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The Legacy Continues

Members of the Class of 2019 who followed in their fathers’ or grandfathers’ steps through Prep gathered for the traditional photo shoot prior to the ceremony. Pictured below are: John Pettit with grandfather Liam Ryan, ’54 • Matteo Sollecito with father Pietro Sollecito, ’88 • Christian Dello Rocco with grandfather Gregory Schuermann, ’50 • Robert Scheurer with father Bob Scheurer, ’84 • Matthew Russell and father Kevin Russell, ’83 • Liam Christman with father Brian Christman, ’90 • Patrick Haughney with father Brian Haughney, ’89 and grandfather Dennis Forker, ’58 • John Smith with father Jack Smith, ’76 • Nicholas DeMarco with father Mark DeMarco, ’79 • Philip DeCresce with father Philip DeCresce, ’84 • Thomas Kellner with father Jeff Kellner, ’85 • Domenico Crincoli with grandfather George Ambrosio, ’53 • Maximilian Contreras and grandfather Michael Guasconi, ’71 • Daniel Ambrosio and father George Ambrosio, ’71.

Inset at right: William Pikus with grandfather Phillip Simms, ’62