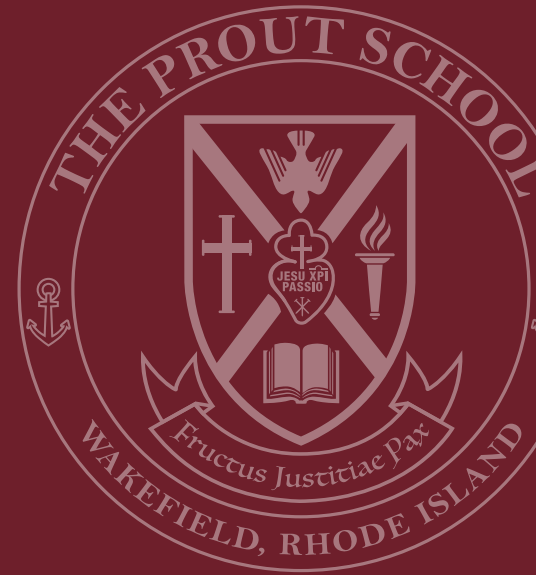


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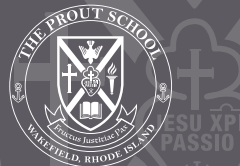
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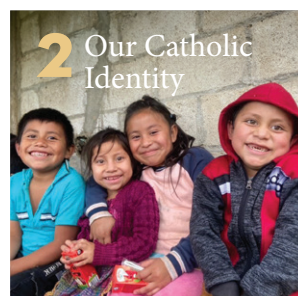


Founded in 1966, **THE PROUT SCHOOL** is a Catholic, diocesan, coeducational, college-preparatory high school. The school enrolls over 400 students from almost all Rhode Island communities and parts of Connecticut. The Prout School is a member of NEASC and is Rhode Island's first International Baccalaureate School.

THE PROUT SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

The Prout School is a vibrant Catholic community that prepares the whole person for productive membership in the global community by fostering quality in spiritual, academic, artistic, and athletic pursuits.

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ABOUT THE COVER

Prout senior Ariadna Ramos '23, delivers toys, food and other necessities to children living in extreme poverty in an area of Guatemala called La Limonada. Ariadna raised the funds to purchase the items through an event celebrating the culture of Guatemala.

DEAR PROUT COMMUNITY,



As another graduation draws near, I look back at the 2022-2023 school year with great happiness. Coming out of the challenges of the last few years, I believe we are now an even stronger community of learners, believers and friends.

To fulfill St. Peter's words, our students set individual goals based on an assessment of their strengths and their areas for growth. Students received feedback throughout the year as they sought to develop their God-given gifts.

Ultimately, we want each Prout Crusader to dedicate his or her gifts to a higher purpose, inspired by Jesus' ministry on earth.

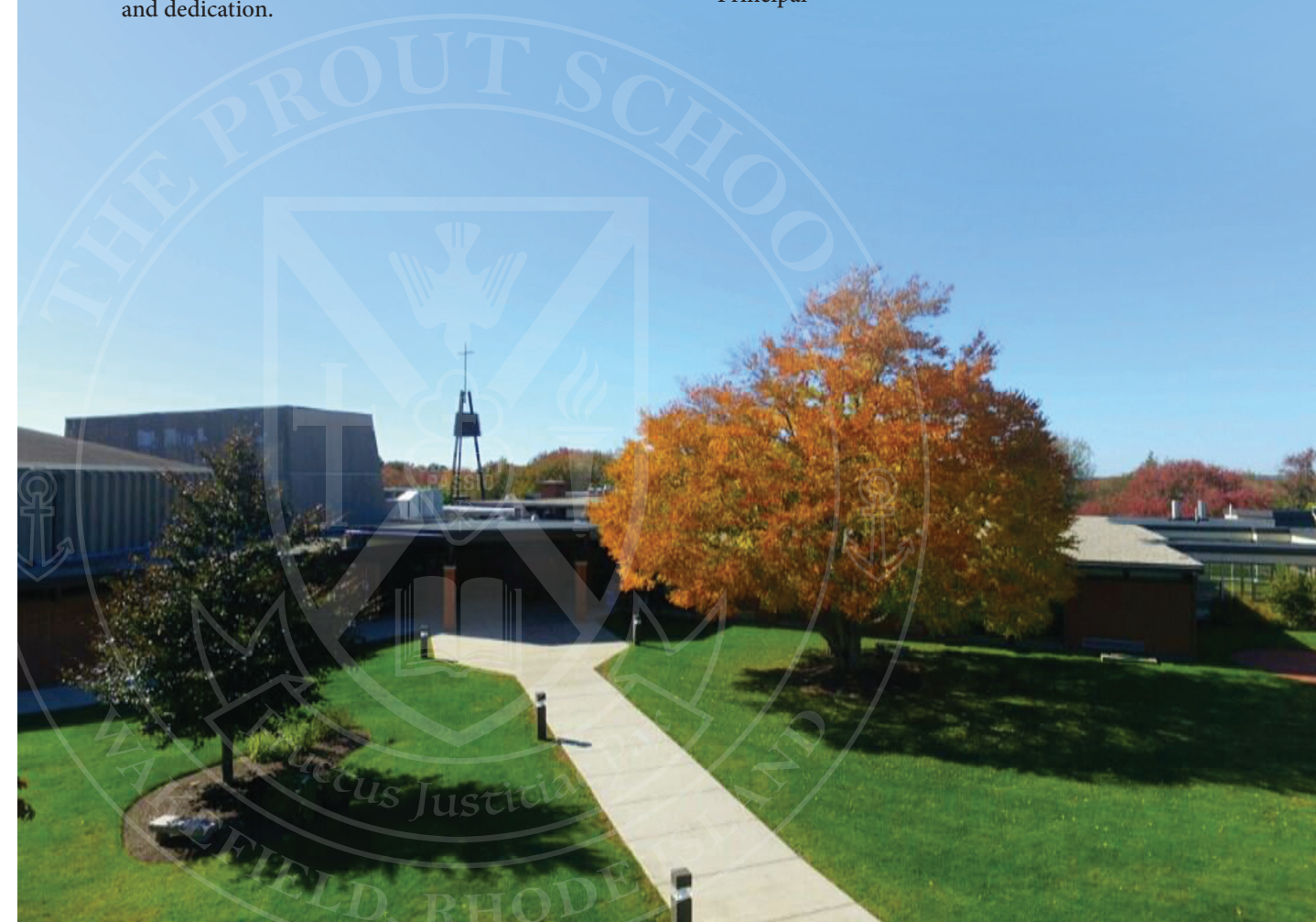
We hope this issue of *The Crusader* illustrates just that.

God's blessings to all,

Dave Estes
Principal

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Peter tells us: "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all people. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

Our emphasis this year was 'honoring God's gifts', a process of self-discovery, development, and dedication.



OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY

The Catholic faith tells us that Jesus calls us to a life that values, serves, and loves others. The powerful message is one of the most important life lessons, and one that the Prout community is built around. Throughout this year, students, parents, alumni, faculty and friends came together to honor and carry out that message, by serving others in all kinds of ways.

ARIADNA RAMOS '23 "DOES SOMETHING" FOR THE CHILDREN OF GUATEMALA

Inspired students can change the world. And for **Ariadna Ramos '23**, the desire to create societal change is personal. Having lived in Guatemala as a child, Ariadna remembers the difficulties and hardships that many of the Guatemalan children faced.

Reflecting on those days, Ariadna recalls, "I knew that when the time came, I would do anything I could to improve the lives of those children."

And so she did. Ariadna created a service project, called *Do Something*, aimed at helping children who live in extreme poverty in Guatemala. In order to raise funds for her project, Ariadna hosted a fundraising event that showcased the beauty of Guatemala through music, food, and culture.

"Cultural awareness is significant in order to bring understanding and empathy to others in the world," said Ariadna.

With the money she raised, Ariadna bought food and other necessities for the Guatemalan children, including a few gifts to bring them joy. Then Ariadna used her own funds to pay her way to Guatemala to personally deliver what she'd purchased to the children living in the area called *La Limonada*.

"My goal was to actively get to know the children I met, to know their trials and



Gloria Gemma 5K Walk

struggles, and, most importantly, to be an instrument of hope to them."

The Prout School is honored to have students like Ariadna who help further the school's mission of service to our communities.

PROUT FIGHTS FOR A CURE

Prout students have supported the cause of breast cancer awareness for many years by participating in the Gloria Gemma 5K Walk, but this year it was personal. When math teacher Mrs. Heather Records was diagnosed with breast cancer, the students increased their efforts accordingly.

In October, Breast Cancer Awareness month, the girls' soccer and volleyball teams helped raise money at their "Pink Out" home games. And more than 100 people from the Prout community, many wearing "We Love Mrs. Records" T-shirts, participated in the Gloria Gemma Walk in Providence. All told, Prout's efforts raised more than \$3,000, earning Prout a place in the top 10 of all the teams participating in the event.



CRUSADER EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to **Thomas Simonetti** and **Julia Thacker** for receiving their *Saint Timothy Awards*. This award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry is the highest honor a diocese may present to a Catholic youth. Prout religion teacher **Mr. Philip Faraone** received the *Companions on the Journey* award, given to Catholic adults who have been active members in parish, school, and/or diocesan activities for youth for at least five years.

OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY *con't*



Prout Helps Florida

PROUT HELPS FLORIDA

Hurricane Ian is now known as the third-costliest weather disaster on record. The hurricane closed schools, restaurants and stores, left people without power, and destroyed homes. Recognizing the aftermath was still being felt by Floridians, the Prout community organized a school-wide fundraiser to help with relief efforts. Students sold "Prout Helps Florida" bracelets, raised over \$1,000 for Floridians in need, and proudly delivered the proceeds to Bishop Tobin.

KEEP THE HEAT ON

As home heating costs have reached record heights, Rhode Islanders are struggling to keep up with utility bills. So, this fall, Prout students hosted a breakfast fundraiser, resulting in a donation of \$500 to *Keep the Heat On*, a program of the Diocese of Providence that provides aid to those who are struggling to pay their heating bills.

PROUT DELIVERS TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots works to ensure that those who are economically disadvantaged are able to enjoy the most basic joys of Christmas. This fall, the Prout student council collaborated with the Marine Corps to collect new, unwrapped toys and deliver them to less fortunate children.

BULKING UP THE BANKS

One of the school's longest-running community service projects, *Bulking Up the Banks*, collects canned goods to "bulk up the food banks" in South County. This year, Prout's Justice, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Club hosted a giant food drive and donated over 400 pounds of food to The Jonnycake Center of Westerly.

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2022



54TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Prout graduated 89 students at its 54th Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, presented the diplomas to this year's graduates.

Abigail DiIuro gave the welcoming speech and **Hugo Lehrach** gave the farewell speech. **Cameron Fonseca**, class president, led the graduates in the traditional tassel ceremony.

Christina Wanta was the recipient of the Elizabeth Prout Christian Service Award given to a student who embodies the spirit of giving. **Alexandra Gencarelli** was the recipient of the prestigious Crusader award, given to a senior who best lives the ideals of The Prout School.

We are proud of our seniors who were offered more than \$6,306,685.00 in scholarships and grants over a four-year period.

Congratulations to all of the graduates. We look forward to welcoming you back to campus as Prout alumni.

Aidan Skidds, Valedictorian

Aidan was a National Honor Society member, Student Council Recording Secretary, a Peer Minister, and a participant in Model Legislature. He was on the varsity cross country, track and baseball teams.



Siena Algeo, Salutatorian

Siena was a member of the math team, the tennis team, and the varsity gymnastics team. She was a Peer Minister and was recognized for her work with Project Fashion Works.



Gracious and Provident Father, we thank you for this joyous day, and for your gifts, which shine so brightly in these graduates.

Bless them with patience as they explore new opportunities.

Bless them with humility in the face of success and abundance.

Bless them with compassion for the vulnerable, the marginalized, the poor, the sick, and the suffering.

Bless them with generosity in the midst of the challenges to come.

Bless them with gratitude for all who have supported them through this journey and helped them reach this moment.

Father Carl Fisetto, Prout Chaplain



Jonathon Paul Abatiello	Aaliyah Gamba	Jessie B. McWilliams
Sara Ann Aguiar	Alexandra M. Gencarelli*+^	Brennan J. Mellor*+^
Siena Elizabeth Algeo*#+^	Laura Ann Gilfert*+^	Bridget H. Mohan*+^
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Anthony J. Fusaro*+^	James P. McWilliams^	

+National Honor Society / *Rhode Island Honor Society
#International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate / ^Scholarship Recipient
(not all students returned their scholarship information)



PROUT GRADUATES RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMAS

Every year, Prout seniors take rigorous exams in order to receive their International Baccalaureate (IB) certificates and diplomas. Twelve members of Prout's Class of 2022 received a full IB diploma. These students completed six IB courses and an individual service project during their junior and senior years.

Congratulations to the following students:

- **Siena Algeo**
- **Ryan Bowe**
- **Haley Bush-Nickerson**
- **Abigail DiIuro**
- **Lilia Gwaltney**
- **Drew Jalbert**
- **Hugo Lehrach**
- **William Maynard**
- **Olivia Ruggiero**
- **Aidan Skidds**
- **Luke Trebisacci**
- **Christina Wanta**



The Class of 2022 made Prout history, with the most graduates heading to college-level athletics.

- **Josie Gustafson**
Volleyball, Central Connecticut State University
- **Brooke Irons**
Swimming, Roger Williams University
- **Jack Malik**
Lacrosse, University of St. Joseph's in West Hartford
- **Jacob Couto**
Soccer, Keene State College
- **Drew Jalbert**
Swimming, University of Pittsburgh
- **Kevin O'Loughlin**
Lacrosse, University of St. Joseph's in West Hartford
- **Alex Gencarelli**
Soccer, Emmanuel College
- **Leah Hauser**
Cheerleading, Western Kentucky University
- **Ashley Kaiser**
Softball, Bryant University
- **Lauren Moriarty**
Soccer, Johnson & Wales University
- **Ellie Edwards**
Lacrosse, Sacred Heart University
- **Jack Kesner**
Baseball, University of St. Joseph's in Maine
- **Caroline Cloxton**
Swimming, Bentley University
- **Cameron Fonseca**
Lacrosse, University of St. Joseph's in West Hartford



Left to right: Abby Smith, Will Ryan, Cam Fonseca, Ellie Edwards, Drew Jalbert, Meghan Mancini

Six members of the Class of '22 were honored at the athletic banquet held at Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown on May 23 as follows:

Athletes of the Year
Cameron Fonseca
Ellie Edwards

Heart of Crusader Award
Abby Smith
Will Ryan

RIIL Student Athletes of the Year
Meghan Mancini
Drew Jalbert

ACADEMICS

2022 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships were established in loving memory of deceased members of our Prout community. We appreciate the families who have chosen to memorialize their loved ones in such a positive and life-affirming way.

The *Kristen M. Duhamel Memorial Scholarship*, which provides a tuition credit to a rising senior who plans to pursue a career in nursing or healthcare, was awarded to **Gabriella Lamendola '23**.

The *Colin B. Foote Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in History*, is awarded to an outstanding junior with a passion and special interest in US History. This year's scholarship, named after Prout alum Colin Foote '01, was funded by the Class of 2001 and was awarded to **Anneliese Demers '23**.

The *J. Lincoln Pearson scholarship for Excellence in Science*, named for the late husband of retired Prout administrator Louise Pearson, went to **Victoria Jacobs '23**.

The Loffredo family provides the funds for the *Robert J. Loffredo, Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church Memorial Scholarship*. The recipients of the scholarship must get good grades and be active members of Saint Mary Star of the Sea. **Jake Demos '23** and **Sarah Lavallee '23** were the 2022 recipients.

Maya Madison '23 received the *2022 Pat Castelli Award for Excellence in Spanish*. The award offsets the IB fees of a student who excels in the Spanish language. Pasquale "Pat" Castelli was a beloved teacher of languages for 16 years at The Prout School. The scholarship was established by the late Lou Bruno, a former language teacher at our school and a close friend of Pat's.



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program recently determined which of the thousands of Semifinalists met all requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition.

Gavin Girard '23 has been named National Merit Scholarship Finalist. The distinction places Gavin in a group representing less than 1% of all high school seniors in the country, including the highest-scoring entrants in each state. Gavin is now being considered for a National Merit Scholarship Award.

In addition, four Prout students were named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program: **Cara Eaton '23**, **Jesse Fitzelle-Jones '23**, **Victoria Jacobs '23**, and **Claire Lewis '23**. Although these students will not continue in the 2023 competition for National Merit Scholarship Awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test.



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS



Ashley Bush-Nickerson's mixed media entry, "A Byway Through the Trees" was awarded a Gold Key.

SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

We are so pleased to recognize our Scholastic Art Award winners for 2023. Congratulations to **Ashley Bush-Nickerson**, **Lillian Borke**, and **Madeline Bormes** for their Gold Key awards and to **Phoebe Ferguson** and **Caroline Graybill** for their Honorable Mentions in this regional competition.

The Scholastic Art Awards is the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7-12. Works are judged on originality, technical skill, and emergence of personal vision or voice. Students across America submitted nearly 350,000 original works this year.

Two Prout students were selected to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York. **Erin Abatiello '23** and **Sophie Garman '24**, earned the great honor of performing at Carnegie Hall, after being nominated and selected to sing with the American High School Honors Performance Choirs. Along with music students from all over North America, Erin and Sophie spent a week in NYC rehearsing with their ensembles and exploring the city. The week culminated with a performance at the legendary Carnegie Hall.



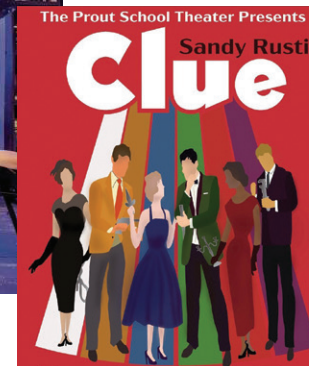
CRUSADER MUSICIANS RANK "ALL STATE"

Nine of Prout's talented musicians were selected as "All State" by the Rhode Island Music Education Association (RIMEA) this year. The all-state orchestra, band and choral performances (called "festivals" by RIMEA) will take place at different locations throughout the state from late March through early April.

Congratulations to our 2022 RIMEA All-State performers:

- **Erin Abatiello '23**
Senior Mixed Chorus, Soprano
- **Skyelyn Bozzi '25**
Senior Mixed Chorus, Soprano
- **Ebby Demos '26**
Junior Band, Trumpet
- **Christian Dowling '26**
Junior Mixed Chorus, Tenor
- **Lena Eng '23**
Senior Orchestra, Cello
- **Sophie Garman '24**
Senior Mixed Chorus, Alto
- **Franny Gregory '26**
Junior Orchestra, Violin
- **Brian LaBossoniere '23**
Senior Mixed Chorus, Bass
- **Andrew Tessier '24**
Senior Mixed Chorus, Bass

In addition, Prout's Concert Band was awarded an Excellent rating at the Rhode Island Music Education Association (RIMEA) Senior Division Band Festival, Prout's Choir received an Excellent rating at RI-ACDA Senior Division Choral Festival, and the String Orchestra earned a Superior rating at RIMEA Senior Division String Festival.



LIVE THEATRE RETURNS TO PROUT

After some creative improvisation required by COVID restrictions, the Prout Theatre Company came roaring back with two fun productions. The students were directed by Valarie Remillard in her first year at Prout as Theatre Teacher and Director.

Clue, a fun, lighthearted and comedic piece about the beloved suspenseful board game was presented in November 2022. According to *The Independent*, "The show was a hit, and impressing the crowd was the talented freshman, Jack Paiva, who played piano live throughout the show!"

Described by Edward Albee as "the greatest American play ever written," **Our Town** presents the small town of Grover's Corners in three acts: "Daily Life," "Love and Marriage" and "Death and Eternity." Narrated by a stage manager and performed with minimal props and sets, the play depicts the simple daily lives of the Webb and Gibbs families as their children fall in love, marry, and eventually – in one of the most famous scenes in American theatre – die. The Prout Theatre Company performed this simple but moving classic production in January of this year.

Guys & Dolls, a classic crowd-pleasing musical, is Prout's spring production, scheduled for April 28 and 29 in the Prout Auditorium.



Do not miss this year's **IB Dance performance**, scheduled for May 4, 2023 in the Prout Auditorium.

Pictured here is a scene from *Cat Wanta's* IB Dance performance last spring.



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS *con't*

MEMORIAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Last spring, during Honors Night, these current seniors were awarded for their talent in the arts with a tuition credit scholarship.

Anneliese Demers was awarded *The Hanumara Scholarship*, given to a rising senior for his or her excellence in drama. This scholarship was established in memory of Hilary Hanumara, mother of Nevan Hanumara '99. Both Mrs. Hanumara and Nevan were very involved in Prout's theater productions.

The *Alicia Storti Memorial Arts Scholarship*, awarded to an outstanding junior who is passionate about visual message and possesses great technical skill, was given to **Lillian Borke**.

Maya Madison was the recipient of the *Walter Aubin Memorial Scholarship*. Walter Aubin '11 was a gifted actor whose artistic vision colored every character he played, every set he helped build.

ATHLETICS



GOLF TEAM Last spring, the Prout golf team won the Southern Division, over the North Kingstown Skippers.



GYMNASTICS TEAM The Prout/EWG gymnastics team won the Division II state championship. This was the first season at Prout for Shaye Rooney, head coach for the team.



GIRLS SWIM TEAM The Crusaders girls' swim team brought home the D1 championship and came in second in the states.



We started the year with the grand opening of our newest multi-purpose turf field, but the Prout Crusaders demonstrated their skill and spirit in other arenas, as well.

GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

The girls' softball team finished out their season last spring with a 3-2 win against Mt. Hope to win the Division II championship. The game, played at Rhode Island College, went into ten innings. Alivia Ring scored the winning run.



BOYS BEAT LSA

Prout Hockey beat La Salle 3-2 in a history-making game on January 11, 2023. It was the Rams' first loss in regular-season league play since the 2021 season. And, most importantly, it was the first time Prout hockey team has ever beat La Salle! The Crusaders went on to top Mt. St. Charles, another hockey powerhouse, later in the season.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

For Prout students, the learning does not stop when classes end. Student-led organizations are an important part of the educational experience.

Prout's new **Academic Decathlon team** – consisting of **Jesse Fitzelle-Jones**, **Maddy Laviolette**, **Maddy Bormes**, **Blake Sykes** (all seniors), and **Calista Leroux '25** -- competed with teams from all over Rhode Island. **Jesse Fitzelle-Jones** won a bronze medal in the math competition. **Maddy Laviolette** won a silver in the essay competition and a bronze medal in the art competition. And **Maddy Bormes** won a silver medal for her interview in front of the judges.

Prout's **Mock Trial team**, which competes in the Rhode Island Legal Education Foundation Mock Trial Tournament, had an exceptional performance in the first round of this year's competition. Prout earned a tie with Bishop Hendricken. Prout's team has been coached by Michelle Ruberto Fonseca '83 for the past five years.

Prout's **robotics team**, called Team Hyperion, competed at the Rhode Island FIRST Tech Challenge Qualifiers in January. An alliance between Shea High School and Team Hyperion was able to beat the top four alliances in their bracket, winning *First Place Alliance*. At the event, Team Hyperion was also awarded the coveted *Inspire Award*, which is given to teams that exemplify professionalism and act as a role model to others for intelligent design, inclusivity, organization, and team spirit.

Team Hyperion advanced to the state competition on March 4 at New England Tech and placed 11 out of 24 teams.



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES con't



National Honor Society



National Honor Society



Youth Force

Members of Prout's National Honor Society bring Christmas cheer to the students at Bishop McVinney School, a Diocesan Catholic grade school serving children from South Providence and the surrounding urban area.

Youth Force is a traffic safety and leadership program, organized by the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association and other organizations. The Youth Force program has three components that it focuses on - substance abuse, mental health, and impaired driving. Prout's efforts this year honored Michaela Lynch, a victim of impaired driving.

THANK YOU, DONORS!

A sincere thank you to the many individuals, families and organizations that financially support the efforts of our school each and every day. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of our students every day.

"Prout has helped me learn my God-given talents, and taught me to utilize them in my everyday life. I have learned leadership, both inside and outside the classroom, and have become a better person in my community and society as a whole. Being a student at Prout is not just about the things that happen in the classroom, it's about the moments that happen in between that make it such a great place to go to school."

- Annie Demers, Class of 2023

ALUMNI NEWS

Andrew Morrison '17 completed his MS in emergency management from Mass. Maritime Academy and began working as 3rd Officer on an oil/chemical tanker. Andrew also fills his time serving our community as an EMT when he is home.



A successful lacrosse player at Prout, Devyne Doran '13 continued at Eastern Connecticut State University, where she was a four-year starter and twice named LEC Defensive Player of the Year. Now head coach for the women's lacrosse program at Framingham State University, Devyne led the team to victory right away - capturing the program's first MASCAC Tournament Title.

Congratulations to Todd Mitchell '11 and Catherine D'Angelo Mitchell '10, who were married in September 2022 in Narragansett, RI. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell let us know, "It was so great to be surrounded by so many Prout alumni!"

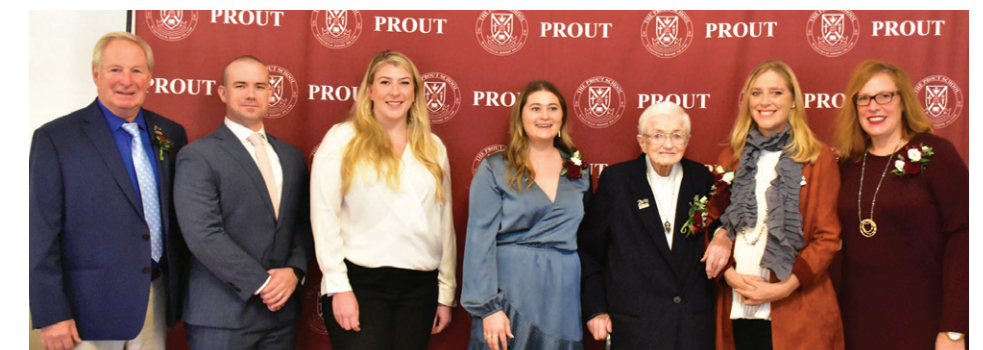
In October 2022, Laura Calvo '07 completed her pediatrics residency, passed her pediatric boards, and is now completing a neonatal-perinatal medicine fellowship at Duke University Hospital. Laura is a mom to two children, ages 2 and 4.

Matthew Letendre '05, is a seasoned philanthropic advisor who has helped secure over \$15M in gifts in support of

varying initiatives at Brown University, Boston University and Villanova University. Now serving as the chief fundraising strategist in New England for Villanova, Matt reignites relationships with key stakeholders.

Following graduation from Sacred Heart University, Matthew Ricci '03 became a police officer for the City of Cranston. He served for 9 years before joining his father in his Seaside Financial Group, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC. Matt is now owner of the practice. Matt resides in South Kingstown with his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Jacob (6) and Julian (3).

AJ Gemma '16 is pursuing teaching degrees in early education and secondary education, in the area of special education, at CCRI. He is the Prout boys' hockey team goalie coach. AJ resides in Richmond, RI and is engaged to be married to Lexi Desjardins.



Prout was pleased to recently induct newest members of the Athletic Hall of Fame and Alumni Hall of Fame. Coach Mark Skinkle, Joseph Abarr '05, Katie Walsh '09, Laura Sogar '09 (not pictured), Nicole Scola '13, Sr. Augustine Mageau, CP, Seana Garrahy Edwards '88, and Michelle Ruberto Fonseca '83.



Bishop Tobin joined Prout school students, Field Committee members, the Sisters of the Cross and Passion nuns, generous donors and the Cooney family at the ribbon cutting and dedication of the new Megan Cooney Field.