Leaving a Legacy

Paul J. Moran will retire in June after 24 years as Headmaster
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Dear Austin Alumni, Families and Friends,

As I contemplate the end of my time as Headmaster, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude for the experience. The Board of Trustees has given me the opportunity to work with exceptionally talented and dedicated colleagues on our faculty and administrative team and to serve generations of wonderful young men and women and their families. I have been blessed, and will leave with an indebtedness to thousands of people who have helped to create and sustain the school’s growth and evolution during the 24 years for which I have been privileged to serve as Headmaster. I have had far too many collaborators, partners, and supporters to name here, but I assure you all your names and your contributions are written on my heart forever. Austin has been the major work of my life, and the school and community will always be of the utmost importance to me.

Thanks to all of you, the school is among the finest middle and secondary schools in the area. I know what kinds of sacrifices parents have made to send their children to the school and the sort of opportunities alumni and past parents have provided for subsequent generations of students. We could never have come so far without all of you. Now I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to collaborate with me one last time on an initiative of enormous consequence for the school’s future.

As someone whose life was greatly enhanced because my working class parents were willing to stretch to provide me with the advantages of a Catholic education, I know our schools can have a truly transformative impact, especially for students from families of limited means. My parents and many of their neighbors in Dorchester could manage that sacrifice because Catholic schools were relatively affordable in those days. In fact, one of the proudest achievements of the Catholic church in America has been the service Catholic schools provided to generations of newly arrived and working class people. In many of our families’ histories, the first steps toward a better life led into a Catholic school. For reasons we all understand, Catholic schools have become much more expensive, and without careful planning and sustained effort, we will become an option for fewer and fewer working and working-middle class families. We cannot allow this to happen.

As I prepare to step down as Headmaster and I think about Austin 25 years from now, I like to envision a school that continues to build on its current strengths, seeks constantly to emphasize academic excellence in a faith-based environment, and strives to make that transformative experience available to as many qualified students as possible, regardless of their economic circumstances. I also hope Austin will become a community that more nearly resembles the diversity of our Church and our nation, thereby honoring one of the greatest traditions of our faith. And so, as Headmaster, I am turning to you one last time for support.

Last year, thanks to committed and concerned friends, Austin announced the Austin Scholars Program – Inner City Scholarship to address the challenges described above. We have made a strong beginning; to date we have raised $82,000 (in gifts and pledges). Because I believe passionately in the importance of this cause, I have made a multi-year pledge to this fund, and I will continue to support it. I am asking everyone reading this message to join me in making a commitment to the Inner City Scholarship. If I taught, coached, counseled, advised, supported you or your son or daughter well, and if you wish to acknowledge that service as I prepare to step down, please know that the most meaningful and gratifying way for you to do so would be through a gift to this fund designed to make us more nearly the Catholic school we are meant to be.

I see my support of the Inner City Scholarship as a way of paying forward the debt I owe to my parents and my Catholic school teachers. I urge you to join me in the effort to strengthen Austin by preserving one of the most impressive elements of Catholic school history.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your families. May you be blessed as I have been.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Moran
Headmaster
Austin Prep’s chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 38 students into its ranks in April, 2012.

The inductees were welcomed into the NHS by current members during the ceremony in the Chapel of Saint Augustine, which culminated with a lighting of candles. After, the students and their families celebrated their accomplishment at a reception in the cafeteria.

The guest speaker for the event was James Knowlton ’78, a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and an engineer. He is retired from the army and his military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Ranger Tab, the Air Assault Badge, and the Senior Parachutist Badge. During his time at Austin Prep, he was also a member of the National Honor Society.


“The life lessons I learned here helped guide me at West Point,” he said. “My ‘Golden Ticket’ has continued to serve me well since I graduated.”

Knowlton told the students he arrived at West Point fully prepared for the challenging teachers and classes, because his teachers and classes at Austin Prep were equally as challenging.

“In fact, Latin class with Mr. (Roger) Stone was much harder than anything West Point threw at me,” he joked.

Being inducted into the NHS is an incredible honor, but with it comes significant responsibilities, Knowlton said.

“We all expect you to continue on the path of excellence that you are being recognized for today here at Austin and beyond,” he said. “You are role models.”

Knowlton is currently the director of athletics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. Under his leadership, the college’s athletic department has enjoyed a great deal of success, with numerous teams earning league, regional and national titles.

Prior to joining Rensselaer, Knowlton served as the director of the Center for Enhanced Performance at West Point.
Career Day

Retired Covidien CEO Richard Meelia ’67, gives his keynote address to the student body.

More than 30 alumni, parents and friends met with students in grades eight through 12 on March 30, 2012 for Career Day. This unique opportunity for students to hear about prospective careers has become an annual Austin Prep tradition.

The keynote speaker was Rich Meelia ’67, who served as the first chairman, president and CEO of Covidien, a leading $11 billion global healthcare products company. He retired from the company in June, 2012.

Meelia spoke to the entire student body about his experiences at many corporations over his distinguished career. He told the students it is important to balance their careers with family life, and to keep true to the core values they are learning at Austin Prep. Even in times of crisis, there are always opportunities to learn and grow, he said.

Following the keynote address, students attended three career sessions to learn more about opportunities within different industries. An impressive variety of fields was represented, ranging from business executives and finance professionals to people involved in the performing arts, hospitality industry, and many others.

For more photos and a list of parents and alumni who participated in Career Day, go to www.austinprep.org and click Academics, or scan the QR code.
The Annual Austin Open Golf Tournament celebrated its Silver Anniversary on June 11, 2012 at Thomson Country Club in North Reading, MA. More than 170 alumni, parents and friends turned out for the 25th Austin Open, joining us for 18 holes and dinner.

The Austin Open, with your support, raised more than $50,000. The event’s proceeds are part of a two-year fundraising project to renovate the bleachers on Fr. Seymour Field.

During the evening program, attendees bid on fabulous live and silent auction prizes, including tickets to the Red Sox, Celtics, Bruins and Patriots, rounds of golf at fabulous local courses, gift certificates to local restaurants and much more.

We are grateful to everyone who participated, and are especially grateful to our event sponsors, players, and Golf Committee members. For a complete list of our sponsors, please see our Program Book at www.austinprepschool.org. Click Giving, then the Austin Open Golf tab. The complete Sponsor List will be printed in the Annual Report of Giving.

We look forward to seeing you at the 26th Annual Austin Open on July 29 at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, MA.

Congratulations to our tournament winners:

1st Place (56): Andrew Tucker, Mitch Pizzetti, Andy Loconto, Brian Daley

2nd Place (61): James Atkins, Don Campbell, Don Gerraghty, Michael Watson

3rd Place (62): Chris Hansberry, Kate Hansberry, Frederick Hansberry, Daniel Hansberry ’96

Closest to the Pin (5 feet): Chris Hansberry

Longest Drive (Men): Andy Loconto

Longest Drive (Women): Anne Sullivan

Posing for a photo are, from left, Austin Prep science teacher Bill Johnson and his wife, Mary Pat, Jack Olson and George Arnold.

Pride Motor Group was our Hole-in-One Sponsor. The foursome includes (from left), Don Gerraghty, Michael Watson, Don Campbell and James Atkins.

Alumnus David Hazel ’82 looks for his winning raffle ticket.
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Committee members Christine Lander (left, current parent ’14) and Lisa Jepeal set up the auction items.

SAVE THE DATE  
26th Annual Austin Open Golf Tournament  
Monday, July 29 ~ Indian Ridge Country Club ~ Andover, MA

National Honor Society President Bianca Enos ’13 thanks all guests.

Anne Sullivan (far right) was the Longest Drive winner. With her are (from left) Marcia Veale, Marilyn Opidee and Kathy Amodeo.

The first place team included (from left) Andrew Tucker (current parent ’15 and ’19), Mitch Pizzetti and Brian Daley. With them is Golf Tournament Chairman Robert Enos (current parent ’13 and ’17).

The Brine Family has been an important part of the Austin Open Golf Tournament for many years, and instrumental to its success. The Family includes (from left) James W. Brine III ’82 (Jim passed away in August), Jeffrey J. Brine ’88, James W. Brine II, James W. Brine, IV and Joseph W. Brine ’83.
The last time Daniel T. Niles spoke at Austin Preparatory School, he was giving his valedictory speech as a graduate of the Class of 1985.

His future was set: He would be attending Boston University and studying engineering. After, Niles earned a master’s degree in electrical engineering from Stanford University.

However, his career path took a turn along the way, and it was not an engineer, but the chief investment officer for Alpha One Capital Partners who addressed the Class of 2012 during Commencement at Austin’s MultiPurpose Facility.

“Your future is never as set or out of context as you think it is,” Niles, of California, told the graduates. “Your life is a series of choices. Do things even if others think they’re crazy.”

Austin Prep graduated 108 students during Commencement Exercises on June 2. All 108 are going on to institutions of higher learning, receiving acceptances at more than 550 colleges and universities.

Niles’ advice about choosing your own path in life was well received by the Class of 2012, including salutatorian Nicole A. Casper and valedictorian Kaleigh H. Hamilton. Both young women will attend Boston College.

“Do not try to dictate your future,” Hamilton said in her valedictory address. “Success requires flexibility and openness to new challenges.”

Photos on next page:
1 Commencement speaker Daniel T. Niles ’85 gives his address to the Class of 2012.
2 Lining up before the start of Commencement 2012 are, from left, Krysta K. Bowen, Kristina M. Gaffney, Amanda C. Breen, Anne E. Harney, Graham T. Schwartz and Marie O. Noga.
3 Getting ready are, from left, salutatorian Nicole A. Casper, Zachary G. Sullivan, Daniel B. Kerrigan, Thomas B. Doherty III, valedictorian Kaleigh H. Hamilton and Carla L. Olsten.
4 Graduates Daniel C. Hemme and Karina M. Calvo smile for the cameras.
5 Austin Prep Headmaster Paul J. Moran helped present the Senior and Academic Awards to the Class of 2012.
6 Valedictorian Kaleigh H. Hamilton speaks to her classmates.
ACADEMIC AWARDS

Cardinal Medeiros Medal for General Excellence
Kaleigh H. Hamilton, Boston College

Medal for Theology
Arianna C. D’Isola, Marquette University

Medal for English
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Medal for History
Amanda Shaver, Villanova University

Medal for Social Studies
Christopher J. Bundock, College of the Holy Cross

Medal for Mathematics
Steven J. Jepeal, University of Notre Dame

Medal for Biological Science
Arianna C. D’Isola, Marquette University

Medal for Physical Science
Bradley J. Rivotto, Villanova University

Medal for Latin
Jake P. Miller, Boston College

Medal for Russian
Maura M. Green, American University

Medal for French
Jessica B. Kenworthy, Boston College

Medal for Spanish
Kaleigh H. Hamilton, Boston College

Medal for Business Administration
Karina M. Calvo, Rollins College
On April 21, 2012, hundreds of alumni, families and friends gathered for Austin Preparatory School's Second Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Wyndham Andover Hotel.

The event honored athletes from five decades of Austin Prep athletic history, from the school’s origins in the 1960s through the 21st Century.

Master of Ceremonies and former Boston Globe sportswriter Bob Duffy ’72, said he is once again impressed with the caliber of inductees.

"The Hall of Fame Class of 2012 features people from Austin's past, recent and distant, whose exploits are still remembered and revered in the present. They have performed with utter excellence as pioneers who established the Austin tradition and successors who carried on," Duffy said.

Congratulations to the members of our Class of 2012!

Austin Preparatory School Athletic Hall of Fame
Class of 2012

Frank Dee ‘67, Track & Cross Country
Fall 1972 Football Team

Tom Fitzgerald ’86, Men’s Hockey
Steve Przyjemski ’94, Football

Matt Pimentel ’01, Track & Cross Country
Dr. Phil Solomon (past parent), Contributor

Save the Date – 2013 Hall of Fame
The 2013 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is Saturday, April 6, 2013 at the Wyndham Andover Hotel in Andover, MA.
Steve Przyjems 194 was nominated for the Hall of Fame by Head Football Coach Bill Maradei.

Tom Fitzgerald 86 (center) was presented with his Hall of Fame trophy by friend and classmate Mike Guanci 86.

Inductee Matt Pimentel 01 (far left) is joined by his family, from left, wife Linsey, mother Cheryl, father Tony, Chairman of the Board, sister Jill (Pimentel) Slye 99, her husband, Jason, and their children Addison and Hunter.

Dr. Phil Solomon embraces his son, Dr. David Solomon 72, who presented him with his Hall of Fame trophy.

Inductee Frank Dee 67 (second from left) celebrates with his family and friends, from left, wife Janet, father and former coach Bill Dee, and brother Ed Dee 73 and his wife, Janet.

Some of the members of the State Championship 1972 Football Team pose for a photo.
Austin Preparatory School celebrated its 50th Anniversary Finale by rockin’ out to the music of Ben E. King and friends during Juke Box Saturday Night.

More than 500 parents, alumni, past parents and friends all joined in the celebration Under the Big Tent on Fr. Seymour Field.

Joining Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Ben E. King (*The Drifters*) on the stage were Dolores “La La” Brooks (*The Crystals*), *The Al Craven Band* (aka *The Headliners*), Pat Benti and the *Austin Chorus*.

The evening was filled with music from the roots of Rock and Roll – Brooks sang many of her signature hits, including “And then He Kissed Me” and “Da Doo Ron Ron,” and King treated the crowd to his most well-known hit, “Stand By Me.”

The Juke Box Saturday Night 2012 Executive Committee includes (from left) Len Lilley, Pete McAvoy and Wes Reed.

From left, Teresa Enos (current parent ’13 & ’17), JoAnne Cohan (current parent ’15) and Liz Jones were among the many Austin parents and friends who turned out for the celebration.
Top right: *Austin Chorus* members Caitlyn Burns ’16 (center) and Ruth Baker ’18 sing with Al Craven.

![Juke Box Saturday Night Committee members Jim & Christine Lander (current parents ’14) pose in front of the 1958 Chevy Impala loaned to Austin for the evening by Frank Capone, Sr. (current grandparent ’13 and ’17). Frank fully restored the car himself.](image1)

Top right: *Austin Chorus*, under the direction of Stephen Williams, performs a few selections with *The Al Craven Band*.

![The *Austin Chorus*, under the direction of Stephen Williams, performs a few selections with *The Al Craven Band*.](image2)

Thank you!

We are grateful to the members of the Juke Box Saturday Night Committee, Board of Trustees and numerous parents, friends and volunteers who helped make our 50th Anniversary Finale a success.

![Austin parents and friends enjoy the evening.](image3)
The 1st Austin 8K Community Road Race was a success, with alumni, parents, students and members of the community turning out for our inaugural race.

The event was part of our Welcome Back Reunion Weekend, and alumni from four decades took part.

The Overall Men’s Winner was Matt Spano of Gardner, MA, and the Overall Women’s Winner was Meg Meaney of Woburn, MA.

We look forward to seeing you at next year’s event!
Alumnus establishes scholarship to continue beloved teacher’s legacy

On theology teacher George “Matt” Miller’s last day of teaching, Matthew Pimentel ’01 stopped by Austin Prep to wish him well.

The visit took much longer than expected, because Pimentel had to wait his turn behind dozens of other alumni lined up to talk to Mr. Miller, who retired in June 2012 after more than 40 years at Austin Prep.

“There was a line of people waiting to thank him, including guys from the ’70s and ’80s,” Pimentel said. “He’s so humble, he had no clue how much his support meant to so many people.”

Pimentel is speaking from personal experience. A standout cross country and track athlete, Pimentel captured nearly every high school running title attainable in Massachusetts – more than once – and Mr. Miller was one of his most ardent supporters.

When Pimentel was inducted into the 2012 Austin Prep Athletic Hall of Fame, he and his wife, Linsey, decided to establish the George “Matt” Miller Endowed Scholarship.

Pimentel said he founded the Miller scholarship because of “How important and encouraging he was to me when I was at Austin.”

“He wrote notes of encouragement to me and a lot of athletes,” Pimentel added.

Mr. Miller always attended the home cross country and track meets and would often find a ride to the important away meets. Pimentel said Mr. Miller would seek him out to offer words of encouragement, even calling him at home if they did not have a chance to talk on the track.

Linsey Pimentel was a runner at Holliston High School and said the scholarship is a fitting way for alumni to thank Mr. Miller for his dedication.

“Mr. Miller was such a huge part of Matt’s career as a student at Austin,” she said. “I know how important teachers are to your success.”

The George “Matt” Miller Endowed Scholarship provides assistance to deserving students based on academic merit and need. It also recognizes students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and a commitment to their community, as Mr. Miller taught his students.

Mr. Miller is now retired, and Pimentel said the Miller scholarship is a way to continue his legacy at Austin.

“When future generations come through the school, his name is associated with (the scholarship), so the kids will know who he is and what he stood for,” Pimentel said.
Headmaster Paul J. Moran is proud to have been a part of the many positive changes and advancements that have occurred during his 24 years at the helm of Austin Preparatory School. During those years, Austin Prep has grown from a four-year high school for boys into a seven-year middle school and high school for young men and women, with more than 5,000 alumni.

Mr. Moran announced in May that the 2012-2013 school year would be his last as Headmaster. As a proud new grandfather (“Papa”) to Maeve, he plans to enjoy his new title and take a one-year sabbatical before deciding his next steps.

Although he believes the school has grown and improved as a result of the many changes that have occurred since the 1980s, he would like to be remembered as a leader who ensured that the fundamental principles of a Catholic education did not change at Austin Prep.

“I hope what hasn’t changed is the strong human connection between students and teachers which not only fosters learning but stimulates students’ sense of their self-worth and their connections to others,” Mr. Moran said. “Real education starts with engagement, with finding that spark in each student. This is what Augustine meant when he said teachers must find the Inner Teacher in their pupils.”

Because he believes so deeply in the value of an education in the Catholic and Augustinian tradition, Mr. Moran naturally wants the benefits of an Austin Prep education, these “strong human connections,” to be available to all children who seek it.

Since its creation one year ago, Mr. Moran has been a strong supporter of the Austin Scholarship Program – Inner City Scholarship, established to enable deserving students from inner cities to attend Austin.

“One of the critical tenets of Catholicism is a preferential option for the poor,” he said. “Catholic teaching expects people with resources to share with other, less fortunate people. I believe it is particularly important for us to make sure we are doing all we can to make the life changing benefits of a quality Catholic education available to people of limited means. I also feel it is important for Austin to reflect the diversity of our Church and our country.”

The role of Catholic schools

The original purpose of Catholic schools in the United States was to educate the children of immigrants, Mr. Moran said. The unprecedented creation of Catholic elementary schools in almost every parish in America – and high schools in many – after the Baltimore Council – provided a path of entry for newly arrived people and to the middle class and beyond for their children and grandchildren. At one point, it was assumed that Catholic children would attend Catholic schools in their (usually urban) neighborhoods. This close identification between Catholic families and
Catholic schools had already begun to shift when schools like Austin followed increasing number of Catholics to the suburbs in the ’60s. However, we have a unique contribution to make, and we need to share it with people of all social classes and backgrounds.

A 1968 graduate of Boston College High School in Boston, Mr. Moran grew up in Dorchester, the son of Irish immigrants (his father was from Galway, his mother from Tipperary). He recalls his working-class family struggling to pay the $400 annual tuition in the late 1960s. “My parents managed, but it was a sacrifice,” he said. “And, Catholic schools were more affordable then.”

Many parents today make the same sacrifices to send their children to Austin Prep for the same reasons his parents did: quality of education, geographic location, family tradition, religious choice. Although Austin Prep, like many of its brother/sister Catholic schools, has grown into an independent school for academically competitive, college-minded students of all backgrounds, Mr. Moran hopes it does not leave behind those whom the school originally served: children of immigrants and low-income families.

“He’s always been a strong proponent of financial aid to help students come here,” science teacher Christopher Capone ’88 said. “There is a lot of value in trying to give people an opportunity they might not have because of their economic situation.”

The Mr. Moran Chris Capone knew as an English teacher and cross country coach in the 1980s isn’t much different from the Headmaster Moran he knows today – someone who places an emphasis on family and faith. “He really seems to get it in terms of family, both here at the school and with the faculty,” Mr. Capone said.

Crash course in fundraising
In the late 1990s, Mr. Moran sat down with then-Director of Advancement Jay Dowd ’69 to figure out how to grow the Advancement Office for the betterment of the school.

“We saw the need to put the beginnings of an endowment together and invest long-term in the interest of growing what little we had in endowment to support financial aid,” Mr. Dowd said.

Mr. Moran and Mr. Dowd worked closely with Board of Trustees member Frederick L. Cavanaugh to combine Austin’s donated scholarship dollars into long-term investment vehicles. They then asked donors to memorialize their loved ones with scholarship gifts of $10,000 or more. The proceeds from endowment scholarships are distributed annually to deserving students.

Another important component of growing Austin Prep was investing in facilities. At the end of the 1990s, Mr. Moran worked tirelessly with Mr. Dowd, alumni parent Walter Schumann, and a campaign cabinet of volunteers to raise funds to build the Multipurpose Facility. A few years later the school undertook a second campaign to renovate the old monastery building – known as Saint Augustine Hall into a wing dedicated to the arts. It was an eye-opening experience – learning how to ask people for support – for both of them, Mr. Dowd said.

“Paul jokes we were one guy from Dorchester and one guy from Lawrence learning how to ask successful
people for significant gifts,” Mr. Dowd said. “These are not skills you learn in Dorchester or Lawrence.”

As difficult as it was initially, Mr. Moran knew how important his role as fundraiser was to Austin Prep. The school would not be able to flourish without significant financial support from alumni, parents and friends. He believed in Austin Prep, and made sure others believed in it as well.

“He was among those who led us away from the days of transactional fundraising – like Bingo and raffles – as the sole means of raising additional reserves,” Mr. Dowd said. “We weren’t going to be able to build the gym with Bingo and raffle proceeds.”

No shortcuts
It is Mr. Moran’s belief – whether in fundraising, learning or teaching – there is no substitute for hard work.

When he came to Austin Prep 32 years ago as an English teacher, a national debate – technology vs. traditional teaching methods – was raging. Time magazine published an article in June, 1980 criticizing the new teaching innovations in writing because they weren’t working and stressed that teachers needed to do a better job teaching writing to children.

Current Austin Prep English teacher Mr. Dowd – who was English Department Chairman at the time – said the new methods abandoned the old-fashioned composition exercises.

“The innovations were not serving the students perhaps as much as we thought they would,” Mr. Dowd said. “Students needed a lot of assignments and teachers to correct those assignments. Correcting those was the hardest thing English teachers had to do.”

In the early 1970s, “Holy Cross faced racial protests and anti-war protests in our years there that made us more aware of the politics of the day than we cared to know,” Mr. Dowd said.

The “politics of the day” in the form of school desegregation/forced busing, followed Mr. Moran from college into the mid-1970s and his first teaching job at South Boston High School. It continued into the 1980s with the state’s adoption of Proposition 2½, which limited property tax increases, and led to massive teacher layoffs as school districts scrambled to cut their budgets.

When the two finally got around to the subject of teaching writing, Mr. Moran expressed his opinion that whatever innovations technology brought might help, but the art of writing is only acquired through practice, feedback and revision.

“He said only that writing was an incredibly important component in an English curriculum and the only way to teach it was to assign lots of it and correct all of it,” Mr. Dowd said. “To him, there was no getting around the hard work that was necessary to teach composition the right way.”

“Technology will continue to evolve at an ever expanding pace. We need as teachers to be continuing learners and to use technology to reach a broader range of learning styles and abilities. Technology, skillfully applied, can help to make the classroom more student-centered and participatory – which has been a goal of the faculty as long as I have been here. It is still just a tool, however. The ‘human connections’ among teachers and students can be nurtured when technology is used skillfully and thoughtfully. However, today’s hot device will be eclipsed in a few years. The most enduring element and the most important outcome of education is a sense of purpose and connection,” Mr. Moran said.

The Austin Prep Family
When Austin Prep added a middle school in 1987, it ceased to be “just a school,” he said. To the hundreds of students who enroll as pre-teens and graduate seven years later as adults, Austin Prep is their second family.

“Youngsters are spending their entire adolescence with us,” Mr. Moran said. “We’re about more than just the subjects. We need to remember that our ultimate goal is not just factual learning but an integrated sense of wisdom and purpose. I think that is what Augustine meant when he said that no matter what discipline we teach, our true subject is our students’ souls.”
Reunion weekend 2012 drew alumni from five decades back to campus for the Reunion Main Event Celebration. Alumni and guests came back to Willow Street to celebrate and remember their alma mater!

Among the weekend event highlights honoring the classes ending in 2 and 7 was the 1st Austin Prep Community 8K Road Race that started the weekend on Saturday morning. Alumni, friends, parents and students all participated in this groundbreaking event. See race details on Page 12.

The festivities continued with campus tours, an Alumni Art Show in the Murphy Art Gallery and concluded with a cocktail and dinner reception on campus the MultiPurpose Facility for our Reunion Classes! A great time was had by all!


Class of 1982: Standing from left, Margaret and Robert Leighton ’82, John Cohan ’82 and wife JoAnne, and David Hazel ’82. Seated, from left, Tim Kelley ’82 and wife Chris, Frank Durant ’82 and Lou DiRupo ’82 and wife Roberta.


Class of 2002: From left, Meaghan (Kenny) Fairbanks ’02, Shana McMahon ’02, Eliana Nader ’02, Elizabeth Leahy ’02 and Mia Lazarewicz ’02.

Class of 1967: From left, Halley and Fred Trani ’67, and Kevin Lawless ’67 and wife Judith.
Send us your news!
Please keep us informed of any changes in your life, whether you’re getting engaged or married, having a child, receiving a promotion or award, furthering your education, or simply want to say, “Hello.” You can submit Class Notes online at www.austinprepschool.org, under Alumni, or by sending an email to Julianne Bloise at jbloise@austinprepschool.org. Also, don’t forget to send along those photos!

1967

The Rev. John J. Mericantante, III ’67 built a 9,000-square-foot mission-style church for 450 migrant families in Pahokee, FL. The new church was blessed in June.

1969

Thomas J. Thornton ’69 continues to work in the Corporate Investment Banking Division at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. He has been re-elected President of Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro, MA for 2012.

1970

John M. “Jack” Driscoll ’70 recently retired from the United States Postal Service after serving for the past 26 years as Postmaster of Reading, MA. He began his postal career as a senior economist at the USPS headquarters in Washington, DC in 1982. He returned home in 1986 to serve as Reading’s 17th Postmaster. Before retiring, Jack was on detail assignment performing dispute resolution work as part of a national management union team. He plans to continue teaching as a senior lecturer at Northeastern University’s College of Professional Studies in Boston, and as an adjunct professor of economics and statistics at Middlesex Community College.

The Rev. Peter G. Gori ’70, has been appointed a Trustee at Villanova University in Pennsylvania. He is a longtime Trustee and former Board Chairman at Steward Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, MA. He is Pastor at St. Augustine Parish in Andover, MA.

1972

Robert Gill Jr. ’72 is now the North America Field Service Manager at Vistec Lithography. He and his wife, Renate, and their four children, Shannon, Robert, Joseph & Caroline, live in West Wareham, MA.

1973

John “Jeff” Gallagher ’73 has worked at NextEra Energy Seabrook in Seabrook, NH for 32 years. He is a technical training instructor, teaching chemistry, radiation protection and emergency planning.
1994

Timothy C. Bennett ’94 has moved his law practice to the New York Office of Clifford Chance US, LLP, where he works as an attorney in the Banking & Finance Group. He assists banks and investment fund houses with transactions involving debt, bankruptcy claims and other distressed products. He lives in Maplewood, NJ with his wife, Danielle, twin sons Gavin & Liam, 4, and daughter Elizabeth, 1.

1998

Austin Prep English teacher Matthew Diapella ’98 and Deja Rice were married during a beautiful ceremony on July 20, 2012 in Spokane, WA. Fellow Austin Prep classmates in attendance at the nuptials were: Matt Garrett ’98 and Dave Cerra ’99. An East Coast reception was held in August and fellow alumna Meaghan Brown-Guziewicz ’98 was also in attendance, as was Austin Prep Social Studies Department Chairman Nathan Piccini ’93.

1980

Steven M. Fanale ’80 is Chairman of the Social Studies Department at the Ministry of Education of Singapore in Danvers, MA. He is also writing a novel, which he expects to finish by year’s end. Congratulations to his parents, who celebrated their Diamond (60-year) Wedding Anniversary!

1998

Jonathan M. Dorman ’98 is now Director of the Tufts University Emergency Communication Center at Tufts University in Medford, MA. He and his wife, Laura, welcomed their second child, Kevin, on July 19. Kevin joins big brother Jonathan, 5.

2000

Peter A. Joseph ’00 has written a new book, “Boozy Brunch,” about how to pair up food with drinks to host the perfect brunch. The book includes recipes and has been published by Taylor Trade Publishing. He lives in Brooklyn, NY.

2000

Marco G. Falcone ’00 married Lauren Michael on October 15, 2011. Among the groomsman and wedding guests were several Austin Prep alumni and Social Studies teacher Emily Gatti. Pictured, from left, are groomsman Nicholas T. Lunger ’00, Eric Falcone, groom Marco Falcone ’00, groomsman Michael R. Vining ’00, groomsman Kevin M. Flaherty ’00, Erica A. Vining ’02 and Andrew J. de Garavilla ’00.
2000

William James Watt ’00 moved to Marblehead, MA. He is now the Director of Analytics at OPS Rules Management Consultants, and the proud father of baby William Peter Watt, born October 15, 2012.

2002

W. Jim Burrows ’02 is now a project manager at Skanska USA Building in Boston. He and his wife, Kelly, live in South Boston.

Joseph W. Gangestad ’02 earned a doctorate in aeronautical & astronautical engineering at Purdue University in Indiana. He works at the Aerospace Corporation in Los Angeles, CA as a member of the technical staff in the Astrodynamics Department. His area of expertise is orbital mechanics – designing the orbits and trajectories for space missions for the United States Military and NASA.

2003

Kelly Beatty ’03 married Matthew Lepley on May 26, 2012. The wedding took place at Fairfield University in Connecticut, where the couple met. The bride is pictured here with fellow Austin Prep graduates Kelly Ricker ’03 (left) and Melissa Kasparian ’03. The new Mrs. Lepley also has a new job – she works in the Donor Relations department at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, MA. Kelly also serves as a class representative on the Austin Prep Alumni Council.

2004

Dr. Alexandra C. Bravoco ’04 graduated from Tufts University in Medford, MA, with a doctor of dental medicine in May. She is com-
missioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy Dental Corps and practices dentistry at Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, FL.

2006

Jonna Gately ’06 is a Registered Nurse, Navy Nurse Corps Officer in the United States Navy. She lives in San Diego, CA.

2007

Diane E. Kaliris ’07 earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology at Davidson College in Davidson, NC., and worked as a Physical Therapy Aide at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA. In June, she enrolled in the doctor of physical therapy program at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professionals.

2009

Kathleen Campbell ’09 is in her senior year at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. She is majoring in exercise physiology.

Timothy MacKenzie ’09 is double majoring in chemistry and Russian at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN and is currently doing research under Dr. Marvin Miller. He is involved in the synthesis and biological evaluation of molecules in drug delivery. Miller’s research program is internationally recognized as a leader in the design, synthesis, and study of new antibiotics.

Alumni Networking @ The Boston Herald

Boston Herald Editor-in-Chief Joseph A. Sciacca, Jr. ’75 hosted a Boston Alumni Networking event at the Herald on August 30. Alumni from all five decades of Austin turned out to tour the newspaper’s new home in the Seaport District. Editors, reporters, photographers and columnists talked to the group about their roles in producing a daily newspaper and news website, and even presented topical videos for discussion. Sciacca is pictured (center) pointing to important moments in Boston history.

Faculty Brag Book

Phoebe and Charlie Hajjar (3-year-old twins) are the grandchildren of Chief Financial Officer Peter Hajjar and his wife, Sue. Their proud parents are Peter, Jr. and Katie Hajjar.

Maeve Moran (11 months old) is the granddaughter of Headmaster Paul J. Moran and his wife, Susan. Her proud parents are Liam and Kathryn Moran.

Lauren Ray (6 months) and her big brother, Matthew Bruce (2 years old) are the grandchildren of Assistant to the Headmaster Terry Glionna and her husband, Raymond. Their proud parents are Ian and Kim MacDonald.
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