On Wednesday, May 30, 2012, Mr. John Neary ’87, chair of the Board of Trustees of Fordham Prep announced that Fr. Kenneth Boller, S.J. would be stepping down as President of the Prep at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. “Father’s timing is in keeping with the Board’s expectations when he joined Fordham Prep in the fall of 2004. This makes it no more easy to accept his resignation, which we do reluctantly, but it does allow us to prepare for the upcoming transition over the next year in a spirit of optimism.”

“During his eight-year tenure at Fordham Prep, Father Boller has created a lasting legacy for the school. The 2006 Fordham Prep Strategic Plan launched a capital campaign that not only secured the school’s financial position through the economic slowdown but also dramatically improved the physical plant, adding new classrooms, laboratories and facilities. In addition, Father has worked very closely with Mr. Robert Gomprecht and the faculty and staff to integrate our school’s mission into an ever-improving academic, athletic and extracurricular program.”

“To appoint Father’s successor, the Board of Trustees has prepared a transition plan designed to be thoughtful, methodical and comprehensive. Our goal is to have an open and collaborative process with the highest degree of professionalism.”
I would like to begin by sharing with you a lovely observation/reflection on Genesis: 2:18-24: “Woman was not taken from man’s head to be ruled by him, nor from his feet to be trampled upon by him. Rather, she was taken from his side to walk beside him, from under his arm to be protected by him and from his heart to be loved by him.” (Gordon Higham)

God saw from the very beginning that Adam needed “another being like himself,” someone with whom to communicate and share himself fully – emotionally, intellectually, spiritually and physically. He needed another person he could really get to know and be known by at the very deepest level of his being through mutual self-disclosure.

Today, as we walk the streets and ride on buses, we see people constantly checking their cell phones to see if anyone called or texted them in the past ten minutes and looking visibly depressed and lonely if no one has. With email, we have direct, instantaneous communication with people almost anywhere in our world. But chatter and data sharing are not enough to give us real, lasting satisfaction. We want, need more than that.

Jesus views marriage as husband and wife living in unity and interdependence, a symbol of restored creation, an image of God’s original plan for Adam and Eve, man and woman in union as a mirror of the mystery of God.

Mark’s gospel appends a story about Jesus holding a child. For Jesus, the child is a symbol of both non-domination and the need for care that should characterize married and all human relationships. Jesus, the unmarried prophet, holds children in His arms and blesses them, an enduring image of God’s delight in the fruitful gift of marriage.

When I am privileged to witness and bless a marriage as representative of the Church, I always tell two stories. The first is that every couple needs three bones in their bodies: a backbone, a wishbone and a funny bone. I elaborate on the importance of each depending upon what I know of the couple.

The second story goes like this. In the last to last line in Eric Segal’s Love Story, the author writes: “Love is never having to say you’re sorry.” NONSENSE! What love really means is that I have the faith and trust in my beloved that when the times come to say “I’m sorry” (as they will in every human and married life), I know that I shall be forgiven. That’s what true love is all about.

A third story that I may add in the future would go like this. In Beauty and the Beast, the girl didn’t love the beast because he was beautiful. Instead, she restores his humanity and makes him beautiful because she loves him. Jesus does the same thing in becoming truly human, one of us in all things but sin. He restored our humanity, made us beautiful by loving us. As St. John tells us: “This is love – not that we loved God, but God first loved us” (1 John: 4:10).

The purpose of any relationship is for us to help others become the best-version-of-themselves and for others to help us become the best-version-of-ourselves. This is the glue of intimacy that it intended to bind together all relationships, especially those of husband and wife.

If I have rambled a bit, that’s alright — love is not always logical, it doesn’t always write in straight lines with well-reasoned thoughts. In fact, love is intended to be creative, to mystify, to be a source of wonder.

THANKS BE TO GOD!!!!
The President’s Report

A quick glance through this e-issue of Ramview captures the excitement and energy of the last few months of the school year. The success of our many spring sports teams rewarded the efforts of hundreds of student athletes and their coaches across a wide spectrum of sports. At the same time the reunions, the Track Hall of Fame dinner and the Wall Street Forum brought many alumni back in touch with the Prep.

Our graduates of the Class of 2012 moved on to the next stage of challenge in college inspired by the wisdom of our commencement speaker, Tim Brosnan ’76, whose son Kevin was part of the class. Meanwhile, Bob Gomprecht ’65 and his staff are preparing to welcome the Class of 2016, the 175th anniversary class.

In June, the Prep had the privilege of hosting the first ever Tri-province meeting of Jesuits from the Maryland, New England and New York provinces. The 350+ Jesuits spanned the ages from 22 to 95 and came from Maine to North Carolina as well as Africa and Micronesia. As the Jesuits prepare for the eventual merger of our provinces into one, the gathering was an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones as we look for ways to continue to serve the Church in the eastern part of the United States.

All were impressed by the facilities of the Prep and even more so by the students who volunteered to guide and direct them around the campus. It was an exciting event and very important to the Jesuits as they move forward. Speaking of moving, I formally announced to the Board of Trustees that I will step down from the presidency of Fordham Prep in June, 2013. When I was hired by the board in 2004, I agreed to serve for eight to ten years. In consultation with my provincial, we agreed that I would leave after nine years of service. This allows the board to form a search committee to find a qualified candidate to serve as the next president. There are still many things to be done before next June. Our board has set priorities for the next five years and we will begin to act on them. It has been a privilege and honor to serve as president for these eight years and I look forward to next year with enthusiasm.

Thank you for all of your support of Fordham Prep.

Rev. Kenneth J. Boller

The Principal’s Report

Jesuit high schools like Fordham Prep serve the world-wide mission of the Church. Jesuit Education helps students – through the cultivation of mind, heart, body, spirit and community – to recognize their gifts. We assist students in building lives for themselves that will best help them to use these gifts in response to God’s love for the good of God’s people. Lofty goals!

In recent years, the ten Provinces in the United States have made plans to consolidate to a smaller number. Also, lay governing boards have taken direct responsibility to be stewards of the Jesuit mission and to set policy for the schools. And, of course, the number of Jesuits in the schools has declined and lay leadership has increased. These changes have led Provinces across the country to establish a review process which leads to a formal sponsorship agreements with the schools. As a result of the process, the Provincial formally restates Society of Jesus sponsorship of the school, allowing it to use the term Jesuit and affirming that the school is Catholic. In return, the Board of Trustees continues to commit to hold in trust and maintain the Jesuit character and mission of the school in cooperation with the Province.

Sponsorship agreements have become routine in other parts of the country but have only recently arrived in the Eastern provinces. Fordham Prep is the first school in the New York Province to undergo such a review. From September to December in 2010, we began discussions with the Province Office about how such a review could be conducted. From January to April in 2011, the Prep faculty conducted a self-study, detailing the various ways in which the school carries out its Jesuit mission. At the recommendation of the Province, we used the document What Makes a Jesuit School Jesuit? The document defines ten key characteristics and describes subcategories and applications for each. The Prep examined itself for each of these characteristics, with special emphasis on three: The Spiritual Dimension of Jesuit Education, Religious Education and Formation, and Teaching and Acting Justly. The result was a fifty-two page document which was submitted in May to the President and to the Board of Trustees for further input and endorsement. Included in the document were various action plans to be considered over the next five years. The Board of Trustees presented the report to the Provincial in June of 2011.

In October of 2011, a visiting team spent three days at the Prep, speaking with faculty, staff, administrators, parents and Board members to verify the accuracy of the self-study. At the end of the three days, the Committee commended the Prep on the thoroughness and accuracy of its efforts, and enthusiastically endorsed the Prep’s commitment to its mission. In a written report which arrived a few weeks later, the committee stated:

Fordham Preparatory School’s Self-Study called for the community to reflect upon their practice and programs in the framework of the characteristics of Jesuit Schools as described in What Makes A Jesuit School Jesuit? This inaugural New York Province Sponsorship Review Process was embraced by the school’s constituencies. The Visiting Team noted the strong sense of all in the community owning and promoting the mission: Faith, Service and Leadership; the intentionality of developing programs and creative scheduling provide support for the apostolic mission; strong modeling by students and adults, a commitment to justice permeates the school culture and program; and collaboration in practice demonstrating the commitment to support and animate the foundational principles. The Visiting Team recommends the School Leadership strategically prioritize the many thoughtful action plans developed within the self-study and determine the appropriate group to evaluate, decide and implement.

On April 20th at a school-wide Liturgy in the University Church, Mr. Joseph Schenk of the Fordham Prep Board of Trustees and Provincial Fr. David Ciancimino, SJ, formally signed for the first time a Sponsorship Agreement between the Society of Jesus and a New York Province school. The Prep is the first high school in the New York Province to complete a self-study and evaluation by a visiting committee, indicating the Prep is living up to its Ignatian mission and can continue to identify itself as a Jesuit Ministry.
Apertures and Prefectures: Marking 40 Years in Shea Hall

by Lou DiGioimo ’88, School Historian

According to Pelham Bay patriarch Patrick Deane, Sr., father of Assistant Dean Patrick Deane, Jr. ’88, History Department member and coach of the current generation of Prep footballers and baseballers, there are some great home movies of a 1- and 2-year-old Paddy from the early ’70s – shirt off, bottle in hand, and the center of attention at just about every family function. [According to Mrs. Assistant Dean Deane, by the way, not much has changed, though Pat [generally] keeps his shirt on at holiday gatherings nowadays.]

Vintage movie reels from circa 1970 have been sort of a recurring theme these past few months at the Prep. In February, on an expedition to the basement (a mysterious area of the Prep known as Intermediate Storage) your dutiful School Historian unearthed what undoubtedly is the oldest book in the Prep’s collection – a Greek text of Homer’s Odyssey dating to 1711. [Reconstruction of freshman Nick Fiorentino, Class of 2015: “What? Can I touch that book? I want to tell people I’ve touched a book older than the country! You think girls will be impressed?”] Tucked away under the three-hundred-year-old tome was a long-forgotten, dull metallic blue canister; in the canister, a film reel of the November 30, 1969 groundbreaking ceremony for Shea Hall, the main building of Fordham Prep today; first opened to students at the start of the 1972-1973 school year. Luckily, lucky back when, someone had the presence of mind to grab a red Flair felt-tip and scrawl out a label, and so, four decades later, we even know the reels cinematographer – Joseph Kain, Class of 1971, who was in Homercum 3A at the time.

Kain’s is not the only film to emerge of late. At the Reunion in May, a second long-lost Prep production found its way into the hands of the Director of Alumni Relations – The Fordham Prep Movie: 1969. Originally a project for Mr. Edmund Desmond’s English class, the film was directed, shot and edited in the Spring of 1969 by Robert Esposito and 1972 alums Steve Esposito, Pat Malgieri, and Godfrey DiGiorgi (son of the late Mrs. Louise DiGiorgi, former board member and Prep treasurer from 1976-1994). After its pre-Woodstock premiere, the canister was shuffled from drawer to closet to box before it came to spend a couple of decades in the attic of a now-defunct Larchmont Volkswagen dealership. The 8mm reel would finally resurface in the new millennium to find itself in a world gone digital. Making good on a forty-year-old promise, Godfrey’s brother, Joe DiGiorgi, Class of 1978 (now proprietor of Headline Studios in New York), assisted Steve Esposito (now a freelance photographer out of Yoriktown) in cleaning up and remastering the film for its grand re-release. In all its adolescent artistry, The Fordham Prep Movie: 1969 stands as a remarkably powerful record of its day and a striking visual (and aural) metaphor of the changes that were going on at Rose Hill and in society at large as seen through fourteen-year-old eyes. It has been an extraordinary opportunity for Prep boys today to connect with their counterparts from another generation. In fact, together with his co-vice-presidents, new alumn Andrew Werner, Class of 2012, outgoing president of FPTV, the Prep’s digital video production club, has retroactively inducted Kain, Saco, Esposito, Malgieri and the DiGiorgi brothers into the ranks of the Prep’s student moviemakers. And yes, the six camcorderboys from the ’70s are now the oldest Prepsters with active club membership status in an extracurricular.

As they both refer to the imminent construction of the “New Prep Building,” the films’ rediscoveries could not have been timelier, for the 2012-2013 school year will mark the 40th Anniversary of the move from Hughes Hall and the opening of Shea Hall, named, of course, for the Prep’s legendary prefect, the Rev. Arthur V. Shea.

Fr. Shea was a Jesuit for 62 years, and for 38 of them, he was the Prefect of Discipline (later known as the Dean of Students) at Fordham Prep. In a sense, it was appropriate to begin this article with Assistant Dean Pat Deane rather than with the Dean himself, as the position of Prep Prefect was actually created in 1920 out of the Assistant Prefecture of the University. From just about Fordham’s found ing in 1841 as St. John’s College, the Prefect of Discipline was responsible for the comportment of the entire student body, College and Prep alike. As the Prep was originally considered a division of the College, it did not have its own prefect, but rather, was under the watchful eye of the Prefect’s assistants, who would be directly responsible to oversee the high school-aged boys – a 24-hour-a-day job, considering the school was a boarding school back then. The Assistant Prefecture was generally composed of two or three men working in shifts (often enough Jesuit scholastics). While we do have their diaries – fascinating logs of day-to-day life here at Rose Hill in the 19th and early 20th centuries – often enough, we do not have all their names. To date, tracing the succession of Prep deans from the 19th century has proven a slow and difficult process.

What we do know, however, is that shortly after his arrival in New York, on August 9, 1846, the twenty-year-old Rev. Michael Nash, S.J. was assigned to oversee the younger boys who would be summering at Rose Hill. In a way, Fr. Nash, later a heroic Civil War chaplain, can be considered the first Jesuit to hold the position that would eventually become the Office of the Dean of Fordham Prep. We also know that in the confusion of the 1920-1921 school year, as Fordham University was split into academic departments and the Prep began to function under its own administration, the Rev. Samuel Rohr, S.J. was briefly appointed Interim Prefect of the Prep. Later that year, Fr. Shea would take office, becoming the first distinct Prefect of Discipline of Fordham Preparatory School.

In 1965, drawing on the experience of his long career, Fr. Shea published a little volume known as A Dean of Boys Write. All these years later, through a special arrangement with the original publisher, the Prep is able to print a new edition of Fr. Shea’s book, available this summer through the school’s website. The following is from the preface of the new edition, written by retired Prep faculty member, Archivist Emeritus Gus Stellwag, Class of 1949:

Fr. Shea actually served in the Office of Prefect, or Dean, twice. He first served from 1920 to 1924, while he was a scholastic, and then returned in 1931, after ordination and tertianship to remain until his retirement in 1965. He is, without a doubt, one of the most memorable and esteemed figures in Fordham Prep history. Fr. Shea handled his long tenure in a unique fashion. He was a man of few words. His commands and directions to students, whether collectively or individually, were delivered in a staccato style, most often a string of words rather than complete sentences. Yet, no student ever misinterpreted his meaning and intent.
His office, prominently located just inside the front door of the school building, spoke immediately of no-nonsense business. He had no secretary or assistant. The furniture was minimal and utilitarian, the top of his desk almost devoid of objects. Mysteriously, the only decoration was a small bust of a man with pugnacious facial features. The few who recognized the figure had no idea of its significance. Yet, all these unusual external manifestations belied Fr. Shea's inner nature. For many, it was only in later life, as alumni, that they came to understand and appreciate the true measure of the man.

But occasionally, even as students, they were surprised by his eloquence. A prime example is the following address to a group of graduating seniors in 1934:

"You may remember four years ago about the same time that you came here, a long row of young elm trees was planted around the edge of the quadrangle. All these young elms were supported by wires or cables to make them grow up straight. You may remember these cables because you used to trip over them while playing. Within the past year these cables have been removed. The young elms are sufficiently mature and strong to grow up straight of their own power without any support from cables. In the four years you have been here, you have been supported in a way by cables, the rules of the school, the watchful care of your teachers and prefects. Sometimes the cables held pleasantly as if covered with these rubber cushions. Sometimes they galled and cut and felt very, very unpleasant. But when you leave here, the cables will be removed.

Monday you begin a week of tests. You will be supported by no cables. You will be expected to show that you are strong enough and mature enough to stand on your own feet and fight your own battles and live up to the principles that you learned in school. The young elms on the quad seem to be doing nicely and show good promise of growing up into tall, straight elms that will in time beautify our prime example is the following address to a group of graduating seniors in 1934:

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Waxing onomatopoeic in the last Ramview, we noted that Xaralambos Papadatos, Class of 2010, is the only Prep grad in 171 years whose first name has begun with the letter X (even if it is a transliterated Greek chi). We also mentioned in passing that middle and last names beginning with X were more common among alums, giving the one earlist and one latest example on record. For some of you, this was unacceptable. You felt, alas, that the X-Men among us, long denied their day in the sun, had been once again given short shrift [how’s that for a mixed metaphor?]! In fact, striking his keyboard’s X with such determination that one can almost hear the deliberateness of his keystrokes, Stephen J. [Not X.] Mosteck ’72 writes: “Only gonna say this once: the most famous X of them all and the best Fordham Prep athlete is Robert X. Murphy, Jr., M.D. ‘72.”

With no disrespect to either Dr. Murphy’s notoriety or athletic prowess (then or now), we suspect that Mr. Mosteck may be just slightly biased in his estimation. And so, for the first [and maybe only] time, we proudly present Murph and all his fellow X-Men – not boys from our Downtown rival or mutants from Marvel Comics – but rather all Prep grads with first, middle, or last names starting with that ever-mysterious twenty-fourth letter of the alphabet:

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Francis X. Henning, 1867
Lennon O. (X.?!) Gilliland 1869
Henry F. Xavier, 1873
Francis X. Timmons, 1883
Richard F. X. Dooley 1888
Francis X. Siggins 1889
James F. X. Fay, 1900
James F. X. Reilly, 1902
Casimir F. X. Leibell, 1906
Francis X. Taaffe, 1907
F. X. McGovern, 1911
William X. Quilty, 1912
Walter X. Barry, 1913
Francis X. Conlon, 1913
F. X. Shea, 1913
Joseph A. (X.?!) McAleenan 1914
Justin X. McCarthy, 1915
Francis A. Xavier, 1915
Francis X. Kosterlitz, 1917
Edmund T. Xavier, 1920
Edward F. X. Ryan, 1924
Richard X. Evans, 1927
F. X. Hamilton, 1927
Francis X. Cassidy, 1928
Edward F. X. Silk, 1929
Francis X. McElroy, 1929
Francis X. Clark, 1930
Francis X. Dowd, 1930
William X. Fleming, 1930
Francis X. Neumann, 1931
Francis X. Curran, 1932
Francis X. Norris, 1932
Francis X. Gordon, 1933
John E. Conway Ximénez, 1934
John F. X. Lynn, 1935
Francis X. Rothfier, 1936
Frank X. Royal, 1937
Frank X. Farley, 1938
Francis X. Lynch, 1938
George X. Connor, 1939
Francis X. Rice, 1939
Francis X. Dowd, 1940
Henry F. X. Hammer, 1941
Francis X. McPhilster, 1942
Francis X. Byrn, 1943
Francis X. Murphy, 1943
Francis X. O’Neill, 1943
Francis X. Hollowbrook, 1945
Francis X. McGreyer, 1945
Harold F. X. Plate, 1946
Francis X. Murphy, 1948
Francis X. Coleman, 1949
Raymond F. X. James, 1950
Walter X. Stanton, 1951
Francis X. Sherry, 1952
Francis X. Sharridan, 1954
Harold X. Connnelly, 1957
Francis X. Suzzoni, 1958
Julius F. X. A. Fiorello, 1959
Francis X. McLoughlin, 1965
Francis X. Routher, 1966
Dominique F. X. de la Chapelle, 1969
John F. X. Eggert, 1969
John F. X. Hanahan, 1967
Jerry R. X. Bolzak, 1969
Francis X. Condon, 1969
Francis X. Dunn, 1969
John F. X. Burke, 1970
Francis X. McCarthy, 1970
Francis X. Reynolds, 1970
Kevin X. Mergardt, 1971
Robert X. Murphy, Jr. 1972
Francis X. O’Connor, 1973
Robert X. Foss, 1975
Francis X. Young, 1976
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On another occasion — this time at a football rally in 1949 preceding Fordham Prep’s Thanksgiving Day football game with its perennial rival, Xavier High School — Fr. Shea combined eloquence with a bit of reverse psychology. The game seemed to be a lost cause with Xavier ready to cap an undefeated season and Fordham Prep to conclude a season that had produced only one victory. Few alumni today remember the full speech. Characteristically, it was not too long. But, everyone who was present can recall the astounding punch line: “I don’t think this team has IT.” The game would turn out as astounding as Fr. Shea’s comment. The Prep dominated the game and won by two touchdowns. As the game neared its conclusion, the stands shook with the repeated cheer: “This team has IT! This team has IT!” For those who knew that the small mysteri- ous bust in Fr. Shea’s office was of Knute Rockne, Notre Dame’s legendary coach, famous for his inspirational locker room speeches, the cheers had extra significance. Once or twice a year, Assistant Dean Deane brings his children with him to spend the day. It is a good thing for the students to see someone whom they admire and respect as an authority figure, teacher, and coach in his role as a patient and caring father. Using his phone — a technology neither Knute the Esposito & Company could ever have imagined back in their Hughes Hall days — Pat has taken a couple of great little videos of his kids here and there around the building. No doubt, when they are discovered on some forgotten hard drive in 2024, the year that Patrick Deane III will graduate the Prep (thanks to a legacy begun by the hard work, dedication and sacrifices of his grandfather and namesake), the files will make for excellent Prep-related vintage video. And of course, even then, a quartet of the way through the 21st century, little Paddy, as his father before him, will be included in Fr. Shea’s warm and enduring dedication to making Fordham Prep a better place for your being there.”

Albert X. Bader, 1978
Francis X. Silva, 1978
Antonio X. Molestina, 1981
John F. X. Peloso, 1981
Francis X. Howley, 1983
Michael X. Mattone, 1983
Timothy X. Wirkowski, 1985
Francis X. Frecentese, 1987
Europides X. Matsos, 1989
John F. X. Flynn, 1990
Sean X. Murphy, 1992
Francis X. Bernardi, 1993
Carlos X. Standford, 1995
Matthew R. X. Sesti, 1996
Francis X. Borchardt, 1999
Julian X. Montaque-Williams, 2000
Shawn X. Stewart, 2004
Francis X. Donnelly, 2007
Natalie X. Sosnoski, 2010
Alan X. Huang, 2011
Trevon X. Tann, 2011
Christian X. Wright, 2011
James E. X. Gilliam, Jr., 2012

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[PPS: Somewhere out there a Z-Guy is shaking his fist at all of us.]

[PS: Your X not marked in this spot? Contact the Alumni Office to update your missing middle initial. We will definitely count you in the next time we run a feature like this, which should be in, oh, a number of years.]
Class of 1987 Endowment Launched at the 25th Reunion: $600,000+ and Growing

The Fordham Prep Class of '87 celebrated its 25th Reunion on Saturday evening, April 21, 2012 in the Hall of Honor and the Commons. The class had yet another record-breaking attendance with 88 classmates joining the festivities along with wives and friends. Dr. Michael Greco ‘87 OFM Cap. began the reunion by consecrating Mass in the Fordham University Church with Father Kenneth Bollet S.J. and Father Charles Sullivan S.J.

At the Reunion, Board of Trustees Chairman John Neary ’87 launched the “Class of 1987 Endowment” with $440,000 in pledges from 34 anchor donors. This endowed fund will be commingled and managed as part of the overall Fordham Prep Endowment, and will provide need-based financial aid for deserving Prep students through Fordham Prep’s Financial Aid Office. From post-reunion efforts, the “Class of 1987 Endowment” has $600,000 in commitments.

In memory of Patrick S. Joyce Jr., the Class of 1987 Endowment will provide need-based financial aid scholarships to deserving students at the Prep, which will be named “Patrick S. Joyce Jr. ’88 Scholarships.” Pat was a family man and an entrepreneur who served for 16 years as a member of the Yonkers New York Fire Department. On October 2, 2009, Pat died in the line of duty while “on a report to rescue others,” in the words of Yonkers Fire Commissioner Anthony Pagano. “Firefighter Patrick Joyce was one who never hesitated.” The Scholarships will memorialize Pat Joyce’s commitment to serving as a “man for others.” In November 2011, Patrick Joyce ’88 was inducted into the Fordham Prep Hall of Honor.

The initial 34 anchor donors are listed below in the order of their commitment to the Class of 1987 Endowment / Patrick S. Joyce Jr. ’88 Scholarships. As 2012 rolls into 2013, members from the Class of ’87 will prepare the handoff of this initiative to the Class of ’88, Pat Joyce’s class. Check the Ramview in September for full reporting on these efforts and to track the progress of the Class of ’87 Endowment beyond the $600,000 level.

Alumni Senior Breakfast

On Thursday, April 26th, more than 50 alumni gathered with the Prep Class of 2012 to welcome the newest alumni to their ranks. Speaker John Halley ’87 gave each senior a card that he encouraged them to keep in their wallet as they go forward. The card contains the following quote from Prep teacher, coach, Dean of Students and Hall of Honor member Bruce Bott ’59: “My wish for you today is this: Someday when you are old you can look back on choices well made, secure in the knowledge of having been a good husband and a good father, successful in your chosen profession and a proud graduate of Fordham Prep.”

THANK YOU TO THESE ALUMNI WHO SERVED AS TABLE HOSTS AT THE 2012 ALUMNI – SENIOR BREAKFAST:

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Fordham Prep

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Prudential Center

Charles Andruss ’91
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Sophomore Dream Day is a full-day program intended to inspire the sophomores to start thinking about their future with enthusiasm, excitement and a sense of hopeful adventure. It is intended to ignite their imaginations and inspire them to take steps right now to turn their dreams into realities.

Created by the Guidance and Counseling Department ten years ago, the "groundwork" for Sophomore Dream Day was laid throughout the academic year in group guidance class. Over the course of multiple lessons and in-class activities during the first semester, the students learned how having a positive attitude, practicing gratitude on a regular basis and believing in oneself enhances actual performance, contributes to the attainment of goals and increases the likelihood that they will feel satisfied and happy with their lives.

In quarter three, the boys were challenged to identify, both in writing and via group sharing, what they most valued and how they could incorporate their values into their personal dreams and goals. In the final quarter, the students used a powerful web-based portfolio to reflect on their personality type, budding career interests, and potential college majors and schools of interest. Throughout Sophomore Dream Day, the sophomores heard from a variety of people who candidly shared their journeys in pursuit of their own dreams and the important lessons they learned along the way. Included in the day's program, was a short-length video called "Dream On," produced by the Guidance & Counseling Department with the assistance of FPTV. This video featured some of the students' favorite faculty members and administrators talking about the importance of identifying and cultivating interests and goals, and pursuing them through thoughtful and focused actions. Faculty members were not the only talent tapped for the day; Fordham Prep seniors also played a significant role.

Seniors Max Caci, Joe Favata and Steve Morel, members of the band No Jacket Required, played two songs to open the day, one of them being an original written by Caci. In addition, after the delicious, outdoor pizza lunch provided by the Mother's Prep Club, senior Jeff Lemommi shared with the students his interesting and determined pursuit of his passion for magic. Lemommi's move began with a magic kit as a very young boy and progressed to "hanging-out" in a famous New York City magic shop, to accepting their offer of an internship, to a paid position associated with a professional magician in Times Square. He plans on continuing his passion for entertainment by studying film at this fall at Emerson College, a competitive, liberal arts school in Boston with a primary focus on communications.

The faculty guest speaker this year was once again, Dr. Gelpi, a sophomore mentor and teacher, whose presentation was entitled, "I'm Livin' Mine, Now Go Get Yours." Dr. Gelpi's engrossing multimedia presentation allowed the students to hear how one man passionately pursued his own dreams, not allowing anyone or anything to prevent you from living the life you were meant to live. He communicated who you are and what you do are intimately connected and will, in the end, determine how you feel about the life you have lived.

This message was brought to life when Dr. Gelpi showed the final scenes of the movie Saving Private Ryan in which the dying military leader portrayed by Tom Hanks, tells Private Robert, "make it count." The final scene depicts an elderly Ryan at a grave site in Normandy among thousands of other U.S. military who died in combat, crying inconsolably, as he turns to his family and asks, "Am I a good man?"

As one student said of Dr. Gelpi's presentation, "It was inspiring...excellent because it was an example of someone who followed his dreams and does what he loves." Following Dr. Gelpi's moving presentation, the students sat back in the darkened theater and watched the acclaimed movie, *Goal!* The Dream Begins. This full-length feature film, released in 2005, was about an amazingly gifted young immigrant living in the barrios of Los Angeles. He had an impossible dream: playing soccer for a world-class team. After he unexpectedly got a tryout with one of England's premier soccer clubs, he had to prove that he had the passion, talent and determination to make it alongside the best players in the world. This inspiring story portrayed the critical importance of believing in your dreams and was enthusiastically received by the students as they soared their appeal at the moving scene that followed.

The day closed with a huge surprise for the students, a full-length, professional magic act complete with off-stage animals and a beautiful assistant. The professional magician was Elliot Zimet, a Bronx native who toured with Ringling Brothers circus before changing career paths to magic. To get to Ringling Brothers, the competition was fierce. Zimet beat out thousands of others at an open call on a snowy day at the Jacob Jacobs Center in Manhattan.

During the same 2012 season, the JV team, an ambitious and devoted squad, played a series of matches in which skill, athleticism and sportsmanship prevailed, and showed how they too, are going to be more-than-ready to fill the Vista shoes in the coming years.

Fordham Prep entered the Tier II Division Championship with their first game against Canisius High School, a well-respected rugby school from Buffalo, and defeated them by 39 to 17 in an exciting game that finished under the lights at Randall's Island. The game was well attended by parents, friends and alumni.

The Ram's second and final contest on Memorial Day was against Pittsford Mendon High School. Club from Rochester entered the play-offs with an undefeated, six game winning season. In 90+ degree heat, Fordham Prep coaches helped to prepare the young players on stage to play the game of the championship 60-5, which made for a wonderful ending to a tremendously successful season.

The season would not have been complete without recognizing our devoted and skilled coaches - Neil McMillan (IRE), Stevie Evans (AUS), Alt McFarland (AUST), Shane McDermott (IRE) and Joe Costelloe (IRE and Prep Parent) – as well as the school's liaison faculty member, Nelson Ritter, and three very dedicated team moms – Linda Costello, Geraldine Stapleton and Tracey Kleine.

More than the victories, every young man played together as a team – there were no individual successes – this was truly a team effort, coated in camaraderie and support for each other. 2012 will certainly be a year to remember! Go Rams!
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Judge Paul A. Victor has had a long and distinguished career in serving the people of New York City and especially the Bronx since being admitted in 1959 to the New York State Bar by the First Department of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. After serving as a law assistant in the New York Court of Appeals after his graduation from Fordham Law School, he became an assistant district attorney for the Bronx County. As his career advanced, Judge Victor served as counsel to many New York State Assemblies and a New York State Senator. He was a partner in two law firms, Russo, Stein, Caino and Victor and Dubliner, Hayden, Straci and Victor. While in private practice, he served as an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and the New York City Civil Court, Bronx County. He was elected to serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of the Bronx, for a term that started on January 1, 2000. He retired from the position when he reached the mandatory retirement age. Approximately one hundred of his judicial opinions were selected by the New York Law Journal as decisions of interest. Currently, he is a Mediator, Legal Consultant and a Receiver for distressed properties which are in foreclosure.

Paul Victor (then Paul Viggiano) credits Fordham Prep with putting him on the right life track. He grew up on 183rd Street and Beacon Avenue, not far from the Fordham Campus. After leaving public school, entering the very structured environment of the Prep was a big challenge for Paul. Before entering the Prep, he says that he was “in the wrong direction.” He credits his high school experience with putting him on the right track for success. An athlete in grammar school, he suffered a back injury that kept him off the basketball court until his senior year. He made Varsity team as a senior despite not being able to play as an underclassman.

After graduating from the Prep with honors, he stayed on the Rose Hill Campus and majored in accounting at the Fordham University School of Business. He was a member of the University’s Varsity basketball team. He graduated in 1954 and became a member of the Triple Fordham group as he started his studies at the Fordham University Law School. After one year, he left law school to answer “the call to service” in the United States Air Force where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. He returned to law school in 1957 and received his Doctor of Law degree while making his law review. Besides being admitted to the New York State Bar, he is admitted to the Federal Courts in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Federal 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. He is also a Mediator with NAM (National Arbitration & Mediation) a national alternative dispute resolution provider, which also services the Metro New York area.

Judge Victor has been involved in his community and has received awards for his service. In 2008, he was the recipient of the Bronx Bar Association’s Extraordinary Service Award. In 2009, he received the Charles A. Kapallo Award from the Columbia Lawyers’ Association. Jonathan Livingston, Chief Judge of the State of New York and Assistant Attorney General Lorraine Corso introduced Paul and his fellow inductee Judge George Salerno, as men “whose integrity and outstanding contributions to our legal profession have earned them the praise and admiration of their fellow jurists, colleagues and all who know them.” Judge Victor is a member and former director of the Bronx Bar Association, a former member of Bronx Community Planning Board #6 and former member of the Belmont Civic Association. The judge and his wife live in Mamaroneck. They have three sons. His son, Paul, is a 1983 Prep graduate.

1952 Charles Barnett “continues to indulge himself in his chosen writing style,” a blend of fact and fiction. Barnett’s new novel, only half finished, is entitled Yó-K-Ib, ancient name for a jungle ruin in Guatemala known today as Petrua Negras. The Moorish belief that Christ appeared in the Americas after the Bishop, Diego de Landa, in 1562 (thank wanton actors were indeed works of the Voynich Manuscript), and the Lucifer was one, river rafting among the Maya ruins, and deaths by snake bite. “Something for everybody,” says Barnett, “even a retreat at Mount Mansfield, a visit to a Benedictine Monastery in New Mexico, and a visit to Jorgues Retreat Center in Cornell, NY.”

1953 Donald Brudie was elected Mayor of the Village of Garden City, Long Island. His term expired in 1954 as his longevity in office is restricted by term limits. The Class of 1953 had their annual reunion in May. Max Pelisson initiated the fund in 2003. John asked that 50 percent of his class. Don is an admitted member of the New York State Bar, United States Supreme Court, United States District Court Southern District of New York, United States District Court Eastern District of New York, United States Military Court of Appeals and The 2nd Circuit of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Don has had a strong history of serving his community. He set up his law practice in Garden City. He describes himself as a general practitioner who specializes on tort and medical malpractice defense, real estate and commercial matters. He became involved in local government when he became a Director of the Garden City Central Property Owners’ Association before serving as the Deputy Mayor and Trustee of the Village of Garden City. Among other public services that Don holds are Counsel to the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court, Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Attorneys’ Discipline Committee and Senior Counsel to the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor. In 2001, Don was found “well-qualified” by the Judiciary Committee of the Bar Association of Nassau County for judicial office.

Don credits his high school education with giving him the skills that are necessary in running a village and being a lawyer. The ability to multi-task has been essential in his professional life. He also credits learning Latin as being a tremendous help in his legal career. He says that it was a “great honor” to be taught by the Jesuits. He reminds his two grandsons who attended Regis that they are very fortunate to receive a Jesuit education.

When asked for his favorite memory of the Prep, he mentioned that Father George McAlear, S.J. had a tradition of finding out about his students by visiting them at night at their homes. The Brudie family was quite surprised and impressed when Father McAlear had a Junior as a route to his house to visit them on one school night. Don also mentioned the life long connection that he has with is classmates and how much he enjoys their annual reunion.

Donald T. Brudie ’53

In 2011, Donald Brudie ’53 was elected the mayor of Garden City, NY, a village that is located in Nassau County and is five square miles in size. He describes his job as being the CEO who oversees the daily operation of the village including the police, fire sanitation, public works, recreation and water departments. Despite term limits, Don will leave office in 2013.

Don is a graduate of Saint Joseph’s Grammar School in Long Island City, NY. His choice to attend Fordham Prep meant an hour-long daily commute from his home in Astoria to high school. Each day, he had a long walk to the bus stop at the Triborough Bridge which took him to Bronx and the Third Avenue El which he rode to the Fordham Road station. After the Prep, he attended Fordham University this year. Set at the beginning of the Korean War, it focuses on the U.S. Marine withdrawal from the Chosin Reservoir while under attack from Chinese “volunteer” divisions. Norton writes that “retirement is a bore, and thus...
1956 Florida Reunion

Eight members of the Class of ’56, and their spouses, met on Florida’s Gulf coast for cocktails and dinner. For some alumni, it was the first time they had seen each other in 55 years.

I’ve been writing books I want to read.” Dell published Norton’s first novel, Suton Brick,” after a 35 year break. I rely on research skills he learned as a journalist on newspapers in New Jersey and New York. Tom Griffin, his classmate from Dallas, TX, served as toastmaster at the 50th reunion of his Fordham Law School class held at the Waldorf Astoria in May 5th. He is now a Golden Ram from The Prep, College, and Law School. Tom proudly reports that he went to freedom day camp in the mid-1940s & worked for the Fordham School of Education Campus Summer Sessions in the Early 1950’s.

1956 Carl Cutrone and his wife Carol will be celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary on September. “It seems like yesterday that I graduated from The Prep. I would really enjoy hearing from any of my classmates from the class of ’56.”

1961 Mario Gabelli will be the Grand Marshall of the 2012 New York City Columbus Day Parade.

1964 Robert Reid sent in the following: “The Class of ’64 annual Ascension Thursday dinner was held on April 19 at the Palais Royal in Manhattan. 40 members of the class attended including first timers Ed Broderrick, Joe (Biz) Paccione, John Russell and Ron Simi. Conversation, memories and bon homme were in great abundance. The John Ventiion Sportsman Scholarship set up by the Class of ’64 is now an endowed (i.e. perpetual) scholarship at the Prep. So far, the endowment is $88,000.00 and growing. Contributions from classmates are more than welcome.”

1965 Robert Dolan reports that “I have just finished a ‘return to the National debate circuit’ after a 31 year break! I taught and coached debate in the 70’s in Massachusetts, then spent the next 3 decades as a professional actor. I returned to teaching last year and this year, at Lake Mary Prep in Florida, have coached speakers and debaters to the school’s most successful season ever. We have qualified 3 students for the National Forensic League championships and 5 for the Day Catholic Forensic League Nationals. In addition, one of my students qualified and participated in the Tournament of Champions at the University of Kentucky and one other was the Gold Medalist at the Merita Academic Olympiad in Original Oratory. I’m already looking forward to next season!”

1969 Paul Zellweger competed this year in the Engadine Ski Marathon, the largest cross country ski race in Switzerland with over 12,000 participants. This year he completed the 23km course or half marathon, 28 years ago he finished the full 42km or 26.2 miles. The following week included down skiing in St. Moritz, Arosa, and Davos.

1972 Savagucht Books has just published the latest thriller by Geoff Lotto, Double Blind, as an e-book available for either the Amazin Kindle or Nook & Nook. Geoff describes the book: “Double Blind - Two beautiful women. Two deadly secrets. A New Yorker goes on blind dates with two women and is lost in a tangle of Mafia, Federal agents, violence, sex, betrayal, and murder. (Just so you know, if this book were a movie, it would have an “R” rating. There’s graphic sex and violence, and plentiful nudity. Exactly what you’d expect from a book about blind dating and the Mafia.)”

Published on Amazon in e-book and print on-demand. “Unlike my earlier two books of poetry, Travels on the Inner Road I and Dark Passages – Travels on the Inner Road II, this is a short handbook about the things I learned being a caregiver to my wife who passed away from cancer last August.”

1974 John Crabtree has finalized a long-term agreement with National Resources, the owner of Hudson Harbor, a luxury condominium complex located on the banks of the Hudson River in Tarrytown NY, to operate a full service restaurant, fresh market and wine and spirits store that will feature local products from the Hudson Valley. The restaurant will seat 150, with an additional 100 seat outdoor patio. The goal is to open some time this fall.

1975 Paul Curran is the Democratic candidate for the New York State Assembly in the 105th District of Southern Dutchess, NY. Rodolfo Rosado was elected to the Executive Advisory Board of the American Board of Psychological Specialties (abps.us). The ABPS represents Psychologists in the American College of Forensic Examiners International (ACFEI.com). James DeBianco is now employed at Cloudburst Security, LLC, a small business federal civilian government contractor, in support of cyber security initiatives at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Headquarters, a semi-autonomous organization within the United States Department of Energy (DOE). The NNSA plays a critical role in ensuring the nation’s national security by maintaining the safety, security, and effectiveness of the U.S. nuclear stockpile without nuclear testing; reducing the global danger from the proliferation of nuclear weapons and materials; providing the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion; and providing the Nation with an effective nuclear counterterrorism and incident response capability.


1977 James Disney is the Massachusetts Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year. John Murphy joined Meridian Risk Management Inc to focus on the Risk Analysis and Insurance Solutions for Personal and Business clients. His specialty is enabling individuals and businesses to understand how to manage and utilize insurance to protect them from the risks they face each day. His business phone number is 914-368-1294.

1978 Rafael Muniz sent in the following update. “John LaCava is now the VP of Aflac’s Government Affairs for Lundbeck US in Deerfield, IL. Lundbeck is an international pharmaceutical company committed to improving the quality of life for people suffering from brain disorders. The company’s products are targeted at disorders such as depression, as the following graph illustrates.”

Juan Carlos Polanco ‘95

Juan Carlos Polanco attended and graduated from Our Lady of Mercy on Marion Avenue before starting his Prep career. Juan walked daily from Creston Avenue, near the Grand Concourse, to the Rose Hill Campus. After graduation, he jumped into Bronx politics as a 19 year old candidate for New York State Assembly. The campaign was short – lived and Juan soon headed to SUNY Albany where he studied psychology and political science.

After college, he returned to the Bronx to start a career as a social studies teacher at Truman High School where he spearheaded the Alexander Hamilton Law Academy. While teaching, he completed work on an MBA and law degree from Fordham University in 2005. Being a great multi-tasker, Juan also ran as the Republican candidate for the New York State Senate against then Assemblyman now Senator Jeff Klein all while teaching, going to law school and raising his family. Polanco was admitted as an attorney in the states of New York and New Jersey in 2006.

Juan credits his four years at the Prep as the catalyst for his career in public service. He was a work-grant student and credits the fact that he received help to attend the Prep with making him want to help others. He said that he learned very quickly that members of the Prep community made donations to the Prep that helped him. “A community came together to help a kid from the Concourse.” He decided to devote his life to helping others. His career in teaching and graduate work led to the 2006 forming of The Polanco Organization, which was formed to help young lawyers help minority owned and startup businesses. In addition to being the Campaign Manager for the Bronx Commissioner of the New York City Board of Elections, an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Business and Management and Center for Ethnic Studies at the Baruch College/CUNY Community College and Director of the NYC Regional Office for the State Assembly Republican leader, Brian Kolb.

Juan says that at the Prep he learned that it was very important to contribute to the community and to take nothing for granted. He credits faculty members William Fischer, Marie Poetz, George Feheley, Randall Pedron among others for his success. He credits Joseph Foy with teaching him skills, e.g. prioritizing, that he still uses in life. Another lesson that he learned was to never quit. Juan tried out for the baseball team eight times and never made it. His love of baseball was recognized and rewarded as he served as a batboy to the New York Yankees in the 1994 and 1995 seasons.

Juan is the proud dad to eight year old Savannah and four year old Sebastian and lives in the Allerton section of the Bronx. Today Polanco appears regularly on NY1, BET, CNN, FoxNews, Univision, Telemundo and many local stations as a commentator and elections official on electoral matters.
Nelson Ritter '96

Nelson Ritter '96 was the recipient of the first annual Father John Leonard S.J. Award at the Fordham Prep-Mothers' Club Fashion Show on March 29th at the Marina del Rey. The award, named for the long time moderator of the FFMC, was given to Mr. Ritter "for his outstanding contribution to the education and faith formation of the young men at Fordham Prep."

The award was presented by April DeBard, the current Mothers' Club president, as over 500 Prep mothers and their guests looked on. In addition to his work as a teacher and mentor, Mr. Ritter was thanked for his tireless support of the Mothers' Club over his many years at the Prep.

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Track Hall of Fame

Faculty member Daryn Johnson '99 and Darryl Smith '76 were inducted into the Prep's Track Hall of Fame along with Arthur Stares '32 and Donald Anderson '48 at the 17th Annual Fordham Prep Track Hall of Fame and Alumni Reunion Dinner in March.

Alumni Father & Graduate Sons

Timothy Brennan '76 and his son, Kevin, Andrew Skia '53 and his grandson Michael D'Amico, Daniel Genovese '72 and his son Joseph, Gay Lester '76 and his son Michael.

Non-pictured graduates and their sons - Kevin Flynn '74 & Kevin Flynn, William Heitmann '66 & Spencer Heitmann, Paul Lee '81 & Daniel Lee, James Meenan '78 & Evan Meenan, James O'Connor '46 & his grandson Francis O'Connor, Steven Ripoll '78 & Matthew Rapillo, Robert Whelan '84 & Kevin Whelan, Eugene Whyte '78 & Quentin Whyte.

Ralph Dengler

Ralph Dengler was recruited to the Clinical Affairs, Lundbeck, Four Parkway North, Deerfield, IL 60015, Tel 847. 282-5700, Mobile 224-300-1538, email- RMUN4@lundbeck.com. I am looking forward to hearing from Prep Alumni in the Chicago area"

1979

With their three children now in college, Michael Cleary and his wife Christine are moving from New York to the city of Leiden, Holland for a three year work assignment with Michael's company Wolters Kluwer. Michael's daughter Emma kept up the family track and field legacy breaking the girls CHSAA League record in the pole vault clearing 11 feet 3 inches. Emma initially learned to pole vault in summer vault clinics at Fordham Prep and will compete at Fordham University.

1980

Craig Wilson wanted to let the Prep community know that his law practice has moved to new offices: Craig F. Wilson, Esq. Attorney at Law, 302 5th Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10001-1004, 646-481-2850 phone, 917-591-5474 fax, 917-663-3357 cell. Richard Toccano recently completed a trip around the world. He invites all members of the Prep community to visit his blog at www.toccanoworldtrip.blogspot.com.

1981

Joseph DeGuardia promotes professional boxing matches throughout the world and many in the tri-state area.

1983

Paul Stapleton's short story "The Fall of Pythias" has been awarded a Pushcart Prize and will appear in Pushcart Prize XXXVII: Best of the Small Presses.

1984

Ralph Dengler joined Gibbons P.C. as Counsel to the Intellectual Property Group in June and retired from the US Marine Corps Reserve last September as Group in June and retired from the US Marine Corps Reserve last September as Group in June and retired from the US Marine Corps Reserve last September as Group in June and retired from the US Marine Corps Reserve last September as Group in June and retired from the US Marine Corps Reserve last September as Group in June and retired from the US Marine Corps Reserve last September as Group in June and retired from the US Marine Corps Reserve last September as

1994

Chazon Darris made The Network Journal's 40 Under 40 list this year.

1995

John Lizotis left PepsiCo after 11 years and is now heading up the finance department at a non profit academic association in upper Westchester. He is working toward an MPA degree from Pace University in White Plains. John and his wife currently live in New Rochelle. He has a new website up www.apromisedbekept.com, detailing the search for his uncle who was killed in World War 2. “Can't believe the 20 year reunion is almost here... ‘tempus fugit’ as Lombardi used to say.”

1996

Brian Hamann finished his PhD in German at the University of Warwick in the UK, where he is now an Early Career Fellow with their Institute of Advanced Study. Ronald Castillo received a Master of Science in Nursing degree from Fairfield University in 2012. He graduated as a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing. He will be entering a Nurse Practitioner fellowship at the West Haven campus of the VA Connecticut Healthcare System. Tony Kallen recently became an associate attorney at South Cranberry Olsen in Portland, Oregon working on real estate matters. Along with my wife, Johanna Ware, we also opened a restaurant in February called “Smallwars” and we invite any Prep alumni visiting the great Northwest to stop in for a visit while in Portland.

1997

William Dickerson invites the Prep community to check out his new book. “If you're looking for a good read, check out my novel, No Alternative, it's available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and iTunes, in both paper and electronic forms, and a lot of it is inspired by my teenage years attending Fordham Prep. I think you’ll enjoy – and I'd love the support!”

1998


2002

Michael DeVito is the director of operations for The Local Palate, a magazine and website www.thelocalpalate.com in Charleston, SC.

2008

Kevin Smith received the prestigious Lawrence W. Chick Award from the College of the Holy Cross at their annual Men's and Women's Crew Banquet on May 11, 2012. The “Chick” is the Varsity Crew's only annual award and is given to the rower who displays leadership, commitment and dedication to the team and the sport. Kevin finished his four years of rowing at the Eastern Sprints on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, MA with a victory in the Third Final.

anxiety, schizophrenia, epilepsy, Alzheimer’s, Huntington’s and Parkinson’s diseases. Lundbeck’s World Headquarters are in Valby, Denmark. My contact info at Lundbeck is the following: Rafael Muniz, MD, US Medical Affairs & Phase IV Clinical Affairs, Lundbeck, Four Parkway North, Deerfield, IL 60015, Tel 847. 282-5700, Mobile 224-300-1538, email-RMUN4@lundbeck.com. I am looking forward to hearing from Prep Alumni in the Chicago area”
During the third week of May, the Prep celebrated Jesuit Heritage Week to recognize the rich history of the Society of Jesus that dates back to 1534. Jesuits today work in 70 countries throughout the world in a variety of apostolates. One of their most important ministries is their work in secondary schools in developing countries in Asia, Africa and South America. The Junior Campus Ministry Board along with the Ignatian Identity Committee organized the week and focused on the work of the Society in these schools. They raised awareness about this work through am and pm prayers, postings throughout the school, a Jesuit trivia contest, assemblies, and bake sales.

Each day, they focused on a different area of the world. Tuesday centered on Jesuits in Asia. St. Francis Xavier, one of the original companions of St. Ignatius, was the first Jesuit to go to India in 1542 and then on to Japan. He died on his way to mainland China. Today, thirty percent of all Jesuits are in Asia which remains the least Christianized continent. The Philippines is the only Catholic Asian country. On Wednesday, the focus shifted to South America where from the early 1600s the Jesuits have worked. St. Peter Claver first served African slaves in Colombia and the Jesuit Reductions in Paraguay, along with many Jesuit missions from Europe in the years to follow. State owned, Jesuit run Fr. Fe´re´ Alegria schools, founded in 1955, now have more than 4 million students in 15 countries.

On Thursday, we moved to the continent of Africa where some of the most prominent work has been done in Nigeria. Three New York Jesuits, all named Fr. Joe, arrived in Nigeria as college professors in 1962. Today, there are over 100 Jesuits in Nigeria and 1,400 on the African continent. There is one Jesuit high school today in Nigeria and another is being built yet there is still no African Jesuit college. That day coincided with our school-wide liturgy to celebrate Ascension Thursday, where we were privileged to have as our guest celebrant Fr. Peter Schneller, S.J. Fr. Schneller worked for over 20 years in Africa and shared how the work of the society continues to live out the mission entrusted to those disciples on Ascension Thursday through its work with young people throughout Africa.

Our week concluded with our annual celebration of Cannon Ball Day. It was in May of 1521, almost 500 years ago, that a 30-year-old Spanish soldier was wounded while trying to defend the town of Pamplona against an overwhelming French force. The soldier's name was Inigo. The cannon ball ripped through his left calf and shattered his right leg. The French won the battle, but were so impressed with Inigo's bravery that they freed him to return to his family's castle. During the recuperation, a conversion began that gave us St. Ignatius of Loyola. The impact of that cannon ball has been felt by all of us. Its trajectory can be followed from the battle in Pamplona to the founding of the Jesuits in Rome to the works of Jesuits in Asia, South America, and Africa to our being here at Fordham Prep in the Bronx; more proof that God writes straight with crooked lines and that life's greatest blessings often occur in what appear to be tragedies. The week reminded all of us of the great enterprise that is the Society of Jesus and how it has touched all of our lives and the lives of so many throughout the world.
2013 Hall of Honor Nominations

Nominations for possible inductees for the November 22, 2013 Hall of Honor Dinner are now being accepted through October 15, 2012. Click this link to see the current list of Hall of Honor members http://www.fordhamprep.org/page.cfm?p=586

You can e-mail the name of the individual or individuals you are nominating and why they should be considered for induction to hallofhonor@fordhamprep.org or you can mail your nomination in the mail to:

Hall of Honor Nominating Committee
Fordham Prep
East Fordham Road
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The 2013 Hall of Honor Induction Dinner will be held on Friday, November 22, 2013 in The Garden Terrace Room of The New York Botanical Garden.