Our Annual Appeal  - Jay Goldrick, Head of School

When asked about their experience returning to school so far this fall, Nativity students have unanimously shared one simple sentiment: “It’s just nice to see everyone again!”

Sometimes kids have a way of cutting right to the core truth. As the old Celtic proverb says: “It is in the shelter of each other that people live.” Though much over the past eight months has been outside our control, being together in whatever way possible has been invaluable, and for those opportunities we are truly grateful.

Since June, Nativity administrators, teachers, staff, and trustees have worked tirelessly to put the school in position to navigate the pandemic. After a summer of discussion and planning, interpreting state guidance, monitoring health data, and preparing the building, we were able to return in September in a hybrid model to start the year. While not the same as things “used to be”, it has inarguably been a successful restart.

On a daily basis, half of the school is on campus for a full schedule of in-person learning, while the other half engages in the same synchronous schedule online. We have used the gym, our outdoor space, and our largest classrooms to mitigate the potential spread of the virus. So far, we have been fortunate. Students and school personnel have remained healthy, and attendance has been incredibly strong across the board.

In light of all of this, we must remain humble and vigilant. We do not know what the holidays and winter will bring, and it is possible we may need to shift to a remote model for a period of time. Regardless, we will maintain our steadfast focus on our students, our mission, and on a return to a fully-in-person educational model at the earliest safe opportunity in 2021.

On account of tremendous support from people like you over the past eight months, in the face of major challenges we have been able to provide continuity of learning for all Nativity students. When we lacked the technology to operate during the closure, the Board and several individuals stepped in to ensure we could get what we needed. While things were rife with uncertainty throughout the spring and summer, support of the school did not waver. When our two annual events were canceled, volunteers, donors, and foundations came together and made sure we were protected. For your faithful commitment to Nativity Prep’s mission, we could not be more thankful.

As we move into the winter, the landscape will continue to change and our needs will continue to evolve. As such, it is with humility that we ask you to consider a donation to Nativity Prep this holiday season. Your ongoing support is meaningful and integral to our ability to rise to any challenge thrown our way!

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff, I wish you the very best and hope to see you again soon, one way or another!
### Introducing Our Teachers 2020-2021

**Maddie Inlow** graduated from Bates College where she was a biology major and an education minor. She has just completed her Masters in Education at Boston University. Maddie is in her fourth year and teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science plus she serves on the academic committee. She is the Community Service Coordinator and works with the after-school homework program. She will be coaching basketball in the winter.

**Thomas “Gus” King** is a third-year teacher from Boston, Massachusetts. He attended Kimball Union Academy and Grinnell College, where he played on the men’s basketball team. Gus teaches 7th and 8th grade social studies and serves on the academic committee. Gus is also the athletics director.

**Nicole Williams** is in her second year of teaching at Nativity Prep. Nicole graduated in May 2019 with a Bachelors of Science in Statistics from St. Lawrence University. She loves music, traveling, and learning or experiencing new things. Nicole is excited to be a part of Nativity Prep and teaching 5th grade Math and Science.

**Anna DeLong** is a second year teacher at Nativity Prep. Anna graduated from Denison University in May 2019 where she majored in Educational Studies and Communication. She volunteered most of her time to the Big Brother/Big Sister’s program and tutored young adults who came back to school to get their GEDs. Anna is teaching 6th grade English, and she is the Independent Reading Coordinator plus coaching the soccer team.

**Isaiah Ratti**, a Nativity alum and in his second year, is teaching 8th grade English after recently graduating with his Master’s in Education from UMass Dartmouth. Isaiah also coordinates student council, as well as The Binnacle Lamp, the literary and art magazine produced by the Nativity students.
Oliver “Ollie” Sughrue is a first-year teacher from Marion, MA. He recently graduated from Harvard University with a degree in Education. Ollie is really excited to join Nativity as 7th grade English and Social Studies teacher.

Graham Davidson is from Cleveland, Ohio and joins us as a first year teacher at Nativity Prep after graduating last May from Lafayette College. He is excited to teach 6th grade Earth Science, 7th grade Social Studies, and 8th-grade English.

Kate Wahle is a first-year teacher from Hingham, MA. She graduated from Stonehill College in 2020 with a degree in education. Kate will be teaching 5th grade English. She is beyond excited to discuss literature with our new 5th grade students.

Fox Maxwell is a first-year teacher of 5th and 7th grade Math. This recent Hamilton University graduate is from Pittsfield, Maine. He is very excited to share his love of mathematics with his students.

Jake Berman is in his fourth year at Nativity. After teaching 7th grade English and 6th grade Math for 3 years, Jake has moved on to Dean of Students and Alumni Support. He will continue to run our Mentoring Program as well. Originally from Boston, Jake moved to and grew up in New Bedford from 2003 to 2012. Jake is proud to be a Nativity Prep alumnus.

Nathan Argueta is entering his first year as Dean of Instruction at Nativity. Nathan is an alumnus of the school and former member of the faculty. Nathan taught 7th and 8th grade English before becoming the Assistant Director of Admission at New Hampton School. He is beyond excited to rejoin the Nativity team!
Nativity Alumni Spotlight
- Jacob Berman, Dean of Students & Alumni Support

Since the inception of the pandemic, millions of healthcare professionals all over the globe have been working harder than ever before to provide relief to those in need. Their commitment to serving and assisting others during these difficult times has been, and continues to be, truly admirable. We would like to recognize and celebrate some Nativity Prep alumni who’ve been studying and working in the healthcare field, making incredible contributions to their communities. Hear directly from these Nativity Men for Others, whom we are extremely proud of, below as they describe their journeys and how Nativity Prep has impacted them.

Ryland
I am a fourth year student at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University in Boston, just beginning my first year in the graduate Physical Assistant Program. I’ve been working in Dr. Kentner’s Neurodevelopmental Brain & Behavior Laboratory since 2018, exploring the neuroprotective role of environmental enrichment against early-life adversity. At such a young age, Nativity instilled the work ethic, motivation, and unremitting determination that is much needed currently as a PA student.

I knew I wanted to pursue a career in medicine ever since my science classes in Nativity, and further guaranteed the PA profession was meant to be after countless hours of shadowing different medical professionals. After suffering from cardiac arrest in February of 2019, my interest in cardiology blossomed and I began working as a cardiology student at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center to learn more about the field.

Ryland Roderick, PA-S, NP Marquette Class of 2013

Sam
I graduated in 2019 from the University of Maine, Presque Isle. For the last year I have been working on a second bachelors in an accelerated BS nursing program at the University of Maine, Fort Kent. I have been doing clinical training in Maine and Rhode Island.

I am currently doing a preceptorship at Rhode Island Hospital working on a MedSurg floor. I will take the NCLEX in early 2021. Hopefully soon I can look into working at either Boston Children’s Hospital or Hasbro Children’s Hospital. Nativity has given me the work ethic and confidence in myself to achieve my goals, and ultimately handle anything that’s put in front of me.

Sam Carpenter, NP Regis Class of 2011

Long
I am a second year student at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, majoring in Nursing. I graduated from Nativity Prep in 2015, but the lessons I learned from Nativity continue to help me achieve greater accomplishments. Nativity taught me one of the most important lessons in my life, which was how to act and simply be a gentleman. There is no greater impact than being taught and instilled with the idea of treating others with respect and kindness at such a young age.

Long Le, Rubio Class of 2015

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Drew
My name is Drew Hurley and I am a member of the Nativity Preparatory Marquette class of 2013. I am a fourth year student studying at the University of Rhode Island as a part of their six year Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program. In addition to school, I also work per diem in the in-patient pharmacy at Saint Luke's Hospital back home in New Bedford.

It was during my years as a student at Nativity where I discovered my interest in the field of pharmacy, and here I am now 7 years later in my second professional year of pharmacy school. I am beyond thankful for every member of the Nativity family. Everybody at Nativity has made an incredible impact on my life and I am blessed to still be a part of this family 10 years after I began my middle school experience there in 2010.

Drew Hurley | PharmD Candidate Class of 2023, NP Marquette Class of 2013

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It is unbelievable! Thanks to our supporters and friends we were able to surpass our usual event proceeds by over $15,000. Covid-19 didn’t allow us to get together this year for our annual golf and tennis tournament, but of Nativity friends donated anyway.

Thank you,
The Golf and Tennis Committee

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