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## NATIVITY MISSION

NATIVITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL NEW BEDFORD IS AN INDEPENDENT, TUITION-FREE MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR BOYS FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN THE NEW BEDFORD AREA. THE SCHOOL PROVIDES A CHALLENGING AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, WHERE MOTIVATED STUDENTS OF ALL FAITHS ARE OFFERED AN INTELLECTUAL, CULTURAL, PHYSICAL AND MORAL EDUCATION. THE GOAL IS TO GRADUATE YOUNG MEN WHO ARE ACADEMICALLY PREPARED FOR FURTHER EDUCATION, INSPIRED TO LEAD THEIR LIVES WITH HUMILITY, AND DEDICATED TO SERVING OTHERS.



Dear Friends,

If last year was one of surprise and uncertainty for the Nativity community in the face of a new, devastating disease, this year was one of vigilance, adaptation, and resilience. Through it all, our inspiring mission, supported by new sources of government assistance and record-breaking financial support from generous donors, was able to move forward.

We began the school year amidst great economic and medical threats as COVID-19 spread around the world; solutions were elusive, and treatments were limited. Like every element of society, we at Nativity Prep experienced a rollercoaster ride of hope one week with setbacks the next. But amidst the persistent anxiety, shifting guidance, new safety requirements, our resilient and adaptive spirit buoyed us and the fundamental work...preparing young men for a brighter future...continued apace.

Every day, now that we have returned from remote learning, we see that strength reflected on the faces of teachers and students going about the real work of education...in the classroom, in the gym and on our new John Martin Playground. In every venue, we see Nativity boys expanding their knowledge of the world and developing their character. Seeing this play out on the basketball court, we are reminded of the words of John Wooden, the legendary UCLA basketball coach, who lived, coached, and inspired his players based on his "Seven Point Creed".

- · Be true to yourself
- Make each day a masterpiece
- Help others
- Drink deeply from good books
- Make friendship a fine art
- Build shelter against a rainy day
- Pray for guidance and give thanks for your blessings every day

Words of wisdom like these, if heeded, underpin the sort of character development we seek for our students and ourselves, and provide guidance to all of us as we navigate through the difficult times, we live in.

So, it is with confidence in our future and a special sense of pride in our community – students, parents, faculty, staff, volunteers, Trustees, community partners, donors – that we present this annual report. The remarkable culture of the Nativity Prep community was tested and found to be strong.

Sincerely,

Ed Ottensmeyer

Ed Ottensmeyer CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jay Goldrick

Jay Goldrick HEAD OF SCHOOL

### OUR TEACHERS CURRENT NATIVITY FACULTY 2021-2022

NICOLE WILLIAMS is a third year teacher, and is teaching 7th and 8th grade math. She graduated from St. Lawrence University in 2019 and is currently working on getting a Master's degree in Curriculum and Teaching at Boston University. This fall Nicole is helping students learn how to sail at the community boating center, and in the spring she will help with the yearbook and running the volleyball club. Nicole is also acting as our Community Partner Liaison. Through this role she is actively working with community partners to bring new experiences to our school community. She is excited to have everyone back in the building and get a new school year started.

**KATE WAHLE** graduated from Stonehill College in 2020 with a degree in communications, graphic design, and education. This is her second year at Nativity, where she is teaching fifth grade Social Studies and English and is Director of Advising. She is coaching sailing in the fall, basketball in the winter, and working on the yearbook in the spring. Kate is pursuing her master's degree at Boston University. She looks forward to meeting the new fifth grade class and seeing old faces in the hallways!

**ISAIAH RATTI**, was born and raised in New Bedford, and he graduated from Nativity in 2010. From there he went on to Northfield Mount Hermon School before receiving his undergraduate degree and master's degree from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. This is his third year teaching at Nativity. He is currently teaching 8th grade English, 6th grade Social Studies, and serving as our school's Athletic Director.



**FOX MAXWELL** comes from Pittsfield, Maine where his family owns and operates an alpaca and sheep farm. He went to Hamilton College for Mathematics with a minor in Education with the end goal of becoming a teacher. He has worked as a camp counselor for five years, four at an outdoor Quaker camp called Camp Dark Waters and one at a STEM camp at his old high school, The Maine School of Science and Mathematics.





**GRAHAM DAVIDSON** from Cleveland, Ohio, joined the Nativity community during the start of the 2020-2021 school year after majoring in history at Lafayette College. This year, Graham is teaching eighth grade Civics with Temple and sixth grade English with Coordinator ensuring that everyone has what they need for their classes. After school, Graham serves as the Head Coach for the soccer team and enjoys watching their hard work translate into success on the field. In his free time Graham is working on completing his master's degree in education at Boston University to continue to grow as a teacher.

JULIA MORELL graduated from Saint Louis University in 2021. She will teach Integrated and Earth Sciences to the 5th and 6th graders at Nativity. She is elated to be teaching such a great group of students that match her energy and curiosity, and constantly encourages them to always "think like a scientist" question everything! Outside the lab, Julia also runs community service, coaches soccer, and co-coordinates Mock Trial. In the spring, she will be starting up a club that is focused on the climate, nature, animals and biodiversity.

**MADDIE INLOW** graduated from Bates College in 2017 where she was a biology major and an education minor as well as a student-athlete on the softball team. In 2020 she completed her Masters in Education at Boston University. Maddie is in her fifth year at Nativity and is the Curriculum Director and Data Manager, as well as the teacher of 7th and 8th grade science. This fall she is working with students and tutors in the after school Academic Support Program. She will be coaching basketball in the winter and volleyball in the spring along with running the yearbook club.







### **CAMPAIGN UPDATE** NATIVITY2020: BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY ONE BOY AT A TIME PHASE 2, SUSTAINING OUR FUTURE AND OUR PROMISE TOTAL RAISED \$2,200,000



We are so pleased to report on the conclusion of Nativity's Prep's recent capital campaign, *Nativity2020*: Building our Community One Boy at a Time followed by Phase 2, Sustaining our Future and our Promise. Through this two-phase campaign, our intentions were to "embark on a bold new endeavor of a campaign that focused on the specific needs that would allow Nativity Prep to fulfill our commitment to both our current and future students."

We are so grateful for the outpouring of support we received. It was because of you, our generous community, that *Nativity2020* was a tremendous success!

This comprehensive campaign made it possible for us to complete the following essential projects in support of our students:

**NativityPLAYS** – The transformation of the old YWCA indoor pool area into an expansive, 4,000 sq. ft. outdoor play space complete with a basketball court and a six square court. A new parking lot and security gate were added as well.

**NativityNOW** – Critical investments were made to both interior and exterior upgrades to our building. Our building façade received a face-lift with the re-pointing of our historic brick. Inside the building, classrooms received fresh paint, new carpet, and mini-split units for cooling and heating were installed in every room. New floors were installed on the basement level along with a new locker room and bathroom. Repairs and improvements were made to the faculty house at 101 School Street as well.

These improvements at Nativity Prep help us to keep our commitment to graduating young men who are academically prepared for further education, inspired to lead their lives with humility, and dedicated to serving others.

So, on behalf of the trustees, faculty, staff, and students, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your support of our capital campaign and your continued participation in our work. This year, we celebrate 22 years of changing boys' lives in the Greater New Bedford community.

# OUR COMMUNITY IS SO MUCH STRONGER NOW BECAUSE OF YOU.



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#### HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES NATIVITY GRADUATES ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Bishop Stang High School

Bristol County Agricultural High School

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**Deerfield Academy** 

Fairhaven High School

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School

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#### COLLEGES

Bridgewater State University

Bristol Community College

Bunker Hill Community College EPUT Program

Catholic University of America

Dartmouth College

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services

New England Institute of Technology (NEIT)

Salem State University

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

University of Massachusetts Lowell - Honors College

University of Rhode Island

Penn State University

Williams College

#### NATIVITY ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

BY JACOB BERMAN DEAN OF STUDENTS & ALUMNI SUPPORT The alumni spotlight is on Lestor Maldonado. Lestor graduated as a member of the Rodriguez Class in 2016. He went on to Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, where he discovered an interest in electrical engineering. The Nativity family is proud of the effort, determination, and accomplishments of Lestor over the years. Please read further to hear more about his journey from Lestor himself.



LESTOR MALDONADO NP Rodriguez Class of 2016

## Can you tell us a little about your background, where you're from and grew up?

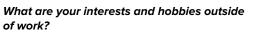
I was born and raised in New Bedford; I've never moved out of the city. I'm Hispanic/Latino, both of my parents were born in Honduras, and I was their first child to be born in the USA.

#### What are you currently studying and where?

I'm currently studying in a program called the Electrical Programming Utility Training (EPUT) Program which is a program that's done by Eversource. We study and get a taste of the basics of every part of their field like overhead line work, underground, metering, etc. In short, it's an electrical program. In order to graduate though, we have to get our associates degree through Bunker Hill Community College, which is where I'm currently studying.

#### How did you get into your line of work/what inspired and prepared you (i.e. voc classes, teachers you had, family, etc.)?

I got into this line of work because I went to Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. When we were in the exploratory phase, I wanted to become an engineer, but when I explored the electrical shop, it made me happy doing it and I was good at it. Because of that shop in Voc, I was able to go on co-op with Glynn electric as an electrical apprentice for the majority of my senior year. Eversource came to our school to give a presentation about their program, and it got me hooked. I applied and thank God I made it in. Now I've got a great job ahead of me and will finally be able to help my family out of our financial struggle.



I love sports, especially soccer! I'm in love with that sport; I love watching it, playing it, and talking about it. I also enjoy arts and crafts, especially origami. I actually held my own club in 8th grade called origami club and had quite a bit of fun with my fellow lower classmates making different things out of paper. One I remember that we all enjoyed was when we held a paper airplane competition. I told them to make their own unique paper airplane to see which one goes the longest and we threw them in the hallway. Good times!

#### What does Nativity mean to you? How did your education at NP prepare you for what you are doina todav?

Nativity means a lot to me. They have given me the gift of knowledge, even though at the time I didn't like the work, I appreciated it my freshman and sophomore year of high school because I've already read some of the books that they were studying. I can definitely say that Nativity definitely helped me to be better with people and taught me how to be a gentleman.

#### What advice would you give to current Nativity students?

Some advice I would give them is to be the best that they can be with whatever task they are doing, whether it be school, work, or sports. If you're the best at it, people will notice your work ethic and give you opportunities later in life. Even though the saying "work smarter not harder" is true, if you give it your all when you're doing something, you will be successful in life!

#### Do you have any general fond NP memories you'd like to share?

I have a lot, but the field trips were always really fun and interesting. I remember during one of our teacherstudent basketball games, I hit a half-court shot and everyone was going crazy!

Lester Maldonado learning how to operate a bucket truck, commonly used for electrical line maintenance.









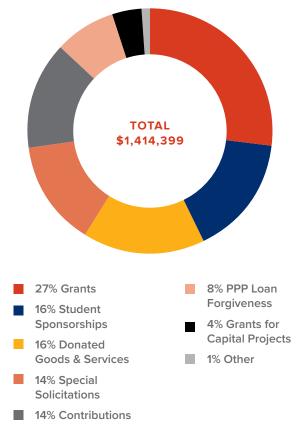
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#### ADVANCEMENT/DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

#### TOTAL INCOME IN SUPPORT OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES AND CAPITAL PROJECTS:

\$1,414,399

Grants	380,922
Student Sponsorships	229,226
Donated Goods & Services	226,721
Special Solicitations*	199,710
Contributions**	198,493
PPP Loan Forgiveness	107,948
Grants for Capital Projects	61,500
Other	9,879



\* In lieu of in-person special events

\*\* Gifts less than \$20,000

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A special recognition to volunteer Sandy Sylvia for her time and commitment to Nativity through her annual gift card party every November since 2011. Please accept our apology if you find an error or omission throughout this annual report for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Please contact Garrett Gryska at 508-994-3800 so we can correct our records for the future.

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