



# THE PROPHET

UNION CATHOLIC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

**JUNE 10,  
2005**

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***Calendar***

- June 10**  
Senior Passage
- June 13**  
Exams:  
Monday 1, 8:15  
Monday 2, 10:00
- June 14**  
Exams:  
Monday 3, 8:15  
Monday 4, 10:00
- June 15**  
Exams:  
Monday 5, 8:15  
Monday 6, 10:00
- June 16**  
Exams:  
Tuesday 5, 8:15  
Make-ups, 10:00

## ***Underclass Superlatives!***

THE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR, SOPHOMORE AND FRESHMAN CLASSES as voted by their classmates.

### ***Juniors***

Most Likely To Succeed	Ally Walls	Kaz Filus
Most Likely to Become Famous	Ashley Moore	Mike Seamon
Most Outrageous	Kate Primich	Felipe Torres
Most School Spirit	Kate Primich	Chris Esperon
Most Outgoing	Angela Richardson	Tom Creanza
Most Artistic	Jenn Hudak	Jon Cardadiero
Favorite Teacher	Mr. Leib	

### ***Sophomores***

Most Likely to Succeed	Megan Dyckman	Kevin Cassidy
Most Likely to Become Famous	Jill Hernandez	Ed Sagendorf
Most Outrageous	Katie Gigl	Chris Thompson
Most School Spirit	Corinne Timko	Kevin Cassidy
Most Outgoing	Katie Gigl	Ed Sagendorf
Most Artistic	Mel Barat	Matt DeSousa
Favorite Teacher	Mr. Cahill	

### ***Freshmen***

Most Likely to Succeed	Angela Sessa	Mike Mastrola
Most Likely to Become Famous	Natalie Geacintov	Keith Zukowski
Most Outrageous	Kieva Williams	Chris Hernandez RP
Most School Spirit	Gabby Rossi	Chris Hernandez U
Most Outgoing	Sarah Palenik	Chris Hernandez RP
Most Artistic	Monica Picca	Asheem Jacob
Favorite Teacher	Miss Wood	



## ***It's a Boy!***

English teachers Mrs. and Mr. Addison greeted Spencer Joseph Addison on June 14. Spencer weighed in at seven pounds and measured 20 inches. The entire UC community welcomes its newest member and sends its best wishes to Spencer, his parents and his brother Malcolm.

# Class of 2005 Graduates

Kaitlin Butler

UNION CATHOLIC GRADUATED 172 SENIORS ON the morning of June 4 in the gymnasium. Principal Sister Percylee Hart, R.S.M., addressed the students, challenging the class of 2005 to "change the face of the mountain" in the future. In a break with tradition, Sister Percylee, principal for 25 years, personally delivered an address because of her connection to these graduates, who were freshmen during the attacks of 9/11. "Out of the darkness, a new dawn is what you envisioned," she said to the students, who surpassed previous classes in "firsts" of clubs, organizations, and projects. These included the "Peace Pole" and the Blue Crew

The graduates were dressed in caps and gowns, blue for the males and white for the females. Students with special distinctions, such as membership in the National Honor Society, wore additional mantles over their gowns. Sister Percylee handed out diplomas to students in groups of 25, with speakers in between. After the ceremony, students adjourned to the parking lot to toss their caps.

In the commencement address, valedictorian Marybeth Tran related a life-changing experience from her recent trip to Vietnam over spring break. "We are here," she concluded, "to celebrate our facing and conquering of our hardships." Former Student Council President Brian De Oliveira also spoke, telling the graduates, "You were my classmates, became my friends, and now you're family."

In addition to receiving recognition as valedictorian, Marybeth Tran also received highest honors for mathematics. Karina Linares, the salutatorian, received

honors in English, science and Spanish. The art awards went to Mark Vislocky for computer-aided design and Elyssa DiGiovanni for fine arts. Lauren Maseda and Beth Ann Bodek received awards for choral and instrumental music, respectively. French honors went to Stephanie

Pego, Italian honors to Toni Anne Corsi, religion honors to Patricia Niziolek, and social studies honors to Mark Manuel. Richard Hernandez and Jo-Arabelle Flores received physical education honors.

Students receiving special awards included Richard Hernandez, Spirit Award; Sophia Mavroudas, Jane Albert Award; Andrew Timmes, Principal's Award; Brian De Oliveira, Michael Marotti Award; and Marco Messercola, four-year perfect attendance. Alexis Johnson received the Hart Award,

which commemorates a student who has overcome personal obstacles to graduate Union Catholic. Johnson was only the third person in UC history to receive this award.



*Mrs. Boyar and Sister Percylee awarding diplomas at graduation.*



*Mr. Leib and former Prophet editor-in-chief Laura Mortkowitz at graduation.*

## UC Teachers Prepare to Tie the Knot

Nicole Desiato

IN RECENT MONTHS, FIVE MEMBERS OF THE Union Catholic faculty and administration have become engaged to be married. Assistant Principal Mr. Reagan, Jr., science teacher Mr. Mariano, English teacher Miss Webber, social studies teacher Mr. Cahill, and religion teacher Mr. Elmera are all preparing to get married in the next few years.

Mr. Reagan is engaged to Ms. Nicole Luciano, sister of recruiting director and forensics advisor Mr. Luciano.

Mr. Mariano's new wife is Iveta Mariano, whom he married in a civil ceremony on



Miss Webber and Mr. Sandberg

on March 21 after becoming engaged on Valentine's Day. Mr. Mariano and his fiancée met at the beach last summer, and are plan-

ning a more formal ceremony for the spring of 2007 in the Bahamas. Mrs. Mariano is a Bulgarian college student studying business, and will graduate next May.

On May 23, Steve Sandberg proposed to Miss Webber after they had dated for two-and-one-half years. Miss Webber met Mr. Sandberg, a journalist for radio station WINS, through a mutual friend at a party. Mr. Sandberg proposed to Miss Webber at his apartment, leaving a trail of roses that led to a bouquet of daisies with a card reading, "Will you marry me?" Their wedding is planned for August 2006.

Mr. Cahill proposed to Kelly Ferrara, a fifth grade teacher in Clark, on March 17. Mr. Cahill and Miss Ferrara knew each other in high school (he was a senior, she was a freshman), but met again at a UC event when Ms. Luciano reintroduced them. They plan to wed in the fall of 2006.

Mr. Elmera has known his fiancée,

Nicole Latino, a teacher of autistic children, for five years, and they have been dating for the past three. They met in college during their first religion course, and Mr. Elmera returned to that classroom to propose. The engagement ring contains several heirlooms from Miss Latino's family. The center stone, a topaz, comes from her grandmother. The diamonds around it were added by Miss Latino's Aunt J 30 years ago. Mr. Elmera reset the stones to make the ring original. The wedding is planned for next October.

"From the day we started dating I knew she was going to be my life partner, mother of my children, and my best friend," said Mr. Elmera. "Whenever I think of the wedding I just can't wait because I know Nicole is my soul mate, and life would not be the same without her in my life. She is the person God made just for me."

## UC Athletes Honored

Amanda Parker

UNION CATHOLIC HELD ITS ANNUAL ATHLETIC awards banquet on June 1. Four hundred athletes attended the dinner at the Westwood in Garwood.

Mr. McManus began the night with a prayer, followed by the presentation of the awards. Between salad, dinner, and desserts, the head coaches spoke, along with a representative of each team.

Some teams achieved especially commendable feats: the boys swim team made it to the state tournament for the first time in history. The boys tennis team won six straight matches, with a great deal of assistance from starters Kevin Cassidy '07 and Chris Thompson '07.

The night ended with ice cream sundaes for all. "It was a great time," said Brian O'Donnell '08. "We got to catch up with our teams and look forward to next year."

# Students Recognized at Academic Awards Ceremonies

Marisol Ruiz

ON MAY 19 AND JUNE 6, STUDENTS, PARENTS and faculty members gathered in Union Catholic's auditorium to honor those UC students who obtained honor roll status throughout the 2004–05 school year. Awards included certificates, scholarships and plaques.

Both ceremonies began with a short greeting from Principal Sister Percylee Hart, R.S.M, who welcomed everyone and acknowledged the students' hard work and determination. Students were first presented with certificates of honor, given to students who maintain honor roll status in the current school year, and certificates of merit, awarded to students who have maintained an A average in a subject throughout the school year. Students who

have maintained a 7.0 grade point average during the school year were then presented with medallions. Other special awards included Scholastic Team Certificates of Merit, honorary plaques, and special scholarships for juniors. Following each ceremony, students and family were invited to a reception in the school cafeteria.

"It's hard for a parent to remember how tough school was and how it is even tougher today," said Jennifer Hudak '06. "This event helps them to remember and recognize the achievements their children have made throughout the year."

"It was a nice way for everyone to celebrate their accomplishments for the year," said Victoria Spellman '06.

## First in Class

Thomas Mintel '05  
Bradley Gelles '06  
Dianne Navoa '07  
Angela Sessa '08

## Second in Class

Marybeth Tran '05  
Katherine McGhee '06  
Megan Dyckman '07  
April Llamas '08  
Cynthia Ritter '08  
Christopher Wytenus '08

## Scholarships

**Bausch & Lomb  
Science Award**  
Michael Mirza '06

## Humanities and Social Sciences Award

Christopher Esperon '06

## Kodak Young Leader

Megan Dyckman '07

## Rensselaer Medal Scholarship

Kazimierz Filus '06

## Smith Book Award

Alyssa Walls '06

## Academic Teams

**Academic Team**  
Andrew Brothers '07  
Elizabeth Colombo '05  
Timothy Deegan '07  
Charles Defendorf '07  
Amy Dooley '06  
Kazimierz Filus '06  
Thomas FitzGibbon '06  
Bradley Gelles '06  
Matthew Kolar '06  
Cheryl Ritter '05  
Marybeth Tran '05

## Mathematics

Megan Dyckman '07  
Kazimierz Filus '06  
Bradley Gelles '06  
Matthew Hueston '05  
Brian Kratky '06  
Bradley Lord '06  
Mark Manuel '05  
Katherine McGhee '06  
Thomas Mintel '05  
Michael Mirza '06  
Cara Murphy '06  
Kelly Rapolas '05  
Cheryl Ritter '05  
Kimberley Schanz '07  
Andrew Timmes '05  
Marybeth Tran '05  
Brian Vasquez '05

## Geometry

Kaitlin Butler '07  
Michael Cacoilo '07

Kelly Galluci '07  
Jillian Hernandez '07  
Olana Lyashchenko '07  
Rebecca Mehringer '07  
Erica Petela '07  
Kaitlyn Ryan '07  
Angela Sessa '08  
Kimberley Schanz '07

## Algebra

Marcus Dyson '08  
Justin Howarth '08  
Christopher Jones '08  
Ryan Kilkenny '08  
Andrew Kocur '08  
Michael Mastrola '08  
Gabriela Moura '08  
Alexander Niziolek '08  
Monica Opilac '08  
Carlo Palencia '08  
Elizabeth Peach '08  
Cynthia Ritter '08  
William Roselle '08  
Keith Zukowski '08

## Geography

Michael Brown '07  
Lee Comeau '07  
David D'Apolito '06  
Anthony DePaolo '06  
Frank DePaolo '08  
Victoria Deresz '06  
Thomas FitzGibbon '06  
Joseph Fortunato '07  
Darryl Lasin '05

Karina Linares '05  
Nicholas Marcketta '08  
Katherine McGhee '06  
Vincent Napolitano '05  
Elizabeth Peach '08  
Michael Pirozzoli '08  
Stephanie Savino '08  
Christopher Smith '08  
Olutomi Sodeke '06  
Danylo Szpyhulsky '08  
James Trollo '08

## Current Events

Milton Aguirre '06  
Christopher Beaty '06  
David D'Apolito '06  
Thomas FitzGibbon '06  
Bradley Gelles '06  
Darryl Lasin '05  
Caitlin Mahler '06  
Carolyn Moran '06  
Cara Murphy '06  
Genna Pinto '06  
Olutomi Sodeke '06

## Spanish

Jonathan Cardadeiro '06  
Jonathan DeOliveira '06  
David DiLeonardo '06  
Hadja Fadiga '06  
Bradley Gelles '06

Angela Homs '06  
Karina Linares '05  
Lauren Maseda '05  
Michael Mirza '06  
Steven Reis '06  
Ruth Reveriego '07  
Paige Rusnock '06  
Sabina Soto '06

## Language Arts

Kaitlin Butler '07  
Justin Cagaoan '08  
Jonathan Cardadeiro '06  
Elizabeth Colombo '05  
Lee Comeau '07  
Victoria Deresz '06  
Elyssa DiGiovanni '05  
Michael DiPaolo '08  
Brianna Dugan '07  
Thomas FitzGibbon '06  
Sean Gaynor '07  
Gabrielle Geller '08  
Bryan Gray '06  
Jillian Hernandez '07  
Steven Jacques '06  
Christopher Jones '08  
Danielle Kania '07  
Andrew Kocur '08  
Karina Linares '05  
Bradley Lord '06  
Margaret Lowengerg '08  
Nicholas Marcketta '08  
Sophia Mavroudas '05  
Katherine McGhee '06

Thomas Mintel '05  
 Michael Mirza '06  
 Vincent Napolitano '05  
 Dianne Navoa '07  
 Elizabeth Peach '08  
 Kaitlyn Ryan '07  
 Cheryl Ritter '05  
 Monica Opilac '08  
 Aileen Salle '07  
 Kimberley Schanz '07  
 Elisabeth Scherer '08  
 Victoria Spellman '06  
 Megan Stahlberg '05  
 Andrew Timmes '05  
 Marybeth Tran '05

### **Biology**

Judy Ann Adan '05  
 Michael Cacoilo '07  
 Jonathan Cardadeiro '06  
 Gabrielle Gellar '08  
 Bryan Gray '06  
 Jeffrey Hand '08  
 Melanie Kelliher '06  
 Justin Klosek '06  
 Ryan Kilkenny '08  
 Andrew Kocur '08  
 Karina Linares '05  
 April Llamas '08  
 Margaret Lowenberg '08  
 Nicholas Marcketta '08  
 Elizabeth Peach '08  
 Steven Reis '06  
 Cynthia Ritter '08  
 Christopher Smith '08  
 Victoria Spellman '06  
 Alison Steinbach '05  
 James Trollo '08  
 Mark Vyzas '06

### **Chemistry**

Andrew Brothers '07  
 Patricia Costa '07  
 Charles Defendorf '07  
 Amy Dooley '06  
 Brianna Dugan '07  
 Megan Dyckman '07  
 Kazimierz Filus '06  
 Heather Heaney '07  
 Katherine Kaczor '07  
 Olena Lyashchenko '07  
 Bryan Marques '07  
 Michael Mirza '06  
 Julio Rivas '07  
 Renee Tandoc '07  
 Christopher Varga '06  
 Alyssa Walls '06

### **Physics**

Bradley Gelles '06  
 Nicholas Golden '06  
 Leana Gonsalves '06  
 Paul Latham '06  
 Bradley Lord '06  
 Carl Luongo '06  
 Sophia Mavroudas '05  
 Katherine McGhee '06  
 Priya Mehta '05

Elizabeth McGonigle '05  
 Thomas Mintel '05  
 Kelly Rapolas '05  
 Olutomi Sodeke '06  
 Oliver Solano '05  
 Andrew Timmes '05  
 Marybeth Tran '05  
 Brian Vasquez '05

### **Medalists**

#### **Class of 2005**

Kenneth Abel  
 Judy Ann Adan  
 Amanda Bleka  
 Jessica Bonafide  
 Laura Cash  
 Joseph Cicchino  
 Cristin Colucci  
 Elizabeth Columbo  
 Megan Conheaney  
 Toni Anne Corsi  
 Katherine Czado  
 Kristin Davie  
 Alexis Dedousis  
 Elyssa Di Giovanni  
 Raquel Domínguez  
 Alexis Duca  
 Lisa Marie  
 Fedorochko

Jo-Arabelle Flores  
 Kristy Glavasich  
 Leana Gonsalves  
 Monika Grabowska  
 Ewa Hausbrandt  
 Steven Holtz  
 Matthew Hueston  
 Oliver Joszt  
 Lindsay Keogh  
 Dana Kinney  
 Darryl Jon Lasin  
 Karina Linares  
 Melissa Malapit  
 Mark Manuel  
 Jasmine Marshall  
 Lauren Maseda  
 Sophia Rose  
 Mavroudas  
 Elizabeth McGonigle  
 Priya Mehta  
 Thomas Mintel  
 Laura Mortkowitz  
 Patricia Niziolek  
 Stephanie Pego  
 Johnna Plunkett  
 Cheryl Ritter  
 Karen Rivera  
 Gabriel Rojas  
 Rachel Rota  
 Megan Stahlberg  
 Alison Steinbach  
 Andrew Timmes  
 Regina Topping  
 Marybeth Tran  
 C.J. Urso  
 Joseph Varvara  
 Mark Vislocky  
 Nichole Zoller

#### **Class of 2006**

Dawn Aliparo  
 Jacqueline Arce  
 Julianne Berger  
 Jonathan Cardadeiro  
 Nicole Cousins  
 David D'Apolito  
 Victoria Deresz

David DiLeonardo  
 Gina DiCosmo  
 Amy Dooley  
 Christopher Esperon  
 Gabriel Faria  
 Kazimierz Filus  
 Thomas FitzGibbon  
 Meaghan Geislinger  
 Bradley Gelles  
 Bryan Gray  
 Courtney Harris  
 Lesley Hendricks  
 Angela Homs  
 Daniel Hudak  
 Jennifer Hudak  
 Katherine Hudak  
 Steven Jacques  
 Norah Janson  
 Alexandra Johnson  
 Melanie Kelliher  
 Justin Klosek  
 Matthew Kolar  
 Brian Klatky  
 Paul Latham  
 Jill Lee  
 Bradley Lord  
 Kevin Lubin  
 Carl Luongo  
 Caitlin Mahler  
 Joseph Massaro  
 Marissa Mavroudas  
 Cassandra McLean  
 Katherine McGhee  
 Michael Mirza  
 Jessica Moise  
 Carolyn Moran  
 Ashley Mujica  
 Cara Murphy  
 Obiajulu Nwizugbo  
 Danielle O'Brien  
 Nicole Palumbo  
 Steven Reis  
 Angela Richardson  
 Marisol Ruiz  
 Paige Rusnock  
 Joanne Shurtz  
 Alexandra Slomko  
 Olutomi Sodeke  
 Christopher Varga  
 Mark Vyzas  
 Allyssa Walls  
 Danielle Zoller

#### **Class of 2007**

Melissa Barat  
 Laura Rose Biondi  
 Andrew Brothers  
 Kaitlin Butler  
 Michael Cacoilo  
 Elizabeth Capriola  
 Steven Cardadeiro  
 Elizabeth Casserly  
 Kevin Cassidy  
 Sophia Cheung  
 Bo Chu  
 Patricia Costa  
 Edgar Cruz  
 Charles Defendorf  
 Brianna Dugan  
 Megan Dyckman  
 Estuardo Erazo  
 Sara Ferreira  
 Kaitlin Foster  
 Kelly Gallucci  
 Sean Gaynor  
 Katherine Gigl  
 Heather Heaney

Jillian Hernandez  
 Erin Hughes  
 Katherine Kaczor  
 Danielle Kania  
 Brittany Lukac  
 Olena Lyashchenko  
 Matthew Madurski  
 Bryan Marques  
 Rebecca Mehringer  
 Dianne Navoa  
 Regina Nicoll  
 Christina Palumbo  
 Amanda Parker  
 Cintia Pereira  
 Erica Petela  
 Angelica Poon  
 Katelin Reaney-Perrotti  
 Ruth Reviriego  
 Stephanie Rigor  
 John Rotondo  
 Kaitlyn Ryan  
 Edward Sagendorf  
 Aileen Salle  
 Kimberley Schanz  
 Renee Tandoc  
 Rakhi Vyas

#### **Class of 2008**

Sylvia Balabusta  
 Jessica Ballate  
 Christina Broderick  
 Alexander Burns  
 Kristin Cassidy  
 Kristin Colletti  
 Nicole DePrimio  
 Michael DiPaolo  
 Jacqueline Dworak  
 Taylor Fields  
 Gabrielle Gellar  
 Nicole Johnson  
 Christopher Jones  
 Ryan Kilkenny  
 Michele Klimowicz  
 Michelle Kus  
 Tony LaRocca  
 Sara Leso  
 April Llamas  
 Melanie Magella  
 Michael Mastrola  
 Michael McKeown  
 Julie Mohammed  
 Gabriela Moura  
 Alexander Niziolek  
 Brian O'Donnell  
 Monica Opilac  
 Carlo Palencia  
 Alicia Palmieri  
 Catherine Paternostro  
 Elizabeth Peach  
 Monica Picca  
 Xavier Pineda  
 Kyle Pirozzoli  
 Daniel Reyes  
 Jessica Riddick  
 Cynthia Ritter  
 William Roselle  
 Jillian Roth  
 Stephanie Savino  
 Elisabeth Scherer  
 Khristina Schultz  
 Angela Sessa  
 Nicole Siano  
 Christopher Smith  
 James Thornton  
 James Trollo  
 Katlin Vargo

Nicholas Vislocky  
 Alisson Whitefleet  
 Danaia Williams  
 Christopher Wytenus  
 Kaitlyn Zofcin  
 Keith Zukowski

### **Certificates of Honor**

#### **Class of 2005**

Kenneth Abel  
 Judy Ann Adan  
 Denise Aliparo  
 Geraldine Angulo  
 April Ann Bacunawa  
 Kara Beaufort  
 Amanda Bleka  
 Beth Ann Bodek  
 Jessica Bonafide  
 Jessica Booker  
 Justin Brennan  
 Jason Brubaker  
 Laura Cash  
 Danielle Chapla  
 Thomas Childers  
 Joseph Cicchino  
 Chanel Collins  
 Cristin Colucci  
 Elizabeth Columbo  
 Megan Conheaney  
 Toni Anne Corsi  
 Michelle Cortico  
 Vanessa Cruz  
 Katherine Czado  
 Michael DaSilva  
 Kristin Davie  
 Michael De Lucca  
 Brian De Oliveira  
 Alexis Dedousis  
 Cassandra Desalma  
 Elyssa DiGiovanni  
 Raquel Domínguez  
 Alexis Duca  
 Kristine Eppinger  
 Lisa Marie  
 Fedorochko

Jennifer Feeley  
 Kimberly Feil  
 Jo-Arabelle Flores  
 Melissa Ford  
 Dennis Frazier  
 Kharisma Freeman  
 Jeanine Freitas  
 Aaron Garcia  
 Steve Peter Gawron  
 Kristy Glavasich  
 Leana Gonsalves  
 Louise Gonzalez  
 Paul Goscicki  
 Monika Grabowska  
 Stephen Grabowski  
 Ewa Hausbrandt  
 Richard Hernandez  
 Christina Hinkle  
 Steven Holtz  
 Matthew Hueston  
 Oliver Joszt  
 Lindsay Keogh  
 Dana Kinney  
 Natasha Larrinaga  
 Darryl Jon Lasin  
 Karina Linares  
 Melissa Malapit  
 Brian Malone  
 Mark Manuel  
 Lauren Maseda

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Christopher Medina  
Sophia Rose  
Mavroudas  
Elizabeth McGonigle  
April Mc Kee  
Stefanie Messercola  
Thomas Mintel  
Laura Mortkowitz  
Vincent Napolitano  
Patricia Niziolek  
Caitlan Norton  
Erin O'Connor  
Ashley Pegeron  
Stephanie Pego  
Matthew Peters  
Johnna Plunkett  
Simone Pyne  
Kelly Rapolas  
Steven Ring  
Cheryl Ritter  
Karen Rivera  
Alex Rodriguez  
Gabriel Rojas  
Rachel Rota  
Christina Serrano  
Tiffany Shaw  
Joule Shipman  
Kyle Simons  
J-Michaels Smith  
Oliver Solano  
Jason Stafford  
Megan Stahlberg  
Alison Steinbach  
Scott Steinbrecher  
Nicole Straffi  
Ashley Styranec  
Kristi Tami  
Robert Tandoc  
Ann Jaclyn Te  
Andrew Timmes  
Regina Topping  
Marybeth Tran  
C.J. Urso  
Joseph Varvara  
Mark Vislocky  
Christine Weber  
Justin Zoleta  
Nichole Zoller

#### Class of 2006

Carlange Aime  
Dawn Aliparo  
Jacqueline Arce  
Amanda Arciero  
Kristin Barko  
Christopher Beaty  
Angela Belotta  
Michael Bento  
Julianne Berger  
Destiny Blair  
Jasmine Bolton  
Mary Bricki  
Jonathan Cardadeiro  
Jessica Catananzi  
Courtney Cerreta  
Alexander Cicchino  
William Cooper  
Melissa Cortez  
Nicole Cousins  
Thomas Creanza  
Shannon Curry  
David D'Apolito  
Victoria Deresz  
Nicole Desiato  
David DiLeonardo

Gina DiCosmo  
John Digilio  
Amy Dooley  
Gregory Dorilus  
Christopher Esperon  
Gabriel Faria  
Caitlin Feeley  
Kazimierz Filus  
Thomas FitzGibbon  
David Fordham  
Meaghan Geislinger  
Bradley Gelles  
Cara Gennuso  
Matthew Giordanella  
Nicholas Goleen  
Gabriella Gomes  
Bryan Gray  
Lauren Hahn  
Kelly Hanley  
Kimberly Hannam  
Courtney Harris  
Pamela Heaney  
Lesley Hendricks  
Jackelyn Hernandez  
Angela Homs  
Kristina Hoover  
Daniel Hudak  
Jennifer Hudak  
Katherine Hudak  
Benjamin Jacobson  
Steven Jacques  
Norah Janson  
Alexandra Johnson  
Carla Kaminski  
Melanie Kelliher  
Bree Kelly  
Craig Kiger  
Nicole King  
David Klimowicz  
Justin Klosek  
Matthew Kolar  
Brian Kratky  
Melissa Lagera  
Paul Latham  
Jill Lee  
David Leonard  
John Leustek  
Alyssa Lewandowski  
Brianna Lojo  
Bradley Lord  
Jennifer Loureiro  
Kevin Lubin  
Carl Luongo  
Caitlin Mahler  
Katherine Martinez  
Joseph Massaro  
Stephanie Mateiro  
Marissa Mavroudas  
Katherine McGhee  
Ashley Mehn  
Michael Mirza  
Jessica Moise  
Carolyn Moran  
Hugo Moras  
Nicholas Morrisey  
Ashley Mujica  
Cara Murphy  
Christopher Noble  
Obiajulu Nwizugbo  
Danielle O'Brien  
Matthew Olivito  
Nicole Palumbo  
Chris Paszkowski  
Melissa Patterson  
Matthew Peters  
Lisa Petrow  
Konrad Piatkiewicz

Genna Pinto  
Benjamin Poon  
Stephen Popek  
Jessica Pribush  
Katelyn Primich  
Alexia Regman  
Steven Reis  
Angela Richardson  
Marisol Ruiz  
Paige Rusnock  
Joanne Shurtz  
Michael Seamon  
Marc Seemon  
Michelle Simpson  
Alexandra Slomko  
Olutomi Sodeke  
Victoria Spellman  
Meredith Spera  
Christopher Varga  
Anna Vicci  
Brian Villegas  
Mark Vyzas  
Allyssa Walls  
Danielle Zoller

#### Class of 2007

Melissa Barat  
Aerielle Belk  
Katherine Bernet  
Laura Rose Biondi  
Ashley Broderick  
Andrew Brothers  
Kaitlin Butler  
Michael Cacoilo  
Elizabeth Capriola  
Nicole Caravano  
Steven Cardadeiro  
Alison Carulli  
Elizabeth Casserly  
Kevin Cassidy  
Sophia Cheung  
Bo Chu  
Jermaine Clarke  
Lee Comeau  
Kristian Cortizo  
Patricia Costa  
Timothy Deegan  
Charles Defendorf  
Joseph DeLucca  
Danielle Dimperio  
Elizabeth Douress  
Brianna Dugan  
Megan Dyckman  
Kaitlin Eppinger  
Estuardo Erazo  
Jessica Espinosa  
Nicholas Ferreira  
Sara Ferreira  
Christopher Florindo  
Matthew Flynn  
Kaitlin Foster  
Kelly Gallucci  
Sean Gaynor  
Katherine Gigl  
Alisa Harris  
Heather Heaney  
Erin Hughes  
Joanna Jones  
Katherine Kaczor  
Danielle Kania  
Andrew Kardach  
Misha Kelley  
Ana Krawetz  
Edward Kuspiel  
Diana Lodzinski  
Michelle LoLo  
Olena Lyashchenko

Matthew Madurski  
Antonia Maguire  
Bryan Marques  
Rebecca Mehringer  
Dianne Navoa  
Regina Nicoll  
Richard Oathout  
Daniel Palinsky  
Christina Palumbo  
Darryl Parchment  
Amanda Parker  
Mitchell Peixoto  
Cintia Pereira  
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Julio Rivas  
John Rotondo  
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Alexander Burns  
Justin Cagaoan  
Amanda Caraher  
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Kristin Cassidy  
Reina Castro  
Kristin Colletti  
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Nicole DePrimio  
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Jacqueline Dworak  
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Danyla Frazier  
Jessica Gavilanes  
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Angelica Glover  
Edison Guzman  
William Hannam  
James Harbison  
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Nicole Johnson  
Christopher Jones  
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Alexander Niziolek  
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Brian O'Donnell  
Aissa Oliva  
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Catherine Paternostro  
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Kyle Pirozzoli  
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# Finals Finally Arrive

Kaitlin Butler

THE APPROACHING FINAL EXAMS MEAN INTENSE preparation, hard work, and long hours of study. This year, however, some Union Catholic students will be exempt from final exams due to the new system of exemptions. Even though an exemption means missing hours of scribbling with a number two pencil as the hot sun heats the classroom, not everyone is happy about the change.

The system of exam exemptions was much different in the 2003–2004 school year. Last year, students could not be exempted from final examinations, but only from midterms. An “A” average would exempt a student from midterms as long as the teacher was exempting students. Not every teacher would exempt students, especially in the English and math departments. In higher level classes, students were less likely to have the option of exemption. No student could be exempt from finals.

This year, there are new rules. Students were not allowed exemptions from midterms and can be exempted only from final exams. “A” averages hinge on marking periods one, two, and three, and the midterm exam. Basically, a student must work harder for longer and will get a reprieve from final exams at the end of the year. Higher level classes are still less likely to allow exemptions. Not all English and math teachers will give exemptions either. Students will discover if they are exempt or not at their Academic Awards Ceremony.

The difference in the system comes from a faculty decision. The change began in a meeting of the administration and the department chairs. “Exemption is at the teacher’s discretion, which it always has been,” Assistant Principal Mrs. Andrews said. “We’re most comfortable with his or her choice.” She made it clear that UC has

employed the practice of exemptions for at least 20 years and has always made certain that exemptions in any form are the decision of the individual teacher.

Teachers have opinions about the new system and about final examinations in general. “I’m glad to [exempt students from final exams],” said religion teacher Ms. Eger. “Exams are a day of closure; we need to say goodbye. I have mixed feelings.” No matter what teachers think, however, students are never totally for or against new systems in the school.

Freshmen make up the majority of those students in support of this system. “I’d like

to be exempted from the hardest exam in the hottest weather,” said Liz Peach ’08. Students who have not experienced the old system are in favor of getting out of school during the summer months. Their reasoning: if one can be exempted from the midterm or the final, pick the hardest exam in the worst conditions.

The rest of the school doesn’t concur. Sophomores and juniors are, in general, against the new exams exemptions. “At least last year,”

said Christie Brid ’07, “you could be exempted for something.” She pointed out that not only is it more difficult to be exempted from finals than midterms (one needs to keep the A for longer) but also that teachers are less likely to exempt at all now that the final is at stake.

“I need to take the AP exam anyway,” said Jenn Hudak ’06, “so last year was better.” Students in AP classes must take end-of-the-year college exams, so if they cannot be exempted from midterms, then they must take two exams.

With both exemption systems, there are flaws found by students and teachers alike. The system will probably be different next year.

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## Moving Up and Moving On

*Katelyn Primich*

JUNIOR RINGS, CHANGE IN UNIFORMS, SATs, Junior Prom, and Senior Passage are some of the milestones of junior year. At the end of every school year, a senior class graduates and moves on from the place they called home for four years. A lot is known about how seniors feel about graduating high school, whether it is excitement to move on to college, happiness to be leaving high school, or sadness about leaving your friends behind. But what does it feel like for the juniors who have one year to go?

"I can be totally honest when saying that I love our class," said Joanne Schurtz '06. "I think as a whole we seem to get along and have a lot of fun." From thinking they were being personally targeted by Mrs. Carolan as freshmen for dress code to having to avoid Coach Matthews in the hallway because they know she's going to remind them about their detention hours to studying for the AP exams, the junior class has been through it all.

"I'm really nervous for my senior year," said Jacqui Arce '06. "I don't know how I'm going to move on from high school and leave everything behind." Graduating from high school is something toward which students seem to be counting down the days since they were freshmen. But when the "joyous" day finally arrives, students believe it came too soon. "I can't believe we are actually going to be seniors," said Jess

Pribush '06. "I feel like it was yesterday that I couldn't open my locker or that I felt like we were the babies of the school." On June 10, the Class of 2006 will take part in the Senior Passage, after which they will officially be able to call themselves seniors. "You should definitely cherish every day," said Steph Guterl '05. "Even though I didn't academically shine in high school, it's something I can't believe I have to leave and a place I never want to call my past."

## Into the Senior Courtyard

*Amanda Arciero*

TO INCOMING FRESHMEN, THE SENIOR COURTYARD is viewed as the ultimate privilege. To sophomores, it is looked upon as something that will soon to be their right. Now, in the last month of their three years as underclassmen, the juniors have gained the courtyard, along with the title of "senior" and various other envied benefits.

Ask any junior how fast this year went by and the same response will be given by all: this year flew by faster than any of their previous years here at Union Catholic. The seniors have left and, although bittersweet, the juniors will become seniors. This feeling really kicks in June 10 when the class of 2006 gains the Senior Courtyard.

The courtyard is a privilege, not a promise, and as with all other privileges, it can be revoked. When the class of 2005 held an unauthorized cut day this year, their courtyard privileges were taken away. The junior class will need to be on its best behavior if it wants full usage of the Senior Courtyard next year.

The Senior Courtyard is not just a piece of ground but symbolizes growth and the end of the journey here at UC. Juniors will have gained something that they have been looking at for the past three years, something that signifies the end of their high school journey. This month, the UC community says goodbye to the Class of 2005 and hello to the beginning of the Class of 2006's reign as the senior class of UC.

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# UCPAC Announces Awards and Next Year's Productions

Nicole Desiato

ON MAY 20, THE UNION CATHOLIC PERFORMING Arts Company (UCPAC) presented awards for performances and service, and inducted 19 members into the International Thespian Society Troup 3673. Mrs. Addison announced that the fall play for 2005–2006 would be *Inspecting Carol* and Mrs. Carolan announced that the spring musical would be *Seussical the Musical!*

For *Honk!*, Outstanding Overall Performance Awards were presented by Mrs. Carolan to Katie Czado '05, Brian DeOliveira '05, Kaz Filus '06, Jill Hernandez '07, Alex Johnson '06, Eddie Kuspiel '07, Natasha Larrinaga '05, Sophia Mavroudas '05, Katie McGhee '06, Vinny Napolitano '05, Alex Rodriguez '05, Allie Slomko '06, Joann Tavares '05, and Andrew Timmes '05. Miss Eger presented the Outstanding Chorus Member Award to Nicole Desiato '06 and Outstanding Ensemble Members to Jason Brubaker '05, Angela Homs '06, Lauren Maseda '05, Johnna Plunkett '05, John Rotondo '07, Victoria Spellman '06, and Brian Vasquez '05.

Alex Rodriguez '05 received the Outstanding New Member award for his performance as the Cat. Miss Eger presented plaques to the Executive Board and Napolitano and Maseda presented gifts to the parents of students who helped with preparations. Outstanding Service for Tech Crew recipients as announced by Mrs. Doherty were Kevin Cassidy '07, Jo-Arabelle Flores '05, Matt Giodanella '06, Rebecca Mehringer '07, Joey Mintel '07, Tommy Mintel '05, Nick Morissey '06, Kyle Simmons '05, and Mark Vyzas '06.



Mrs. Doherty announces winners at UCPAC Awards Night

Distinguished Senior Awards, for students who have been in PAC longer than two years, were given to Amanda Bleka,



Miss Eger presenting at UCPAC Awards Night

Katie Czado, Brian De Oliveira, Natasha Larrinaga, Melissa Malapit, Lauren Maseda, Sophia Mavroudas, Melissa

Mojar, Vinny Napolitano, Johnna Plunkett, Andrew Timmes, and Brian Vasquez.

Larrinaga inducted 19 new members: Andrew Brothers '07, Michael Brown '07, Justin Cagaoan '08, Nicole Cousins '06, Caitlin Dugan '08, Melissa Ferreira '06, Jo-Arabelle Flores '05, Danyla Frazier '08, Matt Giordanella '06, Bryan Gray '06, Billy Hannam '08, Nicole Johnson '08, Joanna Jones '07, David King '06, Marissa Mavroudas '06, Michael McKeown '08, Elizabeth Peach '08, Aileen Salle '07 and Mark Vyzas '06.

Awards for *Fools*, the fall play, included Outstanding Service to Nick Morissey '06 and Kevin Cassidy '05, and Outstanding Performance to all the cast members. Mrs. Addison announced the fall play for the coming school year would be *Inspecting Carol*.

Mrs. Carolan named *Seussical the Musical!* as next year's spring musical. Based on the works of Dr. Seuss, *Seussical* primarily focuses on the story of *Horton Hears a Who*, and features such well-known Dr. Seuss characters as Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and the Grinch.

Lastly, the new officers were installed: President Katie McGhee '06, Vice President Allie Slomko '06, Treasurer Alex Johnson '06, Secretary Victoria Spellman '06, and Historian Angela Homs '06.

# Junior Prom: A Walk (And a Night) to Remember

Katelyn Primich

ON APRIL 15, THE CLASS OF 2006 CELEBRATED its Junior Prom at the Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights. Because of the larger than usual attendance, the prom was held in the Berkeley Plaza's larger room, which gave students a lot more room to dance and hang out with friends. Also, as a result of the setting change, prom pictures and food were held in a separate room.

"I thought the room was so beautiful," said Angela Richardson. "I've gone to the UC junior prom in the past, and I think the bigger room better suits the occasion."



This year's junior prom season started off with controversy over the theme and song. The original prom song was "Here's to the Night" by Eve 6 and the theme was "A Walk to Re-

member." "A Walk to Remember is a movie about a girl who dies from cancer," said Ashley Mujica. "How is that a good idea for a prom theme?" However, the original theme was retained because favors had already been chosen to match and planning had already begun for decorations.

"In the beginning I was furious about our



prom song," said Alyssa Lewandowski. "Who picks a graduation song for our junior prom when we're not even graduating?" After complaints and suggestions poured in, the Class of 2006's junior prom song was changed to "My Everything" by 98 Degrees. "I was so happy when our prom song was changed," said Courtney Harris. "It was actually a song I could see myself danc-

ing to with my date at the end of the night." Despite preliminary controversy, the Class of '06 really seemed to enjoy the event.

"The junior prom made me realize how much

I really enjoy our grade and it also symbolizes one of our last big events before our senior year," said Gerry Paternostro. The Class of '06 came together after a long year and braced themselves for the things ahead. "After this prom, I can't wait for



senior prom," said Angela Homs. "This year has been a lot of fun and I'm looking forward to all that is still ahead for '06 at UC." The attendees all agreed that their junior prom was a night to remember.



## Quarters for Cancer Dinner

Jillian Hernandez

THE STUDENT MOVEMENT AGAINST CANCER (SMAC) hosted its first annual fundraising casual dinner called "Quarters for Cancer" on May 17 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Approximately 100 people attended the event, which raised over \$500. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

The night consisted of music and an informal buffet in the Union Catholic cafeteria. Each serving of food cost 25¢. The food—pasta, chicken and meatballs—was donated by the members of SMAC. Participating freshmen were responsible for desserts, drinks, salads, and rolls, while sophomores and juniors were responsible for hot entrées.

The idea for the event came from Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains, which used the same type of fundraiser for the school band. Inspired by their success, the execu-

tive board of SMAC decided to sponsor a similar event. To ensure a high turnout, advertisements for the event was placed in church bulletins, local newspapers, report card envelopes, and progress report envelopes. Posters were hung in the school hallways as well.

Twenty students volunteered to work as servers for the evening. "I had so much fun!" exclaimed Kaitlin Foster '07. "The DJ was great, so I danced and sang with everyone. Plus, it was for a great cause." Due to the overwhelming success of the dinner, the Executive Board of SMAC will be hosting another Quarters for Cancer banquet sometime next year. "It was so much more than I expected," said Kim Schanz '07, Co-President of SMAC. "So many people came and made generous extra donations. Next year we hope to increase attendance."

## ♥ KATE'S KORNERS ♥

Next school year, each issue of *The Prophet* will include an advice column/editorial opinion column for all students. Forms will be available in *The Prophet's* new room beginning in September and can be turned in to *The Prophet* mailbox in the main office.

All advice and suggestions must be cleared by a faculty member before they can be printed; therefore, all material should be appropriate to the school and not be offensive towards anyone in particular. If your idea is questionable and you're not sure whether it would be permitted to run, turn it in anyway—the staff of *The Prophet* will decide. Suggestions and requests for advice can be anonymous and names will be withheld upon request; however, your name can be printed if you so choose.

Advice can be requested for a diverse range of things: personal problems, boy/girl problems, problems in classes, even problems outside of Union Catholic. You can write more on the paper than what you want printed; just remember to indicate if you want something to remain confidential. I am the only person who will be reading the original copies of what you submit. Your participation will determine the longevity of this feature in *The Prophet*.

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