

## May 1 e-News

### School News

#### Information Regarding Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation

Graduation weekend is the high point of the academic year at Brophy. **Participation in these events is absolutely mandatory for every graduating senior.** For each event, students will report to a pre-assigned classroom where attendance will be taken. Specific information about where to report will be distributed to students in mid-May. Graduation practice, Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation are considered one event. A student's failure to participate in either the rehearsal or Baccalaureate Mass may disallow his participation in graduation.

#### **Graduation Rehearsal: Thursday, May 21**

***This practice is absolutely mandatory and will not begin until all students are present. Rehearsal is scheduled to begin promptly at 12:30 and if begun on time, will end by 4:00 p.m.*** Graduation practice will run for several hours though and again, will not begin until all students are present.

#### **Baccalaureate Mass: 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 22 St. Francis Xavier Church**

For the final time, the Class of 2009 will gather for Mass. This is a sacred tradition at Brophy and one that is shared with most Catholic institutions.

- Seating in St. Francis Xavier is very limited. There are no tickets for the Mass, seating is available on a first come, first served basis. Out of respect for all families though, each graduate is asked to limit their guests to immediate family members only.
- Seniors wear graduation gowns over Mass attire; they do not wear their graduation caps at Baccalaureate Mass.
- 6:45 p.m.: Students are to report to their classrooms. Doors open to St. Francis Church.
- 7:30 p.m.: Mass Begins
- After Mass, all families are invited to a reception with the graduates and the faculty in the Harper Great Hall, hosted by the Mother's Guild.

#### **61<sup>st</sup> Commencement Exercises: 9:00am, Saturday, May 23 Robson Gymnasium**

- 8:00 a.m.:
  - Students are to report to their classrooms in Mass dress with their graduation cap and gown.
  - Doors open for Handicapped seating. Handicapped seating is only for those unable to access the bleachers and one guest. It does not allow for entire families to sit together.
- 8:15 a.m.:
  - Doors open to Robson Gymnasium for general seating. There are no tickets distributed for Graduation as is the case at other institutions. Seating is available on a first come, first served basis. Noise makers are not permitted in the Gymnasium.
- The following is an announcement from Elite Southwest:
  - **If you did not order graduation announcements or if your son was not measured for his cap and gown when this company was on campus several times last semester, you must now call them directly or visit their office. The cap and gown is AT NO CHARGE. The cost has been included in your tuition for 08-09.**
  - *ELITE SOUTHWEST (602) 287-9400 1445 East Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ*

#### **National Merit Scholarship Competition**

Congratulations to the following Juniors who have been entered into the 2009-2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition year. These students, based on the results of their PSAT exam this past fall, are among only 50,000 juniors nationwide selected for this contest. From this pool, 8,200 students will be named National Merit Scholars, a designation recently achieved by nine members of the Class of 2009.

Tomas Abrate  
Zayd Ahmed  
Benjamin Anderson  
Andrew Atallah  
Dewayne Byrnes  
Ryan Filler

Kiefer Forseth  
Andrew Forsyth  
Robert Frame  
Imran Hafiz  
Sean Hanson  
Daniel Hintze  
Timothy Landry  
Liam Martin  
Robert Mayasich  
John Mints  
Joe Murphy  
Sathrukhan Murugan  
Bryce Muzzy  
Connor O'Shaughnessy  
Dominic Ryan  
Bryan Saba  
Patrick Santucci  
Douglas Spelder  
Brandon Tallman  
Alexander Theisen  
Theodoros Tsirigotis  
Kendall Umstead  
Nicholas Wagner  
Zane Waxman  
Daniel Wilson

## **Students in the News**

### **Congratulations Speech and Debate National Qualifiers**

Over the Easter break, the following students qualified for the National Speech and Debate Tournament. Only the top three students (or pairs of students, depending on the event) in the state qualify for Nationals.

The tournament will be held in Birmingham, AL this summer.

**Kevin Coltin**—Extemporaneous Speaking

**Konstantine Vrazhilov**—Extemporaneous Speaking

**Christos Makridis** and **Peter Mardian**—Policy Debate

**Michael Maerowitz** and **Max Maerowitz**—Policy Debate

**RJ Silva**—Dramatic Interpretation

**Victor Cervantes**—Student Congress

Congratulations also to their coaches **Elizabeth Clarke, Kelly Guffey and Ben Kearl!**

### **Senior sets Track and Field record**

**Trent Murphy '09** set a Brophy school record in the Discus with a huge throw of 192'7" at the Arcadia (CA) Invitational. The throw earned Trent a 2nd place finish in this several hundred team meet and 192'7" is currently the 7th best high school discus throw in the nation this year. The previous Brophy Discus record was 174' 0" by Mike McIver in 1984.

### **Senior earns Eagle Scout**

**Congratulations to John MacDonnell '09** who has earned his Eagle Scout and will have his Eagle Scout Honor Court on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

### **Students earn Thespian honors**

The following Brophy students received induction and honors in the International Thespian Society, the honor division of the Xavier/Brophy Drama Club.

There are three categories of awards:

1. Induction into the International Thespian Society
2. Graduating Seniors who are members of the International Thespian Society.
3. Highest honors in the International Thespian Society (given to graduating seniors only.)

Congratulations to the following boys who were inducted into the International Thespian Society on April 28, 2009:

**Andrew Berkley**  
**James Boehm**  
**Oscar Bujanda**  
**Joseph Dizon**  
**John Galeziewski**  
**Chris Herbst**  
**Henry Jetson**  
**Jarek Khoilion**  
**Nick Longo**  
**Chris McKenna**  
**Zach Smith**  
**Conner Wareing**  
**Nick Wren**  
**Raphael Silva**  
**Pat Santucci**

2009 Brophy International Thespian Graduates:

**Andrew Berkley**  
**James Boehm**  
**Oscar Bujanda**  
**Victor Cervantes, Jr.**  
**Joseph Dizon**  
**Scott Ferreira**  
**Jorge Franco**  
**John Galeziewski**  
**Andrew Heslin**  
**Austin Holt**  
**Jarek Khoilion**  
**Luis Malanche, Jr.**  
**Chris McKenna**  
**Sergio Siller**  
**Zach Smith**  
**Jhobany Tortolero**

The following graduating Seniors are receiving highest honors in the International Thespian Society, having committed numerous hours to the theatre during their four years at Brophy:

**Victor Cervantes, Jr.** (1350 hours)

**Scott Ferreira** (1280 hours)

**Austin Holt** (1580 hours)

Congratulations to all these young men for achieving honor and excellence in theatre!

### **National Latin Exam Results**

*Gaudeamus igitur.*

During the second week of March, Brophy and Xavier Latin students participated in the annual National Latin Exam. Of the 138 students who took this test this year, 71 received awards. Listed below are the Brophy winners. Congratulations to all of our classical scholars and their teachers.

#### **Gold Medals** (*Summa cum laude*)

Latin I: Maximian Bezzegh, Reyes Gonzalez, Jonathan Stapleton

Latin II: Nicolas Espinosa, Mark Byrne, Francesco Ruta

Latin III: Alex Theisen

#### **Silver Medals** (*Maxima cum laude*)

Latin I: Alex Stanley, Sean Cahill

Latin II: Steve Vo, Henry Wilky, Connor Lane, Erik Crouch, Alex Troutman,  
Christopher Herbst, John Heiland, Nicholas Dimas

Latin III: Nolan Nardoni, Chase Henry, Johnny McCauley, Anthony Ricci,  
Sathruka Murugan

Latin IV: Aaron Corral

*Magna Cum Laude* Certificates

Latin I: Andrew Long

Latin II: Will Gridley, James Morrison, Zack MacDonald

Latin III: Brendan Hynes, James Saint-Amour, Austin Pietrobono

Latin IV: Sheridan Curley, Nick Ryan

*Cum Laude* Certificates

Latin I: Rudolf Perez

Latin II: James Blaha, Kevin Dixon

Latin III: Adam Triplett, Connor Genta, Tyler Stamets

## 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.brophybronzos.org/dev/index.html](http://www.brophybronzos.org/dev/index.html)

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

Visit the Web site at [www.brophybronzos.org/dev/majorgifts/menof2012.html](http://www.brophybronzos.org/dev/majorgifts/menof2012.html)

WE'RE ALMOST THERE!! The Men of '12 Campaign stands at \$1,720,905, still shy of our goal to raise \$1.95 million! You can help! Please join the parents of freshmen and transfer students who have already made a donation or pledge to support the Brophy Jesuit mission! Thanks to the legacy of generosity that continues in each of you, parents of previous freshmen classes have made possible the premiere facilities that our sons enjoy today. You too can affirm that Brophy's mission is important to you and to your sons by contacting Patti Franz [pf Franz@brophyprep.org](mailto:pf Franz@brophyprep.org) or 602-264-5291 x6365.

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.** 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 for Graduation**

Give your son a gift to last a lifetime. Open to the classes of 2001-2010 only, these commemorative bricks make great graduation or birthday gifts, from Mom & Dad or grandparents! \$150 per brick. You can download the file at this link [www.brophybronzos.org/dev/brick\\_walk.pdf](http://www.brophybronzos.org/dev/brick_walk.pdf)

E-mail Ellen McCoy at [emccoy@brophyprep.org](mailto:emccoy@brophyprep.org) or call (602) 264-5291 ext. 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 **Community** to remember Brophy in your estate planning, as a beneficiary of your life insurance **policies**, or as a recipient of a disbursement from your IRA account. **Six** members of the Brophy Community have **done so in their planned giving programs** during the last several months. We ask you to join this group of new Legacy Society donors and the many others who are already members by including Brophy in your planned giving decisions. For more information, please contact Joe Helm, Director of Planned Giving and Financial Strategies, at 602-264-6430, 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 tab. **The school also has added a calculator tool so that you can see the benefit of the different types of giving.**

## 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 [pfranz@brophyprep.org](mailto:pfranz@brophyprep.org) or (602) 264-5291 x 6365.

## Upcoming Events

~~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.***

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| <b>May 5</b>  | <b>Mother's Guild Executive Board Meeting</b><br>12:00 – 1:00 PM LaCona Room  |
| <b>May 6</b>  | <b>Spring Choir/Orchestra Concert</b><br>7:00 Chapel  |
| <b>May 13</b> | <b>Dad's Club Meeting</b><br>Year End Social and Farewell to Senior Dads<br>5:30 PM   |
| <b>May 21</b> | <b>Mandatory Graduation and Baccalaureate practice for Seniors</b><br>12:30 – 4:00 PM   |
| <b>May 22</b> | <b>Baccalaureate Mass</b><br>St. Francis Xavier church 7:30 PM<br>Reception Immediately following in the Harper Great Hall                                      |
| <b>May 23</b> | <b>Brophy College Preparatory 61<sup>st</sup> Commencement</b><br>Program begins 9:00 AM<br>Doors open 8:00 AM for handicapped seating, 8:15 AM for all seating |
| <b>May 23</b> | <b>Project Graduation Night for BCP/XCP Graduating Seniors</b>  |

## Mothers' Guild News

Dear Brophy Moms:

As hard as it is to believe, our 2008-2009 school year is coming to an end, and so is my term as the Mothers' Guild President. My hope for the Guild when I took office last Spring was that we could come together and through our hard work we would make this ground a little more fertile than it was before for

the next generation of moms and sons. I believe we have done that. Together, we have planted our seeds of growth and throughout this past year have watched as we have seen those seeds grow through the work of many hands as we have toiled and labored watching our goals blossom until now they are in full bloom. I feel incredibly blessed to have worked with an amazing group of women both on the Board, in our committees and those hundreds of mothers who were so willing to pitch in and help when we needed extra cookies, assistance with our blood drives, help in the attendance office, making telephone calls, and sending out mailings. You did so without a moment's hesitation, and for that I am extremely grateful. It has been my privilege and honor to serve all of you over the past 12 months.

My sincere thank you and appreciation to my family and law firm colleagues who have graciously allowed me to have the time this past year to devote to Guild activities. I could not have done this job without your encouragement and support. I look forward to continuing to serve the Guild as past President, knowing that the Guild is in very good and capable hands as Lisa Khnanisho takes over as President on May 7. I also expect to fully envelop Lisa's theme next year, "Savor the Journey" as Max and Michael enter their Senior year. Thank you all, for making the journey so far so memorable and thank you for not only growing where you've been planted, but blossoming as well.

Sincerely,

Marlene Pontrelli Maerowitz

Brophy Mothers' Guild President

"Grow Where You've Been Planted!"

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

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

We are so blessed at Brophy to have so many moms with willing hearts and helpful hands. The following is just a partial list of the many parents who gave of their time in April. We say partial because we know, although not intentional, we have missed some of you who give of your time without us even knowing your names. Know that we appreciate and thank each of you.

Thank you to **Jeni Williams** and **Michelle Ray** for welcoming new moms at the Mothers' Guild table for registration on April 19, **Marci Zimmerman** and **Ana Newell** and their Project Grad committee as they plan a wonderful graduation night for our graduating Brophy and Xavier seniors, and to **Lee Ann Fennessy** and her daytripper committee for planning a fun Kayak adventure. **Lynda Martin Squatrito** continued to do an outstanding job with the planning of our evening Guild meetings and programs. A special thank you to **Laurel Underseth** for organizing volunteers for the blood drive and Senior Heritage dinner, to **Janet Rush** and **Suzanne Williams** for assisting with Student Activities, and **Lisa Bridges** and **Tracy Wilky** and their committee for the wonderful breakfast they provided each month for the faculty and staff. Also, a thank you to **Nora Walsh** who has tirelessly worked all year as the historian in preparing our Guild scrapbook which she will present on May 7. Also, thank you to the two people who were responsible for all the communications you received this past year. **Cathy Moran**, our Publications Chair handled all the information with respect to the Brophy newsletter. If you are reading this now, it is because of Cathy's work. **Candy Tree** continued to provide all the e-mail communications to you in our weekly e-news, as well as special announcements. Candy's son Michael graduates this year, so you will see some changes next year in the communications.

A final thank you to everyone who worked so hard all year to make the Mothers' Guild events run so smoothly. We had over 300 volunteers this past year contributing thousands of volunteer hours to the Guild and to the school. By your commitment, we have modeled for our boys the spirit of commitment and service. Thank you for continuing to "Grow Where You've Been Planted!"

### ***The Mothers' Guild in Full Bloom***

#### **A NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

Back in May 2008, Marlene Pontrelli Maerowitz, president of the Brophy Mothers Guild, crafted her theme: "*Grow Where You've Been Planted*" The seeds for a dynamic and fulfilling year were sown. Our meetings were always filled with pertinent and timely information as it related to our sons needs and our own personal growth. We learned a lot about the college process by the informative panel discussion lead by the counseling department; we laughed and were awed by the ever popular "college panel;" we had the opportunity to experience the Summit On Human Dignity, unlike ever before; and we were touched by Adria Renke's presentation on Ignatian Spirituality.

Over the months, Marlene encouraged us all to participate, share our time, talents, and grow together. And we did. To get us there, Marlene has planned and /or attended well over 50 meetings, responded to thousands of e-mails, coordinated and overseen the Guild newsletters and e-news and provided guidance and support to the wonderful committees that make Brophy so special. Marlene's calm, effective, consistent leadership led the Guild to achieving a very successful year. With much admiration and respect, the Brophy Mothers' Guild extends its gratitude to Marlene for devoting literally thousands of hours to growing the mothers guild into a garden of love, where it functioned with the precision of a Swiss watch and with the utmost professionalism. The Brophy community is so fortunate to be the beneficiary of the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of a volunteer, working mother, who helped us all grow and make a difference.

Marlene, we look forward to your continued guidance, wisdom and friendship next year in your role as past president. May your journey continue to blossom and may your path be blessed.

The Brophy Mothers' Guild

### **Imagine Cirque Du 2009**

#### **XCP/BCP Project Graduation!**

Project Graduation, the Brophy/Xaiver, parent-sponsored celebration for our graduating seniors will be held Saturday, May 23rd, from 8:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. This exciting all-night event will include fun, food, games, activities, prizes and priceless memories! The all-inclusive price is \$75.00 and scholarships are available.

- INVITATIONS: Look for invitations to arrive in the mail the first week of May.
- MEMORY WALL: Senior parents look for your Memory Wall Packet in the mail this month. For questions, please contact Vicki Balint at [vickibalint@mac.com](mailto:vickibalint@mac.com)
- PARENT VOLUNTEERS: We need your help to make this special night a successful evening for our graduating seniors. If you can volunteer the night of May 23, 2009, please e-mail Ana Newell at [ananewell@yahoo.com](mailto:ananewell@yahoo.com)

#### **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.brophymothersguild.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.

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

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


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#### **Daytripper – Spring Kayak Adventure!**

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#### **2009 GWENDOLYN REESE SPRIT OF CHALLENGE AWARD**

On March 12, 2009, the Brophy Mothers' Guild held a special luncheon, at which it recognized an exceptional student, chosen by the administration and counselors to receive the coveted 'Gwendolyn Reese Spirit of Challenge Award.' The award, named in honor of Father Reese's mother, is presented annually, to a student in his senior year, who faces life's challenges with grace, courage, perseverance, and determination. This year's recipient is **Gabriel Castellanos**, who is the personification of these attributes. His story is unforgettable and inspirational.

[Click to read the article.](#) 

#### **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.](#) 📄

### **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).

### **Brophy Dads' Club**

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 Dads' Club meeting of the year, 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**