

Cathedral High School Graduates the Class of 2023



The Class of 2023 gets together for a final time prior to graduation. Photo by Patrick O'Connor.

BY PATRICK O'CONNOR

The 92nd commencement took place on Saturday afternoon, May 13 at Holy Cross Cathedral. At 2

p.m., the faculty and staff led off the procession from the gymnasium to the Cathedral. The 53 graduates, girls in yellow and boys in green followed along in a single file and

took their seats in a reserved front section. Delivering the invocation was Msgr. Kevin O'Leary, rector

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Pine Street Inn & Yawkey Foundation Honor Women's Inn Guests

SUBMITTED BY PINE STREET INN

Pine Street Inn, in partnership with longtime supporters the Yawkey Foundation, hosted a special brunch to celebrate the guests of the Women's Inn earlier today (Friday, May 12). Senior executives from both organizations and a mother and daughter from the shelter were on hand for a brief speaking program ahead of serving the guests a special meal.

For over 30 years, the Women's Inn has been the largest nonprofit resource in New England for women experiencing homelessness. Today's brunch celebrated the start of a major capital improvement to the Women's

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(L to R): Alicia Verity, Chief Program Officer, Yawkey Foundation; Maureen Bleday, Chief Executive Officer, Yawkey Foundation; Lyndia Downie, President & Executive Director, Pine Street Inn; and Becky Crawford, Chief Advancement Officer, Pine Street Inn, served a special brunch at the Women's Inn at Pine Street celebrating Mother's Day and the installation of 313 new, energy-efficient windows with Yawkey Foundation as the lead funder.

Rosie's Place Raises Nearly \$745,000 at Annual Safe & Sound Gala



From left, Rosie's Place Board Chair Jacquie Anderson; Rosie's Place President/CEO Leemarie Mosca; gala co-host Susan Wornick; and gala co-host Darryl C. Murphy of WBUR.

SUBMITTED BY ROSIE'S PLACE

Rosie's Place, a Boston-based community center for poor and homeless women, announced that it raised nearly \$745,000 at its recent

gala, beating its goal of \$712,500.

The Safe & Sound Gala, held May 10 at The Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts, drew a

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Fairy House Building Workshop



South Ender Selah Thissell, 4, shows off her creation with her mom, Youngshin Thissell, at the Fairy House Building Workshop hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Mural Crew at Franklin Park's Schoolmaster Hill on April 20. Children were encouraged to connect with their natural surroundings by creating their own personalized, eco-friendly homes for the woodland fairies of Franklin Park and to wear their favorite fairy and elf costumes. Photo by Jon Seamans.



A fairy house built in a tree awaits its new occupants after the April 20 Fairy House Building Workshop hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Mural Crew at Franklin Park's Schoolmaster Hill. Photo by Jon Seamans.

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A Prom for Everyone



Abriel Coleman (left) as Alyssa and Liesie Kelly as Emma in "The Prom" at SpeakEasy Stage Company. Photo by NILE SCOTT STUDIOS.

The Prom, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion, Boston Center for the Arts, through June 10. 617-933-8600 or bostontheatrescene.com

BY JULES BECKER
Contributing Writer

Gay and Lesbian teenagers have had to fight for inclusion in school proms for many years—a situation that has inspired some timely recent theater. In 2012, Boston Children's Theatre staged "Reflections of a Rock Lobster," a moving dramatization of real-life Pawtucket, Rhode Island gay senior Aaron Fricke's ultimately successful 1980 struggle to attend his school's prom with his boyfriend.

The similar 2010 efforts by Fulton, Mississippi lesbian senior Constance McMillen inspired the creation of a 2018 musical counterpart appropriately called "The Prom." SpeakEasy Stage Company artistic director Paul Daigneault is giving this alternately touching and humorous 2019 Tony Award nominee (and Drama Desk best musical winner) a Calderwood Pavilion staging at once both riveting and rousing.

Set in Present Day New York and Edgewater, Indiana, "The Prom" disarmingly begins with the opening night closing of a Broadway premiere titled "Eleanor!—The Eleanor Roosevelt Story." Despite the presence of two-time Tony Award winner Dee Dee Allen in the title role and two-time Drama Desk Award winner Barry Glickman as FDR, terrible reviews turn the show into a flop.

Thanks to amusing putdowns of the leads as narcissists in the Chad Beguelin-Bob Martin book (with an original concept by Jack Viertel), Allen and Glickman seek out a cause

that will benefit their reputations—with the latter promising "We will become celebrity activists." Hub veterans Mary Callanan and John Kuntz deliver tour de force fun as the initially insincere self-promoters.

That self-promotion does lead Allen and Glickman to find what Juilliard graduate and fellow actor Trent Oliver calls a "cause celebre"—here a prom challenge at James Madison School in politically conservative Edgewater, Indiana involving lesbian senior Emma Nolan (with an actual 2013 such case occurring in Sullivan, Indiana). Allen tries to say "It's Not About Me"—Callanan in high vocal form here—but it eventually will take some real soul-searching for Allen, Glickman, Oliver and an accompanying "Chicago" ensemble player and jaded Fosse woman named Angie Dickinson to actually make everything about Emma and her initially closeted girlfriend Alyssa (student council president and daughter of P.T.A. head Mrs. Greene).

Before the quartet and press agent Sheldon Saperstein pay for a truly inclusive prom, a culture clash ensues as well as an 'alternate' prom organized by homophobic parents that leaves Emma alone at the originally scheduled one. As the actors bring Emma's inclusive prom to life, they experience their own rite of passage from self-centered performers to truly caring ones.

Matthew Sklar's tuneful music and Chad Beguelin's insightful if sometimes humorous

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Casa Myrna Hosts 14th Annual "Community of Conscience" Breakfast

To Support of Domestic Violence Survivors

SUBMITTED BY CASA MYRNA

Casa Myrna, Boston's largest provider of shelter and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence, will celebrate its 14th Annual Community of Conscience Breakfast on Wednesday, May 17 from 7-9am at the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport.

Around 300 supporters are expected for Casa Myrna's annual signature event, including Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell, State Senator Liz Miranda, Chief of Housing and Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing Sheila A. Dillon, Boston City Councilor President Ed Flynn, Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, and Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins.

The event will include a togetherness breakfast, a silent auction, a program including a moving story from a survivor, and a number of special guests from the business, philanthropic, government, and community sectors.

"We are thrilled to be back in person for the first time since the pandemic to host our signature fundraising event," said Stephanie Brown, Casa Myrna's CEO. "This year's theme is Resistance, Persistence, Perseverance: Building a Community of Safety and

Trust. While the past three years have been isolating for all of us, survivors of domestic violence experienced heightened danger and escalating abuse in their homes.

Despite these enormous challenges and trauma, we continued and expanded our services to survivors in the Boston area, prioritizing their health and safety. Casa Myrna does not do this work alone: we rely on our community and partners to help end domestic violence and ensure that all relationships are safe and healthy. By supporting us throughout the pandemic and for this event, we know our community stands with survivors."

The event will feature Keynote Speaker Andrea Joy Campbell, who has pledged to build economic prosperity and stability for all residents, prioritize the mental health and well-being of children, and stop cycles of incarceration and violence. Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, who became Salem's first woman Mayor in 2006, will provide remarks.

The program will include a story from a survivor who worked with Casa Myrna to find safety and healing. The breakfast will also feature Miss Boston 2023 Arcadia Ewell, who is a survivor of dating violence and a passionate advocate for dating and domestic violence prevention. Finally, Casa Myrna will honor Nicky Bandera of Project Paulie, a nonprofit organization dedicated to feeding people in need, for her incredible contributions to survivors.

Since 1977, Casa Myrna has supported

survivors as they escape domestic violence and recover from the trauma of abuse. The organization has grown from a single shelter for women and children fleeing violence into an organization that serves over 2,000 survivors a year as they rebuild lives free from abuse.

Casa Myrna provides residential shelter and a comprehensive range of supports—ranging from legal to housing and counseling to economic stability—that help participants recover from the trauma of abuse and build safe, stable, and independent futures for themselves and their children. Casa Myrna also answers nearly 28,000 calls annually to our statewide domestic violence hotline, SafeLink.

Every spring for the last 13 years, we have honored survivors' strength, resilience, and bravery. We look forward to being back in person to generate critical resources for our comprehensive work and increase awareness about domestic and dating violence.

Casa Myrna is Boston's largest provider of shelter and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence, providing safety, resources, advocacy and information since 1977. We operate SafeLink, the statewide domestic violence hotline, and promote domestic and dating violence prevention through awareness and education. All of our supports are provided to survivors free of charge. We support survivors of any race, ethnicity, language, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, disability, age, and sexual orientation.

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Pine Street

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Inn, with new windows to be installed over the coming months. Current 30-year-old, deteriorated windows will be replaced with 313 energy-efficient windows that will also bring in additional natural light.

Lead funding for the project comes from the Yawkey Foundation, which has provided approximately \$1.1 million toward the project, including a recent \$500,000 grant as part of a multi-year, transformational \$15 million commitment to Pine Street Inn. This commitment, the largest in Pine Street's 50+-year history, announced in December 2021, is helping accelerate expansion of the organization's housing by creating 400-500 new permanent supportive housing apartments within a five-year timeframe.



A Mother's Day and spring celebration brunch at the Women's Inn at Pine Street is served to mother and daughter Viola Homan (L) and Dawn Rich (R), by Alicia Verity, Chief Program Officer at Yawkey Foundation, which has designated funding toward replacing old windows with 313 energy-efficient windows at the shelter in the South End.



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Prom

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lyrics help to make both the quartet's transformation and Emma and Alyssa's heartfelt connection fully convincing. Callanan has the opportunity to display her trademark belt as diva Allen. Kuntz, always expert at comedy, also proves persuasive at singing and phrasing as Glickman.

Troilo, who possesses one of the Hub's finest voices, has a standout number "Love Thy Neighbor" as Oliver gives Emma's fellow students a needed lesson about love and understanding. Liesle Kelly is a revelation as vulnerable Emma—especially in serenading Alyssa on the sweet number "Dance with You." Abriel Coleman captures Alyssa's evolution from ambivalence to coming out with Emma.

Other strong efforts include Anthony Pires Jr.'s supportive principal Hawkins, Lisa Yuen's often frustrated Dickinson and Meagan Lewis-Michelson's shrewd Saperstein. Taavon Gamble's exuberant choreography has Madison students executing high lifts and impressive turns. Paul S. Katz conducts the talented orchestra effectively though there are some overly loud moments.

"Hairspray" proved a feel-good show even as it railed against racism and prejudice involving body shape. "The Prom" is doing the same about anti-LGBTQ bigotry. SpeakEasy Stage's very affecting staging is the perfect musical partner for everyone.

Rosie's Place

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crowd of over 300 attendees. Retired WCVB 5 anchor Susan Wornick and WBUR's Darryl C. Murphy served as event co-hosts.

Funds raised from this year's gala will support emergency services including shelter, meals and a food pantry as well as long-term expert education, legal, mental health, recovery, employment, housing and stabilization assistance to some of Boston's most vulnerable women.

"Over this past year, our Advocacy visits have increased by 16%, our eviction prevention work is up 165% and our work to prevent utility shut-offs has nearly doubled. Put simply, when more women show up looking for help, Rosie's Place shows up all the more," said Rosie's Place President/CEO Leemarie Mosca in her remarks. "I am so grateful to each of you for making this happen. Together, we are resolved to help as many women as we are able and to give them each all we can."

Funds were raised via event chairs, table hosts, patrons and supporters; a silent and live auction; a "mystery box" raffle; and through fund-a-need donations collected at the gala.

The evening featured food stations from nine of Boston's best chefs including Joanne Chang of Flour Bakery, Amarylis Colón of Porto, Tim and Nancy Cushman of Bianca, Chandra Gouldrup of The Farmer's Daughter, Andy Husbands of The Smoke Shop, Rachel Miller of Nightshade Noodle Bar, David Punch of Sycamore, Adam Sherburn of Tres Gatos and Kate and Trevor Smith of Thistle and Leek. Geoff Morse of Bianca served as mixologist for the night.

Event chairs were Cherise and Robert Bransfield, Christina and Michael Gordon, Marriott Daughters Foundation, Michele May and David Walt, Deb and Mark Pasculano and Bank of America.

Almost five decades after its founding, Rosie's Place not only provides meals and shelter but also creates answers for 12,000 women a year through wide-ranging support, housing and education services. Rosie's Place relies solely on the generous support of individuals, foundations, and corporations and does not accept any city, state, or federal funding. To learn more, visit www.rosiesplace.org.

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Graduation

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and school chaplain. Addressing the graduates with words of congratulations was Paul Chisholm, chairman of the board of trustees and school president Dan Carmody. Also addressing their classmates was salutatorian Kaena O'Garro and valedictorian Brittany Ishmael.

The Graduates

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Girls basketball coach Clinton Lassiter and his graduating seniors.



School president Dan Carmody and valedictorian Kaena O'Garro and sulatatorian Kaena O'Garro.

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Boys Basketball stars Peterson Charles and Ali Saleh.



The valedictorian Brittany Ishmael addressing her classmates.



The class of 2023 arrives for graduation



Brittany Ishmael was presented the Vigor In Arduis Award.



Joana Kekeli Agblekpe was presented the Service Award.



Elijah Bryd was presented the Spirit Award.

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