

NATIVITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL NEW BEDFORD

NATIVITYPREP

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

A young boy with dark, curly hair is sitting at a desk in a classroom. He is wearing a light blue short-sleeved button-down shirt and a dark blue striped tie. On his left chest, there is a circular school logo that reads "NATIVITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL" around the perimeter and "SCIENTIA VERITAS FIDES" at the bottom. The logo also features a yellow bell. He is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. In front of him on the desk are several papers and a spiral notebook. A yellow pencil is visible near his hand. The background is a blurred classroom setting with desks and chairs.

NATIVITY MISSION

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.



Our Nativity Gentlemen

We have had another year of success at Nativity Prep thanks to our teachers, staff, donors, volunteers, parents, and students. To spend time at Nativity in any capacity is an enjoyable and uplifting experience. The most rewarding aspect for volunteers is getting to know our boys; our Nativity Gentlemen. One can do this through tutoring, mentoring, attending plays, fairs, and sports events. Our cadre of thirty seven mentors is a huge asset and those meetings on Monday nights can be a major positive change in a boy's life.

Our head of school, principal, master teachers, and teachers are truly the most direct influence and deserve our praise for their day and night hard work for meager compensation. Their cheerful upbeat professionalism permeates the entire school experience. Likewise our staff handles the school business, the fund raising, guidance, alumni support, maintenance, and general care for the boys.

Our donors make this all possible. We enjoy our status as an independent non-denominational school. Independence requires that all of our funding comes from our generous contributors. To the individuals, families, and foundations who choose to invest in our students' futures we thank you for supporting this fortunate group of New Bedford boys. Please come visit, take the tour, meet the teachers, staff, and most importantly, meet our Nativity Gentlemen.

Jim Feeney
Chairman, Board of Trustees



This school made me a gentleman. It's crazy to me how the slightest changes in life can impact and change you for the better. —Earl Thompson

Nativity is special to me because there aren't many middle schools that create a brotherhood within the classrooms and school. Nativity also allows students to have a caring environment in and even out of class.

—Diego Garcia



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Dear Friends of Nativity Prep,

This 2016-17 Annual Report recognizes the tremendous wide ranging support the school receives from our donors and volunteers. This support provides the financial and emotional structure to help our teachers and staff create an environment that we know changes lives. Our alumni come back frequently with success story after success story and telling us that Nativity made all the difference. We cannot emphasize enough during this season of thanksgiving how thankful we are for all of you who help us financially so we can help our students. We are not a rich school but with careful management and faithful financial support we have been able to maintain our budget year in and out ending each year with a small and, sometimes, very small surplus. This attention to financial rigor keeps us on our toes as we review every decision carefully.

I do want to say thank you to all those who work at Nativity in various capacities as staff or volunteers. You go way beyond my expectations and add value to every Nativity Day. Without your devotion to the Nativity Mission we would not be able to do what we do and for that I also express my gratitude.

Nativity is here to stay and we look forward to continue to “Build our Community One Boy at a Time.”

Thank you.

John D. Martin
Headmaster



Nativity is a great school that has created a positive learning environment for me and my classmates alike. This school has inspired me and many others to do well in school and also to just be a great person in the community.



—Nathaniel Castro

NATIVITY2020

NATIVITY PREP'S FIRST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS OFF TO A FAST START!



Seventeen years ago, Barry Hynes founded the Nativity Preparatory School New Bedford in an historic building that previously housed a YWCA and a marine technical school. Since 2000, this 100 year old building has been transformed into an innovative learning space where, guided by a dedicated faculty and staff, approximately 170 boys have graduated and moved on to create their own individual success stories in high school and college. From the time that the building was deeded to Nativity in 2013, it was clear that a number of improvements would be needed if we were to sustain and improve a high quality educational experience for our students. Guided by this need, the Board of Trustees and Nativity staff has identified the strategic priorities and projects necessary for Nativity to grow ever stronger, and have laid the foundation for Nativity's first capital campaign, *Nativity2020: Building our Community One Boy at a Time*.

The quiet phase of *Nativity2020*, begun in June 2017, was followed by a public launch on October 27. The campaign is envisioned as a three year project, with a \$1.5 million target, built around three strategic themes:

NativityPlays – an exciting \$500,000 project to transform an unused indoor swimming pool area into a safe, new 4,000 sq. ft. outdoor playground.

NativityNow – a critical \$500,000 investment in our historic building, exterior and interior, as well as much-needed repairs to faculty housing.

NativityPromise – our promise to preserve the School's entrepreneurial spirit and to focus constantly on the most effective and efficient methods to meet our educational mission will be strengthened through the establishment of a \$500,000 unrestricted endowment fund. This fund will provide a perpetual source of income that will allow Nativity to adapt,

evolve, embrace new opportunities, and respond to new challenges, as nimbly and boldly as possible.

As we concluded the quiet phase of the campaign, we were delighted to announce that we raised \$962,000, nearly 2/3rds of our overall goal. Because of these early successes, we have been able to begin work on the highest priority interior and exterior repairs. Also, with the help of architects and engineers, the design of the new playground has been completed (see above). We expect demolition of the indoor pool to be completed in June 2018 and construction of the new, safer play space to be finished by the start of the 2018-19 school year.

In addition, we were thrilled to announce that an anonymous donor generously offered to match 2:1 ALL pledge gifts made in cash between mid-October and December 21st and to match 1:1 all pledge gifts made in cash from December 21st through June 15th up to \$500,000. We are especially excited to offer our donors this extraordinary opportunity to expand their generosity, through this matching gift!

So, we on the campaign steering committee invite all our past supporters, as well as those new donors who see the importance of the Nativity mission, to join us in *Building our Community One Boy at a Time!*

For more information, please contact Claire Carvalho, Director of Development at ccarvalho@nativitynb.org or Garrett Gryska, Director of Advancement at ggryska@nativitynb.org.

Sincerely,

Sarah Rodgers McNeill
Jim Feeney
Edward Ottensmeyer
Co-Chairs, *Nativity2020: Building Our Community One Boy at a Time*

faculty spotlight

REYNA SAINT-LOUIS

When asked how Nativity Prep is different from other educational experiences in her life, Reyna Saint-Louis smiles excitedly. “This place is like a hug,” she says. As she speaks, you can feel the warmth of her personality. “We can let go—and we will have to—but the comfort, support, love, and acceptance—we will reach our goals this way.” To Reyna, these elements of the school day are demonstrated in the little things—the small, innumerable acts of caring educators that contribute to a positive impact on kids’ futures.

Growing up in Ellenton, FL, Ms. Saint-Louis had a supportive web of teachers and family, but, like many people, did not fully appreciate the effect that had until she was a student at College of the Holy Cross. “In college, I realized how many options I had and how much support I had around me. I want to give kids options in education. At Nativity we are about opportunity and choice for families who wouldn’t necessarily have it.” Upon graduating with a degree in Mathematics, Ms. Saint-Louis committed to doing her part in making her educational experience a reality for others.

Now in her third year teaching 7th and 8th grade math, Reyna has imbued the school with her characteristic warmth, optimism, care, and passion for mathematics. Reyna is a firm believer in having a growth mindset, a trait she believes is ingrained in Nativity’s culture. “We are about learning—in all areas—for whatever that person needs,” she states. “It’s about support for everyone.”

This approach, which Reyna brings to each day with her students, has helped enable her to thrive in the classroom. This year, she has also taken on a curricular role, helping the school implement a new math program to increase rigor and conceptual understanding of mathematics to push students to become strong problem-solvers. As Reyna describes her growth and her work with her students, “First year was, ‘How will I survive?’ Now it’s ‘How can I get my kids to be able to solve any problem they come across?’”



JACOB BERMAN

“Relationships. Genuine, positive relationships.” To Jacob Berman (’09), this is what Nativity is all about. “If we don’t care, then why bother? We help each other grow. Support one another. This is one of the most enduring things about Nativity.”

Jake Berman would know. As a graduate of the Nativity Prep Gonzaga Class of 2009, Mr. Berman has been able to experience Nativity from multiple perspectives. As a first-year teacher, he has taken to his roles at the school—as 5th and 6th social studies and 6th math teacher, advisor, or on the basketball court at recess schooling the kids—with a deep level of commitment and care.

Care and commitment is what Mr. Berman believes is the Nativity difference. “The level of care that is evident at all levels—from the board through the students,” he states confidently. In fact, the care of another Nativity teacher is what inspired him to become an educator in the first place. His advisor, teacher, and role model, Mary Beth Ryan, helped him enjoy school and challenged him at a young age, which helped propel him successfully onward to the Groton School (’13) and Boston College (’17).

Now that he is in his former teacher’s shoes, Mr. Berman hopes to bring those traits to the current Nativity students. “I want to get kids to have the best education,” he relates to me during Evening Study one night. “I want them to have fun! The kids’ work is best when they’re motivated and it’s relatable. It’s great to get to see kids outside of class, to play with them, relate to them.” As Jake continues to grow as an educator, there is no doubt Nativity students will benefit from the care and commitment foundational to his Nativity experience.

INTRODUCING THE NATIVITY FACULTY 2017-2018

New faculty

JAKE BERMAN graduated from Boston College where he studied Psychology. This year he'll be teaching 5th and 6th grade Social Studies as well as assisting with 6th grade Math. He loves playing basketball (go Celtics!) and is very excited to coach the Nativity basketball team this winter. Jake is originally from Boston, MA, but New Bedford was his home from 2003 to 2012 and he graduated from Nativity Prep in 2009 and says it feels great to be back!

ELLA LINDHOLM-UZZI is the fifth grade English and Math teacher at Nativity. The students call her "Ms. Lu." She grew up in Evanston, Illinois a suburb outside of Chicago and moved to the Hudson Valley in New York when she was in high school to live on a farm! She went to Wesleyan University in Connecticut where she double-majored in English and Sociology, played Varsity Tennis, and was a writing tutor. She loves reading, playing tennis, and hanging out with family and friends and feels very blessed to be at Nativity!

MADDIE INLOW is a first-year teacher at Nativity. She teaches 5th and 6th grade science and 6th grade math. She also helps out with the afterschool tutoring program and will be one of the basketball coaches in the winter. Maddie grew up just outside of Portland, Maine and went to school at Bates College in Lewiston Maine, where she was a biology major, an education minor, and had a concentration in 2D/3D design. She was also was the shortstop for the Bates Softball team and the captain in her senior year. Maddie says she is excited for this next chapter of her life here in New Bedford.



Returning faculty

NATHAN ARGUETA is also a graduate of Nativity Prep Class of 2008. He graduated from St. Paul's School and Davidson College with a major in English and a minor in Film and Media Studies. Nathan teaches 7th grade RLA and is a Math inclusion teacher in the 7th grade.

JACK DOYLE is a graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology. He teaches 7th & 8th grade Science and 7th grade inclusion for math.

JAKE FARIAS from Marion, MA is a graduate of Tabor Academy and Gettysburg College with a major in History and minor in Education and English. Jake is a second year teacher and teaches 7th and 8th grade Social Studies.

REYNA SAINT-LOUIS from Ellenton, Florida graduated from the College of Holy Cross with a major in Mathematics. Back for her third year, she teaches 7th and 8th grade Math, as well as 5th grade Science.

MICHAEL MORIN was born in Winston-Salem, NC, but was raised in West Hartford, CT. He graduated from Roanoke College, where he majored in History. In his third year at Nativity, Michael is the Director of Athletics and 6th grade English teacher.

LUKE MATYS graduated from St. Lawrence University with a degree in History and Philosophy. Originally from Worcester, MA. Luke is in his third year, teaches 8th grade English, and is the Community Service Director at the school.





HERO DINNER



District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn, III was honored at Nativity's Hero Dinner on May 11 at Rachel's Lakesider in Dartmouth. The tribute was for his investment of time and interest in the students of Nativity. For the past 6 years, Tom has been a mentor to students, provided alumni with internships and has been a member of Nativity's Board of Trustees. Above all, he has given boys the great gift of his time and interest in the well being of our students.

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Over the years at Nativity, I have learned valuable lessons and traits. I have learned trust in this school, and what it means to have trust with one another.

”

—Isaiah Texiera



Brandon Medeiros '11

FUTURE VOICE OF THE PATRIOTS? JUST MAYBE!

Brandon Medeiros has been a radio broadcaster and sports anchor, previously working for New Bedford Public Access Cable Television and interning at WEEI Sports Radio in Boston, MA. Medeiros has written articles for a website he created, GMBSports.com. Subsequently, his work has been featured on various websites such as FoxSports.com and RantSports.com.

Medeiros graduated from the Connecticut School of Broadcasting located in Needham, MA. He began his broadcasting career at the ripe 'old' age of 15, freelancing on multiple online platforms such as BlogTalkRadio and Soundcloud, where he hosted his own podcast.

Medeiros has taken time off from his broadcasting gigs to study communications at Bristol Community College with plans to transfer over to UMASS Dartmouth to obtain his journalism degree. He, also, works part time to pay for college.

BRANDON MEDEIROS REGARDING NATIVITY



Nativity Prep will always hold a special place in my heart. I was privileged with the utmost honor of being accepted and subsequently attending, two memorable years at the school. It was a humbling experience.

Initially, Nativity instilled in me a work ethic that is second to none. Nativity taught me morality and leadership. Nativity taught me discipline.

Nativity is more than just an educational facility. It is a community. Most importantly, it is a family. The teachers and staff continue to be that for me. Nativity genuinely cares about my well being and will go the extra mile to help me become the best version of myself that I can be. Not only did I receive an unrivaled education, but I believe that I am currently reaping the benefits of the Nativity experience. I have made priceless connections with intellectual individuals, who have motivated me to strive for greatness. They have supplied me with the tools that I need in order to inevitably find, profound success.

Nativity is all about giving back and paying it forward. This motto was ingrained into me.

Nativity has, and always will be, a security blanket that I can fall into, a rock that I can fall back on, but most importantly, a place that I can call home. Thank you Nativity for your nurturing, encouragement and unconditional support of me as a person and for the decisions that I continue to make, impacting my future and my life as I know it.

—Brandon Medeiros, Nativity Regis Class of 2011





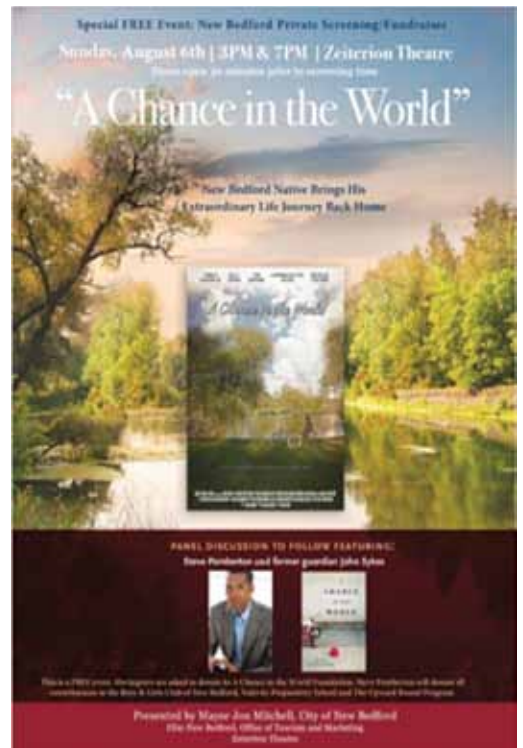
NEW BEDFORD NATIVE STEVE PEMBERTON BRINGS HIS LIFE TO THE BIG SCREEN

The City of New Bedford’s Office of Tourism and Marketing and the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center presented two free private screenings on August 6th of *A Chance in the World*, a new film based on the autobiographical book by New Bedford native Steve Pemberton. Walgreens sponsored the event where Pemberton currently serves as chief diversity officer and divisional vice president for this Fortune 500 company.

A Chance in the World is the story of Pemberton’s challenging childhood in the foster care system. His eventual success against the odds is a story of grit and resilience.

This film is based on Pemberton’s book of the same name, which chronicles the abuse he suffered at the hands of his foster family and the kindness of a neighbor that triggered a drive in Pemberton to succeed in spite of the incredible difficulties he endured in his early life.

A panel discussion featuring Pemberton and his former guardian, John Sykes followed the two screenings.



Moviegoers were asked to donate to Pemberton’s foundation: A Chance in the World Foundation, Pemberton donated all contributions to the Boys & Girls Club of New Bedford, The Upward Bound Program and Nativity Preparatory School.

Steve Pemberton visited Nativity in May of 2016 and shared his personal journey with the students.

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This school has inspired me and many others to do well in school and also to just be a great person in the community. This is why we have core values, such as trust, knowledge, and virtue. Those core values and a positive but strict environment causes the students to always try their best.

”

—Jonathon Wang



HURTADO CLASS 2017

Carlo Acosta
 Xavion Almeida
 Jeremiah Aviles
 Nathaniel Castro
 Diego Garcia
 Derek Nunez
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 Jonathan Wang



High Schools and Colleges

NATIVITY GRADUATES ARE ATTENDING

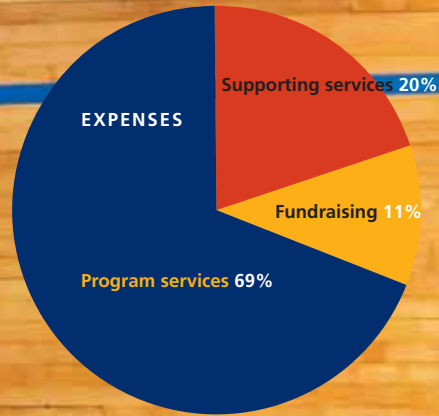
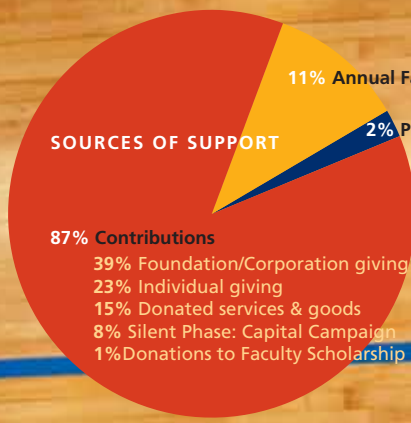
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COLLEGES

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Fiscal Year 2017

FISCAL YEAR 2017 AT A GLANCE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

REVENUES and OTHER SUPPORT

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total 2017	Total 2016
Program fees	\$8,410		\$8,410	\$4,010
Contributions	688,913	\$425,625	1,114,538	950,297
Special events	145,112		145,112	110,420
Interest income	611		611	671
Other	11,272		11,272	12,595
Gain on disposal of asset	6,306		6,306	
Net assets released from restrictions	401,925	(401,925)		
Total Support and Revenue	1,262,549	23,700	1,286,249	1,077,993

EXPENSES

Program services	859,122		859,122	734,366
Supporting services	250,198		250,198	242,004
Fundraising	136,429		136,429	153,121
Total expense	1,245,749		1,245,749	1,129,491

Change in net assets	16,800	23,700	40,500	(51,498)
Net assets, beginning of the year	575,070	2,361,132	2,936,202	2,987,700
NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR	\$591,870	\$2,384,832	\$2,976,702	\$2,936,202

The complete audited financial statements are available upon request.



FINANCIAL COMMENTARY

Fiscal 2017 included another uptick in Program services spending as the Stella Maris summer program was re-imagined and revitalized, becoming an integrated first step in the new academic year by including all incoming fifth and new sixth graders along with new faculty members. Making the commitment to include everyone and incorporate a getting to know you attitude paid off during the smooth start of Fall term.

Annual Program fees were raised from \$100 to \$200 per student to offset the cost of Nativity logo button-down shirts.

At the beginning of fiscal 2017 Nativity acquired two pre-owned mini school buses, approved for safely transporting our students.

We are thankful for your support and realize that as more donors recognize Nativity Prep New Bedford's innovative program work, there is ongoing responsibility to steward your investment well, while delivering strong results for students and faculty.

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At Nativity there is always a feeling of acceptance. There is a warm and comfortable environment where as soon as you walk in you feel at home.



—Carlo Acosta

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