The Prout School

The CRUSADER

A magazine for alumni, parents and friends of The Prout School

FALL 2015
Founded in 1966, THE PROUT SCHOOL is a Catholic coeducational, college-preparatory high school which enrolls approximately 550 students from all Rhode Island communities and parts of Connecticut. The Prout School is a member of NEASC and is Rhode Island’s only 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.
DEAR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND ALUMNI,

I am honored and excited for the opportunity to address you in this issue of The Crusader. As soon as I arrived in July, my work focused on building upon the school’s many strong foundations in academics, arts, athletics, student activities, and Christian service. To date, we have founded a College and Career Counseling Center, expanded the level of student involvement in our fall homecoming, and sought out new opportunities for student growth through service work. The improvement of our physical plant has been enthusiastically noted by all of our recent visitors. A challenge to our students and staff to see themselves as ambassadors of our school resulted in more than 40% of our student body volunteering at a recent open house event. We even endeavored to build pride in our school through the introduction of our first mascot, “Otto the Crusader”!

We’ve also taken strides to further strengthen relationships with our families, friends and alumni. We recently hosted our annual alumni event and, a few days later, brought back forty participants from the year-long Institute of School and Parish Development (ISPD) process. At both events, we solicited feedback on our recent initiatives and then brainstormed ideas in preparation for Prout’s 50th anniversary celebration, beginning in September of 2016.

Lastly, we are experiencing a renewed sense of collaboration with our partner schools and parishes through frequent interaction. In September, eight Prout Crusaders had the opportunity to see and hear Pope Francis on the lawn outside of the US Capitol. These eight Crusaders represented eight local parishes. We are also well along in the process of building a team of parents and students to serve as ambassadors between Prout and dozens of parishes in RI and nearby CT. We have even hosted breakfasts with our Catholic elementary school principals, providing them with the opportunity to visit with their graduates who have gone on to attend Prout. These principals learned firsthand how their former students have blossomed as Prout Crusaders.

Each day, our task is to embody a community of learners, believers, and friends in the spirit of our Catholic heritage. We have many challenges and opportunities ahead of us. Your support of time, energy, expertise, and prayers are critical for us to be the finest Catholic high school experience now and for the next fifty years.

God Bless,

David Estes
Head of School
Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is an internationally-recognized curriculum for high school juniors and seniors, with an emphasis on intercultural understanding and enrichment. The Prout School is the only high school in Rhode Island and one of a few Catholic high schools in New England to offer this academic opportunity. Congratulations to:

Zachary Neronha
Rachel Moody
Michaela Muto
Liam O’Donnell
Christopher Joseph
Anna Schlenz
Alexis Duncan

HONORS NIGHT
The Prout School celebrated the academic achievements of students at the Honors Night. The evening included the recognition of students for honors, high honors, Rhode Island Honor Society, Rhode Island Scholars and Book Awards. There were also many local scholarships distributed to students. Almost 400 Prout students were acknowledged.

The evening concluded with the senior recognition awards. Matt Cook ’15 was the recipient of The Prout Crusader Award for the senior who best exemplifies the ideals of The Prout School. Nicole Villa ’15 was presented with the Elizabeth Prout Christian Service Award. Matt Cook also received The Principal’s Award.

COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELING CENTER
The Prout School has always had a robust college placement program. Every year, 99% of Prout graduates attend a four-year college or university. Our alumni are doctors, scientists, attorneys, engineers, writers, musicians, artists, actors and educators.

This year Mary Hoyt, who has served in many capacities in her 42 years at Prout — teacher, department head, guidance counselor, guidance director— has taken on a new challenge. She is focusing her considerable talent and experience as the
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- Natalie Freeman: 3rd Place in RI; 8th Place in nation (Level 1A)
- Abigail Gencarelli: 2nd Place in RI; 7th Place in nation (Level 1A)
- Flora Grilli: 1st Place in RI (Level 2B). Flora also won nationally; was fifth in the nation.
- Jacob McConnell: 10th Place in nation (Level 3A)
- Anthony Melegari: 8th Place in nation (Level 3B)
- Antonio Morin: 2nd Place in RI; 7th Place in nation (Level 1B)
- Kathryn Pope: 13th Place in nation (Level 2A)
- Paul Smith: 10th Place in nation (Level 1A)
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Director of the newly launched College & Career Counseling Center at The Prout School. The new Center is located conveniently near Prout’s main office.

At the Center, Mary Hoyt and her assistant Eddie DeCesare will work with students on the entire college placement process including workshops, meetings, materials and visits with college representatives to prepare students and their families for the college process. By all accounts, Ms. Hoyt is Prout’s “secret weapon” for the school’s success in placing students in the colleges and career paths where they’ll best thrive.

In her role as Director of the College & Career Counseling Center, Ms. Hoyt will also seek to engage Prout alumni in providing opportunities for current students to gain real-world career experience through job shadowing, mentoring and career days.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

PENNY WARS
The “Penny Wars” competition sponsored by the student council raised $500 to benefit the Diocese of Providence’s “Keep the Heat On” program, which provides fuel oil assistance to those in need.

SOLES4SOULS
Kate McCormack ’15 organized a unique community service project, collecting 1,200 pairs of shoes to benefit individuals in developing countries for an organization called Soles4Souls. Her efforts were recognized in the local media.

RESPECT LIFE CLUB
The Respect Life Club raised money and collected baby items for Marine Veteran mother Andrea Ryder and her newborn baby girl Olivia. After serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan, Andrea was diagnosed with melanoma cancer while in her 2nd trimester. Doctors gave her 3-6 months to live, and suggested she terminate her pregnancy. Putting the life of her child before her own, Andrea decided to carry Olivia to full term and deliver her before starting her treatments.

SADD
Prout’s SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) club sold hot chocolate and donuts to benefit the Tori Lynn Andreozzi Foundation, which works to empower people to make good choices and protect other families from the devastating consequences of poor decision-making.

MISSION TRIP
During April vacation week, nine Prout students and chaperones traveled to Glenmary Farm, Tennessee to assist that community. Students participated in a variety of service projects. They visited a local nursing home and Kingswood Home for Children, a residential facility for children.

Students split logs, stacked them, and delivered wood to families who use it to heat their homes and prepare their meals. The students also had an opportunity to visit Joppa Mountain Pottery, where local artisans McDonald and Ann showed them their studio and talked to the students about their art.

One evening the students attended a Baptist service, where they sang for the congregation. They also attended a
bilingual (English and Spanish) Catholic Mass at the Mission Church.

Students who attended were: Luke Ahearn, Emily Angeli, Matt Cook, Andrea Gosper, Liza Hall, Tori Lindewall, Madison Mahar, Rowdie McDonald and Emily Pierce. Religion Chair Mike Frappier and Campus Minister Lily Arujo served as chaperones.

PRESSPAUSE
Two years ago Prout senior Emma Saccoccio found herself the victim of video voyeurism, a form of digital abuse. Digital abuse is the use of technologies such as texting and social networking to bully, harass, stalk or intimidate someone. And it is becoming more prevalent every day. The issue grabbed national attention in a 2008 video voyeurism case involving Erin Andrews, a sportscaster, journalist, and television personality.

As a result of her experience, Emma decided to dedicate herself to educating young people about the safe and appropriate use of technology and founded PressPause. “I get the term ‘courageous’ a lot, but one day I just decided I didn't want to be a victim anymore; I wanted to be an active responder. There was very little about this case in the media and that frustrated me; people need to know this kind of thing can happen to anyone.”

Now Emma visits middle and high school classrooms and encourages students to be true to themselves and not conform to the expectations of others. She encourages them to respect their peers’ rights and privacy, particularly with the use of social media. And she helps them understand the consequences of their actions.

Recently, Emma had the opportunity to guest speak for the Lindsay Ann Burke Memorial Fund event at Rhode Island College. The fund supports the prevention of relationship violence through the education of teens, parents, educators, and the public. Said Emma, “There were about 60 adults there; I'd always been outgoing, but I'd never spoken to large groups before I started this effort. I don't get nervous because I am passionate about this cause.”

Emma would like to further her organization’s work once she graduates from Prout this spring.

When asked what advice she would offer her peers, Emma quoted her older brother, who told her, “The bottom line is this: nobody you associate yourself with should ever take away from your quality of life.”

For more information on Emma’s work, check out the PressPause Facebook page: facebook.com/PressPause14/. The website, www.presspause2think.org, should be up and running soon.
Faculty & Staff

New Faculty and Administration

Jeanne Deus, accounting assistant in the business office, joined The Prout School in the summer of 2015. She honed her administrative skills during 16 years in government service in New London, CT and later in Newport, RI. In 2001, Jeanne left the workforce to start her family. Twins Michael and Joshua are now freshman at North Kingstown High School. Jeanne enjoys the beach, traveling, and visiting family. This November, Jeanne and her husband Tony will celebrate 20 years of marriage.

Nicole Kelly joined Prout in August 2014 as Director of Institutional Advancement. Previously, Nicole directed fundraising and communications at The Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England. A native of the Jersey Shore, Nicole moved to Rhode Island from Greenville, SC where she was the founder and executive director of Hands on Greenville, a nonprofit organization that makes volunteering easy for busy people. Nicole has a BS in Industrial Engineering from Virginia Tech and an MBA from the University of Michigan. Nicole is the proud mother of Caroline, 17.

James Larson joined the Prout community as a French and Spanish teacher this fall. He grew up in Connecticut and received a BA in History and French from the University of Connecticut in 2003. For most of the next 10 years, James lived and worked in Estonia, teaching high school English, French and history. He also holds a degree in theology from an Estonian seminary and is currently completing his Masters in Education at the University of Rhode Island. James is married and enjoys hiking, travel and -- of course -- languages!

Jeanne Tierney, a social studies teacher at Prout, assumed the responsibilities of Dean of Students for the 2015-2016 academic year. Jeanne holds degrees in history and education, as well as a minor in special education. She has had extensive professional development, and had a previous career in law enforcement and advocacy. Jeanne's daughter graduated from Prout in 2004.

FACULTY/ADMINISTRATION SPOTLIGHT
We take a moment to put a spotlight on the “human side” of some of our faculty and administration.

Donna Nardone, Director of Finance & Facilities
A Prout employee for 22 years, Donna is a graduate of URI and a season ticket holder for URI Men’s and Women’s Basketball. Donna is very close to her sister, Patty, her brother-in-law Steve and her three nieces, Jillian (23; a 2014 Elon graduate who now works at Oracle in MA), Julia (21; a junior at Washington University in MO) and Jackie (18; a freshman at Boston University). Donna’s favorite Prout cafeteria snack is Dan’s homemade yogurt and granola parfait and she fondly remembers Prout’s Halloween Carnival featuring a senior class haunted house. And if the sun is shining, Donna is at the beach. No doubt about it!

Mike Traficante, Athletic Director
Mike, a native of Cranston, has been married to his wife Pauline for 32 years. Says Mike, “Nothing means more to me than my family.”

Mike’s oldest daughter Lindsey graduated from RISD and works as a graphic designer in New York City. She and her husband, who live in Brooklyn, recently traveled to Rome to celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary. Daughter Lisa is married and lives in western Cranston. A Rhode Island College graduate, Lisa teaches anger management classes to maximum security inmates and loves it!

Mike and Pauline adopted their son Nicholas, a young man with special needs, 15 years ago. Mike says, “He’s done more for our family than we have done for him. What an addition.”

Although there are no grandchildren yet, Mike and Pauline have three grand dogs: Missy, Oliver, and Phoebe.
**CLASS OF 2015**

**Sophia DiLibero** created a series of beautiful acrylic paintings for Sea Turtle, Inc., an organization in South Padre Island in Texas whose mission it is to rescue, rehabilitate, and release injured sea turtles. The photos are sold in the organization’s gift shop to raise funds for the organization. Sophia’s pictures were also included in a book about Sea Turtle Inc., called *The Turtle Corral*, which was written by Sheryl Jones and published this year.

**CLASS OF 2011**

**Sarah Cohen** graduated from Sacred Heart University in 2015 and is pursuing her MSW at Rhode Island College with a graduate assistantship.

**Kerry Quirk** graduated from Bryant University in May 2015 with a BS in Business Administration with concentrations in Finance and Applied Statistics. Kerry graduated summa cum laude. She now works for Fidelity Investments as an audit analyst and is hoping to begin her MBA in January part-time at URI.

**Nathaniel Walker** graduated from Elon University with a BS in Exercise Science, cum laude. He lives in Stamford, CT and works for Insight Global.

**CLASS OF 2010**

**Tegan Nelson** graduated from Manhattan College with a degree in International Studies and Spanish. She became very interested in service learning and ended up going to Ecuador for a year to teach English as a second language. She is now stateside again and, for a year, is working with the foundation that sent her to Ecuador, Rostro de Cristo. She does recruitment for the organization and also helps organize retreat trips for groups that want to go to Ecuador. After this year is over, Tegan would like to work with the immigrant population. She is inspired by Gregory Boyle who wrote *Tattoos on the Heart* about his nonprofit, Homeboy Industries.

**Daniel Shields** was honored by the Rhode Island Teachers of Italian (RITI) at a scholarship fundraising dinner in North Providence in May. His former teacher at Prout, Jennifer Trevisiol, was privileged to introduce him to the gathering of students and teachers of Italian. Dan is vice president of RITI and has been teaching Italian and Spanish at Cranston West since September 2014.

**CLASS OF 2009**

**Molly Cohen** graduated from Northeastern University in 2014 and works as an engineer with Johnson and Johnson.

**Matt McCormack** is a senior audit associate with Grant Thornton in Boston. He has passed all parts of the CPA exam and is one course from earning his MBA from URI.

**CLASS OF 2014**

**Ryan Pinch** is currently a “Youngster” (sophomore) at the United States Naval Academy (USNA). He is majoring in naval architecture and competes on the varsity offshore sailing team. He is also joining the Alpine ski team for the upcoming winter. USNA is a very challenging school, but Ryan loves it and feels that Prout prepared him well for the rigorous academic environment.

**CLASS OF 2013**

As a freshman member of the golf team, **Nicole Scola** led Quinnipiac to a 2014 2nd place finish at the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Championships. As a result of her outstanding season, Nicole received MAAC 1st Team honors and was named MAAC Rookie of the Year. Now, as a sophomore, Nicole is leading the Bobcats to another strong showing in the MAAC.

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**ALUMNI NEWS**

**Nicole Scola ‘13 and her favorite caddy, her father.**
CLASS OF 2008

Caitlyn Quirk graduated in May 2014 from Rhode Island College with a dual major in Elementary and Special Education. She completed her first year as a seventh grade teacher and began the 2015 school year as a K-1 special education teacher for the Newport School Department.

CLASS OF 2007

Lauren Ritchey graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. She is now pursuing a Master of Education in Environmental Education while working as an educator at a zoo in the Philadelphia area. Lauren has very fond memories of Prout, “I had such great support from so many of the teachers there and really felt like I was prepared to succeed at the collegiate level. Also, a shout out to Ms. Hoyt; I could not have gotten into college without you!!”

CLASS OF 2005

Brittany Thurston is a project manager for New Innovations at a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) called Society for Family Health, located in Lusaka, Zambia. I am working under a Bill and Melinda Gates supported HIV prevention program.

CLASS OF 1997

Allyn Howe recently caught up with us. Shortly after graduating from Prout, he spent two years teaching English in the Republic of Macedonia, with a focus on helping with disability rights. He later volunteered in the

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“John “Juan” Yeamen
YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT: 1974-1986
Spanish Teacher / First Girls Softball Coach / Drivers Ed Teacher

“My twelve years at Prout were certainly 12 of the best years of my life.”

After leaving Prout, John began working for Narragansett Electric (now National Grid); working his way through the ranks, John retired as a supervisor in 2002. He then taught Spanish at Bishop Hendricken High School until he retired (again!) in 2014. Presently, John works as an on-call shuttle driver for Standard Parking at TF Greene Airport. John still keeps in touch with many members of the Prout Class of 1978 (pictured below, right at the Ocean Mist in August 2013).

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Today, Kathy is the confirmation coordinator for a small parish in Warwick. Kathy and her husband Michael have traveled to France, Belgium, Ireland, and the Southwest and plan to go to Austria, Poland and Germany next year. Kathy’s two daughters are both married and live in RI so Kathy and Michael see them often. This spring, Kathy realized a dream and published a small book of poetry called Spinning Through Warm Air which is available on Amazon.com.

“Kathy Pesta
English Teacher / Religion Teacher / Campus Minister / Moderator: Yearbook, Writing Club, Chess Club / Summer Art Camp Teacher

“It is a great gift to help young people find their voice and realize their power to do good in the world and I was privileged to work with many compassionate and generous students who wanted to follow the Gospel and make a difference in people’s lives.”

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YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT: 1976-2010
Science Teacher (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, and Oceanography) / Director of Admissions / International Baccalaureate Coordinator / Assistant Principal

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The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. These days, Allyn is married and lives in the Boston area. He works for Whole Foods.

CLASS OF 1982

Donna Hull Goldstein, a former member of The Prout Minstrels, is married and lives in NJ. She and her husband have two children, both in college now. One at Lehigh University and one at Elon College in NC. Her daughter is an accomplished equestrian, representing the US at the Maccabi games. Donna’s post-Minstrel life did not take a musical turn; she spent some time as a paralegal specializing in medical malpractice. Donna and her family have traveled a great deal, spending some memorable time in Israel. Now that she’s an empty nester, Donna is deciding what to do next.

CLASS OF 1980

Abigail Geduldig Rodman is a psychotherapist, author and speaker, renowned for her focus on midlife dating, marriage and divorce. She has appeared on the Today Show, HuffPost Live, and is regularly sought out by media outlets for her expertise on relationship issues. She is the author of three books: Without This Ring: A Woman’s Guide to Successfully Living Through and Beyond Midlife Divorce, Should You Marry Him? A No-Nonsense Therapist-Tested Guide to Not Screwing Up the Biggest Decision of Your Life and From Bitter to Better: 7 Steps to Recovering From the Divorce You Didn’t Want. Follow Abby on Twitter @abbyrodman or on her Facebook page, Abby Rodman, LICSW.

The Class of 1980’s Class of 1980 got together at Finn’s Harborside in East Greenwich, RI for a breakfast to celebrate their 35th reunion.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

The Class of 2005’s 10-year reunion will take place on Saturday, December 26, 2015 from 6-9pm at The Haversham House in Westerly. Please contact Vanessa Cherenzia at vanessa.cherenzia@gmail.com or at (401) 742-7206 for more information.

The Class of 1981’s 35-year reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, 2016. Please contact Robin Major Fugere ’81 at rfugere81@aol.com for details.

NEW MEXICO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The “Prout Alumni Association of New Mexico” has met several times this past year. The group includes President Ellen MacAndrew Caplan ’69 and Vice President 1 Lt. USAF Mike MacAndrew ’08. They are currently the only two members and, yes, they are cousins who coincidentally lived in the same zip code until Mike bought a house.

MISSING: 1970 AND 1971 YEARBOOKS

We’ve looked everywhere and can’t find a yearbook from either 1970 or 1971. Can you help? Email us at alumni@theproutschool.org if you live locally and would be willing to lend us your copy so we can make a copy for our library.

STAY IN TOUCH

A person in the United States is expected to move 11.4 times in his lifetime. So, for that reason, just when we get our Prout alumni mailing lists close to perfect, things change again! E-mail your address updates to us at alumni@theproutschool.org. We’d especially love to hear what you’ve been up to lately.
Maria Day Hyde '81
Soprano,
The Prout Minstrels

We reconnected with Maria Day Hyde '81 in early September, shortly after her performance as Mrs. Higgins in Theater by the Sea’s performance of My Fair Lady drew to a close. The request for a visit was inspired when Mary Hoyt, Director of Prout’s College and Career Counseling Center and 43-year employee of the school, came across an album “cut” by The Prout Minstrels in 1980.

In September of 1978, Prout’s Director of Music, Steve Toro*, selected nine girls from the school’s concert choir, which had consisted of about sixty voices.

The album included Broadway classics like Matchmaker and What I Did For Love, contemporary songs like You Light Up My Life and Christmas favorites including Carol of the Bells and Joy to the World.

The album also features fellow Prout Minstrels Maria Costa Monti ‘83, Deirdre Gill McCaffrey ‘83, Mary Guiffoyle-Carew ‘82, Donna Hull Goldstein ‘82, Kira M. Stillwell ‘81, Laurie Toracinti Rossi ‘82, Kimberly Yannon Stock ‘81, and Stephanie Yannon DeBartolomeo ‘82.

Currently the Associate Director at the Museum of South County, in the recent past Maria was a musical director at just about every South County high school, was the drama director at East Greenwich High School for ten years and even taught chorus at Prout in the early 90’s.

Music still plays a leading role in Maria’s family. Her husband, Mike, is an award-winning sound designer at University of Rhode Island and her son, Mason, is a percussionist in the RI Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Maria teaches voice and, in an oh-so-Rhode-Island moment, one of her students is the daughter of fellow Prout Minstrel, Kira Stillwell ’81. Now that her three children – Madeline (a 2006 graduate of Prout), Mason and Mikhail --are older, Maria also looks forward to having more time to devote to her first love, acting and singing in local theater.

With plans underway for celebrating Prout’s 50th anniversary during the 2016-2017 academic year, discussions are underway for a revival of The Prout Minstrels.

Stay tuned!

*Steve is currently the Director of Instrumental Music and the Director of Bands and Jazz Bands at the Moses Brown School in Providence.

HALL OF FAME

The Prout School’s Hall of Fame’s next induction ceremony will take place in the fall of 2016. Nominate candidates now utilizing the form to the right. Categories are as follows:

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD / Awarded to a Prout alumnus/alumna, who graduated Prout more than 10 years ago, and who has made a significant impact on this world in his or her lifetime.

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD / Awarded to a Prout alumnus/alumna, who graduated in the last 10 years, and who has already made a significant impact on this world in his or her lifetime.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD / Awarded to a Prout alumnus/alumna who has made a significant contribution in the service of others.

HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD / Awarded to a friend of The Prout School that has made a significant contribution of time, talent and/or treasure to sustain the school’s mission.

LEGACY AWARD / Awarded to an individual or group that has made a profound and lasting multi-generational impact on the Prout community.

Please note that coaches, athletes and friends of Prout’s athletic programs are honored at a separate Athletic Hall of Fame event, held every three years. The next one will take place in the spring of 2018.

THE PROUT SCHOOL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Please complete this form, cut it out and send it to:
Office of Institutional Advancement,
The Prout School, 4640 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

or email your nomination to Nicole Kelly at nkelly@theproutschool.org.

I would like to nominate to Prout’s Hall of Fame in the following category:

- [ ] Distinguished Alumni Award
- [ ] Honorary Alumni Award
- [ ] Distinguished Young Alumni Award
- [ ] Legacy Award
- [ ] Humanitarian Award
- [ ] Not Sure of Category

REASONS FOR NOMINATION

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My Name ___________________________  

My Email ___________________________
ASHLEY: Hi Emma! I am so excited to help you with this project! I hope you are enjoying Financial Algebra. I remember Mrs. McKenna always wanted us to know the real-life application of math. I really do use math every single day!

EMMA: How did you become a nurse?

ASHLEY: I went to University of Rhode Island for nursing and joined the Navy after I was done. I have been a nurse for about 6 years and I have worked in Washington, DC, Africa, Diego Garcia and California. I have traveled all over the place including training in several states in the U.S. and Japan.

EMMA: Is the field growing so that there will be job opportunities in the future?

ASHLEY: The beauty of nursing is that you can do almost ANYTHING with a degree in this field. I know of a nurse who is also a lawyer and acts as a liaison between the healthcare and judicial system. You can be a teacher, you can work in business (lots of nurses also have an MBA), you can be in management, you can be in sales teaching hospitals about new healthcare products, you can take care of babies, children, teenagers, adults, elderly or all of the above! You can specialize in anything, you can travel, you can be a flight nurse, you can help respond to natural disasters like tsunamis or hurricanes… the list is endless.

EMMA: What do you enjoy most? Any negatives to the job?

ASHLEY: I love being a nurse. I get bored pretty easily so it was important for me to find a job that was always changing, evolving and exciting. Being a nurse in the military is especially cool because I get to experience more than just your standard nursing training. I have had combat casualty training, weapons training, martial arts training, survival training (think Man vs. Wild), and flight training. The negatives about my job definitely exist. I work long hours which can sometimes exceed 12 hours and sometimes we have to work on holidays. The hospital doesn’t close just because it’s Christmas or there is 9 feet of snow on the ground. I come from a big Italian family and it’s important for us to all be together. My being on the other side of the world really affects them. But then I come home and we have a big reunion and we eat and we celebrate being healthy and they like to hear all my stories. It balances out.

EMMA: Is there any advice you can offer to me?

ASHLEY: If you don’t know 100% what you want to do with your life, it is perfectly fine and rather normal. I started out at Rutgers University in New Jersey, pursuing a degree in exercise physiology. After my freshman year at college, I knew it wasn’t a good fit for me and I looked into everything else (teacher, public relations, business—you name it) before finally settling on nursing back in Rhode Island. Hope this was helpful. I am attaching a photo of me I took earlier today. This is what Diego Garcia looks like. Not a bad place to live and get paid to work.

(Editor's note: Ashley has since moved to San Diego, CA).

If you’d like to participate in this type of mentoring project at Prout, please contact Mary Hoyt at mhoyt@theproutschool.org.
Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

The valedictorian for the Class of 2015 was Zachary Neronha of Jamestown. An IB diploma recipient, member of the National and Rhode Island Honor Societies, Zach was a member of the jazz band, math team, and robotics team at Prout. He was also a student ambassador and student council president. Zach was active in Scouting, having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and, through the Scouts, he served the Rotary Club, the Jamestown public library, and the Jamestown Community Farm. He is also the acolyte team leader at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church. Zach was a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program, and winner of the highest award in the National Geographic Challenge.

The 2015 salutatorian was Alexis Duncan of Warwick. An IB diploma recipient, she was a member of the National and Rhode Island Honor Societies, a student ambassador, and a member of SADD. Alexis was also a math ninja member, a peer minister, and a member of the soccer team, the pottery club and the recycling club. Alexis was a Rhode Island Youth Leadership Award winner, a volunteer at the Cranston and Warwick public libraries, and a youth soccer referee with the Warwick Firefighters Youth Soccer Association.

Many seniors took both IB and AP classes and seven received the full International Baccalaureate diploma. Five of our graduates were “legacy” students: sons and daughters of Prout alumni. Members of the class were offered over $13,588,110.00 in grants and scholarships.
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Over 150 people celebrated the first annual Prout Visual and Performing Arts Banquet on May 28, 2015 at the school. The evening featured the work of many of our student artists and featured displays of ceramics, drawing, painting, and photography. Prout dance students performed an original ballet to the music of the Beatles. The art awards ceremony took place after the shows and recognized students for their contributions to Prout in art, dance, music and theatre.

Nine Prout students were selected by audition to perform in an All-State Ensemble:

- Elizabeth Hopkins ’18 (Trumpet, Jr. High Band)
- Sarah Simkevich ’18 (Cello, Jr. High Orchestra)
- Eleanor Eng ’17 (Voila, Sr. High Orchestra)
- Matt Cook ’15 (Trumpet, Sr. High Band)
- Olivia Rich ’16 (Soprano, Sr. High Chorus)
- Mary Elizabeth Simkevich ’15 (Soprano, Sr. High Chorus)
- Luke Herbermann ’17 (Guitar, Sr. High Guitar Ensemble)

Prout was awarded three silver keys and two gold key portfolios at the regional Scholastic Art Competition. Ben Hodosh ’16 and Jenna Bogan ’15 took home keys for ceramics; Polina Kirilyuk ’15 for painting, and out of only 18 portfolio awards issued in the state, Mary Elizabeth Simkevich ’15 and Sejin Hwang ’15 both took home Gold Key Portfolio awards. Congratulations also go out to Derek DiClemente ’16 for his Gold Key painting entered through his art school program.

Fiona Añonuevo ’15 (Violin, Sr. High Orchestra)
Hanna Bové ’18 (Violin, Jr. High Orchestra)

A scene from the Winter Arts Festival
Twenty-one Prout student artists displayed their artwork at South County Hospital as part of the hospital’s Auxiliary Art Committee’s Student Art Gallery.

During April vacation week, the Choir traveled to NYC to perform at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

The Theater Department presented three well-received productions: Once Upon This Island, Twelfth Night and Seussical!

Students from Prout’s music program made quite an impression at the interstate Music in the Parks festival in Holyoke, MA. Music in the Parks is a day long or two-day long festival for student choral, orchestral, and band ensembles, held annually across the United States. The festivals host over 220,000 music students each year. Music groups perform before adjudicators. Prout’s women’s choir, concert choir, jazz ensemble, concert band and string orchestra all placed first in their respective divisions (based on size of high school) and were the overall grand champions of the day for having the highest scores of the festival, regardless of division.
Four Prout athletes made The Providence Journal’s All-State teams this spring:
- Mason Feole ’16 was named First Team All-State for baseball
- James Neri ’15 was named First Team All-State for boys’ lacrosse
- Jack Dobrzynski ’16 was named Second Team All-State for boys’ lacrosse
- Casey McGowan ’15 was named Second Team All-State for girls’ lacrosse

The Prout School girls’ swim team won the Division I Championship at Roger Williams University.

The boys’ lacrosse team capped off their undefeated season by besting Cumberland High School 11 - 8 to capture the Division II State Championship. In a rain-soaked game at Brown University, James Neri ’15 led the attack with 4 goals. Jack Dobrzynski ’16, who had 2 goals and 1 assist and won 90% of the face-offs, was named the game’s MVP.

Prout Social Studies teacher and head baseball coach Mike LaBarbera was inducted into the University of Rhode Island’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mason Feole ’16 was selected 2nd Team High School All American nationally by Collegiate Baseball Magazine, the most respected publication for high school and college baseball.

More than 500 people attended The Prout School’s second annual Athletic Recognition Awards ceremony on May 22 at Quidnessett Country Club. Over 150 Varsity athletes earned letters, pins and bars (many in multiple sports), as well as dozens of special recognition awards—a testament to the athletic program at The Prout School.

Distinguished Athletes:
- Zach Senger ’15 and Kate McCormack ’15

Athletes of the Year:
- James Neri ’15 and Olivia Hirst ’15

Student-Athletes of the Year:
- Derek Rubin ’15 and Michaela Cottam ’15

Laura Sogar ’09, the 2015 swimming 200 breast stroke national champion, was the keynote speaker.

Prout’s inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Quidnessett Country Club. The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes and honors the athletes, teams, coaches and athletic administrators who have made significant contributions to The Prout School’s athletic programs.

The first class of Prout Athletic Hall of Fame honorees included:
- Coach Tony Bruno
- Ann Stein DeGaish ’81
- Ann-Marie Harrington ’82
- Matthew Marocco ’00
- Aaron Milne ’96
- Tom Reilly ’97
- Mary Turcotte ’81
- Coach Harry Tutko
- Coach and Athletic Director Carol Wilson

Previously, contributors to Prout’s athletic programs were honored in the school’s general Hall of Fame.

The parents of The Prout School’s hockey teams held a fundraising dinner at the Officer’s Club in Newport on Monday, August 10, 2015. Proceeds were used to purchase hockey bags and to organize a team building event.

The Prout sailing team participated in the Opening Ceremony of the Volvo Ocean Race Newport at Fort Adams State Park in Newport.
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The event kicked off the school’s
Special thanks to Joan and Jon
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The Prout School’s 21st
Annual Spring Auction
raised $45,000 to benefit
the school’s programs and
facilities. This year’s auction
featured mobile bidding,
which enabled attendees to
place their bids on their smart
phones. The event was held on Saturday evening, April 11, 2015
at the Hotel Viking in Newport. We are grateful to the event’s
major sponsors, Blish & Cavanaugh and Dutchman Dental,
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A big shout out to Prout’s
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members raised money at
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asked that the proceeds
be used to purchase a
flat screen TV and high
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On August 3, 2015 the Prout Booster Club held its 2nd Annual Crusader Golf Classic at the Potowomut Country Club.

The event was co-chaired by Co-Chairs Kelly Moniz and Margaret Horsfield. After ten years of dedicating her time and talents to The Prout School, Margaret Horsfield has “worked her final Prout event.” She will be sorely missed by the entire Prout community.

We are very grateful to each and every donor and, as such, have made every effort to produce an accurate listing of gifts made during our most recent fiscal year. If we have inadvertently made a mistake, please accept our apologies and e-mail Nicole Kelly at nkelly@theproutschool.org or call her at (401) 789-9262 x 537.
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