

FAITH, SCHOLARSHIP & SERVICE

The Cornerstones of a Jesuit Education at Fordham Prep



Steven has been a great asset to POTS, demonstrating a very strong commitment to serving our community. We are very pleased that he will be interning with us, continuing that direct service and helping us improve by working on how we share nutrition and food safety messaging with our clients. Day in and day out, Fordham Prep students are among our best volunteers. They impress everyone with their maturity, compassion and dedication to service.

Taina Rodriguez, Emergency Programs Manager

POTS (Part of the Solution) is a food pantry program that provides 58,000 meals each month to Bronx residents.

Steven's experience at POTS began in his sophomore year. Not satisfied with simply stacking canned food in the pantry, Steven wanted to interact directly with the people who came to POTS for a meal and companionship. Now he is a highly regarded volunteer who moves efficiently between the kitchen, the dining room, the office and the pantry, always mindful of the importance of providing a dignified experience for every POTS client. In fact, Steven's number one requirement when looking at colleges was to find a school with a vibrant, active service component where he could be involved in the community from day one.

Steven also tutors at St. Ignatius Hunts Point, is a member of the Spanish Club, and created a newsletter for our Diversity Alliance Club. This month, he and his classmates participated in a 3-day Diversity Summit, where he took a leadership role in the planning and organizing of the event which hosted fifty students from New York area high schools.

Steven is just one of many members of our student body who are actively engaged throughout the school year, and frequently over the summer, in community service. Although it is not a school requirement, our Summer Immersion Program resonates with many of our young men who participate in trips to Camden, NJ, Appalachia and Ecuador. In Camden, sophomores learn and respond to urban challenges. In Appalachia, Prep students build homes through Habitat for Humanity. Students who travel to Ecuador study local customs, visit schools, after-school programs and vocational training centers while reflecting on social justice issues.

Our alumni also value and appreciate the service experiences they had at Fordham Prep and frequently tell us it impacted their lives in college and beyond.



After graduating from college, I undertook a year of service at a homeless shelter in Anchorage, Alaska which invigorated my passion for helping the marginalized people in our communities. Although a few aspects of my year were new to me – Alaskan mountains instead of the Bronx urban jungle and 20+ hours of sunlight in the summer – the idea of service wasn't. Being a man for and with others was a lesson I was taught throughout my four years at Fordham Prep, and it was essential in my decision to do a year of service which has led to my continued dedication to social justice issues.

David Quigley '10, College of the Holy Cross '14

With your support our students can continue to grow closer to God as they learn to serve others at home and around the world. We hope you will consider a gift to the Annual Fund so we can inspire our young men at the Prep to live out the call to be men for others and set the world on fire.

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