Nativity Preparatory School New Bedford is an independent, tuition-free middle school for boys from low-income families in the New Bedford area. The school provides a challenging and supportive learning environment, where motivated students of all faiths are offered an intellectual, cultural, physical and moral education. The goal is to graduate young men who are academically prepared for further education, inspired to lead their lives with humility, and dedicated to serving others.
It seems that I hear that word often these days. Once again Davante had my king cornered. This time I was on the way to a win, but my mentee was thinking three moves ahead of me. Mentoring is a crucial element of life at Nativity Prep because sometimes the boys don’t have enough male role models. So Annie McGuire directs us with topics like “What does community mean?” or “How does trust manifest itself?” or “How does one develop confidence?” Often when we solve those issues, there is some time for games; with chess being a favorite. It is a privilege to be selected as a mentor, and our cadre of volunteers receive the great payback of getting to know our boys better than otherwise possible. Moreover, our boys are led to think about some of the most critical topics in life.

One might wonder how an independent school like Nativity can raise enough money to operate with no government, state or federal funds. We are not a charter school. The answer is we have a devoted family of Nativity teachers, staff, and people like you who generously donate time, skill, and funds to keep our “little school” healthy and vibrant. The capital campaign is highly successful and in its first phase has funded the removal of the old swimming pool and created a new outdoor play area. The annual appeal at year end has once again made the difference to meet our operating budget, and for that, we give a wholehearted “thank you.”

Our Nativity Gentlemen alumni return to the school so often it is surprising. There are alumni reunions, graduations, spring celebrations, golf outings, and often an alumnus will just drop in to say hello. They graduate, but Nativity stays with them.

Once again thank you for your continuing support.

Jim Feeney
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Dear Nativity Friends,

This annual report for the fiscal year 2017-18 records not only the salient financial details for Nativity’s 18th year, but also highlights some of the personal achievements by our students and teachers. Year in and year out Nativity has been able to offer tuition-free education to deserving New Bedford boys because we have had wonderful partners like you who have woven their time, talent and treasure to make the fabric we call Nativity Preparatory School. Make no mistake about it, this is a special place with a unique mission in the South Coast; however, without a margin, there is no mission, and quite frankly Nativity would cease to exist without the enthusiastic volunteers and donors that partner together to keep Nativity on a sound operating basis. For that, we offer our utmost gratitude for what you have done and for what you will do to support Nativity.

As most of you know, I have been sidelined significantly by illness, and consequently, this will be my last annual report. Nonetheless, the reasons I came to Nativity still exist. There is a need to offer an alternative in New Bedford that will educate middle school boys not only in the classroom, but out of the classroom as well. I have been so impressed over these last four years that the term “Nativity Gentlemen” is not just a motto but is actually true. Yes, our boys leave us with the skills to handle secondary school and from all accounts, they do this well. More importantly, they comport themselves to those values that set them apart to become “men for others.” It has been my privilege to work with you and all our partners to make the Nativity mission a reality.

Thank you and God Bless.

John D. Martin, Headmaster
On May 17th, Peter Kavanaugh was honored at Nativity’s Hero Dinner at Rachel’s Lakeside in Dartmouth.

The three latin words in our Nativity logo, knowledge, virtue and trust, represent the Nativity Prep model and they also describe our Hero for 2018, Peter Kavanaugh. Peter came to Nativity in 2004 as a member of our Board of Trustees and significant financial supporter.

He brought his knowledge of business to a small and very young school and was instrumental in establishing and fostering a demand for excellence that continues today. He established trust with the students he has mentored and advised. Peter is a man that young teachers and fellow board members look up to.
A TRANSFORMATIVE YEAR FOR NATIVITY PREP

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Nativity2020 Capital Campaign Co-Chairs, we are honored to offer this Annual Report with the utmost gratitude for the generosity of the entire Nativity Prep community including foundations, businesses, individuals and friends during the 2017-2018 academic year.

When Nativity Preparatory School New Bedford began its first capital campaign in 2017: Nativity2020: Building our Community One Boy at a Time, our goal was to raise $1.5 million through three signature priorities:

- Transform an unused indoor pool into a safer, recreational play area
- Invest in the infrastructure of our campus buildings
- Establish a sustainability fund

There was a remarkable response to the campaign including an anonymous donor who agreed to create a two for one match for every dollar we raised towards the campaign with a $500,000 limit. We met and even exceeded that match in just five months while exceeding our goal of $1.5 million in cash and pledges.

Headmaster John Martin and the campaign co-chairs agreed to continue the momentum of the first phase of the campaign to the year 2020, Nativity Prep’s 20th anniversary. With a new campaign goal of $2,020,000 and three new campaign initiatives aimed at building Nativity’s sustainable future, we are calling it Nativity2020 Phase 2: Sustaining our Future/Sustaining our Promise:
66 SPRING STREET FUND
Nativity’s sustainability fund will allow us to increase our fiscal capacity to meet a greater commitment to the community by supporting the maintenance needs of our school building and faculty housing.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT FUND/FACULTY FELLOWSHIP FUND
The Teacher Development Fund supports the continuing development of our amazing AmeriCorps teachers who are essential for students’ success. The Faculty Fellowship Fund will support those exceptional AmeriCorps teachers who have been retained for a third and fourth year. Nativity Prep must provide their salaries in addition to room, board and health insurance.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND  *FULLY FUNDED
This fund will focus on student involvement and activities in the New Bedford community through partnerships and experiences with institutions of higher learning, city government, businesses and non-profits.
*A generous donor has stepped forward to fully fund the Community Engagement Fund.

Through this effort, we will build support for Nativity’s future. As we continue to adapt and evolve as a school, we must be able to respond to new challenges and emerging needs affecting our school. We must be able to preserve and improve our physical facilities and technological capacity while enhancing our commitment to our Nativity Community.

We hope you will take the time to come visit Nativity Prep, see our new, outdoor recreational area and join us in a morning assembly. Thank you for your devotion to Nativity Prep during this exciting time in the school’s history.

Sincerely,
Headmaster: John H. Martin,
Co-Chairs: James Feeney, Sarah Rodgers McNeill, Edward Ottensmeyer
INTRODUCING THE NATIVITY FACULTY 2018-2019

NEW FACULTY

GUS KING is from Boston, MA and attended Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, NH. He attended Grinnell College in Iowa, where he played basketball and studied political science. He is excited to join the Nativity community in his first year, and is teaching 7th and 8th grade social studies, as well as coaching basketball this winter.

JESSIKA LAZALA is a first year teacher and is teaching 5th grade science and 5th and 6th grade Social Studies and assisting in the 6th grade English classes. She grew up in Springfield, MA. Jessika is a proud 2nd generation American, born to parents that were immigrants from Latin America. She went to the University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth, where she got an Operations Management degree in 2018.

SAM MONKMAN grew up in central Maine, and attended Lawrence High School. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 2018, where he studied mathematics and philosophy. He is excited to join Nativity, and is teaching 7th and 8th grade math.
RETURNING FACULTY

JAKE BERMAN is a second year teacher at Nativity. He graduated from Nativity, the Groton School and Boston College. He is teaching 6th grade math and 7th grade English this year. Originally from Boston, (GO! Celtics), New Bedford was his home from 2003 to 2012.

ELLA LINDHOLM-UZZI (Ms. Lu to the students) is in 2nd year teaching English and math to the 5th grade, as well as starting as the new head of advising to all students. Ella went to Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT where she double majored in English and Sociology, as well as played varsity tennis for four years. Growing up in Evanston, Illinois, her family now lives on a farm in Hudson Valley New York. Ella is happy to be in her 2nd year at Nativity!

MADDIE INLOW is in her second-year and teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science. She coaches sailing in the fall and basketball in the winter. She is the field trip coordinator this year and is responsible for putting together Saturday outings. She grew up just outside of Portland, Maine and went to Bates College in Lewiston Maine, as a biology major and an education minor.

NATHAN ARGUETA a Nativity Prep graduate from 2008, teaches 8th grade English, 5th grade Science, and directs the Community Service Program. Nathan graduated from St. Paul's School and Davidson College with a B.A in English and a Minor in Film & Media Studies. He is a 3rd year faculty member.

MICHAEL MORIN was born in Winston-Salem, NC, but was raised in West Hartford, CT. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in History from Roanoke College in Salem, VA. In his fourth year at Nativity Prep, he teaches 6th grade English. Mike also assists in 5th and 6th grade Math, and continues as Athletic Director.
6:1 Student-to-teacher ratio

80% of our Nativity Alumni pursue further education after high school
Ryland Roderick ‘13

Ryland Roderick, Nativity Marquette Class of 2013
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services
Premed (Physician Assistant Trackway) Class of 2023

Ryland Roderick is in his second year at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services majoring in Premed (Physician Assistant Trackway). The second year is known to be “the hardest year,” however, Ryland managed to excel with all A’s this semester, placing him on the Dean’s List! Furthermore, in September, his professor for the Stress and Illness course he took as a Behavioral Science elective, asked Ryland to become a research assistant at the Kentner ENRICHTED (Environmental Neuroprotection from Immune Challenges in Early Development) Laboratory. This undergraduate research is immensely competitive and usually reserved only for graduate students. In the lab, they explore the effects of environmental stress (maternal/neonatal infection, psychogenic manipulations, drugs and other neurotoxicants) on the developing brain using rodent models. Within just a few weeks of being introduced into the lab, Ryland had a written commentary published to the online medical journal, Brain, Behavior, and Immunity. His publication is called “Building a framework to optimize animal models of maternal immune activation: Like your ongoing home improvements, it’s a work in progress.”

As if Ryland was not busy enough, he was accepted into the Medical Careers Endeavors Program at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. The MECP is designed to give undergraduate students an opportunity to gain experience in a prestigious Harvard affiliated teaching hospital, in order to help those students make informed career/educational decisions while, also, availing them of the opportunity to give back to the community.

RYLAND RODERICK REGARDING NATIVITY

Nativity Preparatory School of New Bedford is the quintessential exemplification of the communal force needed to sculpt young boys into successful, respectable, cultured, and intelligent gentlemen. The values I gained from attending Nativity are eternally instilled into my character and I am grateful beyond measure. Every teacher, staff, donor, volunteer, etc. focuses immensely on granting Nativity’s mission to each and every student: to graduate young men who are academically prepared for further education, inspired to lead their lives with humility, and dedicated to serving others.  

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I didn’t realize the impact Nativity carried on my life until I graduated. Once I left, I was able to see how the wisdom gained at such a young age is applicable to everyday life. You’d be surprised how many of my peers are unable to tie ties, meanwhile, we were being taught the difference between a Windsor and a Pratt knot at 10 years old.

From 5th-8th grade I was in school till 5:00 pm, taking five different classes, and then back again for another 2 hours from 6:00-8:00pm for the infamous “Evening Study.” Having that much academic structure while developing into a young man translated heavily to high school and even college. If it weren’t for that rigorous, scholastic dynamic, I would not have thrived in college. I currently take five classes, two labs, work as a research assistant in a neurodevelopment lab, volunteer, and much more that seems overwhelming to those who did not receive the time management skills Nativity enforced.

Diversity is ubiquitous at Nativity, which is a beautiful preparation for the real world. Being in Boston, I am constantly surrounded by various ethnicities, cultures, groups, etc. and I know exactly how to be respectful of EVERYONE, no matter the background. That’s a crucial aspect many schools have yet to deliver to their students.

Most importantly, Nativity taught each student how to be a leader. At such a fragile stage in development, it is necessary for young boys to know their worth and to know they have the capability of being a leader. Nativity offered me vast student body positions, the Mentoring Program each Monday, wonderful teachers and staff that embodied how to lead, and multiple other opportunities that would assure me I could reach my full potential and actually make a change in the world. Having just worked in the research lab for only three months, I was recently appointed as Lead Undergraduate for our current and ongoing project. If it weren’t for the years of sculpting me into becoming a leader, I would not have this position, nor would I be in the lab in the first place.

Nativity is a doorway of opportunity. Everything I’ve achieved thus far is because of the framework Nativity built into me.

To the faculty and staff, volunteers, mentors, Board of Trustees, and every member of the Nativity community: thank you. It takes a village to raise a child and Nativity Prep made sure to include me into their family.

—Ryland Roderick, Nativity Marquette Class of 2013
**FABER CLASS 2018**

Aziz Ba  
Devin Brum  
Andon Burgos  
Carlos Cortez  
Hai Le  
Damien Maldonado  
Ayden Melo  
Javi Muliro  
Jerry Rivera  
Noah Rivet  
Demetry Spinola  
Dominique Spinola

**Nativity Graduates are currently attending**

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

- Bishop Stang High School  
- Bristol County Agricultural High School  
- Choate-Rosemary Hall  
- Dartmouth High School  
- Falmouth Academy  
- Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School  
- New Bedford High School  
- Providence Country Day School  
- St. Andrew’s School, Barrington, RI  
- Tabor Academy

**COLLEGES**

- Bridgewater State University  
- Bristol Community College  
- Columbia University  
- Johnson & Wales University  
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
- Montana State University  
- Northeastern University  
- Rhode Island College  
- Tufts University  
- University of Maine Presque Isle  
- University of Massachusetts Boston  
- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
- University of Rhode Island  
- Valencia College Florida  
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
ANNUAL REPORT OF GIVING 2018

SOURCES OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIVING IN FY2018

TOTAL $1,609,340
- 41% Individual Friends
- 7% Foundations
- 51% Trustees
- 1% Staff

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - PHASE 1
151 GIFTS AND MULTI-YEAR PLEDGES TOTALING $1,609,340
- 77 gifts and pledges from current and past trustees $819,970
- 51 gifts and pledges from individual friends $651,970
- 5 gifts from foundations $120,000
- 18 gifts and pledges from current and past staff $17,400

ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
TOTAL DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES AND THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND $1,092,719
- Student Sponsorships $205,000
- Contributions $182,276
- Grants $352,500
- Donated Services, Goods $195,056
- Special Events $133,349
- Scholarship Fund $8,545
- Other $15,993

Funds available for the operating needs of the school total $889,118

ANNUAL OPERATING INCOME IN FY2018 BY DONATION TYPE

TOTAL $1,092,719
- 19% Student Sponsorships
- 12% Special Events
- 17% Contributions
- 1% Scholarship Fund
- 1% Other
- 18% Donated Goods + Services
- 32% Grants
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