Annie McGuire will be honored as our Heroine of the Year. The award will be presented to Annie at our Spring Celebration on Thursday, May 9 at Rachel’s in Dartmouth.

Annie came to Nativity as a volunteer in 2009 and developed our Mentoring Program. She also serves as guidance counselor for our boys, their parents and teachers and is a member of our Board of Trustees. In addition, she has donated very generously to our Capital Campaign and with her husband has underwritten the cost of the Annual MaBaCh Tournament held at Bishop Stang High School.

Here are some thoughts of Jim Feeney, Chair of our Board of Trustees and a mentor since the program began:

> It is 5:30 Monday afternoon, the boys are in their casual or gym clothes, their mentors are gathered with them in the library, cheerful noise prevails and in walks our leader, our glue. As usual Annie demands silence and we all comply. During the next hour mentor and mentee will discuss and report on the evening’s topic. Our Heroine then and now is Mrs. McGuire who started this “happening” several years ago in 2009 when she volunteered to serve Nativity Preparatory School.

The mentoring program is a small part of what our Heroine contributes. Annie is the school’s Adjustment Counselor, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the Academic Committee. She provides tireless support for parent/teacher relationships, high school applications, staffing searches, and is our all-around go to individual. And lest anyone forget: Annie is a VOLUNTEER!

Let us join together at Rachael’s to honor this remarkable woman who has so enriched our lives and the lives of scores of Nativity Gentlemen. Here’s to you Annie McGuire!
Alumni Graduation Celebration

Nativity had its Annual Alumni Graduation Celebration for the members of the Rubio Class, who are graduating from high school this year. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!** Below is a list of the graduates and schools to which they have been accepted.

**BISHOP STANG HIGH SCHOOL**

Carlos Costa  
Bristol Community College  
*Major – Criminal Justice*

Jaden Gonsalves  
Massachusetts College Of Pharmacy & Health Sciences  
*Major – Pre-Med Physician Assistant*

Isaiah Rodrigues  
Bristol Community College, Curry College, Dean College, U Mass Dartmouth  
*Major – Computer Science*

**ST. ANDREW’S SCHOOL**

Jayden DeGrace  
Brandeis University, Bentley College, Suffolk University, U Mass Amherst, University of Miami  
*Major – Business*

Jayden Trinidad  
Bristol Community College, Bridgewater State University, Bryant University, Emmanuel College, University of Rhode Island  
*Major - Business*

**GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Noah Avelar Fortes  
Accepted to Johnson & Wales University  
*Major – Culinary arts*

Jovani Flores  
Accepted to Bristol Community College  
*Major – Media*

**TABOR ACADEMY**

Tanner Rosa  
Dartmouth College  
*Major – Biology/Veterinarian Medicine*

**TORREY PINES HIGH SCHOOL** (California)

Braden Cook  
California Community College  
*Major -Real Estate*

Sitting left-right: Jovani Flores, Tanner Rosa, Jaden Gonsalves, Jayden DeGrace

Standing left-right: James Phillips (keynote speaker), Isaiah Rodrigues, Noah Avelar-Fortes, Carlos Costa, Jayden Trinidad, James Feeney (Chairman of Nativity Board of Trustees), Ann Bruno (Board Member Emeritus/Nativity Librarian)
Diego Garcia, Hurtado Class of 2017 -

A Future Arabic Translator

Diego Garcia, who graduated from Nativity in 2017, is now a student on scholarship at Choate Rosemary Hall, a boarding high school in Wallingford, Connecticut. Diego fell in love with the Arabic language and has decided to make it his specialty leading to a future as an Arabic translator. Diego is looking forward to doing a summer of immersion in Arabic in Morocco. He has been doing very well at Choate and will have a bright college career.

Diego on Nativity: “Attending Nativity allowed me to fully realize my potential for the future. Nativity gave me a different view of the future that I would not have been able to view without attending that great school. I was given a sense of brotherhood and community by my classmates and teachers. Despite having come to Nativity a year later than most kids, I was introduced and welcomed as if I was already there. There are two words that every teacher at Nativity wished for a student to become – a ‘Nativity Gentleman’. I believe that I was able to become that Nativity Gentleman which is a boy who learns manners and understands how to help his community, whether that be a school or a whole city. Nativity has shaped me into that ‘Nativity Gentleman’ that I will never forget to be.”

“Guest” Speakers

Recently, Nativity students had the opportunity to meet and listen to presentations by two alumni, Darius Cortez-Ricci, Aquinas Class of ’08, a senior at Rhode Island College and a coach for a high school in Rhode Island and Joe Lazarus, Gonzaga Class of 09, a senior at Montana University.

Both young men shared the obstacles they overcame and how valuable the lessons they learned at Nativity helped them. They focused on their goals and how they planned to achieve them regardless of other challenges.
MABACH Tournament 2019

The 15th annual MaBaCh (Math, Basketball and Chess) hosted by Nativity Preparatory School New Bedford was held at Bishop Stang High School on March 25th. There were 9 Nativity & Miguel Schools that participated. Our New Bedford team placed second in a strong competition.
New Bedford Half-Marathon

On March 17th, several hundred Nativity students, families, current and former faculty members, staff, Trustees, and supporters rallied together at the school to participate in the New Bedford Half Marathon and a 2.4-mile Team Martin Walk and to celebrate John Martin, Head of School.

The event culminated a month’s worth of special fundraising, which was fueled by the anonymous support of a donor who pledged a 2:1 match to any donation given in support of any staff member, past or present, who participated in the walk or run. Together, through the support of several hundred individuals, including all Nativity families, participants and supporters raised over $30k in February and March, which, when matched, helps Nativity Prep successfully close out its first-ever Capital Campaign – a campaign Martin helped crystallize.

There was great energy on March 17th and the participation of all involved – including Team Domino’s New Bedford, OSS’ volunteers, and Music On Wheels’ Peter and Tammy Rivet – helped make this a very memorable day of community and celebration.
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Behind the Scenes on Race Day