

Newsletter



REV. ENGELBERT MVENG, S.J.

CLASS OF 2021

On June 4th, the Rev. Engelbert Mveng, S.J. Class of 2021 graduated from Nativity School of Worcester. As the 16th class to graduate from our middle school, this group of students persevered through a tough 8th grade year with diligence and determination. Congratulations to our graduating Mveng class and thank you to all those who helped make their education possible!



message

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

On May 28th, our Nativity Men successfully completed a school year that was unlike any other. Our students persevered through a tough time with grit, determination, and a spirit to serve each other. We could not be more proud of our young men and all our graduates who also thrived in high school, college, and the workforce!

Our mission and commitment to our students and graduates remained unchanged during a year of transition and challenges. We continued to adhere to our mission and shared values of responsibility, growth, and dedication to learning. We utilized new technologies to engage our students and maintained a high level of engagement with our families. In July, our community was filled with energy and joy as our Nativity Men returned for a successful Summer Session!

As the new President of Nativity, I am honored and excited for the opportunity to work with so many talented students, graduates, teachers, staff, and volunteers. Education changes lives. And a Jesuit education is exceptionally effective at changing lives and helping students reach their full potential, which is what attracted me to Nativity. I am eager to serve our mission and community, so together, we can build on Nativity's remarkable successes and grow our impact during the coming school year and beyond!

Given how unusual and challenging this past year has been, I want to extend a special thanks to our staff, faculty, trustees, and volunteers for their endless commitment and resilience that allowed us to advance our life-changing mission. Also, on behalf of our Nativity Worcester community, we are grateful to those who donated in the fiscal year 2021 (July 2020 - June 2021), as your generosity makes our work possible. So many new and long-time benefactors stepped up when we needed you the most! Thank you, and if you did not have the opportunity to give in fiscal year 2021, I humbly ask you to renew your gift so we can continue to open doors of opportunity for our students and graduates.

I hope to meet many of you this summer and fall, and I look forward to working with the Nativity community to support our young men who will become leaders of the future.

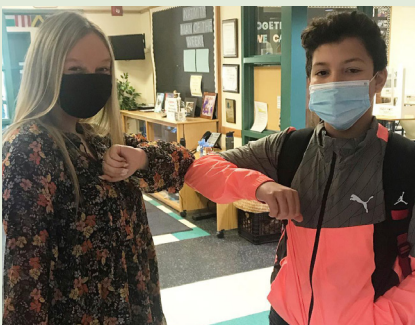
With Gratitude,

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Tom McKenney



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BACK?

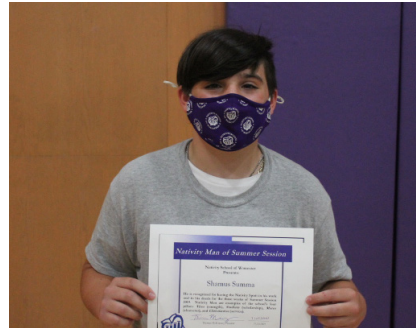


On May 6th, we re-opened our doors for a full school return for the first time since March 2020. The excitement was shared by everyone, and it continued as we finished the 2020-2021 school year on May 28th. With the return brought new rules for our school and students to follow. Everyone was required to wear a mask unless eating, and classes were asked to limit overlap with each other. Our outside recess area and courtyard were utilized to unprecedented levels during lunch and snack times. We shortened our school day, and incorporated community building workshops to provide space for reconnecting after 14 months of remote learning. We're excited that our full community has returned this July for our 2021 Summer of Service.





2021 SUMMER of SERVICE



These past few summer months have been very exciting at Nativity Worcester. Being back in-person as a school community allowed us to reflect on the difficult moments from such a challenging year, but also made us appreciate the community around us. From July 6th-23rd, our current Nativity Knights participated in our annual Summer Session, a three-week-long period filled with academic classes, field trips, and service-based learning classes. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our students were not able to travel off-campus to fulfill their service requirements, but this did not stop them from giving back to their community. Service groups engaged with organizations such as the Notre Dame Long Term Care Center and the Worcester Hip Hop Congress, while also focusing on the importance of school counselors in Worcester public schools and throughout the country.



“Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time.”

—RUTH BADER GINSBURG

This quote served to encourage students and staff during Summer Session to always remember that we all hold immense power to affect positive change in our communities, but we must persevere through all the challenges that come our way to reach our goals.



A *Night* WITH *Nativity Knights*



On May 13th, we hosted our first virtual fundraiser - A Night with Nativity Knights where we premiered a 40-minute video highlighting our Nativity Men and their successes. With the support of our donors and sponsors, we raised over \$277,000, one of the highest fundraising event achievements in the school's history! The faculty and staff gathered in the school's cafeteria to watch together and celebrate what they'd accomplish for the past 14 months. A big thank you to WBZ-TV CBS Boston for producing an amazing video and Jeannine and Tom Clarke for their generous \$100,000 match. Thank you to our additional sponsors who made the event possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

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NANCY'S *Fund*

Nancy's Fund was established in honor of Nancy Flaherty, wife of Joseph Flaherty, and a longtime supporter who passed away in 2017 to support Nativity Worcester graduates in high school. This scholarship is critical as Nativity makes a twelve-year commitment to our young men—from middle school through college or the world of work. Below are reflections from members of the Espinal Class of 2020 who recently finished their first year of high school.

HIGH SCHOOL FIRST YEAR *Reflections*



Glodi

Nativity Class of 2020

Current High School: Bancroft School

My name is Glodi Karagi; a former Nativity man (class of 2020) and a Bancroft freshman. Although Bancroft's school year faced tremendous changes because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the challenging academic curriculum stayed the same. My first quarter was full of roadblocks and unfortunate mistakes as I struggled to transition from middle school to high school. My GPA was dropping and I was struggling to focus during online school. Fortunately, Nativity engineered an incredible work ethic in me through 4 years of indefatigable academic challenges. I picked up on my study time and I started putting more effort into class. By the end of the 4th quarter, my GPA was a 4.0 and I had expanded my social circle. At this point in my freshman year, I am just checking off my final assignments as I prepare for a felicitous summer break. That being said, I would have never gotten here without Nativity's continued support.



Randy

Nativity Class of 2020

Current High School: Saint John's High School

During my first year of high school, I struggled many times academically, and oftentimes I was already thinking about my future in college and how my grades may impact my future. During the first quarter I spoke to my Academic Dean and talked about moving up to a higher Spanish class. I was able to move up in my Spanish class, from Level 1 to a Level 3 Honors Spanish class. Coming into high school I studied a lot more than what I thought I would need for each test, but it still wasn't enough and I was struggling at the start of the year, but with hard work and dedication I persevered. As the fourth quarter came around, I won an award for my hard work for my first year in high school. I also tried out for the volleyball team and made the JV team! I have had many experiences in my first year, but it all went by fast but I have learned so much. This opportunity and experience has truly been wonderful for my life and what is to come for me and my family.



Congratulations to our Graduates!

We are very proud of our Nativity Men who have reached both personal and academic milestones despite these new challenging times. We recognize their commitment and are happy to share the next steps for our graduating classes.

Mveng Class of 2021

Gerald Boateng

Bancroft School

Edgard Boderbe

Saint John's High School

Elvin Collins

Burncoat High School - Media Arts Program

Ryan Cooper

Saint John's High School

James Hammond

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Jordan Idiagbonya

Bancroft School

Seann Katubi

Saint John's High School

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Bancroft School

Lander Perez

Saint John's High School

Josias Rodriguez

Saint John's High School

Oscar Rodriguez

Bancroft School

Demetrie Romero

Bancroft School

Alvin Tete-Djawu

Worcester Academy

Jordan Vecchio

North High School

Ikunza Class of 2017

Scott Eaton

Saint John's High School/Coastal Carolina University

Naethan Mwangi

Saint John's High School/Suffolk University

Nathan Bangandozou

Saint John's High School/Worcester State University

Jyandriel Aponte

Bancroft School/Brandeis University

Rosend Peña

Bancroft School/College of the Holy Cross

Anthony Rodriguez-Mejia

Saint John's High School/Worcester State University

Jaiden Rodriguez

Saint John's High School/Nichols College

Theodore Kyenkyenhene

Noble & Greenough School/Northeastern University

Thaddeus Kyenkyenhene

Worcester Academy/Bridgewater State University

Jefferson James

Saint John's High School/Fitchburg State University

Robert Nieves

Southbridge High School/Business Manager

Mayer Class of 2013

Emmanuel Bangandozou

Worcester State University

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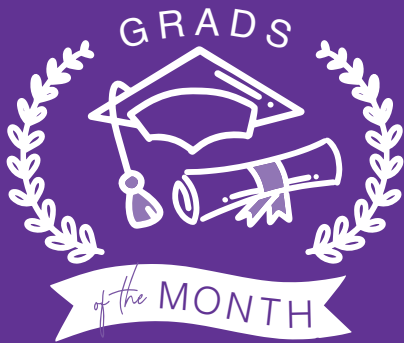
Assumption University

Shedricke Mulbah

University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

Ronald Peña

College of the Holy Cross



In May 2020, we introduced a new feature to our Graduate Support Newsletter. “Grad of the Month” spotlights a graduate who has continued to live out and exemplifies the four pillars in their current stage of life. Whether that’s high school, college, in the workforce, or in the community, our Nativity Grads are doing amazing things, and it’s time we recognize their accomplishments in new ways! Below are the selected graduates who were featured during our first year of “Grad of the Month.”

Being at home with mom has been great. We have taken up cooking and baking as a pastime and have binge-watched way too many Netflix originals. Some of our favorite dishes include bacon-wrapped chicken, shepherds pie (with our own unique take on the stuffing), and hershey-infused red velvet cake. Since I took this semester off to focus on myself, my quarantine was off to a very slow start. Not having any schoolwork would ordinarily sound like a blessing, but I’ve been longing for assignments to help the days go by. Despite this worldwide pandemic (hopefully a triumphant end coming soon), I recently started an internship with a marketing firm based in Worcester. The Inthink Agency specializes in marketing services with dedicated teams working collaboratively to deliver incredible service efficiently. They have tasked me with creating a Wiki corporate page, and have hinted at the possibility of some sales

training. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to prove how much I’ve grown both personally and professionally with all the responsibility they have entrusted to me. My days are far from boring now... they are filled with hours of research, virtual meetings, and training so that I may become a swiss army tool in the marketing field. I was also recently offered a position as a salesman for the academic year with a company based in New York. Fresh Prints is an apparel manufacturer with a network extending from coast to coast. They have given me entrepreneurial courses to work on during this time to prepare me to dominate sales when I return to Boston College. I want to give a special thanks to the Nativity Family and to my support network. I wouldn’t be in the position I am if it wasn’t for everyone looking out for my best interest and encouraging me to fulfill the ambition I know I am capable of.

I am most looking forward to the gyms opening back up. Working out at home has been fine but there’s nothing like a solid pec deck set or that final push on the tricep extension machine. I also very much miss my friends (as I’m sure we all do), and can’t wait to wreak some havoc with the guys (only some though I promise).

To any grad reading this, don’t waste this time. Although it’s fun to squad up with the crew and play Call of Duty for a disturbing amount of hours, it’s not worth it. Don’t look back at this time and have nothing to show for it. I know times are hard for everyone, and many companies are financially struggling which affects your internship and job opportunities. Just because there are a lot of companies struggling, it doesn’t mean they all are. Don’t just reach out to 1 or 2 or even 5 companies, reach out to at least 10. Be prepared for a lot of rejection, but it only takes one yes to make a difference. A lot of kids are looking at this pandemic as a vacation. It’s not. Get ahead, reflect and set a reasonable goal you want to accomplish during this time. You’ll be proud of yourself for following through on it. I know I am.

P.S Don’t lock yourselves in your room. Enjoy the company of your family. It is a very rare opportunity that we have to be home with our loved ones for an extended period of time!

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions to bmontenegro08@gmail.com. I may not be able to give you an answer, but I will try my best to connect you with someone that might.



Bryan Montenegro

HURTADO CLASS OF 2014





Rohshan Khalili
CAMPION CLASS OF 2012

For my undergraduate career, I attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst and studied chemical engineering. During my time I was most proud of finding the time to do extracurricular activities in the midst of daunting assignments, whether it be playing sports or creating new programs on campus. Moreover, my favorite memory from college was learning how to ski with a group of my friends after a particularly hard week of class.

Since the pandemic, things have definitely been more challenging from a senior's perspective. Remote learning has been adequate but lacks a more personal experience and has caused me to have to halt my lab research that I have been conducting for the past year. Fortunately, I was able to celebrate graduation remotely, but I was disappointed to miss walking on the podium and receiving my diploma with my classmates.

The major silver lining that I see has come out of school closure is people's willingness to respond to emails and attend ZOOM meetings where they would usually not have the time. This has opened the door for me to not only get recommendations for grad school but also has allowed me to co-found a new engineering management

fellowship, which pairs engineering management graduate students with student ventures on campus to help with project management and provide feedback based on technical competencies.

After graduation, I will begin my coursework for my Master of Science in engineering management and will continue to develop my fellowship with various professors on campus. When quarantine is over, I am most looking forward to meeting with friends in person and having the chance to sit down one on one with the interviewers for the company's that I am applying to.

My advice for younger Nativity grads is that anything you set your mind to is possible, and when you inevitably face adversity in the future, think about it with a positive attitude and as an opportunity for you to grow and learn as opposed to a major setback.





Jordy Melendez
FABER CLASS OF 2008

I just finished my first year working at Nativty and it was great. I have always joked about coming back to Nativty to work while I was in high school and college but never thought it would actually happen.

Nativty holds a special place in my heart and forever on my body since 2 years ago, when I decided to get the Nativty logo tattooed on me.

Working as the Director of High School Placement and Support brought back many memories of my time at Nativty. From going class to class through all the different stairways in the All Saints church, having recess in the parking lot, dodgeball games during gym class,

basketball championships, going to all the high school visits as an 8th grader and finally graduating and coming back to Nativty after school to see everyone.

This past school year working at Nativty was special for me. Instead of sitting at the desks I once sat in fourteen years ago, I was teaching 7th and 8th graders and completing high school applications and recommendations for my students. Seeing the Espinal class (8th grade) receive their high school acceptances and watching them get their diplomas was something I will not forget. This year I also had the privilege of coaching the

7th and 8th grade basketball team, which was great to beat the other schools not only as a player but now a coach. This year's Nativty team was truly a family and definitely left a mark on the league that nobody will forget.

My role at Nativty also gave me the opportunity to reconnect and get in contact with many friends and former classmates whom I have not seen or spoken to in years. Seeing how everyone is doing and appreciating the successes of my peers has been wonderful to see and talk about. One thing that I quickly learned and took from Nativty as a student was that

the Nativty family is forever. From your classmates past, present and future, to the teachers and faculty in the building: we are all family. After transitioning from a student to faculty member, I find that to still be true.

The Nativty Worcester connection is forever. We are all family. NSW.

If you have any questions or want to get involved in future graduate discussions, mentorships or events please don't hesitate to contact me at jmelendez@nativityworcester.org



Nathan Bangandozou

IKUNZA CLASS OF 2017

I am extremely honored to have been chosen as the grad of the month. My name is Nathan Bangandozou. I am a senior at Saint John's Class of 2021. This year my summer was unlike any other. With this global pandemic going on everything was different. Though I want to thank GOD that my family, friends and I all stayed healthy during this pandemic. The start of my summer was spent in my bed at home for a couple of days until my parents finally allowed me to go out, if I was only wearing a mask. It was a struggle at first, but as time went on I ended up getting used to it.

In early April I celebrated my birthday applying for jobs. I got a job at Shaw's and it is an easy, good job. I work in the front end of the store working cashiers, bagging groceries for customers, and once a while outside pushing carts. I often did get to see friends, but I was very busy with working there to make money.

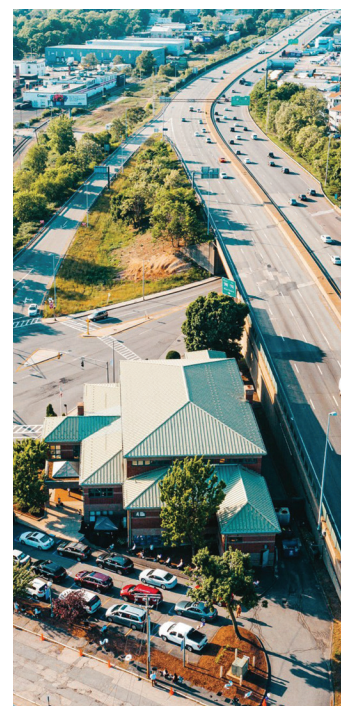
What was exciting about my summer was that I had the chance to do something I didn't think I would get to. I was getting to play my summer basketball AAU. We weren't able to play here in Massachusetts so every weekend we would go up to Hampton, New Hampshire to play games and would maybe go to the beach after games and spend the night in hotels there, which was great to do. I also had a chance to go to a fellow classmate's home in cape cod and it was awesome.

Now that we are going to start school I'm really in shock of how I'm really a senior now. To me, I can't believe it. Time goes by so fast, but I am really excited for the year to end off good and strong. I'm glad I am having a chance to go back in person, see friends and have a senior year. I am glad to know everything is set to go off well for the year but I would really be hurt if I didn't have my final sports season before I head out for college. Though

I plan to play in college, my senior year is an important season for coaches to see my game. The good part is I have already started talking to schools and coaches who seem very interested in me. I really just hope for the best for this year and I couldn't have been more happier knowing I will be entering college in less than a year.

My best advice to the younger high school students is to really enjoy every moment of being in high school with friends, sports and everything. This is because sooner or later it'll be gone and you won't have another opportunity to have it again. My senior year I will not take for granted I'm going to enjoy everything before the friends I have made at Saint Johns all depart our different ways. Lastly continue working hard and enjoy your final high school years.

Thank you.





Marc Anthony Betancourt
FABER CLASS OF 2008

My name is Marc Anthony Betancourt, graduate of the '08 Faber class!

Lately, I have been trying to make the most out of this quarantine. Working hard at Fallon Health, basketball and exercise, keeping the mind busy and staying protective. Prayer and meditation are huge for me as well. Those moments where you have even a few minutes of free time to just yourself are key times to just pray and talk to God. Also I'll get my occasional video game in from time to time; PlayStation only.

Going to Nativity has definitely left me with some habits that I was not aware of at the time but people bring to my attention now. You get so used to these events that NSW holds and meeting visitors and talking out loud that you don't realize it's building you as you're a young adult prepping for your future. Those hand shakes and that eye contact with teachers you don't pay much attention to in

the morning turns into shaking the hand of your boss after doing well on an interview. Talking at events and being able to socialize with all these different visitors and sponsors at Nativity turns into building strong relationships in the working world and networking with key! Above all though, Nativity has always reminded me the four pillars are still as important whether you're in uniform or past the 8th grade.

My advice to current and former students is if you need help, do not be afraid to ask for it. School and life in general can be stressful but also be sure to remember these teachers are here to help, not hurt you. Whether it's a subject, an assignment, or you just feel lost, you do not have to be alone. Ask for help if you need to; there's plenty of people that want to see YOU succeed and be the Nativity man you were meant to be.



What have you been up to during quarantine?

During the quarantine, I have focused on myself and have been developing ideas on how to serve the community of Worcester. I have also been active in physical activity and staying fit.

What are you looking forward to after quarantine?

After quarantine I look forward to being a voice for our community in my own school and to be able to get the grades I need to be successful towards going to college. I'm also working hard to get the offer I want for basketball this year.

How's your senior year going?

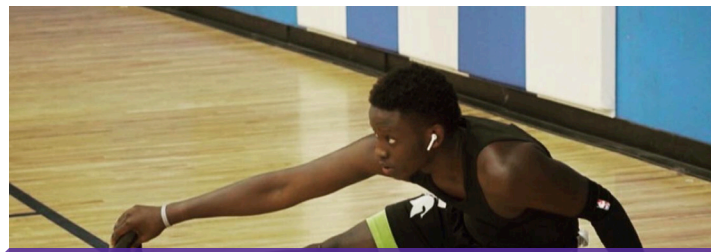
My senior year has been amazing! And, I love staying home with my mom.

Thoughts about life after high school?

After high school, I look forward to becoming someone and getting into a great college to pursue my major. Also, to get my mom everything she needs.

Any advice for younger Nativity students?

My advice to the younger Nativity students is to always be yourself. In life, there are going to be ups and downs, and there are going to be doubters. But, it's how you deal with those ups and downs that will make you who you are. And, after all this, make sure you give back to whoever gave up a lot for you to be where you are today.



Naethan Mwangi
IKUNZA CLASS OF 2017



Jayden Mwangi
ESPINAL CLASS OF 2020

What have you been up to during quarantine?

During quarantine I've been playing basketball outside and exploring my new school online.

What are you looking forward to after quarantine?

After quarantine I'm looking forward to hanging out with my friends and getting the full freshman experience in Connecticut.

How's school going this year?

School so far has been amazing! I love Glastonbury. Everyone here is so nice and the school is huge!

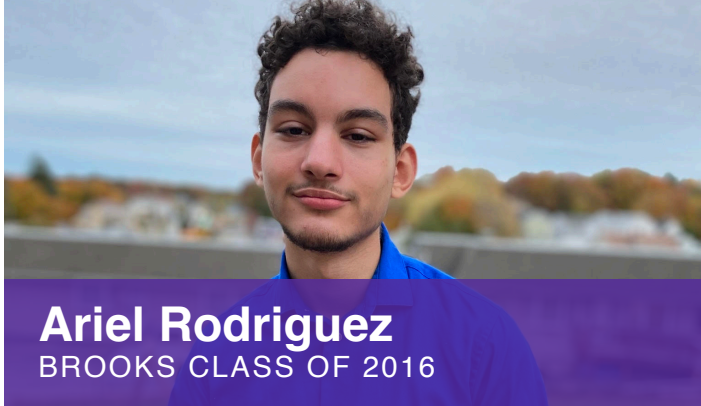
Thoughts about life after Nativity?

Life after nativity is definitely an adjustment, but it was kind of what I expected. I knew I was going to miss Nativity, but that's apart of life and I have to keep working and moving forward.

Advice for younger Nativity students?

Some advice is that Nativity is a very great experience. Make sure you enjoy it, and do your work! Trust me, it's worth it (eventually).





Ariel Rodriguez
BROOKS CLASS OF 2016

My transition from high school to college has been pretty unique due to COVID-19. I was lucky that I attended a college that opened their campus this year and it is obvious that the people who planned this semester worked really hard to make sure that students were safe. I participated in a pre-orientation program for POC and first-gen freshmen where I was able to meet some great upperclassmen, freshmen, and faculty. This program along with other organizations on campus made meeting people really easy and I am glad that I took those opportunities early on. One funny thing that surprised me about college was that kids really do love sitting on the lawn and hanging out. I always thought the lawn being the spot, kids tossing around footballs, and those games that people play on the lawn were just something you see in the movies. I was also surprised at the number of resources available to students for work/ professional development as well as resources to ensure you do good in your classes. Among other things, one of my best friends Ryon, who I met at Nativity, moved to Providence this past summer so I have been able to continue my friendships with him. It was nice to have a good friend on day 1 of college so nearby. He and his family are a reminder of Worcester and make me feel less homesick.

Campus life is pretty fun. My friends and I have been able to explore the city of Providence and I am really enjoying Providence so far, especially the downtown area. Club meetings are mostly done through Zoom but there are some special events that are done in-person sometimes which are always a lot of fun. I'm not partying right now because I am not an idiot and I've seen many people do that right now which has been really frustrating. There was an off-campus party sometime in September that caused Providence College to go on full lockdown and also made the zipcode around the school a red zone. It hurts to see my peers act in a selfish way that impacts the predominantly POC neighborhoods that we are surrounded by. Not only that but these students get no repercussions while

BIPOC faculty and students are harassed by on-campus police. I love this community that I've entered, but I wish that some students would act less selfishly. Even today, on November 12th, as I am writing this there are concerns about a spike in COVID-19 cases on a specific floor in a dorm hall I live next to. I hope that we can return for next semester but as cases spike nationally, statewide, and on-campus I am doubtful that we'll come back, unfortunately.

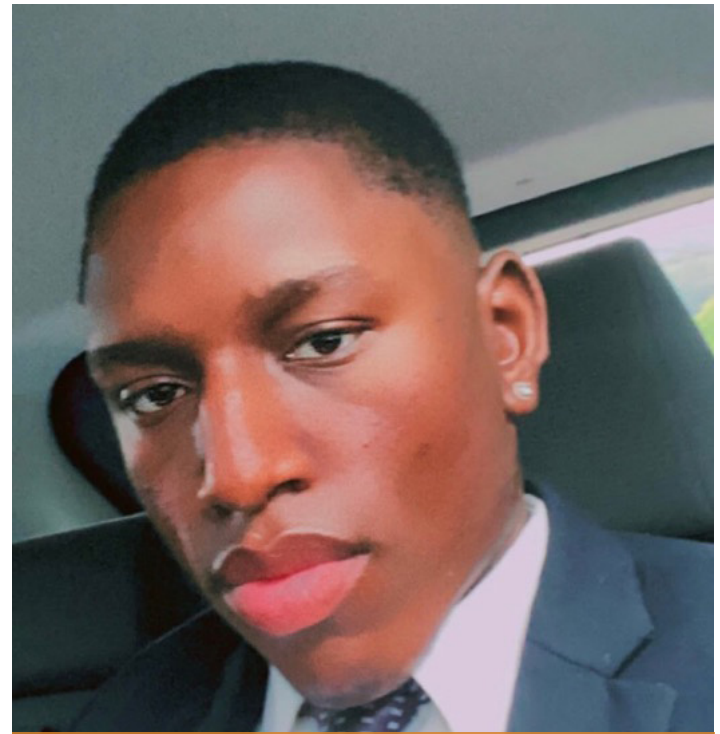
I miss my family and home-cooked food a lot. One thing about the food at Providence College (PC) is that the main cafe's food is not that good, it's 50/50 most times. I've heard from upperclassmen that the food was actually worse in previous years. There are other on campus restaurants and cafes that are better but they are separate from the meal plan unfortunately. The restaurant scene in Providence is pretty good but I've only been to a couple of restaurants so far. Other than that I miss my old friend group from back home, fortunately most of the people in my friend group are still living in Worcester and when I get back from breaks I'll be able to maybe visit them. Right now my only communication with them is either FaceTime or group chats which isn't the same as hanging out in person but it is better than nothing.

My advice to younger Nativity guys is the same thing an upperclassman told me about college and that is that closed mouths don't get fed. Advocate for yourself, expose yourself to clubs/ organizations on campus, work with different offices on campus. I've been working with the Center for Career Education and Professional Development and I have been working with one woman there who has helped me revise my resume, create a LinkedIn profile, and who has exposed me to various opportunities and internships that I'll be applying to soon. It is easier than ever to get involved right now because most resources, clubs, etc. are done through Zoom calls which makes the barrier to entry lower than before. If you are shy it makes going to your first meeting easier. You'll

meet new people, strengthen the bonds with the friends you already have, and learn more about resources available to you on campus.

For those of you in high school, it is important to use the resources available at Grad support. It is different this year because of COVID but through grad support in my senior year of high school I applied to various scholarships, finished up my college applications, finished my financial aid, and revised my resume. The grad support team is there to help you and I know will be eager to help you with whatever you need or send you in the right direction to find resources at Nativity or your school.

Once you do get to college, if that's what you want to do after high school, it is important to understand that Alumni from your college/ university are more than happy to help you. Alumni love more about their job, connecting you to other people in their network, and/or leading you in the right direction. I've heard from alumni of my college that they actually don't hear much from current students as much as they want, especially when they make themselves resources. Create a LinkedIn ASAP and look into if your college has any websites/ services that are used to connect alumni and current students. For me, PC has a service called FriarLink which is similar to LinkedIn but made specifically for PC students who want to meet alum. It is extremely helpful if I want to learn more about people before sending cold messages or just to connect with other PC grads.



Emmanuel Bangandozou
MAYER CLASS OF 2013

Currently, I am working as a delivery driver for Amazon and building my resume and job experience while also working part time as a Fall and Spring seasonal basketball AAU Coach for 5th and 6th graders.

I attend Worcester State University and major in Business Administration. I chose this major because I am good at math and business is also a very broad major that will give me many different kinds of job opportunities.

My proudest achievements personally is being the all-time leading scorer for the Bancroft School Varsity Basketball program with 2,236 career points. Academically, the last two semesters I've made the dean's list for the first time in my college years.

Being in school during the pandemic has actually made it a little easier on my end because I do not have to sit in a classroom. I can be in class in my room in my pajamas. I also have more time and resources to really focus in on

my work because teachers are even more understanding.

My favorite Nativity memory has got to be white water rafting. The whole trip was a great time but one memory I do remember is being on the little paddle boats with a former teacher, Ms. Torres. Me being a little 8th grader wanting to paddle towards a rapid and fell out scared for my life. However, Ms. Torres came to rescue me, and everything was alright. It was a great time overall though.

My hopes for the future is to start a business and become a millionaire and hopefully give back to Nativity because the good path I'm on today would not have happened considering where I grew up in the city.

One piece of advice that I'd like to give to Nativity Students and grads is to do your homework. Try not to procrastinate, that was my biggest problem and now that I've figured that out and made dean's list twice.





Tarik Octave
ARRUPE CLASS OF 2009

How has this last year been with the coronavirus and all the changes?

As tragic as this pandemic has been throughout the world over the past year, I can ironically say that that time has been a blessing in disguise. Due to quarantine, I saved a lot of money, learned more about myself, was able to continue working remotely from home and spent a lot of more time with family. I am thankful none of my family members were diagnosed with covid and I have been able to use my time more wisely pre pandemic.

Thoughts on growing up and living in Worcester?

I love Worcester and will recommend it to anyone in the world. The city is so diverse and filled with great history and has so much potential in the years to come to become a very productive city. It is in the heart of the state and there are so many things to see and do.

Advice for the younger nativity guys?

Impact nativity had on you?

My advice to the younger nativity students is to really listen to your teachers. They are building structure and a positive routine in your life that will help you become a man of honor. I didn't realize it when I was a student but now as I am 25 years old I can see most guys unfortunately do not have a structured life and I can thank Nativity for installing that in me.

Any plans for 2021?

Yes I have major plans in 2021. I plan on my personal business Mytipz to flourish and to help positively impact the youth in the community because they are the future.



How has your past year been?

This past year was a difficult year for everyone, I dedicated a lot of time for self-care and just as the pandemic began to kick into full swing I started a new job and moved back home to Worcester. I joined the Foundation for Civic Leadership as their Deputy Director of Programs and Partnerships and Blue Haven Initiative as their Special Projects Manager. These roles have been heavily engaged in the civic engagement sector and with the 2020 elections, my work was intense, but overall extremely rewarding. Our country saw a high turnout for an election and young people truly made a difference in this last election. Outside of my career I have been active in the local community and was appointed to the Human Rights Commission for the City of Worcester. My partner recently moved in which has been a whole journey within itself. Overall the past year has been hectic but I would not change anything about it.

What are some of your favorite places to go or things to do in Worcester/Central Massachusetts?

Worcester has so much to offer, I love the natural trails in and around the city. The food scene in Worcester is relatively unique, I enjoy trying new places throughout the city. Overall I love the diverse culture that exists in Worcester and I continue to learn new things from people everyday here.

What led to your decision to run for City Council?

Worcester shaped me into the individual that I am today and running for City Council felt like a way to recommit myself to this community. I am running for us, for our collective voices to have a leadership role in this city. I am running for our communities who often are left out of the conversation and frequently are overlooked during the changemaking process. I am running because I am tired of the same people taking on the same positions of power, if you want to see change then you have to do something about it.

When I made the decision to run for City Council I thought about my friends, family and teachers that shaped me into being who I am today. I am committed to making each and every one of them proud.

If you are interested in learning more about the campaign head on over to the website!

What are you most looking forward to post-pandemic?

Travel! Although now with the campaign I'm not sure how realistic that'll be. I miss traveling to different parts of the country and world!

Any advice you'd give to younger Nativity Men?

Be true to yourself always. If Nativity taught me anything it is to be a man committed to the world. The Nativity pillars are a solid foundation to living the life that you are proud of, don't forget it. Always ask for help, asking for assistance is not a sign of weakness, it is a sign of strength.



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