Honoring Our Past,

Building Our Future...

A Year In Review

(Our Annual Report Starts on Page 11!)
Dear Friends of Iona Prep,

Summarizing the 2008-2009 school year successfully in one magazine, let alone one letter, is an arduous task. Our young men, their teachers, their coaches and moderators, and their families did exceptional work this year in a myriad of activities, all for the greater good of Iona Prep. We reached new heights in a number of endeavors while maintaining our already high standards in others.

Limited to just one word to encapsulate last year I submit pride. We take tremendous pride in our students’ academic achievements, college acceptances, athletic prowess, extracurricular participation, and service work. Amazingly, many of our students qualify for praise in every one of those areas simultaneously!

Some examples of the lads at their best:

The Class of 2009 earned acceptances at Harvard, Yale, Brown, U Penn, MIT, Stanford, Duke, University of Chicago, and many other fine colleges and universities. They were offered in excess of 12 million dollars in academic scholarships.

We hosted an Edmund Rice Camp, the first on the East coast, to serve youngsters from parishes in Mount Vernon and Manhattan. Campers participated in a full complement of activities led by Prep student counselors and experienced firsthand the charism of Edmund Rice alive on our campus.

We enjoyed enormous success in extracurricular activities. The year in sports included an undefeated AAA championship football season, a state championship basketball team, a state championship lacrosse season, a gold medal at the NYS rowing championship, and the honor of having 10 All-Americans in Track and Field alone. Off the field, our speech team boasted a speaker who finished in the top-ten in the nation in Humorous Interpretation.

Our students performed thousands of hours of community service, touching the lives of many in the community, with a special sensitivity for the materially poor. A service immersion trip to New Orleans and the planning of a trip to Peru for the summer of 2010 demonstrate our commitment to serving others.

The highlights of last year at Iona Prep serve to illustrate the good news that has been a hallmark of Iona for more than 90 years: young men doing their best, achieving great things, growing in their faith, and being supported by a strong network of friends, faculty, and family. Join me in praying that it will always be so!

Sincerely,

George F. Teasdale ’86
Principal

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Iona Prep educates young men to be moral, ethical leaders, developing the whole person in the heritage of Blessed Edmund Rice and the American Catholic tradition to be life-long learners, responsible to their commitment of service to others, confident in their self-worth, while being supported by a challenging and innovative college-preparatory curriculum in relationship with a dedicated and caring faculty and community.
Iona Prep’s commitment to providing a rigorous and invigorating academic program continues to challenge our students on a daily basis. Our traditional liberal arts curriculum has the depth and breadth to offer regents, honors, the Superior Talent Enrichment Program (STEP), and Advanced Placement (college level) courses. Students are placed in courses appropriate to their previous academic experience, particular talents, and strengths.

This past year, six students earned National Merit Commendations. Jerald P. Cherian ’09, Christopher G. Dolan ’09, Robert H. Yankou ’09 and Gregory S. Yellen ’09 were named Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Program, scoring in the top 50,000 out of 1.5 million taking the PSAT. Michael M. Cox ’09 was named a National Achievement Scholar, indicating that he scored in the top four percent of Black American students. Khristian Erich Bauer-Rowe ’09 was named Hispanic Scholar in the same PSAT competition.

While our academic tradition has a rich history, we also embraced the future of education by implementing the latest educational technologies, including Edline. This program fosters academic dialogue among teachers, students and parents.
Congratulations to the Class of 2009. Our valedictorian, Khrisitian Erich Bauer-Rowe ‘09, elected to go to MIT after also being accepted to Brown, Harvard, U Penn and Yale. Our salutatorian, Jerald Cherian ‘09 will be attending Brooklyn College Honors Medical Program.

Students of last year’s class were offered in excess of $12 million in academic scholarships and had a 100% college acceptance rate. A sampling of our graduates shows them attending the following schools:

Amherst College
Boston College
Boston University
Brooklyn College Medical Honors Program
Brown University
Bucknell University
College of The Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
Fordham University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Harvard University
Loyola College in Maryland
Manhattan College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
New York University
Quinnipiac University
Stanford University
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
University of Pennsylvania
United States Merchant Marines
University of San Diego
Yale University
and many more...
We are very fortunate to have a faculty who is dedicated to providing our students the tools necessary to succeed in all walks of life whether it’s in the classroom, on the field, or in the community. Our faculty spends countless hours and commits all their energy to the growth and well-being of our students.

This past year, the Iona Prep community honored several faculty members for their continued dedication and years of service to the Prep:

- **Bene Merenti Award**
  - 10 years of service
  - Sr. Margaret Bergin
  - Patricia Gray
  - Deirdre Mone

- **Pro Operis Award**
  - 20 years of service
  - Kevin Kavanah

- **Iesus Magister Award**
  - 30 years of service
  - Dan Poccia

Faculty members (l to r): Jenna Toneatto, Gaetano Vitiello ’02, Br. Robert Harris ’62, Marcos Monteagudo, Dana Pisani and Maria DeCaro.
In 2008-09, the call to service was answered by many members of the Iona Prep community. The service program was expanded to include all faculty members and provided great opportunities for students and faculty alike.

Several activities to note are the service immersion trip to New Orleans during this past year’s February break and the HungerFest on the school’s campus during the Lenten season. Additionally, The Edmund Rice Society hosted the first Edmund Rice Camp on the east coast. Eleven students, two teachers and one parent traveled to New Orleans to work with Operation Helping Hands, a volunteer organization sponsored by Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

The school also participated in several additional service ventures such as the semi-annual blood drive, distributing food at HOPE Food Kitchen, and diving into Long Island Sound in December for Special Olympics’ Polar Plunge.

One of the essential elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother education states that we should “stand in solidarity with those marginalized by poverty and injustice.” In 2008-09, as we do every year, we encouraged our students to make a life-long commitment to Christian service by planting the seed of awareness now. In 2010, members of the Prep community are planning to take a trip to Peru to help demonstrate our global commitment to serving others.

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HungerFest took place on March 12th-13th as 31 Iona Prep students and faculty members participated in a 27-hour fast. During this time, they prayed and participated in activities intended to heighten hunger awareness. Students prepared 500 sandwiches, which were then delivered to the HOPE Soup Kitchen in New Rochelle and the Sharing Community in Yonkers.
During 2008-09 many of our students enjoyed great success in extra-curricular activities.

In the fall of 2004 with the assistance of faculty member John Raimondo the Rock Ensemble was formed. Five years later, it is stronger and better than ever and with music spanning all different genres, from jazz to rock, blues to funk and even hip hop. It has become an Iona Prep tradition that the ensemble performs each spring during the lunch periods as well as an evening performance for their peers, friends, family and faculty.

This year’s group of talented musicians performed pieces by a number of popular bands and solo artists, with tremendous improvisational solos from many of the students. The ensemble taught the students to have fun with music while also learning the importance of musicianship.

**SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)**

Iona Prep’s SADD Chapter increased its membership to 30 members while developing and participating in many different events and activities. During the spring of 2009 during alcohol awareness month SADD members hosted “Grim Reaper Day.” A SADD member, dressed like the Grim Reaper, gave t-shirts to two faculty members and eights students symbolically stating that the person was victim of a drunk driving accident, from that moment the person could not speak for the remainder of the school day. The activity ultimately sent the message to students that daily DWI crashes kill people who we know and love. “This was the most interactive activity that SADD promoted,” said Nancy Kessler, the Prep’s social worker.

The season started in early fall with twelve students registered for the first New York Catholic Forensic League (NYCFL) tournament and finished with twenty students qualifying for the state tournament in Albany. During the season, the team competed at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, where Alvin George ’10, Tariq Adely ’10 and Khristian Erich Bauer-Rowe ’09 were all finalists.

The team participated in the 35th Annual Harvard Invitational Tournament, where Frank DiCola ’10 placed sixth and made it to the final round of Humorous Interpretation. Thirteen members of the team competed in that same tournament and were able to place a few team members in the Octa-Finals and semi-final round of Student Congress for the second year in a row.

Iona Prep also participated in the Columbia University Speech Tournament, where four Iona speakers advanced into the elimination rounds. Brendan O’ Grady ’09 placed second in Student Congress. Overall, the team finished fourth at the NYCFL Grand Tournament held at Stuyvesant High School and qualified four students for the NCFL National Tournament.
This past summer, Iona Prep hosted its first lacrosse camp for 85 campers from third through ninth grade. The camp director – Rick Trizano, head coach of the Iona Prep Varsity Lacrosse team was assisted by both current and former Iona Prep lacrosse players. The camp was designed to provide lacrosse skills training, improve their lacrosse acumen, and at the same time, introduce the beautiful campus of Iona Prep to these young men. Fortunately for the campers, the weather was beautiful, and in addition to the lacrosse skills and drills, the camp counselors found time to include some lacrosse fun.

Throughout the summer, Iona Prep hosted a number of different camps for youngsters looking to enhance both their academic skills and their athletic skills, namely the Scholar Athlete Camp (SAC), as well as baseball, basketball and lacrosse camps.

The Scholar Athlete Camp offers carefully selected, non-traditional academics for young boys, entering grades 5, 6, 7 and 8, in the areas of science, math, foreign languages and art while developing and enhancing skills in popular team sports.

Skills acquired in art, electronics and astronomy courses were utilized as campers built robots and launched rockets. In preparation for the high school entrance exam, there was a TACHS strategy and a math class while other classes offered included creative writing and journalism.

SAC also exposed campers to a variety of athletics from team handball, volleyball, and tennis, to the more familiar sports of soccer, baseball, basketball and lacrosse. SAC gave each camper, regardless of his skill level, the opportunity to select a variety of sports.

“We weren’t interested in a competitive athletic camp, but rather a total learning experience that included non-traditional academics and the opportunity for campers to try sports they have never played before,” said Director Ann Slocum.

At the Iona Prep baseball camp, campers learn the fundamentals of the game from Fred Gallo, who has been the head baseball coach at Iona Prep for 25 years. Assisted by his junior varsity and varsity coaches, Gallo held various baseball-related activities on our full baseball field, our practice infield, two batting cages and four pitching mounds.

The Iona Prep basketball camp was designed as a fun-filled environment for grade school students interested in learning about the fundamentals of the game. Iona Prep varsity coach Vic Quirolo emphasized teamwork, responsibility and discipline. Campers received excellent personal instruction from well-qualified high school coaches and teachers in the fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, defense, passing and rebounding.
Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends of Iona Prep,

For more than 90 years, Iona Prep has empowered young men to develop intellectual curiosity, to work for social justice and to act with integrity and compassion. Our young men are leaders and are making a difference in the world today. Since our early years on North Avenue, we have been blessed with faithful partners like you who support our mission. Your generous gifts continue to keep our tuition low, provide for campus improvement projects, and enable professional training/education for our teachers and staff. Most importantly your contributions allow us to provide merit scholarships and financial assistance to our deserving students both today and in the future.

The Office of Advancement at Iona Prep is dedicated to advancing the Christian Brothers mission through a variety of activities and programs. Our fundraising efforts support the academic, capital and endowment needs to create a learning environment that is optimal for our students. We accomplish this through our annual fund - Honoring our Past, Building our Future..., our special events-such as the annual golf outing and president’s dinner, and through planned giving.

On behalf of the entire Iona Prep community I thank you for supporting our school and making a sound investment in the future of our young men. The dividends your investment reaps are seen in the success of our alumni.

Sincerely,

Barbara Robertson P '05, '08
Chief Advancement Officer

A few highlights from the Advancement Office:
• Donations to all funds (unrestricted and restricted) totaled $1,669,116
• We received 172 new gifts to the annual fund
• One new endowed fund-The Justin Samela Miceli Memorial Scholarship was formed.
• Tuition assistance surpassed its projected budgeted amount by 63%
• Received a bequest from the estate of William F. Reilly '55
• The Mothers’ Auxiliary provided $20,000 to the school’s endowment and $32,000 for the purchase of SMARTBoards.
• The Fathers’ Council provided $11,950 for the purchase of additional SMARTBoards
• Launched the new Iona Prep website

Support & Revenue
Tuition $9,600,165
(Registration, Fees, Driver Education)
Annual Fund & Special Events $924,877
(Contributions, Parents Clubs)
Contributed & Mandated Services $675,399
(IP Community of Christian Bros, NYS)
Auxiliary Programs, Interest & Other Income $728,376
(Bookstore, Cafeteria, Transportation)
Total $11,928,817

Expenses
Instructional $6,352,089
(Salaries, Benefits, Equipment)
Administration & Institutional Support $1,553,102
(Salaries, Benefits, Insurance, Telephone, Printing & Postage)
Student Activities $1,049,510
(Athletics, Clubs, Supplies, Transportation)
Operations & Maintenance $1,117,289
(Maintenance, Repairs & Utilities)
Scholarship & Financial Aid $1,203,657
Purchase of Fixed Assets $653,170
Total $11,928,817

Financials
Tuition 80%
Auxiliary Programs, Interest & Other Income 6%
Scholarship & Financial Aid 10%
Student Activities 9%
Purchase of Fixed Assets 6%
Operations & Maintenance 9%
Contributed & Mandated Services 6%
Administration & Institutional Support 13%
On May 7, 2009, Iona Prep hosted its President’s Dinner at Westchester Country Club honoring William F. Reilly ’55, posthumously. Mr. Reilly was always grateful to the Christian Brothers for providing a solid Catholic foundation which ultimately shaped his future.

The former CEO and chairman of PRIMEDIA, Mr. Reilly was a successful media executive, philanthropist, collector, veteran and mentor to many friends and colleagues.

Joined by Mr. Reilly’s family, along with co-chairs Mrs. Robert McCooey, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tokarz and chairman of the board Dr. Wallace Carter ’73 many members of the Iona Prep community spoke about how much Mr. Reilly loved and cherished Iona Prep, how he embodied the Christian Brothers’ philosophy and Edmund Rice’s mission by committing himself to helping others. Mr. Reilly’s dedication to the principles and ideals that were instilled in him at Iona Prep were also instrumental to his successful business career that saw him as President of Macmillan, Inc., a book publisher that owned Katherine Gibbs Schools, the Berlitz language schools; founder of K-III Communications, a media company that became one of the country’s largest publishing companies; and founder of two other media companies, Auerlien Communications and Summit Business Media.

Mr. Reilly’s children, Tony Reilly and Jane Reilly Mount shared these thoughts about their father’s time at the Prep, “Our father loved Iona Prep. He never forgot the importance of Iona, the college placement record, the academic and athletic successes, and most importantly the thriving nature of a Catholic education. Iona will always be special to us.”

A special thanks to co-chairs Mrs. Robert McCooey, Sr., Michael & Nancy Tokarz and the dinner committee members. Ultimately, this event celebrated the great life of William F. Reilly while advancing the mission of Iona Prep.

We are most grateful to our dinner sponsors:

- Dr. & Mrs. Wallace Carter, Jr. ’73
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank DiCola
- Mr. & Mrs. James Egan ’76
- Mr. & Mrs. William Gray, Jr. ’73
- Mr. & Mrs. William P. Harrington ’75
- Bleakley Platt & Schmidt
- Mr. James Henry
- Mr. & Mrs. Timothy J. Joyce ’65
- Mr. & Mrs. Alfred F. Kelly, Jr. ’76
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mara ’78
- Mrs. Robert McCooey, Sr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Mathew McConnell
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul McEvoy ’71
- Mr. John J. McMenomen & Dr. Regina Guifrida
- Mr. & Mrs. Rick Nasti
- Mr. & Mrs. James Sullivan ’77
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tokarz

We are most grateful to our dinner sponsors:
Success in athletic endeavors is an important and coveted benchmark for the fulfillment of building one’s mind, body and soul. Iona Prep’s accomplishments in sports during the 2008-09 school year provided our student/athletes with a rich harvest of athletic achievements that we all can build on for the future:

- **Varsity Football** – CHSFL Undefeated Champions
- **Soccer** – CHSAA Division Champions
- **Track** – Westchester County Indoor Champions
  - 10 All-Americans
- **Basketball** – Division Champions
  - CHSAA City/League Champions
  - N.Y. State Catholic Champions – 1st time in school history
- **Lacrosse** – CHSAA Champions
  - Metro Champions
- **Rowing** – Gold medal at NYS Rowing Championship

The year in sports at the Prep also boasted a number of other accomplishments such as:

- First school in the tri-state area to have three sports on MSG Television this year: football (twice), lacrosse (twice) and basketball
- The school had 9 All-Americans (1 swimming, 1 lacrosse, and 8 track) and 10 All-State athletes (4 football, 3 wrestling, and 3 basketball)

Due to their success, on and off the field, the following 2009 Iona Prep grads signed national letters of intent thereby committing to play at various colleges:

### Football
- **Christopher Alfano** - Merrimack
- **Nicholas Biagioni** - RPI
- **Darlos James** - University of Maine

### Basketball
- **Andre Pope ’09** - College of Saint Rose

### Baseball
- **Tyler Donovan** - Winthrop University
- **Peter Ladis** - Iona College
- **Steven Roche** - High Point University

### Track & Field
- **Sean Fuster** - Geneseo State
- **Sean Halpin** - University of Albany
- **Kyle Sheppard** - Holy Cross

### Lacrosse
- **Myles Gillespie** - Holy Cross
- **Augustus Guido** - University of Hartford
- **Mike O’Hagan** - Marist College
- **Christopher Jackson** - Bentley College
- **Nick Trizano** - Drexel University

### Crew
- **Brendan O’Grady ’09** - Iona College
- **Brendan Murphy ’09** - Syracuse University
The Iona Prep rowing team was re-started in 2007 after a 20 year hiatus when two students, John Verni Jr. ’08 and Brendan Murphy ’09, asked Athletic Director Bernie Mahoney if they could start a team. Mr. Mahoney told them if they could prove enough students were interested; he would consider it on trial basis.

John and Brendan held their first meeting with 30 eager potential rowers. They also enlisted the help of their fathers – John Verni, Sr. ’80, who is a board member of Iona Prep and helped garner support from the school administration for a new rowing team, and Kevin Murphy who was a rower himself and coaches elite rowers at the New York Athletic Club. Very importantly, the boys learned that Brad Maxwell, Iona Prep’s athletic trainer, had rowed in college and was willing to coach the team.

The team started practices in the spring of 2007 with borrowed boats at an old boathouse on the Long Island Sound. Every morning the rowers arrived at the Prep by 5:15 am, were on the water by 6:00 am, rowed for 1-1/2 hours, and then were back at school by 8:00 am. That first season 20 members showed up religiously. Most had never rowed before. During their first couple of regattas the team barely made it down the course!

In the winter of 2008, the crew team started their indoor training with Coach Maxwell. Weightlifting, isometric training, “erging” on the stationery rowing machines, indoor rowing tanks at Sarah Lawrence College, and even running on the snow-covered track got the boys ready for the season. By March, there were 35 team members ready to get onto the water.

The spring of 2008, began to come together for the Iona Prep Crew. At the New York State Championships in Saratoga, the varsity 4+ of Brendan Murphy ’09, Teddy Truesdale ’09, Brendan O’Grady ’09, and Henry Clark ’08 with Christopher Leonard ’10 as the coxswain made the finals and took fourth in New York state.

At the 2009 New York State Championships, the Varsity 4+ took silver medals. The Junior Varsity 4+ surprised everyone and won the gold at the New York State Championships.

Also amazing is that two of the seniors from that 2008 team went on to row in college - John Verni, Jr. rows at Hamilton College and Henry Clark rows for Georgetown University.

The future is bright for the Iona Prep Crew. They will be rowing out of the new boathouse located on Glen Island and the size and quality of the program is growing. The team has a solid group of veterans returning for the 2010 season and several freshmen have already expressed an interest in joining the team.

John Verni’s hope “Is that crew has taken hold at Iona Prep and is here to stay. The self-discipline required for crew, especially the early morning workouts, teaches the boys much more about themselves and about life than just rowing up and down the Sound. It teaches them to pull their weight, to work as a team, and to never give up.”

A special thanks to all the parents of the Iona Prep rowing team, who have braved the early mornings in frigid temperatures to get the boys to the practices and the regattas. Thanks to the Leonard, McAleer, and Walsh families, and to the administration of Iona Prep, who have fully embraced the re-birth of the Iona Prep Crew program.
There is something special about an Iona man, if you are one, if you know one, you know what we mean?

Our alums believe that the mission of Edmund Rice will always be in their hearts and that contributing to society as a whole makes the world we live in a much better place.

Br. James A. Liguori ’61

The headmaster at Iona Prep from 1981-1989, Br. James A. Liguori is an extraordinary administrator. Under his leadership, the school was accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The Prep’s physical facilities were enhanced with the additions of the D’Urso Technology Center, the Paul Verni Fine Arts Center, the Riordan Track, Petirillo Field, and the Froman Tennis Courts. Br. Liguori started Iona’s advancement office and also inaugurated the Prep’s Alumni Association and the Board of Directors.

Br. Liguori, currently the president of Iona College, and interim president of Iona Prep, was chosen by the Westchester County Association and The Journal News/Lohud as the Westchester County Business Leader of the Year. The award recognizes Br. Liguori’s 14-year stewardship of Iona College and his efforts to steer Iona through the recession. Br. Liguori, who has been an academic administrator for 40 years, has helped Iona College to be recognized as one of the best northeastern colleges.

As president of Iona College, Br. Liguori’s leadership has been instrumental in establishing an $82 million capital campaign, developing an ambitious building program, starting an endowment for more than 23 scholarship funds and advocating for accreditation of its academic departments.

Br. Robert Harris ’62

Br. Robert Harris, CFC ’62 was the recipient of the Alumni Award at Iona Prep’s 90th commencement on May 21, 2009.

After graduating from Iona Prep, Brother Harris joined the Christian Brothers. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Iona College and a masters in physics from the University of Notre Dame. Throughout the years he has taught at Monsignor Farrell in Staten Island, Essex Catholic in Newark, Catholic Memorial in Boston and Iona Prep.

He was assigned to Iona Prep from 1979 to 1990, during that time he served as maintenance director, chair of the science department, and supervised the construction of the D’Urso and Verni centers. His next assignment was teaching at another Christian Brothers School, Catholic Memorial. Br. Harris returned to Iona Prep in 2004 and currently teaches physics, electronics and robotics. In addition to serving as Iona Prep’s Campus Minister (coordinating our school liturgies and moderating the Edmund Rice Society), he is one of our resident photographers and provided many of the images in this publication.

Br. Harris’ exemplary commitment to service and making a difference in the lives of students is apparent with his presence in front of the student entrance every morning, and his volunteering to join student activities- when he fasted for 27 hours as part of Hungerfest. According to alumni association president Scott Cade ’90, “Br. Harris lives and breathes the Iona Prep mission and vision through his demonstrated service and untiring efforts, He has and will continue to be a moral and ethical Iona Prep leader.”
John K. Mara ’72

This past spring, John Mara ’72 and his wife Denise were awarded the Holy Child Medal for their service and dedication to School of the Holy Child. John and Denise have been members of the Holy Child community since the first of their four daughters started at the school in 1993. Mr. Mara co-owner of the NY Football Giants has served as vice chair on the school’s board of trustees for the last decade. During his tenure, School of the Holy Child has seen exceptional growth from the expansion of facilities to the development of an innovative curriculum, which has resulted in exponential growth in admissions. John Mara’s commitment to Catholic education is nothing new, nor limited to Holy Child. John served on the Iona Prep’s Board of Directors from 1986 through 2001. School of the Holy Child and Iona Prep are just two of the many organizations that have been fortunate to receive the generous and loyal support of the Mara Family.

Michael Delaney ’94

Michael Delaney ’94 had quite the start to 2009. Detective Delaney was the first diver from the New York City Police (NYPD) Department Harbor Scuba team to jump from a helicopter and rescue a water-logged passenger when US Airways Flight 1549 made an emergency landing in the icy waters of the Hudson River. As a result of his heroic actions, Michael received The Mayor’s Certificate of Honor. At a ceremony for the NYPD’s and FDNY’s Mayor Bloomberg stated: “We live in a city filled with people who are able to face any challenge, and overcome any obstacle, when they work together. That makes me so proud to be a New Yorker today and every day. Our Finest and Bravest, made split second decisions that resulted in a dramatic rescue.”

Shortly after the rescue, the Prep asked Detective Delaney to return and address the Class of 2011 on his epic rescue and grueling experiences of the day. What was obviously heroic to everyone else was just a part of daily life for Delaney as he said “This is what I do for a living. It was just a busy day at work.”
The Iona Prep Alumni have continuously supported our great school in so many ways. The 2008-2009 school year saw our alums regularly participating in our activities. In addition to the impromptu reunions that occurred on the hill while watching our undefeated football team, our alumni returned to the Prep for many events including:

**Reunion Weekend for classes ending in ’3s and ’8s:** Many of our alums returned to reminisce about “the old days”. High attendance was seen in the classes of 1983 and 1958 for their 25th and 50th respectively. The Class of 1958 was welcomed into the Golden Gaels and was recognized at the Golden Gaels Brunch. Special thanks to Joe Blaney from the class ’83 and Hank Kiernan, Dick Dolce and Tom Vinton from the class of ’58 who were responsible for the great turnout of the classes.

**Career Visits:** Throughout the course of the school year, many of our alumni returned to share their life experiences with our students. In the fall and in honor of Veteran’s Day, Lt. Col. Walter Powers ’85, Sgt. James Maisano ’81 and Lt. Col. Glenn Sadowski ’85 spoke to the Class of 2009, sharing their military experiences. January came and our sophomores were fortunate to hear first hand from Police Officer, Michael Delaney ’94 who came to share his story of being a first responder to “Miracle on the Hudson”. In the spring our seniors were visited by Anwar Shanahan ’97 of the Secret Service. Not only did Anwar share his stories of guarding President Obama while he was campaigning, Anwar drove to the Prep in a presidential limousine. The year of visits ended with career week during which time many of our alums returned to speak to our students; sharing their life experiences as well as giving our students a few tips on how to make it in the real world. We are grateful to Ray Bartoszek ’82, Guy Campanile ’87, Jeff Daniele ’92, Gerry Houlihan ’75, Rob Inesta ’95, Charles Jones ’67, Fabian Lopez ’99, John McCarthy ’79, Barry Mitchell ’83, Tom Salta ’89, Joe Vuto ’82, and Bob Zaccagnino ’82 for sharing their words of wisdom to our students.

*Ray Bartoszek ’82*
Varsity B Reunion: During the Christmas break, Coach Frank Conroy ’75, hosted his annual game and reunion. Coach Conroy has been coaching Varsity B since 1995. Members of every team were represented and enjoyed some “hoops” and camaraderie.

Iona vs. Stepinac: Our alumni joined us on February 5th to watch our varsity basketball team defeat Stepinac. A special half-time event occurred when our football team was recognized for their undefeated season. A post-game reception was held for our alums and their families.

Steak, Cigars and Basketball: It wouldn’t be the NCAA Championship game without our alumni gathering to watch. Over 85 alums gathered at the Siwanoy Country Club to watch North Carolina defeated Michigan. Special thanks to Darin Gillenwater ’86 for taking care of the technical needs of the televisions. We couldn’t have watched without you.

Spring Golf Outing: Because of the hard work of Bill Falvey ’86 and many e-mails, over 70 alums gathered at Westchester Hills Country Club to share a round of links and friendship. Congratulations to Scott Sullivan ’89 for his hole in one! Kudos, to co-chairs John Stackpole ’85 and Tim Falvey ’85 for bringing the most classmates.

Not only do our alumni support our many events and activities, our generous alumni, partner with the school in advancing our great mission and assisting with bridging the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating our students. The 2008-2009 Annual Fund was no exception. In spite of the economic situation, participation from our alumni was better than could have been expected. Special thanks, not only to all who made a generous donation to the Annual Fund, but to those alumni on the 2008-2009 Annual Fund Committee.

The hard work of the Alumni Association cannot go unnoticed. Without the constant support of the Alumni Association president Scott Cade ’90 many of our activities and events could not take place. In addition to assisting the alumni office in all aspects, the Alumni Association takes pride, each year in presenting the Alumni Award at graduation. This June, Br. R. W. Harris CFC ’62 was the worthy recipient.

The rich tradition and legacy that is Iona Prep is evident each and everyday. With our fifteen alumni who serve this school everyday, in positions of administration, faculty, coaches and staff, and the countless sons of alumni who are part of our current student body; we are proud! We will continue to Honor Our Past and Build Our Future.

Sincerely,

MaryLou Pagano P’11, ’14
Director of Alumni and Annual Giving
**Fall 2008**

On September 23, 2008, Iona Prep held its annual golf outing at Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle. Over 100 golfers enjoyed the beautiful weather and perfect conditions on the course, which was followed by cocktails, dinner, a wine raffle and an incredible auction. Auction prizes at the outing included: tickets to sporting events, rounds of golf at various courses, dinner at the Tap House, signed NY Giants footballs and a helmet.

Many thanks to board members Frank Mara ’78 and Jim Sullivan ’77 for co-chairing such a successful event. Special thanks to our golfers and hole sponsors.

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**Spring 2009**

June 4, 2009, provided a picture-perfect day at Westchester Hills Golf Club for 73 golfers from the classes of ’79-’90. It was an event to remember as golfers enjoyed a great day on the links while reconnecting with fellow alums.

Scott Sullivan ’89 had a hole-in-one on the 14th hole while Tom Sullivan ’80 was the winner of the closest to the pin contest and donated his winnings back to Iona Prep.

Special thanks to William Falvey ’86 who chaired the event and co-chairs John Stackpole ’85 and Tim Falvey ’85.

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This year Iona Prep lost two very special people – Br. Anthony D’Adamo, CFC and Br. Gerard M. Gaffney, CFC. Iona Prep was a major part of their lives as they both demonstrated their devotion and love to the Prep and its entire community for many years.

Br. Anthony D’Adamo, CFC

After graduating from Iona College, Brother D’Adamo taught at various schools including Bishop Gibbons, Power Memorial Academy and Msgr. Farrell as a guidance counselor. During the late 60’s and early 70’s he was on the faculty at Iona Prep. After serving as principal of Rice High School he joined the Iona College community. In 1988 Br. D’Adamo journeyed to Rome, Italy answering the call to minister to children who are on the margins of society in the self governing youth communities called Boys’ and Girls’ Towns of Rome. For the last 21 years he was the executive vice president of the Boys’ Town of Italy.

Br. D’Adamo was inducted into Iona Prep’s inaugural Hall of Fame for his contributions to the growth and spirit of the Prep in the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice and the teachings of the Christian Brothers.


Br. Gerard M. Gaffney, CFC

Brother Gaffney’s ministry took him to many positions including president of Iona Prep and principal of Bergen Catholic High School. For the last 29 years Br. Gaffney served on the faculty of Iona Prep teaching Latin. During his time at the Prep he was the moderator to many sports teams as well as the mothers’ auxiliary and fathers’ council parent organizations.

Br. Gerard M. Gaffney, CFC, passed away on March 31, 2009. He wore the heart of Iona Prep on his sleeve every single day as part of his many years at the Prep. He may be gone, but will certainly never be forgotten as an esteemed member of the Iona Prep community.

“Br. Gaffney was a teacher, a mentor, and a friend to the students. They loved him whether they knew him from class, from athletics, or from wandering the halls. To the Brothers, he was a reminder of what our vocation is all about. He obeyed the call to leadership, serving as department chair, vice-principal, principal and president. After his terms, he promptly and happily returned to the classroom and to the athletic fields, courts, and rinks. He never stopped modeling Christ and Edmund Rice. Brother was teaching class less than 24 hours before his death. That is the way I would like to be remembered; and I think many Brothers feel the same way. Now the good and faithful servant of God, and Brother to countless students, rests in peace.”

Br. Robert Harris, CFC ’62

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Other members of the Prep community that passed on include:
Peter A. Avalone ’68, Edmund Brennan ’47, Eugene A. Caracciolo, M.D. ’77,
Arthur James Carney (Father of Joseph Carney ’09), Gregory L. D’Ascoli ’61, Robert Degen ’40,
Joseph DeLeo ’70, Robert Desmond ’51, Mario Di Fatta (husband of Maria Di Fatta), John P. Donohue ’49,
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Douglas S. Manna ’93, George McGoldrick ’56, John T. McGowan ’43, William P. Murray ’47,
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