

Dear Friends,

We hope you and your family had a blessed and safe Easter. Please know you, your family, and our Prep family are in our continued prayers during this time of uncertainty and disruption.

Throughout our history, Saint Peter's Prep has come face-to-face with incredibly daunting circumstances, including the tragedy and challenges of 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy. Through a certain Prep Magic, or more accurately, Prep Love, our community has always responded vigorously together, together, together. We know the current circumstances call us to a similar response. While we remain focused on the virtual education and formation of our young men, we must also remain focused on making this mission affordable and accessible to our students in need—especially during these circumstances.

In mid-March, six weeks before the Grand Gala, we were about 100 tickets away from selling out the event for the first time. It was set to be an extraordinary night that celebrated Saint Peter's Prep—its past and its future, everything we are and everything we could be. Postponing the April 25 event was a painful decision, especially since for more than a decade the Gala has been our largest fundraiser enabling deserving students to experience Prep's Jesuit education. We were counting on this year's Gala to contribute \$245,000 in net revenue toward our financial aid budget. With this in mind, let's hold fast to the resiliency of Saint Peter's Prep and the theme of the 2020 Gala and say "Game on."

**To that end, we will host a virtual Gala with bidding taking place over several days online for both silent and live auction items. The finale for this virtual Gala is Thursday evening, May 28. Because of Prep's "all in" determination to still make this event extraordinary, we need your help.**

**SEE BELOW:**

If you have never been able to attend the Gala because of time or distance, this is your chance to join the party—this virtual Gala can't sell out!

In the days ahead, we will be sending you more detailed information about the logistics of our online event.

In closing, we'd also like to let you know that whenever we are able to gather in person, all Gala supporters will be our guests for a high-energy post-Gala celebration on campus. It will be a wonderful night not only to be together again, but also to raise a glass to the latest chapter in Prep Magic.

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Michael Gomez, Ed.D., '91

President

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Dalma Santana

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P.S.: If you have any questions, feel free to email [SantanaD@spprep.org](mailto:SantanaD@spprep.org) or leave a phone message at 201-547-6420.