

# FORDHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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## “FORDHAM PREP INDUCTS 10 INTO ILLUSTRIOUS HALL OF HONOR”

*Inductees span across centuries, making indelible impacts on society as teachers, pioneers, professionals, and donors.*

(April 15, 2019 – Bronx, NY) Fordham Preparatory School officially announces its Hall of Honor class for 2019, recognizing eight alumni and two former teachers. The Fordham Prep Hall of Honor was created to recognize illustrious individuals from our school’s long and rich history. The initial induction ceremony was held at the Waldorf-Astoria on June 5, 1989 during the Sesquicentennial Gala celebrating the Prep’s 150th anniversary. In 2007, the school established a process that allowed the greater Fordham Prep community to nominate potential inductees to a Hall of Honor Committee. The committee is tasked with reviewing all nominations and presenting its recommendations to the Board of Trustees who make the final determination on all nominees. The new honorees will be recognized at the Fordham Prep Hall of Honor Induction Dinner on Friday, November 22, 2019 at The New York Botanical Garden.

“Induction into the Hall of Honor is the highest honor any one from the Fordham Prep community can receive,” says Fordham Prep President Fr. Christopher Devron, SJ. “We are thrilled to honor ten individuals who have made an indelible mark on the school’s 178 year history and society at large.”

Inductees, in alphabetical order: (+ denotes deceased)

### **+David Arellano, PhD 1887**

After his boarding school days here at Rose Hill, Professor Arellano returned to his home country of Nicaragua where he was a renowned poet and scholar, and served as the Minister of Education and later, Nicaraguan Ambassador to the United States. He is regarded as the ‘Pioneer of Nicaraguan Baseball’ as he brought to his homeland the American sport he learned here at the Prep.

### **+Rev. Thomas Crowley, SJ (Prep Teacher 1954-1962)**

During his nine-year tenure at the Prep, Fr. Crowley taught academically underachieving sophomores in three core subjects - English, Theology, and Latin. In the words of one of his former students, “...he instilled a sense of self-worth and pride in our accomplishments that gave us the confidence to meet future challenges. Underachievers became overachievers.”

### **Llewellyn Hyacinthe, MD ‘80**

A prolific basketball player during his high school days, Lew has remained a staunch supporter of his alma mater throughout his life. Now a highly successful urologist, his achievements on the hardwood pale in comparison to his professional ones.





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## **Frank McLaughlin '65**

A sportsman, scholar, and student leader during his Prep years, McLaughlin went on to captain Fordham University's basketball team and was drafted by the Knicks. After an outstanding coaching career, he served as the Director of Athletics at Fordham University for nearly three decades.

## **Edward O'Brien Sr., JD '46**

Graduate of Fordham University and St. John's Law School, O'Brien had a prolific professional career as general counsel, corporate director, and CEO. He chaired the Prep's Board of Trustees from 1975-1978, leading the restructuring of the school's finances and saving the school from bankruptcy.

## **+Dr. Louis A. Perrotta 1920**

Director of Surgery at Pelham Bay General Hospital, Dr. Perrotta held academic positions as Professor of Pediatrics at Bellevue Medical College, Clinical Professor at the NYU School of Medicine, and Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at New York Medical College. Dr. Perrotta's research in spinal anesthesia in 1943 was revolutionary in demonstrating that pain control during childbirth could be achieved.

## **William M. Perry '64**

Perry's love and devotion to Fordham Prep and the Class of 1964 knows no bounds. Through his organizational savvy, he and several classmates came together to create scholarships for the Prep, notably the John Vrionis '64 Scholarship for Fordham Prep and a scholarship to honor his late classmate and Medal of Honor recipient, Staff Sergeant Robert Murray '64. Perry has also helped his alma mater codify and explain the benefit of the school's endowment, collaborating with the Engagement office to create the first Endowment book. He continues to assist the Prep to ensure that alumni are able to leave a lasting legacy with the school.

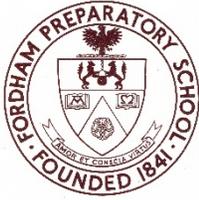
## **Wanda Piñeiro (Prep Teacher 1980-2017)**

One of the Prep's first female teachers, Piñeiro had a prolific effect on the Prep's Hispanic students, as a founder of the school's Hispanic club. She was a welcome beacon for minority students in the school and ranks amongst its longest serving faculty and one of its most beloved.

## **James S. Rowen VII '82**

Rowen has "given and not counted the cost" in his support and service towards his alma mater. He served on the Fordham Prep Board of Trustees for seven years, including a three-year stint as board chair. Rowen was the driving force behind the renovation of the Prep's backfield (Rowen Field), an advocate and developer of the school's current strategic plan, and an innovator as the founder of both the Great Ignatian Challenge and Ignatian Social Justice tournament, spreading his impact to area Jesuit high schools. He currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Renaissance Technologies.





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## **+Martin J. Waters, Jr. '57**

A leading media executive in the advertising industry, Waters created the “Unwired Networks” concept and process in television advertising. He served on the Hall of Honor Nominating Committee and was a member of the Prep’s Board of Trustees from 1985-1990 and he was named ‘Alumnus of the Year’ in 1994.

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