

# NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

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June 24, 2020

We have plenty of reasons to celebrate and brag this week. Read about the accomplishments of our Gr. 8 students and the recognitions bestowed on two of our staff members!

Our **Class of 2020** recently celebrated the end of their years at SPXS with a Graduation Mass, that was certainly different from all our other graduations. Just like this class, it will stand out in memory! The students, families and staff would like to thank several people who contributed. First, to Fr. Paul and Fr. Chris for offering this opportunity, secondly to Steve Sozanski for livestreaming the event, so those who would have attended under normal circumstances could participate from a distance, then to Mark Girardin for sharing his talents and adding to the students' experience, and also to Kathleen Snow, whose efforts to assist are much appreciated! The Middle School team members and other staff who planned the event for the students are commended.

A number of awards were presented that evening, recognizing student success in both classroom and distance learning. These included:

## *Certificates of Excellence and Achievement*

<i>Religion</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Rosanna Sullivan
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Angelina Theriault
<i>Spanish</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Jay Imad
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Lulu O'Keefe
<i>Language Arts</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Lilly Abercrombie
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Lulu O'Keefe
<i>Literature</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Isabella Kostecki
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Cathal Diver
<i>Algebra I</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Isabella Kostecki
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Trey McPherson
<i>Pre-Algebra</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Jay Imad
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Leo De Souza
<i>Science</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Michael Dean
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Owen Enright

<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Michael Dean
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Jay Imad
<i>Technology</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Lulu O'Keefe
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Cathal Diver
<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Jay Imad
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Andrew St. Jean
<i>Art</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Isabella Kostecki
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Bryan Gomes
<i>Music</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Jay Imad
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Andrew St. Jean
<i>Drama</i>	<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	Isabella Kostecki
	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	Kaiden Slowek

### ***Presidential Excellence Awards***

Isabella Kostecki                      Rosanna Sullivan

### ***Presidential Achievement Awards***

Michael Dean                      Owen Enright

### ***House Leadership Award***

Lulu O'Keefe

### ***Frank Ward Christian Service Award***

Rosanna Sullivan

### ***Fr. George-St. Pius X Award***

Jay Imad



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### **Congratulations to Sandro Correa, 2020 Recipient of the Al Makkay, Sr. Award for Meritorious Service at St. Pius X School, South Yarmouth.**

*Sandro works tirelessly, day in, day out, often times on weekends or vacations. Our school is impeccably maintained, no detail overlooked. He does all of this with a smile and humble attitude. Sandro has never complained and lends a helping hand whenever needed. Being a native of Brazil, Sandro will often engage in friendly conversation with parents and students who speak Portuguese. His primary concern is always for the safety and well-being of all who enter SPXS. Sandro's pride in his commitment to our school community is evident in all he does!*



Please join us for the FACE Summer Un-Gala where Sandro's award will be featured! We hope that you may also consider making a donation to the Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (FACE) in honor of Sandro Correa. For information about the FACE Summer Un-Gala and to make a donation, visit [www.FACEsummergala.org](http://www.FACEsummergala.org). Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Sandro!

Sandro Correa, Facilities Manager  
St. Pius X School, South Yarmouth



**Jennifer Perrault Named a Top Inspiring Teacher in Massachusetts  
and Honored  
With \$10,000 from the National University System  
– Sanford Teacher Award**

SAN DIEGO—JUNE 18, 2020—In recognition of inspirational teaching nationwide, Jennifer Perrault, a second grade teacher at St. Pius X School in Yarmouth, has been named a recipient of the National University System – Sanford Teacher Award for Massachusetts on a surprise Zoom announcement.

During a year of unprecedented challenges for teachers nationwide, the Sanford Teacher Award honors the top teacher in each state and the District of Columbia with \$10,000 for supporting student development and achievement in inspirational and harmonious ways. The award was established in the name of philanthropist T. Denny Sanford, who is committed to supporting inspiring teaching nationwide through PreK-12 programs focused on developing the social and emotional (SEL) skills of young people. Each teacher recipient is now eligible to be named the national winner of the Sanford Teacher Award, which comes with a total award of \$50,000 and will be announced at a future date.

Ms. Perrault teaches her students to advocate for themselves through the use of kind words, empathy, and compassion. She helps students learn across all aspects of development--social and emotional, physical, and cognitive. She introduces multiple means for diverse learners to understand content through the diverse ways in which they learn, introducing kinesthetic movement, visuals, and hands-on learning tools. Ms. Perrault believes in positive reinforcement and differentiates her curriculum based on the individual needs of the students, addressing whatever learning challenges children face.

Jennifer Perrault and the other state awardees were selected before COVID-19 shut down schools, but have continued to use online settings to support the social and emotional wellbeing of their students during the current crisis.

The teachers were selected by a committee of educators and faculty based on an application process that included nominations and information provided by each teacher. Sanford Teacher Award winners were selected for demonstrating high levels of inspirational teaching practices by engaging students, building student confidence, motivating students to succeed, giving students a voice and creating an inclusive environment.

The qualities reflect the mission of education-focused programs based on the vision of Mr. Sanford that are being expanded nationally through the leadership of the private, nonprofit National University System. Its anchor institution, National University, is home to the Sanford College of Education, which is one of the nation's Top Ten largest schools of education. The Sanford Programs include [Sanford Harmony](#), a PreK-6 social emotional learning program that helps children develop communication and collaboration skills, and the PreK-12 [Sanford Inspire](#) program that offers teachers research-based resources and lessons to create inspiring classroom experiences.

"The National University System is so pleased to be honoring the vision of philanthropist T. Denny Sanford by recognizing inspiring teachers around the country through the Sanford Teacher Awards," said Dr. Michael R. Cunningham, Chancellor of the San Diego-based National University System. "Teachers give so much of themselves to their students, schools and communities, and the Sanford Teacher Award is a way for us to celebrate the contributions of inspiring teachers who encourage children to reach their greatest potential."

The Sanford Teacher Awards is part of the national expansion efforts of the National University System-based Sanford Programs, which in addition to Sanford Harmony and Sanford Inspire also includes a national network of fundraiser training programs anchored by the Sanford Institute of Philanthropy at National University. All are based on the vision of Mr. Sanford, who has committed to giving away most of his wealth during his lifetime. Mr. Sanford has given to health care and education-related initiatives, including the Sanford Programs at the National University System.

"As a child, I was fortunate to have a few teachers who truly inspired me to learn and succeed. Educators have many similar opportunities to touch children's lives and have had a profound influence on their lives and learning," said Mr. Sanford. "As an entrepreneur and philanthropist, I can think of no better return on investment than inspiring students to embrace learning and their path in life."

The 2020 awardees will join last year's cohorts of awardees, continue to work with the Sanford Harmony and Inspire Programs and receive training in communications and advocacy for teaching that is inspirational and grounded in social and emotional development.

**The National University System** is a network of accredited nonprofit education institutions serving higher education and K-12 students that includes National University; John F. Kennedy University; City University of Seattle; and Northcentral University. NUS was established in 2001 to meet the emerging challenges and demands of education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The anchor institution, [National University](#), was founded in 1971 and is among the largest private, nonprofit institutions of higher education in California with more than 175,000 alumni. National University's Sanford College of Education is one of the Top Ten largest schools of education in the country. <https://www.nusystem.org/>

### **About the Sanford Programs at the National University System**

The National University System is leading the national expansion of the three Sanford Programs, which were established through the generous support of philanthropist T. Denny Sanford. The Sanford Institute of Philanthropy helps support the preparation of nonprofit frontline fundraiser leaders. The PreK-12 [Sanford Inspire](#) offers a toolkit of research-based teaching methodologies, and on-demand, self-guided modules that are accessible online to help teachers create inspiring classroom environments that encourage students to succeed. [Sanford Harmony](#) is a PreK-6 research-based social-emotional learning program that cultivates strong classroom relationships between all students. Sanford Harmony has been recognized by the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) as a quality program. <http://sanfordprograms.org/>