desire to serve. In whatever service project you engage in this year, don't just fulfill the requirement of whatever your assigned

task may be, go out of your way to meet the people who your work benefits. Introduce yourself, tell them where you go to school, ask them about themselves, do what you need to to develop a relationship with them, even if it puts you outside of your comfort zone. If you come to know the people you are helping, you will want to continue to help them. Develop an appreciation for the person, and you will develop an appreciation and love of service.



Taken from reflection by  
**Brendan Rooney '16**







**E**very year, Prep sends about thirty students to Appalachia for a service trip in June. This year I went down as a student leader with **Peter Antonicelli '15, Andy Spangenberg '15, Chris Mazza '15, and Tim Noone '15.** During our time there, our group did their best to live in community with the residents of Fries and Barren Springs, Virginia. We slept on their floors, ate their food, and worked in their towns. During the trip, the faculty and student leaders stress that the work we do is not the most important reason why we go down there. The most important aspect of the trip is the relationships that we build while down

there, the relationships we build with our peers, our teachers, and especially those we help.

The most lasting memory that I have from the trip was talking to a woman named Mary, whose son had just passed away. She is confined to a wheelchair and lives alone, far from town. She depends on the kindness of her neighbors to help her clean her house and do simple chores like get groceries. One day, we were asked to clean Mary's windows. Upon arriving, we realized that her windows didn't really need washing. After we had finished, Mary gave us cookies and lemonade, and wanted to take a photo with us. It was obvious that our trip to her

house had made her very happy.

Later on in the week, Mary came down to the rec center for the town dance. Since she obviously couldn't dance (and let's face it, neither can I, but for different reasons) I talked to Mary for about an hour. She opened up about her son and other hardships she has dealt with in her life, ranging from death to divorce. After we finished talking, Mary asked to take another photo with me. Mary's oldest daughter, who was visiting Fries for a few weeks after her brother's funeral, told me that we had made a lasting memory with her mother right before we left. I couldn't believe that something so simple could have such a

profound effect on her.

What I truly learned from this trip was the idea of kinship, and how important it is in life. Father Gregory Boyle defines kinship as "not serving the other, but being one with the other." Kinship means that we treat everyone like our own brother. We don't just serve them, but we are one with them. Compassion's truest measure is not the work or the service we do with the poor, but in our ability to see ourselves in kinship with them.

Kinship isn't solely found in going on trips halfway across the country. It can be found in the service we do here at Prep, especially in senior year. I think that the service we do here at Prep sets us up for how we will live our lives after we graduate.

When we go off to college these values of compassion, empathy, and kinship will follow, all because of the service we started here. That's why it is so important that we take the service seriously and stay dedicated to being men for others and men with others.



Taken from the Senior Orientation Speech by **Michael Blevin '15**







## Bishop Caggiano celebrates Feast of All Jesuit



**O**n November 5, Fairfield Prep celebrated the Feast of All Saints and Blessed of the Society of Jesus with a full school Mass.

The Most Reverend Frank Caggiano, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, was the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. He spoke during his homily about vocations and the distinct opportunity our students have to be great; to be like the saints. He challenged our students to remain faithful to God over and above any material success they may have. All Saints of the Society of Jesus, pray for us! +AMDG

Watch video highlights at [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)



### Prep delegates join social justice advocates at Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in D.C.

**W**ASHINGTON, DC – Nine Fairfield Prep delegates joined over 1,300 social justice advocates affiliated with Jesuit universities, high schools, parishes, and the larger Catholic Church at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice (IFTJ), November 15-17 in Washington, D.C. The 17th annual Teach-In coincided with the 25th anniversary of the murders of six Jesuit priests and two laywomen, killed in El Salvador on November 16, 1989, by Salvadoran military for their defense of the economically poor. **Ryan Matera '15** and **Charlie McGrath '15** were chosen to speak at this year's Teach-In about their experiences with Prep's El Salvador Immersion Trip. See their speeches at [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).





## Saints Mass at Prep



## Fr. Fernando Cardenal, S.J., noted liberation theologian, inspires students

Fr. Fernando Cardenal, S.J., of Nicaragua visited Fairfield Prep on November 10 to talk about his work with the Fe Y Alegria educational movement, as well as his historic involvement with the Sandinista government of Nicaragua. Fr. Cardenal, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, was minister of education

in Nicaragua and has dedicated his life to serving the poor through education. He gave impassioned talks to Prep students about the importance of committing themselves to lives of service. He emphasized that young people in this country must use their freedom to work for a just world. One presentation took place in

the Arrupe Media Room through a translator. Another was conducted entirely in Spanish to the Honors Spanish III class of Fr. Simisky, S.J. The following day Fr. Cardenal spoke at the University in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador.

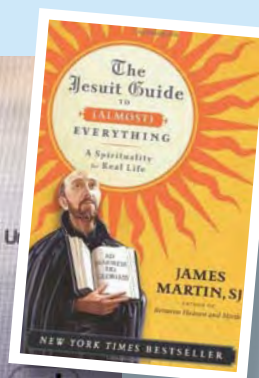
## Skyping with Fr. Jim Martin, S.J.



Prep juniors were given an assignment to present a review on a chapter in the book, "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything" by Fr. James Martin, S.J., renowned author and media commentator. Three students in Kathleen Jackson's Theology 3 class, **Austin Prusack**, **John Humes**, and **Brendan Hoffman**, had a presentation that exceeded all expectations.

Austin Prusack put his resources to the test and attempted to contact the author himself. To Austin's delight Father Martin responded quickly agreeing to a Skype interview as part of the students' presentation.

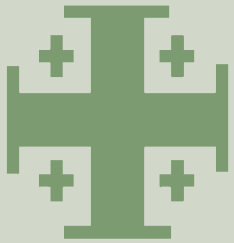
Fr. Jim Martin was incredible with this Theology class! He was engaging, asking the boys questions and through normal conversation he endowed them with sound advice for living a more peaceful life. Two impressive moments from the discussion highlighted the importance of friendship and the power of prayer, specifically through the form of prayer called the Examen. Fr. Martin told the boys that the Examen is the best for them because its practicality allows them to access God's grace in retrospection. He also made it a point that it is important to find peace in friendship and sometimes the most rewarding relationships are where an individual can just "be."





# KAIROS

## A Prep Tradition of “The Lord’s Time”



If someone were to ask me what co-curricular program has had the greatest impact on our school community my answer would be Kairos. Kairos is a three-night, four-day experience open to juniors and seniors. Kairos is a Greek word denoting quality or meaningful time as opposed to strictly linear time. It is an experience of Christian community. This retreat

program is grounded in our Christian belief that God is very much a part of our real world, especially through the continuing presence of Jesus Christ. Prayer, the sacraments, and participants’ involvement in reflection, discussion along with the experience of living in community combine to create a life-changing retreat.

The Kairos environment provides experiences for our young people to come to a personal understanding of how Christ fits into their daily life, to share stories about their faith, and to experience God in a new way. This happens by listening to a student or a faculty member share, or through the Sacraments of Reconciliation or Eucharist. It can be through an experience of prayer that they might not be familiar with. Kairos does it in a way that makes it safe for our students to share.

How did Kairos come to Fairfield Prep? What has been the experience of our students, faculty and staff who have participated? Here are a few examples of the impact Kairos has had on members of the Fairfield Prep community.

**Fr. Bill Eagan, S.J.**— It was at a JSEA conference that we first heard about Kairos. Scranton Prep already had KAIROS and they gave an enthusiastic presentation of all the dynamics. The name Kairos is important: *chronos* means chronological time, but KAIROS means God’s time, the best time, and a time of opportunity. Jim Hederman, S.J., (former Fairfield Prep Chaplain) and I agreed: we could do this at Prep; this was Prep’s opportunity; the school’s Kairos moment. We invited four outstanding juniors and along with myself and Jim we would make the retreat with Xavier High School in NY. Xavier could not have been more hospitable. Students and teachers gave presentations that stirred the mind and touched the heart. There was personal prayer,



Kairos 2—the first “All-Prep” Kairos retreat

Mass, and an opportunity for confession. However, where the real depth of conversation and relationship occurred was in the small group. The small group is where the action was and still is. After this first retreat with Xavier our group would begin Kairos at Prep in the winter of 1996.

**Matthew Kretzman ’03** — While I cannot elaborate on the specifics of Kairos, the substance of the retreat is astounding. I was able to examine myself, and determine the direction in which my life is heading. I became more aware of God’s presence in my life and throughout the world. One additional benefit that Kairos offered me, which I had not anticipated, was the knowledge I gained of my fellow students. I realized that I did not know many of my peers, and I later was enlightened to the great value of these individuals. Kairos allows one to become exposed to differing personalities and emotional outputs; consequently, I was able to learn a great deal from the experiences of others. (Excerpt from “Soundings,” Spring 2003)

**Chris Casaccio ’09**— After Kairos, as I moved on from Prep I understood my relationship with God and more importantly that relationship was on my terms and nobody else’s. I had a confidence in my faith that I had never known before. I was actively choosing it. I remember I participated in the Spiritual Exercises at Holy Cross. Don’t worry, it was more like Spiritual Exercises on training wheels, five days of silence but you got to talk with a spiritual advisor three times a day and he was there to make sure you were on the right track with your reflections. While on the retreat my advisor mentioned that he was impressed that I was picking up all the ideas so easily. And I had to admit to him that it really wasn’t me, but that I felt I had already learned so many of these ideas on Kairos; that going the last few steps wasn’t that difficult.

**Matt Cesare ’16**— When I had the first opportunity to go on a Kairos, I took advantage and my life changed forever because of it. Being on a Kairos retreat gave me a new perspective on not just my life, but others. In the small group sessions, I heard stories of kids and their lives and their struggles that I would have never expected from them. It gave me an understanding and a sense of compassion and sincerity. This experience definitely brought me closer to the kids—not just in my small group—but to every retreat. Kairos opened my mind and heart to my fellow retreaters and classmates and created a bond between us that is unbreakable. Coming off this retreat, I will live my life by the lessons I learned and will try to pass that onto others through my actions.

**Jonathan DeRosa** (Director of Student Activities and Christian Service)— When I was a junior at Boston College High School I attended my first Kairos Retreat. This experience changed my life as it was on this retreat that I realized I wanted to dedicate my life to Jesuit education. When I started my career at Fairfield Prep in 2007 one of the first things I inquired about was Kairos. This March I will be attending my 10th Kairos as a Prep employee. I am truly blessed to be fortunate enough to attend a Kairos each year and watch our students deepen their relationships with each other and God. These retreats are what separates Jesuits schools from all other schools.

As we approach 20 years of the Kairos Retreats at Fairfield Prep we give thanks to the Lord who is indeed a God who is ever good.

**Attention Alumni** — You are invited to join our e-mail list to stay up-to-date on everything happening with our Kairos Retreat Program. Contact me at [egualtiere@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:egualtiere@fairfieldprep.org) or like us at [facebook.com/FPKairos](https://www.facebook.com/FPKairos). In 2016 the Kairos Retreat Program at Prep will turn 20! We will be making plans for a big reunion. Stay connected!



By Elliott Gualtiere, Director of Campus Ministry





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**Apr., 2005**



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# Moments of Transformation

## YOUR LIFE AT PREP IN A FIVE SCENE PLAY

*Taken from English teacher Jaime Chesbro's speech at the Senior Retreat.*

**H**i guys, welcome back. It's good to be in the midst of all the excitement rich with the undercurrent of camaraderie that's tangible when a class gathers together again after a summer, but particularly when a class gathers together for the first time as seniors. When you see Mr. Gualtiere today, at some point be sure to thank him for putting your retreat together. I don't doubt that some of you will do this. I have to admit that it catches me off guard a little when students leave my classroom and on their way out a few of them will say thanks and then my name. Fourteen years here, and it's still a mild delight. It's a small and casual, albeit unprompted phrase of gratitude, but it's humbling. Keep saying it. I don't know much about the interior culture of other schools. But I do know that I have one son, and when he is ready to attend high school he is going here.

Whenever I meet someone socially, and they find out I teach here, many times, in one way or another, they want to know—what's Prep all about? Is it worth the dough? And what would you say, if a neighbor or a younger cousin came to you and asked: Should I go to Prep? How's it different there?

I know it might be hard to be reflective, today. I mean, until the first day of school, technically, it's still summer. Right? But think about this: a year from now, you all will be somewhere else. You will be in a gym, or an auditorium, or in a more formal building similar to the Quick Center, but very much not the Quick Center. You will still have jackets and hats with the logos of your high school, but they will most likely be shoved into the drawers of your dorm room. You will have a Dean speaking to you, welcoming you to the campus, welcoming you to the university, saying something about a proud history, and predictably making a joke that it's possible that seated on either side of you is your future spouse.

I mention this to you today, because so much of the first semester revolves around getting in to your schools of choice. As much as these buildings and these faces have been your life, there will come a time this year, when your attention will begin to shift beyond this place. There is nothing wrong with being excited to go to college. I remember well the summer before coming to this campus to enroll as a freshman at Fairfield University. I worked on the concrete crew of my uncle's pool company. At the time, I had recently been diagnosed with A.D.D., and given way too strong a prescription of the stimulant, Adderall. And so between hauling wheelbarrow loads of concrete the guys I worked with egged me on to do push-ups, which I did. At night I ran three miles. When my mom tried to reach the doctor who prescribed the Adderall to tell him I could not sleep and did not have an appetite, the secretary told my mom that the doctor was no longer seeing patients because he was having a sex change. Allow me to add, as an aside, if you're looking for a doctor to help with your attention deficit, I wouldn't recommend her.

In a few moments, I'm going to ask all of you to create your own scenes for an activity related to this talk. I'm going to ask you to think of your entire time here at Fairfield Prep as a five scene play. Of course we think of a play as having several acts with a number of scenes in each act, but for the sake of this exercise let's think of your Prep career

as a five scene play. I want you to write what the first three scenes look like. And then, I want you to save the last two scenes for this year. What do you want the audience in your life to see in those scenes? Consider how those scenes depict a graduating senior from Fairfield Prep? The Graduate at Graduation states that you are on your way to becoming: open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice. But what does that look like in your lived days? You guys yell and sing and chant about your school at the games with the violent passion of warriors. But when you are not in the Bomb Squad, when people watch you go about your day, how do they know you're a Prep guy? These are indeed formative years. But how will Jesuit education become part of your transformation from boyhood to manhood, from the insecure freshman to the sure-shouldered senior?

Before I finish, and before I give you some time to write your five scenes, I want to close with a scene. I want to tell you this scene because anytime someone asks me about this place this is the anecdote I want to share.

The memory unfolds as a rainy evening in the fall during parent-teacher conference night. I was between meetings and was going to try to grade a paper or answer an e-mail, but I had become completely distracted by the voices of the students out my window so much so that I decided to get up and watch them. I'm on the second floor of Berchmans, and below my room I watched six or seven upperclassmen play football, in the rain, with a docksider. Even though it was late in the day, and raining, there was still enough light for them to see. In a small pocket of space between the road, sometimes referred to as "Prep Alley," and the actual Rec Plex building, I watched the white sole spiraling with the loose laces, the receivers pushing themselves free, until finally one receiver grabbed the shoe. Several yelled touchdown, which echoed against the brick and through the rain descending on their half-closed eye-lids.

I don't want to mar this scene by projecting the friendships in this moment—that is to say that the onlooker could presume that these guys will be groomsmen in each other's wedding, or even to suggest that they will keep in touch after high school. But, anyone who saw them could tell that if they could help each other out they would—that if they were in the same class and didn't understand something the night before a test they would text each other, give each other a ride, lend money for lunch. I don't think any of that is surprising. But the reason I stood up to watch them play football in the rain with a docksider was because I wanted to see what it looked like. The reason I'm asking you to consider drafting out five scenes, the reason I don't know how to answer people when they are passively asking me, what's Prep all about, is because it's difficult to explain—it has to be experienced; it's something, ultimately, that you have to see.



*James M. Chesbro's essays have been listed as notable selections in The Best American Essays 2012, 2014 and The Best American Sports Writing 2014. His work appears in The Writer's Chronicle, The Huffington Post, and Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality, among others.*





# Trunk or Treat

Prep Seniors treat Hall School students



Prep seniors sponsored a great day of Trunk or Treat in the senior parking lot and on adjacent Grauert Field. Seniors decorated their trunks with Halloween themes, and donned costumes, for a BBQ lunch. Students from grades 2 through 6 from Hall School in Bridgeport arrived in costume to meet their Prep senior "buddies." Together they played harvest-themed games on the field. The elementary students then went Trunk or Treating with the seniors as hosts at their decorated cars. Best Prep costume was Penguins. Trunk Decoration Winners were: 1st place – Fisherman; 2nd place – Pac Man; 3rd place – Duck Dynasty

Watch Prep You Tube highlights at [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)



## Happiness is the Senior Lounge

On December 10, members of the Class of 2015 gathered in the cafeteria for the Senior Lounge Christmas Party. **Charlie McGrath** (pictured far right) won the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest and the night was filled with camaraderie, pizza and Karaoke. At left, seniors show off their wall sign with class signatures, which was designed by **Matt Crowe**. The Senior Lounge, sponsored by Prep Guidance, provides social events for the senior class to bond.





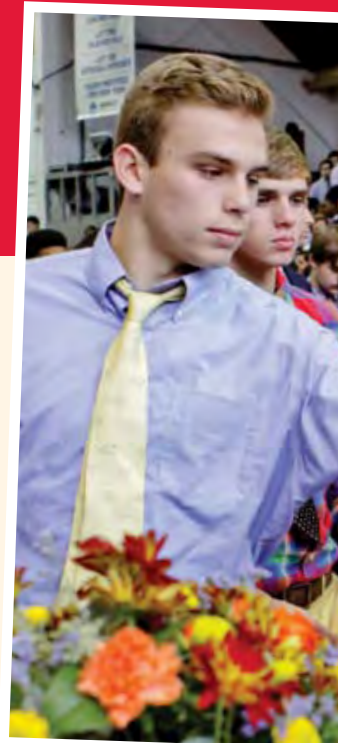
# Thanksgiving

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# Grateful

**C**ultivating gratitude is at the heart of the Prep education. It is no surprise that the ecumenical Thanksgiving service celebrated the abundant thankfulness that trickles out of every corner in our community. However, this year we discovered new sources of thanksgiving and realized that our

for the opportunity to  
make a difference



gratitude is grounded in both the little things and the big things that take place in the classroom and beyond.

To make this Thanksgiving celebration special, each student was asked to submit a confidential card at the offering revealing three things: 1) Who from the Prep community has made a positive difference in my life? 2) Why am I grateful for this person? And 3) How will I pass on this gift?

Few details of Prep life went

unappreciated. Teachers were grateful for the "students who motivate [the faculty and staff] with their hard work and dedication."

Staff were noted for being "mentors" to students and to each other. Coaches were thanked for their encouragement and "unflagging commitment." Teachers were noted for being "inspirational," "challenging," "hilarious" and "forgiving." They helped students learn to "love" and "discover" new subjects, appreciate "new perspectives" and "conquer" the subjects that provided the greatest challenges. It was noted and appreciated

when "teachers made [students] put away [their] iPads and actually talk to each other." In the most touching cases, teachers were thanked for their "simple kindness" such as "listening without judgment," "encouraging [students] to try" and having a consistent "positive outlook." Often they introduced a "new perspective" that completely changed a students' outlook.

While tales of dedicated teachers, coaches and staff abounded, there were some remarkable submissions about little things that made a big difference. Gratitude was not just from the heart and soul; it was from the stomach, too. Having an "endless supply of Jolly Ranchers" and sponsoring the occasional pizza lunch were met with multiple thank you's! The students and teachers who were especially welcoming in the early weeks of school received some heartfelt commendations across the board.



Honored staff with President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., from left: Dr. Robert Perrotta, **Mr. Gregory Marshall '73**, Dr. Donna Andrade, Fr. Larry Ryan, S.J., and Mrs. Vivian Ahlers.

## Prep gives thanks: Staff members and Kinsley '07 honored

Fairfield Prep's annual Thanksgiving Assembly and Prayer Service took place on Tuesday, November 25, in Alumni Hall. This year's theme was "Gratefulness for the Opportunity to Make a Difference." The school community was treated to thoughtful reflections, inspiring prayer, and beautiful music by our liturgical choir (a big thank you goes to Mrs. Evans, Mr. Cashman, and the faculty and students who sang and played during the service).

Fr. Hanwell, S.J., honored faculty and staff for their dedicated years of service to Fairfield Prep. They included Mrs. Vivian Ahlers (30 yrs), Dr. Donna Andrade (35 yrs), **Mr. Gregory Marshall '73** (35 yrs), Fr. Larry Ryan, S.J. (30 yrs), and Dr. Robert Perrotta (45 yrs). Prep also welcomed back U.S. Olympian **Craig Kinsley '07** (javelin) whose track and field jersey was retired (see photo on page 47).





Their hospitality was very appreciated and there are now some meaningful friendships to show for it. Likewise, the student who “gave [another student] the spare change to buy a Coke” did so on a particularly “bad day.” That act of kindness will not be forgotten.

How will the Prep community pass on the gifts they are so thankful for? They will “go the extra mile,” “inspire others,” “stay more positive,” “welcome new people,” “be a better friend,” “try new activities,” “share my knowledge,” “pray,” “follow through,” “study hard and get good grades,” “brag about [my] teachers,” “tell more jokes,” “strive for the magis” and “be a Man for Others.”

These moving anecdotes reflected the depth of the Prep experience for the entire community. Every day at school is a broad range of academic development, spiritual development, athletic development and personal

development that leaves an indelible impact on everyone. Our Thanksgiving offering shows that we are grateful in the most personal of ways.

This special Thanksgiving offering raised our gratitude in a collective prayer offering and celebrated the big and small ways we are grateful for one another. While these collective prayers of thanksgiving will remain private, we encourage everyone to let somebody know in person or in writing that they made a difference for you. You never know whether knowing this will make a difference for THEM!



Cheryl Bundy, Campus Ministry Intern, Yale School of Divinity



## Prep-West Haven game tradition

Despite a tough loss to the Blue Devils devoted Prep fans cheered for the Jesuits at Ken Strong Stadium. See more Prep football on page 32.



## Thanksgiving Food Drive feeds needy families

Prep’s annual Thanksgiving Food Drive successfully collected hundreds of bags of much-needed food for Bridgeport area families, filling Arrupe Hall! Students filled two large transport vans with bags of food for Action for Bridgeport Community Development, Inc. The staff members from ABCD were grateful to receive the large amount of food. ABCD works to provide Thanksgiving dinner for 2,000 families. Thank you to the Prep Community for your generous support of our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your donations undoubtedly made someone’s holiday season that much better this year.



Representatives of Student Government with the food collection in Arrupe Hall. Front row from left: Kevin Gallagher '17, James Ruddy '15, Ryan McMullin '16, Vito Ciambriello '16, James Mangan '15, Matt Pompa '16. Back row from left: Aidan Coyle '16, Jack Thornton '15, George Crist '16, Ryan Matera '15, AJ Mansolillo '15, Jemuel Saint Jean '17 and Bobby Haskins '17.



## Turkey Trotters

Over 100 members of the Prep Community (students, alumni, faculty, and parents) ran in the annual Pequot Runners Thanksgiving Day 5 Mile Race. For more information on this annual Prep event, contact the Alumni and Development Office.





# Christmas Tree is blessed and lit in







## Jesuits victorious in Holiday Classic

In a game that featured end-to-end action, Fairfield Prep pulled away to victory in the second half, defeating Notre Dame Fairfield 79-69. Paced by Tournament MVP **Ray Featherston '15**, **Tommy Nolan '15** scored 27 points and **Ryan Foley '15** added 18 points to capture the Championship title. **Tommy Nolan** was also honored on the All-Tournament Team.

Watch video highlights at [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).

## "Chemis-tree" Trimming

Honors Chemistry class with Mrs. Deborah Kiel, science chair, made silver lined test tube ornaments created with silver nitrate.



## Bringing Christmas to Children in Need!

Once again this year, in support of the Diocese of Bridgeport Office of Social Concerns, Prep collected new, unwrapped toys for families in the Bridgeport area. Hundreds of toys plus packages of much-needed diapers filled Arrupe Hall. Members of the Prep Squires Club helped load the toys into vehicles. Shown from left: Sophomores **Sean Carroll**, **Alex Capozziello**, **Frank Fortunati**, **Matthew Denny** and **Charles Pollner**.

Fairfield Prep celebrated Advent on December 7 with Mass at the Egan Chapel followed by the Christmas Tree Blessing and Lighting in Pelletier Quad. Fr. Larry Ryan, S.J., and Fr. Jack Hanwell, S.J., led the blessing and lighting.

Watch video highlights and the Prep Video Christmas Greeting on [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).



## Prep choir records music for the Prep Christmas video

The Fairfield Prep Select Choir recorded Christmas music used in the 2014 Christmas video greeting. See music page 29.



# Kevin Cardona '15 reflects on his Prep journey

*Taken from a speech by Kevin Cardona '15 given at the President's Dinner which is held to honor Prep benefactors who contribute \$2,500 or more annually.*

**B**efore I praise the school, the administrators and all the benefactors that have helped me get to this day in the history of my life, let me tell you about myself.

Being the product of two Colombian immigrant parents, being the child raised in a small apartment in Norwalk, being the kid that was picked on at recess, being the help my parents needed to pay the bills, I have always thought of myself as a normal person.

A normal person who by the age of 14 worked at the library to help his family. A normal person who had to work harder in the classroom than anybody else just to understand a simple concept. A normal person whose only joy in life was a basketball and hoop to play with.

The best gift I would ever get on my birthday was the blessing from God to be alive for another year. As long as I had a roof over my head, clothes on my back, and food in my stomach, I didn't need much else to be happy.

I saw the blisters and rough calloused hands of my mother from her job as a house cleaner. I witnessed the dark sun tans of my father from his job as a grass maintainer at a country club. I perceived the pain and struggle in the eyes of my parents when they got up every morning, the same pain and struggle they shrug off and try to hide in their day-to-day endeavors.

While most kids had the new Nikes and looked up to NBA stars like LeBron James, I was thankful for my decent pair of Adidas and the role model of my parents.

I never had much, yet I had it all. A normal person with the best two parents I could ever ask for, living under the roof of Norwalk Housing (which leaked on rainy nights), and the responsibilities of work and school—I had more than I actually needed growing up.

So why did I choose to go to Fairfield Prep? The better question is why did I choose to embark on a four-year spiritual journey that would



Carmen Cardona, Fr. Hanwell, S.J., Kevin Cardona '15, and Guillermo Cardona

forever change my life.

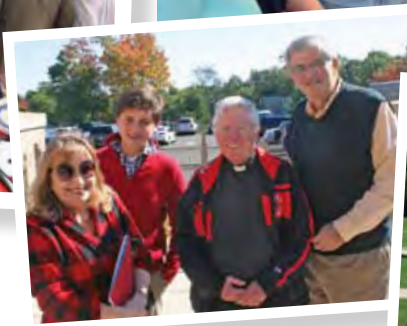
As an immature 8th grader I would have told you I chose Prep because I hoped it would help me get into a good college. I did not foresee the maturation of becoming a man. I did not foresee the discipline of writing 10-page-essays or hour-long tests that would help me tackle any task in the real world. Most importantly I did not foresee the Ignatian spirituality that Prep would engrain in me to see God in all things and to help those less fortunate.

If the push for college was enough to push me toward the rigorous academic institution that is Fairfield Prep, I could not tell you how much more eager I would have been had I known the discipline, love, and religious understanding that I was about to receive.

The journey at Prep has been one of the hardest, most difficult periods in my life. To be honest, I found it hard to fit in sometimes because of my financial background compared with other kids. On top of this, the amount of schoolwork packed on me in my first week of freshman year was just outrageously overwhelming. The transition from public middle school to a prestigious, private, academic-centered

## Prep Open House has great turnout!

**H**undreds of prospective students and their families attended the Open House held on October 5. Students, teachers and administrators were available to explain our Jesuit mission and curriculum, plus answer questions. Additionally, sports teams and clubs offered representatives in Brissette Gym to share information about their activities.





school was tough.

I have to thank Mrs. Alecia Thomas, my good-hearted friend and the Director of Diversity and Academic Support Services, for not losing my head at the start. She guided me into the SEED (Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity) program and introduced me to friends I could relate to. The study skills I picked up from SEED helped me perform better academically. I was finally enjoying the sacrifices of doing homework instead of playing video games; in reading about Julius Caesar instead of playing basketball.

The curriculum intensified sophomore year. I was nominated to Geometry Honors and French Honors III. The service requirement became an additional task to juggle. I started the year strong, but as time progressed it became hard trying to balance the time to complete all the objectives that were on my list.

To add to the avalanche, my mother developed a tumor in her stomach that worried and distracted me, affecting my school work. What if I failed out of Fairfield Prep? What if my mother, the woman that loved me and cared for me dearly had passed on? God works in funny ways. The surgery was successful and I brought up my grades. Volunteering at the Carver Community Center in Norwalk felt good helping kids with their homework and being someone they looked up to. My sophomore year, although tough gave me strength and perseverance to continue.

Junior year was by far inexplicably onerous in all parts and components imaginable. Two honors classes. Three AP courses. A thirty-hour service requirement to pass Theology. SAT testing and early work directed into getting into colleges of my choice.

I was lucky to get four hours of sleep—sometimes I would not sleep and go straight to school the next day. I was destroying the relationship I had with my parents because of going to sleep so late. They wanted me to drop some classes but I was not going to quit on something I wanted badly to succeed in.

I was literally losing my mind over school, taking it more seriously than I probably should have. But as a former heavyweight champion once said, "The man is not thought of greatness by how many times he's raised in victory, it's how many times he can bring himself up from the brink of destruction." This work ethic pushed me toward a seat in

the Summa Cum Laude section at the annual honors award Mass that I thought I would never sit in.

Here I am senior year wondering what college will take me for what little I have to offer in reality. There are a lot of bright students out there, smarter than I can ever be. I seek to someday become a doctor to help those whom cannot help themselves.

The values of hard work, discipline, perseverance, hope, solidarity, and others that Prep has taught me, I would have never claimed on my own at another school. All those geometry tests without the use of a calculator helped me to think faster independently. The nights I studied the causes and effects of the American Civil War helped me to develop a discipline that I never thought I would have been capable of. The hours I spent at the Carver Center of Norwalk trained me to be a role model who made a big difference in other people's lives. In essence, I would not be a tenth of the person I am now had it not been for these imperative values instilled in me.

Who cares if I have a 3.9 cumulative GPA based on my four years at Fairfield Prep? What does it matter that I am a Summa Cum Laude honoree associated with the National Honor Society? Is it really worth anything that I became an AP Scholar by scoring 3's or higher on three of my AP exams? What use is the fact that I am trilingual in English, Spanish, and French and am inducted in the French Honor Society? What is the meaning of my receiving the Volunteer of the Year award from the Carver Community Center? Why does it matter?

It matters because you gave an opportunity to someone like me who was destined to fail. It matters because by the help you gave in your generosity, I am able to speak to you today. It matters because I will be the first of my family to attend a university.

I would not be here if it were not for the financial aid I have received from your contributions to Fairfield Prep. If a person like me from the lower class of society—who never was anything—became so successful at Fairfield Prep, there's no telling the countless other low-income students out there that need an opportunity to fulfill their dreams.

From the deepest, most sincere genuine place of my heart, I would like to thank you all for the help you have given me and other students in financial aid as we would not be as successful if it weren't for you all. Thank you.

## Student Activities Fair draws a crowd



Over 35 clubs participated in the Prep Student Activities Fair on September 11 in Brissette Gym. The school encourages its students to participate in the various extracurricular activities offered, which enable them to discover new talents and make new friends.





# Scientific expeditions



## Astronomy Club star treks in NYC

The Astronomy Club is a brand new club at Fairfield Prep. Our goal is to research, discuss and analyze various astronomical bodies and other space related topics. We compile research into presentations that we deliver to the group and to any Prep students who are interested. We also conduct monthly observations of the night sky with a telescope that was generously donated to the club by Lauren Ryan, sister of **Austin Ryan '06**. The club was founded by sophomores **Zach Arumugam**, **Ben Martinez**, and **Jace McKenzie**. Currently, the club has twenty members.

Club member **Will Short '18** is the son of the Dr. James B. Short, director of the education department at the American Museum of Natural History. Dr. Short has been involved with science education for more than twenty years, and has served as the director of education at the museum for seven years. He has received numerous awards for his work in education. Dr. Short invited the club to take part in the wonderful and informative experience that was our trip to the museum.

Club members were given a guided tour of the Rose Center for Earth and Space, which encompasses the Hayden Planetarium. After the tour, we viewed the show "Dark Universe," narrated by Neil DeGrasse Tyson. Next we enjoyed a presentation by Dr. Michael M. Shara, the curator of the astrophysics department at the museum. Dr. Shara's primary areas of research are supernovae and star collisions. He performs research with the Hubble Space telescope and other large ground-based telescopes. Lastly, we were given an in-depth look at meteorites that few have the opportunity to experience. We held in our own hands a fragment of meteorite, and we were taken down to the basement of the museum to see the supports that extend all the way down to the bedrock of Manhattan which support a 6-ton meteorite.

The club would like to express sincere gratitude to everyone that was involved in making this trip happen. There is so much that went into this, and there are many people to thank, especially Dr. Short for giving us this opportunity, Rebecca Taylor of AMNH for organizing the whole endeavor, Mr. Corona for being such an excellent and committed moderator, Mr. Martinez for chaperoning the trip, the Fairfield Prep administration for allowing the trip to happen, and also to Lauren Ryan, for her generous donation of the club's telescope.

The Astronomy Club has no plans of slowing down in the future. We will continue to grow and offer new, exciting opportunities and experiences to our own members and to the Fairfield Prep community at large. Each and every member brings something different to the table, and we will use all that we have to offer to continue to make the club what it is.



## Environmental Science class visits Mill River cleanup site

In late November Prep's Environmental Science class had the opportunity to learn about environmental cleanup in the field. The all senior class visited a section of Fairfield's Mill River that had been polluted by lead and other heavy metal outflow from the former Exide Battery plant on Post Road near Southport Harbor.

On-site the class met with former Conservation Director for Fairfield, Thomas Steinke. He described the history of the pollution and decades long effort to stop the pollution and remediate the affected site. Representatives of Connecticut's DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) were able to describe their role in helping to resolve this problem and how it is related to other similar issues that all industrialized countries face.

Especially concerning is the issue of "bioconcentration." Organisms low on a food chain inject small amounts of a pollutant, but the animals that feed on these organisms concentrate higher and higher amounts as the pollutants work their way through the various feeding levels. Water fowl and Blue Crabs are found to have especially high concentrations that cause physical problems for the animals and make them unsafe for human consumption.

The Environmental Science students learned about bioconcentration and related issues in class and then went out on the field trip. The students could see the dredging operation and ask questions. Most had not known that this type of activity was taking place so close to where they live.

Environmental Science is a senior Science elective that combines classwork and field trips as a routine part of the course, and this is the first EnSci class to participate in this trip.





## Grandparents enjoy Mass, breakfast and grandsons



Over 200 freshmen and their grandparents enjoyed a special morning on October 9 in Brissette Gymnasium. Mass was celebrated by President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., and Student Chaplain Rev. Larry Ryan, S.J. The guests then enjoyed a short video presentation about Fairfield Prep, followed by a delicious breakfast buffet. Professional photos of the students and grandparents were taken, and grandparents also received a Prep Christmas ornament as a souvenir gift of the event.

One grandfather commented, "Any day I can be with my grandson is a good day!"



## Class of 2018 bonds at Freshman Orientation

Freshmen arrived at Prep on August 20 to participate in a variety of activities, including attending homeroom, getting schedules and locker assignments, hearing information from speakers at the assembly, participating in a prayer service, and playing in the Freshman Olympics.

See video highlights of *Learning the Fight Song* and *Freshman Olympics* at [www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).





# Prep parents participate!

## Bellarmino Guild welcomes moms at Coffee

The Bellarmine Guild, Fairfield Prep's club for mothers/guardians of students, sponsored a Welcome Back Coffee on August 25 in Brissette Gym. Mothers had the opportunity to sign up for many of the club events throughout the school year. They also were welcomed by the new co-chairs Colleen Murphy, P'15 and Trish Donelan, P'15, as well as Prep President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., and Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta. Additionally, the Guild conducted school tours for freshman/transfer parents on August 20.



## Bellarmino ladies enjoy Fall Social!

On October 15, over 120 mothers and guardians gathered for a relaxed evening at Alumni House on the Fairfield University campus. The ladies enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres with friends, and it was a great opportunity to meet and connect with other women in the Prep Community.



## Dodgeball mania with fathers and sons!

Fathers and sons had a great time together, with 16 teams of four competing for the dodgeball championship on October 25 in Brissette Gym. All participants received a FP "Bull's-eye" t-shirt. The triumphant freshman team (pictured from left) included **Bill '84** and **AJ Valus '18** with **Mike** and **Brian Donahue '18**.



## Magic show entertains mothers and sons

Prep moms and sons enjoyed dinner and entertainment featuring Vinny DePonto, a critically-acclaimed magician and mind reader who has performed in his own Off-Broadway show. Vinny amazed the guests with his mysterious talents. The event was held on October 28 in the cafeteria. Thanks to co-chairs Lisa Kral, P'16 and Gail Golden, P'16.

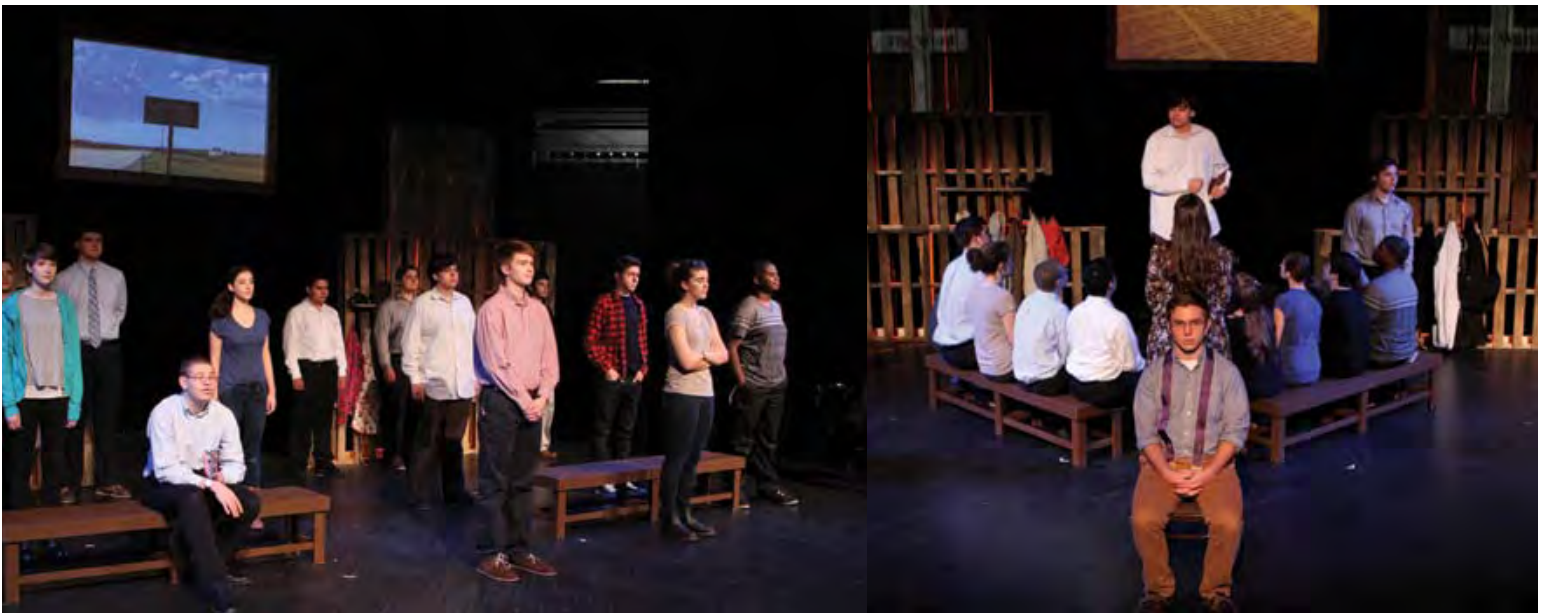


## Parents enjoy Christmas cheer

The Bellarmine Guild and Fathers' Club sponsored a Christmas Party for parents on December 6 at the Fairfield Museum and History Center, which was elegantly decorated for the holidays and featured special exhibit rooms to explore. Guests donated food items for Operation Hope. Thanks to co-chairs Pam Iacono, P'18 and Patti Falvey, P'14, '18.







## “The Laramie Project” delivers powerful message

On November 12-14, the Prep Players presented “The Laramie Project,” a play about Matthew Shepard, a twenty-one-year-old student at the University of Wyoming. Matthew was kidnapped, severely beaten, and left to die tied to a fence in the middle of the prairie outside Laramie, Wyoming, because his attackers suspected he was homosexual. Before writing this play, the authors made six trips to Laramie and conducted more than 200 interviews over the course of a year and a half in the aftermath of the beating and during the trial of the two young men accused of killing Shepard. Seventeen young men and women from Prep and Lauralton Hall worked

together as an ensemble to bring the real life reactions of nearly 70 different people who were, in some way, touched by this event. The play left a powerful message, speaking to the issues of justice and tolerance that Jesuit education strives to promote. The play was also utilized as a cross-curricular event to set a thoughtful context for Prep students by looking at the play through civil rights, literary and theological perspectives. The Laramie Project was directed by Arts Chair Mrs. Megan Hoover, and was performed in the Wien Experimental Theater of the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University.

## Winter Concert warms the audience

The Winter Concert was presented on January 14 in the Kelley Theater at the Quick Center for the Performing Arts. The audience enjoyed performances by the Select Choir, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Orchestra, Jazzuits, and Encords. The performers played to a full house of appreciative fans! The program was produced by Music Director Mrs. Christine Evans, with assistance by Mr. Zwart.

Watch video highlights at [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).





## Student Happenings



Pictured: from left, back row: **Shane Seaman '16** and **Connor Tuite '16**; front row: **Alex Norton '16**, **Ryan McMullin '16**, **Peter Christakos '16**, **Mike Kubisek '16**

### Prep Students participate in Rake 'n' Bake

Six Fairfield Prep juniors participated in the 16th Annual Rake and Bake event on November 15 in Brookfield, CT. Rake and Bake is sponsored by HDHM.org (Handy Dandy Handyman) run by community leader Peter Brady. This year the event drew over 900+ volunteers that helped local families rake leaves. HDHM is an organization that provides service for the surrounding Brookfield communities all year long, with Rake 'n' Bake being their largest event. The Prep group raked leaves for an elderly woman, demonstrating the spirit of "Men for Others."



### Mock Trial gains courtroom experience

This year the Mock Trial team had 28 members preparing for a competition that took place Dec. 5 at the Stamford Superior Court. *Civics First*, the sponsor organization, produces a mock case with witness statements, evidence and rules, and the students prepare to be attorneys and witnesses. During weekly meetings the club members work through the details of the case and practice direct and cross examinations of witnesses as well as refining the proper procedures for courtroom behavior. This year six students along with Mr. Tellis attended a workshop at Cheshire High School on Nov. 20 that gave the students an opportunity to talk about the case with attorneys familiar with Mock Trial rules. They also got the chance to examine witnesses and get feedback from the attorneys as well as other students.

The day of the competition Prep fielded two teams comprised of six attorneys and six witnesses. It is a very challenging but rewarding experience and the boys acquitted themselves very well. The judges award points for each team based on witness preparation, knowledge of the rules, presentation skills and the ability of the attorneys to think on their feet. In order to advance to the next round both the prosecution and defense from the same team must win, and unfortunately that didn't happen this year for the team. Having such a large club with many underclassmen having had the experience will undoubtedly lead to success in the coming years.

### Kelvin Alvarez '15 competes for National Music Honors

Kelvin Alvarez '15 qualified to sing at the National Association for Music Educators (NAfME) All-National Honor Ensembles competition at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, in October. Kelvin qualified for this great honor based on his performances at regional and state competitions.



Mrs. Christine Evans, music director, mentored Kelvin throughout the full process. First, he auditioned for the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA) Western Regional Music Festival, competing against other high school musicians throughout the western region of Connecticut. Kelvin auditioned for voice, singing a song in Italian that Mrs. Evans helped him learn, and performed it at New Fairfield High School in front of a panel of judges. Along with the

song, Kelvin was required to sing two scales and sight-sing a piece of music he had never seen before. Soon after the audition, Kelvin learned that he had qualified for Western Regionals, performing with the other high school students who qualified at Trumbull High School. Following that music festival, he auditioned for the CMEA All-State Music Festival. Only the people who qualified for Regionals were eligible to audition for All-States, where Kelvin had to compete with the three other regions (East, North, and South).

The audition was the same style as the Regional audition, where he prepared a song, sang scales, and sight-sang, ultimately earning a very high score. The All-State Festival took place in Hartford. In order to audition for Nationals (or the formal name All-National Honor Ensembles), Kelvin was required to apply through the National Association for Music Educators (NAfME) where he had to submit an application and recorded video of the song that he auditioned with for All-States. Mrs. Evans completed the application as his sponsoring teacher.

In August, Kelvin was overjoyed to learn he qualified for the national competition. The festival took place at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, and Kelvin performed at the Grand Ole Opry which he said was an incredible experience. He commented, "In the end, I really have to thank Mrs. Evans for everything. She helped me with every application, with every audition piece, and with boosting my moral. I attribute all of my success to her!"

Kelvin performs in the Prep Symphonic Orchestra, Select Choir, and Encords, and well as the Fairfield County Children's Choir. He is a member of the Prep Players and sings with the Prep Liturgical Ensemble. Kelvin is a member of the National Honor Society and is a Peer Tutor. He has participated in a Prep immersion trip to El Salvador and volunteered at YouthWorks sites in the Adirondacks, Philadelphia and Boston. This year, he is co-director of the Freshman Retreat. Finally, you may hear Kelvin sing the national anthem at one of the next Prep basketball games!



## Student Happenings



### Irish Culture & Sports Club shows “trócaire”

In November, Fairfield Prep's Irish Culture & Sports Club co-hosted a hugely successful musical charity event at Fairfield's Gaelic American Club. The “Trad for Trócaire” benefit raised more than \$1,600 for the well-known Irish charity Trócaire. Trócaire, which means “compassion” in Gaelic, not only helps to alleviate poverty in some of the world's most distressed places but also seeks to address the causes of poverty.

A few of the Club members, from left: **Aedan Ayer '16, Jack Feeney '18, Adrian Coyle '16, Jack Oricoli '16** with Club Moderator **Griffin Reidy '90**.



Pictured in the photo with one of our AP Constitutional Government sections is Eric Higgins of Wofsey, Rosen, Kveskin & Kuriansky, LLP in Stamford.

### AP Constitutional Government Class learns from “On Circuit” Court Program

During the month of October students from Fairfield Prep's AP Constitutional Government classes took part in the Connecticut Supreme Court's “On Circuit Program.” The purpose of the program is to give the public, especially students, the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the appellate process. Each year the Connecticut Supreme Court leaves the courthouse in Hartford and hears cases at other locations, such as Judicial District courthouses, colleges, law schools and high schools. The educational aspect of the On Circuit program goes beyond the hearing of the arguments. As part of the program, attorneys from local law firms travel to the participating schools the week prior to the session to give a lesson on the appellate court process, courtroom decorum, and a primer on the cases. After the arguments are heard by the court, the attorneys involved in the case conduct a question and answer session with the audience which lasts for about thirty minutes. On October 17, local attorneys Victoria Goss and Eric Higgins prepared our students for their viewing of the arguments *Campos v. Coleman*. On October 21 our students made the trip over to Fairfield Warde High School, host of the On Circuit program, and saw the appellate process and the work of the CT Supreme Court first hand, enjoying an excellent lesson in the art of advocacy and judicial questioning.

### Intramural Champions Crowned!



#### Ultimate Frisbee Champs

This year, the Fairfield Prep Intramural Program introduced Ultimate Frisbee as a new fall sport on McAuliffe Hill. Officiated by senior David Cappetta and moderated by Mr. Dennis, the Ultimate Frisbee league involved twelve teams consisting of 78 students. At the end of the season, The Cannons became the first Ultimate Frisbee champions of the new Intramural Ultimate Frisbee league by sweeping the best-of-three Championship series. Congratulations to The Cannons on a great season!

**2014 Intramural Ultimate Frisbee Champions: The Cannons: Michael Blevin '15, Will Cannon '15, David Nealon '15, Daniel Colucci '15, Rob McCrory '15**



#### Wiffle Ball Champs

A long-standing tradition in the Fairfield Prep Intramural Program, Wiffle Ball resumed this fall in Pelletier Quad. Officiated by senior **Alex Rosado** and moderated by Mr. Dennis, the Wiffle Ball league involved six teams consisting of 36 students. This year, for the first time in the history of the Intramural Program, a team of freshmen won the Wiffle Ball Championship with a two game sweep of a senior squad. Congratulations to The Yankees for their impressive run and sweep of the best-of-three Championship Series.

**2014 Intramural Wiffle Ball Champions: The Yankees: Trevor Gerald '18, Austin Allen '18, Mike McLaughlin '18, Ian Blanchford '18, Alex Morse '18, Daniel Fallacaro '18, Jack King '18**





## 2014 VARSITY FOOTBALL

# A year of dedication and drive!

**T**he Prep Football program has made tremendous progress over the last five seasons. We are at the point where the goal of going to the play-offs is one of our objectives each year, but this season we came up one short. For you who followed us this season, the team provided many memorable moments, outstanding play and perhaps one of the most thrilling victories in our history.

We started with a home game at Ludlowe High School. Yes, an away home game, which was a theme for this year. You may be aware that the University is re-building Alumni Field, but our spectacular new home won't be ready until the 2015 season, so, with generous support from the Town of Fairfield and Ludlowe and Warde high schools, we played five home games at their fields. It worked out well, but it wasn't home, and in truth we had eleven road games.

We opened scoring 59 points against our old rival Stamford, but then lost to another old rival, St. Joseph. We then beat newer rival Notre Dame and Branford, but our dramatic rally fell short

against Shelton and we lost 38-35. Then came Daniel Hand. Prep had two scores erased by penalties so we were behind 22-16 with 90 seconds to go. QB **Colton Smith '15** then engineered "The Drive." With seven seconds to go, Smith ran a sneak. The line pushed, got stopped and pushed again, Smith got the ball over the goal line and Prep tied the game with no time left. **Hank Healey '15** coolly kicked the PAT and Prep won 23-22.



The next week **Smith** led a total team effort as he tallied a near state record 566 yards of total offense as Prep beat undefeated Cheshire 51-28. Prep then went on to soundly beat Amity and Hamden, but fell short against Xavier and West Haven, losing each by one score.

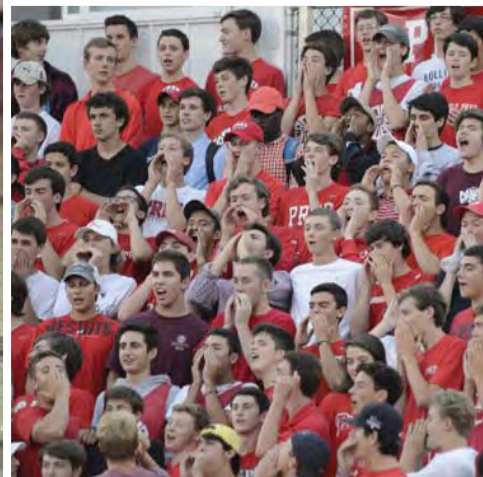
Senior captains **Colton Smith, Anthony Palazzolo, John Dellisanti** and **Arthur Mansolillo** provided leadership throughout the year and led the team with post-season honors, with Palazzolo making all of the all-state teams.

More than victories, the program serves to teach young men the values of dedication, hard work and loyalty to each other. It is an extension of the Jesuit education at Prep and when you see the leadership and character demonstrated daily by the football team; this past year was a great success.



By Tom Shea '73,  
Varsity Football Head  
Coach and English teacher





All-SCC honorees from left: **Colton Smith '15**, **Anthony Palazzolo '15**, **Arthur Mansolillo '15** and **John Dellisanti '15**

## FOOTBALL HONORS

### John Dellisanti '15

- ALL-SCC
- CHSCA Class LL All State Offense
- MSG All-Connecticut Team: Second Team

### Joe Ganim '15

- New York Giants - Heart of a Giant Leadership Award

### Arthur Mansolillo '15

- ALL-SCC
- MSG All-Connecticut Team: Second Team

### Anthony Palazzolo '15

- ALL-SCC
- CHSCA "Overall" All State Offense
- Hearst Super 33 Football All-Star
- New Haven Register All-State Team
- NH Register All-Area
- MSG All-Connecticut Team: Second Team
- Walter Camp All-Connecticut Team

### Colton Smith '15

- ALL-SCC
- CHSCA Class LL All State Offense
- Hearst Super 33 Football All-Star
- NH Register All-Area
- MSG All-Connecticut Team: First Team



## Shea passes the torch, Hellstern named new Head Coach

Longtime assistant coach, alumnus and Head Varsity Football Coach for the past five seasons, **Tom Shea '73** stepped down in January as head coach after compiling a record of 32-23 in five years. Shea finished his career with three straight winning seasons and a Class LL championship game appearance in 2013. Shea will remain on the coaching staff going forward, and will continue to teach English at Prep.

Taking over as head coach will be Fairfield Prep Social Studies teacher Keith Hellstern. Hellstern arrived at Prep having already served on numerous college and high school coaching staffs including: Amherst College, Columbia University, Wesleyan University, The Hotchkiss School, The Dwight School and Poly Prep Country Day School. Hellstern has been the strength and conditioning coach and the Defensive Coordinator for Prep Football since 2010. Hellstern, a Glen Ridge, NJ, native, played football at Glen Ridge High School and went on to play collegiately at Wesleyan University as an offensive and defensive lineman.



# Cross Country rebuilds

After an undefeated 2013 season and consecutive State Open appearances over the past four years, 2014 was a rebuilding year for the Prep Harriers. Led by senior captains **Andy Thane**, **Paul Cashman**, and **Matt Rusin** the Prep Cross Country team had a dual meet record of 4-5 this season. Hampered by injuries all season long, Prep lost close meets to Guilford, Branford, Hamden, and Xavier by a combined total of 9 points. However, with the return of all varsity athletes for the SCC Championship Fairfield Prep finished fifth in one of the premier state conferences.

At the state Class Championship at Wickham Park in East Hartford junior **Jack McGowen** led the team and individually qualified for the State Open where he finished 99th in the state. The team then went on to the Jesuit High School Championships at Van Cortland Park in New York placing 4th out of nine teams.

Joining the team this year was former CC captain **Chris Sages '94** who volunteered as an Assistant Coach. Coaches Ford Jr. and Ford Sr. both worked with Chris Sages when he was a high school runner and he helps strengthen the tradition of Prep distance running.

Prep Cross Country looks forward to next year with returning runners **Jack McGowen '16** and **George Crist '16** (both captains for 2015), **Pat Byrne '16**, **Chris Nilsson '17**, and **Drew Thompson '18**. **George Crist** earned All-SCC – 2nd Team.



# Crew places 3rd at New England Championship

The 2014 Fall Crew team had high expectations coming into the season led by a strong group of juniors and sophomores and the results showed that the team is ready for a fantastic spring campaign. Juniors **Zach Hamar** and **Austin Prusak** rejoined the team after spending the summer rowing and coxing for the United States Development Program, preparing to represent the U.S. in international competition.

The season began with a home race against Brunswick, Fordham Prep, Xavier and St. Peter's Prep (NJ). Prep Crew was slow to start and finished in the middle of the pack. The Head of the Riverfront in Hartford on October 5 showed that the crew was indeed getting faster, gaining valuable seconds on their competition and setting the stage for the best weekend of the season.

Saturday, October 11, the crew team traveled to the Head of the Housatonic regatta. Prep's 1st Varsity 8+ placed 4th out of 19 crews and gave the team our best ever finish in the Varsity 8+ at this event. Coming off the water **Zach Hamar** commented that it was "Some of the best rowing we've done so far." The results confirmed exactly that as the crew made up :33 seconds on 1st place Brunswick School.

On Sunday, October 12, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Varsity 8+s traveled to Worcester to compete in the New England High School Championships. A fantastic effort by sophomore coxswain **John Pacelli** got the Varsity 8+ moving quickly; with junior stroke **Kevin Lichtenfels** claiming that the last 100 meters was "the strongest we have ever rowed." The crew was beaten only by BC High and Hingham High, both from Massachusetts, making Prep the fastest Connecticut Varsity 8+ at the event. Not to be outdone, the 2nd Varsity 8+ passed four boats on their way to taking 3rd place, again being edged out by BC High and St. John's (MA). A wonderful effort by all that sets the team up well for the spring championship season!

The season ended with a trip north to Saratoga Springs, NY, for the Head of the Fish. All crews had a good race. Unfortunately the final race at Fordham Prep was cancelled due to high winds and temperatures in the 20's. The team will train over the winter, looking to remain the fastest team in Connecticut and preparing for the spring New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Championship on May 23. Spring Crew tryouts will be held on March 16.



# Soccer wins SCC Championship



**T**he Fairfield Prep Varsity Soccer Team, led by Head Coach **Ryan Lyddy '93** enjoyed a successful fall season, concluding with the SCC Quinipiac Division title, the SCC Conference championship, and a State Tournament appearance. After losing eight seniors to graduation, the team was led by underclassmen and senior captains **Mike Infante '15** and **Chris Montani '15** to a 12-6-2 record.

The Jesuits' season started slowly with early season losses to conference rivals Guilford, West Haven, Shelton and a 2-1 defeat to two time New York State Champion St. Anthony's High School from Long Island. Prep recovered from this rough stretch, and went 9-1-1 in their last eleven games, losing only

to Boston College High School from Dorchester, MA. Over this eleven game stretch, the Fairfield Prep's defense, led by goalkeepers **Daniel Szabo '17** and **Chris MacKay '17** and defenders **Pat Hess '15**, **Simon Whiteman '15**, **Aidan Rooney '16** and **Biagio Paoletta '17** allowed only seven goals. Offensively, the Jesuits were led by a talented group of goal scorers including **Jimmy Colihan '15**, **Aidan Bracken '15**, **Jack Oricoli '16**, **Matt Callahan '16**, **Pablo Martinez '17** and **Jamie Becker '17**. During this stretch, Prep reversed early season losses by defeating Guilford 3-0 and West Haven 7-1 and clinched the Quinipiac Division title with a 1-0 victory at Xavier on a miraculous goal by Pat Hess.

The Jesuits earned the fifth seed in the SCC Conference Tournament and returned to West Haven. In the second half, Biagio Paoletta scored a goal off of a corner kick to lead Prep to a 1-0 victory. In the semi-finals, the Jesuits traveled to Wallingford to face a previously undefeated Lyman Hall squad. After goals by **Jimmy Colihan**, **Aidan Bracken** and **Jamie Becker** put the Jesuits up 4-1, Prep's midfield combination of **Montani**, **Infante**, **Matt Crowe '15** and **Julio Ojea Quintana '17** fought off a late rally to preserve a 4-3 victory. In the SCC Championship game, Fairfield Prep battled with Daniel Hand through 100 minutes of regulation and overtime before being



lifted to victory in a shootout. **Nick Kelly '15** scored in the first shootout attempt and **Daniel Szabo** stopped two attempts and scored the final attempt en route to earning the SCC Conference Most Outstanding Player award. In the Class LL State Tournament, Fairfield Prep suffered a heartbreaking loss to Conard High School in penalty kicks.

Throughout the season, the Jesuits were led on and off the field by their

senior class of **Montani**, **Infante**, **Hess**, **Whiteman**, **Colihan**, **Bracken**, **Crowe**, **Kelly**, **Alejandro Correa '15**, **Sam Smit '15**, **Kevin Duque '15**, **Zach Oracheff '15**, **Omar Rodrigues '15** and **Bobby Schloth '15**. **Simon Whiteman** was named to the All-SCC Team. **Chris Montani** and **Biagio Paoletta** were both named to the All-SCC Team, the New Haven Register All-Area Team, and were both named to the Connecticut State Coaches All-State Team.

## SOCCER HONORS

### Simon Whiteman '15

- All-SCC Team
- New Channel 12 Scholar Athlete

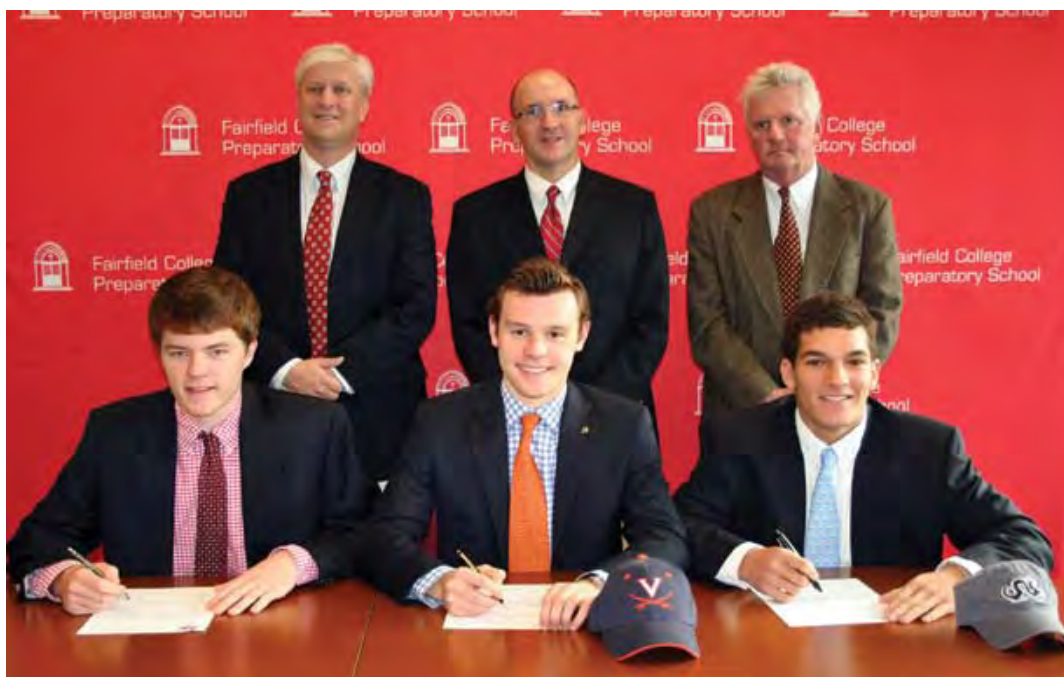
### Chris Montani '15

- All-SCC Team
- New Haven Register All-Area Team
- CHSCA All-State Team

### Biagio Paoletta '17

- All-SCC Team
- New Haven Register All-Area Team
- CHSCA All-State Team





Fairfield Prep is proud to announce the athletic commitments of three seniors, pictured from left with their varsity coaches: **Thomas Nolan** (Fairfield University basketball) with Leo Redgate; **Bryce Keblish** (University of Virginia swimming NLI) with Rick Hutchinson; and **Cam Harris** (Drexel University lacrosse NLI) with Chris Smalkais.

## Nolan, Keblish and Harris commit to College Athletics

### Thomas Nolan '15

**Thomas Nolan** takes special joy in his service commitment to the Shehan Center in Bridgeport, having spent much of his young life playing basketball in Shehan Center programs. As a volunteer, Thomas mentors children in whom he sees himself. Thomas's formation brought him to Fairfield Prep where he has balanced his studies and basketball career well, a significant challenge as he has started at the varsity level since his first game in freshman year. He was a key player on the Prep team that advanced to the Class LL State Championship and earned Runner-Up in 2013 and 2014, as well as part of the first Prep team to win the SCC title. A standout in the Prep basketball program, Thomas was named MVP of the SCC Tournament last year as well as being named to the Connecticut Post and New Haven Register All-Star Teams. He was also named to the CHSCA All-State Team. In January, Thomas scored his 1,000th point for the Jesuits. Prep's basketball program has benefited from his intensity and dedication to excellence on the court. Thomas has decided to continue his education in Jesuit tradition in committing to Fairfield University where he will begin his academic and basketball careers beginning in the fall of 2015.

### Cam Harris '15

**Cam Harris** is an outstanding student as well as a three-year starter on the varsity lacrosse team at Prep, who were Class L State Champions in 2013 and 2012, and won the SCC championship for the past four years. In 2014 he was a CIAC All-State Award winner and earned All SCC 1st Team honors. Lacrosse has been a big part of Cam's life for many years, and he also plays in the off-season for the Eclipse and Bull Dog Lacrosse Clubs. Cam pushes himself in the classroom while taking many Honors and AP courses, and has also been a big contributor to Prep's football team for the last two years as a wide receiver/defensive back. Cam has dedicated many hours in community service to the "Breakthrough Options for Families" in Norwalk, which provides advocacy and mentoring services for single-parent low income families. He tutors and mentors a young man who is growing up in a single parent home, and enjoys going to the movies, getting something to eat and playing recreational activities with him. An avid fisherman and skier, Cam is also an accomplished acoustic guitar player. Drexel University is a nationally ranked Division I lacrosse team, and Cam is thrilled to continue playing lacrosse for Coach Brian Voelker.

### Bryce Keblish '15

**Bryce Keblish** has had a impact on the Prep Swimming & Diving team. A standout athlete and leader, Bryce has emerged as one of the top swimmers in Prep's history setting multiple team, league and state records. In 2012 he was an instrumental member of the Prep team that would claim the SCC, LL and State Open titles. In 2013, Bryce achieved All-American status as a member of the 200 Freestyle and 400 Freestyle relays. In 2014, Bryce had one of the best individual 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. Bryce competes for the Westport YMCA Water Rats Swimming Team where he is a Junior National Qualifier and a 7-time Finalist at the YMCA National Championships. In 2012 Bryce was on the Prep Soccer team that was Runner-Up at the LL State Championship. He is in the National Honor Society and serves as a peer tutor on campus and at the Shehan Center in Bridgeport. He has volunteered at the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club and was a founding member of the Fairfield Chapter of Scholars & Athletes serving others. Bryce looks forward to continuing his athletic and academic career at the University of Virginia.



### Coach Mauritz and Prep Baseball score Sportsmanship Award

**O**n October 21 the Fairfield Prep Baseball program and Head Coach Rudy Mauritz were honored by the Fairfield County Chapter of Approved Baseball Umpires with the "John Sharkey Laureno Sportsmanship Award" for the 2014 season. The award is presented to a school that demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship during the season as voted by member umpires. It also takes into consideration the sportsmanship of the coaches and fans. Major League Baseball umpire Phil Cuzzi spoke at the event. Cuzzi has been an MLB umpire since 1999 and worked in the Wild Card Game, The Division Series, 2014 NLCS and 2008 All-Star Game at Yankee stadium and spoke to the crowd of umpires and award recipients about the importance of sportsmanship even at the highest level of the sport.





Pictured front from left: **Simon Whiteman** and **Kevin Stone**. Back row from left: Marian Whiteman, Jamie Whiteman, Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, Varsity Coach/Teacher Rudy Mauritz, Asst. Athletic Director James Turiano, Kevin Stone and Christine Stone.

## Whiteman and Stone commit to play at Yale and Harvard

### Simon Whiteman '15

**P**ersonal excellence has been **Simon Whiteman's** mission during his Prep years where he has achieved with the best academically while excelling in three sports (soccer, indoor track, and baseball) as a Prep athlete. Simon earned All SCC Quinnipiac selection (baseball) in his junior year, and All SCC Team (soccer) his senior year. His maturity, determination and effort have led to a number of leadership opportunities on and off the fields at Prep while his desire to grow in all areas of his life have defined him. Simon has been described as hardworking and dedicated on the baseball field by Coach Mauritz and has been characterized as a student with "excellent natural abilities coupled with an unparalleled work ethic." Simon was recognized as a National Merit Commended student and has consistently taken the strongest course of studies offered at Prep while achieving at the summa cum laude level each year. He is a member of the National Honor Society and received the Harvard Club Book Award. He has served in student government and in Prep's Campus Ministry program as well as sharing his academic talents with the Prep students as a Peer Tutor. Simon's energy has impacted the wider community as he is involved in the life of his parish and as a volunteer in the Top Soccer program. In addition Simon chose to participate in Prep's Urban Plunge immersion during his junior year. Simon is well prepared to take up the challenges his academic and athletic achievements have earned him as he sets his sights on excellence in the classrooms and baseball fields at Yale University in the fall of 2015.

### Kevin Stone '15

**A**s **Kevin Stone** prepares for his upcoming varsity season he will be the first baseball athlete to letter for all four years in more than a decade. Kevin became the first non-senior in Prep baseball history to be named to the Connecticut High School Coaches' Association (CHSCA) All State Team. He represented Prep in the CHSCA Junior All Star game, and was named CT MVP. Kevin was also selected for the New Haven Register's All Area Baseball Team. He achieved All SCC Quinnipiac selection in sophomore and junior years and was an All-State selection in his junior year. An outstanding student athlete with a desire for excellence in all areas, Kevin has risen to challenges in the classroom and on the field at Prep, consistently bettering his performance in both fields of endeavor each year. Excelling on the mound, in the outfield and at bat has drawn much attention to Kevin as an outstanding baseball athlete, however, his most powerful contribution, in the words of Coach Mauritz is that, "Kevin makes those around him better." Kevin has qualified for the strongest course of studies available at Prep and is a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to his baseball accomplishments Kevin has contributed to the Prep community as a Peer Tutor and to the wider community, working with children at a local community center. His achievements have led to outstanding college opportunities and Kevin is fully prepared to meet his next set of challenges at Harvard University where he will begin his collegiate academic rise and baseball career beginning in the fall of 2015.



## National Merit Scholars

**F**airfield Prep is pleased to announce recognition of nine seniors who are Commended in the National Merit Scholarship Program, as well as senior Dylan Hawkes who is honored as a National Merit Semi-finalist. The seniors are recognized based on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken in their junior year. Over 1.5 million students from across the nation entered the competition by taking the test, and the Prep winners were selected based on placement in the top five percent in the highly competitive state of Connecticut.

Front row seated from left: **Robert Barrett**, **Thomas Wiig** and **Simon Whiteman**. Back row from left: **Dylan Hawkes** (National Merit Semi-finalist), President Rev. John Hanwell, S.J., **Charles Paul**, **Christopher Specht**, **Gavin Granath**, **Dongju Lee**, **Griffin Roth**, Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta and **Sean Geercken**.





## Boston Business Breakfast

Guest Speaker  
to be announced

**Tuesday, April 7**

7:45-9 am

Boston College Club

Register online at  
[www.fairfieldprep.org/boston](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/boston)

**Save the Date!**



## NYC Business Breakfast



Guest Speaker, Dr. Robert Witt '58  
Chancellor of University of Alabama

**Tuesday, June 9**

7:30-9 am

Union League Club

Register online at  
[www.fairfieldprep.org/nyc](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/nyc)

**Save the Date!**



### Class of '72 travels cross country to reconnect

**O**n August 30, 2014, alumni from the class of '72 came in from Florida, Pennsylvania, California and points in between just to get together for golf and dinner. Everybody wants to make it an annual event. "We really have a great class. We look forward to our 45th 'official' reunion in 2017 at the new Student Life Center!" – commented **Bill Marshall '72**



### Alumni gather in the Windy City!

**C**hicago area alumni and friends gathered for an international exhibition rugby match between New Zealand and the United States on November 1 at the Soldier Field. Director of Alumni Relations **Austin Ryan '06** (center) attended from Prep, joined by (left to right) **Tom Shaughnessy '77**, **Ian Brennan '02**, **Tim Bierman '87**, **John Griffin '09**, **Lou Benedetto '06**, **Stefan Tropsha '06**, and **Emmett Croker '09**. The Alumni and Development office hopes this will springboard more events for this chapter, which has over 100 alumni in the area, to offer the opportunity for Prep grads to connect with one another and keep in touch with the school.



### Gregory Angelo '96 speaks at Washington, D.C. reception

**G**regory T. Angelo '96, current Executive Director of Log Cabin Republicans and political expert, was the guest speaker at an alumni reception on October 21 at the Capital Hilton. He spoke about the importance of his Prep experience in preparing him for his career path and ultimate profession in politics. He also answered questions regarding the outlook for the mid-term elections and political party dynamics in Washington. Prior to his current position, Mr. Angelo served as the Chairman of his organization in New York State. Angelo is also the Executive Director of the Liberty Education Forum, a non-partisan think tank. He was an Alternate Delegate for Newt Gingrich in the 2012 election cycle and has been featured in numerous media outlets, including *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *CNBC*, *ABC News*, *NPR*, *C-SPAN*, and others.

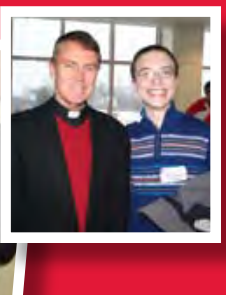


### Class of '83 celebrates 50th birthdays

**M**embers of the class of '83 recently gathered in Boston to celebrate the 50th birthdays of **Bill Perry** and **Andy Phelan**. Front row from left: **Pete Rychlik**, **Jim Maffuid**, **Andy Phelan**, **Mike Doyle**. Back row: **Ed Boyle**, **Matt Merullo**, **Bill Perry**, **Brett Traussi**, **John Linell**.

### Young Alumni return to campus

**O**n January 6, Prep classes of 2011-2014 joined faculty and current seniors for a reception. They reconnected with teachers, caught up with classmates, and shared their experiences as alumni with the class of 2015.







## Steve Schwartz, P'14, '19 speaks at Stamford Breakfast

Stephen M. Schwartz, P'14, '19 (pictured with Fr. Hanwell, S.J.) recounted his experiences with Kenbelle Capital and hedge funds with Prep alumni, parents, and friends, over breakfast on November 13 at UBS in Stamford. Schwartz, co-founder of Kenbelle, enlightened attendees on his career's efforts in hedge funds, particularly those pertaining to energy equity investments. From his experiences in long-only hedge funds to long-short equity funds, Steve commented on investing at the state level, and elaborated on the origin, growth, and future of hedge funds. Following his address, Schwartz answered questions ranging from personal advice to those considering a career in this field, to his predictions for future success of hedge funds in the US.

Special thanks to **Matt Terry '82, P'11, '12, '15, '17**, SVP Investments, UBS Private Wealth Management, for hosting the meeting at UBS.

Watch video of Steve's presentation [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).



## California Alumni Reception

California area alumni and friends gathered for an evening reception on October 29 at the offices of Mad Old Nut Productions, a film and TV production company headed by CEO & Founder **Todd Ulman '96** and CFO **David Knott '97**. President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., VP for Advancement **Larry Carroll '63**, and Director of Major Gifts **J Dillon Collins '98** attended from Prep. Special thanks to Mad Old Nut Productions in Hollywood, for offering their professional space for the gathering.

Todd and David recently offered a Fairfield Prep alumni internship to **Alex Tortora '10** to give a college grad the opportunity to be introduced to their industry. Pictured from left: **David Knott '97, Alex Tortora '10** and **Todd Ulman '96**.

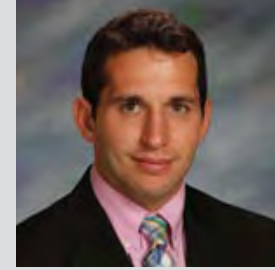


## Internship for Alumnus pursuing Communications/Technology career

Mad Old Nut Productions, is offering a summer internship position to a Prep alumnus! The ideal candidate must have a passion for either film/television as well as computers. **Educational aspects of Internship:** focus on post-production and editing in television shows; business experience seeing the ins and outs of what it takes to build and run a company using MONP as a model; understanding the basic economics of a business and the expenses and equipment needed to stay on the cutting edge while maintaining a budget. Related courses: video editing, economics, cinema production. Contact [aryan@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:aryan@fairfieldprep.org).



# New Look, New Faces, Same Prep!



It is with a profound sense of pride and accomplishment that I address you as the Director of Alumni Relations. Since I graduated, my goal was to work at Prep; and thanks to the diligence, patience, and

integrity I learned within these very walls, that dream is now realized!

How fitting it is that I return to Prep amidst change as change filled the campus when I left. Fall 2005 saw the completion of Arrupe Hall, which began summer 2002 – my freshman year; and summer 2006 saw the arrival of Rev. John Hanwell, S.J. Today, the retirement of unforgettable faculty and staff members, the construction of the Student Life Center, the implementation of the iPad, and the arrival Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., as President-Elect, grip this community.

Ironically, this "change" is nothing "new." Fairfield Prep, in the Jesuit tradition, has and will always seek the *magis* or "more." If one is to seek the *magis* properly, one must be willing to "change;" i.e: evolve, grow, adapt, and learn. By its very nature as a Catholic, Jesuit school of excellence, Fairfield Prep will always "change." Simultaneously, I've spent much of my time thus far reassuring members of this community that this "change" is in fact growth and progress. As Winston Churchill once said, "to improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." This sentiment when juxtaposed to the *magis* personifies the principles of Fairfield Prep; which is substantiated by 75 years of tradition and 500 years of Jesuit influence.

While all these "changes" have happened and continue to happen, the essence of Fairfield Prep's mission statement has not changed. Prep still "offers the finest preparation for college," as our National Merit Scholars show. Prep still "invites students to deepen his relationship with God," as our St. Ignatius Alumni Award winners demonstrate. And, Prep still "challenges its students to become men of conscience, compassion, and action" as the cross-curricular efforts between academic departments that addressed the sociological issues the fall production of *The Laramie Project* brought to light.

Dearest friends, our distinguished alumnus and faculty member **Tom Shea '73** says it best: "I didn't go to high school, I went to Prep." This notion, constantly repeated, is the very essence of this institution. And as such, no amount of aesthetic or superficial renovation will ever change this sentiment. So, I invite you all to continue this mission with me; for Prep's present is sure-footed, and its future has bright horizons – as long as we never say die. Let's go Fairfield, Fairfield let's go. AMDG

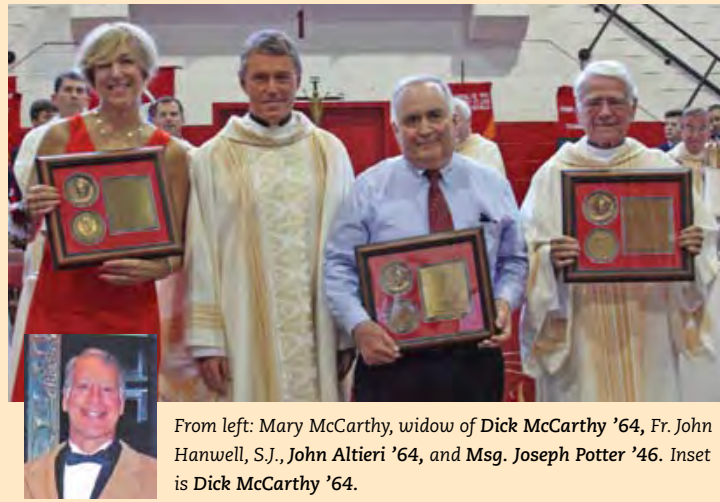
Austin Ryan is a Prep alumnus, class of 2006, who received his BA from Marquette University. Austin taught English and coached rugby and football at Jesuit Dallas since 2010. Austin has joined Prep as our Director of Alumni Relations.



# St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award given to three outstanding “Men for Others”

**F**airfield Prep honored **Mr. John Altieri**, class of '64, the late **Mr. J. Richard McCarthy**, class of '64, and **Reverend Monsignor Joseph Potter**, class of '46, as recipients of the annual St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award at the school-wide Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 5. The award, established in 2010, recognizes those alumni who exemplify the characteristics that Fairfield Prep seeks to instill in its graduates, specifically open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice.

**Mr. John L. Altieri Jr. '64** has worked via his law profession and personally to support social justice initiatives and volunteer time, talent and resources to the Malta House of Norwalk, a home and



From left: Mary McCarthy, widow of Dick McCarthy '64, Fr. John Hanwell, S.J., John Altieri '64, and Msg. Joseph Potter '46. Inset is Dick McCarthy '64.

program providing help for homeless pregnant women and their newborns.

**Mr. J. Richard “Dick” McCarthy '64** was honored posthumously for his lifetime of legal work and his passionate, caring acts, representing and helping seniors and disadvantaged children and families, and lending help and sharing friendship with the poor and lonely in our society.

**Rev. Msgr. Joseph D. Potter '46**, is a Bridgeport Diocesan priest who has devoted much of his life to building churches

and providing support, food and education for children in many communities of the Juazeiro Diocese area in northeast Brazil. He has also served as pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bridgeport where he initiated Masses in Spanish, Laotian, Haitian Creole, and Brazilian Portuguese.

## Ed Krygier '60 and alumni group honored

**O**n December 4, the Columbus House honored **Ed Krygier '60** and the Fairfield Prep Alumni Service Group with the **John S. Martinez Community Service Award**. This award commemorates the late State Representative, a former Columbus House employee and board member, who dedicated his life to serving others. The award is given to those who demonstrate a strong commitment to making the community stronger, healthier, and safer to live for all. Ed, recipient of Prep's 2013 St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award, and his group annually serve at The Columbus House, committing their time and resources to helping those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Watch Ed's acceptance at [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)

### THANKS to these Prep volunteers for their faithful service at Columbus House and Merton House

Ed Krygier '60, Nick Perna '60, the late Woody Schempp '60, Hal Savard '44, Tom Savard '72, Joe Connolly '60, Ron Grywalski '65, Bernie Bruder '57, Jeff Donofrio '83, Jeff Donofrio, Jr. '14, John Leary '64, Kevin McQuade '73, Matt Webber '93, Randy Bayliss '71, Jim Duffy '61, Ken Sneider '73, Dave Bigley '82, Don Moran '61, Kevin Foley '73, Luca Cardozo '72, Mike Gannon '61, Dave Mazzei '61, Vin Kravec '89, Dave Papa '87, Tony Pellegrino '48, Terry Donahue '59, John Murphy '56, John Phelan '84, Al Jennings '57, Joe McBride '80, Shawn McDonnell '72, Jack Welch '50, Matt Rorick '95, Jerry Hemenway '61, John Santa '60, Tom Tarczali '74, Bill Redgate '59, Rory Bernier '06, John Drury AP, Larry Carroll '63, Austin Ryan '06, and J Dillon Collins '98.



Pictured from left: Randy Bayliss '71, Kevin McQuade '73, John Leary '64, Ed Krygier '60, and Bernie Bruder '57. Attended but not pictured Jeff Donofrio '83.








Volunteers at the Columbus House lasagna dinner service event.



## Alumni Class News

**Submit your news!** Let us know what's NEW in your life! Submit your news and photos easily online at [www.fairfieldprep.org/alumnisurvey](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/alumnisurvey). Email us at [development@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:development@fairfieldprep.org) or mail to Fairfield Prep Alumni Office, 1073 North Benson Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824.

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### Grandparents legacy at Mass & Breakfast

At Prep's first Grandparents Mass & Breakfast, several alumni attended with their grandsons. Pictured from left: The late **Robert Murphy '49**, **Shane Murphy '18**, **Austin Valus '18**, **William Valus '50**, **John Chiota '61**, **Matt Chiota '18**, **Will Lucas '18** and **John Lucas '56**.



### 1940's

Members of the Class of '49 reconnected at the Alumni Reunion held last June. Pictured front row, from left: the late **Bob Murphy** and **Ronny Fattibene**. Back row from left: **Zoltan Kali**, **Rudy Kagere**, **Sal Santella** and **Bill Stephanak**.

### 1950's

**Edward C. "Ted" Lovely '51** will be the 2015 Grand Marshal of the 33rd Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day parade on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

### 1960's

**Kevin C. Connolly '66** was honored on Nov. 12, at the 52nd Annual Norwalk Old Timers Athletic Association Awards Dinner. See page 48.

**John F. DeWitt '61** has his first novel *Delicious Little Traitor* published in January 2015 by Black Opal Books. Jack is a published poet, a chronicler of classic cars enthusiast and a novelist. He began his career teaching at Drexel University and then University for the Arts in Philadelphia. He retired as professor emeritus in 2012 to concentrate on writing. He has lived in Glenside, PA for more than two decades. See page 44.

**William L. Licamele '64** retired from his practice of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

after almost 40 years. He is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, children and grandchildren. Bill continues to do volunteer teaching at Georgetown University Med School and is active with the alumni association.

**Francis Pfeiffer '62** has been named the New Haven Register All-Area Swimming Coach of the Year for 2014.

**Will J. Turey '65**, Connecticut glass artist was chosen as a finalist with his mural of #2-Derek Jeter, for The National Art Museum of Sport's 4th Annual International Commitment to Excellence in Art and Sport Competition.

### 1970's



Connecticut Superior Court Judge **John Blawie '75** noted in the Holy Cross Alumni magazine: "Three of the four of us judges in Stamford were also fortunate enough to have graduated from the same Jesuit high school, Fairfield Prep." The values of a Jesuit education have not "gone out of style" but remain "as relevant as they have always been," Blawie says. "It has all served me in good stead." Fellow Prep alumni judges (l-r above): **John Blawie '75**, **Alfred Jennings '57**, and **William Mottolese '52** all worked in the Connecticut court system.

**Anthony Sabatelli '75** has started a two-year term as Chair of the Yale University Graduate School Alumni Association. He is currently a Partner at Dilworth IP in Trumbull, CT which focuses on Intellectual Property Law.

### 1980's

**Sean P. Graham '86** and his wife Heather celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary in October 2014. Sean wrote: "Our son Coleman is three and half and running us ragged! Approaching our fourth year with our card & gift networking business and involved in some fun developments in the Caribbean and out west."

**Robert G. Shawah '84**, was recently named the Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer of Dipexium Pharmaceuticals, Inc., headquartered in New York City.

### 1990's



**Andrew C. Day '94** has been named partner at Kirkland & Ellis, LLP. Andrew and his brother **Paul '86** had completed the Chicago Marathon when this picture was taken. Also shown is Andrew's wife Patty Fitzgerald Day.

**Daniel J. Fox '95**, Connecticut State Representative received a Public Policy Award from the MADD organization at their recognition dinner on November 13, 2014.

## In Loving Memory of Rev. Francis R. Allen, S.J.

The Prep community was deeply saddened by the death of Rev. Francis R. Allen, S.J., on January 20, 2015. He was a former member of the Fairfield Prep faculty and dean of discipline. Frank



was born in Salem, Massachusetts, on May 13, 1925. In 1943, he entered the Jesuit novitiate at Shadowbrook, in Lenox, Massachusetts. After juniorate studies, he spent three years in philosophy studies at Weston College. His long association with Fairfield began with regency at the Prep, teaching German, history, religion, and French between 1950 and 1953. He returned to Weston for theology studies in 1953 and was ordained a priest by Cardinal Richard Cushing on June 15, 1956.

In 1958, he returned to Fairfield Prep as prefect of discipline, where he was lovingly called "The Sheriff" by the students (See reunion class memory below). In 1962, he moved to Boston College High School, where over the next seventeen years he served as assistant principal, director of admissions, and academic vice-president. During these years, he earned a Master's in Education at Boston College. From 1983 to 1992, he was assistant pastor in St. Thomas Parish, in Fairfield, Connecticut. In 1992, he began a seventeen-year stretch as minister or sub-minister in the Fairfield Jesuit Community, while continuing pastoral work in the parishes of the area. In 2009, he retired to Campion Center where he was a lively community presence.

### Frank Allen, S.J. — aka "The Sheriff"

Almost every time the name of Frank Allen, S.J., comes up in class memory, people mention his sharp elbows in playing basketball. For now, remember the day in the senior lounge we gave him—Prep's dean of discipline—"The Sheriff"—a bundle of gifts that included a badge, a cowboy hat, a pair of six guns in holsters, and a hobby horse head on a stick. There's a picture in our yearbook of him holding up the gifts with a huge smile on his face, with some of us cheering in the background.

For the last several years, Father Allen has lived at Campion Center, a Jesuit house near Boston which serves as the New England Province's home for retired Jesuits. Recently, sitting in his room at Campion, Father Allen said his years at Prep were the happiest he had as a Jesuit, and he had particular affection for the students there in his final years. Just as we did, he left Fairfield in 1962 to become an assistant principal at Boston College High School. He said he always wanted to become a Latin teacher, not an administrator. When he got around to remembering the day on which he became officially vested as Prep's Sheriff, he paused, and pulled out of his desk an old picture of himself standing in gym clothes wearing his badge, hat and guns. He carried it with him for 50 years. How's that for memorabilia?

From "Class Act" by **Jan Wojcik '62** and the '62 Reunion Committee.





## Birge Wedding

**Ryan Birge '00** married Kristen Terry on July 12, 2014 at the Webb Barn in Wethersfield, CT. Top from left: **Kevin Brawley '00**, **Mike Verrelli '00**, **Tim Tymniak '01**, **Will Brazier '01**, **Ken Meehan '77**, **David Beckles '02**, **Steve Thurston '05**, **Nick Cagginello '00**, **Chris Thurston '03**, **Howard Kane '00**, **Joe Leto '99**, **Tom O'Donnell**, **Don Cozzolino '66**, and **Joe Deck '01**. Bottom from left: **Ryan Birge '00**, **Kristen Terry**, and **Tim Birge '04**.



## D'Alton Wedding

**Mark E. D'Alton '03** married Jessica Swieicki on July 19, 2014 in Boston, MA. Prep alumnus in attendance were **Christopher A. Beatty '03**, **Patrick C. Mulrenan '03**, **Bard H. Kligerman '03**, **Brian W. Susetka '03** and **Jason R. Danieli '03**.



## LaGratta Wedding

**Mark F. LaGratta '94** married Emily Elizabeth Gold on June 21, 2014 at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in New York City by Fr. George Witt, S.J. His brother **John F. LaGratta '88** was his best man. The reception was held at the Prince George Ballroom. There were five Prepsters in attendance. From left to right, standing and seated: **Brandon Thomas '94** and wife Janice; **John LaGratta '88** and wife Maria; both standing **Mark LaGratta '94** (groom) and Emily (bride); **Rob Geary '88** and wife Stacey; **Sean Burke '95** and wife Nicole.

## 1990's Continued

**Christopher R. Friese '93** received his PhD in nursing in 2005 after a post-doctorate at Harvard. He has now joined the faculty at University of Michigan and is studying the quality of cancer care.

**Rudolph J. Mauritz IV '94**, Prep head baseball coach and the Prep Baseball program received the John Sharkey Laureno Sportsmanship Award for the 2014 season. See page 36.



**Richard E. Mitchell '98** has been named as one of Rockland County's "40 under Forty." He is General Manager of 8 N<sup>o</sup> Broadway, a Mediterranean restaurant in Nyack, NY.

## 2000's

**Brian E. Camus '04**, returned to Fairfield Prep in August 2014 to teach in the Science Department. He received his BS from University of Notre Dame and his MA from Indiana University. Brian has taught science at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School and Georgetown Prep.

**Thomas S. Corona Jr '07**, returned to Fairfield Prep in August 2014 to teach Physics and Algebra. He received a BS from Fairfield University. Tom taught science through the High Touch High Tech CT Program.



**Paul Doersch '06** was recently named a Forbes Magazine "30 Under 30 2015 in Enterprise Tech," who "are battling giants to create the billion-dollar startups of tomorrow." In October, Kespri founder and CEO Paul Doersch raised a \$10 million Series A led by Lightspeed Ventures. His company manufactures commercial-grade drones for businesses that want to capture aerial images.

**Daniel Z. Hodson '05** is currently in the Peace Corps in Senegal and working with the Global Health Discovery Project at Harvard University.

**Jonathan P. Lakeland '08** is moving to London to begin a Master's Degree in Piano Accompanying at the Royal Academy of Music. He will study with Michael Dussek and Malcolm Martineau, considered to be two of the greatest living accompanists in Europe. See page 49.

**Edward M. McCarthy '03** was honored at the "Legends of the Bowl" football award ceremony held at the Yale Bowl on November 15, 2014. See page 47.

**Michael K. Morton '07** graduated from St Louis University School of Law in May 2014 and passed the state of Missouri Bar exam. He is employed as Deputy Legislative Counsel for the Nevada State Legislature in Carson City.

**Matthew M. Russell '01** was inducted into the Connecticut Lacrosse Hall of Fame on January 31, 2015. (See photo next issue.) Matt also spoke at Prep to upperclassmen about his military and career experience on January 30.

**John R. Wallace '06**, returned to Fairfield Prep in August 2014 to teach in the Social Studies Department. He received his BA and MA from Providence College and a MA from the University of Notre Dame. He has taught at Holy Cross High School in San Antonio where he also coached football.

## 2010's

**Patrick W. Corona '12**, a junior at the United States Air Force Academy has been named to the prestigious Superintendent's List for performance during the Fall 2014 semester. Cadets who are honored on the Superintendent's list have been named to the Dean's List for Academics, the Commandant's List for Military Excellence, and The Athletic Directors List for Athletics. See photo page 46.

**Connor J. Rog '12** was the top runner for the University of Virginia Cavaliers from the ACC Championships. See photo page 46.



**Terrence M. Tarpey '12** (photo above) had the first triple-double in school history at William & Mary. The Tribe rolled to an 81-73 victory over James Madison on January 10. Terry scored 18 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and had a career-high 10 assists, earning him Colonial Athletic Assoc. Player of the Week.



Basketball alumni from the class of 2013, (pictured above) **Chris Kelly**, **Tim Butala** and **Quinn Lincoln**, reconnected at the Prep Holiday Classic basketball tournament to cheer for the Jesuits!

**Nick Crowle '14** plays football for the Yale Bulldogs. Nick moved from being a linebacker at Prep to become a starting defensive tackle for Yale's opening game against Lehigh. See photo page 47.



**Tony Fox '14**, currently a Fordham University student and Rams football lineman, came to Alumni Hall to cheer for the Jesuits at the Hillhouse basketball game.

## In Memoriam

**Gregory G. Bailey '79** on August 19, 2014. He was the brother of **Thomas Bailey '75**, **Louis Bailey III '64**, **James C. Bailey '76** and **John P. Bailey '89**.

**William A. Becker** on September 17, 2014. He was the father of **Dovid A. Becker '09**, **Joshua E. Patrick '07** and **Benjamin H. Patrick '12**.

**Marion D. Bochniak** on August 7, 2014. She was the wife of **Joseph M. Bochniak '50** and mother of **David J. Bochniak '84**.

**Dominick F. Burke** on July 18, 2014. He was the father of **Liam Burke '83**.



## John Brennan receives MADD Youth Leadership Award



Prep alumni and staff at the event included: (pictured from left) MADD Program Specialist **Kevin Dougherty '09**; State Representative **Dan Fox '95** (honored with a Public Policy Award); John Brennan (Youth Leadership Award); Director of Major Gifts **J Dillon Collins '98**; Dean of Enrollment & Marketing **Greg Marshall '73**; and Dean of Guidance & College Advising **John Hanrahan**.

**J**ohn Brennan, retired Prep Housemaster and Dean of Students, was honored at the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Recognition Ceremony held on November 12 at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. John received the Youth Leadership Award for his 35 years of direction and guidance to educate and protect young people. MADD's volunteer program offers services including standardized evidence-based programs, education and awareness activities, support for victims of drunk driving, and underage drinking prevention.



At left, John receives the Youth Leadership Award with Waterford Police Officer Gilbert Maffeo and Juvenile Probation Supervisor Mark Irons.



## Remembering Ryan Charles Brennan '11 and supporting his scholarship

**A**n Annual Memorial Fundraiser for the **Ryan Charles Brennan '11** Scholarship was held at Brennan's Shebeen in Black Rock on January 10. With a huge turnout, members of Ryan's Class of 2011, plus family members and friends, gathered to remember Ryan and raise money for the Fairfield Prep scholarship in his name.



## Brennan Wedding

**Ian Brennan '02** married **Kaissa Riittinen** on October 18th, 2014, at the Metropolitan Club in the Willis Tower, Chicago. **Fr. Jim Arimond, S.J.**, former President of Fairfield Prep presided over the wedding. Ian's father is John Brennan retired Prep Housemaster and Dean of Students. Pictured from left: **Jon Motl '01**, John Brennan, P'02, Lois Brennan, Kaissa Brennan, **Ian Brennan '02**, **Fr. Jim Arimond S.J.**, and **Brett Schleifer '03**.



## Mulrenan Wedding

**Sean F. Mulrenan '00** married **Hilary Anne Moody** on June 7, 2014 in Greenwich, CT. Prep alumni in attendance were from left, front row: **Greg Hammond '00**, **Brian Howard '00**, **Jonathan Bues '00**, **Sean Mulrenan '00** (groom), **Patrick Mulrenan '03** (best man), **Kevin Mulrenan '69** (father). Middle row: **Connor Faughnan '04**, **Alex Bues '03**, **Brian Ierubino '00**, **Jack Collins '69**. Top row: **Bryan Collins '00**, **Jimmy Mangines '69**, and **David Lyons '69**.



## Preston Wedding

**Robert D. Preston '06** married **Erin Reed Crowley** on November 8, 2014 in Richmond, VA. Pictured from left: **Jack Wallace '06**, **Tim Ryan '06**, **Geoff Rose '06**; **Erin Preston**; **Rob Maiorano '06**, **Rob Preston '06** (center), **Matt Improta '06**, **Austin Ryan '06** and **Kevin Russo '06**.



## In Memoriam Continued

Marjorie Ann Camus on November 22, 2014. She was the grandmother of **Matthew P. Camus '06**, **Michael P. Camus '10** and **Brian E. Camus '04** of the Prep Science Department.

**Daniel F. Carr '50** on May 18, 2014. He was the brother of **William E. Carr '48**.

James T. Caserta on February 28, 2014. He was the brother of **Richard J. Caserta '77**.

**Joseph P. Cirella '82** on December 28, 2014.

**Francis X. Closter, III '63** on May 27, 2011.

**William L. Curnin '46** on September 10, 2014.

Ann Theresa D'Addario on July 26, 2014. She was the grandmother of **Tyler Kennedy '09**.

Marion DeAngelo on January 17, 2015. She was the mother of **Joseph M. DeAngelo '67**, **Vincent M. DeAngelo '69** and **Matthias J. DeAngelo '81**. Marion was a former teacher in the Prep Mathematics Department.

**Richard H. Dement '56** on May 31, 2014.

**John F. DePledge '47** on November 20, 2014. He was the father of **John M. DePledge '78**.

**Robert L. D'Orso '64** on August 24, 2014.

**David R. DuBret '71** on January 15, 2015.

Susan Fitzgibbon on April 1, 2014. She was the wife of **William M. Fitzgibbon '53** and sister-in-law **William J. Fitzgibbon '58**.

**Michael R. Forte Sr. '54** on November 18, 2014

Zaire Hall on November 4, 2014. He was the brother of **Dajon Hall '16**.

**George J. Hoepfner '50** on November 9, 2012.

**James Hurley '73** on February 7, 2014.

**Douglas R. Kelley '68** on October 20, 2014.

Barbara Kiely on May 9, 2014. She was the wife of **Edmond F. Kiely '48**.

Bertha Kiernan on July 15, 2014. She was the mother of **Edward T. Kiernan '67** and **Donald E. Kiernan '58**.

Janice M. Kipp on July 26, 2014. She was the mother of **Christian J. Kipp '87** and mother-in-law of **Michael O'Shea '87**.

Dixie Lee (Barrows) Laro on November 4, 2014. She was the grandmother of **Kevin T. Cahalane '07** and **Ryan P. Cahalane '10**.

Vincent T. Lesko Sr. on October 29, 2014. He was the father of **Ronald V. Lesko Sr. '59** and grandfather of **Jeffrey S. Lesko '85**.

**Christopher F. L'Hommedieu '88** on July 23, 2014.

**John (Jay) Mazur '65** on August 5, 2014.

Catherine B. Merullo on August 11, 2014. She was the mother of **Matthew B. Merullo '83**.

**Paul H. Mihalek '65** on August 20, 2014.

Patrick C. Mineo on October 22, 2014. He was the father of **Gary P. Mineo '69**.

Laura Mitchell on November 15, 2014. She is the mother of **Richard E. Mitchell '98**.

**Randall L. Morin '55** on November 8, 2013.

**Robert J. Murphy '49** on November 19, 2014. He was the father of **Robert J. Murphy, Jr. '77**, **Timothy Murphy '79**, **Michael Murphy '82**, and grandfather of **Rory Murphy '04** and **Shane Murphy '18**.

**Richard B. Noble '53** on September 24, 2014.

Claire C. Phelan on August 23, 2014. She was the mother of **James D. Phelan '68**.

Harold F. Plate on December 12, 2014. He was the father of **Jeffrey M. Plate '82** and **Scott F. Plate '80**.

**George J. Pond '62** on July 20, 2014.

**William J. Prutting '61** on January 13, 2015.

**Thomas Ryan '66** on December 7, 2014.

Norman K. Santa on October 18, 2014. He was the brother of **John S. Santa '60**, father of **Thomas S. Santa '73** and **Michael S. Hillgen-Santa '86** and uncle of **Donald F. Santa, Jr. '76**, **James E. Santa '83**, **Stephen T. Santa '72**, **Ned Russell '79**, **Peter S. Russell '82**, **Timothy G. Russell '83**, **George F. Russell '86** and **Devin J. Santa '90**.

Jean Mary (O'Grady) Sheehan on November 21, 2014. She is the mother of **Timothy O. Sheehan '66**, **Daniel B. Sheehan Jr. '63** and **Christopher C. Sheehan '79**.

**Edward J. Sinanian '50** on December 3, 2014.

**John "Jack" E. Smyth '52** on December 11, 2014.

Frances "Peg" Spath on July 22, 2014. She was the grandmother of **Brian P. Golger '11**, **Christopher K. Golger '13** and **Matthew Battista '08**, and mother-in-law of **J. Kevin Golger '75**, assistant Varsity Football Coach.

**Michael G. Stifil '47** on January 10, 2015.

**Edward L. Toohey Jr. '50** on December 31, 2013.

John A. Urquhart on August 22, 2014. He was the grandfather of **John A. Urquhart III '00** and **Andrew T. Urquhart '04**.

Allen Wysocki on July 24, 2014. He was the grandfather of **Simon Whiteman '15**, **Theodore Whiteman '18** and father-in-law of **Jamie Whiteman** of the Prep Math Department.

**Christopher G. Wilemski '83**. He was the brother of **Michael D. Wilemski '84** and **Matthew J. Wilemski '89**, and uncle of **Kevin P. Wilemski '16** and **Brendan M. Wilemski '18**.

## Engagements

**Prescott R. Brown '07** and Kerri Marie McHugh are engaged to be married. A September 2015 wedding is planned.

## Weddings

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**Brian J. Lawler '86** married Alexandria Gail Taylor on October 12, 2013. Brian and Alexandria honeymooned in South Africa and the Maldives and currently reside in San Diego, CA.

**Sean F. Mulrenan '00** married Hilary Anne Moody on June 7, 2014 in Greenwich, CT. See photo on page 43.

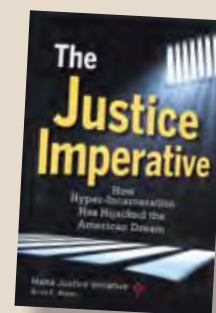
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## AUTHOR'S CORNER

### John Santa '60 promotes justice reform

**J**ohn Santa '60, Chairman of the Malta Justice Initiative, recently released a book "The Justice Imperative." Malta Justice Initiative had its beginning in an act of crime and the subsequent reconciliation and redemption. Santa, a corporate CEO, watched in dismay and amazement as his corporate attorney, **Stan Kennedy '46**, was sent to prison for embezzlement. A letter of apology and regret from Stan prompted a visit by John at his prison. John saw how little support the prisoners received from the Church as well as other agencies, and how great were the inmates' needs. At this time, John was in formation for the Order of Malta, a 900 year old Roman Catholic religious order of Catholic lay men and women who work on behalf of sick and poor. John recognized that prisons were filled with people who were either poor coming in or would be poor going out. He found that 9 in 10 of the inmates were either sick with addiction and/or mental issues.

The purpose of the book is to educate the public about criminal justice reform. It states not just the problems that face the state (and nation), but suggests solutions that address this serious issue. Retired CT Supreme Court Justice David Borden praised the book: "It's excellent! It could well serve as a blueprint for reform of our diversionary, sentencing, correctional and release policies and programs. It should be required reading for all persons interested in the justice and correctional systems." For more information see [www.TheJusticeImperative.org](http://www.TheJusticeImperative.org).



### Jack DeWitt '61 publishes mystery novel

**J**ack DeWitt '61 recently published his first novel, *Delicious Little Traitor*, the first of a series of Varian Pike mysteries. Set in the 1950's the novel follows private investigator Varian Pike as he searches for the niece of a war buddy who has gone missing. He finds himself in the middle of a secret war between federal agencies. It's a journey that will leave deep scars and many bodies behind—including his own if he can't figure it all out before it's too late.

DeWitt is a published poet, a chronicler of car culture and a novelist. *Almost Grown*, his latest book of poems, is about growing up in Stamford. His study of American hot rodding, *Cool Cars, High Art: The Rise of Kustom Kulture* is included in the Street Rodder Hall of Fame. He wrote the column "Cars and Culture" for the *American Poetry Review*. One of the columns was chosen as a notable essay in *Best American Essays 2010*.

After graduating from Northeastern University, DeWitt earned a PhD at the University of Connecticut, and moved to the Philadelphia area to begin teaching at Drexel University. He taught at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia for more than four decades. There he was Coordinator for General Studies for many years and acting Dean for several. DeWitt retired as professor emeritus in 2012 to concentrate on writing. He has lived in Glenside, PA, for more than two decades. For more information about DeWitt and the book see [www.jackdewitt.com](http://www.jackdewitt.com) or [www.blackopalbooks.com](http://www.blackopalbooks.com)





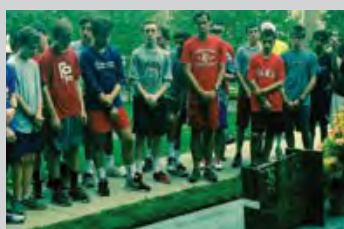


## Remembering 9/11 and Alumni

Fairfield Prep started the day with a prayer over the PA system, followed by the singing of “God Bless America” by Kelvin Alvarez ’15 and lighting of candles by Prep student representatives.

At the end of the day, Cross Country Coach Bob Ford Jr. gathered his team at practice to commemorate the great loss of September 11. Elliott Gualtiere, Director of Campus Ministry, led the team in prayer in front of the monument on Fairfield University’s campus with a steel piece of the fallen World Trade Center.

Prep remembers alumni lost: Michael G. Jacobs ’64, Gary Edward Lasko ’69 and Seth Allan Morris ’83. See WTC Memorial above.



Watch video highlights:  
 “2014 Retiring Faculty & Staff remembering 9/11” and “Cross Country prayer service” at  
[youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).



### Riccio family donates Prep memorabilia

Vintage Prep apparel, spiritwear, and pictures, in honor of the late **Frank Riccio ’60**, were donated by **Atty. Frank Riccio II ’92**, sister Carla, and mother Lorraine. These items are on display in Xavier Hall. Prep Development welcomes contributions from all alumni to these memorabilia cases.



### Carlson ’71 produces golf documentary

**Cob Carlson ’71**, Boston based filmmaker, recently released a new documentary film about the prolific golf course architect Donald Ross, which has been brought to life in “DONALD ROSS: Discovering the Legend.” Ross is considered the greatest golf course designer of all time. He is directly responsible for the creation of four hundred of the most splendid and challenging courses in the world. 51 of those courses are in Massachusetts, another 45 in North Carolina. As the patron saint of golf course architecture, he is widely known for his beautiful, deceptively simple designs that harmonize with the surrounding environment. Donald Ross turned golf course architecture into an art form.

The film is about a man who left Scotland for America without enough money to buy his second meal, but who became one of the most respected and best paid individuals in all of sports. It features not only the great Ross courses that have hosted major championships, such as Pinehurst #2, Interlachen, Inverness, and Essex, but also lesser-known gems that are revered by their members for their playability, challenge and charm. Clips from archival films, still photos, and architectural plans and drawings are featured. Anecdotal stories and interviews with renowned golf course architects, professionals, writers, historians, course superintendents, and amateur players serve to critically enrich the film, and explain why Ross’ classic designs have stood the test of time. Visit [www.donaldrossfilm.com](http://www.donaldrossfilm.com) for more details.



## Alumni honored at 10th Annual Fairfield County Sportsnight



### Christian Alvarado '14 is Fairfield Sportsperson of the Year

At the annual Sportsnight Dinner and Awards, **Christian Alvarado '14**, All-American national mile champion and Georgetown University student, was honored for his tremendous achievements in high school Cross Country and Track at Prep. Although he could not attend, Christian's parents Robert and Joyce (center) accepted the award, supported by (from left) Coach **Chris Sages '95**; Asst. Athletic Director Jay Turiano; Athletic Director **Tom Curran '05**, Coach Bob Ford Sr.; and Coach Mark Langston. Not pictured: Coach Bob Ford Jr.

Alvarado's school records include all the distance events in the CT schedule:

- 800 meter – 1:52.60
- 1600 meter – 4:13.00
- Mile – 4:06.88
- 3000 – 8:26.25
- 3200 – 9:06.67
- 2 Mile – 9:00.29
- 3000 Meter Steeplechase – 9:42.25

- 2-time Footlocker National Championship Qualifier in 2012 and 2013.
- National High School Champion in the 1 Mile in 2014.

In addition, he was part of several relay team records:

- Distance Medley Relay – 10:17.95
- 4x1600 Relay – 18:26.2
- 4x800 Relay – 7:50.55

### Sandy Sulzycki '64 receives Bill Gonillo Media Award



At the dinner, **Sandy Sulzycki '64**, was honored with the Bill Gonillo Media Award, recognizing his distinguished career in sports journalism. Sulzycki is in his 43rd year working for the Bridgeport newspapers, first at the Bridgeport Post/Telegram and now the Connecticut Post. Sandy has kept the county's sports history alive through his weekly nostalgia column "The Week That Was" for close to 35 years. The column highlights some of the top games, athletes and teams from the past six decades. He also periodically writes a "Where

Are They Now" feature and posts photos of old teams or groups in a "Those Were The Days" section. Sandy (pictured with his wife Kathy) was a standout athlete at Prep, and recently participated in his 50th Reunion weekend last June.



### Bob Ford Sr. reunites with cross country alumni

Former Prep Cross Country captains took Coach Bob Ford Sr. out to dinner to reminisce on November 21. From Left to Right: **Kevin Higgins '00**, Bob Ford, Sr., **John Thomas '98**, **Vin Framularo '99**. Additionally, **Dave Hennessey '99**, another former Prep runner, also joined the group for dinner.



### Connor Rog '12 helps Virginia cross country to 4th in ACC

Virginia's **Connor Rog '12** was the top runner for the Cavaliers from the ACC Championships. He helped the University of Virginia men's cross country team to a fourth place finish at the Atlantic Coast Conference championships.

Rog, a sophomore, was Virginia's top runner in 14th place at 23:40 for the 8-kilometer course. Rog earned All-Conference honors.

### Corona '12 earns top Air Force Academy honor

Cadet 2nd Class **Patrick Corona '12**, a junior at the United States Air Force Academy, has been named to the prestigious Superintendent's List at the US Air Force Academy for performance during the Fall 2014 semester. Cadets who are honored on the Superintendent's list have been named to the Dean's List for Academics, the Commandant's List for Military Excellence, and The Athletic Directors List for Athletics.

Cadet Corona is a Division 1 Cross Country and Indoor/Outdoor distance runner for the Air Force Falcons. He was the Mountain West Conference Cross Country Runner Up at The Mountain West Conference Cross Country Championship in Fresno, CA in October 2014. An All-Conference runner, Corona clocked the fastest 8K time for the Academy in the last 20 years with a time of 23:42.50 and was named Air Force Athlete of the Week in November 2014. Corona currently holds the Falcon's Record for the indoor mile (4:06.18) and the 3000 meter (8:08.66).

Patrick is the brother of **Thomas Jr. '07** (Prep science teacher) and **William '14**.



### Show off your Prep Pride Spirit!

Prep Pride, an on-campus store temporarily located in Arrupe Hall, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shop online at [www.fairfieldprep.org/preppride](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/preppride) to purchase popular Prep Pride apparel, gifts and accessories. All proceeds benefit Fairfield Prep.

### Running in memory of Dr. Brian Lewis



Last spring, following the untimely death of beloved Prep Science Teacher Dr. Brian Lewis, **Christian Alvarado '14** inscribed his running shoe with "DOC" and dedicated his 2014 running season to his memory. Dr. Lewis was one of Christian's favorite teachers at Prep.



## Ed McCarthy '03 honored at Yale football event

**E**d McCarthy '03 was honored at a "Legends of the Bowl" football award ceremony held at the Yale Bowl on November 15. At Yale, Ed won Ivy League Rookie of the Year '03; the Nils V. "Swede" Nelson Award (academic, athletic, sportsmanship, citizenship) '06, All-American '06; and was a two-time All-Ivy First Team Selection in '05 and '06. Additionally, he was nominated for the coveted Draddy Award, the Heisman equivalent for scholar athletes. Ed was part of the biggest gathering of former athletes in school history — more than 40 in all — who were honored at halftime of the 44-30 victory against Princeton as members of the all-time Yale Bowl team. Ed previously was honored as Fairfield



Sportsperson of the Year by the Fairfield County Sports Commission. Ed's father, the late **Dick McCarthy '64** (who was recognized posthumously in September with Prep's St. Ignatius of Loyola Alumni Award) and his late Uncle **Edward McCarthy '61** also played football at Yale.



## Olympian honored with retired Prep jersey

Javelin Olympian **Craig Kinsley '07** was honored at the Thanksgiving assembly with retirement of his jersey. Kinsley (center, right of framed uniform) is pictured with, from left: Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, Andrea and Tom Kinsley (parents), Coach Dave Driscoll and President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J. See Kinsley's honor and speech at [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](http://youtube.com/fairfieldprep1).



## Nick Crowle '14 plays for Yale Bulldogs

**Nick Crowle '14** plays football for the Yale Bulldogs. Nick moved from being a linebacker at Prep to become a starting defensive tackle for Yale's opening game against Lehigh. He played in three games and had three tackles and an assist, including a sack, before suffering a season-ending injury. The photo was taken at the historic Yale-Army game which Yale won 49-43. Nick is shown with Prep football coaches Keith Hellstern (left) and **Tom Shea '73** (right) and his parents David and Tina.



## From student government to political careers

**W**ashington, D.C. politician **Greg Angelo '96** and Connecticut State Representative **Jason Perillo '95** recently reconnected. They served together on Fairfield Prep student government, and have both pursued careers in politics.



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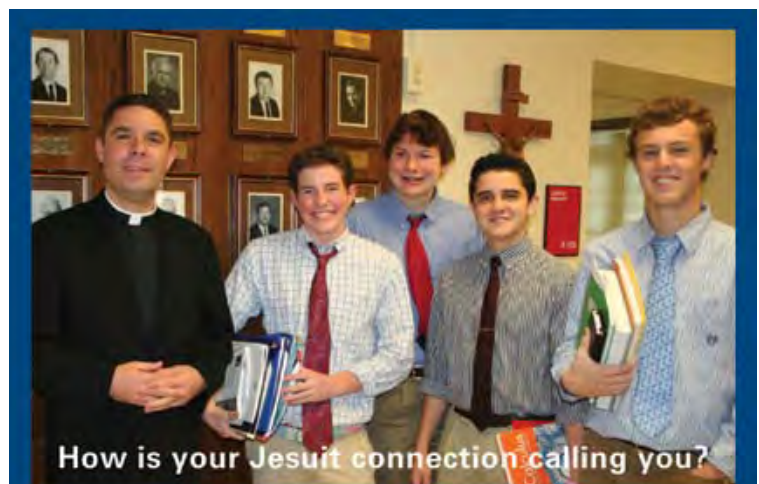
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## Jesuits celebrate the new USA Northeast Province, established on December 3, the Feast of St. Francis Xavier

(NEW YORK, N.Y., December 3, 2014) — After many years of strategic planning, and with the approval of Father Adolfo Nicolas, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, the New England Province and the New York Province of Jesuits united to form the USA Northeast Province on December 3, 2014, the Feast of St. Francis Xavier.

Fr. John J. Cecero, S.J., serves as provincial of this new province, which includes eight states and stretches from Maine to New Jersey and beyond to Jamaica, Micronesia and the Middle East. Roughly 550 Jesuits are a part of the new province.

The main office of the USA Northeast Province is located in New York City. Visit our new province website at [www.JesuitsEast.org](http://www.JesuitsEast.org).



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## Connolly '66 was Prep'd for success

**K**evin Connolly '66, who grew up in Norwalk playing youth sports and went on to become an All-American high school football player at Fairfield Prep, was honored at the 52nd annual Norwalk Old Timers Athletic Association Awards Dinner on November 12.

Connolly played four years in the Jesuits' football program. He never played freshman football, instead breaking in as the starting quarterback

on the junior varsity team and serving as the second-string varsity QB as a ninth grader in the fall of 1962. Connolly would start at QB for the varsity his final three seasons, leading Prep to three straight winning campaigns, including an 8-2 record as a senior in 1965 when the Jesuits shared the Metropolitan Bridgeport Interscholastic Athletic Conference (MBIAC) championship and crushed Stamford 33-0 in their annual Thanksgiving Day rivalry game.

His final season at Fairfield Prep was also the first year of legendary

Earl Lavery's 28 seasons as head coach, retiring in 1992 with a then state-record 230 victories. Connolly played a major role in the first eight of those wins. The Norwalk QB was voted All-MBIAC as a junior and senior, and he capped off his scholastic career by being named a first-team Catholic Prep All-American in 1965.

Following his graduation from Prep in 1966, Connolly entered the United States Military Academy at West Point. He played football his freshman year, but an offseason accident ended his grid iron career. He continued his education at USMA and following his graduation Connolly was accepted into the United States Army Airborne School—widely known as 'Jump School'—and then the U.S. Army Ranger School, an intense combat leadership course. He went on to serve in Vietnam as an Infantry Rifle Platoon leader and spent 14 years in the Active and Reserve Army, finishing his military career as a Major.

After returning home, Connolly worked for Pitney Bowes for 28 years, the last 14 as a vice president. He retired in April 2012 and moved to Fort Mill, S.C. He continues to work for Pitney Bowes part time on various projects.

Source: *The Hour, Norwalk*

## Bill McMahon '76 values faith, family and friends

**B**ill McMahon's '76 sunshiny optimism does not retreat for a moment. "I am a happy camper. Being blind has not stopped me from doing anything I want to do in this world." McMahon grew up in East Norwalk, Conn., the oldest of four boys (Gene '79, Kevin '87 and Paul '84), just around the corner from the Shorehaven Golf Club. His mother, Eleanor, administered his first insulin shot and, thereafter, injected him with daily doses of self-confidence. She urged him to deal with his diabetes and his restricted diets and to stay fully engaged in life. So Bill played golf, caddied, shot hoops, served on the Fairfield Prep student council



and was a social all-star. McMahon got the most out of his time at Holy Cross as an English major. Upon graduation, he worked in banking before becoming a highly successful salesman for a national golf equipment company.

In January 1984, during a delicate operation, McMahon experienced a glaucoma implosion which destroyed the optic nerves in both eyes. "No hope remained of ever getting my vision back," he said. Blindness revised his career plans. Moving to Framingham, Mass., he spent four months at the renowned Carroll Center for the Blind, named for Rev. Thomas J. Carroll Jr., an eminent pioneer in rehabilitation for the blind. McMahon adapted quickly, acquiring skills such as cane use, reading Braille and handling seeing-eye dogs. Refocused, McMahon landed a job in the insurance business, climbing the corporate ladder from sales rep to regional marketing director. He conducted most of his business by telephone. He still had his fastball: his amazing ability to communicate and to charm.

McMahon met Joe Lazaro in 1984 during Lazaro's annual blind golf tournament at the Marlboro, Mass., Country Club. McMahon went on to play in 23 Lazaro tournaments and toured the world with his "inspiration and hero" to compete in blind tournaments, with the help of his golf coach Kevin Sullivan. His greatest joy comes from helping others. Over the years, Bill and his family have helped run 21 charity golf events, raising more than \$975,000 to fight juvenile diabetes. He pitches in to organize golf programs for autistic kids, the newly blind, paraplegics and Special Olympians. He has served as a board member for many organizations, including the U.S. Blind Golf Association for 28 years. He has been bestowed a long list of honors and awards for his good deeds. When explaining his good fortune, McMahon's mantra is "faith, family and friends."

Source: *Holy Cross Magazine*



## Halas '74 inducted in Great American Rivalry Series Hall of Fame, Bernstein '15 receives student-athlete scholarship

**P**aul Halas '74 was inducted into the Great American Rivalry Series Hall of Fame at the Prep football game vs. St. Joseph High School on September 20 during halftime. Additionally, varsity letterman **Joshua Bernstein '15** received a student-athlete scholarship in a ceremony before the national anthem, recognizing his high academic and athletic achievements. The Great American Rivalry Series was created to recognize both present and past players in top rivalry games across the country. The gridiron heroes from years past have helped make the game what it is today, exemplifying all that is good about these contests and why they are embraced by communities.

**Paul Halas '74** (pictured right in his Prep jersey) played for Fairfield Prep in the two games that marked the beginning of this fierce rivalry October 7, 1972, at St. Joe's and October 6, 1973, at Prep's Alumni Field. As a senior and co-captain in the 1973 contest, Paul led the Jesuits to a convincing 26-0 victory over the Cadets; this win would later cement itself as a building block for Prep's historic and illustrious 11-0 championship season. Individually, Paul accounted for 20 of the 26 points: knotting one passing and two rushing TD's, 200 offensive yards, and two extra-point conversions. Thanks to Halas's aerial skills, three of these scoring drives totaled 80 yards or more. Paul made first team all state that year and went on to play at Harvard University as an All-Ivy Defensive Back and Punt Returner as well as captain of Harvard's championship Baseball team; he studied Economics and Law and was named Harvard's top Scholar Athlete in 1978. He serves as General Counsel of GE Energy Financial Services.



**Joshua Bernstein '15** is a two-year letterman in both varsity football and baseball. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a Peer Tutor to students at Prep. He has provided service to the community through Urban Plunge, an urban immersion mission, and volunteered at the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport, CT. Joshua plans to study classical languages in college, and is considering a career in business management.



## Nick Dosky '14 is soccer rookie of the week

**H**obart College first-year **Nick Dosky '14** was named the ECAC Division III Upstate Men's Soccer Rookie of the Week this fall. Dosky was also tabbed the Liberty League Rookie of the Week.

Dosky posted a team-high four points in a 2-0-0 week for the Statesmen. He netted his first collegiate goal and chipped in an assist in a 6-1 victory over Nazareth on Oct. 7. Four days later in a key 1-0 Liberty League victory over Union, Dosky set up the game-winning goal.



## Gleason '06 wins on Wheel of Fortune

**D**uring the week of January 5, **Andrew Gleason '06** was the winning contestant on the TV show *Wheel of Fortune*, amassing \$50,460 in money and prizes, including a new car and a trip to Tobago. Here are excerpts from his blog: "I have watched the *Wheel* since I can remember. My family would spend the episode shouting out answers to be the first to get it right, critiquing the contestant's strategies, and even commenting on the way they clapped... we all played along and talked about one of us getting on the show some day. Preparing for the show was the easy part: I watched the *Wheel*. A lot. I would record it and watch it when I got home from work. I would watch highlights online. I searched websites and blogs for *Wheel* strategies. I even practiced fist pumps in front of the mirror. I flew out to LA with my parents early to settle in and relax before my taping. I did my homework. I was ready. My short 20 minutes actually playing were surreal. The wheel is heavy and the lights are bright... The show went by in an instant, I can barely remember most of it, but I can say that it was one of the most incredible experiences of my life."

Andrew lives in Brooklyn and works in Manhattan as a portfolio manager for an energy services and training firm.



## DePanfilis '67 wins 6th term

**H**onorable **Anthony J. DePanfilis '67** has been re-elected for his sixth term as Judge of Probate for the Norwalk/Wilton Probate District. Judge DePanfilis and his wife Kelly, their four children and four grandchildren live in Norwalk, CT where Tony also remains as senior partner to the law firm of DePanfilis & Vallerie, LLC.

## Jon Lakeland '08 heads to Royal Academy of Music

**"**In May of 2012, I served as assistant producer and répétiteur for the premiere recording of the oratorio, *Annelies*. This piece is the first and only musical setting of the words of the Diary of Anne Frank. This piece was released by NAXOS music in January of 2013, and in December of 2013, the recording was nominated for a GRAMMY award in the 'Best Choral Performance' category.

Now I am moving to London to begin a Masters Degree in Piano Accompanying at the Royal Academy of Music. Here, I will study with Michael Dussek and Malcolm Martineau (considered to be two of the greatest living accompanists in Europe).

My favorite memories at Prep include: playing for Masses with the liturgical music group; studying drama with Megan Hoover; and being consistently inspired by the Theology Department, Campus Ministry team, and the then director of Christian Service, Tom Sacerdote."





## FACULTY AND STAFF

### Awards

**John P. Brennan**, retired Housemaster and Dean of Students received the Youth Leadership Award from the MADD organization at their recognition dinner held on November 13, 2014.

### In Memoriam

**Rev. Francis R. Allen, S.J.**, on January 20, 2015. See page 41.

Marjorie Ann Camus on November 22, 2014. She was the grandmother of **Matthew P. Camus '06**, **Michael P. Camus '10** and **Brian E. Camus '04** of the Prep Science Department.

Walter J. Conlon on January 21, 2015. He was the father of **Fr. Walter (Skipp) Conlon, S.J.** former Rector of the Fairfield Jesuit Community and Prep Board of Governors.

Eleanor H. Mace Dee on October 29, 2014. She was the grandmother of **Timothy Dee** of the Prep Math Department.

Gertude O. Pryor on October 18, 2014. She was the grandmother of **Jennifer Mauritz** of the Prep Foreign Language Department.

Raymond O'Neil on October 2, 2014. He was the grandfather of **James M. Chesbro**, of the Prep English Department.

James Ryan on October 23, 2014. He was the brother of **Fr. Laurence D. Ryan, S.J.**, Fairfield Prep Student Chaplain.

**Allen E. Sullivan** on July 18, 2014. He was a member of the Prep Faculty from 1947-1957.

Allen Wysocki on July 24, 2014. He was the grandfather of **Simon Whiteman '15**, **Theodore Whiteman '18** and father-in-law of **Jamie Whiteman** of the Prep Math Department.

### Births



**Christine Evans**, of the Prep Fine Arts Department and her husband Bill, welcomed their daughter, Cassidy Chase Evans on August 27, 2014.



**Kathy Krochko**, Assistant Business Manager of the Prep Business Office and her husband, Andy welcomed their granddaughter, Fiona Claire Carroll on January 5, 2015.



### Dolores Tema exhibits in England

As a member of the Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Norwalk, Art Teacher Dolores Tema submitted a print in a show, titled *Felix Culpa* (Latin for "Fortunate Fault") at the Pendle Heritage Centre in Coln, Lancaster County, England, in September. Her piece, titled "Mesial Drift," was accepted into the show, and she traveled to the exhibit for the preview and opening.



### Prep represented at CT Challenge

Director of Campus Ministry Elliott Gualtiere and Science Teacher/Cross Country Coach Bob Ford Jr. bicycled in the annual CT Challenge this summer, which raises money to support programs for cancer survivors. CT Challenge was founded by Prep alumnus **Jeff Keith '80**.

## Rev. Tiano '79 celebrates 25 years in priesthood



family-style picnic on September 28, 2014.

From 1996 to 2003, Tiano was the executive editor of the archdiocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Transcript*. Under his leadership, the paper received numerous awards from the Catholic Press Association, and he was personally honored for his editorial writing. He has also served parishes in New Britain, North Haven and Torrington, and is now pastor of St. Francis Assisi Church in South Windsor. The affable priest is well remembered in both Derby and in West Haven, where he served with current St. John Vianney pastor, the Rev. Joseph Cronin. The Derby native was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Hartford by Archbishop John F. Whealon, in September 1989.

Source: CT Post

The **Rev. Christopher M. Tiano '79** grew up in Derby in a close-knit Italian family that encouraged him "to be whatever I wanted to be." He didn't always want to be a priest, Tiano said. He attended Fairfield Prep and Georgetown University, where he considered becoming a lawyer or a history teacher. But Tiano, who served as co-pastor of Our Lady of Victory and St. John Vianney churches in West Haven from 2003-2006, marked the 25th anniversary of his ordination with a special Mass and a



### Billy Narvaez '14 wins Maytag Leader Scholarship

Fairfield Prep congratulates **Billy Narvaez '14**, winner of the 2014 Maytag Dependable Leader Award, which includes a college scholarship and award for the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club in Black Rock. As a high school senior, Billy juggled his studies and caring for his two younger sisters. Billy was also a Junior Staff member and youth program volunteer at the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse. He ran both the Saturday Film School and Future Engineers Club and funded these programs out of his own pocket, illustrating to younger club members another way of giving back to the community.

Elected as President of the Keystone Club, a leadership development experience provided by the Boys and Girls Club, Billy helped to lead the club in community service projects including a toy drive for the local children's hospital and fundraisers to help members attend conferences. In addition, Billy was also selected as both Teen Member of the Month and Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse "Boy of the Year" in 2014.

Billy is the first in his family to attend college. He began his studies at Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall.



### Witt '58 hosts alumni at Alabama

At the Alabama homecoming game, Prep's Director of Major Gifts **J. Dillon Collins '98** (right) and Prep Board of Governors member **Randy Maultsby '91** (left) enjoyed the football game with University of Alabama Chancellor **Dr. Bob Witt '58** and wife Sandee.





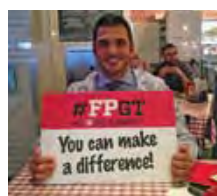
# #FPGT (Fairfield Prep Giving Tuesday) was a great day, thanks to YOU!



The results are in and Fairfield Prep Giving Tuesday (#FPGT) was a great day for Fairfield Prep! In the 24-hour period beginning at midnight, December 2, Prep received more than \$53,000 in gifts to support a variety of student and faculty centered programs! What's more impressive than the dollars raised is that 30% of the gifts we received came from new donors to Prep! We also heard from many alumni and friends, and received hundreds of "likes" in response to our #FPGT social media postings.

In appreciation of your generous support, not just on Giving Tuesday, but all throughout the year, our students and faculty expressed their heartfelt gratitude (see video "Thank You" on [youtube.com/fairfieldprep1](https://www.youtube.com/fairfieldprep1)). And, if you missed the opportunity to participate, it's never too late to make a gift at [www.fairfieldprep/give](https://www.fairfieldprep/give).

Thank you for all you do for Fairfield Prep! AMDG!





# JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

## Retreat



### Alumni Retreat

A Day of Service & Prep Fellowship

**Sat., March 14, 2015**

Come back to campus and rekindle the retreat experience from your days at Prep! On Saturday, March 14, join fellow Prep alumni in observance of Lent for "A Day of Service and Prep Fellowship" at Fairfield Prep. The retreat will feature: service for others, spiritual talks by faculty members, and recalling God's presence in our lives. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., President-elect of Fairfield Prep, will lead the retreat. Any questions, contact **Austin M. Ryan '06**, Director of Alumni Relations.

Register online:  
[www.fairfieldprep.org/alumniretreat](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/alumniretreat)

## Golf



ALL ARE INVITED TO THE...

### Fairfield Prep Golf Outing

**Friday, June 12, 2015**

Great River Golf Club  
Milford, CT



Register online:  
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## Reunion



### Reunion

Classes ending in 0 & 5

**Sat., June 13, 2015**

**Reception & Dinner**

Barone Campus Center, Fairfield University

### Class of 1965

**50th** Reunion  
Weekend

**Friday, May 29 through  
Sunday, May 31, 2015**

Enjoy a great weekend – Friday, May 29, reception; Saturday, May 30, breakfast, mass and dinner and concluding on Sunday, May 31 receiving your golden diploma! Stay at the Trumbull Marriott – information on the website. You don't want to miss this! Invitations and more information to follow.

Register online:  
[www.fairfieldprep.org/50threunion](http://www.fairfieldprep.org/50threunion)



# Welcome to the Class of 2018

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Gino Baldelli  
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Peyton H. Denson  
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