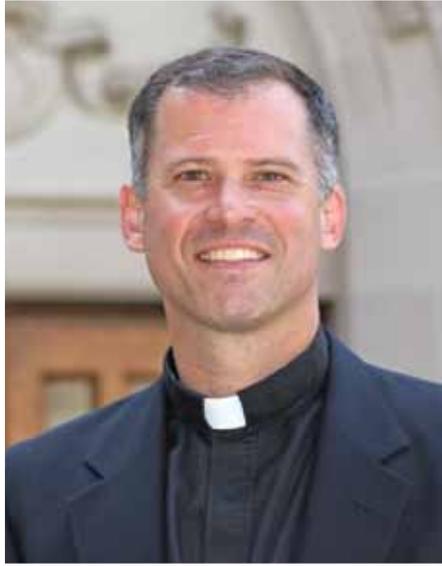


Prep Today



Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., joins the Prep family



MESSAGE FROM THE President

Dear friends,

Blessings to you and your families as we begin another year! Classes resumed on a sad note as we mourned the loss of freshman Joey Kulaga. At the same time, Joey's death highlights why Fairfield Prep exists as a Jesuit school – that our young men might know God's love and his promise of eternal life. Jesuit education is founded on the belief that human fulfillment is attained by deepening our relationship with our Creator. We do that by developing the intellectual, artistic, and athletic gifts we have received so as to be of service to others.

The outpouring of prayerful support over these days speaks volumes about who we are as a school. I am honored to lead our extended community during this time, humbly knowing that the real work of healing and shepherding is done by God's guiding Spirit. My role is to facilitate and focus the great diversity of talents among us so that we further our common mission in Jesuit education.

These first six months as President have flown by with the flurry of activity here. Throughout the pages of this magazine, you will catch a glimpse of the creative energies expressed by our students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni. The enthusiastic response to our Day of Giving in December was particularly inspiring. Thank you for your contributions in making Fairfield Prep the special place it is.

May God's peace remain with you always!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas M. Simisky, S.J." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

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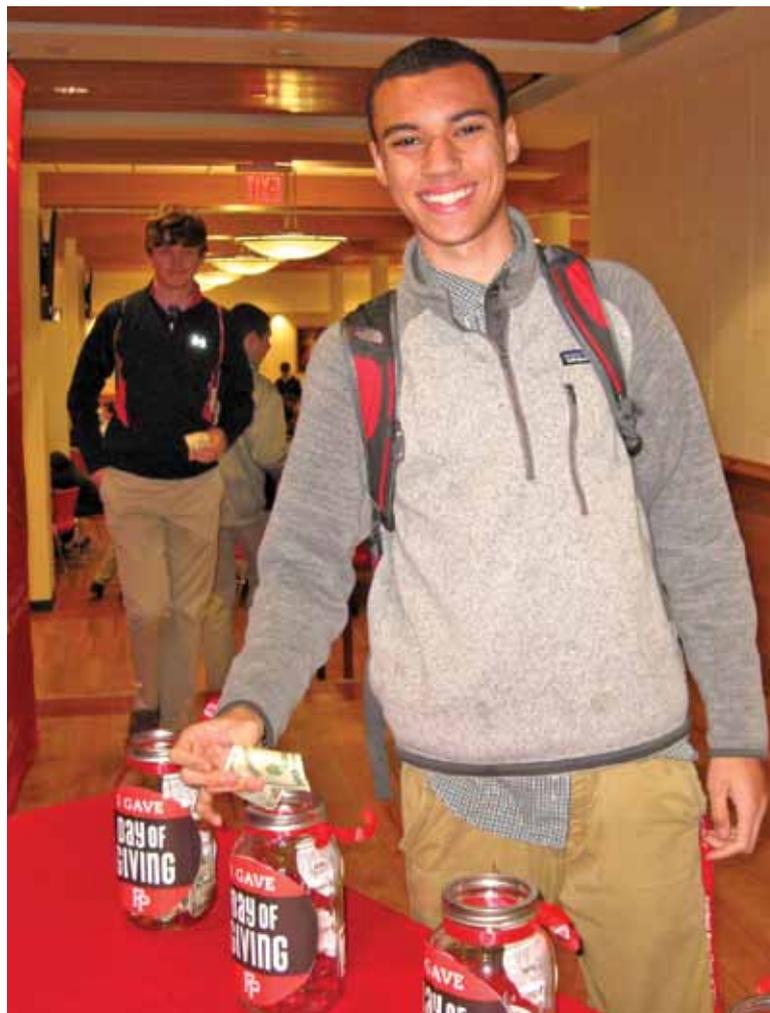
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THANK YOU for your generosity on the Day of Giving!

We are extremely grateful to the hundreds of alumni, parents, friends, students and teachers who helped celebrate Prep with gifts to our many mission-advancing programs on December 1! But, beyond the gifts, the real impact of the day was felt by raising awareness of what your support means to our students and the understanding our students gained about the importance of giving back to their community.

In total, Prep received over \$72,000 in gifts from 558 donors! Of that total, 346 students contributed \$3,188 and 32 faculty/staff contributed \$8,725! Your generous support of this special day allowed Prep to focus on enriching the many student-centered, mission-advancing programs offered to our students. Thank you again for being part of this great day for Fairfield Prep! While we often act individually, it is our collective effort that makes a significant difference. **THANK YOU!**



MISSION POSSIBLE

Defining the Mission, Vision and Philosophy

In March of 2015, President John Hanwell, S.J. convened an Ad Hoc committee to review and update Prep's mission statement. The Mission and Identity Committee, chaired by Dr. Perrotta was composed of president elect, Rev. Thomas Simisky, S.J., Dr. Andrade, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Hanrahan, and Mrs. Thomas. Over the course of six months, the Committee examined mission and vision statements from Jesuit high schools throughout the country and met numerous times to discuss the important constituent elements of Prep's statements. The Committee also met with a variety of groups, including administrators, members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors, Chairs of the Academic Departments, and the entire Prep faculty, to discuss our common goals and to solicit input. The ultimate goal was to distill the key elements of our mission into a carefully worded summary that captures the essence of why Prep is an outstanding Jesuit school of excellence (Mission Statement), and what Prep strives to be (Vision Statement). The fruit of this inclusive and collaborative process follows.

By Dr. Robert Perrotta, Principal

Our Mission

Fairfield College Preparatory School is a Jesuit, Catholic School of excellence forming young men of intellectual competence, who possess the conscience to make wise decisions, a compassion for others, and a commitment to justice in our global society.

Our Vision

Fairfield College Preparatory School strives to be a reflective community of faith, in which students revere their relationship with God and with one another. We are committed to graduating transformational leaders who will respond to global and ecological challenges in an interconnected world marked by profound change.

Our Philosophy

Fairfield Prep accomplishes its mission and realizes its vision by demonstrating personal care and concern for all of its students, and by celebrating their unique gifts and diversity. In turn, students are expected to become responsible participants in the Prep community and beyond, and are encouraged to use their talents in the service of others, especially to those in need, ad majorem Dei gloriam (For the greater glory of God).

Fairfield Prep aspires to:

- inspire in its students a lifelong love of learning;
- offer its students the finest preparation for college;
- invite each student to deepen his relationship with God;
- encourage each student's social, cultural and physical development;
- challenge its students to become leaders, living as men of competence, conscience, compassion, and commitment to justice.

The ideal graduate at graduation will have begun to realize his full potential within the nurturing environment of our Ignatian community. His intellectual abilities and moral perceptions will have been refined and developed, so that with maturity and growth he will be able to function wholly and positively within the complexities of the modern world, bringing to it moral insight, reasoned judgment, and a willingness to act as a transformational leader in the cause of human justice.

Upon graduation, the following characteristics represent the values which we cultivate in our students:

Open to Growth

The Jesuit high school graduate has matured as a person emotionally, intellectually, physically, creatively, socially, and religiously to a level that reflects intentional responsibility for his own growth. The graduate is beginning to reach out in his development, seeking opportunities to stretch his mind, imagination, feelings, and religious consciousness.

Intellectually Competent

The Jesuit high school graduate will demonstrate his mastery of academic subjects, and will make interdisciplinary connections across the curriculum. The graduate will have developed the essential intellectual skills and understandings that will allow him to excel in college and throughout his life. He is also developing habits of intellectual inquiry, as well as passion for life-long learning by embracing intellectual rigor in his personal quest for religious truth and in his pursuit of social justice.

Religious

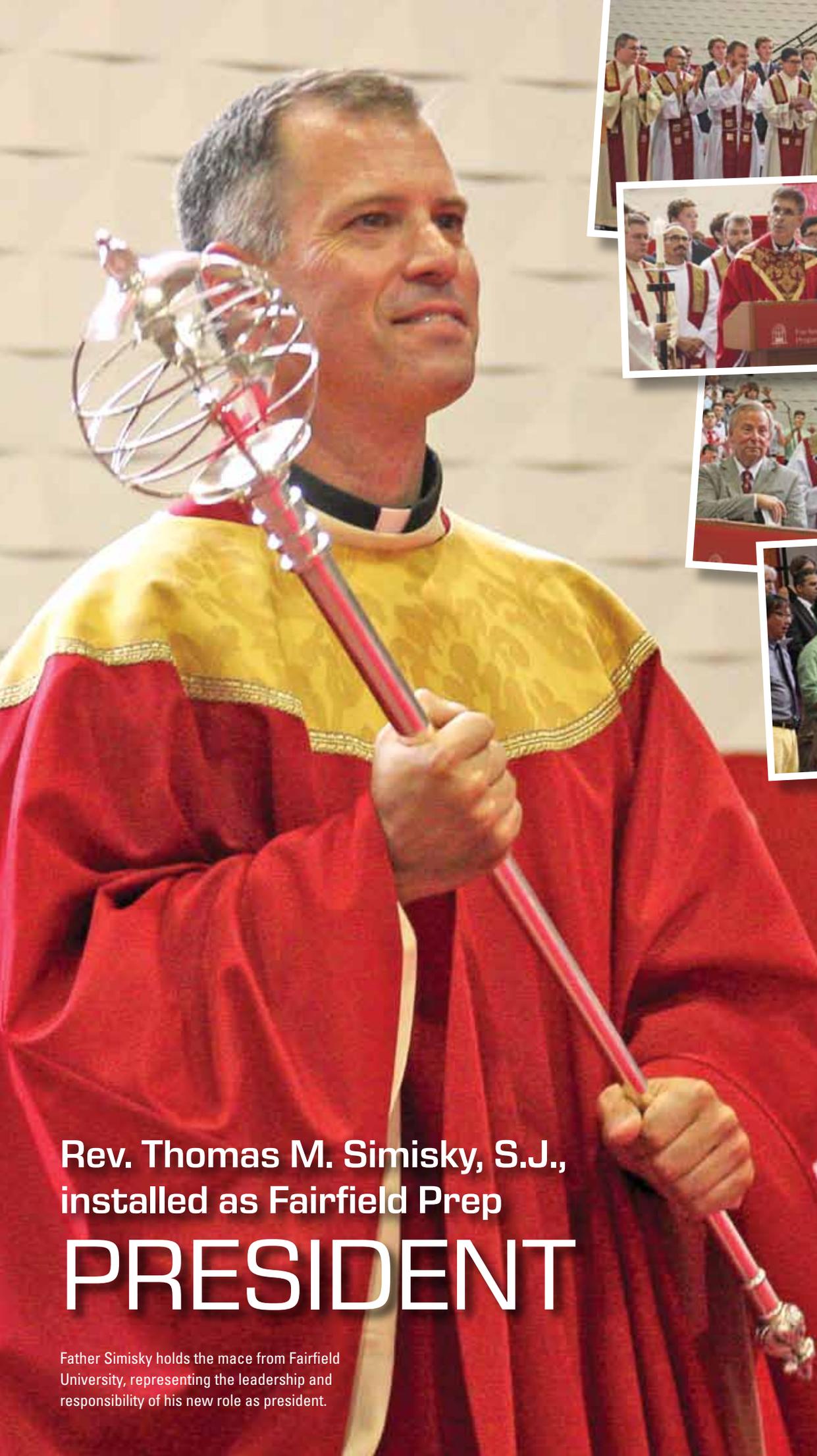
The Jesuit high school graduate will understand the major doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church. Theology classes, retreats, and service experiences will have imbued him with personal knowledge of these teachings and traditions. Challenged to examine his own religious feelings, values, and beliefs through the lens of Ignatian spirituality, the graduate will deepen his relationship with God by means of active participation in a faith community.

Loving

The Jesuit high school graduate is continuing to form his own identity in relation to God and others. He is moving beyond self-centeredness and entering into mature relationships characterized by trust, self-sacrifice, commitment, and love. Recognizing God's image in others, he accepts and reveres the human dignity and divine mystery present in all people.

Committed to Doing Justice

The Jesuit high school graduate has developed the awareness and skills necessary to live in a global society as a person for and with others. He is keenly aware of the many needs of local, national, and global communities, all of which evolve in parallel with the development of new technologies, their ethical application, and their impact on the environment. In a world marked by profound change, the graduate will deepen his understanding to serve faith, promote justice, and dialogue with cultures and other religions in light of the Church's mandate to establish right relationships with God, with one another, and with creation.



Rev. Thomas M. Simisky, S.J., installed as Fairfield Prep PRESIDENT

Father Simisky holds the mace from Fairfield University, representing the leadership and responsibility of his new role as president.

At the schoolwide Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 11, Rev. Thomas Simisky, S.J., was installed and commissioned as Fairfield Prep president. The principal celebrant was the Very Rev. John Cecero, S.J., Provincial of the USA Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus. Concelebrants were Fairfield University President Rev. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J., Jesuit Community Rector Rev. Paul Holland, S.J., and Rev. Simisky. Many members of the Jesuit Community, clergy from the Diocese of Bridgeport, members of the Board of Governors, and special guests attended. Rev. Simisky received a standing ovation as he received the mace representing his new leadership position.

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



Upon our arrival at St. Joe's Prep in Philadelphia, after walking several blocks from the subway, we were greeted and applauded by our hosts and the other Jesuit high schools that had already arrived. All of the schools were extremely welcoming and eager to meet us. Mr. Gualtiere and Father Stockdale, S.J., captained our group, while the pilgrims included: **Alex Capozziello '17, George Seyfried '18, Andrew Crane '16, Ryan McMullin '16, Matt Corcoran '17** and me.

"This is a pilgrimage, not a vacation," was the quote Father Adam Rosinski drilled into our heads throughout the journey. At least he was honest! Although St. Joe's had a remarkable interior and exterior, sleeping conditions resembled those of the famous Fairfield Prep Freshman Retreat. To be clear, we spent four nights on classroom

floors, accompanied by late bedtimes and early awakenings. By the time Thursday and Friday were complete, I think I can speak for many as I felt a full pilgrimage had been completed. I learned so much through various keynote speakers and breakout sessions, intended to expand on Jesuit teachings.

One breakout session I attended had a representative from a local Philly organization, Project HOME. Their mission statement reads: "The mission of the Project HOME community is to empower adults, children, and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, to alleviate the underlying causes of poverty, and to enable all of us to attain our fullest potential as individuals and as members of the broader society." I learned of Project HOME's strategic plan to completely get rid of homelessness in Philadelphia. Listening to various speakers was an excellent precursor



Shown from left: Rev. Bret Stockdale, S.J., **Alex Capozziello '17**, **George Seyfried '18**, **Andrew Crane '16**, **Ryan McMullin '16**, **James (JD) Shannon '16**, and Elliott Gualtiere. Not pictured but part of the contingent is **Matt Corcoran '17**.

2 Philly 4 Francis IGNATIUS PILGRIMS ON THE JOURNEY

On Thursday, September 24, a small contingent from Fairfield Prep traveled to Philadelphia for the Papal visit. The group stayed at our brother Jesuit high school, St. Joe's Prep. This contingent joined with 42 Jesuit high schools from around the country, Canada and Puerto Rico to participate in a high school conference centered on three themes: Joy, Mercy, and Encounter. Additionally, the group participated in the Papal events on Saturday afternoon on Independence Mall and the Papal Mass on Benjamin Franklin Parkway Sunday afternoon.



to the highly anticipated Pope Francis.

Pope Francis arrived in Philadelphia at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2015. By this time, hundreds of Jesuit students mobbed the streets of Philadelphia. By the time we got to Independence Mall there were still hours of waiting ahead of us. The wait included: 6 hours of defending a spot to watch Pope Francis's speech, 5 bathroom trips, 4 hot dogs, 3 attempts to get on CNN (ultimately successful), 2 hours of sleep, and 1 lunch.

Once 4:30 p.m. rolled around people ran from the spots they had held down for hours to watch Pope Francis drive by. Although his speech was in Spanish, it was understandable and eloquent. The speech was brief, but Pope Francis touched on his admiration for the United States and reminded us to never forget that we are a "melting pot."

Everyone left in shock of what a great feeling it was to be in his presence and to hear him speak. While some schools opted to return to St. Joe's after the long day, our group chose to keep the day going. For a second time, we witnessed Pope Francis cruise by at the Festival of Families. We stayed for a few hours, watching Mark Wahlberg crack jokes. He even asked Pope Francis for forgiveness for his role in the infamous movie "Ted."

In all seriousness, the festival was nothing like anything I have ever experienced. Many families, with heart touching issues, were presented to Pope Francis, and he accepted and embraced every person that faced him. As we navigated our way back to St. Joe's late that night, we stopped at several projector screens to watch bits and pieces for Pope Francis's final remarks.

Sunday was another early morning. We headed out to hold a spot on Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Similar to the day before, there was plenty of time to kill. I finished a college essay and met a lot of new people.

Prep alumnus **Michael Kokias '15** attends St. Joe's University and was working at the Papal Mass. It was nice to catch up with him and hear about the "behind the scenes" portion of Pope Francis's visit.

After Mass we headed back to St. Joe's Prep, where we hoped Pope Francis would stop to acknowledge the largest gathering of Jesuit high schools. Unfortunately he did not, but we got another surprise instead. Father James Martin, S.J., came to speak. His speech was really fascinating. He talked about his journey becoming a Jesuit and he complimented several of the schools in attendance (including Fairfield Prep). That night, our group reflected on our general thoughts and feelings about the pilgrimage.

It is safe to say that all eight of us came back to Connecticut as different people. We created relationships with countless other Jesuit students and priests, reflected on many issues that are present in every day life, and gained a true understanding for why so many people are intrigued with Pope Francis. Since then, this pilgrimage has been a story shared within the walls of Fairfield Prep, as well as outside of Prep, nearly daily. This was the first time a group from Prep has embarked on a pilgrimage like

this. Whether there is another Jesuit pope or not, the opportunity to congregate with dozens of other Jesuit high schools is an experience like nothing else.



Taken from reflection by **JD Shannon '16**

JAMAICA

Reflections from a student and a teacher on the Fairfield Prep July 2015 service immersion trip

During my service trip to Jamaica, I discovered things about myself I never thought I would in one week. My favorite experiences were interacting with my group members and the children at Blessed Assurance. The physical labor was strenuous and time consuming. However, knowing I was getting the job done for my group, and more importantly for the Blessed Assurance community, made it easier.

When I arrived in Jamaica I was impressed by the water tanks over the houses and how clean their yards were. These people were truly in poverty and lacked the resources we enjoy.

Before the trip, I had heard how the kids would be so excited to see us when we arrived. One example of this affection I received was from Donovan, who without hesitating, came up to me and wanted me to carry him. Whenever we hung out with the kids, they never went back to the gazebo or their cabins without a smile.

Occasionally a few kids did give me a little trouble. Some listened and others gave me a bit of a hard time. I had to remind myself that this was an exercise of

patience. The objective was to be tolerant and not lose your cool. Normally I'm not a patient person. But that week I learned from God and from myself that I can be tolerant when it really counts. I intend to challenge myself to be more accepting like I had been with the kids.

In school we discussed the topic of love in our Theology classes as doing for others. Love, in another way, is sacrificing your time and energy for the benefit of someone else.

The work we did in Jamaica was an expression of love for the kids and the staff. We built a wall for Blessed Assurance, shelled peanuts, and built a patio by mixing cement for Jacob's Ladder. The work was rigorous, especially when it was very hot out.

The cement mixing was the hardest job I did all week. However, I didn't do it alone. I had the help from my group and the Blessed Assurance staff. First we had to gather the materials to create the cement. Next we mixed all of them with water, and kept moving the cement while mixing it. Finally we placed it where it was needed. That took over twelve hours.

The wall took us two days because it was raining on the first work day. I'm

not saying all of the work days were as hard as the cement mixing, but they all required teamwork to get the job done. Everyone was so appreciative of our hard work and so were we.

What this work experience taught me was not everybody has modern-day equipment to work with. Manual labor takes longer than using power equipment. It is difficult to work construction without machines but it is still possible to accomplish your goals with tools, muscles and sweat.

This experience also taught me about kinship—how it is essential to work together as a unit. Those work days brought our group closer together because we suffered for one another and for the greater good of the community.

When I hung out with my group I was shy at first. After I had a few conversations with the guys I eventually felt more comfortable being around them.

I guess not having your phone on you does have its rewards! I got to know my group better and we became very good friends. We had a great time having conversations and playing cards. I really looked forward to our time together after a day of hard work.

I was a shy person coming on this trip. I got out of my comfort zone and interacted with my group and found it very rewarding. That was the biggest thing I got out of the trip—the value of kinship and friendship, because those things are essential in our lives.

Looking back at the trip, I really enjoyed it. We accomplished something greater than ourselves. We helped a community of disabled orphans in a desert-like climate for a week. Even though we didn't have our phones, internet or an abundance of food or water, I found I didn't mind going a week without the material things I have at home.

Now I cannot go back to seeing the world in the same light again, because I saw a different light in Jamaica. In America we have an excess of things. From now on, when I make my choices about how much I eat or how long my shower is, I will always keep the kids, the community, and my group alive in my memory and do the right, moral deed.



Taken from reflection by
Travis Whitney '16



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rom my first days at Fairfield Prep nine years ago, I was introduced to the idea of the various service immersion trips that

Prep students participated in and that were led by faculty moderators. At orientation, my new colleagues discussed the various trips and encouraged us to consider leading one. Although I thought that these trips were important for the Ignatian Mission of the school and for the development of our young men, I couldn't bring myself to go on one. Years later my own son traveled to El Salvador both as a participant and then again as a student leader and said to me that it was a life-changing experience. Despite this, I continued to only toy with the idea and allowed the demands of my life and my dislike of flying and being away from my family to keep me on the sidelines. Secretly, I worried I wasn't up to the challenge!

Finally last spring, I agreed to co-lead the trip to Jamaica. Initially, I was drawn to this trip because we would be living and working in an orphanage for developmentally disabled children. Being a mother to my own four children and spending my life working with teenagers, I felt that perhaps this trip would lend itself to my own skill set.



After many meetings and much preparation, our bags were packed and we arrived on a hot Saturday afternoon at Blessed Assurance Orphanage. During the course of the week, we played with and I daresay fell in love with the children, helped the caregivers, dragged rocks from a river bed, mixed cement by hand and built a retaining wall. Nights were spent reflecting on the day's activities. I felt such pride in our boys! They worked hard without complaint and played with the kids like they were their older brothers.

Late in the week, we were at Mass

attended by other service groups and the priest commented that as volunteers we were standing in solidarity with those that society had rejected and that we were extending Christ's love to those that had been forgotten. In that moment, I realized the power of the experience. For that brief week, Mr. Whiteman and I along with our boys were Christ's hands and feet upon the earth extending as much comfort and care as we could; we were men and women for others. This was no longer an intellectual idea, but had become something that I had experienced in a new and deep way. Father Pedro Arrupe,

the former Father General of the Society of Jesus once wrote that, "Today's prime educational objective must be to form men and women for others... who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors" During my time in Jamaica, I had the extraordinary opportunity to do exactly what Father Arrupe called us to do and through it deepen my own faith and understanding of God's love for us all.



Taken from reflection by Elaine Clark, P'14, English Department Chair



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Appalachia



Student reflections on the Fairfield Prep June 2015 service immersion trip to Virginia

The Appalachia trip was easily one of my favorite experiences at Prep so far. Now I have a new understanding and appreciation for service and have formed bonds with my Prep brothers and with people who live in an entirely different world than I do.

Immediately upon arrival I sensed that this was going to be a good week. The people were incredibly welcoming and glad to have us there.

Their church was so different from mine. It was a lot smaller and all the people knew one another. In my church I know maybe one family if that. Also the people were much more involved in the service. For example, Ryland went before the congregation to show off his new Bible. The service was so personal that

there were tissue boxes at the end of every aisle.

I found out that several people in their church had colon cancer or some other devastating illness. Coming into the trip I expected that they would be lacking in material things but I did not anticipate that they would have so many health issues. It made me realize how blessed I am that my family and friends are healthy.

Reflecting on the week takes me to one of the work days. I cannot remember his name but we weed wacked and cleaned up his property because he was 82 years old and couldn't manage it.

We met his grandkids and one of them had an elaborate HAM or Amateur radio set up in the backyard. I was fascinated by the long wires stretching and overlapping throughout the property and the huge radios he had. This taught

me you don't need a lot of money to enjoy a hobby you love.

I learned that caring and connecting with people is as important as the work we do for them. My favorite experience on the trip was working with the kids. It was very clear that our presence meant a lot to them. Whether it was playing with light sabers or giving them piggyback rides, they were ecstatic that we were there. Those kids don't have much but they can have fun with whatever they can find. For example, Ryland had three wood blocks and he was able to make them into different things like a plane or a car. A kid from Fairfield would probably just see some boring pieces of wood. I feel like a lot of kids here get caught up in video games and iPods and miss opportunities to use their imagination.

I'll be applying for leadership on next

year's trip because this week completely changed how I feel about service.

Before I did not want to do service. I just didn't enjoy it. It felt like something I was obligated to do to fulfill my requirement. But getting involved with people that really needed my help was life changing. I found myself not only enjoying serving but feeling really good about myself.

Working with people and witnessing how it impacts their lives is so much better than stacking boxes or donating food for faceless people. Being able to see the difference I can make is a great experience and I want to do that again.



Taken from reflection by
Ryan Sullivan '17





I was hesitant about going on the trip because I didn't know what it would feel like being away from home for a week but at the end it all paid off. I was really bummed out when I heard that two teachers had to drop out. I was afraid the trip would be canceled. Once I heard that two parents volunteered to go I was ecstatic.

In the van I became closer to classmates that I don't usually talk to. From playing games to making up mad libs we all got to know each other.

I loved the scenery driving to Barren Springs. All the different shades of green really caught my eye. Stepping out of the van when we arrived at church, it was really warm out. The air seemed to feel better and I felt great to be there.

The people of Barren Springs made us feel really good giving us a warm welcome with open arms. Their southern accent caught me by surprise. I didn't really understand what they were saying sometimes.

On Sunday we went to church. It was different from my church but not too different. Everyone was wearing comfortable clothing and I'm not used to seeing that. At my church men wear button-down shirts and ties.

The people at the church were more involved than what I usually see. There was a sharing time where people would say what's going on in their life and ask for help and prayer. I thought that was a

good way to get people involved.

At my church the kids are usually in a room in the back where they have their own activities. These kids had their own service and learned a bible story in front of the congregation which I thought was great. After service the church took a picture of us for their Facebook page and that made me realize how much our visit meant to them.

A group of us volunteered to go to Fries and help out with the theatre there. Fries was also very welcoming but different. Barren Springs is more rural with few houses and acres of land and grass. Fries was more of a town with houses closer together, and not as much open space. It has a lot more activities with a theatre and the community center. We worked in the theatre cleaning the walls and removing trash so they could repaint.

Monday our assignment was to take down a fence. The old man was clearly happy that we were there to help him and afterward he thanked us. Later that day Tom, Pat, Ryan and I went to help work on a farm. That was my first experience on a farm with animals. It was pretty fun but it was a mess.

On Tuesday, Danny, Kevin, Brendan and I went to a school and that was one of my favorite days. The kids were all smiles throughout the day even though

they were in summer school. One girl who I could tell was living in a rough environment gave me a picture before I left asking me to come back tomorrow. The kids asked for our name tags to show their parents. They were going to tell them everything that happened that day and it really made me feel good.

On Wednesday, we went to the community center in Fries to clean up the place. The community center was no longer very active because it was so dirty. We cleaned it with the hope that people would come back and enjoy themselves.

Next we helped people in the neighborhood. A group of guys and I painted a porch for a lady. She said that God sent us to her and that she was really thankful. She gave us a lot of praise for painting her porch and that showed how much of an impact we made on her life.

On Thursday we helped a lady in Fries

paint her shed and clean her gutters.

In conclusion, the Appalachia retreat was one to remember. The people we met and the stories we heard were all life changing.

They offered us great hospitality — giving us food and a place to stay for a week. They made sure that we ate before they did. They really cared about us.

I want to go back as a leader next year. The lessons I learned there I use in my daily life. One is that you don't need expensive stuff or big things to be happy. The people that lived there barely had anything — they couldn't even shower some days — but they're still grateful for what they have and I find that incredible. I'll never forget this trip.



Taken from reflection by **Jemuel St. Jean '17**



URBAN PLUNGE

While on the Urban Plunge I: tutored children at Beardsley School; read to a third-grade class at New Beginnings Family Academy; helped package clothes for the poor in Nicaragua at Connecticut Quest for Peace; shopped at PriceRite for lower-priced groceries for dinner; and helped cook.

Urban Plunge taught me about myself, the other students on the Plunge, and how to live as a community. I learned not to judge Bridgeport's East Side at first glance—or my fellow students either—after I learned about their backstories.

I was unsure of what to expect at Beardsley School. I thought our age and cultural backgrounds would distance us from the children. Instead they were incredibly open and wanted to play and get to know us. One boy talked to me for a long time about whatever came to mind. To see him open up to me like that moved me. The children at Beardsley School taught me that to build kinship you have to be open regardless of differences.

The experience has left a lasting impression on me. On the Plunge our group discussed how to live more simply like the residents around us. Now I am reminded of this every day as I do little things like not wasting food, putting on warmer clothes instead of turning up the thermostat, or just spreading the lesson of simplicity to others.

I have always donated to the Mite Box when I could. But after this Plunge, I have tried to go further, giving as much

as I can, especially when it relates to local issues that Bridgeport citizens face, like the recent Mite Boxes regarding homelessness.

My Plunge experience has helped me realize it is my duty to help the less fortunate or else I cannot call myself a “Man for Others.”

The agency I wish to serve is the Spooner House in Shelton which helps feed and house the homeless. The Plunge has taught me that service changes me, those I serve, and can change the larger community. I hope to accomplish this in my service this year and senior year.



Taken from reflection by **Andrew Magel '17**

Pictured are students calculating what they can afford to buy for dinner. As a simple life exercise, they are allocated an extremely tight budget and a group of hungry Prepsters to feed as part of their Urban Plunge experience.



Remembering Joey Kulaga '19

Taken from the Funeral Mass homily by Rev. Victor Martin, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Jan. 6, 2016. Freshman Joey Kulaga died on December 29, 2015, in an automobile accident in Virginia.

From that great window in heaven Joey is looking down upon us. He is trying his best to get our attention. He is

trying to reach our hearts by saying "Hey! This is an awesome place." And today he is celebrating the rest of the Christmas season, in heaven, with his two grandfathers, Kenneth and Donald.

My friends of Christmas, we have gathered here in this place at this hour because each of us had a connection, a bonding with this young man called Joey Kulaga. Joey had a special "magnet" about him that brought many people into his life! And it is Joey who has called "each of us" here this morning so that each of us can have that opportunity to ask the good Lord in our own way, "How we are doing?" "Are we ready?" "Are we prepared for the day when the great trumpet sounds for each and every one of us to go home to heaven to live with God in all eternity?" Like Joey, we do not know the day, the hour, nor the moment. However, my friends, it will happen!

Our God gave Joey 14 years of life and Joey gave back to God his very best! Joey loved his God very much. He loved his faith. He loved being an altar server at this altar, where he served 12 days ago for Christmas Mass at noon with his sister, Sarah, and the Murphy twins, Aidan and Alana. This is the place where I gave Joey his first Holy Communion back in May 2009; where he received his confirmation in February 2015. This is where Joey and his fellow 8th graders graduated from St. Thomas this past June and this is where we sent Joey forth to begin a new journey into a great unknown called high school.

Fairfield Prep was his choice. He loved being at Prep, he was proud to be there. In just these few months he was making his name known, he was making new friends, he became a member of the crew team. As pastor here for the last 21 years I had the privilege of seeing Joey and his 8th grade class bond in a very special way. I watched them grow through the years and become the loving creative faith-filled young men and women that we sent them "off" as on their graduation day!

Joey truly loved people and people loved him! It was said that he never focused on himself, always others. Mrs. Greenfield, Joey's 8th grade homeroom teacher, told me, "It was Joey's good heart and kindness that I remember the most." Yes, we all saw his kindness, good heart, sincerity, honesty, gentleness and care for others, as well as his love for his mom, Ellen, his dad, Mark, his two sisters, Sarah and Grace, his grandmothers, aunts and uncles, cousins, relatives and all his friends. Don't let me forget "Boomer."

The other day I was talking with Joey's family about who he was for all of us! But his mom, Ellen, said, "Joey was lucky! He was always lucky!" I pondered those words and this morning I ask, "Who was the lucky one? How lucky we were and always will be that we have come to know this kind and loyal young man, who made us laugh with that quiet but sharp sense of humor ever evident by the twinkle in his eyes, even when he was serious." Joey was a special friend. He stood by our side and respected

everyone. His life was a positive one and he lifted others up when they were down. Joey took life seriously, especially his academics and sports. He gave more than 100 percent in anything he did. He was someone concerned about his world and all those around him!

Now look how lucky we are? I believe Joey would like to say something to all of us this morning. I believe that Joey's spirit is here because this is his Mass, his celebration with everyone he loved and those who loved him. "Be not afraid. I have gone before you. I have seen God face to face. I have seen heaven, my true home. I will miss you. I will always love you. But be not afraid. For one day we shall all be together again."

A FEW SHARINGS...

I feel so fortunate to have taught Joey for the few months we were together. Truthfully, teaching Joey was not really a challenge because he was so bright and such a quick learner. I don't think I ever called on him when he couldn't answer the question, even the really tough ones, and I could tell that he was pleased by his successes in Latin by the wry smile after the tough questions. I know that I speak for all of his classmates when I say that we miss him every day.

– Bob Bernier, Latin Teacher

The crew team was incredibly lucky that Joey Kulaga chose to join us for the fall season. We are all deeply affected by his loss. Even though Joey was on the crew team for only one season, he left a lasting impression that will continue to guide and strengthen us. Joey was a wonderful teammate and friend and he will remain in our thoughts forever.

– Ed Feldheim, Crew Coach

Is it Christmas? Back in October, I told my boys about a website called, "isitchristmas.com." This website is the best way to find out whether or not the current date is, in fact, Christmas Day. My students took to their iPads to check if that day in October was Christmas or not. The boys lifted iPad screens which read "NO."

Then one student unexpectedly called out, "Mine says YES!" That student was Joey Kulaga. Somehow, when Joey went to the site, the word "YES" was displayed. I said aloud, "There is only one person for whom it is Christmas every day. Joey must be Santa Claus." From that day on, Joey was known as "Santa" in Section 5.

Each day in class, there were more laughs because Joey was our Santa. Aside from being a fantastic student (Joey earned a higher score on the mid-term exam compared to any other student of mine), Joey was a source of happiness for the guys in Section 5. A Santa hat is displayed in my classroom now. Joey reminded us that each day is Christmas; that every day our God walks with us in our struggles and our triumphs as an ever-present source of hope. Through God's grace, we were sent Joey – our own personal Santa – who reminds us that, regardless of the date, it is always Christmas.

– Corey Dennis, Theology Teacher



Alumni faculty 19 strong

Fairfield Prep boasts 19 alumni serving as faculty and staff. They have chosen to return to their alma mater to carry on the tradition and further Prep's Jesuit mission. Their combined years of service to Prep is 193 years, spanning five decades from the '60s to the '00s.

From left, 1st Row: Kevin Altieri '00, Kevin Kery '01, Austin Ryan '06. 2nd Row: Tom Corona '07, Jason Mis '98, Bob Fosse-Previs '87. 3rd Row: Greg Marshall '73, Rick Hutchinson '87, Tom Shea '73, Andrew Davenport '08. 4th Row: Bob Donahue '87, Matt Sather '93, Matt Tellis '89, Brian Camus '04, Jack Wallace '06. Top: Rudy Mauritz '94, Larry Carroll '63, Tom Curran '05, Griffin Reidy '90.

Introducing new faces



Dr. Joseph Barreira – Last year, Dr. Barreira served as a part-time Spanish teacher during the second semester. He received his BA from Southern CT State University, his MA from Middlebury College, an MA from the University of Paris and a PhD from University of CT. Dr. Barreira has taught Portuguese, Spanish and French at the United States Air Force Academy, the Department of Defense Language Institute in Monterey, the University of Connecticut and at Greenwich Catholic Elementary School. He teaches Spanish and French.



Andrew Davenport '08 – Mr. Andrew Davenport is a 2008 graduate of Fairfield Prep. He received his BA from Kenyon College where he majored in English and minored in Art History. He comes to us from Brooklyn Jesuit Prep where he taught since 2013. Mr. Davenport serves as Admissions Counselor and assists Mr. Greg Marshall, Dean of Enrollment & Marketing.



Robert Fosse-Previs '87 – Mr. Robert Fosse-Previs is a 1987 graduate of Prep. He received his BA from Franklin Pierce University where he majored in graphic communications. He has taught art and music at St. Martin de Porres Academy, Milford Public Schools, Lauralton Hall and the Kennedy Center. He has also worked for many years as a graphic designer and has his own company. Mr. Fosse-Previs teaches Art.



Lise Heller – Mrs. Lise Heller comes to us from Denmark where she received her undergraduate degree and her master's degree from the University of Copenhagen, and her Diploma of Education from the University of Southern Denmark. She has taught as a tenured teacher at a Danish high school. During the summer of 2006, she volunteered in a school for disabled children in Tonga and in 2007 in an orphanage for disabled children in Tanzania. Mrs. Heller teaches Algebra and Geometry.



Ciro Romero – Mr. Ciro Romero is a native of Colombia where he received his BA from La Gran Colombia University in Bogota. He has taught Spanish for over ten years in elementary school through advanced adult education including Greenwich Catholic, Trinity Catholic, Fairfield Public Schools and Naugatuck Community College. Before teaching, he had a long career in Security Management and served as Head of Security operations in Colombia and Mexico for American Skandia Life. Mr. Romero teaches Spanish I and III.



Bret Stockdale, S.J. – Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J., is no stranger to Fairfield Prep having served as a Theology teacher from 2008 to 2011 and subsequently having generously donated his time to support our retreat and service initiatives. He returns to us after serving in the University Chaplaincy program. Fr. Stockdale serves as Student Chaplain.



Patricia Schickler – Mrs. Patricia Schickler worked all last year as the ESL teacher for our Chinese students. She has returned this year to continue her academic support of these students and our international program.



FATHER LARRY RYAN, S.J., RETIRES

A Legacy of Love and Service

We in Fairfield Prep’s faculty received great gaudium—“joy”—amidst the Advent season when Father Larry Ryan rejoined us for our Christmas Party at the Jesuit Residence.

Father Ryan, who is now missioned to the Campion Center in Weston, Massachusetts, has been a spiritual guide and a trusted friend to generations of Prep students, faculty and staff. He has been there for us and with us in our most joyous moments and our most difficult moments. He has been there through our accomplishments, our celebrations, our weddings and our children’s baptisms. He has been there through our job losses, our break-ups, our loved ones’ deaths and our crises of faith. And then, of course, there were the ski trips, the ski trips, the ski trips and the ski trips.

Although it is now the Campion Center’s corridors—not ours—that are graced with Father Ryan’s daily presence, his transformative effect upon our lives burns forever bright, as evidenced by some alums who recently celebrated their 25th Reunion, the Class of 1990:

Father Ryan always had a smile on his face and he truly cared about us as students. We all know he had a passion for skiing, and he used it as a way to build terrific experiences and friendships at Prep. He leaves a legacy in those halls! — **ROLAND**

He made learning so much fun for the whole class, his relaxed teaching style invited you in to hear what he had to say and it made the experience of learning all the more enjoyable. One of my favorites from the good ol’ days at FP. — **CHRIS**

Father Ryan spoke to us and treated us like we were adults. Many teachers were authoritative and formal with us and that’s what we expected, but Father Ryan just took a completely different approach in dealing with us and I think that’s what made him stand out and be remembered so well. — **JOE**

With Father Ryan I realized that priests could actually be funny and informative—not cold and distant as they always seemed to me as a kid going to church. — **KEITH**

Father Ryan was a large part of my whole Prep experience. I remember thinking how cool it was that we had a teacher to bring a bunch of high school guys skiing as far away as Europe. Our trips to Vermont were so relaxed and so much fun. But then, back in Theology class on Monday, it was back to business. I doubt that many high schoolers have that kind of teacher anymore.

— **FORD**

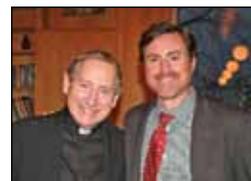
I remember the Innsbruck trip sophomore year when we did a day trip to Ischgl (yes, an actual Austrian town) and we convinced Father Ryan to jump off a 15-foot cliff into powder. Needless to say he wasn’t a high school student at the time. Lots of good memories on those ski trips as well as in the classroom.

— **RANDY**

Father is the embodiment of Fairfield Prep! A man for others, a man for others to look up to, a man for others to learn from and enjoy life with. He was filled with love, integrity, joy, comfort and God, both inside and outside the classroom. He guided me through some of my darkest and brightest days. He is a true pioneer for the Jesuit community and someone who will always hold a very special place in my heart. — **JON**

As for me, I first met Father Ryan when I was an unsure sophomore transfer student that he welcomed into this Prep brotherhood. For most of our nearly 30 years of friendship since then I have been an adult—a high-school, college and higher-ed graduate as well as a husband and father. For eight years we were colleagues at Fairfield Prep—more than double the amount of our time here as teacher and student.

And yet, I still cannot call him “Larry.” No matter how many years pass, no matter how much older and grayer I get, he is and will always be a father figure to me. He will always be a source of wisdom, encouragement and laughter. He will always be a confidant to turn to in my most difficult moments. For me, as for so many others, he will forever remain, truly, “Father Ryan.”



By **Griffin Reidy '90**, Theology Teacher

Grandparents enjoy Mass and Breakfast



Over 300 freshmen and their grandparents enjoyed a special morning on October 8. The day started with a delicious breakfast buffet in the new Student Life Center followed by a short presentation about Fairfield Prep. Professional photos of the students and grandparents were taken, and grandparents also received a Prep Christmas ornament as a souvenir gift of the event. The guests then moved to Brissette Gymnasium, where Mass was celebrated by President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., and Student Chaplain Rev. Bret Stockdale, S.J.

See photos at www.fairfieldprep.org



Prep's Class of 2019 attends Freshman Orientation

Freshmen arrived at Prep on August 24 to participate in a variety of activities, including attending homeroom, getting schedules and locker assignments, hearing information from speakers at the assembly, meeting new Prep President Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., participating in a prayer service, learning the Prep Fight Song, and playing in the Freshman Olympics.

PREP PARENTS PARTICIPATE!



Bellarmino Guild welcomes MOMS

The Bellarmino Guild, Fairfield Prep's club for mothers/guardians of students, sponsored a Welcome Back Coffee on August 27 in the new Student Life Center. Mothers had the opportunity to learn about and sign up for many of the club events throughout the school year. They also were welcomed by co-chairs Gail Golden, P'16 and Lisa Kral, P'16, '18 as well as Prep administrators.



DADS and sons Rake 'N' Bake Prep Fathers' Club made this year's Brookfield Rake 'N' Bake their Fall Father-Son Volunteer Day. Approximately 75 Prep fathers and sons drove to Brookfield, CT, on November 14 and raked leaves for those who cannot easily do it themselves. They joined a group of over 1,000 volunteers participating in the 16th annual Rake 'n' Bake sponsored by the HDHM Ministry (Handy Dandy Handyman organization). They cleaned leaves from 70 homes in the greater Danbury area.

MOTHERS and sons enjoy dinner and a show

This year's Mother/Son event was held on October 29 in the new Student Life Center. 302 Mothers and sons attended! After enjoying dinner together, the guests were entertained by Ryan Oakes, magician and mentalist. He put on a fantastic show! The evening ended with a raffle. A special thank you to everyone who donated to this successful event, including Colony Grill, Pronto, B Good, Chef's Table, Country Cow, Garden Catering, and Home Depot. Special thanks to co-chairs MaryEllen Guere, P'17 and Mary Alice Noone, P'11, '13, '15, '18.



Prep PARENTS party celebrates the season

Over 100 Prep parents attended a festive cocktail party to kick-off the Christmas season at the Fairfield Museum and History Center on December 5. The guests were entertained with Christmas classics by the Prep Encords a cappella group. Attendees also collected food for the pantry at Operation Hope. Special thanks to Kim and Dave Spangler, P'19 and Jackie and Michael Steed, P'17, '19 for coordinating the evening, which was sponsored by the Bellarmino Guild and Prep Fathers' Club.



My Prep Journey

Taken from a speech by Rasheed Tyree '16 given at the President's Dinner which is held to honor Prep benefactors who contribute \$2,500 or more annually.

In 2012, I was just a boy walking through Fairfield Prep's doors, but in a few months I will exit a man. A man that exhibits all the characteristics of the Graduate at Graduation, which are open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to justice. In June, I will walk across the graduation stage with my head held high and accept my high school diploma as a Prep alumnus.

My spirit will forever be with Fairfield Prep—even well after my busy career as a successful sports journalist.

My dream is to become a benefactor of the school so that I can help another young man like myself. Langston Hughes once asked, "What happens to a dream deferred?"

Fortunately, the answer is my dream has not been deferred and it would not have been realized without the generosity and support of the Prep community and you as benefactors. It has been four years since I began my journey to Fairfield Prep. My parents didn't have big paying jobs. They both worked really hard just to be able to consider sending me to Prep, so I worked really hard to get in.

I remember the day I came home from school and my mother informed me that Mr. Marshall called to say that I was accepted to Prep.



Pictured from left: Rodney Tyree, Gabrielle Shilleh, Rasheed Tyree and Fr. Simisky, S.J.

I was scared and excited at the same time. Yes, I was accepted but were we going to be able to afford it? The look on my mother's face answered my question and that's when she told me that we received enough financial aid where I would be able to attend the school. Instead of being deferred, my dream of attending Prep came to fruition.

Prep opens its doors for Open House

Hundreds of prospective students and their families attended the Open House held on October 4. 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.



I finished my 8th grade year at Side by Side School in Norwalk before attending Prep's Academic Enrichment Camp through the SEED program. I wasn't happy about going to summer school but I quickly changed my mind on the very first day. The Summer Enrichment program was where I met most of my current friends before my freshman year even started. I met peers and faculty and began to understand what Prep expected of me. The summer program played an important part in my development academically and socially and ensured that my transition to Prep was a smooth one.

I am pleased to participate in the Students For Educational Excellence through Diversity program or, SEED—a program that would not exist without your largesse. My SEED experience has been great! Between the Brothers for Others meetings and the family dinners, we bond well together and we have fun. Another of the SEED activities I belong to is the African-American Cultural Club. This club is important to students of color because we express our struggles. We explore our social, cultural, economic, and political issues but also discuss the possible solutions to these issues. We also encourage other students of all cultures and backgrounds to participate in the dialogue. It is a club that is built on the Jesuit mission that seeks to find God in all things—in all peoples and cultures, in all areas of learning, in all human experience, and especially (for the Christian) in the person of Jesus.

At Prep, we strive to become "Men for Others." Several members of



I promise, your legacy will live through me.

RASHEED TYREE '16

the Prep community have shaped and formed both my values and my character. They taught me how to persevere inside and outside of the classroom. One person in particular who embodies being a true Man for Others is Coach Hellstern. He taught me the value of hard work and stamina, because he models the mission of Fairfield Prep that strives to shape men for others.

Dr. King once said, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." Dr. King's quote illustrates that my Prep education will forever be embedded in me because there are people in my life who believe in me more than I sometimes believe in myself: my family, my teachers, coaches, and you, the benefactors of Fairfield Prep. For that, I want to say thank you.

Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for allowing my dream not to be deferred. Thank you for providing me with an education that also builds my intelligence and my character. I promise you that I will use my education, intelligence and character to pay it forward, I promise, your legacy will live through me.

Student Activities Fair offers multiple choices



Over 25 clubs participated in the Prep Student Activities Fair on September 10 in the Student Life Center. The school encourages its students to participate in the various extracurricular activities offered, which enable them to discover new talents and make new friends.





Ring Mass



CLASS OF 2017

Junior Traditions The Class of 2017 gathered in Fairfield University's Egan Chapel for the annual Junior Ring Mass on December 2. Juniors purchase class rings each year as a tangible remembrance that they are, and always will be, members of the Fairfield Prep community. The rings were blessed at the Mass by Fr. Stockdale, S.J., and presented to each young man personally. On December 4, the Class of 2017 celebrated at their Junior Ring Dance held in Fairfield University's Oak Room.

Ring Dance





Trunk or Treat

CLASS OF
2016

The Class of 2016 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, the groups of buddies played harvest-themed games on the field, including pumpkin rolling contests, pumpkin bowling, ring toss around pumpkins, sack racing, and more. The children were then escorted up to the parking lot to go "Trunk or Treating" with the Prep seniors as hosts at their decorated cars.

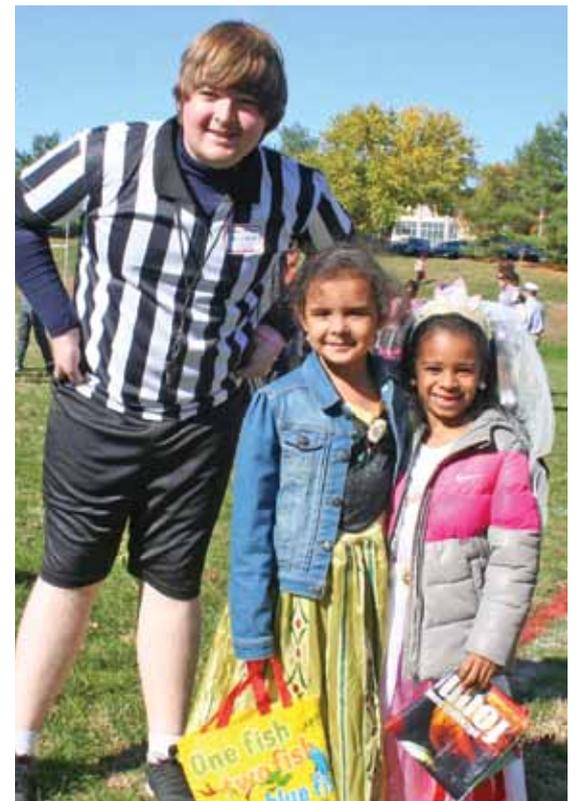
BEST PREP COSTUME

- ★ (Voted by Hall students): "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" **Alejandro Castillo, Paul DeFelice, Chandler Douglas, Sisso Makhraz**
- ★ (Voted by Prep Seniors): "Donald Trump" **Aedan Ayer**

TRUNK DECORATION WINNERS

- ★ 1st Place – Angry Birds: **Vincent Farricielli, Hayden Page**
- ★ 2nd Place – Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: **Alejandro Castillo, Paul DeFelice, Chandler Douglas, Sisso Makhraz**
- ★ 3rd Place – Lumberjack: **John Humes**

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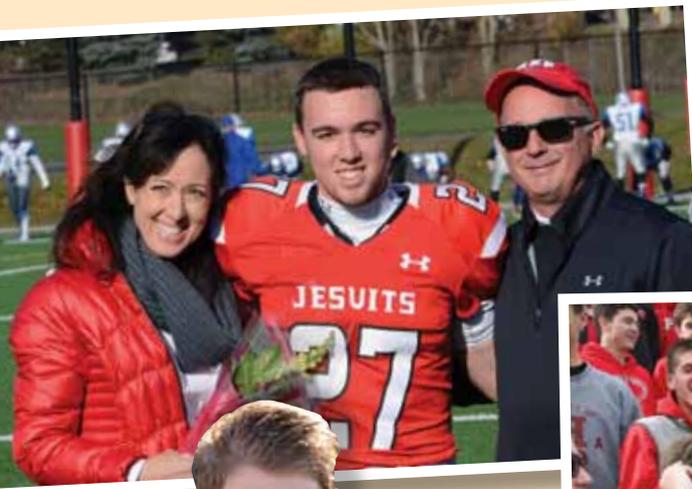
Thanksgiving

A PREP TRADITION

Thankful for **family**

Senior Day

Before the game, senior football players were recognized with their parents, and gave flowers to their mothers.



Prep-West Haven game tradition

Despite a tough loss to the Blue Devils devoted Prep fans cheered for the Jesuits at the new Rafferty Stadium. See more Prep football on page 34.



Turkey Trotter family reunites!

Over 100 members of the Prep Community (students, alumni, faculty, and parents) ran in the annual Pequot Runners Thanksgiving Day 5 Mile Race. Alumni winners were, from left: **Michael Whelan '12, Michael Shaw '04, Colin Nevins '08, and Brendan Terry '12.**





Thanksgiving Prayer Assembly brings together Prep Community



Fr. Simisky, S.J., honored Mrs. Colleen Keltos, Dean of Operations and Technology.

Fairfield Prep's annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Assembly took place on Tuesday, November 24, in Alumni Hall. The focus of this year's service was thankfulness for all of God's gifts, especially the gifts of creation and the Fairfield Prep community. This year's service included: prayers and gifts presented by student government, a reenactment of *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein, music by the FP Jam Band, and excerpts from the Papal Encyclical *Laudato si'* read by members of our 2Philly4Francis group. Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., also honored Mrs. Colleen Keltos for her 35 years of dedicated service to Fairfield Prep.

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



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.

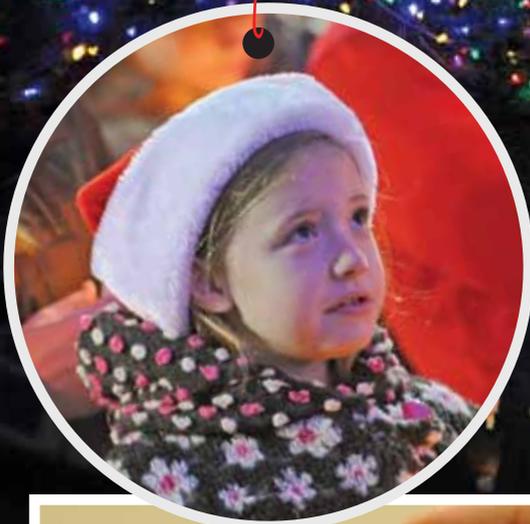


Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Cyber Monday, topped off by Day of Giving!

At the game, Prep fans showed their support for the Day of Giving on December 1.

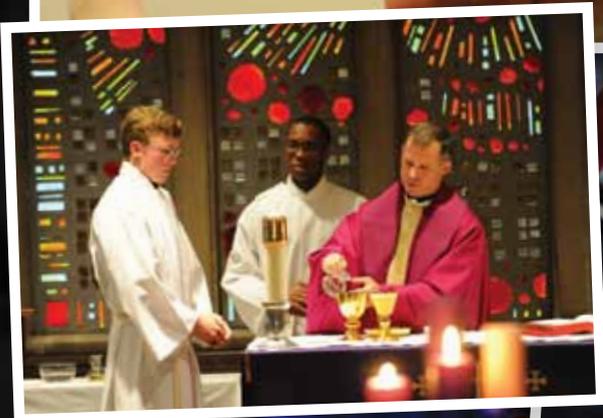


Christmas in the Quad



Fairfield Prep welcomed Advent on December 6 with Mass celebrated in St. Joseph Chapel followed by the Christmas Tree Blessing and Lighting in Pelletier Quad. Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J., and Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., led the blessing and lighting.

 Watch video highlights
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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 Ludlowe High School 52-48. The Tournament MVP was **Rich Kelly '16**. **Patrick Harding '17** was also honored on the All-Tournament Team.

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Mountains of presents!

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 above from left: **Alex Capozziello '17**, **Patrick Guere '17**, **Thomas Hurst '17** and **John Kenny '16**.



Venite Adoremus Dominum

Ms. Koren Mumma's senior Latin class sang Christmas carols in Latin, traveling through the festive hallways and contributing to the school-wide Christmas spirit!



All wrapped up

Some fellow Prep staff pranksters "Christmas wrapped" the office of Jon DeRosa, Director of Student Activities & Christian Service. The gag successfully surprised him and got everyone in the spirit for the Christmas season!



Prep Pink Pledge

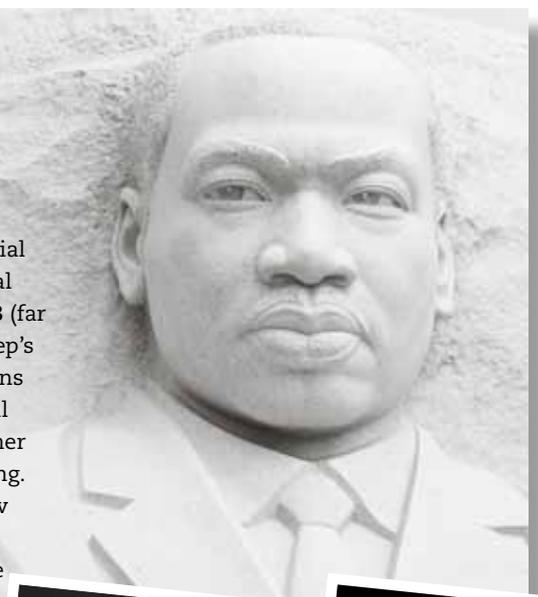
PREP RAISES **OVER \$1,900** FOR PINK PLEDGE CANCER CAMPAIGN

The Fairfield Prep community proudly presented the Fairfield “PINK PLEDGE” campaign with over \$1,900 raised through the school in support of cancer awareness. October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Fairfield Prep participated in the town-wide initiative to increase knowledge and raise funds to fight cancer. Prep joined all of the local schools, businesses and town residents in Fairfield, taking the “Pink Pledge” to support The Norma Pfriem Breast Care Center.

On September 22 and 23, speakers from Norma Pfriem made presentations to Prep students to educate them about breast and testicular cancer. On October 1, the Prep soccer team participated in a walk called the “Stroll of Strength” in downtown Fairfield. Additionally, on October 2, students, families, and staff purchased and wore special “Prep fights Cancer” t-shirts, which raised money for this important cause.



Martin Luther King Jr. Honored at Prep Assembly



The Prep SEED Program (Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity) sponsored a student assembly commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. on January 20 at the Quick Center for the Arts. The theme of the program was “Bridging the Gap.” Through presentations of song, speech, and photos, the students and guests delivered a multi-media message about tolerance and respect for humankind. Alumnus **Daryl Avery '75**, an accomplished attorney with extensive experience in Washington D.C., returned to Prep and gave an inspiring address to the students about

taking action in their lives on behalf of social justice. Prep’s men’s choir sang the national anthem and alumnus **Markus Santiago '13** (far right) sang the Negro National Anthem. Prep’s own “Jam Band” played, and guest musicians Night Market Band performed inspirational rock music in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr., invoking the attendees to sing along. The program ended with a video/slideshow depicting historical photos combined with those of current Prep life to underscore the message of tolerance, togetherness, and brotherhood.

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Pictured from left: Social Studies Teacher John Szablewicz; Guest Speaker Daryl Avery '75; President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J.; and Director of Diversity & Academic Support Services Mrs. Alecia Thomas.



Faculty and staff volunteer on holiday

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, several faculty and staff members gathered to prepare and serve food at the Thomas Merton Center in Bridgeport. The Thomas Merton Center is a community soup kitchen and day shelter serving the women, men and children of a Greater Bridgeport. Thank you to Mr. Bob Bernier, Mr. Jamie Chesbro and son James, Mr. Dean Davis, Mrs. Dina DeRosa, Mr. Charlie DiCenso, Mrs. Anna DiCenso, Mr. John Hanrahan and wife Sara, **Mr. Rick Hutchinson '87** and his family, Ms. Kathleen Jackson, Mr. Andy Mancini and wife Colleen, Dr. Charlie Miller, Mrs. Kathy Norell, and Mrs. Julie Pollard for their contributions. Because of their generosity, more than 150 people were able to have a complete meal. This event has been a tradition at Fairfield Prep for more than 30 years.

The **people** behind Prep make it special

Taken from a speech by Grant Stone '16 given at the Fairfield Prep Freshman Parent Reception on September 15, 2015

A lot of people who aren't familiar with the Prep community might wonder why it's so special—I'm here to provide a glimpse into what a Jesuit education is all about and to show you all the ways that Prep is head and shoulders above the rest, and how Prep has molded me into the successful young man that I am.

I live in Stamford and went to school at St. Aloysius School in New Canaan, a small Catholic school where I spent nine years of my academic career, from kindergarten to eighth grade. Both my mom and my dad grew up in similar school settings, so they knew it was the place for me. My dad also went to a Jesuit high school, BC High, so Prep was the obvious choice after middle school. After experiencing only one school environment for so long, I knew the transition would be a challenge. And even worse, I was the only kid in my graduating class going to Prep, so I was worried about making friends. My older brother enjoyed his first year though, so I was eager to jump right in.

My first memorable Prep experience was my Shadow Day when I was in eighth grade. I was an early applicant to Prep, was accepted, and I went in with my brother in the late winter months to get a feel for the school environment. I was completely blown away. Prep's campus was rich with enthusiasm, energy, and camaraderie. The students and faculty were eager to welcome me and show me a great day, after which I had no questions whatsoever about Prep being the next step of my journey. I mean, I was even invited to do a few drills with the freshman basketball

team at the end of the day. That's pretty cool. I was getting my first taste of what's known as the Brotherhood—the ties of friendship and community that make Prep such an amazing place to go to school.

When people think of Prep, a bunch of things come to mind—challenging academics, competitive sports teams, and great college matriculation lists. These are all true—but I think it's really the people behind those statements that make Prep so special.

For one, Prep's teachers are outstanding. All of Prep's faculty members are incredibly bright and personable individuals. They will go to great lengths to make sure that each student succeeds, and will meet before and after school to ensure that students grasp what they're being taught. They are cut from a different material.

Additionally, I am extremely comfortable with every teacher I've had, and have even developed relationships with teachers I haven't had. The fact that I can talk about fantasy sports with my math teacher or about music with my theology teacher just

speaks to how special they are.

At Prep, there is rarely a journey without struggle and adversity. From the long and demanding commute on the train to the accelerated course load, Prep has taught me how to adapt and work hard to excel. The environment at Prep forces you to be proactive, and anyone will tell you that the road to success here is paved by hard work and diligence.

As a student athlete with long practices, I've been forced to adapt and use my time wisely, learning the life skill of time management. These qualities of hard work, proactivity and diligence are just scraping the surface of how Prep has made me the man that I am, and one of the biggest teachings I've taken from Prep is how to be a man for others.

These lessons apply to everyone, because even if you aren't an athlete, there are countless ways to get involved. At Prep, no one wants you to be that '2:30 kid'—the student that shows up for school and leaves right after. People argue that there are always things to do after the final bell rings, and that's true.

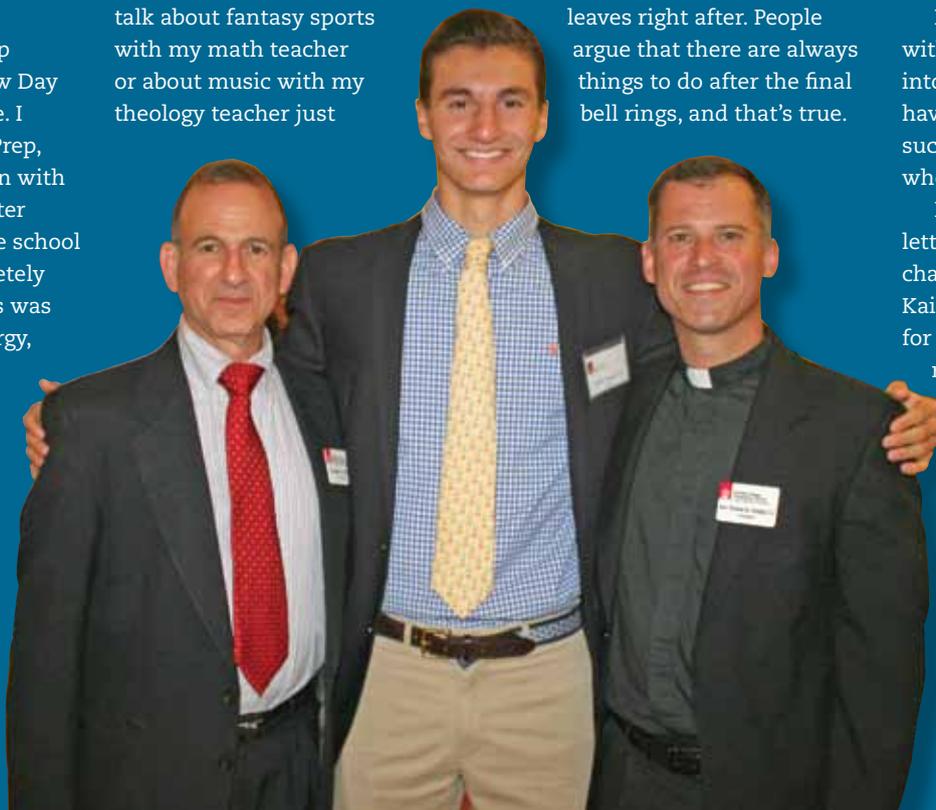
There are dozens of clubs, from Fantasy Sports (which I chair) to Robotics and Mock Trial. There's also Campus Ministry, if you want to get involved in schoolwide Masses and religious events. It's really easy to find your niche and get involved in extracurriculars, and that's just another aspect that makes Prep special.

Being a "Man for Others" is rooted in service to those less fortunate. I serve at the Boys and Girls Club of Stamford helping kids with their homework and supervising them in a variety of activities like basketball, dodgeball and more.

Service at Prep is often a new experience for kids, and requires them to be open to new things. Once you become acclimated to service, it will become life changing. Being able to walk in the door and use my gifts for someone else is a blessing. It is an amazing feeling to say that I made a difference, big or small, in another's life. Service is an outlet where students can do the Magis, or the more, in their lives, for the greater glory of God.

Prep and the wonderful people within it have helped mold me into the man I am today. They have laid out the blueprint for success, and will do so for anyone who walks through the front door.

I am a three-year varsity letterman in baseball, a club chair, freshman retreat and Kairos leader, and a volunteer for the less privileged. I am a recruited scholar athlete, and I have committed to Harvard University where I will be playing baseball next fall. Most importantly, though, I am a Prep man and I am extremely proud to say so.



L-r: Principal Robert Perrotta, Grant Stone '16 and Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.

Prep Players' "Our Town" sold-out performances

The Prep Players performed *Our Town*, a 1938 Pulitzer Prize winning play by American playwright Thornton Wilder. The play is performed without a set and with minimal props, and the actors mime their actions. "Bravo" to the talented ensemble for an emotive performance! The production ran on November 12 and 13 in the Wien Experimental Theater at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Performing Arts. The show was directed by Mrs. Megan Hoover, Fine Arts Chair.

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



Winter Concert showcases Prep talent



The Prep Music Department's annual Winter Concert was presented on January 13 in the Kelley Theatre at the Quick Center for the Performing Arts. The concert included all of the performing music groups that represent the music department at Fairfield Prep: Symphonic Orchestra and Wind Ensemble; Select Choir; and Jazzuits and Encords. The Encords a cappella group sang the Irish Blessing in memory of Prep student **Joey Kulaga '19** who died on Dec. 29, 2015, as well as for his sister Sarah, a member of the Encords, and the entire Kulaga family. The Music Director is Mrs. Christine Evans.

High Achievers

Prep seniors commit to play college sports

LACROSSE

Pictured front from left: **Jack O'Connor** (Bowdoin); **Brendan Hoffman** (Williams); **Colin Smalkais** (Union) and **Nick Franchuk** (U.S. Naval Academy). Back row from left: Athletic Director Tom Curran, Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, Varsity Lacrosse Coach Chris Smalkais, Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J.



Jack O'Connor - Bowdoin College

An outstanding student and talented athlete, accomplished in both Cross Country and Lacrosse, Jack will continue his lacrosse career and intellectual growth at Bowdoin College in the fall of 2016. As a standout lacrosse athlete Jack has earned All-State selection and is a two time All-SCC lacrosse honoree. He also earned All-SCC Cross Country honors. Jack has been a Summa Cum Laude scholar and has achieved membership in the National Honor Society. For his talents in the classroom and achievements in athletics Jack was recognized with the United States Army Reserve National Athlete Award at Prep's academic awards Mass this past fall. He was also recognized for scholarship as a National Merit Commended Scholar and for leadership as both a semi-finalist in the Connecticut Governor's Scholars Awards Program and as an SCC Scholar Leader in his junior year. Jack has been a leader of Prep's Freshman Retreat and Sophomore Retreat; and is a member of Prep's Mock Trial team. He has volunteered at the Stamford Boys and Girls Club and with the Kennedy Center Bowling program.

Brendan Hoffman - Williams College

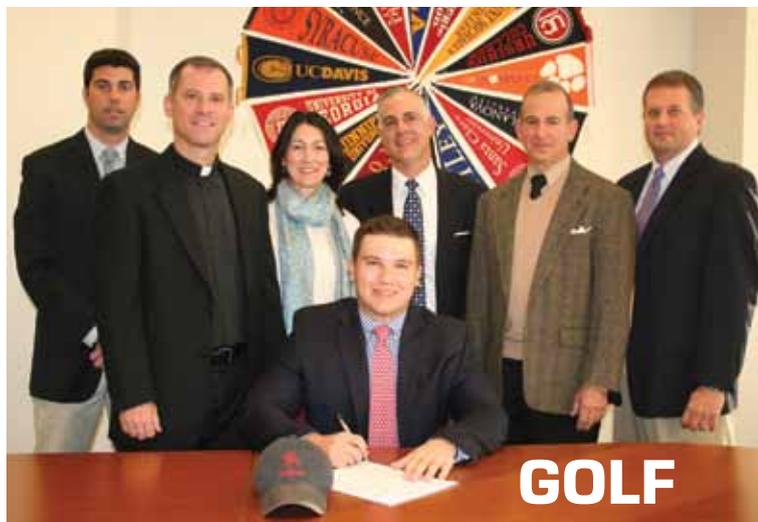
As an accomplished student Brendan was recognized as a Magna Cum Laude honors scholar at Prep's academic awards Mass this past fall. Brendan's academic accomplishments and his strong lacrosse career in Prep's competitive program have opened the door for Brendan with the opportunity for continued growth in both areas of talent at Williams College, where he will begin in the fall of 2016. In his Prep years Brendan has explored his interests and talents by his four year involvement in both lacrosse and in Prep's Debate Club where he enjoys weekly exchanges on current topics with classmates. Brendan has also taken the opportunity to participate in Prep's Kairos Retreat, and has reached out to the local community through the mentoring program at the Stamford Boys and Girls Club.

Colin Smalkais - Union College

Accomplished in both academics and athletics, Fairfield Prep has provided Colin Smalkais the opportunity to continue his lacrosse career and intellectual development at Union College where he will begin as a student athlete in the fall of 2016. Colin is a four year athlete in both Ice Hockey and Lacrosse and a Magna Cum Laude honor student. Last season he was named All-State 2nd team and All-SCC Lacrosse 1st team for midfield. Colin has coached youth hockey and lacrosse programs. In particular his involvement in Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse offered Colin the opportunity to serve as a mentor as well as a coach. The focus and determination gained from his athletic experiences, along with his strong academic foundation will serve Colin well at Union College.

Nick Franchuk - U.S. Naval Academy

Nick Franchuk has been a Magna Cum Laude student for two years, Summa Cum Laude for junior year, and is a member of the National Honor Society and a Peer Tutor. Nick was a captain of the Varsity Football and Lacrosse teams. This past fall, Nick was an All-SCC running back in football. On the lacrosse field Nick has been a varsity defenseman for three years. In the spring of 2015 he was voted both All-State 1st team and All-SCC 1st team in lacrosse. He is an active volunteer with KEYS in Bridgeport, an organization that provides music instruction to children. He attended a Christian service mission trip to El Salvador. This spring he will serve as a Student Leader on Prep's inaugural mission trip to the Center for Student Missions in Los Angeles. Nick is committed to playing lacrosse for the United States Naval Academy following a post-graduate year.



Andrew Sciarretta - University of Richmond

Fairfield Prep is pleased to recognize Andrew Sciarretta who signed a National Letter of Intent to play golf at the University of Richmond. Andrew is a dedicated golfer who has been a four-year member of Fairfield Prep's Varsity Golf Team. Significantly, he has played in the team's number one position in every match for the past four years. Andrew earned Medalist recognition in the Division I State Championship as a freshman and has been named three time All-SCC, twice All State, Hearst Media All-Star, and New Haven Register All-Area. He is the reigning Connecticut Junior Amateur Champion. Andrew's commitment to excellence also extends to his service in the community where he is a tutor and mentor in the Grassroots Tennis Program in Norwalk, helping children through their "Tools for School" program.

With **Andrew Sciarretta** (signing) from left: Athletic Dir. Tom Curran, Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., Annette and Louis Sciarretta (parents), Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, and Varsity Golf Coach Bob Bernier

BASEBALL



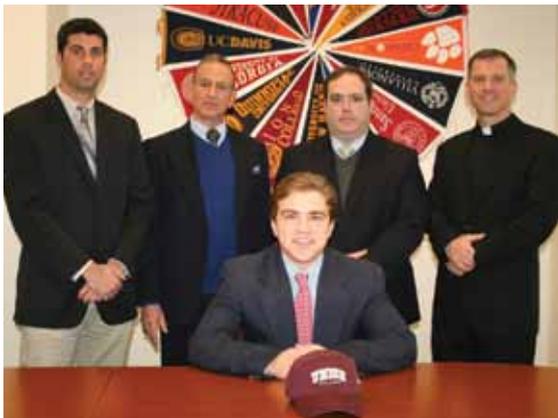
Pictured front from left: **Chase Mascolo** (Wake Forest University) and **Grant Stone** (Harvard University). Back row from left: Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, Athletic Director Tom Curran, Varsity Baseball Coach Rudy Mauritz, and Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J. See **JR Lopez** in photo below.

Chase Mascolo - Wake Forest University

Chase Mascolo played as infielder and relief pitcher for the Jesuits since his sophomore year, and was a starting shortstop during his junior year. The Varsity Baseball team has compiled a historic record of 38-10 in Chase's two years on the team; the 38 wins are the program's most wins in a two year period since the 1984 and 1985 seasons. A true student-athlete, Chase is a Cum Laude honor student, member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society, and a Peer Tutor. He volunteers his time at Operation Hope in Fairfield and the Community Kitchen. Chase is looking forward to continuing his baseball academic careers at Wake Forest University.

Grant Stone - Harvard University

A Summa Cum Laude honor student for all of his Prep years and a standout pitcher in the Prep baseball program, Grant Stone will begin his college academic and baseball careers at Harvard University in the fall of 2016. Grant earned All SCC Quinipiac recognition in junior year. Grant has served the Prep community as a leader in and out of the classroom and was selected as an SCC Scholar Leader in his junior year. He has earned recognition as a member of the National Honor Society and serves as a Peer Tutor. Grant was recognized with the Harvard College Book Award at this year's academic awards mass. He has led both the Freshman Retreat and Kairos Retreat. Grant has enjoyed his involvement in Prep's Fantasy Sports Club and supports Prep's Bellarmine Review literary magazine. He volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club of Stamford and was involved in Prep's White Ribbon Campaign.



Pictured front from left: **JR Lopez** (Union College) with, back row from left: Athletic Director Tom Curran, Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, Varsity Baseball Coach Rudy Mauritz, and Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J.

JR Lopez - Union College

Juan, affectionately known as JR, is passionate about baseball. A "sweet swinging" left-handed hitter with line-drive power, JR has been a starting outfielder for the Jesuits since his sophomore year. Prep has compiled a record of 38-10 in JR's two years on the team; the 38 wins are the team's most wins since 1984 and 1985. JR is a Cum Laude honor student. He enjoys working with children and has volunteered his time at the Fairfield YMCA, St. James School in Stratford, and the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport. JR has served as a leader on both the Freshman Retreat as well as the Kairos Retreat. JR will continue his baseball and academic careers at Union College.



Front row seated from left: **Kevin Wilemski**, **Ignacio Altamiranda**, **Andrew Crane**. Back row from left: Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, **Brendan Rooney**, **Thomas McDevitt**, **Grant Stone**, **Zachary Hamar**, **Jack O'Connor** and President Rev. Thomas Simisky, S.J.

National Merit Scholars

Fairfield Prep is pleased to announce recognition of eight seniors who are commended in the National Merit Scholarship Program. 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.

Connor Bercik '16 is News12 Scholar Athlete

While maintaining his status as a Summa Cum Laude student, **Connor Bercik** has been a three year letterman on the varsity football team, where he served as Captain in his senior year. Connor is also passionate about Rugby and looks to continue his playing career in college. In school he is a member of the National Honor Society where he serves as Peer Tutor to underclassmen. In the Jesuit tradition of service to the community, Connor has volunteered with the KEYS music program in Bridgeport. He also participated in a Christian Immersion Mission Trip to El Salvador, and has volunteered at the Fairview of Fairfield Rehabilitation & Health Center. Connor plans to study biomedical engineering in college.



From left: Varsity Football Coach Keith Hellstern; **Luke Clair '16**, **Andrew Crane '16**, and Varsity Cross Country Coach Bob Ford Jr.

Luke Clair '16 and Andrew Crane '16 recognized as SCC Scholar Athletes

Seniors **Luke Clair** (Football) and **Andrew Crane** (Cross Country) were both recognized for their sport leadership and athleticism, and have been named The SportsCenter of Connecticut/Southern Connecticut Conference Scholar Athletes of the Month. Student athletes who are selected must be a varsity letter winner and have a 3.0/B average while demonstrating leadership qualities such as: being a positive role model; helping teammates overcome adversity; showing a commitment to self-improvement; or putting the needs of the team before themselves.

School Happenings



From left: **Tomas Consuegra**, Bishop Frank Caggiano, **Lucas Ojea Quintana** and **Santiago Gil**.

Freshmen receive Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop

Three Prep freshman were confirmed on October 31 at St. Michael's the Archangel Church in Greenwich by Diocese of Bridgeport Bishop Frank Caggiano. All chose Jesuit saint names as their confirmation names.



Bishop Caggiano celebrates Feast Day

On 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.



International Students are Prep brothers

The international student program at Prep has been very successful. Ten Chinese students in 2014 doubled to twenty in 2015. The students are learning English through a special ESL program provided by the school. Several of the boys made honors last year and continue to do well. Some have joined the Model UN program, the Ski Team, the Golf Team, and other activities. They are fascinated by the differences between Chinese and American education. Two students will graduate this year and plan to attend American universities. The program is directed by ESL teacher Patti Schickler, and supported by Guidance Counselor **Rick Hutchinson '87**.



From left to right: **Siwon Yoo '18**, **Teddy Bobroske '19**, **Max Mai '18**, **Mark Sheffer '17**, **Liam Woods '19**, **Dongxu Zhang '18**, **Jack Hickey '16**

Model United Nations delegates attend Yale conference

Seven representatives from the Fairfield Prep Model United Nations Club and faculty moderator Paul Denby travelled to Yale University in January to participate in the 42nd Annual Yale Model United Nations Conference. The event drew nearly 1,600 students from over 40 countries to take on the roles of UN representatives and members of other international bodies, and learn about the inner workings of international politics. The Prep delegation represented the Federal Republic of Somalia and discussed a variety of topics. Fairfield Prep Model United Nations is a club dedicated to raising an awareness of international issues and teaching negotiation and public-speaking skills. It meets every Tuesday. Students interested in joining should email [Mark Sheffer at p17msheffer@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:p17msheffer@fairfieldprep.org).



Brendan Rooney '16, **Max Mai '18**, **Brendan Roberts '17**, **Andrew Gil '17**, **MJ Duffy '17**, **Anthony Adamcheck '17**, **Mark Sheffer '17**, **Michael Brennan '17**, **Ryan Dunn '17**, **Michael Turk '17**, **Tucker Spellane '17**, **James McGuire '17** (Not pictured: Mr. Corey Dennis and Mr. Sean Whalen)

Preppers attend Ignatian Family Teach-In

The Ignatian Family Teach-In is an annual gathering for members of Jesuit institutions throughout the country and other parts of the world. The majority of Jesuit high schools and colleges send a delegation each year. The theme of the 2015 Teach-In was "Bridges," held from November 7-9 in Washington, D.C. Fairfield Prep had 14 students attend this conference and they had the opportunity to interact with their peers from other Jesuit institutions. They also heard from keynote speakers, like Sr. Helen Prejean and Fr. Jim Martin, S.J., on the topics of immigration reform, fair trade, remembrance of the Jesuit martyrs in El Salvador, and several other social justice issues. Fairfield Prep's group also visited with one of Congressman Jim Himes' representatives and took a tour of the Capitol.

School Happenings

Alejandro Castillo '16 served in Colombia

During November 2015, **Alejandro Castillo '16** participated in his second medical mission with Healing the Children, an organization that focuses on sending doctors, nurses, and technicians to underprivileged parts of the world to operate on children with facial deformities. Alejandro traveled to Colombia to provide assistance and care for children with cleft palates, cleft lips, hearing problems, and severe burns. His attitude toward life and selfless nature are characteristics that Fairfield Prep never ceases to be proud of.



NHS Senior Officers from left: **Andrew Crane, Evan O'Hara, Jack O'Connor and Zach Hamar**

National Honor Society inducts new members, Seniors receive Book Awards

Fairfield Prep students were honored for their high academic achievement at the annual National Honor Society Awards Mass which was held on September 30 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Fairfield. New members were inducted in the National Honor Society and seniors received special Book Awards, recognizing their outstanding school performance and leadership in key subject areas. Additionally, students were recognized for honors awards for the 2014-15 school year.



Knee Hockey Tournament draws crowd!

Student Government held its first ever schoolwide knee hockey tournament on Friday, January 15. The tournament attracted 29 teams and almost 150 participants ranging from freshmen to seniors. After about two hours of games a team named Blasé ended up on top. The team was made up of seniors **Sisso Makhraz, Paul DeFelice, Matt Cotto, Mike Toohey** with brick wall **Vito Ciambriello** in net. The team was awarded a giant stuffed goat awarding them the title of the "G.O.A.T." or the "Greatest Of All Time."



Squires Club sponsors PB&J Drive

Members of the Squires Club finished their second Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive, with all sandwiches/proceeds going to Operation Hope in Fairfield. The Knights of Columbus Squires Circle at Prep is committed to giving back to the community through service. In the current academic year, the Squires have already carried out two Peanut Butter Drives, two canned food drives, and the Christmas Toy Drive. The Squires will be coordinating a Red Cross Blood Drive at Prep. The club meets Tuesdays afterschool in Mr. Dennis' room.

— **Alex Capozziello '17**, Chief Squire

Prep attends Diocesan Synod Mass

On September 19, members of the Fairfield Prep Community including students, parents and staff participated in the Diocese of Bridgeport's Synod Closing Mass. The Prep contingent joined with nearly 8,000 others from the Diocese of Bridgeport. The Synod (the 4th in the Diocese's history) began in September 2014 and its theme was "Building a Bridge to the Future Together." The Synod was an opportunity to develop a strategic plan for the Diocese and ensure its future success.



Prep and Lauralton Hall team up on Environmental Science Field Trip

On November 24, Lauralton Hall students and Fairfield Prep students met up with Christina Batoh, Stratford's Conservation Officer, to learn about beaver ecology at the site of a recently constructed beaver dam in Roosevelt Forest. Christina believes that a pair of juvenile beavers began constructing the dam in early June after having been kicked out of their parents' lodges to make room for the next set of kits. The dam stretches across Pumpkin Ground Creek and is approximately sixty feet long.

The construction of the beaver dam has resulted in a wetland lake covering roughly four to six acres of former hardwood forest and marsh. Students set out to answer the question, "Does the presence of the beaver dam impact stream water quality?"

They tested water samples from an upstream site, the dam itself, and a downstream site. Lauralton Hall students instructed their Fairfield Prep counterparts in how to conduct tests for dissolved oxygen, carbon dioxide, turbidity (sediment load), and pH.

Students analyzed the results and concluded that the presence of the beaver dam does indeed impact stream water quality with water downstream having better quality than the water upstream or at the dam site.



One Prep student hypothesized that this was due to the dam acting as a filter for upstream impurities. Lauralton students countered with a hypothesis that the preponderance of newly rotting vegetation in the wetland lake contributed to poor water quality upstream.

Could both be right? Only future testing will tell.

Next, it was Fairfield Prep's turn to instruct the Lauralton Hall students in how to conduct

forest biodiversity tests using a technique known as transect sampling. Transect lines were set up in the lowland forest next to the newly created lake and in the upland forest well away from any beaver activity.

After sampling trees in both areas, students concluded that the upland forest was more diverse with four commonly identified tree species than the lowland forest with only three different tree species. This

information will be especially important to forest managers as they continue to monitor the effects the beavers will have on forest succession in this corner of Stratford.

Overall both classes seemed to enjoy the experience. A similar joint field trip to the Charles Wheeler Salt Marsh is being planned for the spring.

By April Kelley, Lauralton Hall Science Teacher

Gallagher '17 and Imery '17 attend Future Science & Technology Leaders Congress

Kevin Gallagher '17 and Ian Imery '17, both Summa Cum Laude students, received certificates for representing Fairfield Prep at a conference held in Massachusetts this past summer. The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders included speakers and presentations by "Giants" in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), including Nobel Prize winners and top prodigies in their fields. Both students found the multi-day conference fascinating and enlightening, and were pleased to have the opportunity to participate. They were invited to attend the program based on qualifying as honor students, and their interest in becoming physicians, scientists or technologists (including biomedical scientists, software and hardware technologists, engineers and mathematicians).



From left: Science Chair Mrs. Deborah Kiel, Kevin Gallagher '17, Ian Imery '17 and Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta



Sean Cassidy '16 directs Lego exhibit at national convention

Recently, **Sean Cassidy '16** and a team of 18 builders attended the Brickfair Lego Convention in Chantilly, Virginia. At the exposition they displayed their diligent expertise in crafting Halo war scenes, inspired by the video game, out of Legos. Specifically, their newest and largest creation is the Battle of New Mombasa from Halo 2. In the past, Sean has constructed numerous scenes including New Alexandria from Halo; and Reach and Sigma Octanus IV from Fall of Reach. However, the Battle of New Mombasa deserves special recognition reaching 20 square feet and containing over 6,500 individual pieces.



When asked how he goes about building such complex scenarios, Sean revealed that the secret is attention to detail. Whether it be from the decals on the armor of the soldiers or the graffiti on the walls of buildings, he confirms their accuracy by photographing the game itself. Many pieces involved in the creation, including weapons, armor, and character faces are designed specially by third party Lego vendors because the Lego Company does not provide such detail. Sean also participates in a program called Lego Digital Designer where he is able to virtually create pieces that are otherwise unavailable to provide the maximum "one-of-a-kind" element. Another key component to assembling a piece of this magnitude is many hands. Sean states that he essentially divides the buildings and assigns each designer on his team to pick their favorite, that way the buildings acquire the attention and effort they deserve.

The intricate design techniques that are required to build such massive creations, like the one presented at Brickfair 2015, are factors that make Sean an innovator in this field. He is the founder of Prep's Lego Club and looks forward to studying engineering or computer science in college.



Alex Jarrett '18, Bowen Chen '18, Haoxiang Zhang '18, Obumneme Nkwo '18, Michael Lin '18 and Dongxu Zhang '18

Trig*Star Club surveys Pelletier Quad

Trig*Star is an annual high school mathematics competition based on the practical application of Trigonometry. Students that participate are not only provided with an opportunity to earn awards, but also leave with a better understanding of the technical profession of Geomatics, which includes Land Surveying and Mapping. This year the club has undertaken the task of surveying Prep's quad. With the help of Jorge Pereira, a senior surveyor with Redniss & Mead, students used modern surveying equipment to calculate distances and angles that were then used in a CAD program to map out the quad. The Trig*Star club can continue to build on this work throughout this year and beyond – mapping out more of the surrounding property with increased detail. Students will also sit for a national exam at the end of the school year. Fairfield Prep has been Trig*Star state champions from 2012-2015.



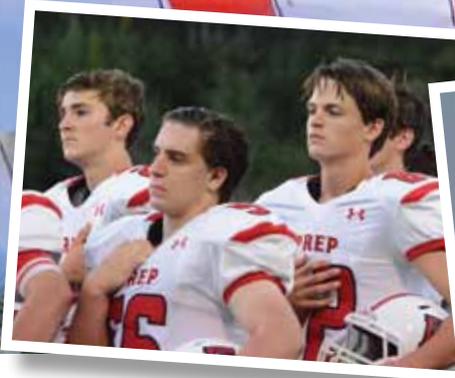
Grasso '16, Altamiranda '16 and Richards '16 are Partners in Science

For six weeks three seniors **Patrick Grasso (L)**, **Ignacio Altamiranda (C)** and **George Richards (R)** participated in an afterschool seminar series at the Research and Development facilities of Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals and the Duracell Corporation. As participants, they gained an insider's view of how leading corporations depend on scientists from the biological, chemical, and computer science fields in order to solve challenging problems confronting society. Each seminar session involved a lecture presentation by leading scientists, as well as a tour of lab and research and development facilities.

Mr. Anthony Dotolo, science teacher, accompanied them each week to the B-I and Duracell campuses in Ridgefield and Bethel, respectively, and believes it is a great program for our science students.

Partners in Science is a cooperative program between Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Duracell Corporation, and area high schools in Connecticut. It is a two-phase program that introduces high school students and teachers to the world of drug discovery and leading-edge pharmaceutical research.

Interested students for next year can learn more by contacting Mr. Dotolo or their science teacher at Prep.



PREPARATION, RESPECT, INTENSITY, DISCIPLINE, EXECUTION

Prep P.R.I.D.E. – Victory

The 2015 Fairfield Prep football season marked a change in leadership but the same sense of purpose and drive that has characterized our program over the last six seasons. Keith Hellstern stepped into his first season as head coach after being defensive coordinator for the prior five years as former HFC **Tom Shea '73** stayed on as a valued assistant. Over the course of the season the team battled to a hard fought 5-5 record. This was not the result the team had hoped for based on our goals and shared commitment to excellence. However, the bonds and lessons learned through daily competition and challenge defined the true value of the Prep football experience for the 2015 team.

The season began on the road with a difficult loss to Notre Dame West Haven where the game at times was much closer than the score. We then traveled to Shelton and posted a dramatic comeback that fell just short of beating the eventual Class LL state runner-up. These two games against playoff bound teams would characterize the roller coaster path we would follow all year long.

The next three weeks we had the

pleasure of opening and playing at Rafferty Stadium as our brand new home field. This beautiful facility saw the Prep football squad defeat Law, Cheshire, and Amity Regional by a combined score of 114 to 20! At this point in the season, certain adjustments to scheme and personnel use - due to injury - started to come together and the results were very positive for the team as a whole.

After suffering a tough loss on the road to eventual Class L state runner-up North Haven, the Jesuits reeled off two more victories as visitors versus Hamden (38-8) and Wilbur Cross (50-20). Unfortunately our season ended on a down note losing at home to two of our rivals: Xavier and West Haven. These were very tightly contested and exciting games which ultimately denied us a winning season. Two bright notes to this finish were on Thanksgiving. These included the exceptional crowd at Rafferty Stadium for our first "Turkey Day" game at our new home and the senior salute honoring our 24 senior student-athletes in their last game for Prep.

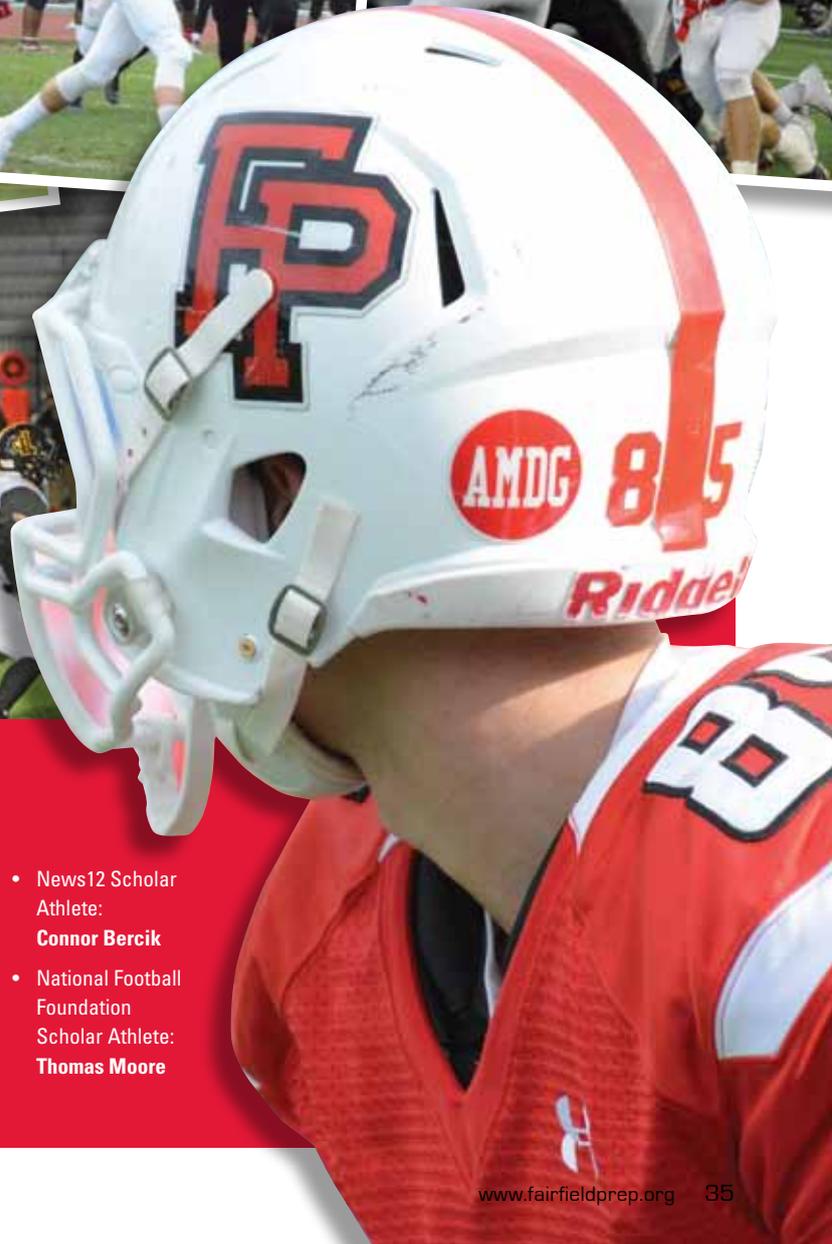
As we close the book on the 2015 Prep football season, there is much to look back on both as celebration and

education. The motto "Prep P.R.I.D.E. (Preparation, Respect, Intensity, Discipline, Execution) – Victory" is an extension of the Jesuit education here at Prep as focused through the football program. In applying the principles of self-sacrifice, loyalty, commitment and determination every day we seek to develop our young men for the ultimate team game. More importantly, we also put them on a path for future success in

life. By sticking to this plan we will work diligently as a program to ensure success and growth for our young men in the 2016 Prep football season and beyond. Go Prep!



By Keith Hellstern,
Varsity Football Coach,
Social Studies Teacher



SENIOR AWARD WINNERS

- Massiello Award (Offensive MVP): **Nick Franchuk**
- Father Brissette Award (Defensive MVP): **Calvin Reed**
- Most Improved Award: **Thomas Moore**
- Coach's Award: **Aidan Coyle**
- NH Register All-Area: **Calvin Reed** LB-2nd team
Aidan Coyle DL-3rd team
Nick Franchuk RB-3rd team
- CHSCA Class LL All-State Defense: **Calvin Reed** LB
- All-SCC Division 1: **Aidan Coyle** DL
Nick Franchuk RB
Calvin Reed LB
- All-SCC, CT High School Coaches Association All-State Class LL: **Calvin Reed** LB
- SCC Scholar Athlete of the Month (October): **Luke Clair**
- News12 Scholar Athlete: **Connor Bercik**
- National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete: **Thomas Moore**



Drew Thompson '18 is SCC Runner of the Year

CROSS COUNTRY HONORS

- **George Crist**
All-SCC First Team
NH All Register All-Area
- **Jack McGowen**
All-SCC First Team
NH All Register All-Area
- **Andrew Thompson**
All-SCC First Team
1st in SCC Championship Race
NH All Register All-Area
NH Register All-Area MVP
SCC Runner of the Year
All-State Class LL
Hearst Connecticut Media Cross Country All-Star Team
- **John O'Connor**
All-SCC Second Team
- **Andrew Crane**
Scholar Athlete of the Month (October)



Cross Country: Drew Thompson '18 excels

Prep's Cross Country team enjoyed a very successful season this fall. Led by senior team Captains **George Crist** and **Jack McGowen**, Prep ran to a 11-1 record during the dual meet season. Sophomore **Drew Thompson** was the Jesuit's number one runner and remained undefeated throughout conference competition and ran to first place in the SCC winning the championship race at Hammonasset State Park.

Joining **Crist, McGowen**, and **Thompson** on Varsity were seniors **Jack O'Connor** and **Pat Byrne**, junior **Chris Nilsson**, sophomores **Andrew Newcomb**

and **Mac Sheldon**, and by the end of the season freshman **Eddie Tristine**. **Eddie** is the first son of a running alumnus (**Ed Tristine '88**) to run for Coach Ford.

Team goals this year were to win the Quinnipiac division of the SCC, qualify for the State Open and New England Championships, and win the Jesuit Championship in NY – all were accomplished. Long-time rival Amity High School won the SCC, but Prep ran a strong second, placed 6th in Class LL, 5th in the State Open, and 12th in New England. The team then went on to beat a tough field at the Jesuit High School Cross Country Championships at Van

Cortland park in the Bronx.

Individually, **Crist, McGowen, Thompson**, and **O'Connor** were all-SCC selections with **Thompson** the Champion. **Thompson** and **McGowen** were selected as all-state runners, the 23rd and 24th Prep runners to earn this honor. **Thompson** was also all-New England, finishing 9th as the top underclassman. He was also selected to the Connecticut Post All-Area Team and was the SCC and New Haven Register Most Valuable Runner.

Coaches Ford Jr., Ford Sr., and **Chris Sages '95** were very proud of the team's accomplishments this year.

Crew tradition of excellence continues

The 2015 Fall Crew team had high expectations coming into the season after losing only two seniors from a very strong spring team. Juniors **MJ Duffy** and **Dante Mannello** rejoined the team after spending the summer rowing for the United States Development Program; preparing them to one day represent the U.S. in international competition.

The season began with the traditional home race against Brunswick, Chaminade, Fordham Prep, Xavier and St. Peter's Prep. Prep Crew was behind Fordham, Brunswick and Chaminade when the results came in, motivating the team to buckle down. The Head of the Riverfront in Hartford on October 6 showed that the crew was getting faster; setting the stage for the most anticipated weekend of the season.

On October 10, the crew team traveled for the Head of the Housatonic regatta. Prep's 1st Varsity 8+ placed 5th out of 24 crews. Led by new stroke **Peter Christakos '16**, the varsity pushed the stroke rating much higher than they were used to and walked through Saugatuck Rowing Club.

On October 11, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th 8+s traveled to Worcester to compete in the New England High School Championships. Looking to improve on last years fantastic results of two 3rd place finishes, coxswain **Sanjeev Jariwala '16** expected his 2nd Varsity 8+ to be in contention. New stroke **Rob Anderson '16** (captain) again pushed the rate high and the results reflected the new speed with a 2nd place finish out of 15 boats! The 1st Varsity 8+ was 2nd out of 21 boats, moving up one place from last year.



Most impressively the 3rd 8+ won their event beating 10 other crews on their way to a: 17 second victory! The 3rd 8+ crew was coxed by **Chris Massarro '17**, and rowed by **Damian Chessare '17, Joey Alessie '17, Nick Stachurski '17, Brennan Black '17, James Ekstract '16, Matt Pulsifer '17, Frank Gallagi '17** and **Kyle Bakonyi '17**.

The final race of the year was in Philadelphia at the historic Head of the Schuylkill. British entries upped the excitement for the 1st Varsity 8+ as they attacked their race of 65 boats. They finished 8th, coming back to beat Chaminade by 2 seconds after losing to them early in the season. The 1st Varsity was coxed by **John Pacelli '17** and rowed by **James Thornton '17, Dante Mannello '17, Zach Hamar '16, MJ Duffy '17, Kevin Lichtenfels '16, Jim Toner '16, Brendan Rooney '16** and **Peter Christakos '16**.

After 10 years on the Housatonic River, Prep Crew will be moving to Captain's Cove in Black Rock this spring, come and cheer on your crew!!



Soccer achieves 13-2-1 winning season

The Fairfield Prep Varsity Soccer Team enjoyed another successful fall season under **Coach Ryan Lyddy '93**. The Jesuits captured another Quinnipiac Division title, their fifth in six seasons under Lyddy, and advanced to the semifinals of the Southern Connecticut Conference Tournament and the quarterfinals of the CIAC LL State Tournament. The team was led on the field by senior captains **Jack Oricoli '16**, **Aidan Rooney '16** and **Jackson Day '16**.

Fairfield Prep had a fast start to the season, winning their first five games and outscoring their opponents 19 – 6 over the five game span. A strong defense led by goalkeeper **Dan Szabo '17**, **Tim Lyons '18**, **Pat Guere '17** and **Rooney** were an integral part of this stretch, while midfielders **Julito Ojea Quintana '17**, **Ian Cantrell '17**, **Connor Fitzgerald '18**, **Jorge Aguilar '17** and **Matt Chiota '18**

controlled the field and created scoring opportunities. After a 2-0 loss to nationally ranked St. Anthony's High School (NY) and a 2-1 loss at conference rival Xavier, Prep rebounded with a 7-2 win at Lyman Hall and a 1-0 win against Boston College High School (MA) on a late goal by **Biagio Paoletta '17**. After **Oricoli** scored two goals to lead Prep to a 3-3 tie against West Haven, the Jesuits ran off three shutouts in a row against Notre Dame West Haven, Guilford and North Haven, featuring goals by **Paul DeFelice '16** and a hat trick by **Jamie Becker '17**. Prep completed the regular season with a 13-2-1 record by defeating Xavier at home on a 77th minute twenty-two yard shot from **Oricoli**.

In the quarterfinal round of the SCC Tournament, Prep found themselves down 1-0 at halftime to Wilbur Cross. At the beginning of the half, **Fitzgerald** scored

the goal of the year off of a cross from **Guere** to begin the Jesuits comeback that resulted in a 3-1 victory. After falling in the semifinals to West Haven, Prep earned 5-0 and 1-0 victories over Bristol Central and Greenwich, with **Paoletta** scoring an early second half goal and the defensive line led by **Zach Duffy '16** containing a late surge from the Cardinals to ensure victory. On a windy Saturday afternoon in the quarterfinals, Prep's season came to an end as they lost 1-0 to eventual state finalist Darien.

The Jesuits were led by seniors – **Oricoli**, **Rooney**, **Day**, **DeFelice**, **Duffy**, **Matt Cotto '16**, **Braden Furio '16**, **Mike Meszaros '16**, **Ciaran O'Reilly '16** and **Christian Willkehr '16**.

Oricoli, **Szabo**, **Paoletta** and **Ojea Quintana** received top soccer honors. See list at right.

SOCCER HONORS

- **Julito Ojea Quintana**
All-SCC Team
- **Jack Oricoli**
All- SCC Team
- **Biagio Paoletta**
All-SCC Team
Hearst CT Media All-Star
New Haven Register All-Area
- **Dan Szabo**
All-SCC Team
New Haven Register All-Area



Sailing Team places in National New Orleans Regatta

On November 20, four members of the Sailing team, **Matthew Sweeney '16**, **Grant Ballesteros '17**, **James Paul '19**, and **Christian Haranzo '19** (pictured left with Coach Marc Jacobi) traveled to New Orleans to compete in the Great Oaks International Regatta and Allstate Sugar Bowl. The competition, made up of teams from across the country, was divided into two fleets with eighteen teams in each. On the first day of racing the team excelled in light wind conditions and the team placed second in red fleet. Skipper **James Paul** and crew **Grant Ballesteros** showed a great performance winning multiple races, and skipper **Matthew Sweeney** and crew **Christian Haranzo** were able to sail the second half and win races as well. During the second day the fleet was split into gold and silver and the Prep team was able to participate in gold thanks to the performance of the first day. The team struggled at first in breezy conditions but after a strong performance from **James Paul** and **Grant Ballesteros**, and **Matthew Sweeney** and **Christian Haranzo**, the team was able to rally to place eleventh in gold fleet out of thirty six teams from across the country. Congratulations to the team!



SENIORS ON THE SQUAD: First Row—Shannahan, Sarno. Second Row—Incerto, Ford, Skoronski, Sisk, Gaboury, F. Lane, G. Bodell, Murphy, Sikora, Donahue. Third Row—W. Cronin, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Toal, Rev. Mr. Murphy, Hyde, Neverdousky, Rev. Mr. Tucker, Mr. Gintoff, Mr. Yabrosky, R. Cronin.

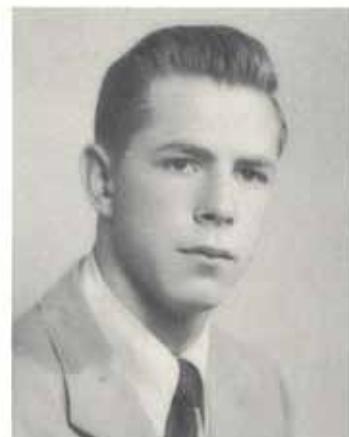
ROBERT FRANCIS SKORONSKI

5 Talmadge Street

Derby

Jovial, quick-witted Bob . . . a regular fellow in anyone's book . . . often seen behind the wheel of a sporty black Mercury . . . a standout center on Prep's sturdy line this past season . . . and an active member of his parish C. Y. O. . . . Bob claims trapping, hunting and fishing as his hobbies . . . some college will enroll Bob soon.

Room Secretary 4; J.V. Football 2, 3; Varsity Football 4; J.V. Basketball 2; Intramurals: Basketball 3, 4; Football 3.



From Fairfield Prep to the Super Bowl

By Don Harrison

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The 50th anniversary of pro football's Super Bowl is on the horizon in February, and few of us can remember where we were when the first game in the series was played. **Bob Skoronski** does.

This Connecticut native and 1951 graduate of Fairfield Prep was the offensive captain of the Green Bay Packers, who whipped the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in what was billed as the first NFL-AFL World Championship Game. For the record, the date was

January 15, 1967.

"We knew the Chiefs were good football players. They were drafting some of the same players we were drafting," Skoronski said via phone from his home in Middleton, Wisconsin. "We knew it would be a tough game."

Skoronski, 81, who was the first Prep graduate to play a sport at the highest professional level, spent his entire 11-year National Football League career with the Packers, primarily as the starting offensive left tackle. Coach Vince Lombardi took note of his leadership qualities early on and appointed him

offensive captain. The Ansonia-born, Derby-raised Skoronski played in one NFL Pro Bowl (1967) and was inducted into the Green Bay Hall of Fame in 1976.

Does he still follow the game?

"Absolutely," he said. "I still love the game. I still love Green Bay and my Packer teammates." He paused for a moment before continuing. "My wife and I were looking at the numbers recently. Of the 41 (Green Bay players) in the first Super Bowl, only 25 are left."

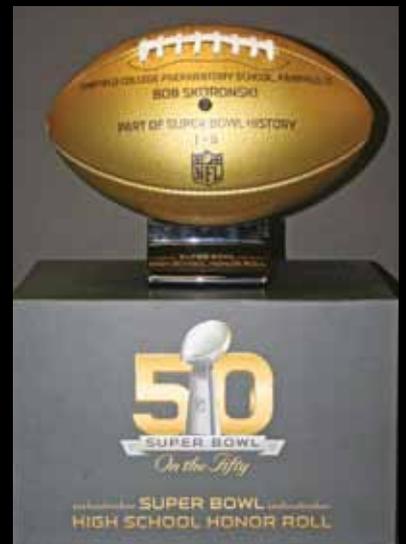
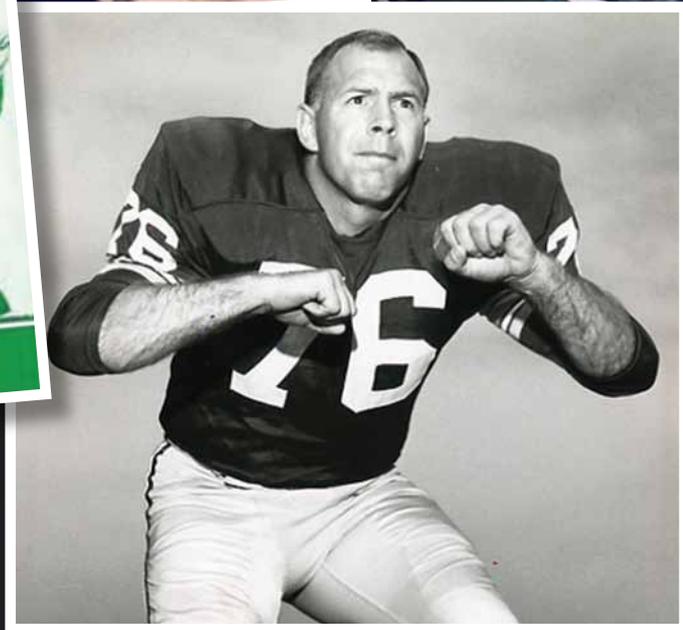
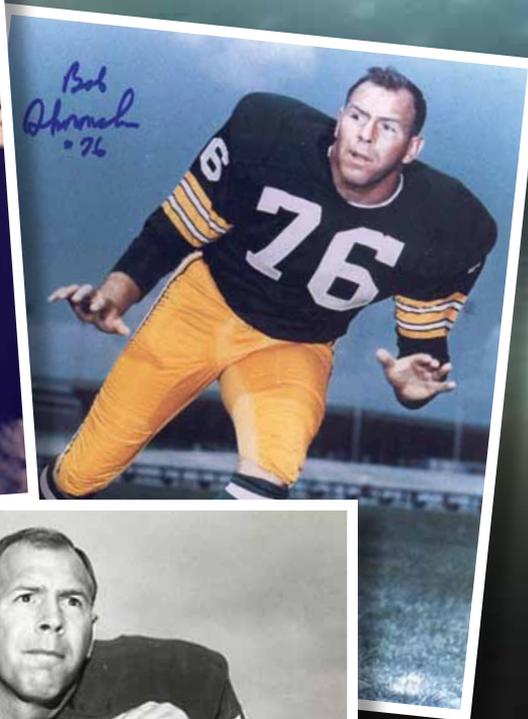
Bob and Ruth Ann, his wife of 59 years, met when they were undergraduates at Indiana University. Their union has produced four children — three boys and a girl — and four grandchildren. Their oldest son, Bobby David Skowronski (who retained the

family's original surname), was an All-Ivy League defensive tackle at Yale in 1978.

Conversely, Bob Skoronski's introduction to organized football was a matter of happenstance. He commuted to Fairfield Prep from Derby each day with a friend who lived in Seymour. While waiting for his friend at football practice one afternoon, young Bob picked up a stray football and punted it. An assistant coach took note and suggested that he put on a uniform.

Already a junior, Skoronski was assigned to the Jesuits' junior varsity. But as a rangy 6-foot-3 senior, he was a major contributor to the varsity as a combination center/linebacker as Prep won six and tied one of its nine games.

"The head coach, Fella Gintoff, was



Fairfield Prep joins the Super Bowl High School Honor Roll

Fairfield Prep is proud to be inducted into the Super Bowl High School Honor Roll in recognition of alumnus **Bob Skoronski '51**, who played football for Prep, Indiana University, and ultimately enjoyed an 11-year National Football League career with the Green Bay Packers. The school received a commemorative Golden Football with Skoronski's name and "Fairfield College Preparatory School" imprinted on it.

Accompanying the football trophy, a letter from Roger Goodell, Commissioner of the NFL, states: "High school football programs from coast to coast have consistently developed citizens of high character by instilling the values of football in their student athletes. The NFL is grateful to you and your community, and honored to team with you in developing champions on and off the field."

We are extremely grateful to our esteemed alumnus **Bob Skoronski** for this special honor in light of his life's accomplishments. His Fairfield Prep high school jersey was retired, framed, and hung in the lobby of Brissette Gymnasium.

the first real disciplinarian I had as a coach," Skoronski remembered. "Joe Brosley, the assistant coach, did well as a head coach later, and we became good friends through the years."

After a year at Admiral Billard Academy in New London, Skoronski enrolled at Indiana, where he was a starter all three seasons, a co-captain and MVP as a senior. The Packers were impressed enough to select him on the fifth round of the 1955 NFL draft. His signing bonus? \$500. His first-year salary? \$7,500.

Skoronski played on a losing Green Bay team in 1956 before spending the next two years in the U.S. Air Force. Upon his return, there was a new man at the helm – Lombardi.

"He was the greatest thing that happened in pro football," Skoronski said of the fiery coach who would direct the Packers to five NFL championships and victories in Super Bowls I and II during a remarkable seven-season span. "He was a tough driver and knew the business very well."

The Packers followed up on their first Super Bowl win by defeating the Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in Super Bowl II, but far more memorable was their matchup with the Dallas Cowboys in the 1967 NFL Championship Game dubbed the "Ice Bowl." Game-time temperature at Green Bay's Lambeau Field was 13 degrees below, and the wind chill was minus 48.

"My brain was frozen," recalled Skoronski, whose crushing block in the

game's closing seconds enabled fullback Chuck Mercein to gain eight yards to the three-yard line. This set the stage for Bart Starr's quarterback sneak that gave the Packers a closer-than-it-looked 21-17 triumph.

Skoronski was quoted on multiple occasions in David Maraniss's 1999 biography of Lombardi, *When Pride Still Mattered*. This one is worth sharing. "Usually players don't realize what is happening to them when they are playing in a big game... They are sort of in a daze. We realized everything. We knew it did no good to get that far and lose. We had been so infused with Lombardi's philosophy. We were loose and focused at the same time."

DON HARRISON, a resident of Fairfield for more than forty years, is the author of two recent books, *Connecticut Baseball: The Best of the Nutmeg State*, and *Hoops in Connecticut: The Nutmeg State's Passion for Basketball*, both published by The History Press.

His lengthy writing career encompasses work at three daily newspapers, freelance assignments for more than fifty magazines and other publications, including *The New York Times* and *The Sporting News*, and founding editor of *Sacred Heart* (University) magazine and the weekly *Greenwich Citizen*. As sports editor of the *Waterbury Republican*, Don was a two-time selection as Connecticut Sportswriter of the Year.

He is a member of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR).

NEW FACILITIES

Barlow Turf Field and football players received Blessing

To kick off the football season scrimmage with Fairfield Ludlowe High School, Prep President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., offered a blessing, recited a prayer for athletes, and christened the newly constructed Barlow Turf Field on August 29. Fr. Simisky was accompanied by Fairfield University Pres. Rev. Jeffrey von Arx (right) and Prep Student Chaplain Rev. Bret Stockdale, S.J., (left).



Introducing the new VP of Advancement

Fairfield Prep is pleased to announce that Rick Henderson joined Fairfield Prep in January as the new Vice President of Advancement. Rick brings extensive fundraising, consulting, and managerial experience to the development team. Rick was the Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, CT. Prior to that, his entrepreneurial spirit guided him as president of Goal Line Philanthropy and president of Gift Annuity NOW™. Rick's passion for philanthropy was first ignited by his financial planning and charitable planning experience at the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. Rick is a graduate of Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, PA, where he majored in accounting and played football. Rick is passionate about athletics, having coached football at the college, high school and the youth levels. Rick is involved in charitable activities in his hometown of Monroe, CT, where he resides with his wife Kim and their two children, Kylee and Cole.

Prep thanks Larry Carroll '63 for his many dedicated years in



this role. Larry guided Fairfield Prep through tremendous institutional growth in both the Landmark and Foundations for the Future campaigns. Through Larry's fundraising efforts, Prep has been able to construct Brissette Gym, Arrupe Hall, the Student Life Center, and has resurfaced Barlow Field. Additionally, Prep's endowment has grown to \$23 million. Larry will continue to support Fairfield Prep in his new position as Director of Planned Giving and Stewardship.

Father Simisky, S.J., stated, "I feel blessed to work with such experienced professionals who will contribute greatly to the future success of Fairfield Prep. This is a time to discern dynamic ways to meet the learning

objectives of our students, to strengthen the bonds of our Prep community, and to deepen our commitment to the Jesuit mission. Rick Henderson brings many talents matched with a relentless energy to Prep and will play a vital role in achieving our strategic goals. Please join me in welcoming Rick to Fairfield Prep."



Rafferty Stadium Dedicated

On March 21, 2015, Fairfield University marked the dedication of Rafferty Stadium. The 3,500-seat stadium features a Daktronics HD video board, state-of-the-art sound and lights and a FieldTurf playing surface, all made possible through the generosity of University alumni, parents and friends. The stadium is named in recognition of the principal leadership gift from Fairfield University alumnus

Larry Rafferty and his family. Home to Fairfield's nationally prominent NCAA Division I lacrosse teams, Fairfield Prep athletics will also utilize the facility for several of its teams, including football, soccer and lacrosse.



Student Life Center Dedication and Blessing

Over 125 guests attend the Dedication and Blessing of the new Student Life Center, which was part of the Foundations for the Future: 75th Anniversary Campaign for Fairfield Prep. The Prep Community gathered in the new Student Life Center for a dedication on September 20, 2015. Presentations and blessings were made by Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta, Chaplain Rev. Bret Stockdale, S.J., Board Chairman **Tim Murphy '85**, past Prep President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J., and President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J. Music was sung by director Christine Evans.

Shown from left: Board Chairman **Tim Murphy '85**, President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., and past President Rev. Jack Hanwell, S.J.



Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

Since the announcement of me joining Prep in early December and throughout our process over the last few months, it is hard to describe how generous and welcoming the entire Prep community has been to me and my family. It is now obvious why our school receives the accolades that it does.

Upon my first visit to campus, Father Simisky guided me through the hallways introducing me to a few of our students. His question was simple, "What's great about Prep?" One after another, various students of different grade levels and backgrounds, all said the same two words...Brotherhood and Family. From that moment, I knew that I was receiving a gift from God and Prep was my new home.

As we embark on this journey together into 2016 and beyond, I am thrilled to be part of an amazing institution with equally amazing people. With Father Simisky at the helm, along with the talented administration, faculty, staff and loyal alumni base, I look forward to our extremely bright future. One of the great things about life is navigating its ups and downs. I believe that with the right team, faith and relentless energy, anything can be accomplished.

I am eager to meet and collaborate with all of you, as we strive to fulfill our Jesuit mission and our institutional strategic plan, to "Go Forth and Set the World on Fire."

My warmest wishes to all of you for a safe, successful and very happy 2016,

Rick Henderson
VP of Advancement





Boston Business Breakfast

Guest Speaker Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.
Fairfield Prep President

Friday, April 29

7:45-9 am

Boston College Club

Register online at
www.fairfieldprep.org/boston

Save the Date!



NYC Business Breakfast

Guest Speaker
to be announced

Thursday, June 9

7:30-9 am

Union League Club

Register online at
www.fairfieldprep.org/nyc

Save the Date!



Alumni Welcome Simisky, S.J., in New York City

October 2015 - Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., attended his first regional alumni reception as president of Fairfield Prep at the Yale Club of New York City. Sponsoring the event was **Kevin Leitao '82**, as over 60 alumni ranging from 1952 to 2010, current parents and guests, were in attendance!

Everyone enjoyed an eventful evening of networking and socializing in the beautiful accommodations of this prestigious social club. Father spent ample time with each person; all congratulating him and wishing him well at his new post.

Kevin offered a brief welcome to all and to Father, who spoke of the excitement happening now on campus: the opening of the versatile Student Life Center, the second year of the iPad, and how easily the freshman class has integrated into the school community. Father continued by alluding to the excitement on the horizon for Fairfield Prep — its 75th anniversary campaign and a new strategic plan!

College-Age Alums Return During Break

Friday, January 8 – At this annual College-Age Winter Break Reception, members of the classes of 2012-2015 returned to campus to enjoy food and fellowship with Prep brothers, current seniors, and faculty members. Rousing stories of college life among the alumni, joyful reminiscence between them and their former teachers, and words of wisdom about the road ahead from them to the class of 2016, echoed in the Student Life Center. For the first time at this reception, a brief program was implemented to reinforce the importance of staying connected to Prep after graduation; as well as exemplify ways the Prep network can help its alumni. Attendees were privy to a jovial and heartfelt sharing from **Conor Carey '14**, a sophomore at Holy Cross studying English and Chinese. Following the reception, attendees adjourned to Alumni Hall to see Prep basketball defeat Hamden 80-63.



Alumni of All Ages Gather in Washington, D.C.

Over 20 alumni ranging from the classes of 1950 to 2015 gathered at the International Monetary Fund on October 15 for networking and socializing. Their host and keynote speaker was **Sean Culhane '86** (pictured), a current member of Prep's Board of Governors, and Chief of Training Operations for IMF. All attendees were privy to a marvelous spread and a rich, educational talk from Sean about the global efforts of the IMF.



Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., President of Fairfield Prep, began the evening with an update on current happenings on campus. Sean Culhane gave an interactive presentation of the history and purpose of the International Monetary Fund. This organization is comprised of 188 countries around the world, and has been around since 1944. After his presentation, Sean and alumni discussed current and future economic trends in an open forum.



In addition to the reception, several college-age alumni joined **Austin Ryan '06**, Director of Alumni Relations, for lunch at the Bulldog Tavern in the Healy Center at Georgetown University. Alumni came in from Arlington, Alexandria, even from Bethesda, to be with their Prep brothers! Washington, D.C. continues to grow as a heavily populated Fairfield Prep Alumni Regional Chapter.

Alumni in **Maine** share breakfast and brotherhood

January 14 - Maine has officially joined the alumni regional club network of Fairfield Prep with its first event this past week. Alumni of all classes gathered for breakfast and brotherhood at fellow Jesuit school Cheverus High School. Amidst the wonderful food and gorgeous view of the sunrise over the water, alumni rejoiced in the camaraderie they remembered from their Prep days; a camaraderie they are excited to continue as alumni. Thanks to the generosity of **Bill Harke '94**, and the hospitality of Rev. John Fagan, S.J., of the Jesuits of Maine, they in collaboration with the Prep Alumni Office helped this event come to fruition. While many noted they had no knowledge of a Jesuit presence in Maine, the morning's program reinvigorated their love for Prep and its Jesuit mission.



Annual **Stamford** Breakfast Well-Attended

November 12 - The Stamford Marriott hosted over 60 alumni, parents and friends of Fairfield Prep for Prep's annual Stamford Business Breakfast. Breakfast, networking and conversation were had by all before beginning the work day. Notably, there was a wide variety of ages as many younger alumni drove in and road the train to join their more seasoned brethren. Several current and alumni parents also attended. Despite the early start, the room was vibrant and energetic as ideas and commentary on business practices were shared.

The unifying voice to this collaboration was economist **Nick Perna '60**, the featured speaker who complemented his educational presentation with light-hearted anecdotes from his years of experience. Nick's charm and wisdom radiated from wall to wall as he shared national and global projections of the coming years, and analyzed current economic hot topics.

Prep Alumni enjoy **Los Angeles** Reception

Southern California area alumni and friends gathered for an evening reception in October at the offices of Mad Old Nut Productions in Beverly Hills, California. The film and TV production company is headed by CEO and founder **Todd Ulman '96** and President **Dave Knott '97**. This was the second annual reception for Los Angeles area alumni hosted by Ulman and Knott. Highlighting the evening was the introduction of Fairfield Prep's new President Rev. Thomas Simisky, S.J. Alumni and their guests listened to Father Simisky outline his strategic plans for Fairfield Prep going forward. This regional event is part of Prep's efforts to reach out to alumni across the country, creating connections with other alumni, and keeping them updated about the school,

Special thanks to Mad Old Nut Productions for offering their professional space for the event.



A message from
Austin Ryan '06,
Director of Alumni
Relations

MANY PARTS, One Prep

"As a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body...and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."

(1 CORINTHIANS 12: 12-14)

Aligning with Paul's dictum, many parts compile Fairfield Prep's body and contain its spirit: the physical campus, the people forming its community, and its locales in the world. First, the integration of the Student Life Center maximizes the Prep brotherhood so often referenced. Studying, eating lunch, and socializing are all simultaneously and peaceably possible thanks to the room's space and comfort. Next, men like Fr. Bill Egan, S.J., and women like Mrs. Lynne Vanderslice, P '09, embody the passion for and dedication to Prep in our community. How eloquent it is that Father has baptized **Ian Brennan '02** and now Ian's daughter Eleanor. Everlasting is the commitment of Mrs. Vanderslice, serving on Prep's Board of Governors years after her son **Paul '09** graduated. Finally, the first alumni gathering in Maine orchestrated by **Bill Harke '94** and the effort by **Jeff Sochrin '85** in St. Maarten, in conjunction with the Weekend of Service, show the vastness of Prep's network. Though geographically distant, Bill's and Jeff's actions demonstrate their closeness to their alma mater and its mission.

The Senior-Alumni Lunch Program encapsulates the aforementioned parts of Prep containing its spirit. Members of the class of 2016, soon to be the youngest members of our alumni network, gain first-hand insight to their prospective path; and alumni provide cura personalis in the Jesuit tradition of service for others. Again, the many parts of Fairfield Prep remain one in body and spirit. The alumni return to mother Prep to mentor the next alumni brethren, who in turn will go forth and set the world on fire as the alumni do.

These examples near and far substantiate the strength and truth of Prep's spirit. The campus for 74 years has been its heart and mind. The 14,000 alumni and countless parents and friends are its body. Its spirit, extending from Maine to St. Maarten and beyond, is all over. Regardless where we are in the world or in our lives, we are a part of Fairfield Prep. We work to further its Jesuit mission. We never say die. Let's go Fairfield, Fairfield Let's Go! AMDG.

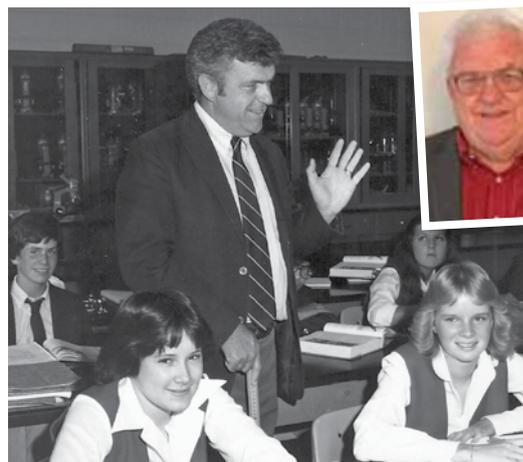
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Tom Roach '55 inducted into St. Joseph High School Hall of Fame



Tom's lifelong service of teaching, coaching, and volunteering exemplify the Jesuit ideal of being a "Man for Others." Prep salutes Tom's commitment to Catholic education and his dedication to the St. Joseph High School community.



Grandparents legacy at Mass & Breakfast

At Prep's first Grandparents Mass & Breakfast, several alumni attended with their freshman grandsons. Pictured from left: **Martin Tristine '62** and **Edward Tristine**; **Edward Coffey '57** and **Andrew Trautz**; **Vito DelVento '58** and **Douglas Reitmeyer**; **Joseph Sargent '55** and **Aidin Murphy**; **Michael Kane '68** and **John Kane**.



Dr. Frank Scifo '70 honored by St. Vincent's

Stratford physician **Dr. Frank R. Scifo '70** was honored by St. Vincent's Health Services on November 30, 2015 by naming the new Community Education Room at the Stratford Health & Wellness Center after him. Dr. Scifo is also the host of "St. Vincent's Health Talk" a weekly radio call-in show. He is pictured with his grandchildren.

1940's

Earle F. Cote '46 was recently nominated for a Lifetime Achievement Award at Georgetown University. An accomplished dental professional, he is known nationally as an orthodontic leader, innovator and teacher of excellence.

Raymond E. Longden II '47 holds the Guinness World Record for officiating more USA football games than any other referee with well over 2,000. He has officiated on more than 50 games a season since 1947. He has officiated on all levels of the game: Professional, College, Prep Schools, High Schools and Pop Warner. He has served as president of the Connecticut Football Officials Association and The Fairfield County Officials Association. An attorney, Longden, has served as legal counsel to both organizations.

1950's

Dr. Michael H. McCarthy '59 received a Bronze Medal for his book *Authenticity as Self-Transcendence* in the category of Theology at the 2016 Illumination Book Awards. See page 51.

Owen J. "Mick" O'Donnell III '58 and his wife were invited to be part of the crowd on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol to witness Pope Francis's address to a joint session of Congress.

Thomas J. Roach, Sr. '55 was inducted into the St. Joseph High School Hall of Fame on September 26, 2015. See tribute above right.

1960's

Joseph R. Dewhirst '69, retired treasurer of Citizens Bank, has been named the Interim Director of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank.

Ed Harter '64 lives in Sun City, Arizona, following an accomplished and varied career path. After earning a BA from Middlebury and a Bachelor of Architecture from Yale, he became a Naval Aviator in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. In civilian life, he was an architect in Washington D.C. and New York City, then moved to the Pacific Northwest to become planner-designer for the Port of Seattle. He moved to Alaska to design the state office building, flew in the Civil Air Patrol, studied music and permafrost engineering at the Univ. of Alaska, and played in the Fairbanks Symphony. He met his wife Noreen in 1987 in Connecticut, and later they relocated to Phoenix. Noreen passed away in 2012. Ed continues to keep busy with drawing, violin practice, and polishing a 10" telescope mirror he ground.

Francis M. Palumbo '64 has been chosen as a 2016 John Carroll Award recipient from the Georgetown University Alumni Association. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Georgetown University Alumni Association and recognizes the award recipients' extraordinary leadership and service to Georgetown University.

Daniel J. Ryan '69 is currently the Director of the Sonya Ansari Center for Autism in South Bend, Indiana. Dan has served on many advisory boards at the state and local levels, including the Autism Society of Indiana and the Indiana Autism Coalition.

1970's

Fr. Christopher M. Tiano '79 currently serves as Director of Religious Education & Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Hartford. He also serves as the Academic Dean of St. Thomas Seminary, and the pastor and Boy Scout chaplain of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in South Windsor, CT.

1980's

Theodore E. Drury '89 was inducted into the Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame on October 19, 2015. See career highlights on page 45.

George E. O'Connell III '88 opened TruNorth Tavern & Table, a new restaurant in the Black Rock section of Bridgeport in October 2015.

Brian J. Stephanak '87 was promoted to Captain by American Airlines. He was hired by American in 1999 and has spent most of his career flying to cities in Europe, South America and the Caribbean. His home base is currently JFK Airport, NY.

1990's



Christopher E. Drury '94, former Fairfield Prep star, was one of four athletes elected into the 2015 United States Hockey Hall of Fame class on August 3, 2015. The 43rd U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame ceremony was held in Boston on December 17. Chris was also named Director of Player Development for the New York Rangers. Chris played in 892 regular-season games with the Colorado Avalanche, Calgary Flames, Buffalo Sabres and the New York Rangers. The center finished with 255 goals and 615 points before announcing his retirement in August of 2011 after 12 seasons. Chris represented his country in three Olympics, winning silver medals

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Ted Drury '89 inducted in FC Sports Hall of Fame

A nine-year National Hockey League veteran from 1993-2001, Ted Drury played with six teams during his pro career, primarily with the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. He played in 414 games with 41 goals and 52 assists. A standout at Fairfield Prep in both hockey and baseball, Drury was drafted by the Calgary Flames in the 1989 NHL entry draft, but opted to play college hockey at Harvard University, where he was the Ivy and ECAC Player of the Year in 1992-93. Drury was selected to play for the U.S. Olympic team in '92 & '94. He played five pro seasons in Germany before retiring in 2007, and was elected to the Harvard Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 2008.

Ted Drury '89 accepting the Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame award from Sue Merz, USA Women's Hockey Team player who won an Olympic gold medal in 1988 and a silver medal in 2002.

Photo: Chris Herder Photography

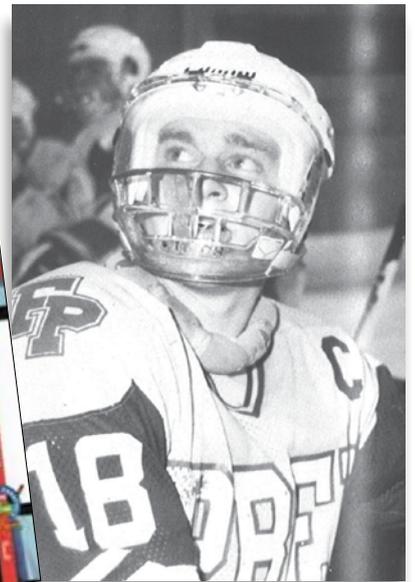
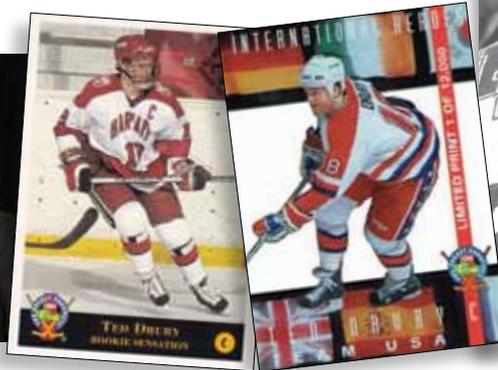


Photo: Joseph Adams

Basketball Court dedicated to Bisacca '46

On November 6, the annual Fairfield University exhibition game paid tribute to former Men's Basketball Coach **George Bisacca**, where he was also honored at a special Friends of Men's Basketball reception. To further carry on Bisacca's legacy, a fund has been created with generous support from his children and grandchildren that will affect Fairfield student-athletes for many generations to come.

Bisacca served as the men's basketball coach from 1958-1968 and as the University athletic director from 1962-1971. Bisacca graduated from Fairfield Prep in 1946, and served as the Prep's head basketball coach from 1953-1958. Bisacca is affectionately known by many alumni and fans as "the Father of Fairfield Basketball."



Class of 1960 lunch with Scholarship Alumnus

Members of the Class of 1960 recently had lunch with **Bryan Santiago '14**, who is a student at UConn Stamford. Bryan attended Fairfield Prep with the benefit of a scholarship funded by the 1960 class. Pictured with Bryan, from left: **Nick Perna, Joe Connelly, Ian McLaughlin** and **John Santa**.



Prep Community Gathers for All Souls Mass

Sunday, November 1 - Alumni, alumni parents, current students and parents, employees, and friends of Fairfield Prep attended the first annual All Souls Mass at St. Joseph Chapel in Xavier Hall on campus. Complemented by members of Fairfield University's Liturgical Choir, over 80 attendees prayed for members of the Fairfield Prep community who passed away during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Rev. Bret Stockdale, S.J., celebrated Mass, during which the names of the faithfully departed were read aloud. A candle was lit for each person to honor his/her memory.

After Mass, attendees partook in refreshments and fellowship in the foyer of Arrupe Hall. Special thanks to **Rev. William Verrilli '69** who concelebrated Mass with Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J. This Mass will continue to be a featured offering to the Prep community so we may pray for the eternal rest of our beloved deceased.



Latin Scholars Christmas Luncheon

December 10 - The Fairfield Prep Latin Scholars, an alumni group formed by their passion for the classics and their alma mater, held their annual Christmas luncheon at the Gaelic Club in Fairfield. Over 130 attendees shared lunch and fellowship amidst the holiday season, with portions of the proceeds supporting various scholarships and initiatives of Fairfield Prep. Holiday music and ambiance were provided by **Billy Reugger '07** on the piano. An outstanding Latin Scholar alumnus award was presented to **E. Stanton Kennedy '45**. Special thanks to **Jack Welch '50, Bill Stephanak '49, and Emil Garofalo '45** for coordinating this event.



Cemprola Wedding

Mike Cemprola '07 married Rachel Paradee on Saturday, October 24, 2015. They were married at the Gallaher Mansion and Cranbury Park in Norwalk, CT. Pictured left to right - **Ian Dempsey '07, Karl Godlewski '07, Mike Cemprola '07, Rachel Paradee, Kevin Collins '07, Robby Hermanns '07.**



Delmore Wedding

Jake Delmore '02 married Courtney Crowell at Gate of Heaven Church in Boston, MA on December 20, 2014. The reception was held at the Omni Parker House. Prep graduates in attendance include (left to right): **Sean Clarke '83** (cousin of groom), **Will Delmore '06** (best man), **Ian Stanczyk '02, Jake Delmore '02, Courtney, Matthew Conte '02** (groomsman), **William Newbauer III '85** (cousin of groom), **Ted Kilpatrick '02, James Forte '02, and Robert Hunter '02.**



Giuliano Wedding

Marino Giuliano '08 married Meghan Noto on August 1, 2015 at the Chapel of Our Lady at Canterbury School, New Milford, CT. The reception was held at St. Clements Castle in Portland, CT. Prep alumni in the bridal party included left to right: (All Class of 2008) **Conor Ryan, Marino Giuliano, Fernando Borjas** (best man), **Julian Campoli, and Connor Reilly.**



Louis W. Benedetto '06 combines form, function, and fashion in his work designing retail stores for Michael Kors throughout Asia. The New York based fashion house is gaining traction in the Asia Pacific marketplace. From design to construction, Lou currently manages the development of 25 active projects, including China's first standalone men's store as well as a 7,000 square foot flagship store in Singapore.

1990's Continued

in 2002 and 2010. He won a bronze medal in the 2004 World Championship, and played for the U.S. in the 2004 World Cup of Hockey.

William T. Harke '94, his wife Marnee and their three sons Liam 13, Burke 7 and Nolan 4 are currently living in Yarmouth, ME. Bill was recently hired as Regional Manager and Architect for LaBella Associates, a multi-disciplinary architecture and engineering firm headquartered in Rochester, NY.

Kurt J. Hofmann '99 successfully completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Tufts Medical Center in June 2015 and was awarded the Henry H. Banks Outstanding Orthopedic Resident Award at his graduation. He went on to pass his written board exam in July and started a fellowship in foot and ankle orthopedic surgery at the New England Baptist Hospital in August. In addition, he and his wife, Mary, welcomed their fifth child in early November. They continue to reside outside of Boston.

Jordan Reber '96 currently lives in Austin Texas and owns Powell Lacrosse which manufactures and sells lacrosse equipment.

2000's

Michael M. Byrne '01 has been named to the *Top 40 under Forty* business professionals in Connecticut for 2015. He is Associate Director for UBS Global Asset Management.



James Coppola '01 participated in his fourth Swim Across America challenge event, raising more than \$1,000 for cancer research. He swims in memory of his uncle, Ed Lozada, who

passed away from colon cancer in 1999, his grandmother, Shirley Coppola and his mother's parents, Alice and Henry Bittner, and swims in honor of Kate Thorpe and Margaret Dana-Conway.

Paul Doersch '06 was recently named in the *Top 10 People to Know in Silicon Valley*. "These are some of the top people that have shaped the Silicon Valley that the world knows today." In addition to being named as one of *Forbes Top 30 Under 30* in 2015, Doersch is also the founder of Kespry, an emerging Silicon Valley brand that designs and builds commercial-grade drone systems. The CEO raised \$10 million in Series A financing for his brand shortly after developing his drone company.

Joseph F. Farrell '00 has opened his second restaurant in three years. Rothbard Ale + Larder is a European Gastropub at 90 Post Road E, Westport, CT. This joins Walrus + Carpenter, a

barbeque restaurant featuring craft beer, wine and spirits, at 2895 Fairfield Ave, Black Rock, CT.

2010's



Patrick W. Corona '12 became the first Air Force runner to break the four-minute mark in the mile, when he clocked an altitude-converted time of 3:59.77 to win the 26th-Annual AF Invitational on Jan. 23, 2016, at the Academy's Cadet Field House. Corona, the first runner in the NCAA to accomplish a sub four-minute mile this season, set a new Academy standard and cut nearly two seconds off of a Senior Class Record that had stood since 1996. With an actual (non-converted) time of 4:09.19, Corona easily shattered the Air Force Invitational Meet Record, taking more than three seconds off of the previous mark.



Tyler D. Stankye '12 has been selected as a George Washington University ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate which is the top 20% of commissioned candidates across the

nation. He was also selected to be an Armor Officer upon graduation and commissioning.

IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth D. Alexander '68 on August 1, 2015.

Ronald F. Balakier '60 on October 27, 2015.

Stuart Bernard on January 22, 2016. He was the grandfather of **Adam S. Bernard '96.**

Richard Coyle on October 30, 2015. He was the father of **Daniel P. Coyle '13, Brian R. Coyle '15 and Aidan T. Coyle '16.**

Joan DelVecchio on January 13, 2016. She was the wife of **Leonard V. DelVecchio '58** and mother of **Leonard (Rick) DelVecchio '92.**

John P. Devlin '67 on October 25, 2014.

David W. Durkin '66 on January 7, 2009.

James V. Fensore '46 on October 10, 2015.

Anthony S. Finchera '51 on September 5, 2015.

Joseph R. Fusé on November 24, 2015. He was the father of **Christopher A. Fusé '87.**

Edwin R. Ferrer Jr. '55 on October 6, 2015.

Cecilia Ficko on January 7, 2016. She was the mother of **Frank J. Ficko Jr. '78** and grandmother of **Jonathan A. Ficko '12**.

Ralph P. Gentile '50 on December 13, 2015.

Robert A. Gulomb on August 24, 2015. He was the stepfather of **Kyle B. Barndollar '06** and **Todd A. Barndollar '02**.

Thomas G. Heaney '98 on November 17, 2015.

Richard J. Keane '56 on December 29, 2015.

Francis Kopnick on January 30, 2016. She was the mother of **Thomas Kopnick '66** and grandmother of **Matthew T. Kopnick '96**.

Joseph E. Kulaga '19 on December 29, 2015.

Thomas Lalor '68 on January 13, 2016. He was the brother of **Edward T. Lalor '65**, **John H. Lalor '69**, **Owen P. Lalor '70**, and **William R. Lalor '72**.

Edward J. Liptak on August 13, 2015. He was the father of **David J. Liptak '76**.

Alviro Maiorano on October 20, 2015. He was the grandfather of **Robert P. Maiorano '06**, **Glenn N. Maiorano '09**, and **Kevin C. Maiorano '11**.

Beatrice Marden on August 9, 2015. She was the grandmother of **David B. Platow '05**, **Daniel H. Platow '07** and **Bart E. Platow '09**.

Rev. Colin J. McKenna '82 on September 9, 2015.

Louis Moglia, Jr. on January 13, 2015. He was the father-in-law of **Matthew S. Sather '93**.

Jeanne McKeon on August 10, 2015. She was the grandmother of **Ryan M. Russo '98**, **Kevin Russo '06** and **John P. McKeon '15**.

Paul W. Minar '85 on September 14, 2015.

Leo Van Munching Jr. on February 14, 2016. He was the grandfather of **Maximilian Van Munching '14**.

John E. Nalty on October 31, 2015. He was the grandfather of **John N. Clark '14** and father of Elaine Clark of the Prep English department.

Edward P. O'Connor on October 2, 2015. He was the father of **Daniel J. O'Connor '82**, father-in-law of **Steven C. Bennett '80** and **Kenneth J. O'Donnell '85** and grandfather of **Declan P. O'Donnell '19**, **Connor F. Bennett '18** and **Brian J. Bennett '11**.

Rev. Joseph R. Palmisano, S.J. '93 on December 25, 2015. He was the brother of **John Paul Palmisano '97**.

John J. Patchen '55 on December 18, 2015.

William A. Pearce '55 on November 24, 2015.

Frederick L. Paige on February 9, 2016. He was father-in-law of **Scott A. Quincy '87** and grandfather of **Benjamin A. Quincy '17**.

Howard S. Rowan Jr. '50 on January 11, 2016.

Patrick Ryan on October 27, 2015. He was the father of **Patrick M. Ryan '05**.

Joyce Shea on September 22, 2015. She was the mother of **W. Thomas Shea '73** and grandmother of **Brendan T. Shea '08**, **William C. (Conor) Shea '11** and **Sam W. Rooney '08**.

Sally Shea on October 7, 2015. She was the wife of the late **Richard Shea '46**.

James A. Spangenberg on January 12, 2016. He was the father of **Andrew J. Spangenberg '15** and uncle of **Matthew J. Matera '07**, **Michael Q. Matera '12**, and **Ryan J. Matera '15**.

Arthur J. Stanchina '59 on November 26, 2015.

John G. Steers '92 on September 25, 2015.

Joseph A. Testani '49 on November 5, 2015.

Elizabeth "Betty" Tiano on October 11, 2015. She was the mother of **Eugene J. Tiano, Jr. '73** and the **Reverend Christopher M. Tiano '79**.

Timothy W. Troutman '95 on November 11, 2015.

Carl H. Wartman '70 on May 10, 2015.

ENGAGEMENTS

John A. Barone '05 is engaged to Lauren Morgan. A June 3, 2017 wedding date has been set.



Michael A. Corrado '07 (above) is engaged to Jenilyn Marie Forbes. A spring 2016 wedding is planned.

Sean W. Roland '06 was engaged to Leeann Deloma in August 2015 while vacationing in St. John. A June 2017 wedding is planned in CT.

WEDDINGS

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Jake E. Delmore '02 married Courtney Crowell on December 20, 2014. See photo on page 46.

Marino M. Guiliano '08 married Meghan Noto on August 1, 2015. See photo on page 46.

Peter D. Loncto '90 married Kathryn Keane on June 27, 2015. See photo on page 47.

Daniel E. Parisi '06 married Amanda Poole on September 26, 2015 in Summit, NJ. See photo on page 47.

John Carlos Pena '05 married Kait Nagi on October 11, 2015. See photo on page 47.

Peter A. Scifo '98 married Jacquelen Konecny on July 11, 2015. See photo on page 47.

Alex Giobbi '11 works as the development coordinator for the Prospector Theater in Ridgefield, which is a nonprofit entertainment venue that provides employment to adults with disabilities. He submitted his boss as a candidate for Yankees HOPE (Helping Others Persevere and Excel) week. Ultimately, the Prospector Theater was awarded a donation of \$10,000 from the Yankees organization, and Alex and his boss were selected to throw the first pitch at Yankee Stadium.

Loncto Wedding

Peter D. Loncto '90 married Kathryn Keane on June 27, 2015 in Concord, MA. In attendance from Prep were his brother **John J. Loncto '85**, who served as best man, the bride's cousin **Thomas A. Hanley III '04** and **Fr. Larry Ryan, S.J.** The couple went to France and Italy for their honeymoon and now live in downtown Boston.



Parisi Wedding

Daniel E. Parisi '06 married Amanda Poole on September 26, 2015 in Summit, NJ. The couple honeymooned in Dubai, the Maldives, and Bora Bora. They reside in Chatham, NJ.



Scifo Wedding

Peter A. Scifo '98 (former Prep faculty member) married Jacquelen Konecny on July 11, 2015. The reception was held at The RoundHouse, Beacon Falls, NY. They honeymooned throughout Europe and reside in Stratford, CT.



Pena Wedding

John Carlos Pena '05 married Kait Nagi on October 11, 2015, at the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Prep alumni in attendance were, from left: **Ray Pena '08**, **Andrew Hatton '13**, **Conor Hatton '18**, **John Carlos Pena '05**, **Thomas Miglietta '08** and **James Miglietta '06**.



FACULTY AND STAFF IN MEMORIAM

Norberto Barreiro on December 5, 2015. He was the brother of **Joseph Barreira** of the Prep Foreign Language department.

Rev. John J. Higgins, S.J. on October 26, 2015. He was a former member of the Prep faculty.

Jeanne Miller on August 15, 2015. She was the mother of **Dr. Charles Miller** of the Prep Theology department.

Louis Moglia, Jr. on January 13, 2015. He was the father-in-law of **Matthew S. Sather '93** of the Prep English department.

John E. Nalty on October 31, 2015. He was the father of **Elaine Clark** of the Prep English department and grandfather of **John N. Clark '14**.

Richard G. Norell Sr. on October 5, 2015. He was the father-in-law of **Kathy Norell**, Prep Coordinator of Special Events.

George L. Palmgren, Jr. on November 11, 2015. He was an Assistant Coach for the Prep swim team.

Joyce Shea on September 22, 2015. She was the mother of **W. Thomas Shea '73**, of the Prep English department and former head football coach, and grandmother of **Brendan T. Shea '08, William C. (Conor) Shea '11 and Sam W. Rooney '08**.

BIRTHS

Ciro Romero, of the Prep Foreign Language department and his wife Nora welcomed their grandson Caleb Joseph Bradley on September 24, 2015.

Patty Schickler, Prep ESL Instructor and her husband Mark welcomed their granddaughter Mabel Grace Schickler on September 24, 2015.

Patty Veno, Secretary to the Principal and her husband Dean welcomed their granddaughter Elizabeth Ann Bailey on September 11, 2015.



Prep Weekend of Service

On September 10-13, alumni, students, parents, and friends of Fairfield Prep participated in community service efforts throughout the country, and in the Caribbean! Evolving from the traditional Day of Service, this weekend was designed to offer members of the Prep community - local, nationally and internationally - a chance to live out the Jesuit motto of being men for others.

This service effort began Thursday as **Matt Camus '06**, Math teacher at Gonzaga College High School in **Washington, D.C.**, served lunch at the Father McKenna Center, Inc. Along with several Gonzaga High students, they and Matt fed those in the DC area who are homeless or of extremely low income.

Saturday saw multiple efforts: St. Ignatius Alumni Award winner **Ed Krygier '60** coordinated his annual breakfast at the Thomas Merton House in **Bridgeport, CT**. Joining Ed were **Dave Mazzei '61, Dave Carroll '76, Kevin McQuade '73, Lou Pintek '72, Aris Crist '73, George Pulley '76, Ken Sneider '73, Chris Cunningham '86, Luca Cardozo '72, Bob Donahue '87**, Director of Development, **Dennis Brown '85**, and his son **J.B. Brown '19**. Prepsters served breakfast to approximately 150 clients.

In **New Haven, CT**, **John Leary '64** coordinated cleaning and maintenance for the Hillside Family Shelter, an affiliate of Christian Community Action, Inc. John was joined by **Stephen Gniadek '18, Brendan Wisniewski '18, Matthew Torres '19, and Larry Carroll '63**, Director of Planned Giving and Stewardship.

In **Brooklyn, NY**, **Andrew Davenport '08**, Admissions Counselor, **Austin Ryan '06**, Director of Alumni Relations, **Thomas Kelly '16, Andrew Kelly '18**, and their father John Kelly tutored students in grades 6-8 at Brooklyn Jesuit Prep in conjunction with its Saturday program. Joining them was Fr. James Hederman, S.J., former faculty member of Prep and currently at Xavier High in New York.

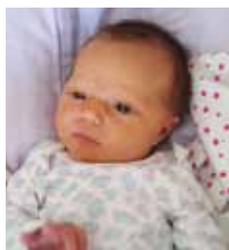
South in the Caribbean, **Jeff Sochrin '85** and the Rotary Club of **St. Maarten**, joined the local Little Leaguers in painting a shipping container the Rotary Club donated and converted into a science lab, from 10 a.m. to noon. The lab is part of a player development program, which fosters academic growth alongside players' athletic growth.

Sunday concluded the weekend of service as **Pete Loncto '90, Chris Walsh '91, Stefan Tropsha '06** and **Austin Ryan '06** served lunch to over 800 clients at the St. Francis House on Boylston St. in **Boston, MA**. Across the country in **Los Angeles, CA**, **Matthew Connelly '12**, joined by **Steve Demakos '15** and **Andy Spangenberg '15**, served breakfast at Midnight Mission, an organization that helps clients get back to self-sufficiency through a multi-step process. Also, **Todd Ulman '96** donated items to the organization, which they request from their "wish list."

This massive effort is a testament to the reach of the Fairfield Prep network, and its commitment to the Jesuit mission of showing others compassion in service of God's will. We look forward to including more cities and countries next year. Thank you to those who volunteered to coordinate these sites, and to those who participated in the efforts. AMDG.



Jensen Blake Hasenauer



Kyla Adelynn Jansson



Nuri Lynn Swann

BIRTHS

Matthew O. Altieri '01 and his wife Alice welcomed their daughter Mabel Rosenberg Altieri on January 8, 2016.

James G. Fahey '97 and his wife Barb welcomed their first son, Keegan James Fahey on August 30, 2015.

James L. Gallacher '87 and Jillian O'Farrell, welcomed their daughter, Althea Sonja, on December 8, 2015.

Michael A. Hasenauer '99 and his wife Sarah welcomed their first child, Jensen Blake Hasenauer on August 3, 2015. See photo above.

Dexter C. Jansson '93 and his wife Kimberly welcomed their second child, Kyla Adelynn, on

Oct 3, 2015. She joins big sister Kenley Ava. See photo above.

Robert P. Panish III '98 and his wife Michele welcomed their daughter Lucie Mae Panish on October 12, 2015. They currently live in New Rochelle, NY.

Edward J. Rowe '59 and his wife Gail welcomed their grandson Graham Edward Leiphart on October 20, 2015.

Jason J. Schickler '95 and his wife Mary welcomed their daughter Mabel Grace Schickler on September 24, 2015.

Michael Swann '06 and his wife welcomed their daughter Nuri Lynn Swann on May 2, 2015. See photo above.



Fr. Egan baptizes two generations of Brennans

Ian F. Brennan '02 and his wife Kaisa welcomed their daughter Eleanor Margaret Brennan on September 2, 2015. She was christened by Fr. Bill Egan, S.J., on December 20, 2015, at St. Mary's Church in Ridgefield. Fr. Egan also christened **Ian** at St. Mary's Church in 1984.

Seniors and Alumni Power Lunch at Prep



Bill Pappa '04 leads first Senior-Alumni lunch

Participating in the new program launched this year by the Alumni & Development Office, **Bill Pappa '04** joined seniors **Michael Toohey, William Newbauer, Connor Lynch, Aedan Ayer, and Gavin Doran** for lunch on September 18.

William "Bill" Pappa is currently the Vice President of Business Development for Dartcor Food Service, with responsibility for new business development, transition and onboarding, customer retention, and creative input for new initiatives and services. These seniors were matched up with Bill because of their interest in pursuing a career in business after Prep. Bill counseled them on the significance of their last year at Prep, college, the professional world, and the benefits of the Prep network.

Gavin Doran '16 offered his reflection on the experience: "I thought I learned a lot during the lunch with Bill Pappa. Specifically, I learned a lot about the field of business I want to pursue in and outside of college as I came into the lunch unsure of what I wanted to do. I also think this lunch was beneficial in the way I learned just how important connections through Prep can be outside of high school."

Aedan Ayer '16 added, "I personally enjoyed the lunch. It enabled me to meet a fellow Prepster who is ahead in life of where I am, but still close enough in age that we can relate. To see a young alum who has had success and enjoys what he does excites me because it shows the opportunities that this school can give to students who want to take advantage of them. Mr. Pappa gave us some good advice about both the future and what our goals should be in our careers."

Going forward, the Alumni Office is looking for more volunteers to participate in this program. Contact **Austin M. Ryan '06**, Director of Alumni Relations.



Peter Eason '08 discusses finance

A graduate of Georgetown and an Investment Banker at JP Morgan in NYC, **Peter Eason '08** (in the blue sweater) had lunch with seniors interested in the finance world. Explaining the ins and outs of his profession, he encouraged these seniors to "create their own brand," citing Prep as a major influence in helping him do that. Peter works in J.P. Morgan's Mid-Cap Investment Banking team which focuses on strategic advisory and capital raising for private and public companies with revenues typically between \$500 million and \$2 billion. His responsibilities include developing client solutions, performing financial analysis and modeling, conducting industry and product research, developing client presentation materials and managing the execution of day-to-day activities surrounding "live" transactions.



Rob Morton '04 shares advice on the challenges of accounting

November 20 - The second installment of the Senior-Alumni Lunch Program, which connects current seniors with alumni based upon mutual career affinities and aspirations, featured **Rob Morton '04** of Price Waterhouse Coopers in Stamford. Rob was very engaged during his time at Prep: serving as editor-in-chief of the yearbook, a member of the Chaplain's Council and Theater Tech Crew. As he attended Fairfield University, he worked at the Jesuit Residence, and participated in the 19 Annotations - part of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Meeting with **Jackson Mendes '16, Jack O'Connor '16** and **Andrew Crane '16**, Rob alluded to the joys and realities of life as an accountant. Noting the importance to "step outside your comfort zone," he emphasized how Prep laid the foundation for his work ethic and commitment to doing his job to the best of his ability. He concluded with stressing the need for spirituality in one's life; and the necessity to find happiness in what you do.

Stopping by were **Brian Camus '04** and Mr. Tim Dee of Prep's Math Department. Brian and Rob were classmates at Prep; Tim and Rob were classmates at Fairfield Univ. Reflecting on the lunch, Jack O'Connor noted how this opportunity "was enjoyable because there's already a common ground" and the setting is "personalized." This program is another example of the power of the Fairfield Prep network, and the love alumni have for their alma mater. Thank you Rob!



Jay Miolla '94 demos virtual reality

December 11 - With the growing desire to pursue careers in the digital world and graphic design, **Jay Miolla '94** returned to campus to show students the current technological offerings; and what awaits them. During lunch waves, Jay had several displays with which students interacted. From a guided real estate tour, to a video game, to a virtual tour of the human body, Prep students learned how Jay digitizes real-life constructs into virtual reality. Jay is the Owner and Creative Lead for Out of Body VR LLC New York, a virtual reality company that provides end-to-end production for VR photography, films and software.



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

PREP PERFORMERS



FINK band performs locally

Prep alumni in an instrumental band performed at BRYAC in Black Rock on Sept. 26. (L-r): **Connor Stewart '07**, **Matt Fasano '07**, and **Billy Ruegger '07**.



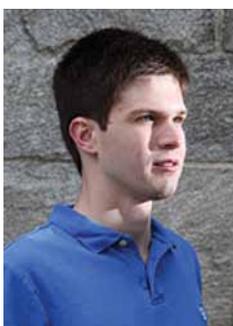
Chris Felner '13 "Felly" raps at FTC

Chris Felner '13 "Felly" was voted in the *Top 21 Rappers under 21*. He performed for a sold-out crowd at The Warehouse at Fairfield Theatre Company on January 7.



Coothesa and Lavalla visit Prep

"Señor" **Greg Marshall '73**, former Spanish teacher and current Dean of Enrollment & Marketing, welcomed two of his "all-time favorite students" back to Prep in October. Greg (center) with **Mike Coothesa '97** and **John Paul Lavalla '97**.



Nick Hilton '11 working toward a malaria vaccine

Nick Hilton's interest in science took hold at a very young age. In middle school and at Fairfield Prep, he zeroed in on biology, but when it came time to choose a college, he looked for a place that would not restrain his wide-ranging curiosity. Brown's flexible curriculum was a big draw.

He joined a genetics lab in his sophomore year, then switched to an immunology lab the following year. There, under the direction of Professor of Pathology and

Laboratory Medicine Jonathan Kurtis, and, with the help of a Royce Fellowship, he found his "a little more": he worked on a malaria vaccine.

In his senior thesis, Hilton explains that "malaria is one of the deadliest diseases humanity currently faces, afflicting nearly 200 million people... Additionally, children under five years old account for 78 percent of all malaria deaths in Africa."

Hilton plans to work in another lab for a year or two—he hopes on an infectious disease—before applying to PhD programs. His ultimate goal is to become a researcher and to teach at an academic institution. Source: Brown University



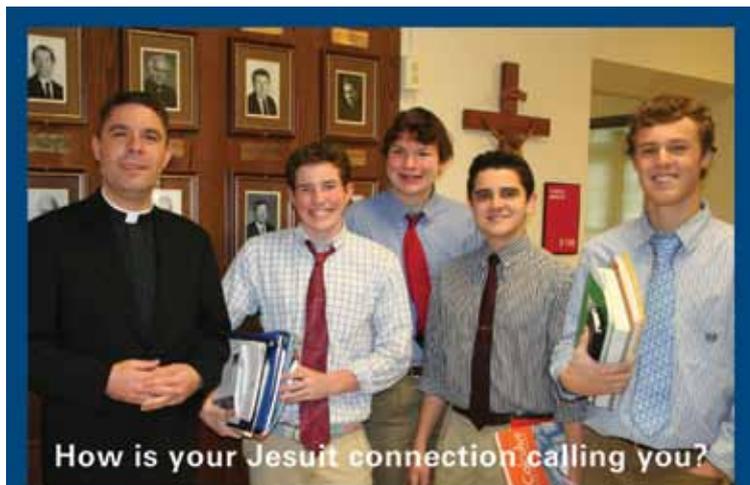
Alumni assemble for Morning of Reflection

October 24 - Over 20 alumni ranging from the classes of 1950 to 2008 gathered in the refurbished St. Joseph Chapel of Fairfield Prep in Xavier Hall to recall God's presence in their lives. Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J led the retreat as he gave two faith talks, complemented by ample quiet reflection time. The theme of the day was to "See God's wonders around us." During reflection periods, alumni walked to McAuliffe Hall, sat out in the Pelletier Quadrangle, and prayed in the halls of their alma mater; all to observe the grace and gifts of God.

Mass concluded the morning. During the homily, all shared their reflections and expressed their gratitude for being a part of the Prep community; and for God's love. This was a truly powerful morning that reinvigorated attendees' commitment to God and the Jesuit mission, as well as their love for Fairfield Prep - all it embodies, represents and offers. The alumni retreat program now consists of this silent and contemplative morning in the fall, and an imitation of the Kairos model in the spring during Lent. **This spring's retreat is set for Saturday, March 12, 2016. See website for details.**

Morris travels to Dominica for ETHOS Internship

Last summer, **Philip Morris '11** experienced an ETHOS internship through University of Dayton's School of Engineering. ETHOS provides service-learning opportunities to students each summer. Five students worked with the coconut industry, helping with a huge range of tasks. Morris registered for a class to prepare for the internship. Not being an engineer was a challenge, but it taught him a great deal. Morris stated, "This is a wonderful experience, but it's not for everybody. You're committing yourself to a 10-week internship abroad with hard work. You live like a local, complete with different customs and beliefs — it's a far stretch from studying abroad. It is also beyond rewarding. I have learned more about this culture and myself than I ever thought possible. It has changed my life." Source: udayton.edu



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Zack Lyon '06 presents to Environmental Science students

January 11 - Obtaining a degree in Ecological Forest Management from Paul Smith's College, **Zack Lyon '06** has been working the past four summers for the U.S. Forest Services, fighting fires in California. His efforts were featured in Norwalk's *The Hour*. Last month, Zack graduated from the University of Idaho with his Masters in Fire Science. Zack returned to Prep to present his studies, findings and efforts, and share his experience with the Environmental Science class - a senior elective offered by science teacher Bob Ford Jr.



Simisky honored by Veterans

The Veterans Council of Greater Bridgeport, Inc. selected Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., to receive the 32th Stephen Koteles Memorial Award for his dedicated service to country and to recognize his community service. The award is given to a person who after serving our country returned to community and demonstrates

the value of having served in the armed forces. The award was made during the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2015, at Lieutenant Colonel Henry Mucci Memorial Plaza located at McLevy Hall on Broad Street in downtown Bridgeport.



Ed Gormbley '95 reopens historic Hi-Ho

In a ribbon-cutting ceremony in November, new owner **Ed Gormbley '95** showcased the renovated 40 room Hi-Ho Hotel and relit the neon sign. Ed additionally opened the Fairfield Circle Inn last summer.



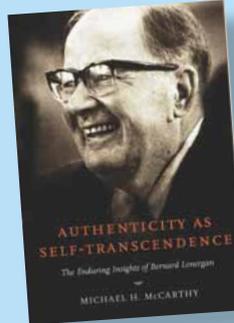
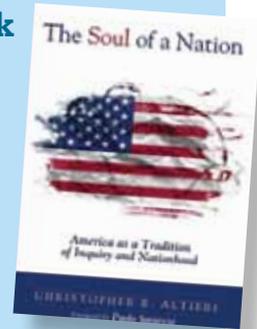
Tom Keegan '43 from the first Prep graduating class ran into some young Prepsters in downtown Fairfield.

AUTHOR'S CORNER

Chris Altieri '95 publishes book about the American project

Christopher Altieri '95 recently published a new book. *In The Soul of a Nation: America as a Tradition of Inquiry and Nationhood*. The author shows that a broad conversation regarding the constitution of society is present in the public discourse of the people that began to recognize itself during the imperial crisis of the late eighteenth-century British America; that the participants in that conversation have at least an inchoate awareness of society as at once cosmic and anthropological; and that political society is an apt field of study in and for the general science of order.

Chris is a philosopher living in Rome, Italy, with his wife, Ester, and their two children. He has been a journalist and news editor at Vatican Radio for ten years, and has translated several works in philosophy, theology, and history. He has also taught comparative religion at the crossroads of political theology and cultural anthropology. He defended his PhD dissertation, *The Soul of a Nation: America as a tradition of inquiry and nationhood* at the Pontifical Gregorian University in 2010.



Dr. Michael McCarthy '59 wins Illumination Award

Dr. Michael McCarthy '59 recently earned a Bronze medal recognition in the Theology category of the 2016 Illumination Awards for his book *Authenticity as Self-Transcendence*.

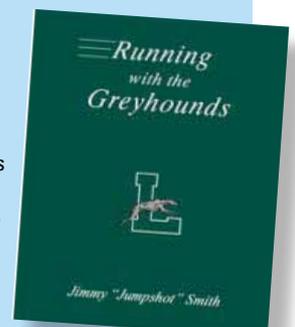
McCarthy, a professor at Vassar College, has carefully studied the writings of Bernard Lonergan (Canadian philosopher-theologian, 1904-1984) for over fifty years. In his 1989 book, *The Crisis of Philosophy*, McCarthy argued for the superiority of Lonergan's distinctive philosophical project to those of his analytic and phenomenological rivals. Now in *Authenticity as Self-Transcendence: The Enduring Insights of Bernard Lonergan*, he develops and expands his earlier argument to show Lonergan's exceptional relevance to the cultural situation of late modernity. The essays explore and appraise Lonergan's cultural mission: to raise Catholic philosophy and theology to meet the intellectual challenges and standards of his time.

Dan O'Connell '71 contributes to Jesuit Basketball History

The Jesuit Basketball History entitled *Running With The Greyhounds, A Century of Loyola Maryland Basketball History* is now in publication. It begins with the invention of basketball in New England and highlights the influence of the Jesuits of Loyola referred to as "Team Behind The Team." Rivalries with other Jesuit and Catholic Schools are covered throughout.

Dan O'Connell attended Fairfield Prep and was a significant contributor to the book. There are anecdotes about Loyola alumni from both World Wars and in depth coverage of the first inter-racial college game in the South between Loyola and Morgan State College in Feb. 1952.

Eight of the nine chapters are dedicated to profiles and stories about the Jesuits throughout the commentary of the book. It is the first history of Loyola written in 30 years. The Very Rev Joseph Selinger S.J., the longest serving president at any Jesuit University and Lefty Reitz and Tom O'Connor, the athletic directors who built Loyola's athletic programs to the present NCAA Division I level are featured. A major contributor to the book was Mount St. Mary's University coaching legend, Jim "Bowtie" Phelan.



IN MEMORIAM

Fr. Joseph Palmisano, S.J., '93



Fairfield Prep mourns the loss of **Joseph Palmisano, S.J. '93**. Joe was born in New Haven, CT. His younger brother, **John Paul '97**, followed, and the family later moved to Monroe. He graduated from Prep in 1993, and went to Boston College, where he majored in theology. After vows in 2000 he was assigned to first studies at Fordham University, where he received an M.A. in philosophy in 2002. He spent the following year at the Irish School of Ecumenics, at Trinity College, Dublin, where he received the M.Phil. degree in 2003.

Joe spent two years of regency teaching at Campion College in Jamaica, and was ordained a priest in the chapel at Fairfield University in June 2008. He then embarked on a doctoral program in the Irish School of Ecumenics at Trinity. He returned to the States in 2010, for the tertianship program at Campion Center in Weston, MA, in 2010-2011. During tertianship indications emerged that a previously detected, non-malignant brain tumor required more aggressive treatment. He received the doctoral degree in ecumenical theology from Trinity.

He took his final vows as a Jesuit at Campion Center on March 25, and in late 2013 he moved there. On December 12, some forty B.C. classmates and friends celebrated his 41st birthday. A few days after his birthday celebration he weakened significantly and lapsed into a coma. Late in the evening of Christmas Day, with his parents and brother at his bedside, he shared Christ's death and entered into his glory.

CLASSMATE CHRIS POPADIC '93 REMEMBERS...

Joey had a positive lasting impression on people. He had an infectious laugh and a wonderful sense of humor. He never complained about being sick and always had a positive attitude. The accomplishments he made were amazing and unthinkable for someone who was battling a brain tumor. He will be missed by everyone he knew and life will never be the same without him.



Brian Power '09 and Dad conquer Swim Across the Sound

Brian Power '09 and his father Jay participated in the Swim Across The Sound this past summer to raise money for St. Vincent's Medical Center. Brian first became involved as a student at Prep with several classmates. Their inspiration came from fellow students' parents who had been diagnosed with cancer. It became even more personal when his Prep Swim Team co-captain's mother, Maura Marden, lost her battle with cancer. Now living in Columbia, S.C., Power said wouldn't dream of missing this annual tradition. Brian's dad, a 53-year old employee benefits executive, saw how much enjoyment and fulfillment his son experienced each year and decided to join the effort five years ago.

Over his eight years of involvement, teams that the younger Power has been involved with have raised more than \$50,000 for cancer patients and their families.

Source: Daily Voice



Fr. Palmisano, S.J., was the vesting priest at the ordination of Brent Otto, S.J., this past June.



Alumni football reception

Alumni and seniors enjoy the new hospitality suite at Rafferty Stadium. Front row from left: **Mike Pappa '07, Jack O'Connor '16, George Crist '16, Joe Daccache '16, Matt Salito '05**. Back row: **Rob Morton '04, Garrett Brown '06, Mike McKeon '04, Bill Pappa '04, Tom Topalian '05, Fr. Stockdale, S.J.**



Backe '14 and Palazzolo '15 at Boston College

Christian Backe '14 and **Anthony Palazzolo '15** play for the Boston College Eagles and were photographed this fall at the field.

Winning Crew

Ryan M. Kiel '15 and the Colgate crew Novice 4 came in first place in the Head of the Fish Regatta near Saratoga Springs, NY. "Our Novice four rowers put in a strong performance today," Colgate head coach Khaled Sanad said. "But what is more impressive is the Varsity Eight boat had just returned to the dock and the Novices had to launch their boat only 20 minutes later."



Columbus House

Coordinator **Ed Krygier '60** led a group of loyal alumni to serve dinner at the New Haven Columbus House in December.



Class of 2007 Beach Reunion

In summer 2015, members of the Class of 2007 reunited on the beach in Milford. From left: **Rob Florio, Keith Dragevich and Eamonn Nolan**

FP Motherhood



Crew Alumni Moms

Moms of Prep Crew alumni continue to get together socially and recently gathered at Local restaurant. Their sons unbreakable "FP Brotherhood" proved contagious as the moms developed their own unbreakable "FP Motherhood!" From left to right back row: Sandra Miklave, P'11, Sara Wallace, P'06, '11, Celeste Hilton, P'11, '14, Deena Nealon, P'12, '15, Marianne Cirillo, P'13, '14, Dawn Gepfert, P'13, the boys former coach Cis, Susan Venables, P'11, Julie Ball, P'10, '12, '14, Susan Libbey, P'11, Sara Hubert, P'11. Front row left to right: Jeanne Kerrisk, P'08, '11, Laura Osborne, P'12, Peggy Rein, P'11.



Cross Country and Track Alumni Moms

A group of Prep moms did not want to end their "meets" just because their sons' Prep cross country and track meets were over. Started by Janet Phillips, P'07, a book club was formed and has been going strong! Members, in addition to Janet, include Nancy Culliton, P'06, Lisa Doocy, P'07, Andrea Kinsley, P'07, Sally Pierson, P'01, '08, and Leslie Richter, P'07. Their "meets" have included the reading and discussion of over 55 books to date! They enjoy sharing updates on their Prep alumni, and continue to share their gratitude and fondness for Bob Ford Sr., who is considered an honorary member.



Lynne Vanderslice P'09, Prep Board of Governors Member is First Selectman

Wilton politics entered the Vanderslice era on Tuesday, Dec. 1, as Lynne Vanderslice was officially sworn in as the town's first selectman at a ceremony last night at Old Town Hall.

She told the crowd, "On behalf of the community I want to say thank you and it's very much appreciated. I'm looking forward to working with all of you."



Left to right: **Matt Barnett, Joe Micalizzi, Frank Decker, Aubrey Tan, Jake Walshe, Jack Connolly, Isaac Chacon, Chris Cassacio, Victor Uscilla, Dylan Miraglia, Kevin Barnett, Elliot Collins, Kevin Kery, John DiCostanzo and Ian Dempsey.** Photo by Greg Collins.

Alumni Rugby Match

Alumni of Fairfield Prep's rugby team met in Westbrook, CT, for one more match under the gaze of Coach Frank Decker. Prep ruggers from the class of 1998 all the way through the class of 2017 ran, passed, punted and told tales of their glory days.

On the pitch were **John DiCostanzo**, and **Joe Micalizzi** class of '98, **Kevin Kery '00, Isaac Chacon, Ian Dempsey** and **Victor Uscilla '07, Chris Cassacio and Dylan Miraglia '09, Matt Barnett and Aubrey Tan '13, Elliot Collins '14, Kevin Barnett '15** and current Prep rugger **Jake Walshe '17**. In a hotly contested match the score see-sawed back and forth. After being tied for most of the match, Ian Dempsey took a pass and broke for the last score as time expired for a 25 to 20 win. A special thanks to our referee, Greg Collins (FP Dad of **Elliot '14 and Oscar '18**).

Final opinion, it was a great time and the big question was, "When can we do this again?" After the match everyone retired to **Jack Connolly's '65** house for an afternoon of burgers, reminiscing and the beach.



L - R: **Dylan Duffy '13, Ben Romeo '15, Jack Hand '13, Elliot Collins '14 and Joey Roberts '12**

Rugby Alums play in Atlantic Tournament

Fairfield Prep alums swept their way thru the ACRC tournament (Atlantic Coast Rugby Championship Tournament) in November. The tournament opener pitted the UMass Minutemen against the Wolfpack of North Carolina State. **Mike Ruther '13** took man of the match honors as the Minutemen won 41-10.

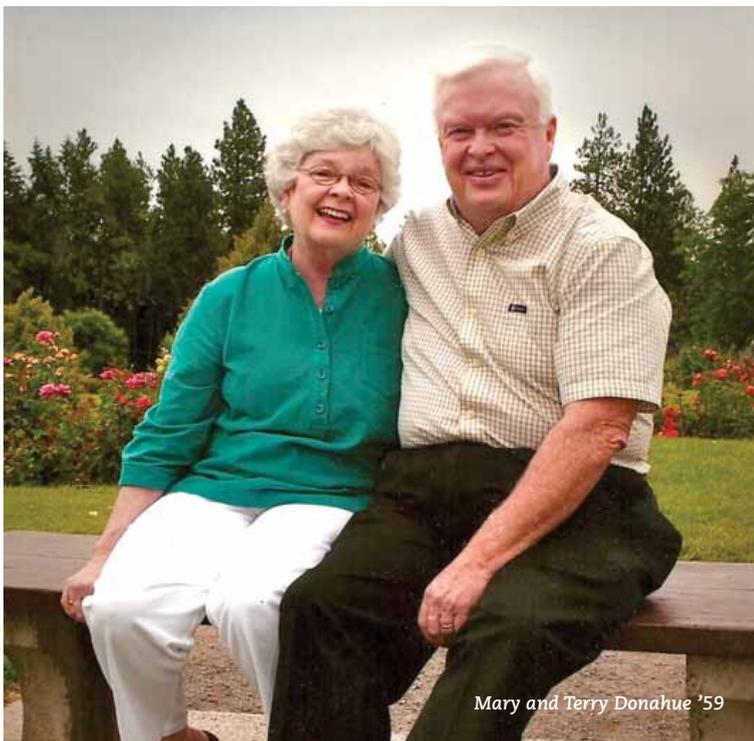
In the nightcap the Boston College Eagles and **Mike Demakos '12** played Alabama's Crimson Tide. The Eagles came away with a hard fought 26-20 win that was contested until the last minute with the Eagles final score after time expired. Play resumed Saturday morning in Charlotte when **Greg Terry '15** and the St. Bonaventure 15 took on Mid-American Conference power Western Michigan. Terry and the Bonnie's won in a nail biter 21-19.

In the afternoon contest, Iona Gaels **Elliot Collins '14** and **Ben Romeo '15** took on the University of Delaware Blue Hens in the Ice Bucket Challenge Bowl. UDel was led on the pitch by **Joey Roberts '12, Dylan Duffy '13**, with injured **Jack Hand '13** on the bench. Iona fell by a single converted try 36-29 in spite of being down three men with yellow cards. It was a weekend filled with great rugby and great play by Prep alums all in Division I programs. Congratulations to all.



Alumni Reconnect at Rugby

At the Iona vs St. Bonaventure game Prep alumni connected. L to R: **Ben Romeo '15, Greg Terry '15, and Elliot Collins '14.**



Mary and Terry Donahue '59

A Great Return on Investment

By Terry Donahue '59, McAuliffe Society Member

My first connection with Fairfield Prep occurred in 1957. My older brother, Jeff, was about to graduate from Saint Augustine school in Bridgeport. There was discussion at dinner about the new high school run by the Jesuits and how it would be a great opportunity for a good education. There were considerations such as transportation, would there be any friends going, the entrance exam and the expense of tuition. Jeff took the entrance exam, was accepted and enrolled. I followed two years later as a member of the Class of 1959.

Fast-forward to today. I now realize, with the perspective of fifty-odd years in the rear-view mirror, what a tremendous life experience four years at Prep was. We entered Prep as boys and graduated as young men. In the process we made friends for life and learned the lessons of life. The journey was guided by a strong contingent of Jesuits

who addressed us as "Mister," educated us as "students," made us dress like we were going to work and expected nothing less than our best. Respect for others, hard work, and high morals were the keys to future success. These lessons are still part of the fabric of Prep. The number of Jesuits is reduced but the message of their order is still strong.

I am fortunate to have maintained a close association with Prep over the years. My wife Mary and I raised our family in Fairfield and were blessed with seven sons. We sent them all to Prep. Except for a few years of absence, I was closely familiar with the school from 1976 when my first son Jack enrolled until 1996 when the last one Pat graduated. I also watched the journey of my grandson Daniel who graduated in 2014.

Were there changes in that period of time? You bet there were! The school has always been moving forward and today I think Prep is at its best. Academics are

challenging, the faculty is earnest and dedicated, the physical plant is great and getting better, and the leadership is strong. The outlook for continued strong leadership was recently confirmed with the appointment of Rev. Thomas Simisky, S.J., as the new Prep president.

The Class of 1959 celebrated our 50th reunion in 2009. Early in the planning for our jubilee it was decided that we would create a full four-year scholarship for a student in financial need. This goal crystallized our fund raising and ignited our class to come together. My class, through the efforts of many on the reunion committee and the contributions of classmates, raised \$239,300. The Class of 1959 Scholarship went to a young man chosen by the Prep administration as an appropriate recipient.

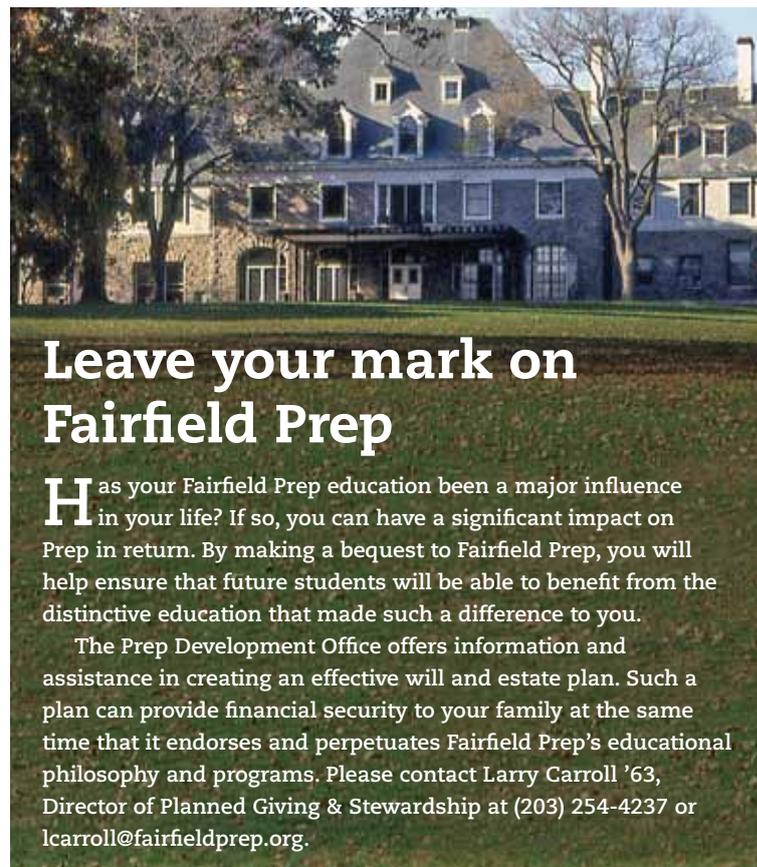
This wonderful achievement inspired me to ask if there was a way for an *individual* to create a similar opportunity for students to attend Prep. The Development Office answered my question with an unqualified "Yes." You don't have to fund an entire tuition each year. You can create a fund to partially fund a student tuition

each year and it will go on forever as your legacy to Fairfield Prep.

There are various ways to create this fund. Mary and I chose to establish our family scholarship through a Charitable Gift Annuity. We transferred cash to Fairfield Prep and in return we will receive a lifetime income. When the payments end the balance of the fund will establish the Terrence M. and Mary J. Donahue Family Scholarship. Charitable Gift Annuities can also be established through a donation of appreciated securities.

I was amazed to discover that I was the first person to establish such a fund at Prep. I certainly urge other senior members of the worldwide community known as Fairfield Prep alumni to think about supporting future students at Prep. Think about giving them the opportunity that you received to change the future path of their lives. Think about your legacy. Establish a scholarship fund in your family name and you will be forever remembered at Prep.

For additional information about Gift Annuities and other gift options please contact the Development office at (203) 254-4237.



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Has your Fairfield Prep education been a major influence in your life? If so, you can have a significant impact on Prep in return. By making a bequest to Fairfield Prep, you will help ensure that future students will be able to benefit from the distinctive education that made such a difference to you.

The Prep Development Office offers information and assistance in creating an effective will and estate plan. Such a plan can provide financial security to your family at the same time that it endorses and perpetuates Fairfield Prep's educational philosophy and programs. Please contact Larry Carroll '63, Director of Planned Giving & Stewardship at (203) 254-4237 or lcarroll@fairfieldprep.org.

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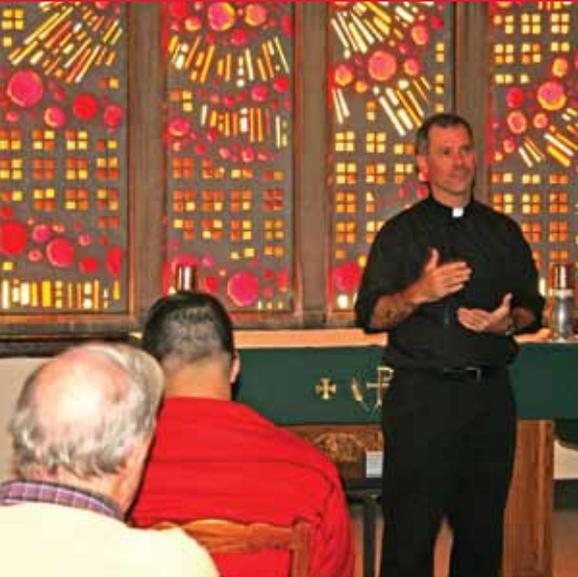
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Alumni Retreat

Life as a Christian Man and Prep Brother

Sat., March 12, 2016

Join fellow Prep alumni on Saturday, March 12, in observance of Lent for "Life as a Christian Man and a Prep Brother." This day offers a balance of quiet meditation and witness talks, which focuses on life as a Christian and Prep graduate. Any questions, contact **Austin Ryan '06**, Director of Alumni Relations.

Register online: www.fairfieldprep.org/alumniretreat



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Fairfield Prep Golf Outing

Friday, June 17, 2016

Great River Golf Club Milford, CT

Join the fun with friends. Lunch, golf, dinner and prizes.

Register online:
www.fairfieldprep.org/golfouting



Reunion

Classes ending in **1** and **6**

Sat., June 18, 2016 Reception & Dinner

Student Life Center, Fairfield Prep

Register online:
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Class of 1966

50th Class Reunion Weekend

Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5, 2016

Enjoy a great weekend – Friday, June 3, reception; Saturday, June 4, breakfast, Mass and dinner; and concluding on Sunday, June 5 receiving your golden diploma! Stay at the Fairfield Circle Inn – information on the website. You don't want to miss this! Invitations and more information to follow.

Register online:
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