

## **April 15, 2009 e-News**

### **School News**

#### **Congratulations to seven Brophy students named National Merit Scholars**

Congratulations to the following seven members of this year's senior class who have been named **National Merit Scholars**. These young men are among only 8200 seniors nationwide to achieve this distinction. Gus Brodman, Kevin Coltin, Shawn Haupt, Vinay Jayaram, Jared Martin, Will Matloff, Josh Nomkin. Congratulations to their teachers, coaches, and mentors and all who have supported them in their studies.

#### **Distinguished Students – Spring 2009**

Congratulations to the following seniors who have been named Distinguished Students for the spring semester. They will be honored at a ceremony on Monday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theater. All are invited to attend.

Santiago Azpurua-Borras

Evan Balbona

Robert Balint

Brandon Bayardi

Gus Brodman

Andrew Berkeley

Jesse Castaneda

Kevin Coltin

Sam Gause

Luis Malanche

Will Matloff

Chris P. McKenna

Sabinus Megwa

Gabe Short

Zach Smith

Tito Texidor

#### **notMYkid meeting April 22**

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Brophy will be hosting speakers from notMYkid for an educational presentation on the dangers and risks of underage drinking and partying. All parents are very strongly encouraged to attend, especially those who will have children going to prom on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The presentation will take place in the Black Box Theatre from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. Parents who have attended these presentations in the past have given the notMYkid speakers very high compliments, so please come out to hear the important and potentially life-saving information they have to share with us.

#### **Attention Sophomores signed up for Summer Junior Justice Project**

Upcoming Mandatory Meetings:

Orientation, Thursday, April 16, at lunch in Harper Great Hall

Volunteer Fair, Thursday, April 23, at lunch in the Blackbox Theatre

These are mandatory events at which you will find out everything you need to know about the Junior Justice Project, especially how to get started and what you have to do. Remember that the Junior Justice Project is a course, just like any other course at Brophy, and you do get a letter grade that will appear on your transcript. While there are no regular class meetings, you will be required to do some reading, writing, and meeting with teachers and other teachers as part of the course. For more information, check out the Brophy website.

Other Important Dates: April 30, Summer Junior Justice Project Contracts due in the Office of Faith and Justice.

### **Students in the News**

### Men's Choir Festival Results

Congratulations to the Men's Choir and their Director, Paul Olson who earned outstanding results this year.

#### FRESHMEN CHOIR:

Performance rating: I

Sight Reading rating: II

Overall rating: I

Judges comments (excerpts): "Wonderful sound", "Not only impressive looking..but sounding group"

"What a healthy sound" "You know you really convinced me that you like choir and that you like to sing".

Upon questioning the guys if they were *really* all freshmen one judge responded – "for freshmen you are outrageously good"

#### HONOR CHOIR:

Performance rating: I

Sight Reading rating: I (received 97 out of a possible 100 points)

Overall rating: I

Judges comments (excerpts): "Vibrant tone", "WOW!" (with regard to repertoire), "My word what a group",

"Power in your singing", "How lucky you are ! ...singing in a great choir full of young men loving to make music!"

### Phoenix Sister Cities Commission Announces 2009 Youth Ambassador Selections

Three Brophy students are among those chosen to travel to one of Phoenix's nine sister cities. **Patrick Ryan** ('10) will travel to Chengdu, China, **Matt Howard** ('10) will travel to Himeji, Japan, and **Andrew Forsyth** ('10) will travel to Hermosillo, Mexico.

The purpose of the Phoenix Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program is to offer opportunities for Phoenix high school residents to appreciate and understand the cultures of other countries through an abroad/home stay experience. Undoubtedly, these three Brophy students were selected because they will glean much from the experience and will represent both their city and their school well. They will have wonderful adventures to share upon their return!

### Science Bowl Contest

Attached is an article from the newsletter of the Western Area Power Grid about Brophy winning the science bowl contest. Not only were our students the winners, they were good sports and people noticed what nice young men they are. They are on to the National Contest on April 30 with Mr. Patrick Kolb.



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### Congratulations to the Brophy and Xavier Jazz Bands

Congratulations to the BCP/XCP Jazz Bands for competing in the ABODA Regional Jazz Festival. The Jazz Big Band earned a Superior (I) rating and the Jazz Ensemble earned an Excellent(II) rating qualifying both bands for state. Twenty-one bands competed and this is the first time Brophy and Xavier have received a Superior rating! They did an outstanding job representing our two schools.

### Congratulations Mock Trial

In the State Mock Trial Competition the Brophy Mock Trial team of **Creighton Dixon, Michael Misner, Danny Wilson, Josh Hansen-Staggs, Jordan Smith and Blake Tonn** clashed with the best of the very best high school teams in the state. To quote Attorney Coach, Steve Sparks, "Although we didn't quite make it to the final round yesterday, I truly believe we were as good as anybody in that tournament." As proof of that, Brophy's **Danny Wilson** was selected for the All State Mock Trial Team. Hearty congratulations are due to all these young men for their outstanding performance.

### President's Corner

Father Edward Reese, S.J., the President of Brophy College Preparatory is responsible for keeping the school fiscally and operationally sound. The departments of finance, development, alumni relations, public relations, special events and long range strategic planning fall under the direction of the President's office.

**News from the President's Office and Upcoming Events**  
**For daily updates, visit the President's Office website**  
**at [www.brophybroncos.org/dev/index.html](http://www.brophybroncos.org/dev/index.html)**

### **Men of '12 Campaign**

Visit the website at [www.brophybroncos.org/dev/majorgifts/menof2012.html](http://www.brophybroncos.org/dev/majorgifts/menof2012.html)

INCREDIBLE!! Over 35% of parents of freshmen and transfer students have committed \$1,701,405 to our goal of \$1.95 million! That's 88%! The Brophy community continues to affirm their belief in Brophy's mission to educate young men who will be the leaders of tomorrow! Thank you to all of you who have supported the campaign. It's not too late to make your donation to the Men of '12 Campaign. Each and every dollar, large and small, will help us hit our goal. Please call us!

### **Construction on Phase 1 of the new Brophy Sports Campus begins in June.**

A gift or pledge of \$100, \$1000, or \$5000/year helps us immediately to complete this phase. Our young men will be able to use the new fields next fall! Help us to plan responsibly for the build out of the Brophy Sports Campus. Your donation is completely tax deductible, but more important, by contributing to the campaign, you join a legacy of generosity, parents like you who helped to make a Brophy Jesuit education possible for your sons. Help Brophy form *Men for Others* for tomorrow with a gift or pledge today!

Contact Patti Franz [pf Franz@brophyprep.org](mailto:pf Franz@brophyprep.org) or 602-264-5291 x6365.

### **Memory Lane Brick Walk**

Give your son a gift to last a lifetime. Open to the classes of 2001-2010 only. \$150 per brick. You can download the file at this link [www.brophybroncos.org/dev/brick\\_walk.pdf](http://www.brophybroncos.org/dev/brick_walk.pdf)  
Email Ellen McCoy at [emccoy@brophyprep.org](mailto:emccoy@brophyprep.org) or call (602) 264-5291 x 6248

## **Brophy's Major Gifts Campaigns**

### **Sports Campus Campaign**

The Brophy Sports Campus is about to get a new location. Keep up to date on the campaign and progress on the future Brophy Sports Campus.

Visit the Sports Campus website for more information

### **Legacy Society**

We invite all members of our Brophy family to remember Brophy in your estate planning, as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, or as a recipient of a disbursement from your IRA account. Four members of the Brophy Community have included the school in their estates during the last several months. We ask you to join this group of new Legacy Society donors and the many others who are already Legacy Society members by including Brophy in your planned giving decisions. For more information, please contact Joe Helm, Director of Planned Giving and Financial Strategies, at 602-264-5291, ext. 6430, or [jhelm@brophyprep.org](mailto:jhelm@brophyprep.org).

You can also visit the school website to find out more information about planned giving opportunities, under the Legacy section.

### **Physician's Campaign**

The Physicians Campaign was created for all PhDs, medical doctors and other fields. The Physicians Campaign donors contribute \$15,000 to outfit a science lab in the Virginia G. Piper Center for Math and

Science. Donor's names are listed on a plaque outside the classroom door. For more information contact Patti Franz, Director of Development, at [pf Franz@brophyprep.org](mailto:pf Franz@brophyprep.org) or (602) 264-5291 x 6365.

## Upcoming Events

### Brophy Iron Chef

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Harper Great Hall

Join master chefs Vincent Guerithault (*Vincent's on Camelback*) and Michael deMaria (*Heirloom, M Catering*) for an evening of culinary fun as they face off for a third time in Brophy's dueling kitchens! You'll be treated to gourmet dining complete with the finest wine pairings, door prizes, and a live auction of dinner for 10 at each chef's restaurant! Get your tables together now; tickets will be limited! For more information, contact Gillian Oppedahl, [oppedahl@cox.net](mailto:oppedahl@cox.net) or Laura Moser, [laurainphoenix@cox.net](mailto:laurainphoenix@cox.net).

- April 18/19 Father/Son Work Weekend, Manresa  
Contact J. Staggs [jimstaggs@theconstructregroup.com](mailto:jimstaggs@theconstructregroup.com)
- April 19 Freshman Registration, 12:00 p.m.  
Contact the Admissions office for more information at 602.264.5291 x6233  
Or visit the Brophy registration link on the Brophy website [www.brophyprep.org](http://www.brophyprep.org)
- April 22 Dad's Club Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Chester Jesuit Garden  
Contact Don Isaacson at [donisaacson@isaacsonduffy.com](mailto:donisaacson@isaacsonduffy.com)  
Mothers' Guild Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Black Box Theatre  
Contact Marlene Pontrelli for more information, [Marlene.pontrelli@mwmf.com](mailto:Marlene.pontrelli@mwmf.com)
- April 24 Transitions Mass (students only), St. Francis Xavier, 9:30 a.m.**  
Contact Kim Baldwin, Assistant Principal for Campus Ministry at [kbaldwin@brophyprep.org](mailto:kbaldwin@brophyprep.org)
- April 25 BCP/XCP Prom, Harper Great Hall, 8:00 p.m.  
Contact Sandra Dennard, Assistant- Student Activities at [sdennard@brophyprep.org](mailto:sdennard@brophyprep.org)
- April 26 ~~Mass of Thanksgiving & Breakfast Reception for Father Sam Renna, S.J.~~  
***This event will be rescheduled for sometime in the Fall 2009. Details will be forthcoming when they are available.***

### Mothers' Tea Party

Wednesday - April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

Harper Great Hall

For reservations, contact Ellen McCoy at [emccoy@brophyprep.org](mailto:emccoy@brophyprep.org) or 602.264.5291 ext 6248

- April 29 Renaissance Lecture Series, Harper Great Hall, 7:00 p.m.**  
Inspired by Father Anton 'Sam' Renna's commitment to Jesuit education, Brophy hosts a quarterly series of evening experiences that are open to parents, alumni, and anyone else who wants to experience firsthand this type of engagement. This year's final "*Renaissance Lecture*" is titled, *How to Do Poetry*. The presentation begins at 7pm, will be roughly 75 minutes long, and will take place in Fr. Renna's room for all these years, Brophy Hall 110, located just north of the chapel. Hope to see you there....  
For reservations contact Ann Wolf at [awolf@brophyprep.org](mailto:awolf@brophyprep.org) or 602.264.5291 ext 6310

Grandparents' Luncheon

Thursday - April 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.

Harper Great Hall

For reservations, contact Ellen McCoy at [emccoy@brophyprep.org](mailto:emccoy@brophyprep.org) or 602.264.5291 ext 6248

**April 30**      **Senior Heritage Dinner, Harper Great Hall, 6:00 p.m.**  
*This event is free for Brophy Seniors and their parents or guardians only.* For reservations contact Ellen McCoy at [emccoy@brophyprep.org](mailto:emccoy@brophyprep.org) or 602.264.5291 ext 6248

## **Mothers' Guild News**

Dear Brophy Moms:

As hard as it is to believe, we are starting to wind down with the school year, although April is still a very busy month for the Mothers' Guild. We have two meetings in April. Our day meeting is April 2, at 11:30 a.m. in the Harper Great Hall. We are pleased to have as our guest speaker Vice President Adria Renke who will be speaking with us about Ignatian Spirituality. We have invited our alumni moms to join us for this meeting. Our evening meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on April 22 in the Black Box Theater. The evening meeting will be followed by a presentation from NotMyKid. In addition to our Mothers' Guild meetings we have a full calendar of activities in April. Please check the Mothers' Guild calendar for a complete listing of all events.

Our last meeting of the school year is our Installation Brunch on May 7th beginning at 10:30 a.m. We will have a special tribute to senior moms at this meeting. If you are a senior mom and will be attending the Brunch, please e-mail me at [marlene.pontrelli@mwmf.com](mailto:marlene.pontrelli@mwmf.com) so we know you will be in attendance! In addition, this is a very special meeting because we will also be joined by our incoming Freshman moms. A separate flyer with all the details for the Installation Brunch is posted on the Mothers' Guild web site. Finally, a thank you to all those who attended our Volunteer Appreciation Meeting on March 12. It is such pleasure to work with such a wonderfully diverse and talented group of women who continue to contribute to the Mothers' Guild in so many ways. Thank you all for truly growing where you have been planted and allowing us to build this beautiful garden at Brophy. The meeting was also special because we gathered together to honor Gabe Castellanos, a senior student and this year's recipient of the Mothers' Guild Gwendolyn Reese Spirit of Challenge Award. Gabe not only is an outstanding example of a student who has truly grown where he has been planted, but we also found he is quite the musician as he played two original songs for us on his guitar. Congratulations to Gabe!

I wish each of you a very blessed Easter Season and look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events in April.

Sincerely,

Marlene Pontrelli Maerowitz

Brophy Mothers' Guild President

"Grow Where You've Been Planted!"

**Mark your calendar for Mothers' Guild tentative dates!**

[Click to view the calendar.](#) 📅

### **Thank you for Growing Where You've Been Planted**

This section is dedicated to all those who helped make our March events so successful. Although not intentional, with over 150 volunteers and over 1,500 hours of volunteer time this past month, we know we have missed identifying many of you by name. Know that we are so thankful for all that you do for our boys, our Guild, and the school.

Thank you to our Mother-Son Communion Breakfast Committee, including **Gillian Opendahl, Betsy Schreer, Cathy Moran, Theresa Keeley, Regina Castellani, Michelle Ray, Lisa Lombard, Pattie Oleson, Susan Jones, Geriann Heslin, Breanda Howard, Dawn Kennedy, Jill Roberts, Anne Jones, Tory Curtis, Jeanette Szafron, Angie Schmidt, Paula Sperco, Vicki Balint, Annette Benites, Michele Smith, Nora Walsh, Laurel Underseith, Joan Welty, Jeni Williams, Jeri McKee, Kenna Finch, Kathy Petsas, Jennifer Fletcher,** and our chairs **Char Davis** and **Kelly Jackson**.

On March 7 we were treated to an evening of fun and entertainment at the Brophy auction. Thank you to our awesome auction chair **Sherri Germaine** and chair elect **Melinda Wainwright** and their entire committee, including **Janette Bell, Ann Brown, Annette Benites, Carla Curry, Tory Curtis, Karen Fain, Lee Ann Fenessy, Mary Mayfield, Jen Mckee, Leslie McKenna, Beth Mittelstaedt, Stacey Moore, Cathy Moran, Laura Moser, Penny Papadopoulos, Melinda Petznick, Janet Rush, Nancy Sage, Lori Sellers, Lynda Martin-Squatrito, Deborah Stamets, Cindy Todare, Christine Wilson, Kathleen Zywicki, Liz Frakes, Lisa Lombard** and **Gillian Opendahl**.

Junior and Senior Moms had a special treat as we had our own Sock Hop at Mom Prom on March 22. Thank you to **Cinda Stone** and **Karen Powell** and their committee for giving us this opportunity to have a special night out with our boys. Thank you also to our Mothers' Guild Retreat leaders, **Dena Mills**, **Ana Newell** and **Cherie Malkoff** for organizing our Spring Retreat at Manresa the weekend of March 27. Luncheon Chairs **Susie Muzzy** and **Kathy Petsas** organized a fun Mom's Night Out at our annual Spring Fling on March 31. And, thank you to **Marci Zimmerman** (Brophy) and **Ana Newell** (Xavier) our Project Grad chairs and everyone on their committee who have worked all year in preparing for the graduation party for the Brophy and Xavier seniors. Thank you to everyone for helping us continue to "Grow Where You've Been Planted."

### **Would you like to join the Mothers' Guild or volunteer?**

Would you like to join the Mothers' Guild or volunteer? Your lifetime membership of \$175.00 entitles you to admission to all Brophy (Home) Athletic Events and Drama Productions at Brophy. In addition, it supports the events sponsored by the Mothers' Guild as well as our year-end gifting to Brophy. It's not too late to sign! Membership forms and additional information can be found at:

<http://www.brophy mothers guild.org/howtojoin.html>. You may also contact Lisa Khanisho at [lisakh3@cox.net](mailto:lisakh3@cox.net) or phone Lisa at 480-685-7518 and she will be happy to send you the forms.

I hope you take the time to get involved and share in our many scheduled memorable events. I look forward to continuing to share with you as we all grow where we've been planted.

Marlene Pontrelli Maerowitz

President, Brophy Mothers' Guild

[Marlene.pontrelli@mwmf.com](mailto:Marlene.pontrelli@mwmf.com)

- [Mothers' Guild Membership Form](#) 
- [Volunteer Sign-up Form](#) 

### **Brophy 2008-2009 Committee Directory**

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### **Would you like to receive the Brophy Mother's Guild E-News?**

If you would like to receive Brophy Mothers' Guild E-News, please make sure that when you send Brophy registration forms to the school; include the e-mail address that you would like to be used to receive E-News. Any changes to that address should be noted with the school as well as to me at

[CLTree@cox.net](mailto:CLTree@cox.net).

Thank you,

Candy Tree


Communications Chair

### **Informed Parents Network Agreement**

The Informed Parents Network is dedicated to preventing alcohol and other substance abuse by adolescents. Parental awareness, action and mutual support are critical in this endeavor. Please join and be a part of this effort.

[Click to view the document.](#) 

### **Brophy Mothers' Guild Hiking Club**

[Click to view the schedule.](#) 

### **"Key club Induction" Cookie Donations Needed!**

Monday April 27,2009. We need 10 mom's to donate 2 to 3 dozen home baked cookies. They can be delivered to Mrs. Dennard's office the day of event in the Student Activities Center.

### **"Grandparents Day" Volunteers Needed!**

April 30th, 2009

Contact Laurel Underseth at [lunderseth@cox.net](mailto:lunderseth@cox.net)

### **Attention all Brophy Senior Moms!**

**Mark your calendars for these fun and exciting dates!**

April 24th Friday @ 4-7pm for the Pre-Prom Senior Mom Happy Hour Extravaganza - Last Hurrah - Place to be for fun!!!!  
Any questions please contact Annette Benites  
email - [benites@cox.net](mailto:benites@cox.net)  
Together we will celebrate our fabulous senior son's final semester at BCP!!!

### **Wanted!**

Are you comfortable with the computer and have a good working knowledge of any of the following: E-mail, file maintenance, photo manipulation, data entry, etc. Then we need you! We are forming an ad hoc committee to address some of the new ways we be using technology to communicate and store data. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a critical way with the Mothers' Guild while at home. For questions or if you are interested, please contact: Lisa Khnanisho at 602-689-7515 or email at [lisakh3@cox.net](mailto:lisakh3@cox.net).

### **Blood Drive**

Calling all Mom's to donate blood. Brophy is holding its 3rd blood drive of the year, Thursday, April 16th in Harper Great Hall from 8:30 to 1:30. If you would like to donate and help Brophy make its goal please email Keith Bender [kbender11@brophybroncos.org](mailto:kbender11@brophybroncos.org) to schedule an appt. Walk-ins are welcome, but scheduling an appt. is preferred. Thanks so much, Laurel Underseeth  
[BCP Mothers' Guild Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2009](#) 📄

### **Dads' Club**

#### **Brophy Dads' Club April 15<sup>th</sup> Update**

Congratulations to the cast and support staff for 1776. What a great production. I continue to be amazed at the broad range of talent that exists in the Brophy (and Xavier) communities.

We still have a large number of activities between now and the end of the year. Dads, please help Brophy out by volunteering at the remaining activities. Please also plan on partaking in Dads' Club hospitality at our last two Dads' Club meetings of the year, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>. As always, you need not be a member of the Brophy Dads' Club to participate in any Dads' Club activity or to attend our Dads' Club meetings.

Project Graduation will be held Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 from 8:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Volunteers are still needed to work the night of the event. The Project Graduation Committee is also soliciting donations from local businesses for prizes to be given to seniors the night of the event. If you can volunteer or have contacts with local businesses and can assist with donations please contact Scott Harris at [harris.scott@principal.com](mailto:harris.scott@principal.com).

Brophy families, we are coming down the home stretch for the 2008/2009 year. It has been a great year at Brophy and we want to congratulate all Brophy students and their families on another great year.

**Don Isaacson, President  
Brophy Dads' Club**