



DEVON

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Piarist Fathers

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PIARIST FATHERS' SUPERIOR GENERAL VISITS DEVON PREP

The Piarist Fathers' Superior General, Rev. Pedro Aguado, Sch.P., visited Devon Preparatory School on a recent trip to the United States. Fr. General, as he is known, was elected the Superior General in July. As such, he will serve a six year term.

Rev. Aguado was born in Spain in 1957 and educated by Piarist Fathers. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1979. He has spent most of his priesthood in teaching, youth pastoral activity and pastoral training.

His visit to Devon Prep was brief but successful. He met with students, faculty and the Piarist Fathers living and teaching at Devon. With Brother Nelson Henao and Headmaster Rev. James Shea as his guides, he was given a first hand view of what Devon Prep is all about.

He visited classrooms, toured the facilities, spoke to students, and learned about our many community service programs. He even watched as CAP members loaded food from the Harvest Food Drive onto a truck destined for St. Elizabeth's food cupboard in North Philadelphia. Fr. General said he enjoyed his visit and was impressed with all that we do at Devon Prep. See more photos: <http://tinyurl.com/fr-general>



NEARLY HALF THE SENIOR CLASS NAMED AP SCHOLARS

Twenty-six Devon Prep seniors, nearly half of the Class of 2010, were named AP Scholars by the College Board. Eighteen of these young men were named *AP Scholar with Distinction*, two were named *AP Scholar with Honor* and six were named *AP Scholar*.

In addition two of these seniors, **Theodore Lawrence** and **Shane Howard**, were named *National AP Scholars*. Students who receive an average grade of at least 4 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams are named National AP Scholars. Devon Prep's AP Scholars include:

AP Scholar with Distinction: Andrew E. Callahan, Brendan M. Coyne, Joseph G. Donatoni, Brendan P. Fulmer, Matthew C. Gruchacz, Shane J. Howard, Theodore J. Lawrence, Alex Lee, Samuel P. Parkinson, Andrew L. Robie, Christopher F. Smith, Robert M. Smith, Daniel H. Stack, Joseph A. Stucynski, Francisco F. Suero, Brendan R. Tomoschuk, Matthew L. Toukatly, John W. Wujcik

AP Scholar with Honor: Patrick W. Henry, Patrick F. O'Brien

AP Scholar: Rahul J. Joyce, Ryan P. Luffey, Philip J. Nowlan, Anthony M. Raymundo, John P. Thomas, F. Quinn White

These Devon Prep seniors were recognized for their extraordinary achievement on college level Advanced Placement exams taken last spring. More than one million students took AP exams in May 2009. Only 18% performed at a sufficiently high level to merit AP Scholar recognition.

The AP Program, sponsored by the College Board, is a cooperative educational endeavor between high schools and colleges and universities. It exposes students to college level material through involvement in an AP course and gives them the opportunity to demonstrate that they have mastered it by taking an AP exam. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit and/or advanced placement based on successful performances on the AP Exams.

Devon Prep's Advanced Placement (AP) Program begins in the sophomore year and offers more than 17 courses in numerous subjects including history, biology, physics, English, geography, political science, French, Spanish, German and more.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Twenty Devon Prep Middle School students were recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). The new inductees include: Eighth Grader **Graham Kerrigan**, and Seventh Graders **James Cashel, James Colleran, Daniel Crowe, Andrew Hayden, John Hegarty, Maxwell Lee, Andrew Loper, James Lucas, Angelo Luchetti, Nicholas Mara, Nathanael McLachlan, Albert-Emmanuel Milani, Jack Murphy, Michael Pauciulo, J. Bailey Pollack, David Randall, Andrew Shannon, Joseph Teti, and James Zakreski**.

More than just an honor roll, the National Junior Honor Society serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character and Citizenship. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1929.

Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in activities of the NJHS. NJHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. Territories, and Canada. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.



Back row, from left: Andrew Loper, Maxwell Lee, Andrew Hayden, Angelo Luchetti, Daniel Crowe, David Randall, J. Bailey Pollack, James Zakreski, John Hegarty, Graham Kerrigan

Seated, from left: Nicholas Mara, James Cashel, James Colleran, Albert-Emmanuel Milani, Michael Pauciulo, Joseph Teti, Andrew Shannon, Jack Murphy (missing: Nathanael McLachlan).

CLASS OF 2010 TURKEY BOWL

The Class of 2010 participated in the annual Devon Prep Turkey Bowl on the Friday before Thanksgiving. This year's competition was held in the gym instead of the athletic field due to recent heavy rains. See more photos: <http://tinyurl.com/turkeybowl09>



STUDENTS HONORED AT FALL SPORTS BANQUET

Several Devon Prep students were honored with MVP and Spirit Awards during the school's annual Fall Sports Banquet held in the gymnasium. Before an audience of parents, coaches, and faculty, the soccer, golf and cross country teams were praised for their dedication, hard work and teamwork. For photos of the banquet go to: <http://tinyurl.com/fall-sports-banquet>

The **SOCCER AWARDS** were presented by Coaches Bob Heavey and Frank DeMas to:

- *Senior **Ian Smith** – *Most Valuable Player*
- *Senior **Kevin Maloney** – *Spirit Award*
- *Senior **Christopher Smith** - *Tim Davis Memorial Defensive Soccer Player Award*

The **CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS** were presented by Coaches Paul Sanborn and Dr. John Joe to:

- *Junior **Alexander DiMarzio**– *Most Valuable Player Award*
- *Senior **Matthew DiMaio** - *Spirit Award*

The **GOLF AWARDS** were presented by Coach Frank Casey to:

- *Senior **Andrew Carroll**– *Most Valuable Player*
- *Senior **Mark Hillegass** and Senior **Zachary Koehler** - *Spirit Award*



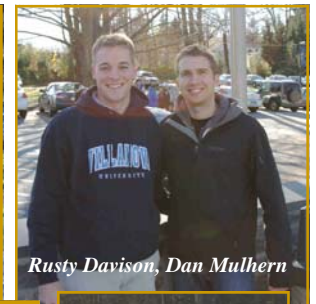
Back row, from left: Seniors Christopher Smith, Zachary Koehler, Andrew Carroll, and Matthew DiMaio; front row, from left: Seniors Kevin Maloney, Ian Smith, Mark Hillegass, and Junior Alex DiMarzio.

SOCCER PLAYERS HONORED

Junior **Andrew Fletcher** received an Honorable Mention on the 2009 All Main Line Boys Soccer Team - published by the *Main Line Times* and *Main Line Suburban Life* - <http://tinyurl.com/ylolydh>.

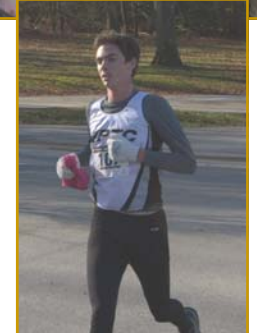
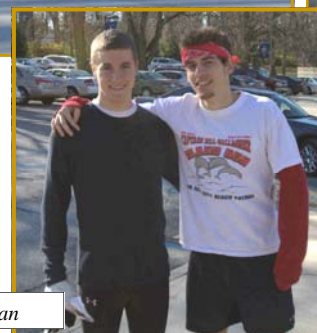
Also, Seniors **Kevin Maloney** and **Chris Smith** were named to the All Bicentennial Athletic League (BAL) Second Team, and Senior **Ian Smith** and Junior **Andrew Fletcher** received Honorable Mentions. Congratulations!

DEVON PREP 5K CHALLENGE



Rusty Davison, Dan Mulhern

The 19th Annual Devon Prep 5K Challenge took place on Saturday, November 28th at 10:00AM with more than 135 runners and walkers. Emerging from the throng of alumni, parents, faculty, students and friends were three young alumni finishing first (Jon Sclafani '06) second (Dave Evans'08), and fourth place (Conor Logan '09). All three run for St. Joseph's University. With help from many members of the Devon Prep Community, Dan Mulhern '02 and Rusty Davison '01 organized another successful 5K Run.



From left: Dave Evans, Jon Sclafani, Conor Logan

DR. JOHN BENNETT '67 ADDRESSES CLASS OF 2010



Class of 1967 Alumnus Dr. John Bennett spoke to the Class of 2010 as the first in a series of alumni presentations to the senior class.

After graduating from Devon Prep, Dr. Bennett attended St. Joseph's University where he majored in Physics, and then went on to study medicine at Hahnemann Medical School. As he began his medical career in emergency medicine,

he also began investing in real estate in the Society Hill section of Philadelphia during its renaissance in the mid to late seventies.

Throughout the next few decades, Dr. Bennett established and operated his own private companies. Today he directs a group of companies that operate throughout the globe, especially in China.

Dr. Bennett focused his presentation on his business dealings with the Chinese. His experiences in China began more than a decade ago,

and he anticipates that the opportunities will be available there for him and many others at least for another two or three decades. Among their many activities, Dr. Bennett's companies manufacture and sell medical equipment and create software for medical facilities.

During his presentation Dr. Bennett often encouraged the seniors to keep an open mind as they enter the next phase of their education.

"Look at all there is around you," he said. "You don't have to look far away to figure out what you want to do. Keep an open mind. Look outside the box," he continued, "figure out a way that you can make life better for people."



HARVEST FOOD DRIVE SURPASSES PREVIOUS COLLECTIONS

Devon Prep's Christian Action Program (CAP) worked tirelessly this year to ensure families in North Philadelphia would have a Happy Thanksgiving. The sixth through 12th graders collected **over 5,500 food items** and **more than 70 turkeys** during their recent Harvest Food Drive. Among the food donations were canned vegetables and soups, jars of apple sauce and jams, boxes of pasta, stuffing, rice and mashed potatoes, tomato sauce, tuna fish, peanut butter and more.

For more information and photos go to —
<http://tinyurl.com/harvesdrive>



GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL OTHERS VISIT DEVON PREP

More than 100 Devon Prep students, in sixth through twelfth grades, welcomed nearly 200 grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings and/or friends to Devon Prep's annual Grandparents and Special Others Day. The day began with a continental brunch as the honored guests gathered with their Devon Prep student in the school's gymnasium where they met other students as well as other guests. See more information and photos: <http://tinyurl.com/GParentsday>.



DEVON PREP BOOKFAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE, 12/14

Join the Devon Prep community at Barnes & Noble (150 W. Swedesford Road in Devon) for our annual Devon Prep Book Fair on **Monday, December 14 from 3:00 to 9:00 PM.**

A portion of your purchases that evening will be donated to Devon Prep if you present our voucher or mention Devon Prep's Book Fair number: **10074961.**

In addition, if you make a purchase at any Barnes and Noble store across the country from **December 14 through December 20**, a portion of your purchase will also be donated to Devon Prep. Simply present the voucher or our Book Fair number: **10074961**

So stop by on December 14, do a little Christmas shopping, and support Devon Prep. Several special events are also scheduled throughout the evening.

- * Free gift wrapping for everyone who mentions Devon Prep's Book Fair **#10074961** when they make their purchases.
- * Artwork created by Devon Prep students will be on display.
- * Any student who stops into the Devon Barnes & Noble to pick up a pass will not have to pay for Devon's Dress Down Day on Friday, December 18th.



* **4:00 PM** - Devon Prep mom and author, Lorraine Ranalli, will sign her book, *Gravy Wars, South Philly Foods, Feuds & Attitudes.*

* **6:30 PM** - Author Robert Lyons will talk about his book, *On Any Given Sunday: The Life of Bert Bell*, followed by a book signing.

* **7:00 PM** Devon Prep's RIP TIDE will perform.

To download the **voucher** visit Devon Prep's home page, www.devonprep.com, and click on "Devon Prep Book Fair," or call the school at 610-68-7337 for more information. To download a **25% off coupon** go to: <http://tinyurl.com/yhcfjke>.



HOLIDAY GIFTS THAT GIVEBACK

This holiday season send a gift that means an automatic donation to Devon Prep. When you shop at any of the over 700 participating online stores through **IGive**, a portion of each purchase comes back to us in the form of a donation check. Its free for you, free for us and you pay the same (or less) than you would by going directly to the online store. Find out more at - <http://tinyurl.com/dpgive>.

SUPPORT THE DEVON PREP ANNUAL FUND

The Devon Prep Annual Fund is a yearly appeal for contributions to support the current operations of the school, and it is a critical part of Devon Prep's fundraising efforts.

It is money donated by trustees, parents, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, and friends to provide additional resources to enrich the educational experiences of our students. Tuition alone does not cover the cost of providing a Devon Prep education. Tax-deductible Annual Fund gifts are a vital source of revenue. A strong Annual Fund helps to keep tuition affordable.

Gifts to the Annual Fund are powerful, because they go to work immediately and benefit every student, every day. Your gifts support scholarships and financial aid, professional development for our faculty, technology, athletics and classroom materials. For more information about the Annual Fund or to make a donation contact Jean Emhof, Director of Development at 610-688-7337, development@devonprep.com, or visit <http://www.devonprep.com/support/giving.html>.



News Links

Below are several links to recent news articles about Devon Prep.

Sophomore CPR

<http://tinyurl.com/yzvocko>

Up for a Cause

<http://tinyurl.com/yeylscv>

<http://tinyurl.com/yb2ldku>

Shakespeare Workshops

<http://www.engageonline.com/AdDesk/Htmlfiles/Readers/article.epc?id=25286>

National Merit Scholars

<http://www.engageonline.com/AdDesk/Htmlfiles/Readers/article.epc?id=24530>

<http://tinyurl.com/nationalmerit-mainlinemedia>

Harvest Food Drive

<http://tinyurl.com/yae7q4u>

<http://tinyurl.com/y95wdhl>

The Matchmaker

<http://tinyurl.com/yft83jn>

MORE INFO....

All of the above events and more can be found on Devon Prep's website <http://www.devonprep.com>.

You can also follow Devon Prep on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/DEVONPREP> and join our Facebook Fan Page at <http://tinyurl.com/devonFBpage>

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Questions or comments?
e-mail rlombardo@devonprep.com.

Upcoming Events

December 11

*Middle School Dance

December 16

*11:30 AM Dismissal

*Parent - Teacher
Conferences

December 18

*Christmas Concert

*Dress Down Day

December 19

*Upper School Semi-formal

December 21

*Closed for the
Christmas Holidays

December 24

*Christmas Eve Mass, 9:30 PM

January 4

*Classes Resume

January 6

*Parents Association Meeting
7 PM

January 18

*No Classes

January 22

*March for Life,
Washington, DC

January 30 & 31

*Scholarship /Entrance Exam

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!