On Saturday, May 30th at the 2015 Baccalaureate Mass members of the Xavier High School 2015 Class were recognized for various awards and achievements.

Approximately 1.5 million students enter the National Merit Scholarship program by taking the PSAT in their junior year. Of those students, approximately 2% are recognized nationally as Commended Students for their outstanding performance. This year, six members of the Class of 2015 have been named NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS.

Stephen Bruno, Mark Capel, Christopher LoBianco, Anthony Magdziak, Peter McEachern, and Zachary Radel

Additionally, approximately 1% of those 1.5 million students are recognized nationally as Finalists for their outstanding performance. 2015 National Merit Finalist:

Nicholas Indorf

The NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is an academic competition established to honor Black American high school students for their performance on the PSAT. Only the top 3 percent of participants in the 2015 National Achievement Scholarship Program earn this recognition.

Congratulations to Gregory Pollard for receiving this honor.

Each year the college-board recognizes students who perform exceptionally well on multiple college-level Advanced Placement exams. While the results of this year’s AP exams are not yet known, at the conclusion of their junior year several members of the Class of 2015 were recognized by college-board for their outstanding performance.

AP Scholars:
Timothy Brough, Brendan Buckley, Numad Cheema, Peter McEachern and Zachary Radel

AP Scholars with Honor:
Marc Capel, Joseph DePaolo-Boisvert, Patrick Goldner, Nicholas Indorf, Christopher LoBianco and Scott Mason.

The BROTHER CELESTINE MEDAL is awarded each year to students who, upon the completion of the academic year, have an overall final average of A with no final average grade less than an A- in their major subjects. This prestigious award, which a student can be given only once during his four years at Xavier, is the highest academic tribute that the school bestows. The award is named after Brother Celestine Killigrew who taught history and Religion at Xavier in the early 1960’s and died as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Seventeen members of the class of 2015 have been previously honored with the Brother Celestine Medal.

Lawrence Bourland, Brendan Buckley, Elijah Camner, Patrick Goldner, Daniel Hergott, Bryan Hultgren, Nicholas Indorf, Samuel Lane, Michael Mallon, Connor Marszalek, Scott Mason, Trent Nobile, Gregory Pollard, Brian Stevens, Connor Sullivan, Duncan Tulimieri, and Hunter Wilcox.

In addition to those seventeen students, four more members of the Class of 2015 are being recognized for having earned this honor this past school year.

Matthew Blanchard, Numad Cheema, Ethan Pitney and Wesley Reid.

It is unusual for a young man not to miss a day of school during an academic year. This year we recognize three members of the Class of 2015 who had perfect attendance for all four years here at
Xavier. The recipients of the XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD are Anthony DeNello, Aaron Ginty and Michael Mallon.

The PRINCIPAL’S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is given to a graduating senior in the College Prep or Accelerated program who has consistently worked to his potential, has steadily improved his GPA over four years and has exemplified what we demand of each of our students – to simply do his best day-in and day-out. The recipient is Nicholas Cotharin.

ST. MARY’S PARISH OF PORTLAND sponsors THE ANNUAL REVEREND JAMES T. BUTLER SCHOLARSHIP, which is awarded to the graduating parishioner who best exemplifies the ideals of Xavier High School. The recipient is Dylan Duclos.

THE CENTRAL CT COMMUNITY WOMEN’S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a student for academic achievement and citizenship. The recipient is Patrick Goldner.

Each year six juniors represent Xavier at the annual XAVERIAN BROTHERS SPONSORED SCHOOLS JUNIOR RETREAT with students from the twelve other Xaverian schools. We recognized our participants from the 2013-2014 school year for representing Xavier at this retreat and for living out the XBSS mission here at Xavier over the past four years.

Timothy Brough
Peter Drabinski
Jeremy Isenberg
Matthew Massaro
Ethan Pitney
Anthony Plochocki

Each year a number of our young men are selected through an interview process to serve the Xavier community as Peer Ministers. These young men play an integral part in our freshman and sophomore retreat programs, our prayer services and our liturgies. 2015 Peer Ministers:

Matthew Blanchard
Mark Capel
Jaycen Carroll
Troy Christian
Cal Connelly
Nicholas Cotharin
Gregson Curtin
Matthew Daigle
Robert DellaCamera
Anthony DeNello
Matthew Ferris
Nicholas Grasso
Joseph Kane
Samuel Lane
Eric Lee
Michael Mallon
Peter McEachern
Matthew Murphy
The PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE is presented each year to seniors in recognition of excellent academic achievement. President Obama has asked that we offer his congratulations to the following students.

Matthew Blanchard
Patrick Booth
Lawrence Bourland
Jay Boyington
Timothy Brough
Stephen Bruno
Brendan Buckley
Elijah Camner
Mark Capel
Jaycen Carroll
Bryan Chaffee
Numad Cheema
Gregson Curtin
Joseph DePaolo-Boisvert
Peter Drabinski
Connor Gilbert
Patrick Goldner
Daniel Hergott
Bryan Hultgren
Nicholas Indorf
Liam Iorio
Joseph Kane
James Kern
Christopher LoBianco
Michael Mallon
Connor Marszalek
Scott Mason
Peter McEachern
Timothy Morris
Trent Nobile
Kevin O’Brien
John O’Hara
Ethan Pitney
Gregory Pollard
Asa Preli
Colin Wrinn
Wesley Reid
Scott Santiago
Michael Simoniello
Connor Sullivan
Duncan Tulimieri
Hunter Wilcox
Colin Wrinn

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS has awarded a certificate in recognition of the demonstration of those qualities of SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND CHARACTER which earned these students election to the NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Adam Aresco
Matthew Barry
Matthew Blanchard
Patrick Booth
Jay Boyington
Timothy Brough
Stephen Bruno
Brendan Buckley
Elijah Camner
Mark Capel
Jaycen Carroll
Numad Cheema
Cal Connelly
Gregson Curtin
Matthew Daigle
Anthony DeNello
Joseph DePaolo-Boisvert
Peter Drabinski
John Ford
Thomas Fredericks
Connor Gilbert
Patrick Goldner
Daniel Hergott
Bryan Hultgren
Nicholas Indorf
Liam Iorio
Alexander Jenkins
Joseph Kane
James Kern
Nathaniel Kinsman
Samuel Lane
Christopher LoBianco
Michael Mallon
Paul Marinan
Matthew Marotti
Connor Marszalek
Matthew Massaro
Several of our graduates have received special recognition from national, state and local organizations. We will now recognize those who have made us aware of these awards and scholarships.

**Matthew Daigle** received the CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD.

**Joseph DePaolo-Boisvert and Mario Ricardi** received the CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS ART AWARDS for Performing Arts.

**Peter Drabinski and Gregory Pollard** received the SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SCHOLAR LEADER AWARD.

**Paul Marinan** received the GENE CASEY SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD presented by the NEW HAVEN COUNTY CHAPTER NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION and COLLEGE HALL OF FAME.

**Robert Baldo** received the Matt Picciuto Memorial Scholarship.

**Brendan Buckley and Carmelo Saia** have been awarded a TWIST SCHOLARSHIP.
Severianel Burgos received the COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 2016 COLTER ABELY ACHIEVEMENT FUND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AWARD and the MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP.

Mark Capel received the EVERSOURCE ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP through the Nation Merit Scholarship Association.

Gregson Curtin received a scholarship from the ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Peter Drabinski and Anthony Plochocki have been awarded PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY CERTIFICATES OF MERIT for demonstrating outstanding commitment to serving our community as top student volunteers.

Matthew Ferris received the BRENDAN MURPHY MEMORIAL AWARD, the OSCAR WEGMAN MEMORIAL AWARD, and the RAYMOND F. GATES, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

Patrick Goldner has been awarded the SAINT JOHN CHURCH PARISH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP and a CHET ADVANCE SCHOLARSHIP.

Nicholas Indorf received a scholarship from the MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL VOCAL CHORDS.

Richard Murphy has been awarded the CARTER CARES SCHOLARSHIP and the COGINCHAUG LITTLE LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP.

Michael O’Rourke received the WETHERSFIELD COUNTRY CLUB AWARD.

Ricard Perez received a DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP.

Gregory Pollard received the WADSWORTH CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION “GOOD CITIZEN AWARD”.

Zachary Radel has been awarded a scholarship from the KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF MIDDLETOWN.

Connor Sullivan has been awarded a scholarship through the KILLINGWORTH SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION.

Andrew Verre has been awarded a CHET ADVANCE SCHOLARSHIP and the RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE AWARD.

At the Graduation on May 31st 2015 a special legacy award to the thirteen alumni fathers and parents of the graduating seniors was presented:

- Mr. Joseph Cambareri, Class of 1982, and his son Joseph P. Cambareri, Class of 2015
- Mr. Eric Daigle, Class of 1989, and his son Matthew P. Daigle, Class of 2015
- Mr. Robert Fitch the III, Class of 1982, and his son Jon-Patrick Fitch, Class of 2015
- Mr. Henry Fredericks, Class of 1982, and his son Thomas G. Fredericks, Class of 2015
- Mr. William Gautieri, Class of 1982, and his son Kevin J. Gautieri, Class of 2015
The class of 2015 received their diplomas behind the President of the Student Body, Matthew Paul Daigle, Vice President, Thomas Geoffrey Fredericks, the Valedictorian, Nicholas Jonathan Indorf and the Salutatorian, Scott Kevin Mason.

49th graduating class, the Xavier High School Class of 2015.

After the students received their diplomas Headmaster Brother Brian and Principal Donohue presented selected members of the 2015 class with various awards.

• The Xavier Valedictorian Award is presented to Nicholas Indorf
• The Xavier Salutatorian Award and the Xavier Latin Award are presented to Scott Mason
• The Xavier Religion Award and the Xavier Mathematics Award are presented to Numad Cheema
• The Brother John Collins Campus Ministry Award is presented to Michael Mallon
• The Xavier English Award and the Xavier Spanish Award are presented to Gregory Pollard
• The Xavier Chinese Award is presented to Paul Garrity
• The Xavier French Award is presented to Bryan Chaffee
• The Xavier Science Award is presented to Brendan Buckley
• The Xavier Social Studies Award is presented to Matthew Blanchard
• The Xavier Visual Arts Award is presented to Tyler Kenney
• The Xavier Music Award is presented to Peter McEachern

FALCON ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

In addition to its highly regarded reputation as a school which promotes excellence in academics and service to the community, Xavier has earned an equally fine reputation in athletics – a reputation based not solely on wins and losses, but on the spirit and sportsmanship demonstrated by our scholar-athletes. The Falcon Achievement Award recognizes a senior who, during his athletic career, has represented the very best that athletics stand for at Xavier. Chosen upon the recommendation of the faculty and staff, this year’s recipient is a young man who embodies those qualities of loyalty, commitment, sportsmanship and hard work which characterize our fine scholar-athletes.

This year’s recipient has come to epitomize what it means to be a leader both athletically and in the larger community. In his early years here at Xavier everyone saw the potential in him and we were all eager to see him grow and mature as a student-athlete. The growth that this young man has shown has been truly remarkable as he has become a quiet, confident leader whom younger Xavier athletes look up to and respect. He is mentally tough, physically talented and was always feared and respected by his opponents. His growth in the classroom has been as remarkable as his growth in athletics. In each of his four years his GPA improved and his senior year proved to be his best. No matter what the arena, he is a
gentleman and can always be relied upon to do the right thing. One of his coaches had this to say about him, “It has been a pleasure to watch him mature into an outstanding young man. He is hardworking and always has a positive attitude. He has gone from being a follower to being a leader. He will be successful in whatever he chooses to do.” Another coach commented, “In his four years at Xavier he made great strides in his development as a player, but more importantly, even greater strides in his growth as a person.” As he prepares to bring his considerable talents to the Skyhawks of Stonehill College next fall, please join me in congratulating the son of Karla Lutton of Middletown, the 2015 Falcon Achievement Award winner, Kaleb A. Lutton.

XAVIER LOYALTY AND SERVICE AWARD

The Xavier Loyalty and Service Award, the most prestigious award that the school confers, is presented to a member of the graduating class who is chosen upon the recommendation of the faculty and staff. Loyalty and service are qualities that Xavier High School strives to teach all its young men and they are crucial to the fulfillment of the school’s mission. The choice is based on the consistency and quality of the student’s service to the Xavier community and the passion and perseverance he has displayed in his commitment to all aspects that make up the experience of a Xavier High School student. Needless to say, such a student is one of the school’s most valuable assets.

This year’s recipient is a man of many talents both in and out of the classroom. Throughout his four year career he has consistently taken on more and more academic challenges and has excelled at everything he has tried. He has earned his way into several honor societies and received numerous academic awards over the years. His academic record is quite impressive. Outside the classroom, he has fully embraced his Xavier experience and contributes to the community in a myriad of ways. As an XLI participant, a peer minister, a member of the Principal’s Advisory Council and the Empower Leadership Club, he gives back to our community whenever he sees the opportunity. His greatest qualities cannot be measured by a GPA or by membership in a club or team. Above all, he is a man of character and integrity and he serves others without any thought for himself. The faculty, staff and his fellow students would all agree that he excels in the areas of scholarship, leadership and service. If one ever wonders about what it means to “Be a Man” in true Xaverian fashion, one need look no further than this year’s recipient.

There is no doubt that he will be sorely missed here at Xavier; however, he will not be going far. After receiving offers from several very prestigious colleges and universities, he will be proudly become a Yale Bulldog in the fall. It is my distinct honor to announce the 2015 recipient of the Xavier Loyalty and Service Award, the son of Bryan and Alice Pollard of Middletown, Gregory Calvin Pollard.