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This photo shows the Rowen Athletic Field after the new surface was installed. Lines for lacrosse and football (in yellow) are being added. The white bags in the lower right hand corner are full of material that gets poured into the field surface. Work has recently begun on the new Joe Fox '29 Track. All other finishing touches—including a prominent display of “ram pride”—will be added during August.

The Rowen Athletic Field

by Fordham Prep Staff

One day this past February, Mr. John Trimble CP '16 initiated a conversation with Fr. Devron about the condition of Fordham Prep's practice field in the back of the school. After 10 years of daily use by students—during recreation periods and before and after school, and by Prep teams for their practices—parts of the carpet had started to blister and buckle. Sometime soon, John observed, we would need a new turf field to ensure the safety of all our students who use the facility.

Unfortunately, our backyard footprint is not large enough for a competition field. While we love the Metro North for providing a great means for our students to commute, the tracks present an obstacle to expanding our property. However, we are blessed that our student-athletes have the privilege of playing many of their interscholastic games on Fordham University's stellar facilities.

But even while our own field can only be used for practices and recreation, it is ours, and perhaps an asset in which we could take a bit more pride. Which led to John's other suggestion: As the only major outdoor facility owned by the school—used by track, lacrosse, soccer, football, and rugby; not to mention, every student in search of a place on our campus to run and play—we should set our sights higher than simply adding a new surface.

As Mr. David Randell CP '15 joined the conversation with Fr. Devron and John, a vision began to take shape. What would it take for Fordham Prep's backyard to visually “pop” in manner worthy of our brand and our mission?....What would our backyard look like if it exemplified the excellence that Fordham Prep is known for in so many other areas?....In our classrooms—especially in our new fourth floor science labs?....In the state-of-the-art Leonard Theater?....In the new Donnie Walsh basketball court and renovated Higgins gymnasium we dedicated last fall?....In the 1-1 Computing initiative that will help our students excel in classroom learning (see p. 4).

Athletic Director Bob McLaughlin got into the conversation, and helped develop a “wish list of excellence” with our coaches. We

Sometimes you have to wish big...

prioritized it, assigning A, B & C ratings to each item. Growing to 27 items, our goal of excellence would cost significantly more than we originally projected.

Undeterred—in fact inspired by our vision—David and John agreed to chair a parent campaign to raise necessary funds. About the same time, George Febles and Brian Carney hosted their annual Track Hall of Fame Dinner. The collection plate passed around at that dinner yielded impressive results and a real commitment to build a new Joe Fox '29 Track. A generous benefactor came forward and offered to match, dollar for dollar, everything that the parent group and track alumni committed. These developments encouraged the parent group; new commitments poured in; and we met our goal.

Arriving on schedule and on budget in any capital project is always a trick. It was even more challenging given the Prep's summer calendar, which includes 5 weeks of HAP (the Higher Achievement Program which brings over 300 rising 8th graders to our campus). This would take a project manager with strong strategic as well as practical skills, and lucky for us, we had recently hired Mike Higgins as Fordham Prep's new CFO (see p. 3).

Mike negotiated contracts and he and Fr. Devron both prayed that contractors could complete the work in the tight windows of time they defined. Thanks be to God, the Rowen Athletic Field turf was installed in time for the beginning of HAP.

We are not done yet! A backyard as large as ours takes time to renovate. As of this writing, the Joe Fox '29 track is being installed and several landscaping and branding touches will be added. However, by all accounts, we are off to a terrific start. Please check our website for information about details for our fall dedication of the Rowen Athletic Field. You are going to love our new backyard!

You can view the progress of the Rowen Athletic Field project by watching videos made as work progressed

From the Director of Ministry and Ignatian Formation



Brian Carney



On June 25th, members of the town board in Scott County, Tennessee unveiled the name of a new road - 'Fordham Lane.' Fordham Prep sponsored and built 7 homes along this road in 2008, 2009, and 2010 (on the site of a previously undeveloped area).

A truly special honor for all of us here at the Prep, and a real testament to the hard work our young men have put in on these summer service trips over the years.

This past year, the Prep mourned the passing of Fr. Donald Devine, S.J., a man who embodied the vision of St. Ignatius for a life lived for Christ and the service of others. Fr. Devine shared that vision so generously with all of us at the Prep, as have the many Jesuits I have been privileged to call colleagues for the past 21 years in this work of Jesuit education. When St. Ignatius first began his enterprise, he envisioned Jesuits at the service of the Church, ready to travel to the far reaches of the world to share the good news of the Gospel. His early companions were missionaries in China, India and indeed throughout the world, as Jesuits are still today. He soon realized that through the education of young people, this work of sharing the Gospel could enjoy limitless growth. The Jesuits soon found themselves running a network of schools, whose mission was to educate young people to be people of conscience and compassion with a commitment to find God in all things and to the service of the Church. Over 500 years later, that mission is alive and well at Fordham Prep due to the dedication of the Jesuits and their lay colleagues. I have had the privilege to witness that mission at work in the lives of Prep students for two decades. Whenever I gather in a darkened room in Garrison to hear students share stories of faith or sit in a circle in Robbins, Tennessee and listen to students speak of the joy they have found in working long, hot days building homes for families in need, I cannot help but think that St. Ignatius would be pleased. It is in these moments that our students discover what Ignatius himself came to know during his recuperation and subsequent conversion - that God desires to be with us in our everyday lives and that God desires for us to make his presence known to others through loving service and companionship.

It has been a real joy to accompany students in their growth in faith and service and it is with great enthusiasm that I look forward to accompanying our faculty and staff, parents and alumni in the coming years in my new role at the Prep as Director of Ministry and Ignatian Formation. I am particularly excited for the opportunity to offer our alumni community the opportunity to reconnect to the faith and service programs that are so much at the heart of the Prep experience. Ever wish you could revisit the

Emmaus experience or just simply find some quiet time to pray amidst a hectic work and family schedule? Perhaps talk about the great questions of religion over a beer with Doc Carney or Mr. Beck or reconnect with classmates while helping to rebuild the Rockaways? Maybe you'd like to gather a group of classmates to pitch in with a charity effort with which you have become involved? These are just some ideas we have for helping engage our alumni community in the faith life of Fordham Prep. Please feel free to e-mail me your thoughts and suggestions at carneyb@fordhamprep.org

Our faculty and staff have already enthusiastically engaged our first program for Ignatian formation. This summer, I invited them to read a book entitled *A Simple, Life Changing Prayer; Discovering the Power of St. Ignatius Loyola's Examen* and to use an online resource called *Three Minute Retreat* for daily prayer. I was delighted that twenty seven members of the faculty and staff accepted this invitation. The book offers a simply, yet profound way of praying using the Ignatian Examen. The Examen was the only prayer that Ignatius insisted all Jesuits pray each day, as a means of recognizing God's presence in their everyday work. As Jim Manney states in the opening chapter, "The examen is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God. It's actually an attitude more than a method, a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life." The prayer resource, also available as a smart phone app, is also a quick and simple way to help make some time for quiet reflection and prayer each day. Those participating in this program will gather as a group in the fall to share their reflections on the book and the graces of their prayer with one another. I look forward to hearing those reflections, as well as others' thoughts on how best to address the spiritual needs of all adults - alumni, parents, faculty and staff members - in the Prep community.

St. Ignatius said, "Try to keep your soul always in peace and quiet, always ready for whatever our Lord may wish to work in you and may the perfect grace and eternal love of Christ our Lord be our never-failing protection and help." May these words be our prayer for one another this summer.

The President's Report

In his introductory letter to you in this issue of *Ramview* (p. 2), Brian Carney, our new Director of Ministry and Ignatian Formation, quotes St. Ignatius Loyola, urging us to “keep our soul in peace and quiet.” Elsewhere in the *Spiritual Exercises*, Ignatius writes that we can recognize God laboring in us; indeed in all the world's activity. These two poles of the spiritual life describe the “Contemplative in Action”—the ideal Ignatian posture in the world.

While summer is typically thought of as a time for rest and relaxation, I've been amazed to witness how active God has been these past several weeks; laboring to bring forth our mission of faith, scholarship and service to Fordham Prep students, past, present and future.

The Class of 1964 broke a 50th reunion attendance record in a spirited weekend of prayer, conversation and new commitments to support Prep students who need financial assistance through the Vronis Scholarship.

We recently initiated a big project in our backyard: a new turf has been laid for the Rowen Athletic Field, through the support of Diane and Jim Rowen '82 and several of our parents. Soon, the new Joe Fox '29 Track will be installed as well as improvements to landscaping.

The first to enjoy the fruits of all this generosity and labor? More than 300 rising 8th graders take the field for recreation every day in our Higher Achievement Program (HAP). HAP students, from all over metropolitan New York City, spend a few weeks on campus, taking

classes with Fordham Prep faculty and participating in special recreational, cultural and fine arts programs, including introduction to theater and computer graphics arts. This summer, we are also pleased that over 40 rising 7th graders—mostly from the Bronx—have joined us for the Summer Academy where they were welcomed to campus, taught and mentored by current Prep faculty, students and our alumni who are studying at the university level.

Several Fordham Prep leaders recently met to plan the launch of new affinity groups—the Sixth Ram, for basketball, and the Gridiron Club, for football. Organized by alumni and parents, these groups are planning activities, events and programs that will support our current teams and coaches.

Our teachers and technology department are keeping busy as well, as we work ahead of this fall's launch of the **1-to-1 Computing Program**. Through the additional resource of a device that students will be required to bring to class, our traditional commitment to scholarship and *cura personalis* will grow stronger. So will our ability to challenge our students and prepare them for the expectations of the colleges and universities where they will study, and the environments in which they will eventually work and build their careers.

All of this activity fills my heart with gratitude for you, and your willingness to engage with the mission of Fordham Prep. May God bless you and your family this summer, with the gift of time to quiet your soul, and the wonder of finding God busy, laboring for our salvation.



Fr. Christopher J. Devron, S.J.
President



Father Devron Announces New Chief Financial Officer



Michael Higgins

I am very pleased to share with you that Michael Higgins has joined us to become the new CFO at Fordham Prep. Mike has already been a terrific addition to our team, and I'm thrilled to welcome him. He officially began with us on January 6, 2014.

His professional and personal background make Mike well-suited to our mission, our community, and his new role at Fordham Prep. He has built an impressive career as an operations and finance executive with experience in multi-billion dollar, multi-national media, entertainment, technology, internet and financial services industries. He was previously employed as a client service executive at Nielsen, where he had worked since 2006. He has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1992, and earned a BBA from the University of Notre Dame where he was graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1990.

Mike and his wife Pauline live in Westchester with their three children.

Mike grew up as the second of six children in Richmond Hill, NY (Queens), where he went to Holy Child Jesus for grammar school and Regis High School.

I know you will enjoy getting to know Mike, and that he will find a warm welcome here.



Mission Statement

As a Jesuit, college preparatory school, Fordham Prep's mission is to inspire young men to reflect, to question, to learn, to pray, to love, to serve, to lead. We have based our challenging curriculum and pursuit of human and academic excellence on a foundation of Catholic faith and principles. We seek to be one community created from a broad spectrum of ethnic, racial, geographic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. We strive to include qualified students of limited financial resources by providing substantial financial assistance. Our faculty and staff dedicate themselves to a caring and dynamic interaction with students both inside and outside the classroom, a characteristic of Jesuit education for over 450 years. We educate our students to be men for others: spiritually motivated, intellectually accomplished, and committed to promoting justice.

From the Principal's Office

The Principal's Report



Robert J. Gomprecht '65
Principal

As the school year ends and the summer progresses, we are hard at work with the final preparations for the September inauguration of the Prep's **1-to-1 Computer Program**. All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be required to bring a tablet-computer to school. Each family may obtain a particular device of their choosing as long as it uses Windows 8 and meets certain specifications. We have spent the last eighteen months choosing the type of device, working together to improve the technological skills of our faculty and staff, reviewing curriculum to determine where and how the device can best improve student learning, and studying our future infrastructure needs while making the necessary improvements.

As mentioned in a previous *Ramview*, we formed a Vanguard Group, composed of two tech-savvy members of each department and several administrators, to lead us through our planning. This group took charge of the agendas for four full-day faculty meetings devoted to the preparations. The Vanguard Group also prepared a compendium of technology benchmarks which were approved the Prep Council composed of our department chairpersons and administrators. These benchmarks identified certain skills and knowledge of programs as "essential" for the coming year.

Faculty members were asked to assess themselves in terms of their skill level with regards to the benchmarks. We then scheduled "ask an expert" sessions pairing teachers with Vanguard members and other experts who helped them reach proficiency in the various benchmarks. We have migrated our data storage to Windows 365, which opens up a number of collaborative tools for faculty to use. And, we are experimenting with how these collaborative features will integrate with the work we do with Moodle, our on-line classroom management system.

Vanguard members have also been meeting with department members to rework lessons, finding ways we can enhance, not replace, what we do by leveraging the power of these new student tools. Additional days of training were offered at the conclusion of the school year. Next year, we will offer optional weekly workshops to further sharpen faculty skills.

For those who are interested in infrastructure, our Technology Department has been assessing the needs and making the necessary improvements. Our internet connection will be increased from 50 MBs to 320 MBs, a 540% increase in capacity. Each classroom will be receiving AV upgrades that

include HD projectors, Apple TVs and wireless projection capabilities.

The number of current wireless access points, the devices that allow students and teachers throughout the building to access our network, is increasing from 25 to 65, a 183% increase. The new access points support the latest wireless standard, 802.11ac, offering wireless speeds comparable to wired connections. The connection from the wireless network to our network core, also known as the network backbone, is increasing from 4 GBs to 10 GBs and includes three physical layers of redundancy. And, all classrooms have been rewired directly into the server room as opposed to different distributions points throughout the building. Previously, all classrooms on a floor were connected through one of two distribution points. If a distribution point failed, half the classrooms lost their connections. Thus, several points of failure have been eliminated.

We all know that besides being powerful educational tools, computers can also be a huge distraction.

Access to Internet, instant messaging, email, and games are a constant temptation for students. Therefore, we will be providing faculty with a program called **LanSchool**. This will allow the faculty members to show their screens and audio to the students, to remove distractions such as the Internet, applications, USB/CD-ROM drives and printing, keep students on task through real-time thumbnail monitoring, and to get students' attention by blanking out their screens.

It also permits teachers to assist students through remote control and chat, to assess student understanding in real-time, to provide audio listening and chat in language labs, to efficiently distribute and play video files, and to effectively use iOS and Android devices in the classroom. We believe that the combination of the various tools available to members of the Prep community and engaging lessons involving more active learning for the students will help take the Prep to an even higher level of enhanced student learning.

Of course, the underlying qualities that make Fordham Prep so successful must remain strong. Our gifted and committed faculty, outstanding student body, focus on excellence and care of the individual, powerful retreats and spiritual experiences, remarkable service opportunities, and striving for excellence in all we do, combine to be the bedrocks of the Prep experience. It is in that context that I ask for your support and prayers as we take on this bold and exciting venture.

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Alumni Senior Breakfast

Alumni Senior Breakfast Hosts

Thank you to these alumni, trustees and Prep faculty and staff members who served as table hosts at the 2014 Alumni – Senior Breakfast.

Thank you to Sean O'Keefe '00 for being the speaker. You can take the time to watch [Sean's speech](#) or see a [photo gallery](#) from this event.



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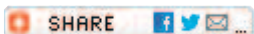


Commencement 2014



(back row) Randall '74 & Matthew Richards, Robert '60 & William Quintano, faculty member John '84 & Daniel Haag, Guy '76 & Daniel Lester, Joseph '81 & Joseph DeLasho, Joseph '84 & Angelo Mascia, Christopher '84 & Christopher DiMarco, Stephen '82 & Sean Melnyk, Thomas '77 & William McKenna, Mathew & Matthew McConnell, Andrew '83 & Neil Casey, seated faculty member Kevin '83 & Conor Gilligan, William McCahill '45 & his grandson Kevin McKigney, Philip '85 & Andrew & Kenneth Dillon Not pictured Thomas '80 & Robert Whelan, Charles '86 & Charles Lippolis

On Wednesday, May 28th, the 236 member Fordham Prep Class of 2014 joined the ranks of the Prep alumni group at the **Commencement Exercises in the Rose Hill Gym**. We hope you will take the opportunity to watch the addresses of Commencement **Speaker Dr. John Lahey '64**, President of Quinnipiac University, and **Student Speaker Brian Cornyn**. There is also a link to a time-lapse video of the ceremony.



Steven '84 & Christopher Lazzaro



Stephen '82 & Nolan Fearon

Campus Ministry Partners with NYBG to support the NYC Compost Project

Every year sophomore members of the Ministry Leadership Team (formerly Campus Ministry Board) explore Catholic Social Teaching and identify ways in which principles such as dignity of the human person, option for the poor and vulnerable, community and the common good can be applied to real-life situations. Among the principles explored is stewardship of creation – the understanding that the earth and its resources are gifts from God, are limited, and are worthy of thoughtful respect and care. Through a partnership with the **New York Botanical Garden** and the **NYC Compost Project**, sophomores have experienced this principle first-hand as they traveled throughout the Bronx to assist with composting operations in **numerous community gardens**. In so doing they have reduced waste, provided compost-commonly referred to as “black gold” among gardeners – which enriches the soil for many in need of produce, and have developed relationships with our Bronx neighbors. The experience



of composting also allows students to get off campus and meet community members who have transformed what often were abandoned lots into spaces that enhance the beauty and the relationships of their neighborhoods. It provides the students with some real stories of leadership and positive change in a community setting while also allowing students to appreciate the environmental interconnectedness that they share in. For example they learn that NYC generates approximately 12,000 tons of garbage, that nearly 29% of this waste is compostable, and that this waste gets trucked through the Bronx to transfer stations and ends up mostly in landfills in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Virginia.

Finally, they learn that they can play a part in building relationships with others to become better stewards of the earth and its resources. In this way the task of composting becomes the medium through which students experience Ignatian leadership in their service to others and their stewardship of the earth.

FORDHAM FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM:

Marking the Centennial of the Start of WWI

by Lou DiGiorno '88, School Historian

The year 1914 would see the start of the Great War overseas, and as the Prep and College approached their 75th anniversary, "The War to End War" would soon draw Fordham men into the trenches of Europe just as their predecessors had been drawn into the battlegrounds of the South some fifty-five years earlier.

The reality of World War I came to Rose Hill with the formation of the Fordham Ambulance Corps in 1916, open to both college students as well as the oldest among the Prep boys. The first wave of Fordhamite corpsmen would arrive in France early in 1918 aboard the wounded *Baltic*, torpedoed while crossing the Channel. Later that year, Congress would establish the SATC, the Students' Army Training Corps, and while no Prep students were members of these units, there was nevertheless a decidedly military air on campus. Of course, like everyone else in those days, Prep students on the homefront would experience coal shortages and the rationing of products such as flour and sugar. At one point, as part of a fuel conservation initiative, the dormitories of Fordham's Third Division, or middle school, were shut down for the winter, and the boys would spend the entire winter at Hughes Hall rooming with the Second Divisioners, or Prepsters — recall that the Prep would remain a boarding school until after the War.

Interestingly, there were a few athletic developments at the Prep during wartime, nor were they entirely unrelated to the situation in Europe. During the War, with so many young men leaving school to serve in the armed forces, there was definitely a strain on college athletics. In fact, a *New York Times* article on January 20, 1918 notes how no less than 85 former Fordham college-level athletes had left behind their playing fields for the military. But on the slightly-younger Prep level, athletic programs continued as best they could given the circumstances. In fact, fitness in general became seen as somewhat of a patriotic duty for the high school boys — keeping sound of mind and body would make them better soldiers someday. And so, it is no surprise that in addition to wrestling, which made its first official appearance in Prep history early in 1918 under the leadership of Coach Jake Weber, mandatory physical education for all students was introduced at the Prep during the 1917-1918 school year [*Gym class*: one answer you probably did not include in that "Effects of WWI" essay question on the history midterm.]

Overall, these wartime measures — from the periodic rationings to the physical fitness regimens — seem to have been taken up at Rose Hill with a sense of patriotic pride. And though the War likely weighed heavy on the Prep boys' minds — perhaps especially the

older ones — Fordham with its broad fields and winding elms still remained an idyllic oasis, albeit an oasis not untouched by tragedy.

Thousands of miles from the home, scores of Fordham men would courageously take up the cause of freedom: college boys and graduate students alike, many a former Prepster among them. Some Prep students would forego college altogether and enlisted directly at the end of their Hughes Hall days. From among the Rose Hill ranks, thirty-six would give their lives in service to their country.

Of them, the following had once called themselves Prep boys:

Sgt. Richard Martin, 311th Infantry, Class of 1914
 Lt. Louis Lederle, 308th Infantry, Class of 1907
 Cpl. Louis McCahill, Motor Train, Class of 1915
 Cpl. James McGovern, 311th Infantry, Class of 1917
 Pvt. Francis McGowan, Medical Corps, Class of 1910
 Lt. John Oldfield, 103rd Infantry, Class of 1907
 Cpl. A. Livingstone O'Toole, 308th Infantry, Class of 1909
 Sn2. Walter Michael Thompson, US Naval Aviation, ex-1912
 Sn2. James Pryor, US Naval Reserve Force, Class of 1915
 Lt. Vincent Brady, 5th Regiment, USMC, Class of 1915
 Cpl. John Cronin, Jr., 165th Infantry, Class of 1916
 Cpl. Peter Collins, 107th Infantry, Class of 1916
 Sgt. George Dunne, 307th Infantry, Class of 1913
 Sgt. Richard Hamilton, 107th Infantry, ex-1916
 Lt. Vincent Isaacs, 9th Royal Fusiliers, London Regiment, Class of 1907
 Cpl. Edward Malone, 307th Infantry, Class of 1911
 Pvt. Robert Mulcahy, SATC Candidate, US Army, Class of 1914
 Pvt. Edward Steward, US Army, Class of 1914

To these brave men, we could add one last Prep casualty of WWI: Maj. John Purroy Mitchel, Army Aviation Corps, Class of 1894 and former mayor of NYC. Thirty-nine years old at the end of his term in office, Mitchel enlisted in the Army Air Corps with the war still raging in Europe. Though he never saw combat, he was killed on a training mission in Louisiana in the summer of 1918.

On All Souls' Day of 1918, Bishop Patrick Hayes (later Cardinal Hayes), the Vicar Apostolic of the American Military during the WWI, would preside over a memorial mass on Edward's Parade for those lost during the War. In 1920, the Fordham World War I Memorial was dedicated at the University's Third Avenue Gate. The names of the thirty-six Fordhamites, former Prepsters included, are inscribed — both at the gate itself and atop the pilasters that line the campus fencing along Fordham Road.

Requiescant in pace, and may their sacrifices never be forgotten.



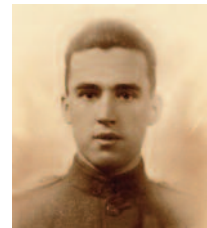
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Medical Corps, Class of 1910

Cpl. Peter Collins, Class of 1916. Peter and his brother, William, were both in the same company. Only one was to return. This moving account of Peter Collins' death written by his brother to their father appeared in the Fordham Monthly in the Spring of 1919:

"We lined up for the big attack at 5 A.M., and at 5:40, just as dawn was breaking; the artillery started a most terrific barrage on Fritz's front line. As soon as it lifted, we went over. Joe was in the first wave with the Moppers Up. Pete and his squad came ten yards behind, and I was directly behind Pete. Somewhat contrary to expectations, Jerry showed no desire to give up, and put up a most stubborn resistance, from which it would seem that he had wind of the attack and was well prepared.

Just as we reached the first German trench, Pete went down, the first man to fall. The bullets struck his left cheek and came out behind his right ear. Death was almost instantaneous – in fact the only movement he made was to raise himself on one arm and cry out his last words: 'Tell Lalonde to take the squad and go ahead.' He did not suffer more than a minute before he passed into the hands of God Almighty, and they went ahead and accounted for the Demon who got Pete, as well as some eighteen or twenty who were holding this part of the line. The fight was a tough one, but we succeeded in our task, and delivered one of the most telling blows of the War to Mr. Hun. We lost a number of good men, but thank God we did our job.

I am unable to say much more about the fight, in fact, what we saw and went through is too horrible to describe. Toward evening we were fairly well established in our new position, and although the shelling was quite heavy, we ventured back to the spot where Pete had fallen. We thought the least we could do was to give him some sort of burial.

Tom Dillon, Art Landon, Dick Murray (a very dear pal of ours) Joe and myself started out to comb the ground in search

of the body. It was some time, as dusk was falling and there were many bodies. Finally Dick found the spot, and there lay Pete, with a look of determination on his face. I made a cross of two sticks, and after making a suitable inscription and fastening one of his identification tags to same we proceeded with the burial.

We dug out the grave in a shell hole right where he had fallen, wrapped him in his slicker and laid him facing the front. After saying some prayers, we closed the grave, put up the cross, and laid his rifle, bayonet and helmet on top of the little mound.

Well, dear Dad, my heart aches while writing this letter, but it is just another of the many blows you have had to take, and I know you will accept it as a will of the Almighty, and though it is a heavy burden of sadness to bear, still we may all be proud of the fact that our dear boy died a most glorious death, that of an American soldier fighting for Old Glory.

All our comrades are grief stricken. He had the utmost love and respect of ever man with whom he came in contact, and will forever live in the hearts of his innumerable friends.

I am getting an exact map reference of the spot, in the hope that we may someday have his remains brought home and laid alongside of mother's.

It will no doubt be some consolation for you to know that the morning before the attack, Pete, with all the rest of us, attended Mass, and received general absolution, and Communion from Rev. Father Hory, and while waiting at the tape, two minutes before going over, Pete turned to Pete Sheridan, one of the lads in his squad and said: 'Sherry, let us kneel down and say an Act of Contrition.' They did, and then started on what proved to be our boy's last journey."



from the 2/9/18 Fordham Ram

*There is a special exhibit in the University's Walsh Library chronicling Fordham's involvement in World War I. The exhibit, **Fordham Fights for Freedom**, will run through December.*



Pvt. Robert Mulcahy, SATC
Candidate, US Army,
Class of 1914



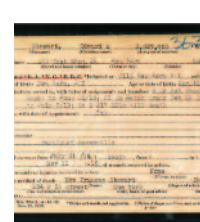
Cpl. A. Livingstone O'Toole,
308th Infantry, Class of 1909



Lt. John Oldfield, 103rd In-
fantry, Class of 1907



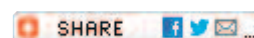
Sn2. James Pryor, US Naval
Reserve Force, Class of
1915



Pvt. Edward Steward, US
Army, Class of 1914



Sn2. Walter Michael Thompson,
US Naval Aviation, ex-1912



be connected

Class notes is the most popular and well-read section of Ramview. It provides a forum for classmates to share news of their personal and professional lives, including accolades, personal accomplishments, announcements and anything else fellow alumni might find interesting. We thank you, the alumni community, for sharing your news and photos with your classmates.

Throughout the year, our Class Representatives, whose names and emails are listed under each class, play leadership roles in helping classmates to maintain lifelong affiliation with the Prep.

So when you receive an email calling for class notes, please send your notes to your Class Representative(s) and/or to **Larry Curran**, Director of Alumni Relations. If your class does not have a Class Representative, please email your notes to Larry.

1945

William J. McCahill attended his grandson's Prep graduation on May 28, 2014, and presented the diploma to **Kevin J. McKigney '14**.

1947

Robert Daley has a new book out, his 29th, titled *Writing on the Edge*. It's 472 pages, describes in great detail what it's like to devote one's life to writing.

1949

CLASS REP

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Pierce Kavanagh practiced law in San Diego, California for 50 years. Now retired, he has written an account of a criminal case he defended that garnered some considerable notoriety. If any classmates, or others, might be interested they need only send Pierce their e-mail address and he'll transmit an electronic copy of the manuscript for FREE. His e-mail address is piercekavanagh@hotmail.com. **Tom Galligan** recently published a novel entitled *The Almega Project*, available from Amazon.com. The story concerns two Fordham Prep grads, one of whom becomes a wealthy businessman while the other becomes a theologian priest who is stationed in the Vatican. The novel is a mix of science, religion, international intrigue, the Vatican, and the evolutionary theology of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

1950

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1951

CLASS REP

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1952

CLASS REPS

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1953

CLASS REPS

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Karl Koehler's fourth novel, *The Jesuits and the Hounds of Heaven, A Novel of the Early Fifties* is now available for sale on Amazon. Karl provided this story summary: "Four boys from the Bronx - Charlie, Sean, Dan and Fred - are students at St. Aloysius, an elite Jesuit college in New England. It's now some-time in the early 1950s, Pius XII is the Pope and the Catholic Church still marches to the beat of the decrees of the Council of Trent and First Vatican Council. Presently in their senior year, no longer are they the kind of Catholics they once were back in the Bronx. Dan and Fred seem to have radically distanced themselves from the faith, Charlie appears to be painfully vacillating in his belief, whereas Sean is more or less still a firm believer. One evening in the Fall, they engage in cynical, sarcastic and at times blasphemous discussions, giving vent to their existential bewilderment in this arguably 'hyper-realistic' narrative. Although the dialogue contains many echoes of Voltaire and the Marquis de Sade - both educated by the Jesuits - the text remains open for a religious interpretation at the end." The title of course contains an obvious allusion to Francis Thompson's famous poem. **Here's the link to the printed book version on amazon.com** where one can read a few pages. **Max Pelisson** gave the following summary of the Class of 1953 Annual Reunion Luncheon: "**Ed Flynn** was able to gather twenty classmates for our

From the Desk of the President Changes in the Development Office



This past July, John Kahl, Fordham Prep's Vice President of Development for the past 3.5 years, left us to accept a position as a major gifts officer at his alma mater, Iona College.

I know I speak for all of us in thanking John for his tireless service and generosity to advance the mission of Fordham Prep in so many tangible ways. John has led a fundraising effort and team which has resulted in annual increases to our giving participation rates among key constituencies. In addition, his spirit of collaboration and creativity has brought our annual golf outing to new heights. This year's outing was another smashing, record-breaking success.

On a personal note, I have appreciated John's warm welcome in my first year, and his willingness to help me transition into my new role here.

We can be proud of the fact that John will continue to serve the Church in its transformative mission of education as he moves on to Iona College.

I know that the many alumni and parents who have gotten to know and respect John, and care for him, will miss his presence in the Fordham Prep community and that we will extend to him our prayers for an exciting new chapter in his professional life.

Fordham Prep has begun a **search for a Vice President of Advancement**. Please help us spread the word about the exciting new opportunity to support the mission of the Prep.

Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ





The Fordham Prep Gridiron Club

As many of you know, the Fordham Prep Football Program has a long and proud tradition that dates back to the 19th Century. There are estimated to be approximately 3,000 living alumni who have played at least one year of football at the Prep.

On Tuesday, June 3rd, Fr. Devron hosted a small gathering of alumni, parents, administrators, and football coaches to discuss the revival of the Fordham Prep Gridiron Club. It was clear to all in attendance that there is strong support and interest in the Gridiron Club and the Football Program.

As a result, the Prep is inviting all alumni who played at least one year of football at the Prep to join the reinvigorated Fordham Prep Gridiron Club.

Admission to the Gridiron Club is free. Just email or call Larry Curran (curranl@fordhamprep.org; 718-367-7500 ext. 208) and let him know that you'd like to join. If you'd like to become more actively involved in the Gridiron Club, just mention that to Larry and someone from the Gridiron Club will contact you.

In addition, we need your assistance to help identify other alumni who have played football at the Prep. Whether or not they wish to join the Gridiron Club, we'd very much like to properly recognize them as football alumni in the Prep's alumni database. Just drop a note/email to **Larry Curran** and he will take care of the rest.

Please keep an eye out for future communications regarding the Gridiron Club. We will be providing updates on the progress of the current football teams, information regarding special Gridiron Club events during the football season, and an announcement regarding the first class of inductees to the Fordham Prep Football Hall of Fame!



1930 Football team



annual 1953 class reunion at the Water Club in NYC on Wednesday June 4th 2014. It was the twenty first consecutive reunion since inception, in addition to sixty-one years since our graduation in 1953. The luncheon has proven to be a big hit now that most of the Class is retired. We welcomed classmates from California, Florida, Maryland, upstate NY and CT, Long Island, and locally. We were pleased to have our classmate **Neil McCarthy** join us so we could celebrate as a class his induction into the Fordham Prep Track Hall of Fame which took place in March of this year. We also welcomed **Father Devron**, the new President of Fordham Prep who led us in prayers for classmates who had passed away since our last gathering and those suffering from a variety of illnesses. The Class thoroughly enjoyed meeting him and his update on the activities at the Prep. They were very impressed with him. **John Murphy** closed the Luncheon with an update on the class scholarship fund, encouraging all of us to contribute as best as we can to continue the Legacy for our class.

1954

CLASS REP

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1955

CLASS REPS

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1956

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Paul Williams - PPPANDPW@aol.com

Carl Cutrone and his wife Carol celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in September 2013. They have been dating since his junior year at The Prep. On May 17, 2014, the State University Of New York Downstate Medical Center presented a special recognition award to **Dr. Thomas Palmieri**, in recognition of outstanding contributions in his specialty of hand surgery.

1957

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1958

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Jim Melican - pelican9840@hotmail.com

Ed Pardon - pardons@snet.net

Joseph Mottola was selected by the Long Island Business News as part of a group to receive their Outstanding CEO Award for a Non-Profit Association based on his contributions to the real estate industry and the public. Joe is the CEO of the 22,000 member Long Island Board of Realtors and the 2,300 office Multiple Listing Service of Long Island.

1959

CLASS REP

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1960

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1961

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1962

CLASS REPS

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At the June 11 MIN (Media Industry Newsletter) 2014 Sales Executive of the Year Awards held in New York City,

Gerry Byrne was inducted into MIN's **Hall of Fame** and was that event's keynote speaker as well. Gerry is Vice Chairman of the Penske Media Corporation, owners of *Variety*, *Deadline Hollywood*, *Hollywood Life*, the *Young Hollywood Awards* and *India.com*. His keynote "Life is Not a Rehearsal", noted that a hallmark of success is giving back to the communities you are part of and believe in. In particular, he emphasized the importance of supporting Veterans causes. Gerry, a former Marine officer and Vietnam Veteran, serves on the Boards of the **Intrepid Museum**, the **Fisher House Foundation** and the **Bob Woodruff Foundation**. **E. Dennis McAnany** and his wife, Mary, recently disembarked in New York after a 112 day round-the-world cruise. Dennis and Mary said the following when they returned home: "As much as we enjoy traveling, it's always great to come home."

1963

CLASS REPS

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1964

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Bernhard Preisser - bfp19@msn.com
John Roy - john.d.roy@att.net

Dr. John Lahey, President of Quinnipiac University, was the featured speaker at the 230th Anniversary Dinner of the Society of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick on Saint Patrick's Day 2014. John was the Commencement Speaker at Prep's graduation on May 28th.

1965

Anthony L. Liuzzo, J.D., Ph.D. relocated to Mesa, Arizona, where he currently serves as Director of Arizona Business Programs for Wilkes University. **Daniel Molloy** was featured in an article, *Science Takes On a Silent Invader*, in the February 24, 2014 edition of *The New York Times*.

1966

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1967

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Richard Russo sent in this update: "My wife Colleen and I reside in Morristown, NJ. I am still working full time, now CEO of a medical device start-up firm in Newark. When not working, I am an active member of the local branch of the NAACP. I am also a board member of a 501(c)3 group providing free meals to the needy in Morris County and tutoring & family counseling services to 5th graders who are failing basic math and English proficiency standards. I do look forward to "retiring" in the future to school & travel, but not now." **John Sheehan** has published his fourth book, *The Alligator Man*. It is published by Hachette and is available for sale.

1968

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Mario Romagnoli and his wife Linda

Launch of the Sixth Ram

The Administration and Athletic Department of the Prep is excited to announce the creation of The Sixth Ram Alumni Basketball Association for the upcoming school year (and beyond)!

The Sixth Ram's initial event will be the hosting of the First Annual Alumni Basketball Day at the Prep on Saturday, November 29, 2014. Come and put your skills on display on the newly renovated Donnie Walsh Court.

The Alumni basketball day will begin at high noon. The Prep strongly encourages any basketball alumni to return to the Prep for a day of alumni hoops games and various skills challenges against the current crop of Fordham Prep hoops talent. College students through the senior circuit are already circling the date.

This will be a great way to say hello to former classmates with the sounds of bouncing basketballs and squeaking sneakers in the background.

A full barbeque with all the fixings (including age-appropriate refreshments) will be served throughout the day in the Commons. All attendees (including non-playing participants) will also receive the limited first edition Sixth Ram launch tee-shirt.

In addition to the Alumni Basketball Day sporting activities, the day will also serve as the opportunity for all Prep hoops alumni to reconnect with their alma mater and hear about (and hopefully participate) in future Sixth Ram events.

Going forward, The Sixth Ram will be the central point of ideas and contacts for the Alumni hoops community. We strongly encourage those with thoughts on the role of the Sixth Ram to get involved at the launch stage.

On November 29th, The Sixth Ram will also be unveiling its first completed project. Without giving away too much, it will be a way of permanently and individually recognizing all hoops Alumni at the Prep.

Initial ideas for The Sixth Ram to consider include (i) reinstituting a robust grammar school pre-season hoops tournament, (ii) hosting an annual alumni reception following a designated Prep game, (iii) establishing a meaningful base (social media or otherwise) for Prep hoops alumni to stay in touch with each other and the Prep and (iv) creating a Prep basketball hall of fame. A suggestion box will be on-site for additional ideas.

Obviously, there is a lot to be excited about and do. The Administration and Athletic Department is looking forward to your involvement in this new chapter of Prep hoops.

Any specific questions, regarding the Sixth Ram and the Alumni hoops day should be directed to **Larry Curran**.

There is no cost to attend this event.



just celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on June 6th (hard to forget your anniversary when it's on D-Day!). After 24 years, Mario retired from the Faculty of Medicine of Columbia University in 2006, and has been in private practice of Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine ever since; he is an Attending Physician in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Lenox Hill, just two blocks from his office. Linda runs his practice and also represents the US Naval Academy as an Information Officer in Westchester County. Mario sings in

the Sleepy Hollow Schola Cantorum of the Traditional Latin Mass Community of Immaculate Conception Church in Sleepy Hollow, and has just started a barber shop quartet.

1969

CLASS REP

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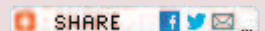
James Moran has been appointed as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of South Dakota.

1971

CLASS REPS

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Greg Groth is finishing up 3 years at his current post at the US Mission to the Rome-based food and agriculture organizations this summer and will be moving to Newport, Rhode Island in July to attend the Naval War College. He will study for a year before going back overseas with the U.S. Foreign Service.



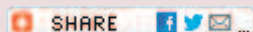


Wall Street Forum

On Monday, May 12, 2014, Fordham Prep hosted the annual **Wall Street Forum** at the Yale Club in Midtown. There were two speakers this year, both founding partners of the Kingsbridge National Ice Center (KNIC), the new \$350MM, nine-rink ice sports complex to be constructed at the land-marked Kingsbridge Armory.

KNIC Founder Kevin Parker and KNIC Chief Executive Officer Mark Messier were introduced by outgoing Fordham Prep Board Chair John Neary '87, who will serve as the President and Chief Operating Officer of KNIC. Fordham Prep President Fr. Christopher Devron, S.J. moderated the hour-plus conversation with Mr. Parker, the former head of Deutsche Asset Management, and Mr. Messier, the six-time Stanley Cup Champion Hall of Fame ice hockey player, with significant audience participation and Q&A.

With a focus on the alignment of the vision for KNIC with the traditional mission of Fordham Prep, the panelists led the audience through many of the specific details behind the KNIC project. From varsity ice hockey games to Christian service programming on skates, there will be a number of methods for Fordham Prep to partner with its new neighbor a mile away from campus. From a career management perspective, the examples of Mr. Parker and Mr. Messier's leadership through creating shared community value resonated among the professionals who have considered professional transitions. And for the hockey fans in the room, there was plenty of opportunity for photographs and autographs as the group celebrated the New York Rangers march towards the Stanley Cup finals.



1972

CLASS REPS

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In December 2013, **Stephen Esposito** completed a two-year certificate program in Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Guidance with The Guild for Spiritual Guidance. The Guild's Apprenticeship Program, founded in 1978 by such visionaries as Henri Nouwen, Morton Kelsey, Madeleine L'Engel, Douglas Steere, Walter Wink and John Yungblut, is a contemplative course of study centered on the Mystical tradition, Jungian depth psychology and the evolutionary cosmology of Teilhard de Chardin."

1973

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1974

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1975

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1976

CLASS REP

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James Fleming, RA, AIA received a 2013 Citation Award from the Westchester-Hudson Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for Historic Preservation with regard to a project at the Yacht Club in Larchmont, NY. The project was also the feature article in the June issue of the nationwide publication *Professional Remodeler* entitled "Viva Veranda!" where the Jim and the contractors describe the challenges of making accurate design and construction decisions on the 120 year old structure.

1977

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1978

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1979

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On Aug. 1, **Edward White** will retire from active duty in the U.S. Navy, following over 27 years of naval service. Immediately thereafter, he will begin work as a Trial Attorney in the District Court Section of the Office of Immigration Litigation at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. This Spring, Ed spent 2 weeks on the Camino de Santiago (an ancient pilgrimage across the north of Spain to the tomb of the Apostle Saint James, son of Zebedee), starting in Burgos and ending (for this year) in O Cebreiro, Galicia. He hopes to complete the pilgrimage into Santiago next Spring.

1980

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1982

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1983

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1984

CLASS REPS

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Ralph Dengler joined the partnership at Venable LLP in its New York City office, where he focuses on Intellectual Property law counseling and litigation. Loukoumi children's book author **Nick Katsoris** is bringing his *Loukoumi* children's book series to television with a nationally syndicated *Make A Difference with Loukoumi* television special this Fall. Katsoris recently formed the Loukoumi Make A Difference Foundation Katsoris created "to teach kids to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others." The Foundation

has received the consent of the New York State Department of Education and its first project is the nationally syndicated television special based on the *Loukoumi* book series. The TV special, produced by IMG Productions, will air October 19-20 on FOX stations across the country. For more information visit www.Loukoumi.com. Based on the award-winning *Loukoumi* series, *Make a Difference with Loukoumi*, will be a fun filled animated and live action special, that will entertain and encourage kids (and adults) to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others. Coinciding with USA Weekend's National Make a Difference Day (October 25th, 2014) and National Bullying Awareness Month, *Make a Difference with Loukoumi*, will feature animated segments from the award winning book *Loukoumi and The Schoolyard Bully* featuring the voices of Nia Vardalos and Morgan Freeman and *Loukoumi's Good Deeds* narrated by Jennifer Aniston. Other segments will be modeled after the lessons in the books including: Making a difference and doing good deeds (*Loukoumi's Good Deeds & Loukoumi's Gift*), believing in yourself and following your career dreams where a child will live a day in their dream career (*Growing Up With Loukoumi*), as well as bullying awareness (*Loukoumi and the Schoolyard Bully*) in conjunction with the National Bullying Prevention Center. The *Loukoumi* book series recently won a USA Weekend National Make A Difference Day Award for uniting 20,000 kids each October to do good deeds.

1985

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1987

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1988

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Tony Fletcher - aqfletch@aol.com
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Kevin Rooney - krooney@cerberuscapital.com
Patrick Deane, Assistant Dean of Students, History teacher and baseball coach received the "Dagger John" Award for Excellence in Catholic Education at the Annual Father-Son Communion

Breakfast. In June, **Mark Goldschmidt** joined the Denver Office of Holland & Knight. Mark is a partner in the firm's Financial Institutions Practice Group, focusing largely in the area of financial services with a strong focus on public and private financings, securities issuances, mergers and acquisitions, bank regulatory issues and general business transactions.

1989

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1990

CLASS REP

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Terence Finneran reports that: "After 2 years in DC, I continue to inch my way into the Foreign Service lifestyle by serving 20 minutes over the border at the U.S. Consulate in Tijuana, Mexico since September 2013."

1991

CLASS REPS

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1992

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Father Luke Sweeney was part of WCBS-TV's coverage of the canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. **David Varenne** completed his 14th year of teaching in the Bronx for the New York City Department of Education, his 5th year as UFT Chapter Leader in his school, and 6th year coaching Little League. He lives in the Bronx with his wife, Elizabeth Mazzella Varenne (Mt. St. Ursula '92) and his 3 children. **James Mattiace** is now teaching Economics and Political Science at the International School of Panama in Panama City, Panama where he is also pursuing his next Masters in School Administration and Leadership. Feel free to get in touch with him at jamesmattiace@yahoo.com



Thank You John Neary '87

The Prep community wishes to acknowledge and thank John Neary '87 for his years of service as a Trustee and Board Chair. John's term on the Board ended at the June meeting. Former President Father Kenneth Boller, S.J. was unable to attend the post-meeting dinner but taped a **message for John**.

During his tenure, The Legacy Campaign, the most successful capital campaign in the history of the Prep, raised two million dollars over its twenty-three million dollar goal. The end results of the campaign were the building of the fourth floor and a substantial increase to the Prep's endowment. As Board Chair, John oversaw the selection process of for our new President, Father Devron. John and his classmates in the Class of 1987 set a new standard and plan of action for endowing a scholarship with his tireless work to establish the Patrick S. Joyce '88 Scholarship.

John has always been dedicated to the Prep and to the Kingsbridge section of the Bronx, where he grew up. He will be returning to Kingsbridge to serve as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the **Kingsbridge National Ice Center**.



Class Notes



Caption - Members of the Class of 2002 Tommy Greason, Johnny White, Mark Powers, Erich Hoffmann, Greg Tevere, Jordan Tubiolo reunited with their Chemistry & Chemistry Honors teacher Robert Moschetta '90 at Erich's had a James Bond Casino Party themed 30th birthday party. Rob's ESU provided music, Lighting, all the casino tables and photo & video services.



David Aprea, Rey Solano & David Bruskewicz were classmates and now their sons all play on the same the little league team.



T.J. Tarateta '91, John Sullivan '91, Tony Liberti '91 and Anthony Forte '89 recently met at Disney World. They are pictured with future Prepsters Leto Tarateta '22 and Wyatt Forte '23

1993

CLASS REPS

Tim Fitzpatrick - timofitz@gmail.com

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John Marinacci is the new Principal at Loyola Blakefield. Former Prep faculty member **Anthony Day** is the school's President.

1994

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Albert Sackey - albert_sackey@greenwich.k12.ct.us

Tom Purekal is in South Sudan working for Catholic Relief Services.

Charon Darris graduated from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and is living in Oakland California and is Interim Executive Director at the education nonprofit, OTX West, Inc. **Edgar Hernandez** graduated from Loyola University New Orleans with a Masters Degree in Pastoral Studies. He moved from Meridian, MS to Ocean Springs, MS and work as a religious studies and Spanish teacher at Resurrection Catholic School in Pascagoula, MS. **James Rausse** was interviewed for and appeared in a story that Channel 5 in New York did about the twentieth anniversary of O.J. Simpson's arrest.

1995

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1996

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Classmates and Prep faculty members **Nelson Ritter** and **Brian Sullivan** were interviewed by Channel 4 in New York during the preparations for the canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II - [Click for link.](#)

1997

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2002

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2003

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Jay Feighery - jeighpeayh@gmail.com

In March 2014, after 3 1/2 years as a prosecutor at the District Attorney's Office in Bronx County, **Ravi Kantha** started his new position as an associate at Gottlieb & Gordon LLP in New York, NY. His practice will focus on criminal defense and white collar defense, as well as civil litigation, securities enforcement, and regulatory matters.

2004

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Vijay DaCosta is a campus minister and Religious Studies teacher at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, MA. He just completed his first year there in June.

2005

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2006

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Hal Mackenzie - hockeysme@optonline.net
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2007

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1LT William Ferguson and 1LT Nick Cardillo '08 are deployed together in support of Operation Enduring Freedom – Afghanistan.

2008

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2010

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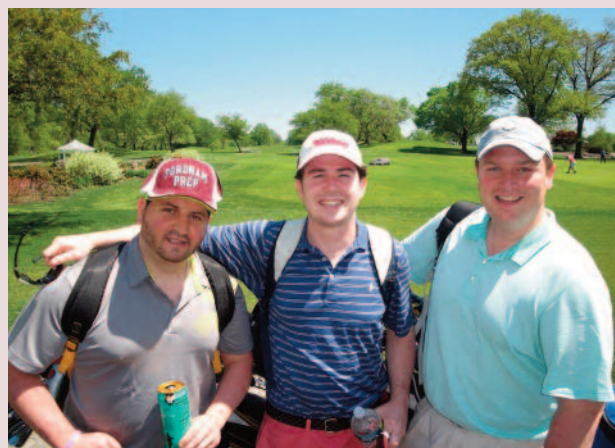
2011

CLASS REPS

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Kyle O'Keefe - kfokeefe@umail.ucsb.edu
Mike Santeramo - msanteramo8@aol.com
Sal Annunziata, a first baseman at Seton Hall University, was named the Big East Player of the Week.

2012

Andrew Velazquez, of the South Bend Silver Hawks, **set a new minor-league record** by reaching base in his 72nd consecutive game. The previous record was shared by Kevin Millar (1997) and Kevin Youkilis (2003). Andrew was recently interviewed by Kevin Millar on the **MLB Network**.



Young Alumni Golf Outing

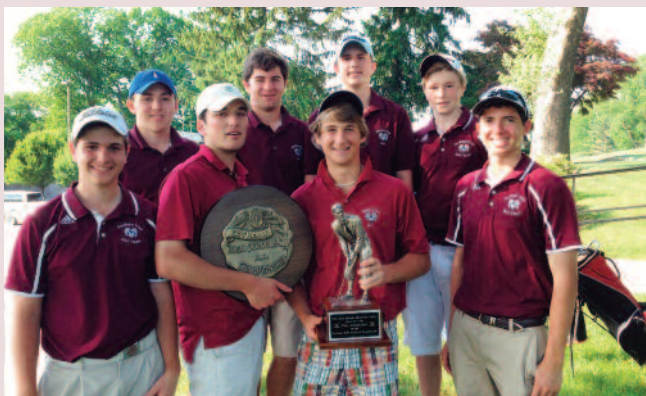
On Saturday, May 17th, twenty-eight young alumni, Classes of 1999 – 2013, participated in the **First Annual Young Alumni Golf Outing** at the Pelham/Split Rock Golf Course in the Bronx, NY. The weather was perfect with temperatures in the 70's and a blue sky as the groups teed off. After golf, the group enjoyed dinner and watching the Kentucky Derby in the clubhouse.



The 19th Annual Golf Outing was a Record Breaker!

The **19th Annual Fordham Preparatory School Golf Outing** was held at the Quaker Ridge Golf Club and the Wygaki Country Club on Tuesday, June 17th. It was a record breaker for the **number of golfers**, 192, and money raised for the Annual Fund and Annual Scholarships, over \$80,000 net. Thank you to the **participants and sponsors** who made this event an overwhelming success.

The Varsity Tennis and Golf Teams are 2014 CHSAA Champions!



The Senior Internship Program

During the fourth quarter of their senior year, qualified Prep students have the option of doing an internship. Students submit their internship proposals to the Assistant Principal for Academics and Student Life during the first two cycles of the third quarter.

Internships may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) A position (paid or unpaid) with a company or organization which has some career training to the students. Students have worked in medical research labs, marketing firms, financial and stock offices, advertising firms, public defender offices and law offices.
- 2) A project which develops a skill or interest of the senior. Examples include projects or research into disciplines such as art, science, history, English, music and Classical Languages.
- 3) Working extended hours at approved service locations above and beyond senior service requirements.

You can view a few short videos that show some of the internships of the Class of 2014

If you are interested in possibly having a Prep senior be an intern in your place of business, **please fill out this form**



2013

CLASS REPS

Tyrik LaCruise - tlacruise@college.harvard.edu

Danny McLaughlin - 58mclaughlin@cardinalmail.cua.edu

Michael Goldstock took home first place in the ECAC Championships. Michael is a men's track and field javelin thrower at Union College.

Faculty & Staff News.

Congratulations to former Varsity Lacrosse Coach **Len DeLucia** on being named Coach of The Year in his final season as Prep Coach.

Elena Soto successfully defended her doctoral thesis and received her Doctorate in Religious Education.



Did you know

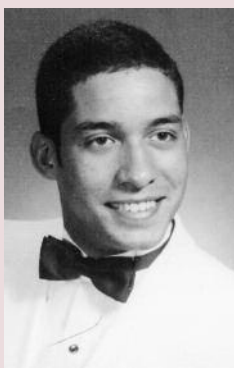
that Fordham Prep has over 5,101 likes for the official Fordham Prep Facebook page?

You can join this list by clicking

www.facebook.com/fordhamprep

A Night at the Opera after a Day at the Prep

In the spring of 2015, the three Fordham Prep Tenors – Edgar Jaramillo '89, Raymond Calderon '99 and Ernest Zalamea '09 will perform in the Leonard Theatre. Details are still being finalized and will be made available on the Prep's website - www.fordhamprep.org.



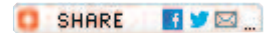


New Varsity Basketball Coach

Fordham Prep is pleased to announce that Brian Downey '95 has been selected as the Head Varsity Basketball coach. He was a basketball player during those years and captained several of the Prep teams on which he played. Brian graduated from Fordham College in 1999 with a degree in Communications.

He taught for five years after graduation before joining the Fire Department of New York City in 2003. He will continue to serve as a member of the FDNY.

Brian's coaching experience is as the Prep's Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach from 1995 to 2003. He was also the All Hallows Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach from 2004 to 2014. He brings leadership, experience as a player and coach, and an understanding of the culture of Fordham Prep to his new position. We look forward to continued success for the program under his direction.



Upcoming Alumni Events

Friday, October 3, 2014
Golden Rams Memorial Mass & Luncheon

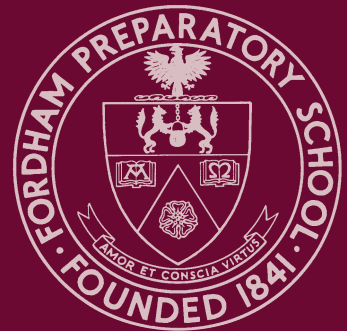
Thursday, November 6, 2014
Annual Alumni Memorial Mass and Dinner

Saturday, April 18, 2015
The BIG Reunion
Classes of 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1995, 2000, 2005

Saturday, April 25, 2105
Class of 1990 25 Year Reunion

Friday, May 15, 2015
Class of 2010 5 Year Reunion

Friday, May 29 – Sunday, May 31, 2015
Class of 1965 50 Year Reunion



Births/Adoptions

1985	Thomas Bainbridge, to Patrick and Danielle Farrelly	1995	Emily, to Edward and Nicole Reardon
1986	Daniel Thomas, to William and Elisa Rizzo	1999	Robert, to Anthony and Michele DiFato
1988	Sydney, to Marc Burton and Nicole Blake		

IN MEMORIAM

Donald F. Bomeisl '38
Edward A. Shea '41
Richard R. Schilling '42
Robert A. Maffei '43, *father of Robert '85*
Charles F. Kilhenny '46
William J. Appleton '47
William T. Mitchell '47
John J. Richardson '48
Raymond V. Charbonneau '49
George E. Kinsley '50
Phillip E. Leahy '52, *father of Phillip '81*
Patrick J. Buckley '56
Walter J. Schmarje '56
William H. Kroepke '57
Donald F. Lyons '58
Joseph A. Ontra '58
Hugh F. Curley, Jr. '59, *father of Terence '96*
John D. Duffy '59
Walter A. Franz '61
Henry A. Daniels '65

Thomas F. Hilbert '66, *brother of Rev. Michael P. Hilbert, S.J.*
Frances Thomas, *mother of William '62*
Gerald J. O'Leary, Jr. '69
Simon Bellone, *father of Thomas '70, Lawrence '73, Robert '77*
Marianna Tostanoski, *wife of the late Edward '40, mother of Edward '72, Timothy '74*
Sylvère Hyacinthe, *sister of Maurice '77, Marcus '79, Llewellyn '80, aunt of Alexander '99, Kenneth '08, Christian '08, Eric '15*
Joan Stadnik, *mother of Andrew '77*
Roy Letsen, *father of James '78, grandfather of James '15*
Veronica McCaffrey, *mother of John '78, grandmother of John-Michael '08*
Bernard F. Joyce, *former trustee, father of Sean '81, Liam '84*
William Howley, *father of Francis '83*
Joan Call, *mother of Christian '87*

Anthony Ajello, Sr., *father of John '87, Anthony '88, Joseph '92*
Michael Dunne, *father of David '88*
James "Barney" Ferguson, *father of Andrew '88*
James Ryan, *brother of Thomas '88*
Gabriel Becker, *father of faculty member Patricia Lee, father-in-law of Paul '81, grandfather of Daniel Lee '12, Aidan Lee '17*
Nicola Toscano, *father of Administrative Coordinator Mella O'Halloran, grandfather of John O'Halloran '09*
Rev. Matthew Flood, S.J.
John Sweitzer, *brother of faculty member Rev. Raymond Sweitzer, S.J.*

Correction:

In the last issue of *Ramview*, we published the death of Walter "Ted" Stanton but neglected to include that he was a member of the Class of 1951, son of the late Walter 1917 and brother of the late Michael Stanton '50