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2003-2013: Celebrating Ten Years

**ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012**



**STRENGTH ❖ SCHOLARSHIP ❖ CHARACTER ❖ SERVICE**





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*Members of the Campion Class of 2012 (L-R): Curtis Bynum, Mubarak Issa, Born Taylor, and Christopher Daviau*



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## Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Nativity School of Worcester,

As I speak to people in the community, I am often asked to capture the Nativity School of Worcester Experience in a short conversation or presentation. It is a challenge.

The comprehensive nature of our 12-year commitment to students when they enter in 5th grade, our extended day and extended year, our Summer of Service program, the great work being done to prepare the next generation of urban educators, and our proven track record of success with our students and graduates could and should take hours to share completely.

Instead, I share stories – stories of individuals who every day and every year defy the odds and the challenges placed before them. These are stories of a community that chooses to live in a vision of what life should be rather than in their present circumstances.

Chris joined the Nativity Worcester community as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Raised by a passionate and committed single parent, she recognized that he was not reaching his full potential in his previous school. A quiet boy, he was struggling to find his voice in large classes. Chris went through his three years at Nativity Worcester developing his skills and honing his talent, encouraged by his teachers and tutors every step of the way. In his 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, Chris applied, and was accepted into five different private high schools, started every game on the school's soccer, basketball, and baseball teams, wrote, directed, and starred in a one-act play during Spring Arts Night, and earned the Nativity Spirit Award at graduation – the

highest honor given to the graduating eighth grader who best exemplifies Nativity School of Worcester's Four Pillars of strength, scholarship, service, and character. His time at Nativity Worcester was a time of self-discovery – academic excellence and growth in all that he did – that is the Nativity School of Worcester Experience.

Today Chris is enjoying his freshman year at Bancroft School on the Worcester City Scholarship. He participates on the debate team and is excelling in all of his classes. After we received his first progress report, our Director of Graduate Support noticed that his grade in physics was not on par with the rest of his academic profile, and now, once a week, Chris comes back to Nativity Worcester for tutoring by a college undergrad majoring in physics. His journey as a Nativity Man continues even after graduation.

Your support makes this 12 year commitment a reality and makes an impact not just for a summer or a year, but a lifetime.

With immense gratitude,

Alex Zequeira  
President



## Letter from the Chairman

Dear Nativity Worcester Community Members,

For the past two years I have had the privilege of chairing the Board of Trustees for the Nativity School of Worcester. During that time, I have developed a new appreciation for the deep and transformative impact our school is having on our students, their families, the people who work here and those who provide their generous support. Last June as I sat amongst the Nativity families at graduation for the Champion Class of 2012, it was wonderful to hear about all that each student accomplished over their four years, and how they saw their peers not just as classmates, but as brothers. The bond that is formed here at Nativity Worcester is so very rare on a junior high school level. As I looked around, I saw some of our first alumni sitting together—graduates who are now in high school and college—and I more fully understood that the relationships formed here are truly long-lasting and life-altering. To all those who read these words and who have supported the school in some way these observations were only possible because of you. On behalf of Nativity Worcester you have our collective and sincere thanks.

Just 11 years ago the school existed only as an idea. Now going into our tenth academic year, this school is a tribute and a testament to the vision of a few, and the commitment of so many more. Nativity School of Worcester has had, and continues to have an impact beyond the 86 graduates and 58 middle school students that we serve, at its core, it is a school that exists to serve the underserved of the City of Worcester, and to make a promise that the Nativity Worcester experience will be one that will forever change the lives of those who believe in it.

I am pleased to report that Nativity Worcester is in strong shape as an institution. We have stable and mature leadership in place that is executing well on a daily basis. Alex Zequeira has had an excellent first year serving as President. He is passionate about the job, and is serious-minded about his responsibilities in the development of our Nativity Men. He cares deeply about each and every student, faculty member, and staff member and is committed to ensuring that they learn and grow as a person during their experience at Nativity Worcester. In conversation, he continually praises the work of his administrative team, faculty, and Fellows, and I would like to thank them for all of the work they put into making this school run smoothly. Our student body is a wonderful group of boys. Over the course of their time at Nativity Worcester, these boys will be transformed into Nativity Men. They will learn the importance of scholarship, character, strength and service—our four pillars, and will develop their young minds with a lifelong dedication to learning.

As a supporter of Nativity School of Worcester, I hope that you take as much pride in this school and community as I do. Your commitment has an effect here that you may never fully see, but I hope that you understand that we are all truly grateful for your support, and the impact that it has on the boys, families, faculty, Board members, and other supporters of this school. If you haven't already, I hope that you stop by 67 Lincoln Street someday soon to witness what is being accomplished — all are welcome.

Sincerely,

J. Christopher Collins  
Chairman, Board of Trustees



# Edmund Campion Class of 2012



Family and friends joined the 10 members of the Edmund Campion Class of 2012 on Friday, June 8 to celebrate their graduation from Nativity School of Worcester.

Student speaker, Born Taylor, and community speaker, Yachira Torres spoke to the audience assembled in the school's gymnasium. Christopher Daviau received the Nativity Spirit Award celebrating his commitment to Nativity Worcester's four pillars of strength, scholarship, character, and service through his four years at the school

**Daniel Adu-Boateng**  
*Saint John's High School*

**Curtis Bynum**  
*Saint John's High School*

**Christopher Daviau**  
*Bancroft School*

**Lincoln Dunn**  
*Saint John's High School*

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*Saint John's High School*

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*Worcester Academy*

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*Saint John's High School*

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*Saint John's High School*

**Cristopher Mejias**  
*Worcester Technical High School*

**Born Taylor**  
*Worcester Technical High School*

## *Congratulations!*

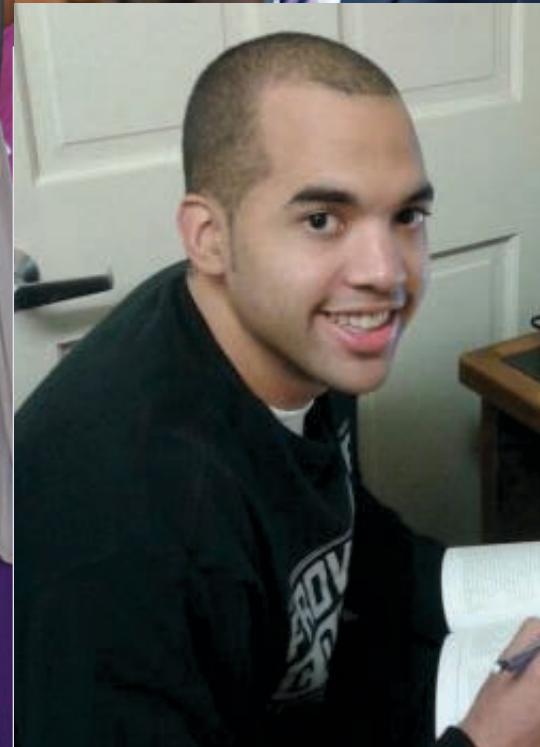
Together, the Campion Class of 2012 earned over \$98,000 in scholarships and financial aid awards from the high schools where they enrolled.

(L-R) Front row: Mubarak Issa, Born Taylor, Rohshan Khalili, Lincoln Dunn, and Christopher Daviau. Back row: Curtis Bynum, Daniel Adu-Boateng, Cristopher Mejias, Kenny La, and Joshua Lundin.



Nativity School of Worcester Faculty & Staff and Champion Class of 2012 (L-R) Front row: Alex Zequeira, Shannon Savage, Jennifer Guzman, Shala Murray, Nita Seng, Michelle Read, Yachira Torres, Harun Thimmiah, Emily Gallagher, Joel Kent. Middle row: Joshua Lundin, Rohshan Khalili, Christopher Daviau, Daniel Adu-Boateng, Cristopher Mejias, Lincoln Dunn, Born Taylor, Kenny La, Curtis Bynum, Mubarak Issa. Back row: Helene Horan, Justin Winn, Benjamin Gitkind, Ray Hurley, Fr. Jack Fagan, S.J., Alex Audette, Sean Dillon. Not pictured: Patrick Maloney.





## Reflection from a Graduate By Juan Beato-Lopez

Nativity School of Worcester – *Ignatius Class of 2006*  
Saint John’s High School – *Class of 2010*  
Providence College – *Class of 2014*

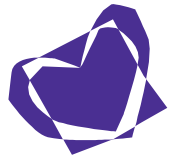
My name is Juainer Beato-Lopez and this a reflection about my life and the impact the Nativity School of Worcester has made in it. I was born and raised in the Dominican Republic, in a country filled with violence and poverty and opportunities are scarce. The people in the Dominican Republic are in desperate need of a change. I grew up with a single mother, who worked extremely hard to put food on the table and who gave me an opportunity to succeed. Although living in destitute conditions, living in the Dominican Republic did give me the motivation and the strength of character to persevere in life.

When I moved to the United Sates, my life completely changed. For me, moving was a remarkable change that filled me with new hopes and dreams. After settling in Worcester, my family enrolled me at the neighborhood elementary school. It was enduring challenge having to adapt to a new language and new school system and my grades suffered.

After a few years, my life seemed that was going to take on the shape of many regular inner city kids. I would attend middle school, then high school, and then look for a job. At the time, the idea of attending college didn’t even cross my mind, and even if it had I wouldn’t have thought that it was possible.

Everything changed in the summer of 2003, when my mother decided to make a change and enroll me as a sixth-grader at Nativity School of Worcester. Nativity School of Worcester completely changed my motives and my passion for school. I went from struggling in class to receiving excellent grades at Nativity Worcester. Nativity School of Worcester shaped me into a young man, who was prepared to take on the challenges of high school. I graduated from Nativity Worcester as a member of the Ignatius Class of 2006, and decided to attend Saint John’s High School in Shrewsbury, where “in harmony small in things grow”. While there, I continued to put into practice all that I had learned from the teachers at Nativity Worcester, and became a young adult who was prepared to take the challenge of college. I am currently a junior at Providence College, majoring in Psychology and double minoring in both Sociology and Spanish.

Nativity School of Worcester gave me this opportunity and without their constant help, I couldn’t see myself where I am today. Nativity Worcester gave me core values as student - to strive and to always try my best in order to reach my zenith. Most importantly, Nativity Worcester has given me the core values as a person to always give back and support the community.



# Ten Years of Nativity Worcester



NOVEMBER 8, 2002

With support from the College of the Holy Cross and the New England Province of Jesuits, Nativity School of Worcester is officially incorporated



AUGUST 26, 2003

First Day of School



DECEMBER 13, 2003

First athletic team victory, defeating St. Mary's School (Worcester) 38-7 in basketball



JUNE 16, 2006

First Graduation Ceremony

JUNE 30, 2008  
Nativity Worcester raises \$1 million for operating costs for the first time

JANUARY 5, 2009  
First Day of Classes at the school's new location



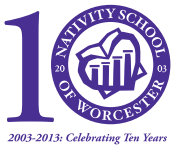
AUGUST 2010

First graduates enter college



APRIL 10, 2012

Nativity Worcester is honored at the Jesuit GALA with the Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Award



JULY 2003

Nativity Worcester hires faculty and first group of Nativity Fellows



MAY 5, 2004

First performance of all-school choir

AUGUST 2005  
An eighth-grade class is added, bringing the school to an enrollment of 52 students

AUGUST 2006  
Office of Graduate Support is established and begins providing services to the school's first graduates entering high school



OCTOBER 9, 2008

Board of Trustees purchases a new school building, the former location for Girls Inc. of Worcester



JANUARY 27, 2009

Blessing of the school building at 67 Lincoln Street

DECEMBER 2, 2010  
Nativity Worcester is formally accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)



AUGUST 26, 2012

Community Cook-out kicks off 10th Anniversary Celebration



NOVEMBER 8, 2012

Dedication of the Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Science Laboratory generously donated by the Mosakowski Family Foundation

Share with us your favorite Nativity Worcester memory! Send your thoughts and memories to [pmaloney@nativityworcester.org](mailto:pmaloney@nativityworcester.org)



OCTOBER 8, 2003

Blessing of the first school building at All Saints Church

AUGUST 2004  
Nativity Worcester adds a seventh grade



## Nativity School of Worcester Traditions

- Family Potluck Dinner: First ~ Dec. 19, 2003
- Winter Arts Night: First ~ Feb. 7, 2004
- Spring Arts Night: First ~ June 2, 2004
- First Friday Mass: First ~ 2006

- Spring Auction Night: First ~ May 31, 2006
- 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.: First ~ June 2006
- Mass of the Holy Spirit: First ~ Sept. 7, 2007

### Presidents of Nativity Worcester

- Joanne McClatchy — 2002-2006
- Matthew Brunell, Esq. — 2006-2011
- Alex Zequeira — 2011-present

### Principals of Nativity Worcester

- Alex Zequeira — 2003-2004
- J. Michael Steele — 2005-2006
- Rev. William Campbell, S.J. — 2006-2007
- David Roach — 2007-2009
- Sean Dillon — 2009-present



## Graduation Reflection

By Born Taylor '12

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. It is my pleasure to welcome friends, families, classmates, teachers, and the extended Nativity community to the Champion Class Graduation ceremony. My name is Born Taylor, and I have been given the opportunity to speak on this auspicious occasion as my classmates and I take the big step from middle school to high school and bid a fond farewell to the institution that has been our home for the past four years.

All of you who sit before me today have stood by the Champion Class through the good times and bad. You have watched, encouraged, guided, and inspired the ten young men whom sit before you today. And now, you are here with us, the best network of supporters a young man could hope for, as we look towards high school, college, and whatever else the future may have in store for us.

I want to tell you all a story. Picture this: ten boys walking into the Nativity School on a hot, August morning for the first day of school. They are wide-eyed and unsure, trying to figure out the role they will play in this new environment. All of them are short and uncomfortable in their white shirts and purple ties, not sure which classmates will be friendly or cruel, not sure whether to laugh or hide when one of their peers gets a detention.

Now, I want you to picture this as well: a boy, youngest of the group, who seems to be more confused than the others about where he will fit in and how he will survive in this new school. He goes through various phases and changes in his first year at the Nativity School. At times he is the quiet one who sits in the corner of the class-room, neither answering nor asking questions. At others, he is the troublemaker in the class who speaks when he is not supposed to, and when punished flips over desks in anger. He's also an emotional little guy when he is sent to the principal's office. He cries for hours on end thinking about how his mother could punish him in the cruelest ways. Now, standing here before all of you today as the Champion Class graduates, I can say that that little boy was me. But now, when I look at myself, and look out at my classmates, I see something different from a group of timid little boys. I see young men, and even more than that: I see brotherhood.

Where did this brotherhood come from? Well, throughout the three or four years we have been attending the Nativity School of Worcester, the Champion Class has been notorious for our many antics, from those as small as our contagious laughs to that rumor of the boy who had once ravaged classrooms by flipping over desks. Out of these antics come various things. Demerits, detentions, lectures, Ms. Torres's evil eye, and much more. But I think something else came out of it all: the character, or mores, of the Champion class. In my four years here, I have learned that my peers in the Champion Class have personalities that are absolutely original. These personalities are something we had to grow into, though. Today we don't say "I quit" for two reasons. First, because if Mr. Thimmiah hears we'll get a demerit.

Second, we don't say "I quit" because we are too proud to quit, and though many may see this as a flaw or our downfall, I would argue that this is one of our greatest strengths.

The fact that we don't quit has defined many of the other experiences we have had at Nativity. The members of the Champion Class show a great deal of scholarship, or studium, in our own ways. Across classes, we are aware of the individual strengths of each of our classmates, and use these to construct something better than we possibly could have built alone.

We also leave a legacy of strength, or vires, at the Nativity School. We're the ones to call when you need a tough pickle jar to be opened or need to get a couple points up in a basketball game. It could be argued that we aren't so good at scrubbing sharpie ink off of the floor (please don't bring this up in front of Mr. Kent), but that's beside the point. The Champion Class is strong. We can fend off any discrimination and stand back up, ready to fight again.

Part of not quitting applies to the work that we're called upon to do for others. During the Champion Class's time here, we've paid our fair share of service, or christianitas, not only to the school, but to the many individuals associated with the school. During the Youth Philanthropy Initiative this past summer, the Champion Class elected to award money to Veteran's Inc. as well as four other non-profit organizations in the Worcester area. In previous summers we also volunteered at organizations like The Little Store and Abbey Kelly Foster Home.

In thinking about how the Champion Class embodies these four pillars of the school, I want to invite you all to think back on the things that have happened in the time that we have been here. There were the numerous productions that have gone on since the Champion Class's days in the fifth grade, including Hansel and Gretel, The Polar Express, A Christmas Carol, and the five one-act plays that were written and directed by members of the Champion Class themselves. There was even the 8th grade art show where we all presented our portfolios of drawings and read poetry.

But if you ask me, it all goes back to something I want to call the hidden pillar. This fifth pillar props up all Nativity students, and even the faculty, that pass through the halls of the school. This is the pillar of brotherhood. All classes, I have seen, carry this brotherhood. But the Champion Class has really drawn on this pillar, and I myself can tell you about the powerful bond of the Champion Class. This bond we have formed will go beyond the days we spent together in the classroom. These bonds are the kind that cannot be faked or manufactured. They are the bonds of compassion and character that come from years of growing together, working to better ourselves, working to better each other, and working to better the world around us.

We may all be heading on different paths as we move on to high school, but, that will not change the ways that we greet one another. We will always be together. We will always be a family. We will always be the Champion Class.

I would like to send out a general thanks to the Nativity faculty, those whom are still present and those whom have moved on from Nativity. You have all helped us in our time here. Thanks to Mr. Brunell, Mr. Zequeira, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Roach, Father Smith, and Father Fagan for being the foundation of this amazing school. Thanks to the all of the teachers who have worked us, day in and day out, especially to Mr. Thimmiah for teaching me that the Quadratic formula isn't so hard after a second look. And lastly, for the Nativity donors who have made it possible for us to go on the many trips for both the Champion Class and the other classes.

Now, a personal thanks to my family, particularly my mom, who has stood beside me and kept her cool through the demerits and the detentions. Then to Father Smith, who had introduced my mother to the school in the first place and given me the chance for a better education.

Thank you.





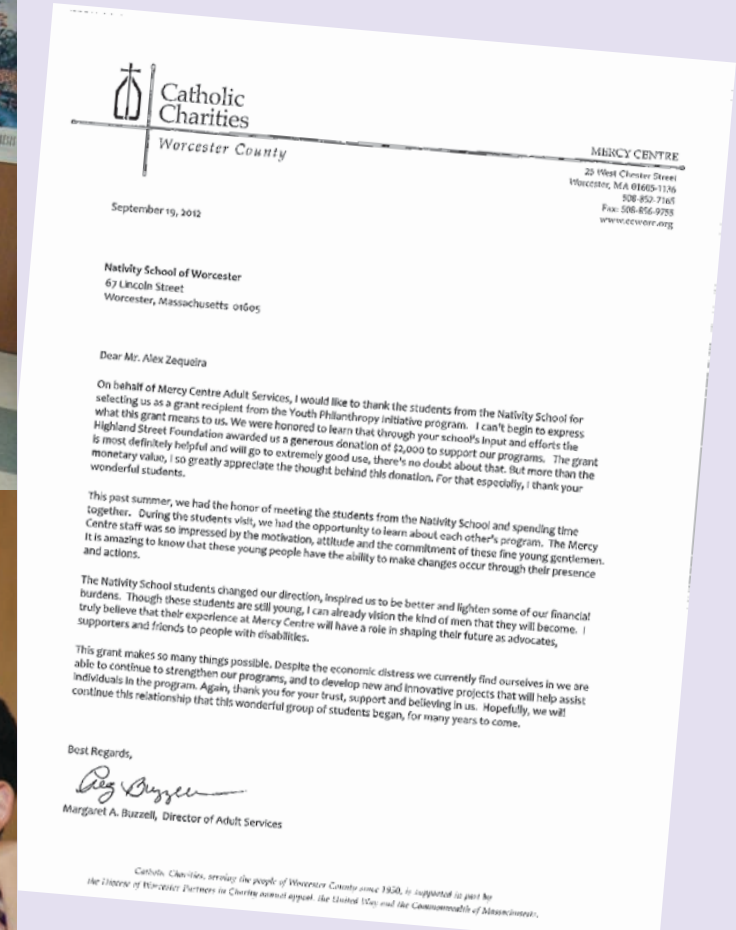
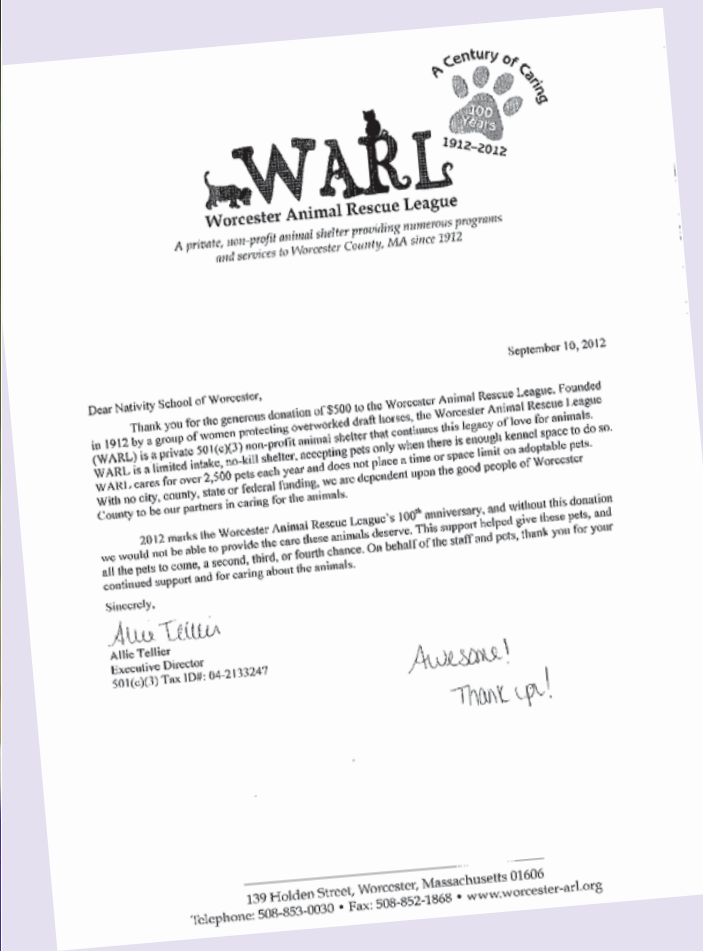


"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."  
- Jackie Robinson

## Summer of Service 2012

During Nativity Worcester's Summer of Service, students take language arts and mathematics classes in the morning and spend the afternoons partaking in hands-on community service. During the Summer of Service 2012, fifth-, sixth-, and seventh-graders performed community service at three different sites in mixed-grade group; each site focused on a specific service area. The first group focused on learning about efforts to eliminate the threat of lead poisoning in the city of Worcester. These students did their service with Worcester Roots. The second group focused on stewardship in the community, and visited Emmanuel Village, a low-income senior housing facility in the Quinsigamond Village neighborhood of Worcester. The third group learned about the environment and sustainability. They performed their service with the Community Harvest Project, doing work off-site as well as working to construct a community garden at Nativity Worcester.

For the fourth consecutive year, the eighth-grade students had the opportunity to work on the Youth Philanthropy Initiative. Students working on this project visited a variety of service sites in Worcester and formulated their opinions of the most beneficial sites for the people within Worcester. The students then debated as a foundation board, to disburse \$5,000 of Youth Philanthropy grant funds to these organizations. This year, the students worked specifically with; ARTSWorcester, Crozier House, Mercy Centre, Animal Rescue League of Worcester, Rose Monahan Hospice Center, and Worcester Children's Friend. Over the course of July, Nativity Worcester community members completed over 1,600 hours of service in the greater Worcester community.



# 2012 Annual Report of Giving

We are truly grateful to the following individuals, organizations, corporations, and charitable foundations for contributions to Nativity School of Worcester during fiscal year 2012 (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012). We have made every effort to include all of those who have contributed during this time period. We sincerely regret and would like to know about any inadvertent omissions or errors. Without all of you and your generous support, we would not be able to transform the lives of our students, faculty, staff, and community members. Thank you!

## Highlights during the 2012 Nativity Fund Year.

- A record breaking \$1,202,939 was given to the Fund.
  - 738 donors made gifts to Nativity Worcester, also a record number.
  - Students and faculty performed over 1,500 hours of community service in Worcester during the Summer of Service in July 2012.
  - The Champion Class of 2012 graduated in June and graduates are attending Bancroft School, Saint John's High School, Worcester Academy, and Worcester Technical High School.
  - Members of the Faber Class of 2008 are attending American University, Assumption College, Curry College, Diablo Valley College (CA), Providence College, Quinsigamond Community College, and the University of Massachusetts, - Amherst.
- \* One hundred percent of 86 graduates were accepted into and received sufficient financial aid to attend private high schools.

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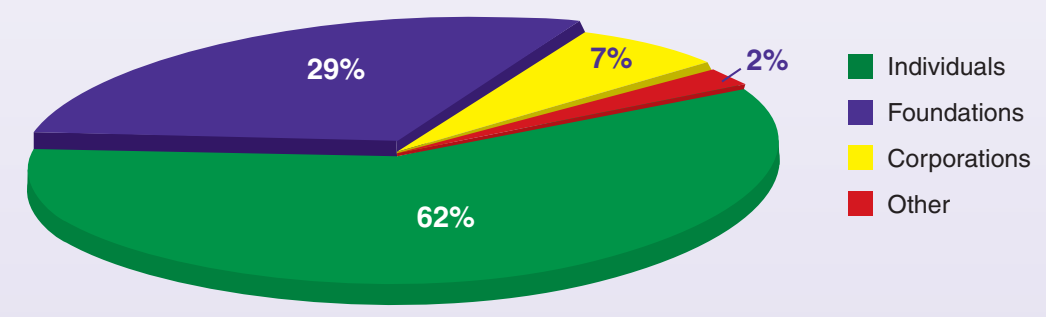
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## Volunteer Reflection

By Patti Verderese

I first learned about Nativity when I attended a workshop on non-profit leadership at the Greater Worcester Community Foundation. One of the presenters was Chick Weiss. His topic was board leadership and management and was very timely for me as I had recently become president of a non-profit board. He had a lot of expertise to share with the group. During his presentation, he spoke about Nativity which was in the process of buying its current building. My interest in the School was piqued when he told us the School had to raise all the tuition, teacher and administration salaries, and operation expenses each year which was well over a million dollars at that time.

I thought to myself that this must be quite a task and that the staff and board at Nativity must be extremely committed to the School's mission to raise that kind of money each year. In my role as a board member of a non-profit, I knew how challenging it is to meet an annual fund goal. I decided to find out if there were any volunteer opportunities at Nativity and called the School to set up an appointment for my husband and me to meet with then President, Matt Brunelle.

Upon arrival at Nativity, we were greeted by Matt Brunelle who promptly introduced us to two students who shook our hands, welcomed us and proceeded to conduct a tour of the School for us. They were polite, well-spoken, and dressed in the Nativity "uniform". They were excited about their School and proud to be students there. I thought if they were that enthusiastic about Nativity, it might be a good place to spend my time volunteering.

This is my fourth year volunteering at Nativity. I have worked in a variety of capacities – enrichment for Spanish-speaking students, tutoring in one-on-one situations, being an extra helper in the classroom or supervising small groups. I am constantly amazed at how eager the students are to participate in discussions, to write essays on various topics, to do well academically and to avoid detentions! The students are held accountable for their actions, which they are taught reflect positively or negatively on the whole School. There is regular participation in community service activities to teach students the value of helping others. They pray together every day and each boy is able to offer up their own petitions for family, friends or the community. They are being mentored to become men of character – honest, obedient, productive, caring, cooperative, thoughtful, respectful, prayerful men.

I keep coming back to volunteer at Nativity because I want to be a contributor to the work of this wonderful School. The major reason it is such a wonderful School is the dedication of the staff and teachers. The teachers work tirelessly to help each boy succeed academically and personally. They are upbeat, caring, and creative – always trying imaginative ways to engage their students. The administration inspires and supports the teachers and they know each and every boy as well as the teachers do. I see that Nativity makes it a team effort to educate the boys. I am impressed that Nativity makes the commitment to the boys' families to see them through not just middle school but all the way through to college graduation. I think what a gift to these families the School and its staff is – a huge support system to help their boys get the most out of the educational opportunities they are afforded through Nativity. I feel part of that effort and that is why I continue to volunteer at Nativity. Additionally, my husband and I support the School financially because we see the difference such an environment can make in the boys' lives. We look forward to assisting the School in continuing the good work they are doing.

# Nativity School of Worcester's Impact

Nativity School of Worcester works because of the impact that small class sizes, extended school days, and extended school year have on the education of students in this at-risk, low-income population of Worcester.

## Academic Program and Services

Nativity Worcester's 58 current students and 86 graduates succeed because of the intense, individualized programming that the school provides. Nativity Worcester's small class sizes and 4:1 student to faculty ratio allow teachers to work intensely with students. With no more than 15 students per grade and often two teachers per class, Nativity Worcester students are placed in an environment where they can learn and succeed. As many Nativity students are two to three grade levels behind their higher income peers, Nativity Worcester's structure allows for an individualized learning environment and significant academic growth.

**4:1**  
student to  
faculty ratio

**97%**  
daily  
attendance  
rate

At Nativity School of Worcester, each day is an important stepping stone to a college degree and financially stable future. Nativity School of Worcester's daily attendance rate is 97% and school days are, on average, 9½-hours long. In addition to the small class sizes offered during the traditional school day, Nativity School of Worcester's students are required to attend the after-school program. Nativity Worcester's After-School Program exists to supplement the education received by our students during the school day with a character-building sports and activities period during the afternoon and an individualized tutoring program in the evening.

## 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. After-School Activities and Sports

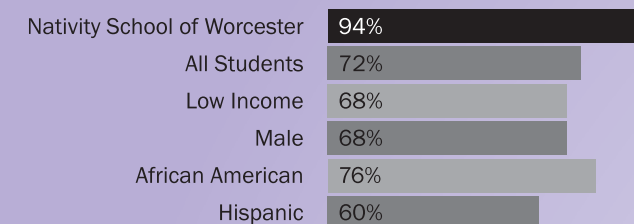
Four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday), Nativity Worcester students are required to participate in the school's sports and activities program. Nativity offers a number of inter- and intramural sports programs, including soccer, flag football, floor hockey, basketball and baseball. On Activities days, students rotate through a wide-range of activities, such as cooking club, building club, Boy Scouts (run in conjunction with the Mohegan Council), young authors' club, and mock trial (run in conjunction with the district attorney's office), to name a few.

## 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Evening Study

After a hearty snack, students return to classrooms for Evening Study. Evening study time takes on different forms for each student, depending on his individual needs. Subject-specific tutoring rooms staffed by volunteers from the College of the Holy Cross pair college students majoring in related subjects with students who need additional help. For general assistance, students are paired with volunteer tutors who provide individualized homework help. For those older students who need to develop their time management skills, quiet rooms are provided for independent study.

## High School Achievement

### 2011 4-Year Graduation Rates in Worcester



\* Statistics provided by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Entering its tenth academic year, Nativity Worcester has witnessed seven successful classes of graduates matriculate to many different high schools in the Central Massachusetts area. Nativity School of Worcester's graduates attend – and more importantly, excel at – the following schools:

Bancroft School • Burncoat High School • Deerfield Academy  
Doherty Memorial High School • Leicester High School  
Worcester Academy • South High School  
St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School  
Saint John's High School • Noble & Greenough  
Holy Name Junior-Senior High School  
Worcester Technical High School  
A Better Chance (ABC) New Canaan and Masconomet Programs

## College Achievement

### High School Graduates Enrolled in Postsecondary Education



With application assistance and guidance from Nativity Worcester's Director of Graduate Support, our graduates from the first three graduating classes of 2006, 2007, and 2008 attend the following colleges:

American University • Assumption College  
College of the Holy Cross • Curry College • DePaul University,  
Diablo Valley College (CA) • Emmanuel College  
Framingham State University • Johnson & Wales University  
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts • Providence College  
Quinsigamond Community College • St. Anselm College  
University of California at Berkeley  
University of Massachusetts – Amherst,  
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## *Mission Statement*

Nativity School of Worcester is an accredited, independent, Jesuit middle school that provides a quality, all-scholarship education to underserved boys of all faiths. Drawing upon four pillars - strength, scholarship, character, and service - a Nativity education inspires self-discovery, responsibility, spiritual growth, and a lifelong dedication to learning.

Nativity School of Worcester is proud to be a member of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

*8<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Spring Auction Night*  
Friday, April 5, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

*10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert with Holy Cross Chamber Singers*  
Sunday, April 28, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.  
at Brooks Concert Hall, College of the Holy Cross

*Nativity Worcester Service Day*  
Friday, May 24, 2013

*10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala*  
Saturday, October 19, 2013  
at Mechanics Hall, Worcester