PREP REACHES OUT TO TELL ITS STORY
One of the great blessings of being able to serve Prep this year as President is that I have learned about this community from the inside. When I first arrived, a Prep faculty member said to me, “Your job as President is to help us tell our story.” People keep telling me what happens here, in the lives of young men entrusted to our care. It is easy to see that Prep really does form men in faith and scholarship, in leadership and service, in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition. It is moving to see how that happens, with an outstanding education offered in a culture of personal care.

I wish everyone could see the excitement in the room when over a hundred 8th graders filled an auditorium on our first “shadow day.” I could share dozens of stories about difficult situations when students who are struggling were helped by caring faculty. I am moved by our financial aid staff, as every effort is made to help families be able to send a son to Prep. A Prep Mom told me to be sure to tell people about the opportunities for students in band, the choir, the arts and academic decathlon saying, “There’s something for every student at Prep.” Alumni tell stories about how a faculty or staff member “turned my life around.” Another told me, “Prep made me a man for others and that has made all the difference in the world for how the rest of my life turned out.”

In this issue of the Alumni News, we are telling more of our story. We are inviting you to help us share that story with others. If you know a family deciding where to send their son in the year or two ahead, you would help us greatly by sharing with them what a transformative formation experience Creighton Prep can be for young men today. Jesus told us not to hide our light under a bushel basket. He urges us to put it on a lampstand, where it can be seen. “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Mt. 5:16)

Together we give glory to God who has blessed us with so many gifts to share and with so many friends to help us share them.

Most gratefully,
In him,
Fr. Andy Alexander, S.J. ’66
On a daily basis, my experience as principal at Creighton Prep reminds me why this is such a special place for young men and their families. I feel so strongly about the power of the Prep story and its need to be told more widely that I was quite pleased when I found out that the special section theme for this Alumni News would be “Prep Reaches Out To Tell Its Story.”

To begin the telling of that story, I thought I would briefly share the story of our new principal, Fr. Andy Alexander, S.J.

Fr. Andy is an Omaha native, attended St. John’s Grade School and graduated from Creighton Prep in 1986. After entering the Society of Jesus that same year, he studied at St. Louis University where he received a Master’s Degree in Ignatian Spirituality. He then taught at St. Francis High School on the Rosebud Reservation and at Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Reservation, where he also served as Assistant Principal for Discipline. Fr. Andy later studied Theology at Regis College in Toronto, Ontario and was ordained in 1999.

After ordination, he was appointed the Director of Vocations for the Wisconsin Province then served as Assistant Provincial and Director of Formation. He also worked as pastor of the Jesuit-sponsoring Gesu Parish in Milwaukee before coming to Creighton University in 1996, where he is Vice-President for University Ministry and the Director of the Collaborative Ministry Office. Fr. Andy has also co-authored two books “Praying Lent Renewing Our Lives On The Lenten Journey” and “Retreat In The Real World Finding Intimacy with God Wherever You Are.”

We are grateful for Fr. Andy’s skill, dedication, and leadership during this time of transition.

I would now like to focus all of us on telling the Prep story to someone else this holiday season, a prospective student or parent who may not know about Prep or its mission. I truly believe each of us has a story about the Prep experience that can inspire someone else.

Our Prep community is certainly aware of the academic, athletic and service accomplishments of our students. However, there are many stories that happen here every day that involve our learning environment, counseling, business operations and recruiting that often go untold but, in my view, are vital to tell to those who may be unfamiliar with Prep.

Our personnel in the offices of the Customized Learning Experience, Counseling, Business Office and Enrollment Management often make first and lasting impressions with prospective students and their families. Because of this, everyone in our community should know who they are, what they do and how they help maintain Prep tradition while building our community for the future.

After you read about them, please consider telling their Prep stories along with your own.

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Creighton Prep provides each of its students a Customized Learning Experience, something that many outside the walls of the school may not know. The major emphasis of this academic component is to strive to provide each student—whether an honor student, a student who struggles or a student somewhere in between—with a learning experience that is tailored to his needs, strengths and interests with the support and resources he needs to succeed.

To help make the Customized Learning Experience a reality at Prep, Andrew J. Simon ‘96 was hired in 2008 as the Learning Resource Coordinator. At the time, the position required that he handle all students on 504 plans (accommodation plans for those with verified learning disabilities), oversee Peer Tutoring and teach Directed Studies, a study skills course that includes lessons on organization, time management, goal setting, test taking, reading comprehension, vocabulary development, and study strategies and habits. In Directed Studies, students also learn how to advocate for their own needs and can ask questions or work on assigned homework for other classes.

In his first year of teaching, Andy had 35 students in his caseload. As word began to get out about the program, parents felt more comfortable with opening up about their student’s challenges and the number of participants grew. At the start of the 2012 school year, he had 80 students with verified learning disabilities that were on accommodation plans.

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Ivan then approached Mr. Simon and asked if he could meet with Onur two days per week. He also asked if he could accompany Onur to his last hour science class that took place on Friday afternoons, even though Ivan had that hour free to leave for the weekend.

After peer tutoring with Ivan, Ivan retook an exam on which he did poorly and turned a failing grade into a 96 percent. The same turnaround for Onur is taking place in other classes as well, and his future at Prep looks bright.

Mr. Simon describes Ivan’s unselﬁsh act as a “peer partnership that exhibits a very generous spirit.” He was so proud of Ivan living as a “Man for Others” that he told Principal John Naatz and called Ivan’s mother. Mr. Naatz proceeded to send Ivan a note of appreciation and Ivan’s mother was extremely proud to say the least.

FROM THE LEARNING RESOURCE COORDINATOR

“I have a poster in my ofﬁce that is framed from around 1992. It is a Creighton Prep recruitment poster that was distributed to the Catholic grade schools when Prep would come for their recruitment efforts. I actually had this poster in my bedroom as an 8th grader. At the bottom is a catch phrase that I have heard over and over again but always sums it up best for me. It says, ‘More than just a high school. A way of life for the rest of your life.’

“There is a reason that poster hangs in my ofﬁce now as an adult member of the faculty. It reminds me of our mission. We are not just ‘forming men of faith, scholarship, leadership and service’ member of the faculty. It reminds me of our mission. We are not

Andy has been able to utilize positive reinforcement with a lot of underlying discipline to direct them to success. If it wasn’t for Andy and his program, God only knows where my sons would be. In addition, he deﬁnitely has the respect of the boys and the parents whose children are involved in his program. I have and continue to strongly recommended Prep to parents whose children have been diagnosed with ADD/ADHD or any other learning issues.

“I have a friend whose son was attending a public school through 8th grade and enrolled in Prep. A teacher noticed that he was struggling and contacted the parents. She contacted me and we discussed the Directed Studies Program since he was having focusing problems in class. I gave them Andy’s name and they received an immediate call back and have been reassured of Prep’s commitment to their son. They are extremely happy and a little surprised of the direct attention that they and their son are receiving from Prep.

“Because of Andy and the program, he has made the faculty and staff at Prep aware that not all Prep students are a speciﬁc type and intellect. Prep is made up of so many different types of boys with so many different talents. It has made Prep a better school and has made a great impact on these young men.”

— Anne

DIRECTED STUDIES: A PARENT’S PERSPECTIVE

“Tells me how the school has positively affected three of his sons: Daniel ’04, Michael ’04 and Gregory ’06. She closely listened to his story, did her research, asked questions and ultimately decided that Prep might be a good environment for her son, too.

Then, rather than ‘waiting for the mountain to come to him, she went to the mountain,’ as she describes it, bringing her family to a Prep Open House. They came away from the event most impressed with the Fine Arts program, speciﬁcally architecture, as well as the social studies extracurricular activities such as Harvard Model Congress. She also thought the students and staff at the open house were welcoming and warm.

After receiving assistance from the staff at RM Marrs Magnet Center in completing the application, the family made the decision to send their son to Prep. ‘With new that ﬁnancially, we would need help, but this was the right place with the right people and the investment was well worth it.’

She credits Jim and Creighton Prep, with challenging her son both in and out of the classroom. College, at one point, was a far stretch but, because of Prep, it is now expected. ‘My son’s dreams are higher and he believes in himself. He has become a leader and, most of all, become a good person.’

With her own Prep story to tell now, this Prep Mom has become a huge advocate for the school within her Latino community in South Omaha. She felt they need to know about opportunities like Prep and she is doing her best to let others know that the school is open to anyone who wants to better themselves and create opportunities for the future. It is also her hope that Prep tells other Latinos that it is open to everyone since that became a ‘new world for my family and for our community’.”

Jim said he feels blessed to be able to serve Prep students and parents and do so in great collaboration with his department. He regrets Mr. Mike Colyer, Mr. Chris Nitz, Mrs. Karen Enzer, Fr. Bob Tillman, S.J. and Counseling Director Mr. Steve Wertzberger.

When Steve was asked to tell his Prep story, he responded with the following:

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I say to parents is communication is key and time is money. I will spend time with you putting together a specialized payment plan. The human element, that personal touch is absolutely key in our decision making.

Especially in this economy, Mary says that she spends a good deal of her time fielding requests from parents who are going through significant disruptions in their lives and helping them modify their commitment plans to Prep so that their sons have the best possible chance to complete their high school educations at 74th & Western Avenue.

"When a major life change such as divorce, a job loss or the expenses incurred by an unforeseen health crisis, or the start of a new business venture is pressing on one of our families and affecting their ability to realize the dream of educating their son at Prep, we want to hear from them as soon as possible so we can go over all the options they have to stay here."

An unexpected job loss was exactly the situation facing a Creighton Prep alumnus and current parent with two sons at Prep in 2009.

"In the late 70s, my father's business was experiencing financial difficulties that were going to impact my ability to complete my education at Prep," says John. "When they heard about the situation Prep not only helped work out a specialized payment plan for my family and me, they also helped me set up a monthly budget plan for my expenses. Then when I lost my job a few years ago with a freshman and a senior at Prep, Mary helped put a payment plan in place that worked for me, prayers were said and eventually my financial situation worked itself out."

Mary is quick to point out that resolving situations like these to the satisfaction of Prep parents and students is very fulfilling and a real team effort.

"We honestly could not be as flexible as we are without Mary McGuane's skill and knowledge in helping our parents who have questions on the phone or transactions to make at the Business Office window. She also manages the week study commitments of our students on financial aid. Or without Joyce Meyers' assistance in walking parents through the financial aid process or Mike Masek's leadership as our VP."

On her desk, Mary keeps a candy dish. She was given by a past parent who could not read well enough to fill out financial aid forms on her own and to remind her of the importance of her role in making Prep happen for so many families.

"I have kids here who come to school hungry every day and with other challenges at home that are almost unimaginable. I think God we not only have the skilled, caring people they need to see in our office but also the financial aid we do. This aid would not be possible without the generosity of our alums, friends, past parents, past students and others who really care about and see the results of Prep's mission on an ongoing basis."
A NON-CATHOLIC PARENT’S VIEW OF THE PREP EXPERIENCE

"When my son was in 8th grade, Creighton Prep was not even on our radar as a high school choice for him. We are not Catholic, and my husband and I were both public school kids. "How we decided to take a look at Prep is a long story, but my son became interested after his first half day visit. He was impressed by the serious academic focus and the lack of chaos he had felt in public school. We loved that too, but my husband and I were really hooked when we learned about the 'Prep Grad at Graduation' traits. I mean really, how many schools can say that they want their grads to be religious, loving and have a heart for justice?"

"My oldest son graduated in 2012, and our next son is currently a sophomore. We have been so impressed with how well Prep’s goal of creating ‘Men for Others’ has been integrated into everything my sons have participated in at Prep. This has reinforced what we have tried to teach them at home as well as the focus of our own church. Additionally, we have found that while the theology classes are taught from a Catholic perspective, they have essentially complimented our church’s teachings. We expected to love the academic offerings at Prep, but we have been surprised and pleased with how well the moral and religious training has meshed with home and church values. "Overall, Prep has been a great choice for our sons and our family."  

- Kay

THE AMDG ANNUAL FUND IN ACTION

Danny Fell, Class of 2014

"The experiences that I have had at Prep have been more than I could have ever imagined. The spiritual growth through retreats have enabled me to develop a closer relationship with Jesus, see God’s presence through my classmates, and open my eyes to the world around me. The extra-curricular activities set Prep above the rest because of how varied and inviting they are. I personally participated in cross country, track and field, Odyssey of the Mind, musical, and cycling club amongst other activities. I would never have been able to experience any of this without the generosity of Creighton Prep donors."

Todd & Amy Foje, Past Parents

"Prep offered our son the atmosphere of personal growth. The education and spiritual tradition fostered his faith, challenged his academic abilities, and encouraged his desire to lead outside the classroom, especially through service to others. He is passionate about using these gifts to help those around him. Nathan has taken those talents and applied them to his college experience. He serves in student government and has taken part in service opportunities through his university. Prep is dear to our hearts. We have had the privilege to observe firsthand the work that the people of Prep do to transform young men. We feel blessed to support them through prayer and financial support."

John Malloy Sr., Class of 1940

"Excerpt taken from the book, Making John a Soldier: A Nebraskan Goes to War"

"My mother, unbeknownst to me, met with Creighton Prep’s principal, Fr. Sullivan. She explained our family couldn’t afford Prep’s full tuition and emphasized how badly I wanted to attend there. Reduced tuition was agreed on; mother took it out of her small house-hold budget. With that, I enrolled at Creighton Prep for my sophomore year; its total student body numbered about five hundred. I found myself in a learning atmosphere vastly different than I had ever experienced. Everyone got along well regardless of his family’s finances. The depression had been a great leveler and social position or family income was disregarded at Prep. Later in life, I spent time in several colleges and universities as a student and faculty member. I never again met the same general level of competence, ambition, and dedication I found among the students at Creighton Prep."

Through a contribution to the AMDG Annual Fund, you provide opportunities for current and future students to tell their Prep stories. Each year, Creighton Prep needs your support for two essential priorities:

• Covering the $3,430 tuition subsidy provided to every student.
• Providing 45% of our deserving young men with over $1.75 million in additional financial assistance.

Your gift will help us continue to offer the experience of faith, scholarship, leadership and service to qualified students and their families. Thank you for your continued support!

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FALL 2013
Mr. Vincent Strand, S.J.
Mr. Vincent Strand, S.J. was born and raised in Doussman, Wisconsin. He attended Marquette University and graduated with majors in biological sciences and theology. Upon graduation from Marquette in 2005, Mr. Strand entered the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus. He professed first vows as a Jesuit in 2007 and was sent for studies to Fordham University where he completed a master’s degree in philosophy in May 2010. In his regency at Prep, Mr. Strand teaches philosophy and theology.

Rev. Robert Tillman, S.J.

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FR. MARK E. NIEMANN, S.J.

Long known to legions of Preppers for his excellence as a teacher of English, Latin and Theology, Fr. Mark E. Niemann, S.J. was born on August 16, 1918 in Burlington, Iowa. After grade school and high school in Burlington, he began studies at Creighton University in 1936 then entered the Society of Jesus the following year at St. Stanislaus Seminary in Florissant, Missouri. Fr. Niemann went on to receive his A.B. in Latin/English, his Ph.L. in Philosophy, his M.Ed. in Latin/Education and his S.T.B. in Theology, all from Saint Louis University between 1942 and 1954. During this time, he also taught Latin and English at Saint Louis University High School and theology at St. Mary’s College (Kansas). After tertianship in Decatur, Illinois, Fr. Niemann was missioned to Regis High School in Denver, where he taught English and Latin and served as Dean of Discipline. Then, in 1954, he began as a teacher of English and Latin at Prep, where he would serve with great distinction on two separate occasions for a total of 42 years.

Just prior to his induction in the Creighton Prep Hall of Fame in 1987, the Prep Alumni News described Fr. Niemann’s teaching reputation in much the same way many of his former students still remember him today: “thorough, demanding, patient, sympathetic, fatherly—whose prime concern has always been to help them develop their God-given talents to their very best, for the greater glory of God.” Fr. Niemann focused on Latin and Theology instruction in the last 30 years of his Prep career, still teaching until a few weeks before his death as a member of the Prep community in 2002.

I find it difficult to believe that it’s been over ten years since Fr. Mark Niemann, S.J. walked the halls of Creighton Prep. Even after all this time, it is still hard for me to imagine Creighton Prep without his presence.

Within a short time of teaching with him, he became both my mentor and a dear friend. He was, for me, the embodiment of what is best in Jesuit education. He cared deeply for the well-being of each one of his students, and he had a passionate commitment to maintaining high academic standards in the classroom.

I think what impressed me most about him was his willingness, in fact, his eagerness, to embrace change. He was the first language teacher in our department to use computers. While I, as the youngest member of the department, was still trying my tests on a traditional typewriter and filing all my papers in a traditional filing system, Fr. Niemann, by far our most elderly member, was the go-to man at one time, Fr. Niemann was the go-to man for counseling—about family matters, about college, about entering the priesthood or religious life, about discipline issues—before there was a counseling program at Prep. He was kind, direct, sensible, and clear about what the next step should be in your life, and also very measured in his conversation and teaching except for one morning. The day after John F. Kennedy was elected president he told each class with some passion, “You young men may not understand this but we as Catholics are full citizens of this country for the first time.”

Mark was a great Jesuit! I was his Superior for seven years. Every Jesuit Superior has what is known as an Admonitor. He is to correct the Superior about anything dealing with the actions of the Superior or his decisions which might need questioning. Mark was appointed by the Provincial to be my Admonitor. When appointed, he came into my office and told me he didn’t want to have this job, but obedience calls him to do it. He did exercise his office more than a few times. When he came into my office to admonish me, he would close the door quietly, stand there and clear his throat, state his admonition and then leave. I had told him that whatever he would say to me, I would always thank him and ask no further questions.

Several times he closed the door ending that admonishing and then open the door as if he hadn’t been there moments before and we would talk as if we hadn’t just met. Mark had just done his job, under obedience, and that was that.

Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J.
Director, Deglman Center for Ignatian Spirituality
Creighton University

Never before or after did I have a teacher who was so demanding, yet compassionate, so insightful, yet humble. Walking into his classroom, I always expected to be challenged, but I also knew I would receive all the support I would need to succeed.

So, now I am sharing Latin with some amazing young men, and Fr. Niemann is always present in my classroom. I even joke with students about it, and I will point to an empty chair and say, “Fr. Niemann came to observe me today to ensure I am meeting the standards he set as a Latin teacher here.” The kids will laugh, but it gives me a small moment to share a thought or two about him and carry on his legacy here.

Kevin Mortensen ’98
Latin Teacher
Creighton Prep

At one time, Fr. Niemann was the go-to man for counseling—about family matters, about college, about entering the priesthood or religious life, about discipline issues—before there was a counseling program at Prep. He was kind, direct, sensible, and clear about what the next step should be in your life, and also very measured in his conversation and teaching except for one morning. The day after John F. Kennedy was elected president he told each class with some passion, “You young men may not understand this but we as Catholics are full citizens of this country for the first time.”

Fr. George R. Sullivan, S.J. ’62
Assistant to the President
Creighton Prep
LTC John A. Nagl ’84, the Alumnus of the Year at Creighton Prep in 2012, has had a long and distinguished career in the military, becoming arguably the nation’s foremost authority on counterinsurgency. Following his years as a student at Prep, John graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1988 then served in the United States Army for two decades as an armor officer. His assignments in the military have included commanding a tank platoon in Operation Desert Storm, serving as an operations officer for a tank battalion task force in Operation Iraqi Freedom— for which he was awarded the Combat Action Badge and the Bronze Star—and commanding the 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, where he trained forces that would later embed with Iraq and Afghan military units.

Along the way, John was also recognized with the George C. Marshall Award as the top graduate at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, where he earned a Master of Military Arts and Sciences degree, and he studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, where he received his doctorate in international relations.

John is widely known as the author of the book “Learning to Eat Soup with a Knife: Counterinsurgency Lessons from Malaya and Vietnam” and as one of the writers of the U.S. Army/Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Field Manual. He has been published numerous times, in national dailies such as The New York Times and Washington Post and in publications such as Foreign Policy and Joint Forces Quarterly. He has also taught national security studies at the United States Military Academy and Georgetown University, and lectured worldwide at military war colleges.

Among his current duties, John serves as a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Center for a New American Security, as the Minerva Research Fellow at the U.S. Naval Academy, as a visiting professor at London’s Kings College in the War Studies Department and on the Defense Policy Board. In addition, he is a Council of Foreign Relations life member as well as a member of the International Institute of Strategic Studies.

On July 1, 2013, John will become the ninth headmaster at The Haverford School, a prestigious college preparatory school for boys located outside Philadelphia, Pa.

"John was a delight to have in class," says Sue Stein, former Prep faculty member. "Once when his AP English class enacted a scene, he had John change his attitude that anything could be fixed. So we "Dutch and I reviewed it and he had the attitude that anything could be fixed. So we just went at the project with that in mind."

You could find him in his office at 6:30 a.m. or 10:00 p.m. when we were not working on some other project outside the building."

After his time at Prep, Fr. Dutkiewicz went on to minister at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts before embarking on a lengthy career of service to the Wisconsin Province as Province Treasurer/Assistant for Finance, in which he worked from 1986 to 2010. He recently retired from full-time Province work.

John A. Nagl ’84

Reverend Eugene M. Dutkiewicz, S.J.

Fr. Dutkiewicz was born on June 4, 1931 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and, after graduation from Marquette High School, entered the Society on August 15, 1948 at St. Stanislaus Seminary in Horrissant, Missouri. He stayed at St. Stanislaus for four years before attending Saint Louis University, where he received a BA in Philosophy/Classics and a Ph.L. in Philosophy. He went on to complete his S.T.L. in Theology at St. Mary’s College (Kansa) in 1963, the same year he was ordained at the Gesu Church in Milwaukee. He pronounced final vows on June 2, 1966 at Campion High School in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

His many assignments in the Jesuit order included two tours at Campion High School—first as a chemistry teacher from 1956-1958 and later as a math teacher and assistant principal from 1963-1969—and two at Prep first as principal from 1969-1980 and them as a math teacher in the 1981-1982 school year. Among Fr. Dutkiewicz’s accomplishments at Prep were his strong backing of a student-led retreat concept that became Freshman Retreat, his hiring of numerous teachers who have also been inducted in the Hall of Fame and his leadership that helped put the school back together in one summer after it was ravaged by the Omaha tornado of May 6, 1975.

"The day after the tornado, we had a meeting and many thought the building was too damaged to save," says Walt Flint, Facilities Director from 1969 to 2007. "Dutch and I reviewed it and he had the attitude that anything could be fixed. So we just went at the project with that in mind. We worked seven days a week that summer and Dutch worked very long hours anywhere. We worked until 10 p.m. when we were not working on some other project outside the building."

The 2012 honorees were John A. Nagl ’84, Rev. Eugene M. Dutkiewicz, S.J., Robert L. Willits and Mary Moeschler.

The Alumnus of the Year award is given to an individual who embodies the values Prep aspires to instill in its graduates through a commitment of living a life devoted to serving others. John A. Nagl ’84 was honored as Creighton Prep’s 2012 Alumnus of the Year.

The Hall of Fame award is given each year to individuals who have displayed distinguished service to Prep as teachers, staff, coaches, alumni, parents or friends. The primary consideration is to honor individuals who have provided direct service to Prep and who are good examples of living personal lives of faith and service. The two members inducted into the 2012 Creighton Prep Hall of Fame were Rev. Eugene M. Dutkiewicz, S.J. and Robert L. Willits.

The Ancilla Domini award is given each year to a woman characterized by her caring, nurturing and unselfish dedication to her faith, family and community. The celebrated life is an example of how to use to the fullest the gifts given to her by God. This year’s award was given to Mary Moeschler, a woman with an amazing record of service to the Catholic faith, Jesuit education, her community and beyond.
Robert L. Willits

A core principle of a Jesuit education is “cura personalis,” the Latin term for “care of the whole person,” which calls many to take guiding roles in the intellectual, spiritual and moral development of students. It also calls those students to fully express who they are as ‘men for others’ and, in guiding their self-expression through the fine arts at Prep, Robert L. Willits has played an exceptional role as their teacher, one worthy of induction in the Creighton Prep Hall of Fame.

Through his Basic Art, Introduction to Art, Advanced Art and Independent Study courses, Bob has helped countless Prepsters since 1978 express themselves at very high levels artistically through two-dimensional and three-dimensional works of art that have shown exceedingly well in competition.

During his tenure, Prep students have won over 500 local, regional and national art awards, including over 300 Scholastic Art Awards and 20 National Scholastic Art Awards. In recognition of his excellence in art instruction, Bob was named Artist Educator of the Year in a statewide competition sponsored by Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1990-1991 and Fine Arts Educator of the Year by United Arts Omaha in 1998. He also coached wrestling at Prep from 1990 to 2003, including time as head coach from 1993 to 2003.

An award-winning artist in his own right, Bob was an original member of Omaha’s Artist’s Cooperative Gallery (1975-1986) and a founding member of the 13th Street Gallery (1986-2001). His artwork has been exhibited in over 50 local, regional (multi-state) and national juried art competitions and invitations, garnering Merit Awards at the Jodya Biennial at the Springfield Museum of Art in Springfield, Massachusetts; multiple awards at the Midlands Print and Drawing Competition and a place in the National Print & Drawing Touring Exhibit of Alice Lloyd College.

Bob’s works have also been exhibited in over 60 one-, two- or three-person shows and are part of private collections in the cities of Chicago, Los Angeles and New York, and the states of Connecticut, Nebraska and New Mexico.

In discussing Bob recently, nationally-acclaimed artist and former student Jeremy Caniglia ’88 said, “Bob Willits is a man of great character and exemplifies the phrase a man for others. I owe my life and passion to the arts to Bob. Those of us who were lucky enough to study under this master artist know that his gift is his ability to make us believe in ourselves and our artwork.”

Mary Moeschler

Mary Moeschler, the 2012 Ancilla Domini award honoree, has served Creighton Prep with a distinction built on her Jesuit education at Creighton University and informed by her long career as a Sacred Heart teacher, where she says “the students’ commitment to a personal and active faith in God, a deep respect for intellectual values, a social awareness that impels to action, the building of a community as a Christian value, and personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom inspire me on a daily basis.”

Born to L. Bernard Egenberger ’40 and Margaret Peter Egenberger, Mary grew up a daily basis.”

When Bill went to work for Mutual of Omaha in their Seattle group office, the couple settled in Bellevue, Washington. Over the next 20 years, Mary earned her master’s in English at the University of Washington, gave birth to sons Peter ’97 and Michael ’99, and taught at Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bellevue.

After the family moved back to Omaha in 1991, Mary continued educating young women in the Sacred Heart tradition, teaching English at Duchesne Academy. While at Duchesne, she served on the Creighton Prep Governing Board for six years where she worked closely with Fr. Tom Merkel, S.J. on the Mission and Planning Committee, helping coordinate the Jesuit Sponsorship Review process and linking Prep with the Peter Kiewit Institute as the Committee analyzed the composition of the deserving young men entering the school for the first time. In 2011, Mary also helped launch the Creighton Prep Relevant Teaching and Innovation Fund, which awards grants to innovative teaching projects at Prep.

In commenting on her Ancilla Domini award honor, Jim Swanson ’82, counselor at Prep, noted Mary’s “keen understanding of both Jesuit and Sacred Heart education” and that “her insights to the Creighton Prep community have been invaluable.”

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For the second year in a row, the Creighton Prep alumni office hosted four regional gatherings in Kansas City (March), Denver (July), Minneapolis (September), and Chicago (October). Fr. Andy Alexander, SJ, 66 spoke at those of the events as well, providing updates on Prep, including the advancements in the presidential transition process, and asking alumni what more the school can do to communicate with, engage and support them in their efforts to live out their Prep educations.

Thanks to all who attended the gatherings and look for similar gatherings in 2013!
Jerome A. Mervald ‘62 has joined Gross & Welch P.C., L.L.O. as Of Counsel to practice in the areas of estate planning, probate, elder law, Social Security disability, real estate and corporate law. Jerry was in private practice for many years after serving first as Deputy County Attorney for Douglas County and as a deputy district attorney in Adams County, Colorado.

Rev. Ronald J. Seminara, S.J. ‘62 recently celebrated 50 years in the Society of Jesus. Ron works at the Sioux Spiritual Center in Howes, South Dakota, where the Rapid City Catholic Diocese and the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus care for the spiritual and social needs of the Lakota people.

John N. Letter ‘64 has lived in Florida for 26 years and is the owner and president of Omni-Pak International, a company that imports packaging film from eight different countries and markets it in 14 different states and four countries. Omni-Pak’s products are used in a range of applications by a number of manufacturers, including those in the consumer food industry.

Michael J. Higgins ’75 and a group of past Prep parents and alumni including Michael R. Higgins ’69, Mark J. Higgins ’71, Dr. John C. Mitchell ’75 and James G. Powers ’76 participated in the Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Race Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) this past July. Team Bluejay, as they were called, joined 10,000 other bikers on the 470-mile trek across the rolling hills of Iowa.

James M. Crafty ’77 is a business of education columnist for Forbes, a political and cultural affairs commentator for The Huffington Post and HuffPost Live, and is finishing post-production on a feature-length documentary about South Bronx debaters titled “Crotty’s Kids.” Jim is also a partner in Monk Space, a Los Angeles production space for television, art, theater and film.

Kerry D. Trotter ’82 was inducted into the Nebraska Black Sports Hall of Fame this past July. During his stellar high school basketball career, Kerry was named All-Metro three times and All-Nebraska twice. As a junior, he carried Prep to a state championship and was named to the McDonald’s All-American team his senior year. He went on to compile 1,221 points, 569 rebounds and 158 steals at Marquette and play 10 years in the European League, where he was twice named Most Valuable Player.

Lawrence M. Zier ’85 is the Owner of Addiction & Recovery Services. Steve recently moved into a self-designed office space for his private practice and specializes in the treatment of adult clients with co-occurring disorders, generally clients who suffer from both addiction and one or more other mental health disorder. He has a relatively new sub-specialty in the treatment of childhood-related traumas or later traumatic experiences, and is certified by the EMDR International Association (EMDRIA) in the use of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing trauma therapy.

Scott T. Casey ’96 and his wife Arinn welcomed their third daughter Brooke into their family this past September. Scott is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) for Illuminate Financial Group that development occurs within the context of the parent-child relationship. From this point, the child develops the capacity to self-regulate, share attention, be reciprocal, explore, learn and play.

Robert Q. Miller ’90 is currently Vice President for Advancement at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Illinois. Bob previously served as Chief Advancement Officer at the American Junior Golf Association, where he raised millions to support junior golfers nationwide. He and his wife Jennifer are also the proud parents of three boys.

Phil A. Anania ’94 and Anne Cavanaugh recently opened their second restaurant in Dundee called The French Bulldog which is just around the corner from their first restaurant, Amsterdam Faldal & Kabob. The business serves house-cured meat, local cheese, soup, salads, roast chicken, sandwiches and also boasts a full bar.

James E. Cadr ’96 has been designated a Chartered Life Underwriter by the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. He focuses on the life insurance market and is Vice President of Wig Codr Underwriters Co. in Omaha. Jim also serves as Vice President of Project Harmony Service League, a branch of Project Harmony that assists with fundraising for and public awareness of the organization’s mission to support children who are victims or suspected victims of abuse and neglect.
Martin A. Stiles ’96 and his wife Tracy welcomed the birth of their first child, Emmett Marcus, this past February. The family lives in Omaha where Marty is a detective for the Omaha Police Department. The couple also owns The Dancer’s Edge dance studio near 156th & Maple St. in Omaha.

Dr. William “Pat” Kelsey ’97 and his wife Amanda welcomed their third child, Lauren Hadlee, into their family this past September. Pat is a periodontist and owns Kelsey Periodontal Group, LLC in Omaha.

Christopher P. Costello ’98 joined Heritage Financial Services LLC as a financial planner in August 2012, selling life, health and disability insurance. Chris and his wife Regina reside in Omaha with their three sons.

Ryan W. Wade ’99 was recently appointed Account Director at OBI Creative, an Omaha advertising agency. Ryan came to OBI Creative after a banking career at Wells Fargo and Union Bank & Trust.

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Corey M. Gorden ’02 and his wife Emily welcomed Henry Michael into their family on September 12. Corey is employed as a police officer for the City of Omaha.

Steven P. Lenz ’02 appears in the remake of Red Dawn as “Pete.” He also has an occurring role in Kelsey Grammar’s series, “Boss.”

Phillip O. Cusik ’03 recently began his second year of law school at Gonzaga University and lives in Spokane, Washington with his wife Amanda.

M. Ronan Conlon ’04 was one of 51 people to finish the Death Race, an endurance race that took place in the mountains of Vermont this past summer. More than 300 participants entered. It took Ronan just over 60 hours to complete the race that included scaling Mount Killington, a six-mile climb, nearly a dozen times, hiking 25 miles with a small group of men, together carrying a kayak above their heads, chopping logs and carrying around 50-pound cement bags on little to no sleep.

Kevin M. Clarke ’05 spent the summer working with the Omaha Downtown Improvement District Association, managing public events and assisting with a new partnership aimed at the renovation of Gene Leahy Mall. He recently took a job with Holy Name Catholic School as its Marketing & Recruiting Director. Kevin is looking forward to working within the Catholic school system and plans to continue his involvement in further strengthening Downtown Omaha.

Edward “Ted” Stratan ’05 is a licensed real estate salesperson in the State of Illinois and a member of the Young Real Estate Professionals of Chicago (YRREP). He graduated from Marquette University with degrees in Finance and Commercial Real Estate and joined Interra Realty in Chicago in October 2010. He was recently appointed to the Center for Real Estate Advisory Board at Marquette.

Michael P. Burns ’06 recently completed his master’s degree in clinical speech-language pathology at the University of Nebraska and is a licensed speech-language pathologist at Omaha North High School. In recent summers, Mike instructed at-risk students in New York City on literacy and language, and says that, “The spirit and community at Creighton Preparatory has instilled a passion in me to serve those most in need in our Omaha community.”

Robert M. Donovan ’07 reports that, following his graduation from the United States Naval Academy and that of his classmate, Rory J. Kelly ’07, from the University of Notre Dame, both men were commissioned as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps. Rob also says that he and Rory were then “shocked” to find themselves assigned to the same class and the same platoon of The Basic School, or TBS, in Quantico, Virginia. This is quite a coincidence given that there are six TBS classes every year, each containing about 280 officers and six platoons.

The six-month TBS training focuses on developing each officer containing about 280 officers and six platoons.

The month TBS training focuses on developing each officer into a provisional rifle platoon commander, following the mantra of “every Marine a rifleman, every Marine officer a rifle platoon commander.”

Rob and Rory completed TBS on September 12, from which Rob went to work as a logistics officer and Rory to work as a signals intelligence officer.

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James P. Richardson ’11 is studying at The Chinese University of Hong Kong in the International Business and Chinese Enterprise program sponsored by the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina. Jim is working toward a double major in international global supply chain economics and operations management, and recently completed a Chinese language immersion session—reading, writing and speaking Mandarin eight hours a day, five days a week.
and my entire will. All grace and I am rich liberty, my memory, CP I have and call my understanding, you and surrender will. Give me only your love and nothing more.

Wives

Linda K. Cavlovic, voice of Patricia 93, sister of David 90 (deceased), Gary 91
Bonnie J. Danze, voice of Michael 91, mother of Andrew 90, father of Jeffery 83
Marilyn A. Dodson, voice of James 82, mother of Samuel 78, grandmother of Terrence Shawnee 90, James Shawnee 91
Margaret L. Gasnick, voice of Raymond 91
Cindy J. McCormack, wife of Victor 94
Barbara Hanrahan Miller, voice of Thomas Hanrahan 92, mother of Patrick Hanrahan 95
Magdalena M. Nemec, voice of Edward 92, mother of Charles 89, grandmother of Edward 93, Edward 95
Norita Salerno, voice of Solomon 92, brother of Terrence 71, Robert 93, Richard 94, grandmother of Robert O'Dwyer 99, Chris O'Dwyer 91, Shawn O'Dwyer 98, Alexander Hanson 91, Matthew Salerno 101, Robert Covey 93
Jeanette E. Semin, wife of Frank 81
June E. Wingate, voice of Vincent 97
Theresa Pag Zabawo, voice of Robert 98, voice of Stephen 75, Timothy 77, David 81, mother of Charles 82
Mary Ann Zadina, voice of Richard 90

Fathers

Anton J. Bilek, voice of James 75
William Bourgeois Sr., father of Leo 69, Dennis 73, grandfather of Thomas 99, John 93
Thomas R. Burke, father of Thomas 74, Timothy 77 (deceased), granddaughter of Matthew 99, Michael 103, Robert 104, Robert 104
Louis H. Cappelano, father of Vincent 90, Mario 98, Gary 89
John A. Chisholm, father of Scott 85
Elias Dahir, father of Stephen 89, John 70
Jerome F. Gilgley, father of Joseph 92, son of Mary 93
James L. Hardick, father of Jeffrey 83
George A. Homan, father of Anthony 81, Gregory 84
Andrew Incontro, father of Andrew 80
Sam J. Italia, father of Terry 69
Leonard M. Jaworski, father of Thomas 61, grandfather of Matthew 90, Mark 91
W. James Jensen, father of Philip 60
Henry Kammendal, father of Richard 71
Glen E. Margritz, father of David 81, grandfather of Ryan 85
Bernard L. Moore, father of William 70, Thomas 72, John 83, grandfather of Benjamin 99
Benjamin 91, Jacob 94, John 86, James 94, Patrick Simon 103, Thomas Simon 102, George Hanrahan 04, William Hanrahan 01, brother of Robert 94 (deceased)
Walter A. Novak, father of Michael 76
Charles S. Roberts, father of Matthew 91
Don L. Rolf, stepfather of Lynne 95, Tanisha 99
Richard J. Sampson, father of Len 70, James 70
Jack A. Terry, father of Chris 75
Adolph Vomacka, father of Richard 80, James 93, grandfather of Richard 87, Patrick 89, Michael 93

Mothers

Marilyn A. Berg, mother of Thomas 82
Janice C. Bergman, mother of Joan Langendorf 91, Joan Langendorf 98
Irene Burns, mother of Vincent 71
Evelyn Byrne, mother of Michael 72, Mark 75
Margaret A. Christiansen, mother of Mark Taylor 78, James Taylor 78, Scott Taylor 83, grandmother of Scott Taylor 89
Irene B. Furst, mother of Thomas 74
Maryvyn M. Hansen, mother of Robert 66, Ronald 66, grandmother of Peter 99, William Rumsen 83

Claire Harris, mother of Patrick 72, grandmother of Matthew Mullen 90, Kyle Mullen 92
Mary Jean Hickey, mother of James 95
Anita I. Jagoatsis, mother of James 95
Margaret M. Kammendal, father of Richard 71
Jean C. Keyser, mother of Richard 86
Virginia M. Krist, mother of Robert 75, grandmother of Julie 90
Angela Lusiencki, mother of Gerald 71, grandmother of Jeffrey Burns 69, Bradley Burns 00, Michael Stratman 93, David Stratman 95, Thomas Stratman 72, Matthew Stratman 00, Jacob Ferry 01
Pauline Marcuzzo, mother of Joseph 70
Mario A. Marino, mother of Joseph 65
Marion Matyja, mother of John 71
Helen Mickells, mother of Edward 71
Carolyn E. Naughtin, mother of Matthew 96
Georgeann Pesavento, mother of Susan 73, grandmother of John 73
Margaret Prince, mother of Robert 59
Phyllis M. Thorson, mother of Owen 71

Children

Christian D. Abts, son of Dan Abts and Eric Abts 92
Mark D. Bystryk, son of Daniel 91

Other

Doris M. Synowicki (deceased 5/10/12), grandmother of Ed 90

ANNIVERSARIES

33 Years
Lorraine and Robert Mickells '73
50 Years
Beverly and John Donahue '43
Pat and Joseph Gehrlein '60
Karlo and Richard Kubat '66
Rose and John Kuhry '57
60 Years
Josephine and Anthony Fucinaro '49
Marylin and Joseph Gasic '49
Margaret and George D. Johnson '45
Virginia and Jerry Kube '50

ORDINATIONS
On Saturday June 9, 2012, Paul A. Lickteig, S.J., was ordained to priest for the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus. The ordaining presbyter was Most Rev. John C. Nienstedt, Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The ordination took place in the Jesuit parish of St. Thomas More in St. Paul. Fr. Lickteig taught theology at Prep from 2006 to 2009, was part of the liturgy committee and worked on sets for plays.

WEDDINGS

Vincent M. Boulay '03, married Allison Eckler
Michael P. Burns '06, married Rachael Avers
Philip O. Cuse '03, married Amanda Baker
John M. Franco '06, married Hollie Burger
Jonathan B. Gorden '02, married Rachel Pfeifer
Matthew R. Kelsey '00, married Alicia Monnier
James N. Mackle '91, married Stephanie Coleman
Nicholas R. Ocken '05, married Amanda Smith
James M. Paluzi '95, married Elizabeth M. Lightbipe
Joshua J. Pesavento '98, married Alysha Ispock
Shawn Perry, '03, married Alysha Ispock
John M. Franco '06, married Rachel Pfeifer
Matthew Mullen '90, Kyle Mullen '92

Other

Attending Fr. Lickteig’s ordination were S.J. Patti Narh, ’09, John Sullivan ’99, Mike Kleinheksel ’01, Paul Lickteig, S.J., Chris Maxwell ‘10, Mike Malloy ’09, Mark Stratman ’06, Colin Lee ’09 and Mike Bear ’09.
As CEO of the Carat Security Group (CSG), the largest manufacturer of armored commercial security vehicles in the world, Creighton Prep graduate Tom Letter ’62 has taken the Jesuit tradition of “cura personalis” or “care of the whole person” to a level that even St. Ignatius himself may not have imagined.

Though his decisions today as CEO of a global enterprise are obviously more complex than those made in his youth, Tom recalls that the choice to attend Prep and be educated in the Jesuit and Catholic tradition was an especially easy one.

“Prep was always the choice. My parents, now deceased, never discussed an alternative. Academics, athletics, the opportunity to grow with the sometimes stern mentoring of our Jesuit professors was an opportunity-experience I believe all our parents realized was something that would be a key to success as we grow.”

At Prep, Tom excelled in football and academics and also was a server at early morning Masses. Proms, sock hops, pep rallies and “the retreats we all participated in” also count as some of his favorite memories.

He credits Prep for preparing him to succeed in the classroom and on the football field at the United States Naval Academy, where he graduated in June 1966. Tom and his wife, Diana, were then married the following year while he was stationed in Pensacola, Florida at Navy flight school. There, he trained to fly the F-8 Crusader, a single-seat aircraft carrier based fighter, and later served two tours in Vietnam on the USS Oriskany and also was a server at early morning Masses. Proms, sock hops, pep rallies and “the retreats we all participated in” also count as some of his favorite memories.

Tom left the Navy in 1972 and worked as a commercial pilot for Eastern Airlines until 1978 when he started a company with another former Navy pilot to resell limousines and other modified cars manufactured by various suppliers. As the business grew in 1980, they purchased the Hess & Eisenhardt Company, a Cincinnati, Ohio-based security vehicle maker ‘with an incredible heritage’ that included the making of horse drawn carriages in the late 1800s and the production of all U.S. presidential limousines starting with President Harry Truman.

From there, the company expanded internationally with the opening of a European office in 1983. A period of rapid worldwide growth and expansion then followed in both the commercial and military markets, highlighted in 2008 when Tom and his associates at Belgium-based Carat Duchatelet acquired the other leader in mobile armored security solutions, Centigon, to form the Carat Security Group.

Today, CSG is the standard by which all others are measured in the armored commercial security vehicle industry. The company provides security vehicles for over 60 heads-of-state and operates seven manufacturing facilities around the world that produce products ranging from specially-modified SUVs and cash-in-transit vehicles to riot-control trucks and armored personnel carriers. Three of Tom’s siblings—Steven ’61, John ’64 and Matthew ’70—attended Prep and brothers Steve and Chris work with him at CSG today.

Tom and Diana have two daughters, Christine and Caroline, and still live in the small village outside Geneva, Switzerland where they moved in 1983 when Tom’s business expanded to the European theater. They also are the proud grandparents of six that range in age from 2 to 11 and, “as all proud grandfathers would say, they are beautiful, exceptionally bright and obvious Prep ‘A’ class candidates.”

In summarizing his story recently for the Alumni News, Tom said, “There is no question my life experience owes so much to the ‘start’ I received at Prep, and I am sure we all share this same appreciation for the friendships and experiences in this exceptional school provided us and, during my visit last year I saw, continues to provide Prep students today.”

PI MIDWEST MAKES FIRST WORLD SERIES APPEARANCE SINCE 2001

PI Midwest’s quest to become the second Nebraska team ever to win the American Legion Baseball World Series came up just short this past summer as the squad finished fourth in the national tournament. The team was making its first World Series appearance since 2001 when they finished third.

The entire Creighton Prep student body gathered in the Henry L. Sullivan, S.J. Campus Center on Friday, August 17 to cheer PI Midwest to a first round victory against the Lakewood Lancers from Lakewood California, watching on the big screen via an ESPN3 Internet stream. North Carolina resident Antoine D. Beck ‘88, along with his sons Ashe and Dax, joined the Prep parents in supporting the team at the stadium in Shelby, North Carolina.

PI Midwest was eventually eliminated by a team from Brooklawn, New Jersey, finishing the season with a 51-10 record.

The only Nebraska team to win an American Legion Baseball crown was the 1939 Omaha McDevitts, which also consisted of players from Prep. On a side note, Dr. Samuel C. Buda ’40 is now the only remaining member from the McDevitts squad as Sam J. Rauso ’41 passed away this summer.
THE MEN FOR OTHERS GOLF CLASSIC

The 2012 Men for Others Golf Classic was held on Monday, September 17 at the Omaha Country Club. Despite a rainy and cool morning, the sky cleared and the sun appeared in the afternoon making for a beautiful fall day. Mike Dahir ’66 and Omaha State Bank served as title sponsor for the thirteenth consecutive year while Bob O’Keefe ’67 and O’Keefe Elevator supported the outing by once again underwriting the dinner portion of the event. Classmates Ron Gartlan ’65 and Jim O’Brien ’65 took first place overall, edging out the team of Doug Munter and John Searl, both former Prep parents.

Thanks to all of the 28 hole sponsors, individual payers and volunteers for making this event a success!