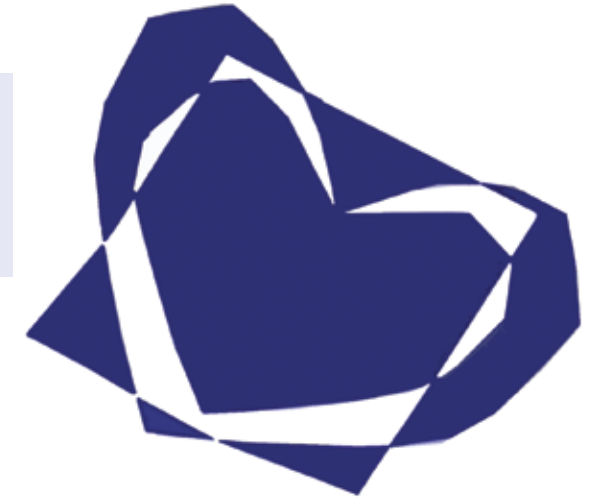




Milestones



Nativity Boston Celebrates 20 Years

This spring, friends, family, staff, students, alumni and benefactors gathered at Boston College High School to celebrate Nativty Prep's 20 years of providing a tuition-free Jesuit education to middle school boys from Boston's toughest inner-city neighborhoods.

The evening inspired lively discussions of Nativty Prep's past, present and future. Guests recalled that in 1990, the red door at 30 Raynor Circle opened to welcome Nativty Prep's first class of students. There to greet them was the school's founder, Barry Hynes, his staff of bright-eyed volunteer teachers and Jesuits like Fr. Bill Cullen, SJ, and Fr. Perard Monestime, SJ. Nativty Prep's first Board Chair, John McNeice, and a host of generous benefactors and volunteers contributed their time, talent and treasure to nurture the fledgling school. Nativty's rigorous curriculum, small classes, family involvement, graduate support program, extended day and extended year, kept the boys away from the violence of the streets and helped them gain entrance into the region's finest private high schools and colleges. Guests recalled Nativty Prep's move to its permanent home in Jamaica Plain after a successful capital campaign under the leadership of Executive Director Fr. Bill Campbell, SJ, and Principal Fr. Al Hicks, SJ.

As Nativty Prep celebrates its 20th year, under the leadership of Executive Director Fr. John Wronski, SJ, Principal Bisi Oyedele and Board Chair Beth Segers, there's no telling how many new, exciting ways it will continue to grow and flourish. Nativty Prep is a place that evolves with each new year, each new staff of teachers and each new class of students. Nativty Prep is well on its way to another 20 years of inspiring boys from Boston to become *men for others*.

"Nativity gave the structure and taught what we should do. Nativty provided some gentle supports, massaging us into doing the right thing repeatedly. Hard work, being accountable, fulfilling responsibilities when people are counting on you—it's what being a Nativty man is all about."

~ Claudio deBarros, Nativty class of 1998, returned as a volunteer teacher after graduating from Roxbury Latin and Duke University. He is currently a student at UMass Medical School.

"As a student, you are very aware of the commitment and dedication of the faculty and it serves as an example of the Jesuit motto, 'Men for Others.' Nativty provided the tools that have opened a lot of doors for me, and I wanted to encourage young men like myself to fulfill their potential and to become positive members of their communities. What I didn't anticipate was how my relationships with the students and other faculty would enrich my life; the flow of education went both directions in my experience. I will always cherish the time that I spent as a volunteer teacher at Nativty."

~ Hudson Evei, Nativty class of 1996, returned as a volunteer teacher after graduating from Georgetown University. He serves on Nativty's Board of Trustees, and will attend Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business in the fall.

First College Acceptances at Nativty Worcester

In a recent issue of *JESUITS* magazine, Melissa Zangari, director of advancement, wrote about Nativty School of Worcester's move into its new facility at 67 Lincoln Street. Since then the school has had much to celebrate.

On January 2, Nativty celebrated another landmark moment: the school's first college acceptances! Jake Kelley, Daniel Dompheh and Gunlee Segrain (members of Nativty's first class of graduates, the Ignatius Class of 2006) opened up large white envelopes from Providence College and found acceptances waiting for them. Better still, Jake, Daniel and Gunlee were the recipients of four-year, full scholarships through Providence College's Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Program. A "middle school for life," Nativty School of Worcester's Graduate Support Program shepherded its graduates through every part of the college



Ignatius Class of 2006

application process, from writing college essays to filling out financial aid forms. Nativty graduates were also accepted at Anna Maria College, Assumption College, Becker College, College of the Holy Cross, Curry College, Drew University, Emmanuel College, Merrimack College,

Morehouse College, Newbury College, Quinsigamond Community College, Regis College and Suffolk University. Melissa says, "We could not be more proud of our high school seniors who all will be matriculating at prestigious institutions this fall."



Nativty schools are tuition-free, Jesuit middle schools for boys living in vulnerable neighborhoods. In a structured learning environment—including an 11-hour school day, individual attention and small classes—students develop the character, skills and disciplines to become *men for others*.

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