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Leadership Day Kicks Off New Program for Young Men at Guerin Prep

Fifteen alumni of the former Holy Cross High School will help launch Guerin Prep's new leadership program designed for young men, Thursday, March 4, when they participate in "Reaching for Our Futures," sponsored by the Aspirations for Young Men Program (AYM) for freshmen and sophomores.

AYM has been established to assist students to better prepare for their futures beyond high school. Like its counterpart for the young women established last year—Educating Women for Leadership and Life—the intention of this program is to expose students to career opportunities which they can begin building towards during their high school years.

Both programs utilize alumni of the Guerin Prep's foundational schools—Holy Cross and Mother Theodore Guerin high schools—as mentors.

At the March 4 day, the Holy Cross speakers will inform the students how the courses, skills and self-discipline of their high school years prepared them better for their college/university classes and eventually led to their choice of a career.

According to Greg Szul, Guerin Prep English teacher and one of the moderators of the new program, "Speakers will emphasize the value of the high school experience in determining post-high school success. Also, students will be able to choose who among the presenters and alumni pool of graduates they would like to connect to as a mentor. The mentorship program will further assist students to continue their learning/preparation."

In addition to the Holy Cross alumni, Isaac Lopez, PTK Honor Society President at Triton College, will be the keynote speaker. Terry Malik, the president of Guerin Prep, and Szul also will address the students. Both Malik and Szul are Holy Cross alumni.

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“In agreeing to help us with the day, the alumni we contacted let us know that they were happy to participate as a way of returning the gift of a rich and beneficial high school experience to a younger generation at Guerin Prep,” Szul explained.

Following this leadership day, students will follow-up with select alumni for career mentorship.

Those participating March 4 include: Gianfranco Berardi '99, senior engineer; Dan Biggins '70, sales and marketing; Rocco Biscaglio '89, vice-president/chief administrative officer for Chrysalis Consulting Group; Keith Hill '89, director of emergency and trauma services at St. Alexius Hospital; Eric Hubicki '88, vice president at BMS Intermediaries, Inc.; Bill Justiz '97, paramedic/ firefighter/ EMT coordinator for River Grove and Chicago Fire Departments; Paul Konrath '82, project leader; Reese Marcusson '76, executive vice president/chief financial officer of WTTW; Mike Miller '81, finance/international accounting manager; George Risau '70, owner and real estate broker for Realty World All-Pro, Inc.; Jack Ross '67, owner, Manor Press; Lou Santangelo, podiatrist ; and Brian Tierney '80, Chicago Police Department.