

Ramview

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FORDHAM PREP

Presidential Transition



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."

CHSAA City Champions

GOLF - J.V. LACROSSE - TENNIS



Chaplain's Corner: *Made in the Image of God*

Fr. Donald Devine, S.J., Chaplain

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.

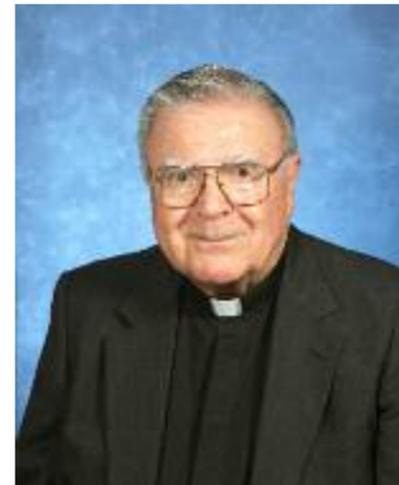
When I am privileged to witness and bless a marriage as representative of the Church, I always tell two stories. The first is that every couple needs three bones in their bodies: a backbone, a wishbone and a funny bone. I elaborate on the importance of each depending upon what I know of the couple.

The second story goes like this. In the next 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 !!!!



Cardboard City Night 2012

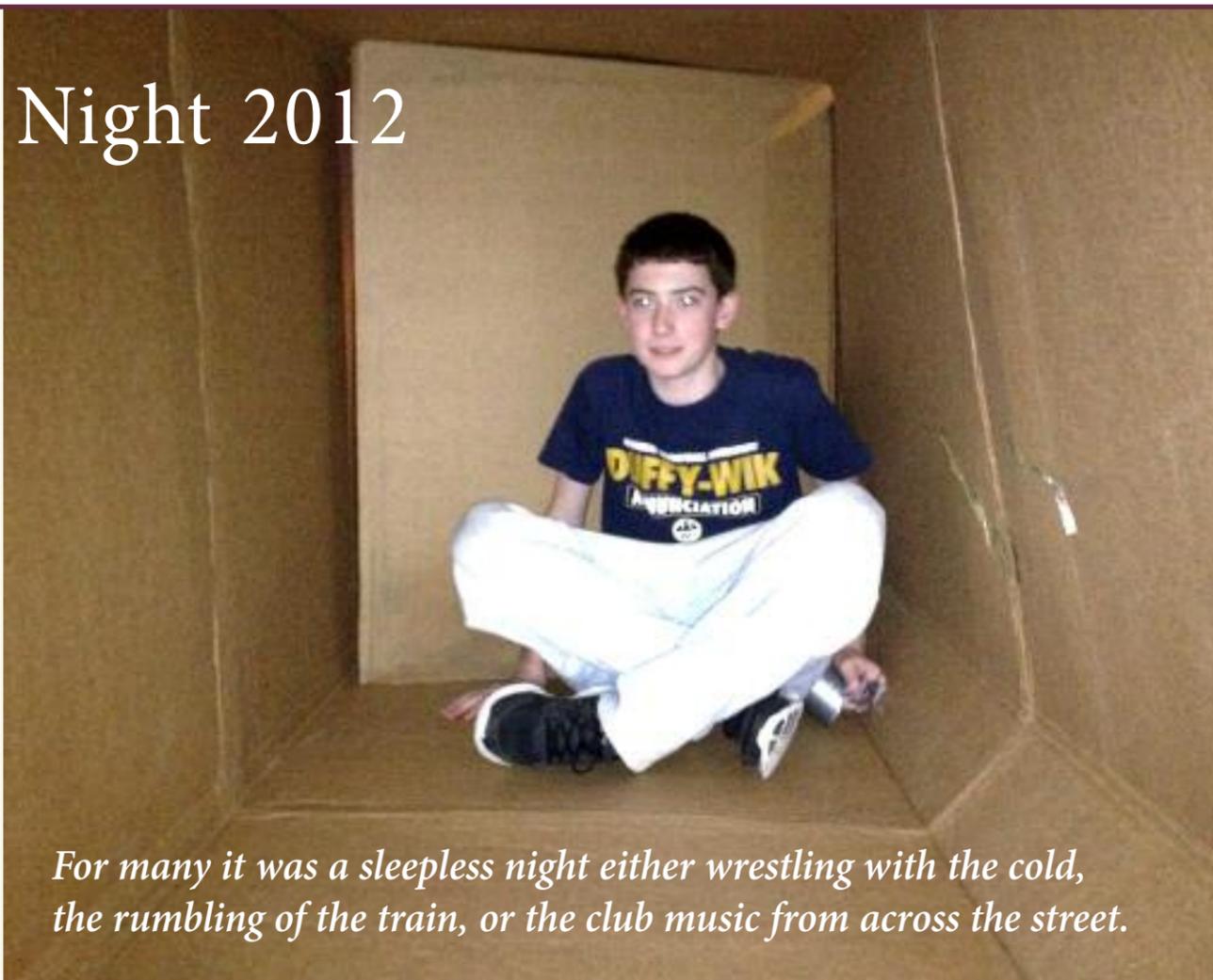
By John Robustelli '15

On Thursday, May 10th, I walked into the Commons around 7:00 p.m. not knowing what to expect from the night. I came in with my boxes under my arm eager to see what was going on. After about fifteen minutes, our adult leaders, who included Mr. Viele, Mr. Hemsley, Mr. Distinti and Mr. Phipps, led us to the theatre to discuss the basic rules and reasons why we were sleeping out for the night. Once they were done, we returned to the Commons to construct our cardboard domiciles. Following an hour of construction we finally finished our shelters. When everyone's boxes were together in the Hall of Honor, it really looked to be a true "cardboard city." Later we went back to the theater to get into the nitty-gritty of the whole affair.

Fellow student, sophomore Connor O'Brian, came up to address us about helping the poor, which is a matter near and dear to his heart. He is a veteran of Cardboard City Night and when he talked about his work with Sister Gloria, he was full of excitement and passion. Next up we watched a documentary called *Tunnel Dwellers*, which was all about the living conditions of individuals who live underground in the tunnels of New York City and the Bronx. The film showcases the deplorable living conditions of the abandoned tunnels and sewers of New York City and how people live inside of them. Sister Gloria also makes appearances in the film aiding the so called "tunnel dwellers."

Once finished with the film, we lined up at our makeshift soup kitchen where everyone got small portions of soup, bread, and water from the fountain. Although it wasn't a lot to us, it was probably a good deal of food for an impoverished family. After that, it was back to the theater to watch *The Pursuit of Happyness*, another movie that gave insight into the life of economically struggling families.

Finally, it was off to sleep and we carried our boxes out to the chilly back field where we made our homes that night. For many it was a sleepless night, either



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wrestling with the cold, the rumbling of the train, or the club music from across the street. The next day was rough. My classmates and I, even some teachers, were sleepwalking through the day. This experience really got me to think about how difficult the lives of homeless people are. I mean, I only did it one night, I couldn't imagine doing that every day of my life. When the night was over we collected over 200 cans for P.O.T.S. soup kitchen. We also raised nearly \$600 for an organization that honors those who have served in the United States Military. The Wounded Warrior Project's mission is, "to

foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history." Sadly many of our nation's veterans are injured and living on the street, many of them alone. Cardboard City Night is a great way to boost your compassion towards the homeless community and to raise awareness. If you ask for my opinion, I would say that it's a great experience and that everyone should participate in Cardboard City Night next year.

From the President's Office

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.



Principal Robert Gomprecht '65, Vice Chairman of the Board Joseph A. Schenk P '09, New York Province Assistant to Secondary and Pre-Secondary Edward Young, Provincial of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus, The Very Reverend David S. Ciancimino, S.J., Fordham Prep President Rev. Kenneth Boller, S.J.

APERTURES AND PREFECTURES: MARKING 40 YEARS IN SHEA HALL

by Lou DiGiorno '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. [Reaction of freshman Nick Fiorentino, Class of 2015: "Whoa! 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, way 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 reel's cinematographer – Joseph Kain, Class of 1971, who was in Homeroom 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 Sacco 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 Yorktown) 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 alum Andrew Werner, Class of 2012, outgoing president of FPTV, the Prep's digital video production club, has retroactively inducted Kain, Sacco, Esposito, Malgieri and the DiGiorgi brothers into the ranks of the Prep's student moviemakers. And yes, the six cameraboys 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 founding 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 comprised 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 Robb, 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 Writes*. 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 those 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 campus and make Fordham a better place for their being there. May you all, when

you begin next week your life-time of tests, begin a successful career that will make the world a better place for your being there."

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 mysterious 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 Kain nor 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 quarter 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 *A Dean of Boys Writes*: "To all the boys who have walked or run through Hughes Hall, or Second Division or the Prep, these pages are gratefully dedicated."



Waxing onomastic 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 really 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 earliest 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.] Mostecak '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. Mostecak 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:

Francis X. Henning, 1867
 Lennox O. (X.?) Gilliand 1869
 Henry F. Xavier, 1873
 Francis X. Timmons, 1885
 Richard F. X. Dooley 1888
 Francis X. Siggins 1899
 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. Koerber, 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. Routhier, 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. Kane, 1942
 Francis X. Byrn, 1943
 Francis X. Murphy, 1943
 Francis X. O'Neill, 1943
 Francis X. Holbrook, 1945
 Francis X. McGoey, 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. Sheridan, 1954
 Harold X. Connolly, 1957
 Francis X. Suozzi, 1958
 Julius F. X. A. Fiorillo, 1959
 Francis X. McLaughlin, 1965
 Francis X. Routhier, 1966
 Dominique F. X. de la Chapelle, 1969
 John F. X.. Eggert, 1969
 John F. X. Harahan, 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 F. X. Ross, 1975
 Francis X. Young, 1976

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. Witkowski, 1985
 Francis X. Frecentese, 1987
 Euripides X. Matos, 1989
 John F. X. Flynn, 1990
 Sean F. X. Murphy, 1992
 Francis X. Bernardo, 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
 Xaralambos Papadatos, 2010
 Alan X. Huang, 2011
 Trevon X. Tann, 2011
 Christian X. Wright, 2011
 James E. X. Gilliam, Jr., 2012

[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, x number of years.]

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

Around the Prep

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 along with wives and friends. Father Michael Greco '87 OFM Cap. began the reunion by concelebrating Mass in the Fordham University Church with Father Kenneth Boller S.J. and Father Charles Sullivan S.J.

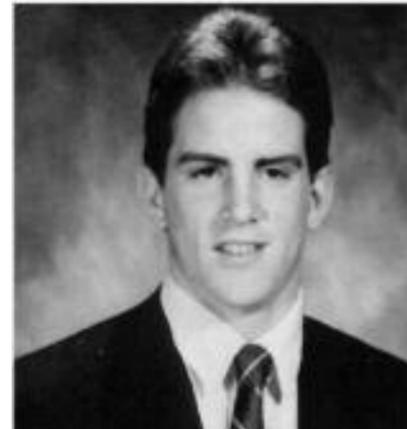
At the Reunion, Board of Trustees Chairman John Neary '87 launched the "Class of 1987 Endowment" with \$440,000 in pledges from 34 anchor donors. This endowed fund will be

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.

Noel Firth '87
Tom Giordano '87
Rich Flores '87
Chuck Bryceland '87
Rob Ford '87
John Haley '87
Tom Courtney '87
Dario Martinez '87
Kevin Fitzpatrick '87

John Broderick '87
Walter Camas '87
Brendan O'Reilly '87
Chris Marcon '87
George Aguiar '87
Chris Santomero '87
Jim Capasso '87
Bill McLoughlin '87
Sly Musilli '87

John Ajello '87
Mike Harwood '87
Brendan Dooley '87
Dave Fitzgerald '87
Harry Patz '87
James Falco '87
Frank Frecentese '87
Pat Casale '87
Chuck Donnelly '87

Bill Considine '87
Tim McGrath '87
Tom Okon '87
Jack Mullen '87
Michael Banks '87
Donn McNamee '87
John Neary '87

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 Haley '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:

Mr. Dennis Ahern '63
Assistant Principal for Professional Development & Supervision
Fordham Prep

Timothy Brosnan '76
Former Prep Trustee
Executive Vice President of Business
Major League Baseball

Michael Considine '76
Co-Head of Government Enforcement and Internal Investigations
Seward and Kissel LLP

Ronald deCastro '83
Prep Trustee
Sales Manager
CBS Radio's 92.3 Now

Mr. Joseph Altenau '04
Guest Services Manager
Prudential Center

Dr. Michael Carey '86
Dean of Students
Manhattan College

Charon Darris '94
Vice President
M & T Bank

Brian Duffy '95
VP of Fixed Income
Keefe, Bruyette & Woods

Charles Andruss '91
Director, FX Distribution
UBS Securities

Mario Ciampi '78
Prep Trustee
Managing Partner
Prentice Capital

Sean Davey '80
Lawyer
Solo Practitioner

Joseph Femenia '94
Vice President, High Yield & Distressed Training
Goldman Sachs
Board Member & Director of Programs for the Navy SEAL Foundation
Afghanistan & Iraq War Veteran



Elias Batis-Gelpi, James Gilliam, Sean O'Keefe '00, Charlie Andruss '91, Robert Beaugard, Zenon Bishop



Michael D'Amico, John-Raymond DeBard, Rod Murray '78, Vinnie Murray '98

Alumni Senior Breakfast



Joe Altenau '04, Patrick Argast, Ben Andreycak, Breakfast Speaker John Haley '87



Christopher Recine, Matthew Rapillo, John Reilly, Samuel Ravelo, Dan Hickey '84, Mario Nacinovich '90, Christopher Reggio, Tyler Rescigno, Courtney Ramrattan, John Riloquio

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David Fitzgerald '87
Associate General Counsel
Sciens Capital

Joseph FitzSimons '02
Fixed Income Sales
KGS Alpha Capital Markets

Michael FitzSimons '96
Director of Research
Pan Reliance Capital Advisors

Marc Flamino '85
Managing Director
H/2 Capital Partners

Anthony Fletcher '88
Corporate & Commercial Attorney
Solo Practitioner

Robert Ford '87
Former Prep Trustee
Senior Vice President of Investments
Maxim Group

Paul Frank '56
Former Chairman of the Prep
Board of Trustees
Partner
Hodgson Russ LLP

Robert Galasso '69
Senior Engineering Director
Travelers Insurance Company

John Geraghty '60
Former Prep Trustee
Retired – Credit Suisse First Boston
US Naval Academy Graduate &
Vietnam War Veteran

Robert Gomprecht '65
Principal
Fordham Prep

Eric Grubelich '81
Senior Advisor
Highlander Bank Holdings LLC

John Haley '87
Executive Director of Campaign Strategy
New York Presbyterian Hospital

William Heitmann '66
Retired Senior Vice President – Finance
Verizon

Daniel Hickey '84
Owner
Stepping Stones Management, LLC

Howard Hopkins '72
Executive Director
CME Group

Dr. Cassandra Hyacinthe – Alumni Parent
Prep Trustee
Assistant Principal for Curriculum
& Instruction & Guidance
Mount Vernon High School

John Kahl
Vice President for Development
& Alumni Relations
Fordham Prep

Mr. Gerald Karr '68
Managing Director
GE Asset Management

Christopher Lauber '79
Director of Admissions/Classics Teacher
Fordham Prep

Edward Lenci '81
Partner
The Law Firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson
LLP

Guy Lester '76
Vice President & National Director
of Sales & Marketing
Segal

John McCabe '81
Managing Director & Head of US Grade
Bond Investment Syndicate
Royal Bank of Scotland

Michael McCabe '75
Director
Deloitte

Frank McLaughlin '65
Executive Director of Intercollegiate
Athletics
Fordham University

Patrick McNierney '79
Senior Structural Engineer
CH2M Hill

John Mercorella '07
Development & Alumni Relations
Assistant
Fordham Prep

John Montes '90
Detective & Attorney
NYPD Legal Bureau

Mr. Robert Moschetta '90
Owner Operator
Entertainment and Sounds Unlimited

Roderick Murray '78
Prep Trustee
Managing Director & Head of
Fixed Income Finance
Jeffries and Company, Inc.

Vincent Murray '98
Corporate Bond Broker
First Brokers Securities

Mario Nacinovich '90
Managing Partner at Axon
Editor-in-Chief *Journal of
Communication in Healthcare*

John Neary '87
Chairman of the Prep's Board of Trustees
Global Head of Multi Asset Portfolios
Morgan Stanley

Sean O'Keefe '00
Insurance Asset Management
Team Associate
Goldman Sachs
Former Army Captain and Iraq War
Veteran

Dr. Thomas Palmieri '56
Hall of Honor Member
Associate Professor of Surgery
Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Charles "Max" Pelisson '53
Vice President & Principle
Marra Peters and Partners

William Porcaro '67
Director of Admissions & Athletics
Cristo Rey High School of New York

James Rowen '82
Prep Trustee
Chief Operating Officer
Renaissance Technologies, LLC

Steven Ruggiero '77
Head of Research at major Broker
Dealers, including JP Morgan and UBS,
with more than 25 years of Wall Street
experience. He is currently an
Institutional Investor Advisor.

Bradley Serton '95
Director of High School Partnerships
MSG Varsity

Mr. James Slevin '90
Vice President
Uniformed Firefighters Association

Father Luke Sweeney '92
Director of Vocations
Archdiocese of New York

Timothy Tostanoski '74
Former Prep Trustee
President
Truckmiles

Dr. Russell Trahan '77
Attending Podiatric Surgeon
Saint Barnabas Hospital

William Whelan '76
Prep Trustee
Partner
Cravath, Swaine & Moore, LLP

Paul Williams '56
Former Prep Trustee
Retired Director of Human Resources
Time Warner

Dr. George Zambetti '68
Orthopedic surgeon specializing in
sports medicine
Team physician for Fordham Prep
for more than 30 years

Victor Zimmermann '70
Partner
Curtis, Mallet-Provost, Colt & Mosle, LLP

THANK YOU TO THESE MEMBERS OF THE PREP COMMUNITY FOR THEIR HELP WITH THIS EVENT

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Guidance & Counseling Administrative Assistant

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Assistant to the President

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Assistant Principal for Academics & Student Life

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Joan Wollman
Director of Annual Giving

Around the Prep

SOPHOMORE Dream Day 2012

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 turning 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 tool to identify their personality type, budding career interests, and potential college majors and schools of interest.

Throughout 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 Club, senior Jeff Limoncelli shared with the students his interesting and determined pursuit of his passion for magic. Limoncelli's journey 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 assistant position for a professional magician in Times Square. He plans on continuing his passion for entertainment by studying film 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. David Gelpi, a sophomore mentor and teacher, whose presentation was entitled, "I'm Livin' Mine, Now Go Get Yours." Dr. Gelpi's engaging, multi-media presentation allowed the students to hear how one man passionately pursued his own dreams of family, education and a life of faith and service. Dr. Gelpi conveyed the importance of taking responsibility for your dream and not allowing anyone or anything to prevent you from living the life you were meant to live. He communicated how 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 Ryan to "make it count." The final scene depicts an elderly Ryan at a gravesite 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 roared their approval at the movie's triumphant ending.

The day closed with a huge surprise for the students; a full-length, professional magic act complete with on-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 Javits Center in Manhattan.

After his experience with the circus, Zimet pursued his true passion to become a professional magician. In its first season, the highly rated television program, *America's Got Talent*, chose Zimet for the show, and he made it all the way to the semi-finals.

"As so many of the students stated on the evaluations, Zimet's performance, made possible by a generous donation from a Fordham Prep family, was truly "amazing," "awesome," "inspirational," "fun" and "meaningful." From the minute he walked onto the stage in his black leather jacket to blaring rock music, Zimet commanded the attention and enthusiasm of the sophomore students. It was hard to say which of Zimet's many acts the boys loved more. Perhaps it was when he aggressively ripped one, live dove into two or when he allowed one of the students to come on stage and shoot him in the face with a paintball gun. In the end it didn't matter, the students gave Zimet's performance an A+.

On par with his act was Zimet's genuine "conversation" with the sophomore class about the pursuit of his non-conventional dream. While sitting on the edge of the stage, Zimet opened up to the students and encouraged them to ask him questions, which they did until the last bell rang. Zimet, who struggled in high school with learning difficulties, conveyed so many critical messages about how to live the life you love. The students were able to articulate Zimet's primary messages, which included taking healthy risks, not being afraid to fail, thinking optimistically in the face of challenges and set-backs, honing excellent interpersonal skills and living by a strong and consistent work ethic.

At the end of the day, as one student commented about the program, "It allowed me to see that close to anything is possible."

Student Testimonials about Sophomore Dream Day:

- "It was a good experience that helped me prepare for college and further goals."
 - "It was a motivational and enlightening experience."
- "It was a unique experience that made me think about what I want to do with my life and how to start."
 - "I was moved..."
- "It made me think about my future, and what it will take to achieve my dreams."
 - "I enjoyed it very much. It made me believe in myself."

2012 Fordham Prep Rugby – 5th in New York State!

Written by Jerry Wolf, Varsity Coach and Prep Parent ('12 and '16)



The inaugural 2011 Fordham Prep Rugby season saw the fledgling program grow from a seed of an idea during a school lunchtime discussion, into a loose group of thirty students and four coaches. In that first year, both Varsity, as well as JV, played a series of games and scrimmages and finished the season having created sufficient interest so that the 2012 season began with eighty interested players and six committed coaches.

Memorial Day weekend saw the Fordham Prep Rams finish the 2012 season with a tremendous performance, which capped a year in which the NY rugby community sat up and really took notice of this up-and-coming program.

In their first full year of competition in the NY State High School Rugby Championship, Fordham Prep Varsity came to the field and impressed the opposition and their coaches and made themselves and their school very proud. In a league that welcomed some 40 teams, the Rams ended in a proud and well deserved 5th place in the State. During the year they also played games against some of the stalwart rugby schools within the USA such as Xavier (NYC), McQuaid (Rochester), De La Salle (California) and Greenwich (Connecticut). The team also competed in the Jersey Cup and won the U19 (Varsity) division trophy, as did the JV squad, taking the U17 (JV) division trophy.

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 that they too, are going to be more-than-ready to fill the Varsity shoes in the coming years.

Fordham Prep entered the Tier II Division Championship with their first game against Canisius High School, a



Photos: Theresa Gray

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 Rugby Club from Rochester, a team that entered the play-offs with an undefeated, six game winning season. In 90+ degree heat, Fordham Prep won their last 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 (AUST), Al 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 Costelloe, Geraldine Stapleton and Tracey Sullivan.

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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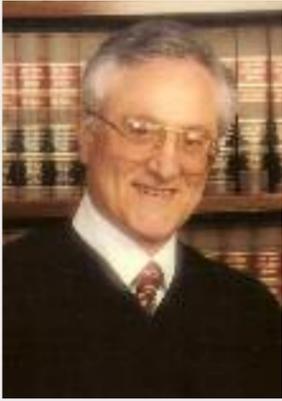
CLASS OF 1997



CLASS OF 2002



CLASS OF 2007



Hon. Paul A. Victor '50

Judge Paul A. Victor has had a long and distinguished career in the law 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 in Bronx County. As his career advanced, Judge Victor served as counsel to many New York State

Assemblymen and a New York State Senator. He was a partner in two law firms, Russo, Stein, Caiola and Victor and Dublirer, Haydon, 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 Beaumont 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 headed "in the wrong direction." He credits his high school experience with putting him on the 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 underclassmen.

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 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. Rapallo Award from the Columbian Lawyers Association. Jonathan Lippman, Chief Judge of the State of New York and Association President Lorraine Corsa 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 Piedras Negras. The Mormon belief that Christ appeared in the Americas after the Crucifixion is examined along with the controversial burning of ancient Maya books as works of the Devil by Franciscan Bishop, Diego de Landa, in 1562 (thank God, not a Jebbie!). Was the burning an wanton act or were they indeed works of the Devil? *Yó-K-Ib* is an adventure into the world of ancient books like the *Voynich Manuscript*, and the *Codex Gigas* that were truly discovered in Jesuit libraries. As the plot unfolds, there are ritual executions by angels (remember, Lucifer was one), river rafting among

Maya ruins, and deaths by snake bite. "Something for everybody," says Barnett, "even a retreat at Mount Manresa, a visit to a Benedictine Monastery in New Mexico, and a visit to Jogues Retreat Center in Cornwall, NY."

1953

Donald Brudie was elected Mayor of the Village of Garden City, Long Island. His term will end in 2013 as his longevity in office is restricted by term limits. The Class of 1953 had their annual reunion in May. **Max Pelisson** sent in the following event summary: "**Ed Flynn** was able to gather (14) classmates for our annual 1953 class reunion at the Water Club in NYC on Tuesday May 22, 2012, the nineteenth consecutive reunion since its inception. We welcomed Fr. Boller who led us in prayers for several of our classmates who are working through a variety

of illnesses. After lunch Fr. Boller provided us with a summary of the many on-going activities and programs at the Prep. All of us were impressed with the growth of the Prep since our graduation in 1953. Once again as with last year, we were appreciative of his attendance given that graduation from the Prep was the next day. This year we decided to have a luncheon as opposed to a dinner. All who attended agreed having a luncheon was better and we will continue with that approach for our gatherings. While most of us came from the metro area, it was nice to see **Jack O'Brien** from California, **Gene Ferrick** from Maryland, **Bruce Berger** from Poughkeepsie and **Al Madden** from Middletown, NJ who provided us with continuous stories and entertainment. **Charlie Lutz** came from Georgia. We had not seen him for a few years and he was warmly received. **John Murphy** updated us on the progress of our 1953 class scholarship fund. We have supported a number of students since we initiated the fund in 2003. John asked that we continue our support as best as we can. To close, the idea for the Luncheon

went over very well. As mentioned above, we will continue with that venue. We missed a number of classmates who usually attend and we welcome them for next year which will be our 20th consecutive year."

1954

John Bray is now retired and living in Williamsburg, VA. In March, his third novel, entitled *Code Name: Caleb* was published by BeWrite Books of Vancouver, Canada. It is the sequel to my first novel, *The Ballad of Johnny Madigan*. My second novel is entitled *The Confidential*. All published by BeWrite, a small indie publisher www.bewrite.net.

1955

Edward C. Norton published his 10th novel, *Hell in a Cold Place* as an Amazon e-book 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



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. Due to 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 and thereafter received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Iona College. He enrolled at the New York Law School where he received his Juris Doctor degree and was in the top five 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, 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 McAleer, 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 McAleer followed Don's route to his house to visit them on one school night. Don also mentioned the life lasting connection that he has with his classmates and how much he enjoys their annual reunion.

Don and his wife Barbara have four children, a lawyer, two investment bankers and a gynecologic oncologist - robotic surgeon. Don served in the United States Air Force and with the New York Guard as a JAG Officer. He holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Class Notes

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.



Pictured from left to right: **Bill Carr, Jim O'Connell, Tom Brennan, Jim Stephens, Mike Tierney, Joe Realini and Joe Pisani.** Missing from picture: **John McGuinness.**

I've been writing books I want to read." Dell published Norton's first novel, *Station Breaks* in 1986. Much of his work relies on research skills he learned as a journalist on newspapers in New Jersey and New York. **Tom Comerford**, now a resident of Dallas, TX, served as toastmaster at the 50th reunion of his Fordham Law School class, held at the Waldorf Astoria on May 5th. He is now a Golden Ram from The Prep, College, & Law School. Tom proudly reports that he went to Fordham Day Camp in the Mid-1940s & worked for the Fordham School of Education Campus Summer Sessions in the Early 1950s.

1956

Carl Cutrone and his wife Carol will be celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary in 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 a great success as usual. 40 members of the class attended including first timers **Ed Broderick, Joe (Bix) Paccione, John Russell and Ron Simi.** Conversation, memories and bon homme were in great abundance. The **John Vriomis** 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 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 Meritas Academic Olympiad in Original Oratory. I'm already looking forward to next season!" **John LaCava** is running for re-election to the the NYS

Supreme Court this November. He will be on the ballot in 5 counties – Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties. His campaign website is: www.justicelacava.com. Fordham University Executive Director of Athletics **Frank McLaughlin** will be promoted to the new position of associate vice president of student affairs for athletic alumni relations and external affairs/athletic director emeritus at the University on July 1, 2012.

1967

Joe Moglia is the new head football coach at Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, SC. Click the link to read the article written about Joe in Coastal, the University's magazine <http://webapps.coastal.edu/magazine/index.php/features/item/28-a-new-season>

1968

Peter McCarthy is about to become a published author. His book, *Adrenaline Nation*, will be released by Smart Publications (<http://www.smart-publications.com/books/adrenaline-nation/>) and be available on Amazon August 1st. "The result of four years of intensive research, *Adrenaline Nation* examines the pandemic of chronic stress in America from the individual, organizational, governmental and societal perspectives, and recommends solutions to this pervasive societal challenge. Peter will be conducting a national book tour in the early fall that will include the NYC area."

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

Saugatuck Books has just published the latest thriller by **Geoff Loftus**, *Double Blind*, as an e-book available for either the Amazon Kindle or Barnes & Noble 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 profanity. Exactly what you'd expect from a book about blind dating and the Mafia.)" **James Liao's** third book, *The Caregiver - The Second Patient* has been

published on Amazon in e-book and print on-demand. "Unlike my two earlier 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 Re/sources, 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 DeRienzo** 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 security of our Nation by maintaining the safety, security, and effectiveness of the U.S. nuclear weapons 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.

1976

Mario Biaggi has a new website, www.mariobiaggi.com.

1977

James Dixon 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: "I am now the VP of Medical Affairs for Lundbeck US in Deerfield, IL. Lundbeck is an international pharmaceutical company highly committed to improving the quality of life for people suffering from brain disorders. The company's products are targeted at disorders such as depression,

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 history 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 Assembly against then Assemblyman now Senator Jeff Klein all while teaching, going to graduate 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 the Polanco Organization, Juan is the Bronx Commissioner of the New York City Board of Elections, an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Business Management and Center for Ethnic Studies at the Borough of Manhattan Community College and the Director of the New York City 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, Mahi Peetz, George Febles, Randall Pedro and 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.

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, VP, US Medical Affairs & Phase IV Clinical Affairs, Lundbeck, Four Parkway North, Deerfield, IL 60015, Tel: 847-282-5700, Mobile: 224-300-1538, email-RMUN@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 3604, 646-481-2850 phone, 917-591-5474 fax, 917-653-3557 cell. **Richard Toscano** recently completed a trip around the world. He invites all members of the Prep community to visit his blog at www.toscanoworldtrip.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 Punicca" 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 a Colonel, after 22 years. He is married to the former Kelly Connaghan (FU CBA '89), author of the children's Easter book, *The Bunny In The Basket*, www.thebunnyinthebasket.com. They have four children and reside in Sparta, NJ. *Loukoumi's Celebrity Cookbook* by **Nick Katsoris**

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 FPMC, 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.



received 2 World Cookbook Awards this month as well as The Mom's Choice Award for Excellence. The book also became an Amazon.com and BN.com #1 Bestseller. *Loukoumi's Celebrity Cookbook* includes the 5th Loukoumi storybook plus favorite childhood recipes by 50 celebrities including Beyonce, Jennifer Aniston, Oprah Winfrey, Betty White, Taylor Swift, Jay Leno, Eli Manning, Nicole Kidman, Justin Timberlake, Matt Lauer, Reese Witherspoon, and others. Proceeds benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Chefs for Humanity.

1988

Nick Leshi is the new Director of Public Relations at The New York Botanical Garden. **Paul Saunders** was recruited to join the staff at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn as a Cardiothoracic Surgeon, leaving his practice at Westchester Medical Center. As the Director of Mechanical Circulatory Support, he implanted the first Ventricular Assist Device in Brooklyn, offering this new technology for patients with advanced heart failure.

1990

Michael O'Grady is living in Charlottesville, VA, with his wife and two children. He is entering the second year of a PhD program at Virginia Commonwealth University studying infant motor development. When he is done with his degree in a few years, he hopes to combine teaching at the university level, research, and maintain a clinical presence.

1994

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

1995

John Lozito 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.apromisetobekept.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 Haman 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 Kullen** recently became an associate attorney at Routh Crabtree Olsen in Portland, Oregon working on real estate matters. Along with my wife, Johanna Ware, we also opened a restaurant in February called "Smallwares" and we invite any Prep alums 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

Joseph A. Petriello earned his Ph.D. in Religious Education from Fordham University, defending his dissertation on March 19. His work, entitled "Into the Holy Darkness: Ignatian Education and the Advent of Justice in an Age of Uncertainty," focuses on religious education for justice in the context of contemporary adolescence and postmodern culture.

2002

Michael DeVitto 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 Thirds Final.

Track Hall of Fame

Faculty member **Daryn Johnson '99** and **Darryl Smith '78** were inducted into the Prep's Track Hall of Fame along with **Arthur Starrs '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 Brosnan '76 and his son **Kevin**, **Andrew Skiko '53** and his grandson **Michael D'Amico**, **Daniel Genovese '72** and his son **Joseph**, **Guy 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 Rapillo '78** & **Matthew Rapillo**, **Robert Whelan '84** & **Kevin Whelan**, **Eugene Whyte '78** & **Quentin Whyte**.

Milestones

Marriages

1982	Vincent Don Vito and Jeanne Marie DeQuiroz
2000	William Donoghue and Victoria Kaufmann
Former Faculty	Armand Laurino and Michele Ottomano

Births/Adoptions

1989	Elle Frances and Sarah Josephine, to Rodney and Seana Watts
1990	Joseph Jeter and Evangeline Rose, to Joseph and Maureen Auletta Marco Joseph, to Stephen and Libby Giordano
1994	Angelo Jeffrey, to Pasquale and Andrea Antolino
1995	Katherine Farrell to Neal and Tara Denning
1995	Ryan O'Malley, to John and Bridget Dunleavy
2000	Liam Taylor, to Richard and Vickie Treulieb

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Matthew J. O'Rourke, SSJ '36
Daniel A. Ryan '39
Richard J. Moore '40
Joseph A. Jennings '44
Dayton E. Smith '44
Charles J. Karach '45
Rev. John P. Stack '46
Frank P. Brophy '47
Richard J. Potter '49
Rev. Joseph A. Neilson, OCD '51
Henry G. Weber '51
William J. Curran '52
Rev. Donald T. Malone '52
Donald J. Quinn '52
John G. Franklin '53
Robert E. Hildner '55, brother of Thomas '61

Cornelius F. Collins '57
Angelo P. Macchia '58
Rev. Richard P. Grogan, S.J. '60
George B. Spach '61, brother of James '69
Dennis Kintas '62
Peter S. Fornatale '63
Wayne Lednar '67
J. Kevin O'Neill '72, brother of Brendan '75, William '77
Lawrence B. Murphy '76, brother of Robert '72
John T. Flynn '74
Val M. Berry '78
Dominic J. DiMele '09
Joan Tolomer, wife of August "Bud" Tolomer '42
Marion Delaney, wife of Thomas '51, mother of Thomas '76,
Terence '78, grandmother of Thomas '05
Helen Lux, mother of Rev. Joseph Lux, S.J. '58

Caroline Lahey, mother of Herbert "Corky" '60, John '64
Genevieve FitzSimons, mother of Dennis '67, grandmother
of Michael '96, Joseph '02
Eugene Kelly, father of Robert '69, Mark '74
Dolores Douglas, mother of Darren Johnson '78
Charles Raven, father of Carl '83, Robert '84
Mary McCarthy, mother of John '84, Daniel '85
William Fazzalero, father of William '85, Steven '87
John Hynes, father of John '92
Ruth Kirk, mother of Michael '97
McKelti Lynne Schramm, daughter of Ellis '06
Dionis Guerrero Baez '07
Peter Becerra, father of Matthew '07
Rev. Ned Murphy, S.J., co-founder of Part of the Solution
Rev. John P. Ruane, S.J., former faculty member



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 missionaries from Europe in the years to follow. State owned, Jesuit run Fe y Alegria schools, founded in 1955, now have more than 4 million students in 15 countries.

Jesuit Heritage Week



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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 Schineller, S.J. Fr. Schineller 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.

CLASS OF 2012 COLLEGE DESTINATIONS

Albany College of Pharmacy
American University
Amherst College
Art Institute of New York City
Assumption College
Belmont Abbey College
Bentley University
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bucknell University
Catholic University
Christopher Newport University
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
College of Mount Saint Vincent
Concordia College
Cornell University
Sophie Davis School of the CUNY
Dowling College
Elon University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University

Fordham University
Furman University
Georgetown University
Hampton University
Hunter College of the CUNY
Johns Hopkins University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iona College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University of Chicago
Loyola University of Maryland
Loyola University of New Orleans
James Madison University
Manhattan College
Manhattanville College
Marquette University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purchase College
Quinnipiac University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Sacred Heart University
Saint Edward's University
Saint John's University
Saint Joseph's University
Santa Clara University
School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University
Siena College
State University of New York at Albany
State University of New York at Buffalo
State University of New York at Delhi
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of California at Los Angeles
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Kentucky
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Notre Dame
University of Rhode Island

University of Saint Andrews
University of San Diego
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of Texas, Austin
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Ursinus College
United States Coast Guard Academy
University of Southern California
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
George Washington University
Wesleyan University
Westchester Community College
Western New England University
Roger Williams University
Xavier University
Yale University



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 send your nomination in the mail to:

Hall of Honor Nominating Committee
Fordham Prep
East Fordham Road
Bronx, NY 10458-5175

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.