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## Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Serra,

*Siempre Adelante, Always Forward!* I love the motto. It originates from St. Junipero Serra's letter to his parents as he set sail for the New World. *Siempre Adelante, Nunca Etras.* Always forward, never back. It captures the resilience, grit and focus of the Padres and the entire community. Serra will always move forward. Inside this issue, you will read stories about Padres who are ordinary men who have moved forward to do extraordinary things.

Serra continues to move ahead at an astonishing pace. We have added 15 new classes over the past three years. The Principal's Honor List was released in February with record numbers of students achieving this high bar of stellar academic performance. Early college acceptances reveal exceptional choices for the class of 2021, including such schools as Georgetown, Dartmouth and Stanford. Our athletics teams hosted 12 banners in the past three years, and our talented performers are rehearsing for *42nd Street*, our Tri-School spring musical. Serra's Mission and Brotherhood formation program is continuing to support our student's spiritual, mental and emotional health. It is inaugurating our first ever health summit week, and has invited our Serra community to be a part of its planning.

Where is Serra heading? The motto *Siempre Adelante, Always Forward* begs the question. As a Catholic college prep high school, we enthusiastically embrace our inspiring mission to educate boys in a single-gender environment as they grow into men of faith, wisdom and service. We must continue to move forward in support of these young men in a way that meets the hopes, dreams and needs of our families.

For this reason, Serra is beginning a strategic planning process that will refine our vision in the light of the contemporary world. On January 30, a steering committee representing the broader Serra community gathered to begin this process. Over the course of the next year, we will engage our students, parents, educators, community leaders, alumni and board members to help us define a clear vision. This will enable us to identify our strengths, shed light on our growing edges, and develop priorities as we craft a clear strategy for the next five years.

This process marks an exciting chapter in Serra's history, and I look forward to engaging with you as it continues to develop.

*Siempre Adelante!*

Barry Thornton, Ed.D.  
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Always Forward*



"SERRA IS LIKE HOME. IT'S A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL SETTING WHERE WE CAN TEACH VALUES, NOT BE AFRAID TO PRAY AND RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT OF GOD IN OUR LIVES."

—RANDY VOGEL

## Randy Vogel Celebrates 50 Years

There's one person on campus who has a memory like an elephant—he never forgets a familiar face, a Padre alumnus or a Serra family. He knows who is related to whom, and he has made lifelong connections with the school's legacy families.

That person is Randy Vogel, who is celebrating 50 years of making a difference in the lives of our Serra Padres. That's right, 50 years! Let's think about something for a minute . . . 50 years ago, Ronald Reagan was the governor of California. A first-class letter could be mailed for six cents. Gas was 28 cents per gallon. The first scientific hand-held calculator was sold for a hefty price of \$395. The 49ers had never won a Super Bowl, and the San Francisco Giants had not yet won a World Series.

"After school, students lined up in front of a black box on the wall, called a pay phone, and called for rides home," Vogel added. "Cell phones, email, digital watches and the Internet were nonexistent."

In addition to teaching math for many years, Vogel served as Serra's admissions director from 1975 to 2016. During that time, he oversaw the admission of more than 10,000 students. He has worn many hats, also working in public relations, coaching freshman baseball, moderating the yearbook and Mothers' Auxiliary, and leading the Photography Club, Rally Committee and Trivia Club.

"I have taught all levels of algebra, trigonometry and math analysis, but my favorite is working with freshmen in Honors algebra," Vogel said. "Longtime faculty members Ken Houle, Jim Monahan and Larry Hennes offered me guidance in my early years at Serra and helped me to understand the special significance of being a teacher in a Catholic school. I've had an opportunity to work with some amazing faculty and staff members over the years."

It all began in 1970 during Vogel's senior year at Santa Clara University.

"I really had no idea where my marketing major and math minor would take me," he recounted. "I was working as a calculus teaching assistant, and my professor suggested that I might like teaching."

Vogel applied to three Catholic high schools after his graduation. He was hired at Serra in the fall of 1970.

"I will always be thankful to Father Lou Andre for taking a chance on a 21-year-old graduate fresh out of Santa Clara University," he said.

**"The students and families I have met over the years are truly wonderful. So many alumni and their families still keep in touch, and it's**

**so gratifying to get that unexpected visit, call, email or note just checking in after so many years. At Serra, there are bonds formed among our students, parents and faculty members that last forever."**

Vogel has always enjoyed the family legacy component of the Serra community, and he has taught many fathers and sons along the way.

"In 1995, I remember having Keith Rauenbuehler in my algebra class 24 years after I taught his father, Dave," he remembered. "At that time, I thought, 'I sure have been here a long time!' But, teaching father-son combinations has continued through the decades, including the Dooley, Dunleavy, Healy, Grosey, Berriatua, Gory, Campana, Olson, Lewis, McGuigan and Dunn families. It's a pretty extraordinary feeling!"

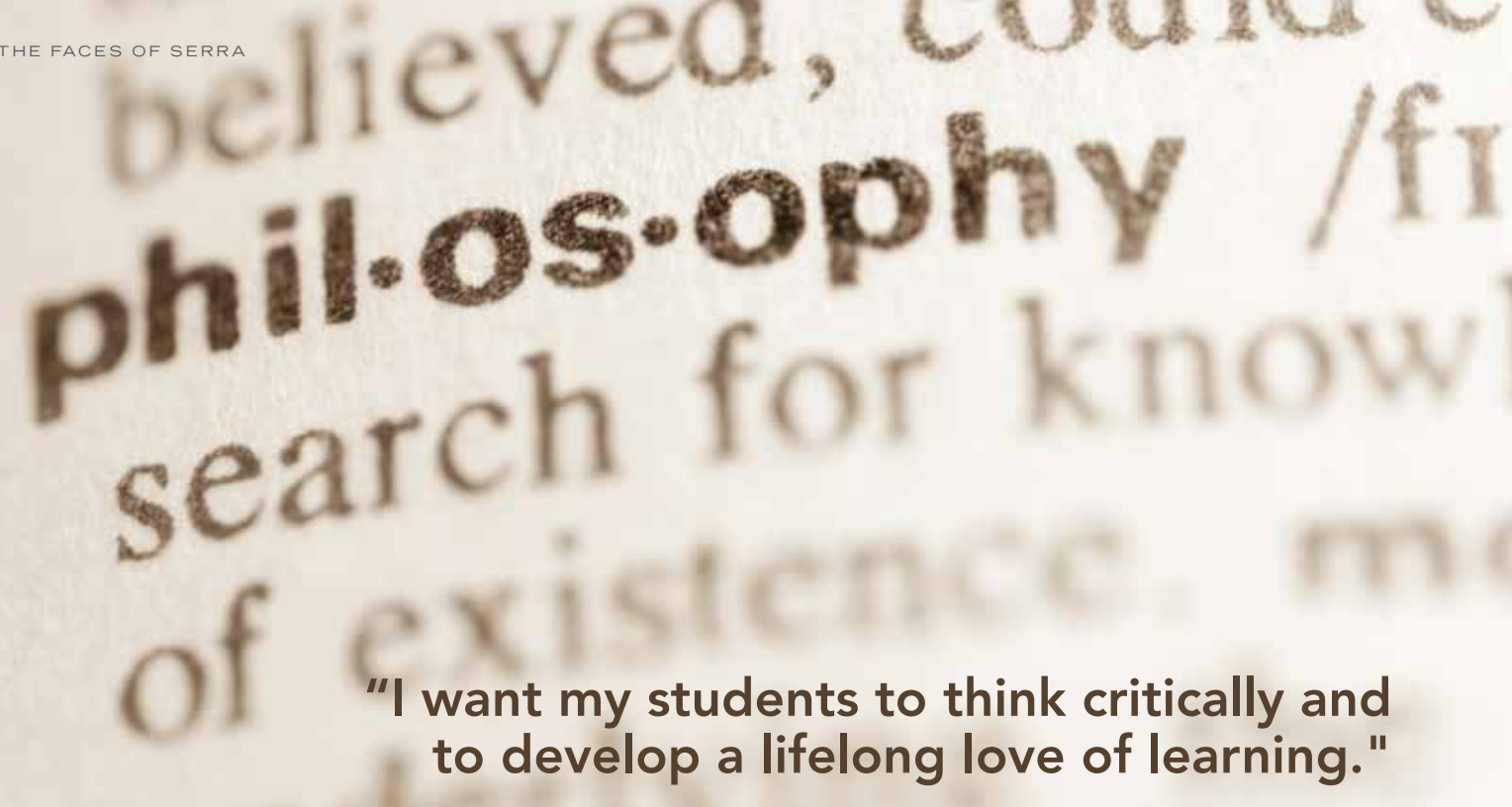
Over the years, pressure has increased for high school students all over the world, particularly with the explosion of social media.

"Students today are being pulled in so many directions with incredible distractions and pressures," Vogel noted. "However, I have always found Serra students easy to work with; they are willing learners who demonstrate a spirit of cooperation. Our Padres need encouragement, confidence, someone to talk to and someone to listen to them. They also need structure and standards to live by. As teachers, we are in a unique position to serve as role models, instill values and offer guidance. It is my hope that my passion and enthusiasm for Serra and my teaching will, in some way, positively influence our students as they embrace the varied opportunities that await them."

Vogel added that he never expected in 1970 that he would still be part of the Serra community 50 years later.

"Serra is like home," Vogel said. "It's a unique educational setting where we can teach values, not be afraid to pray and recognize the impact of God in our lives. Serra has always been a special place, with a spirit and sense of community that's difficult to put into words. I have a brick in Mary's Courtyard. If you look carefully, you'll find one that reads, 'Faith, family friends, Serra, SF Giants—RVK.' I think that sums it up pretty well!"





"I want my students to think critically and to develop a lifelong love of learning."

## Aristotle is in the House

Christopher Buckels '01 brings famous thinkers to life in his popular new class. He recently dressed up as Socrates, Plato and Aristotle in several recent classes, which delighted his Padre philosophy students.

"The main objective of the philosophy class is for students to think, write and speak more clearly, concisely and critically," he noted.

At Serra, Buckels learned the value of being part of a community.

"As a student, I found a lot of joy in the Serra community and learned what it means to be part of something bigger than yourself," he said.

After Serra, Buckels majored in philosophy at St. Mary's College.

"I fell in love with the writings of Plato and Aristotle—they detailed the right way to live and how to be a virtuous person," he noted. "I think they largely got it right! I decided I wanted to spend my life talking about virtue, and the way we should live, with other lifelong students."

Buckels went on to receive a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University and a Ph.D. in philosophy from UC Davis. He taught his favorite subject at UC Davis, the University of Pacific, and Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Buckels enjoys teaching at an all-boys school. He said his students are excellent debaters in the classroom and are keenly interested in life's serious questions. The Padres' favorite subjects have included "To what extent

is money necessary for a good life?" "What makes you the same person over time?" "Is the mind different from the brain?" and "When ought we obey or disobey political authority?"

"I want my students to think critically and to develop a lifelong love of learning," Buckels said. "It's different teaching boys—it's very interesting. They want the nuts and bolts of things when they're analyzing something, and they want to stay active in class. Our 'fishbowl' discussions are a popular part of the class. Two students discuss a philosophical topic, and they are surrounded by other students who take notes and ask questions. I try to stay out of it! The students come up with outstanding arguments, questions and replies for each other. To me, the most successful class is when they want to keep talking to each other about deep and important questions."

When he's not philosophizing, Buckels enjoys hiking in Point Reyes with his wife, Johanna, and his daughters, Catherine and Rebekah. Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle would be proud!



## Tara Mann's Disease and Human Physiology Class

Have you ever wondered why your body sweats after you eat a spicy pepper? Or what's this EVALI (e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury) all about? Have you thought of why there was a recent measles outbreak, or what causes a body's temperature, heart rate or blood pressure to rise?

These human conditions and a whole host of new topics are being analyzed in Dr. Tara Mann's newly created class, Disease and Human Physiology.

Mann carefully created this health and science course by taking the curriculum she used to teach global health and medical microbiology classes about pathogens at Harvard University and tailoring it to an advanced high school level. She saw a need to craft a relevant course that would allow students who were interested in staying in science to receive UC college credit as a fourth year Lab D science requirement.

"We study a lot of different things," Mann said. "We look at current events and the news—we study issues like cancer, whether or not to vaccinate. **We study something that students already find interesting and then we solve it. This is experience-driven learning—we have a body, so let's use it to learn.**"

Mann holds a bachelor's of science degree in biological chemistry and molecular biology from Missouri State University, and a Ph.D. in cellular biology from the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

She spent much of her career teaching medical molecular biology at Harvard and as a dean at Worcester Polytechnic Institute before moving west with her husband, Kris, who took a job in Silicon Valley. A mom of two boys, Isaac, 11, and Ian, 12, Mann took a little time off before realizing she wanted to return to teaching in 2017.

Mann said after hearing incredible things about Serra within her San Carlos community, she was drawn to the school because she wanted to find a place where she would have some academic freedom to focus on issues and improve students' collective ability to make informed decisions.

Her teaching philosophy encompasses relevancy, civic-mindedness, student-driven learning and how students can make a difference. In her AP biology and disease and human physiology classes, Mann teaches health and science while bringing real world lessons into the classroom. AP biology students work with transformed bacteria—taking a gene and making it glow green. Mann also creates a forensics lab, where students work with DNA—all in an attempt to teach life lessons while exploring in the fields of science that her students can learn in college or focus on for a career.

"I hope my classes will teach my students to explore and I encourage them to ask questions," Mann noted. "I hope to teach my students how to critically analyze and find answers."



# Through the Eyes of Ryan Day '06

It might be hard to believe, but Ryan Day '06 has never in his life read a book with his own eyes. Yet, enter into a discussion on the American classics, and he can certainly highlight poignant themes and make many literary observations about numerous vastly read titles.

Day has spent most of his life navigating a world cluttered by intense dyslexia. His perseverance in finding alternative methods to succeed in the business world all began with the guidance he received at Serra High School.

Day's dyslexia has been severe since the age of 6. He has been forced to use alternative methods to understand and produce material—from his days in Serra's Academic Resource Center to his classes in college, post-graduate work and in his professional life today.

"I was attracted to Serra because of my dyslexia—I had private tutors since I was 6," said Day. "My parents were looking for a school that would take this very seriously, not just highlight the difference but also seek a solution."

The ARC was just what the Day family had been searching for. Through extra time for test taking, noise reduction headphones, and a dedicated team of ARC specialists, Day said he was able to weather the academic rigors of Serra and go on to receive multiple higher education degrees with the skills he honed in high school.

"I probably would not have gotten into college without the support of the ARC and Mrs. Rosenberg," Day said, referring to Serra's ARC Director Gayle Rosenberg. He added that before obtaining learning directives from the ARC, college seemed like an intimidating venture.

"At Serra, I distinctly remember being able to use the Alpha Smarts, a very pure way of getting my thoughts down since I was so much faster at typing and it helped me focus on my thoughts more," he recounted.

Day described Alpha Smarts as a keyboard that only displays text, so there's no Internet and no distractions. Strictly for word processing, it functioned essentially like a simple digital typewriter.

"It's basically just three lines of text at a time with spell check, which helps you focus on completing an English paper or take a history test," he explained. "You just plug it in and print it out."

Rosenberg fondly remembers Day's experience at Serra and how introducing him to learning technology allowed him to embrace his learning challenges and helped create a whole new world for him.

"I remember that Ryan would use audio books and extra test time, all components we use in the ARC to level the playing field for our students," she said. "It doesn't make the students any smarter, it just allows them to use separate accommodations to make their learning more successful."

The introduction to technology as a way of excelling despite his severe dyslexia also helped to build his confidence in his academic ability. He wasn't stifled by his fear of having his thoughts come out incorrectly. He remembers using tape recorders in high school because he had problems simultaneously listening and taking notes. Around the time Day began using alternative learning resources, he gained the confidence to get his first paid job at the Apple store in Burlingame.

After high school, Day attended the University of Arizona, where he received his degree in retailing and consumer science with two minors—one in business and one in video art. He chose UA in large part because of its ARC equivalent, the renowned Disability Resource Center and notable Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques or SALT Center, an academic support program that provides services to UA students with learning and attention challenges.

Day went on to earn a master's degree in human factors in information design from Bentley University at its satellite campus in San Francisco. Upon completion, Day entered the workforce, working for such notable companies as LinkedIn and AncestryDNA, and a few startups. He has worked abroad in London and currently resides in Copenhagen, where he is head of design at DriversNote, an automatic mileage tracking app for those who travel for work.

Today, Day uses headphones at work, listening to what colleagues are writing instead of reading it, and also uses the Grammarly software to produce written communication.

"This technology makes me feel like I have an English tutor with me at all times," Day said. "I have total confidence in my work."

That confidence is key, and a large component in Day's determination in life to not allow his learning difference define him.

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**—RYAN DAY '06**



# Seven Padres Named National Merit Scholars

Seven Serra seniors have been named National Merit Scholars! Kevin Bryan and Jack Dugoni are semifinalists this year—a feat accomplished by only 16,000 students in the entire United States. Sriyash Erra, Alan Ou, Joshua Kingsley, Jason Wang and Owen Wiley are commended students, five of 34,000 students who were recognized in this category.

"Our Padres continue to demonstrate the success of the academic profile at Serra," said Principal Charlie McGrath. "Their advancement as semifinalists at the national level is significant. The boys' intellectual ranking is an outward sign of their scholarly preparedness and that of the faculty at Serra. I salute the boys and all the teachers who celebrate their success."

Approximately 1.6 million juniors in 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Of the 1.6 million entrants, 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores (calculated by doubling the sum of the reading, writing and language, and math test scores) qualified for recognition in the National Merit® Scholarship Program.

Semifinalists Kevin Bryan and Jack Dugoni have made the most of their four years at Serra. In addition to stellar academics, they have participated in myriad sports and leadership activities.

A member of the Serra Jazz Band and crew team, Bryan also is the president and founder of the Serra Science Club, the president of the National Honor Society, an Encounter leader, and a Big Brothers leader. Last summer, he was an intern at Stanford's Lu Lab in the Pathology Department, where he focused his research on fly model systems for ALS. He is extremely interested in health issues, which led him to become the editor of *The Tempus* magazine, an online news site that's loaded with health, news and technology articles. An advocate of community service, Bryan is the president of HEARTS, a



Pictured (l-r): Jason Wang, Kevin Bryan, Jack Dugoni, Sriyash Erra, Owen Wiley and Alan Ou. Not pictured: Joshua Kingsley.

nonprofit organization that that provides thousands of meals to the homeless people and supports orphanages in Tibet.

"My Serra experience has been very fulfilling," Bryan said. "Through academics, sports, music and service, I have felt the influence of the Serra brotherhood. I will always be grateful for the opportunities I had at Serra. I was given space to cultivate my various interests. My teachers, mentors and coaches paved the road for me to become the person I am today, and they gave me the space to cultivate my various interests. I will always be grateful and proud to be a Padre."

Dugoni is Serra's student body president and the *Serra Friar* executive editor. He currently serves as the president of the Speech and Debate Club, Block Club Society, and the Trivia Club. He enjoys athletics and is a member of the cross country and crew teams. A Big Brothers leader, Dugoni also founded the Exploring Physics Club and is a regular Samaritan House volunteer.

"I have been able to discover my passion at Serra," Dugoni said. "I've learned how to succeed in a rigorous academic environment, as well as how to form efficient, healthy study habits. Most important, I've been able to pass it forward and help others to make similar academic discoveries, which has been rewarding in the highest regard. I have loved being part of the spirited and vibrant Padre community."

**"THROUGH ACADEMICS, SPORTS, MUSIC AND SERVICE, I HAVE FELT THE INFLUENCE OF THE SERRA BROTHERHOOD. MY TEACHERS, MENTORS AND COACHES PAVED THE ROAD FOR ME TO BECOME THE PERSON I AM TODAY, AND THEY GAVE ME THE SPACE TO CULTIVATE MY INTERESTS. I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL AND PROUD TO BE A PADRE."**

KEVIN BRYAN '20

## GUESS WHO WON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY SERRA TRIVIA CONTEST

Hint: He graduated in 1990 and is starting his 23rd year as a Serra coach.

Another hint: His wife is a NDB graduate and his cousin is in the Serra Athletics Hall of Fame.

A final clue: He loves to travel with his wife and daughter. So far, he has visited 44 states and 16 countries.

Turn to page 41 to find out!





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**"IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE EXAMPLE OF THE POWER OF UNITY AND WHAT GREAT THINGS A COMMUNITY CAN ACHIEVE WHEN IT COMES TOGETHER."**  
—MIKE FADELLI '88



## ALUMNI FATHER-SON MASS

"ONCE A PADRE, ALWAYS A PADRE."



**M**ore than 70 fathers and sons reconnected at the Alumni Father-Son Mass on September 20, 2019.

The Mass was celebrated by Father Joe Bradley '73, who spoke about what it means to be a Padre brother.

"This is the first alumni event of the school year," noted Alumni Director Bob Greene '85. **"This year, 10 percent of our current Padres have alumni fathers. We have such a rich brotherhood. Our alumni pass down the Serra traditions from generation to generation. I'd especially like to thank Father Joe for being here today."**

In attendance this year were two special grandpas—Dave Peruzzaro '63, the father of Dave Peruzzaro '90 and the grandfather of Tyler Peruzzaro '22; and Jim Shypertt '53, the father of Greg Shypertt '82 and the grandfather of Andreas Shypertt '23.



Pictured above (l-r): Dave Peruzzaro '63, Dave Peruzzaro '90 and Tyler Peruzzaro '22



Pictured above (l-r): Gregy Shypertt '82, Jim Shypertt '53 and Andreas Shypertt '23

The fathers of seniors were presented with picture frames and photos to remember the last father-son Mass of their four-year journeys. Jason Wang '20 spoke about his dad, Rex '81, whom he described selfless, kind and caring.

"My dad is always willing to convey his love for me," he added. "He has shaped me into the person that I am today."

Rob Rush '86 and his son, Andrew '20, particularly enjoyed catching up with Pat Barrett '86 and his son, Tommy '20.

**"It was nostalgic for me to spend this morning with Andrew," Rob added. "He has lived up to all of my expectations as a student, son and Padre."**

"It has been an awesome experience going through this whole process with my dad," Andrew said. "I really appreciate his guidance. My dad is an all-around, awesome guy!"



Pictured above (l-r): Jason Wang '20, Rex Wang '81, Andrew Rush '20, Rob Rush '86, Tommy Barrett '20 and Pat Barrett '86



WHEN A PLANE CRASHES ON A REMOTE ISLAND, A FEW STUDENTS SURVIVE. IT WAS "SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST" AT ITS BEST WHEN TRI-SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS STUDENTS FROM SERRA, MERCY AND NOTRE DAME ILLUMINATED THE STAGE IN THE . . .

# Lord of the Flies

"From the prophetic and virtuous to the lovable and brutish, each survivor attempts to establish control as the reality—and brutal savagery—of the situation sets in," said Tri-School Productions Artistic Director Lawrence Long about the unusual plot. "The conflicts that arise throughout the story reveal the students' capacity for empathy and hope, as well as illuminating the darkest corners of the human spirit."

In *Lord of the Flies*, the ideas of community, leadership and the rule of law are called into question as the characters decide who has a right to power and what the consequences of the acquisition of power might be. Their struggle to find a way of existing in a community with no fixed boundaries invites the audience to evaluate the concepts involved in social constructs and moral frameworks.

"This play has a lot of shock factor, which our audiences weren't expecting," said Serra senior Aidan Broderick, who played "cool kid" Jack.

The most interesting aspect of the fall play was that there were two casts—one all male and the other all female. It was an unusual but interesting experience for all involved.

"This world-famous novel is written solely about boys," Long noted. "William Golding said that he wrote only about boys because he had been a little boy and needed to write from his own experience. He also said that with boys, it's easier to boil them down to a small representation of society."

During the 1950s, that might have seemed true. However, almost 70 years later, things have changed.

"Today, there is hopefully a greater understanding of the equal nature of all people," Long added. "Using boys to represent society only gives us one distinct impression of modern society as a whole. If we were to only use a cast of girls, the same would be true."

Tri-School students were up for the challenge, and they said it was an interesting experience to have the two distinct casts.

"It was different," said Mercy senior Siobhan Cloherty, who played Piggy. "I missed the coed theatre environment, but it was a very interesting process. I enjoyed playing Piggy. Although she's not a popular kid, she's not timid or afraid to speak her opinion. She knows she's smart—that's her downfall. She cares about people and wants people to like her, but she has trouble

keeping her opinion to herself. I like the way that *Lord of the Flies* tackles the issue of bullying head on. Some of it was difficult for us to watch, but the subject of bullying cannot be ignored."

"This play delivers a good message against bullying," agreed Serra sophomore Nino Houle, who played Sam. "It's a constant struggle between major good and evil."

The actors mastered incredibly challenging roles—characters that had incredible depth and layers.

NDB junior Sam Sutter enjoyed playing the role of Sam.

"She's funny and has a twin sister named Erin," she said. "It was fun to play a twin because it's great to have someone next to you and share scenes with you. This was a fun, comedic role for sure! I loved everything about this show—the message, the set and costumes. It's an unusual story and it was great for to get to know the girls from Mercy."

"I played Piggy," noted sophomore Nolan LaMar. "He's a levelheaded character who wants rules. *Lord of the Flies* is such a cool show, and was fun to be with all of my friends."





# HOME SWEET HOME

## Padres reunite on Serra campus



"It was so much fun to see so many Padres from all decades reunite for an evening of camaraderie. Plus, this was the first time that diamond diplomas were presented—so that was very special."

—Alumni Director Bob Greene '85

It was a night to remember on October 11, when more than 500 Serra alumni returned to their alma mater for the homecoming game and alumni barbecue. They caught up with their friends and swapped stories about yesteryear while watching the Padres beat the Mitty Monarchs 35-29 on a big screen TV in the Morton Family Gymnasium.

"It was so much fun to see so many Padres from all decades reunite for an evening of camaraderie," said Alumni Director Bob Greene '85. "It was a wonderful kick-off to a celebratory weekend."

On Saturday night, the gym was alive again with Padre alumni and their guests.

"I particularly enjoyed giving diamond, platinum and golden diplomas to the Classes of '49, '59 and '69," Greene said. "This was

the first time that diamond diplomas were presented, so that was very special.

The 70-year diamond diplomas were presented to David Stronck '49, Clifford Lussier '49, Al DaDalt '49 and Robert J. Miller '49."

The class with the largest attendance was the lively Class of '69. They had special T-shirts and beer glasses etched with a 1969 Padre image, which were designed by Kris McAlevy '93.

"Fifty classmates from all over the country came back to campus to celebrate our Golden Anniversary," noted Jim Whelan '69. "They came from North Carolina, Montana, Colorado, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Southern California, and of course, Northern California to enjoy reuniting with fellow Padres



Class of 1969 Homecoming Cheer

and regaling each other with old and new stories. A group of '69 alums worked together over the past several months to contact as many of our classmates as possible to come to the events. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The Alumni Association did a fantastic job on all of the weekend's arrangements. It was a great success!"



Young alums enjoy homecoming



Class of '49 alums celebrate 70 years!  
Pictured (l-r): Clifford Lussier, Al DaDalt, Robert J. Miller and David Stronck



Padres celebrate 50-year reunion

### Luke Bottari '19 Advocates for Mental Health Issues

Former Serra quarterback Luke Bottari '19 kicked off his third suicide prevention campaign at the homecoming game. With the support of the Serra and Mitty communities, he shared how people can recognize early warning signs and find local support.

After Bottari lost a close friend to suicide, he channeled his grief into starting the Play4Prevention foundation. Play4P has grown exponentially over the past three years. Public and private high schools all over the Bay Area have participated in Play4P events.

"At Play4P, we hope to illuminate the topic of teen mental health," Bottari said. "Serra's Mission and Brotherhood Program and other wellness activities are making a great difference."

Vice Principal of Student Life Marybeth Ortiz said Play4P goes hand-in-hand with Serra's focus on health and wellness. "This year, Mission and Brotherhood is discussing the importance of health and wellness and we are sharing tools for maintaining balance and living a healthy lifestyle," she explained. "We are happy to partner with Luke Bottari's Play4P again this year."

As the College of San Mateo's starting quarterback this past season, Bottari was one of four team captains chosen by his 80 new teammates. "Many of the WCAL all-stars are on this team, including Serra alumni Isiah Kendrick and Isaac Jennings," he noted. "It's a great team."

Just before the game began, former Serra quarterback Luke Bottari '19 shared his thoughts about suicide prevention while providing information about local resources and his foundation, Play4Prevention.

"I wanted to create something meaningful that would help other teenagers and their families cope with mental health issues and suicide," Bottari said. "Our message is not to be afraid to reach out for help; it's not a sign of weakness."



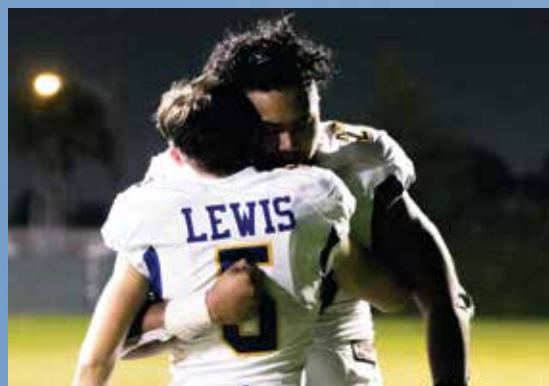




# "But the greatest of these is love."

The scoreboard gets all the headlines. The banners will hang in the Morton Family Gymnasium for decades to come. The on-field heroics will be remembered for

years—However, what powers the Padre football program is something much deeper than press clippings and Rivals star ratings. That something is love. Love is the foundation of the Serra football program. It is the rock upon which it is built. The trunk of its tree. Love is spoken of freely among players and coaches alike. The Padres say it boldly—without pause. Brothers bonded through thick and thin, the 2019 Padres embraced the work ethic, dedication and love necessary to win 13 games and earn league, section and NorCal championships.



As Team Chaplain Joe Bradley '73 tells it, football chapel and the program as a whole isn't about touchdowns. It's about what kind of man you will be in 10 years. It's about being able to offer and receive love. It's a place of reconciliation—a place of healing.



"This is a group that I am profoundly proud of," reflected Father Joe. "The starters on this team dedicated a game during the league season to the scout team. The most humble, courageous players on the team played scout, making everyone better each week. The starters recognized that."

The 2019 Padres bought in. They bought into chapel, into love, and into Serra. Led by senior standouts Nate Sanchez, Daylin McLemore, Nusi Malani, Terence Loville and Jackson Lataimua, Serra surprised many with high-margin wins over highly-ranked non-league opponents Pittsburg, Menlo-Atherton and St. Mary's to open the season.



McLemore, who took over the starting quarterback job from record-setter Luke Bottari '19, was a revelation as a starter. An excellent athlete who started at cornerback as a junior, the 6'3" McLemore smoothly operated Serra's spread offense as a dual-threat field general. He picked up big gains in the option game and showed off a strong, accurate arm that triggered Serra's explosive passing attack.

His favorite targets were Sanchez in the slot and Loville on the outside. The duo also served as team captains along with defensive stalwarts Malani and Lataimua. The 6'6" defensive end Malani is one of the most widely-recruited players in recent Serra history. With scholarship offers from Power Five programs including Nebraska, Virginia and Arizona State, Malani took the CCS by storm, earning the *San Jose Mercury News'* Defensive Player of the Year honor. He ultimately chose Virginia.



The season seemed to teeter on the edge when McLemore went down with a broken collarbone in Week 8. But the Padres rallied around new quarterback Dominique Lampkin, a sophomore. Lampkin showed off his speed and athleticism—improving each week with the help of talented skill players like fellow sophomore Hassan Mahasin and a standout corps of senior linemen led by Jack Bevilaqua, Nate Azzopardi, Ian Semien and Tommy Barrett.



The defense made a big impact throughout the season posting three shutouts. Led by the aforementioned Malwani and Lataimua, other standouts included seniors Marcellus Eison, Jerry Gaoteote, Will Mauer and junior Sioeli Helu. Also making an impact was senior Damon Lewis, an exceedingly rare fourth-year varsity player. Brought up as a freshman kicker, Lewis stood out as a defensive back over the years, playing safety and cornerback in addition to his kicking duties. He ended



his career as the 2019 WCAL Kicker of the Year and a First Team All-League defensive back. He started in all three state championship games—2016, 2017 and 2019—that Serra has ever appeared in.

Serra charged into the CCS Division 1 playoffs with a 9-1 record and a WCAL co-championship. With a sophomore QB at the helm, Serra earned victories over Half Moon Bay and Wilcox before outlasting Valley Christian 17-0

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to win the CCS D1 title. It was on to the NorCal D1-A Regional, which Serra played at home on a rain-soaked Saturday afternoon. After a trying, hard-fought victory over San Joaquin Memorial of Fresno, Serra Head Coach Patrick Walsh had this to say to his team:

“I am very, very thankful that you guys chose to come to Serra High School to be part of this. It’s hard. It’s a grinder’s jubilee. And isn’t it a joyous grind? I want you guys to do me a favor. This week, I just want you to think, I want you to breathe and I want you to feel. And I want you to feel each moment you are living next week. I want you to look around. I want you to look at nature. I want you to look at the sky. Did you guys see the rainbow before the game? That was fantastic. That was a message. I’m serious. Because



what you are about to go through not many people get to go through. And you are going to be able to count these moments on one hand in a lifetime.” (As quoted by the *San Jose Mercury News*.)

The Padres headed to Los Angeles with sights set on a second state title in three years. They traveled with hope in their eyes, faith in God and their teammates, and love in their hearts. The team came up just short against Corona del Mar of Newport Beach later that week. There were many tears shed and embraces shared, but the loss only further solidified that Serra football is about more than sports. “The season is a microcosm of life,” said Father Joe, in his 19th year as team chaplain. “It will show you how you will be able to handle more serious setbacks later in life.”

The Padres rode home from Los Angeles with pain on their minds, but a fullness in their souls. The season was over, but their lives were just beginning. Since the start of spring workouts, they had embraced the virtues of faith, hope and love. Through all the workouts, all the chapels, and the wins and losses of a 15-game season, the Padres are forever confident that the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13).



# SERRA COMMUNITY POWERS THROUGH SECOND ANNUAL THANKSGIVEDAY

A PROUD PAST . . . POWERING OUR FUTURE



The tail end of first semester saw many a bearded man in the halls of Serra. The increase in facial hair was a direct correlation with an increase in fundraising, as the No-Shave Padre Power Pack incentive helped to fuel our successful ThanksGIVEday fundraiser.

Serra’s second annual ThanksGIVEday fundraising event was held on November 14, 2019 and was a huge success—thanks in part to Serra’s incredible alumni, who showed tremendous support for their alma mater.

**As a community, 538 generous donors rallied to raise a total of \$170,000, 115 percent of the overall goal.** It was an incredible example of the power of unity and what great things a community can achieve when it comes together, according to Mike Fadelli ‘88, Serra’s chief advancement officer.

“What a tremendous success ThanksGIVEday has been—we have seen the revenue grow year after year,” Fadelli said. “What’s exciting is that this event allows our alumni spanning all of the decades to be a part of this one-day celebration of philanthropy for Serra High School.”

**Each class reached its 100 percent participation goal,** allowing each student to enjoy a no-shave and free-dress option until the end of the semester. To know that all of our students felt the philanthropic responsibility

to contribute to this cause is remarkable, according to Fadelli.

Serra’s faculty and staff raised more than \$10,000 for Serra, which speaks volumes about the teachers and employees who not only work at Serra, but love it so much that they want to see it reach its highest potential. Serra President Barry Thornton said he was humbled by the generosity of all who participated in the campaign.

“I am so humbled by the tremendous generosity shown by our entire community,” Thornton said. “We had young alums who gave \$25 and people who gave a substantial amount, which made a profound transformation on Serra High School.”

The alumni community came out in droves, many with monetary challenges with other classes. The 2019 class participated in a way that was never anticipated by protecting its legacy as the first class to reach 100 percent participation during our inaugural ThanksGIVEday last year. So many classes were represented, a true testament to the Serra brotherhood.

**“Every dollar that the community contributed is deeply appreciated by the students here at Serra, and every effort that was made to contribute to this campaign is greatly valued by our entire community,”** Fadelli said.



# 2019 FOOTBALL WRAP

HEAD COACH  
PATRICK WALSH

**VARSITY**  
WCAL CHAMPS  
CCS CHAMPS  
NORCAL CHAMPS  
STATE RUNNER UP

WCAL 6-1  
OVERALL: 13-2

**JR. VARSITY**  
WCAL: 5-1  
OVERALL: 7-2

MVP:  
PETELO RICHARDS-GI

**FRESHMAN**  
WCAL: 5-2  
OVERALL: 6-3  
MVP: ALEX ATKINS

**WCAL**  
QUARTERBACK OF THE YEAR  
DAYLIN MCLEMORE

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN  
OF THE YEAR  
NUSI MALANI

CO-DEFENSIVE BACK  
OF THE YEAR  
JACKSON LATAIMUA

UTILITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
NATE SANCHEZ

KICKER OF THE YEAR  
DAMON LEWIS



## 1ST TEAM ALL-WCAL

NATE AZZOPARDI  
MARCELLUS EISON  
JACKSON LATAIMUA  
DAMON LEWIS  
TERENCE LOVILLE  
NUSI MALANI  
DAYLIN MCLEMORE  
NATE SANCHEZ



## COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

NATE AZZOPARDI  
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

NUSI MALANI  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

JACKSON LATAIMUA  
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

DAYLIN MCLEMORE  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

TERENCE LOVILLE  
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

# 2019 CROSS COUNTRY WRAP

HEAD COACH  
RON DIMAGGIO '97

**VARSITY**  
RECORD  
WCAL 7TH PLACE  
CCS 12TH PLACE

**JR. VARSITY**  
RECORD  
WCAL 6TH PLACE

**SOPHOMORE**  
RECORD  
WCAL 5TH PLACE

**FRESHMAN**  
RECORD  
WCAL 5TH PLACE

## AWARDS

MVP AWARD AND  
2ND TEAM ALL-WCAL  
TOMMY ROGERS

MOST OUTSTANDING  
SENIOR RUNNER  
LIAM KILBRIDGE

MOST OUTSTANDING  
JUNIOR RUNNER  
JOEY SCATENA

MOST OUTSTANDING  
SOPHOMORE RUNNER  
EDGAR SOLORIO

MOST OUTSTANDING  
FRESHMAN RUNNER  
TYRELL MORALES

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS  
ALEC DESUASIDO  
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY





# 2019 WATER POLO WRAP

HEAD COACH  
JUSTIN FERDINAND

## VARSITY

WCAL: 0-7  
OVERALL: 2-24

MVP: MICHAEL SMOOT

## JR. VARSITY

WCAL: 0-7  
OVERALL: 9-12

MVP: RYAN BECK

## FRESHMAN

WCAL: 1-4  
OVERALL: 5-13

MVP: MAX KONRAD

## ALL-WCAL

DYLAN MACIAS  
ALESSANDRO SALERNO  
MICHAEL SMOOT

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS  
MICHAEL SMOOT  
WHITTIER COLLEGE



## HUNTER BISHOP '16

BEYOND BASEBALL



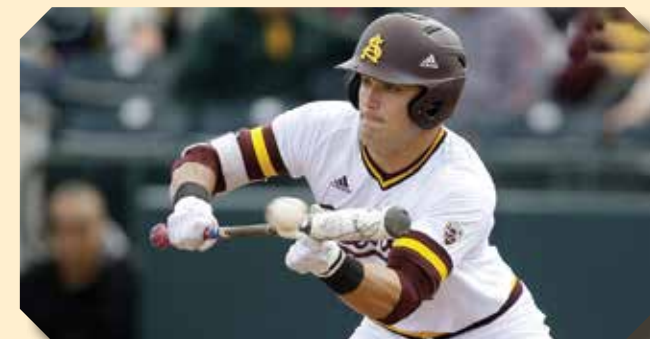
Hunter Bishop '16 gained national attention as the first round pick of the San Francisco Giants in last year's MLB Draft. After a dominant year at Arizona State University, where he displayed extraordinary power, excellent speed and a sure glove, he was an easy top 10 selection.

But there is much more than just an outlier athleticism to the 6'5" outfielder. Away from the field, Bishop is a fierce advocate for finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Bishop's mother, Suzy, was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's while Bishop was in high school. That spurred Bishop's older brother, Seattle Mariners outfielder Braden, to start a foundation called 4mom.

The mission of the organization is "to unite athletes, coaches and fans across all professional sports through a dedicated, community effort in the fight for the world's first survivor of Alzheimer's."

After Hunter graduated high school and started college, he became heavily involved in the effort. He and Braden host fundraising events up and down the West Coast, including one this past December in San Francisco.

After a courageous battle with Alzheimer's, Suzy passed away last October. She lived a full life before it was cut short—running track at UCLA, building a career as a successful film producer, and finally



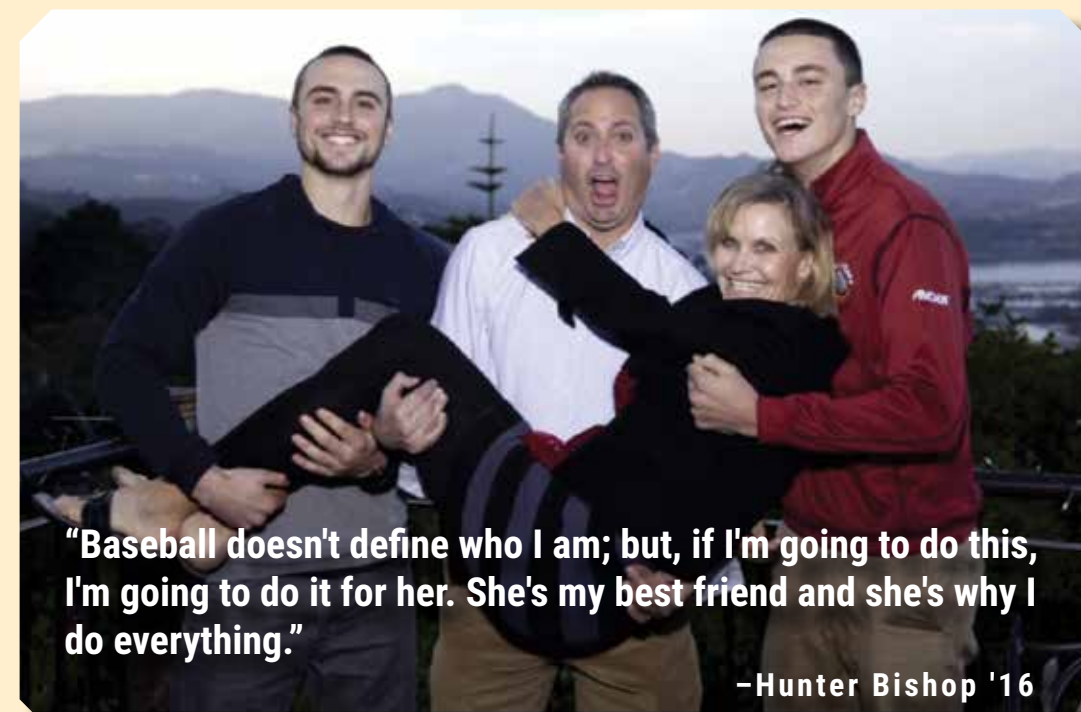
becoming a full-time mom to her boys, whom she loved so much. Hunter and Braden are doing their part to make headway against a disease that currently affects approximately 5.5 million Americans and has led to the death of many more across the world.

"Baseball doesn't define who I am; but if I'm going to do this, I'm going to do it for her," Hunter told NBC's Phoenix affiliate in 2019. "She's my best friend and she's why I do everything."

"We started the 4Mom foundation just kind of as a small fundraising thing—we didn't know how big it was going to be," Hunter added.

"Obviously we want to support our mom, but we don't want anyone else to have to suffer what we went through. At the end of the day, we're trying to find the first survivor."

To find out more about the Bishop brothers' fight against Alzheimer's, please visit [4mom.org](http://4mom.org).



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**—Hunter Bishop '16**





**"MIDGE AND I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE SERRA FOR ITS DECADES OF FINE WORK IN PROVIDING A STRONG, VALUES-BASED EDUCATION."**  
—JOE BRACCO '58



# A look back at . . . Father John L. Zoph

By Jim Flanagan '52  
Guest Columnist

On December 6, 2002, Father Zoph died at age 94. A priest for more than 60 years, he was my favorite teacher at Serra. Father Zoph taught English, and if you liked the role of Robin Williams in *Dead Poets Society*, then you have an idea as to what it was like to have Father Zoph as a teacher. He was part of the original faculty of Serra when it opened in 1944. Most teachers were from St. Patrick's Seminary in nearby Menlo Park.

My brother, Roger, was a student in the first four-year class. I followed him in 1948 at the original school, a former public grammar school that had only one building, a 90-yard football field and a non-regulation-size gym.

During those years, you could guess the seasons by how Father Zoph dressed. In the winter, he wore a beret, a cape and black leather shoes. During the spring, the beret was replaced by a straw hat. It was off with the cape and the leather shoes were replaced by suedes.

Father Zoph's 50 minutes with his class were truly his—he locked the classroom door. Since these were the days before intercom



systems, the vice principal, Father Maher, usually ended up pounding on the door to take someone out of the class—only to be ignored by Father Zoph, much to our amusement.

Serra was supposed to be a school for young gentlemen, so we were required to wear neckties. However, nobody wore a tie to school, only at school. That's right—the same old grubby tie, day after day, that you kept in your locker! An intercom system was finally installed. When a student was called to the office because he didn't have a tie on, Father Zoph pulled one out of his ever-present satchel and gave it to him. Inside the same black satchel were copies of Greek pages that one had to copy by hand for a penance.

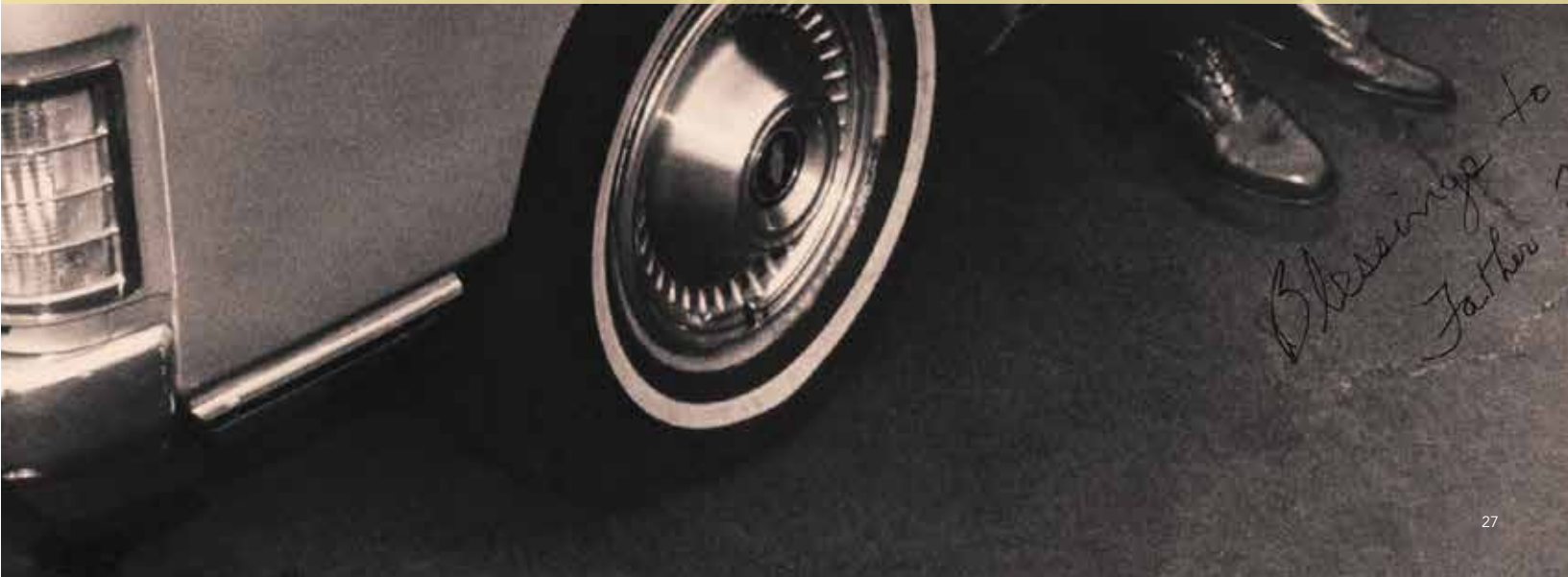
Father Zoph used a unique vocabulary book that was never seen anywhere else. There were no "guys" or "becuz" in his dictionary. My favorite word was "zephyr," a gentle breeze. For Shakespeare, he took us into the auditorium to listen to phonograph records as he repeated his favorite lines.

When he finally retired from teaching, Father Zoph ran the school library. During that time, I wrote a short story and sent it to him for comments. He promptly responded and it later won honorable mention in a writing contest. Father Zoph was a dedicated, lifelong learner. I will remember him always.



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—Jim Flanagan '52





# Joe Bracco '58

## Heritage Society Member Makes a Splash

In the early hours of the morning, when the San Francisco fog rolls into the city, many people would feel a bit chilly and go back to bed. That's not the case for Joe Bracco '58, who can be spotted three times a week swimming in the bay at the crack of dawn . . . without a wetsuit! He typically swims for 45 minutes, and he has completed nearly 90 Alcatraz crossings and other long-distance swims.

"It's an exhilarating feeling to immerse yourself into such numbing, cold water," said Bracco, who has been a member of the South End Rowing Club since 2002. "San Francisco Bay is a gorgeous environment. Experiencing a view of the Golden Gate Bridge from water level, watching the sun rise, witnessing all the boat traffic . . . I've had some spectacular experiences and I've met an exceptional group of people who share this crazy passion—all ages and all abilities."

Many people wonder how Bracco tolerates the frigid, 50- to 60-degree water temperatures and often ask, "What about sharks?"

"Acclimation and being aware of your tolerance level for cold water are critical," Bracco said. "A warm shower and a sauna to get your core temperature back to normal also help. Sharks are in the bay, but you just don't think about them. However, there have been a couple of recent sea lion attacks. The harbor seals might occasionally bump into you, although they are not particularly aggressive."

Bracco's swimming background is unique. Although he had never swum competitively as a teenager, he saw a notice for a six-week, no-cut tryout for the varsity swim team at the University of Notre Dame when he was a sophomore. He welcomed the opportunity for daily, structured workouts but had no expectation of making the team. Bracco just happened to have a natural breaststroke. He made the team, was monogrammed as a junior and senior, and was elected varsity co-captain during his senior year. Today, Bracco rarely gets in the pool—the San Francisco Bay is his pool!

"I am so grateful to be able to continue to swim and in such an incredible environment," he said.

### A lifetime of service

After Serra, Bracco earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame. He received a US Army commission through the ROTC Program at Notre Dame and served on active duty for two years. He later received a master's in education counseling from San Francisco State University and a master's in business administration from Pepperdine University.

Bracco's professional career spanned 40 years in child welfare services and secondary education. While working for the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department, he developed and codirected the San Francisco Juvenile Court's first program for the residential and day treatment of delinquent girls. In 1974, he became the executive director of St. Vincent's School for Boys, a multiservice child welfare agency in San Rafael, a position he held for 19 years. After that, he became the first president and CEO of Justin-Siena High School in Napa, a position he held for 12 years. Bracco is an adjunct consultant for Catholic School Management of Madison, CT.

Youth services, education and community service have always been important to Bracco. He credits his education and experiences at Serra and at Notre Dame with giving him a foundation for his career path. He has served as a board member on the Diocese of Santa Rosa Board of Education, the California Association of Services for Children, the University of Notre Dame National Alumni Association, and the Point Bonita Branch of the Marin County YMCA. He currently volunteers for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Petaluma and as a docent at the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park.

Bracco grew up in South San Francisco. He and his wife, Midge, a graduate of Mercy High School, Burlingame, and Dominican College, have been married for 52 years. They have lived in Petaluma since 1977 and have three children and seven grandchildren.

The Braccos are members of Serra High School's Heritage Society.

"We want to support the importance of building an endowment for the long-term stability of the school," Bracco said. "Midge and I also want to recognize Serra for its decades of fine work in providing a strong, values-based education."



Named after Serra's patron, the Father Serra Heritage Society is a group of generous donors who have designated gifts through their estate plans to Serra High School.

If you are interested in becoming a Serra Heritage Society Member, contact Mike Fadelli, Chief Advancement Officer, at 650.573.9935.

For a list of current Father Serra Heritage Society members, please visit: [www.serrahs.com/heritage](http://www.serrahs.com/heritage).



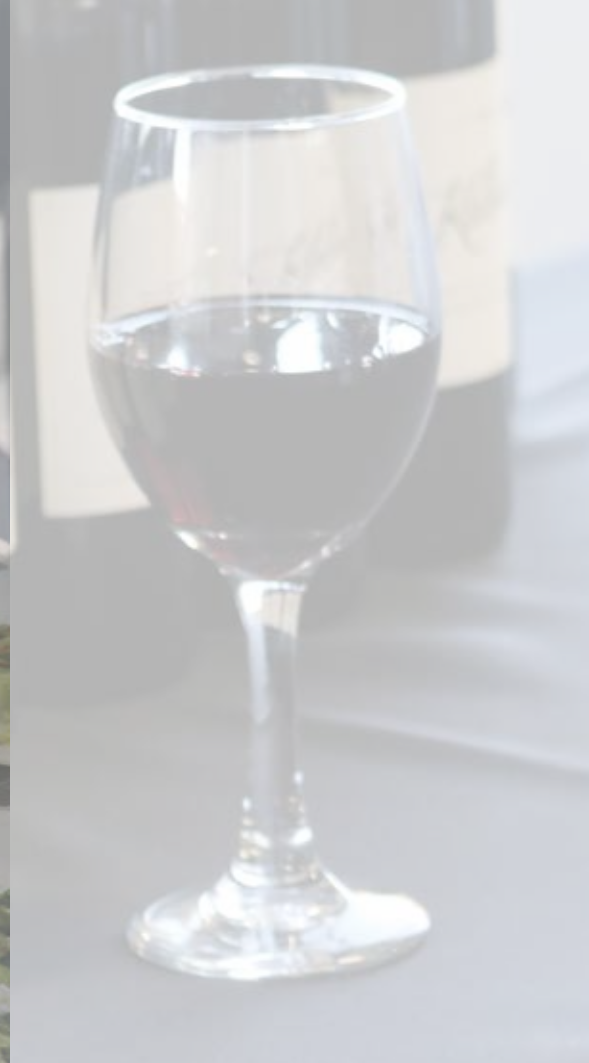
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# FUND A DREAM

## SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

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## WELCOMING KEYNOTE SPEAKER FATHER JOE BRADLEY '73

**O**ur Fund a Dream Scholarship Benefit will be special this year, with a host of Serra alums banding together to put on a wonderful evening for our community to enjoy.

We are delighted to welcome Father Joe Bradley '73 as our keynote speaker. Father Joe has served as a Serra teacher, chaplain, football chaplain, school president, and is the recipient of the 2004 Junípero Serra Award.

Author of *The Four Gifts*, Father Joe's honest, yet thought-provoking memoir expresses his gratitude for his journey from addiction to priesthood, with the blessing of four gifts: faith, sobriety, a new heart, and



a fulfilling ministry. Father Joe's book has been adapted into a stage play to be performed at the Hillbarn Theatre in Foster City in June. The play will be a draw for our Serra community. **For tickets, please visit <https://www.hillbarntheatre.org/the-four-gifts-tickets/>.**

This year's Fund a Dream Master of Ceremonies will be Padre alumnus Scott Igoe '86, vice president for specials and alternative series for ABC. Igoe, the longtime music booker for *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, currently oversees talent booking for such franchises as the *American Music Awards* and *Billboard Music Awards*. Igoe is widely regarded as a true music fan with deep connections in the star-studded industry. Igoe is excited to return to his alma mater.

"I look forward to coming back to Serra to share my story with the Padre community," Igoe said.

To cap off the evening, we have a special musical performance planned by a recent Serra graduate, Grant Grech, who is breaking into the music scene in Los Angeles. A sophomore at UCLA, Grech is releasing his first EP in the coming months and is excited to woo the crowd at Fund a Dream with his unique music.

During this fun-filled evening, we will highlight our collective mission to provide a transformative, college-prep high school experience for students who otherwise would not be able to afford a Serra education. Our Fund A Dream event, in its 16th year, has raised more than \$5 million to date.

**To purchase tickets, or for more information on table sponsorships, please visit: [www.serrahs.com/fundadream](http://www.serrahs.com/fundadream).**





ENAMORED WITH ITS RANGE AND TONE QUALITY SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BRIAN MCKEE '08  
DEVOTES HIS CAREER TO THE MASTERY OF THE BASSOON

**B**rian McKee '08 remembers the sixth grade well. It was arguably one of the most defining years of his life and one that would pilot his educational, artistic and professional expression for the next 18 years, and perhaps forever.

In 2001, McKee was a middle school student in now-Serra Theology Teacher Gary Meegan's class at Central Middle School in San Carlos, where he played the saxophone. He remembers one day when Meegan pulled out the distinctive bassoon, a woodwind instrument in the double reed family that plays music written in the bass and tenor clefs. The instrument, with its long tube that looks like it is folded in two, looked interesting to McKee.

Meegan remembers that day fondly, too.

**"I placed the bassoon on the floor and asked who might be interested," Meegan said. "A few of the students went to look**

**at it, but Brian picked it up, played with some of the keys, and seemed to immediately fall in love with the instrument."**

McKee said he was fascinated by the sounds the instrument made. "Mr. Meegan gave me a couple of CDs and I was enamored with its range and tone quality," he recounted. "What drew me to it was its singing quality and the timbre is remarkably reminiscent of a human singing voice."

From that day forward, McKee decided to put down the saxophone that he had played since age 9 and devote his musical and educational career to the mastery of the bassoon.

"I really credit Mr. Meegan as having a profound influence in my musical life," he said.

Bassoonists are rare, however, you will find at least one bassoonist in any classical music environment.

As a freshman at Serra, there were three bassoonists; however, by the time McKee was a senior, he said he was the lone player.

**"As a passionate musician, he was always searching for ways to not only become better himself, but also better the ensemble."**

Gary Meegan  
Serra Theology Teacher

What drew McKee to Serra was its performing arts culture, he recalled. He vividly remembers his eighth grade shadow day, when he had a chance to hear the band play. He was very interested in playing in the band and coupling his musical training with a college preparatory experience. Serra, he said, fit that bill.

Under the direction of Jay Jordan, McKee played in the pep band, concert band and remembers being invited by Jordan to play in the pit orchestra in the woodwind section for the *Bye, Bye Birdie* production. This experience, along with many other musical opportunities, provided McKee with "one of the coolest pre-professional experiences" he had ever experienced.

"Having to learn the music so quickly and perform live was such an incredible experience—it gave me a taste of what Broadway musicians must do—it was an enormous sense of accomplishment," McKee noted.

**Among his musical memories, including playing at football games and playing in various concerts, McKee said his time at Serra was character building. "I consider myself to be a person of acceptance, tolerance and someone who values cultural diversity—Serra prepared me for the world," he said. "I appreciate differences of faith and culture."**

Today, McKee is academic counselor for graduate studies at the University of Texas College of Music in Dallas. He also teaches bassoon in the Benton, Texas Independent School District, and he performs as a

freelance bassoonist in various orchestras in the Dallas region.

McKee graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor's of arts in music bassoon performance, a master's in bassoon performance from Arizona State University and holds a doctorate degree from the University of Miami. There, he met his wife, Diana, who was working on her master's in violin. The two were married in July 2018.



McKee has always been serious about music, according to Meegan. "His easy smile and relaxed personality always changed when it was time to play, becoming serious and focused," he said. "As a passionate musician, he was always searching for ways to not only become better himself, but also better the ensemble."

McKee said that having a full time job doing what he was trained to do is extremely gratifying.

"It's a commitment and a lifestyle and it's extremely rewarding," McKee said. "You make the best friends in the process, and the culture is truly incredible."



**“It was a smaller day at Mavericks and I was with a friend when the shark torpedoed straight from the depth and hit me from the bottom . . .”**

**—Tim West, Jr. '98**

# No wave too big for Tim West, Jr. '98

**H**is birthday and wedding anniversary are not the only two annual events Tim West, Jr. '98 celebrates religiously.

Each year on November 2, you can find West at a local watering hole in Half Moon Bay, celebrating the day he foiled fate by surviving an attack by a 2,000- to 3,000-pound juvenile great white shark out at the famous Mavericks break.

West returns to Ketch Joanne Restaurant & Harbor Bar each year to commemorate his survival against the elements that are a natural reality to big wave surfers. West has been surfing since his days at Serra and has been laser focused on the Mavericks for most of his surfing career.

“It was a smaller day at Mavericks and I was with a friend when the shark torpedoed straight from the

depth and hit me from the bottom—it left a tooth in my board,” he said of that day in 2005. “The shark catapulted me one way and then the board went the other. When I came up, it was right next to me and then the water went to sheet glass, like a lake.”

West swam fast to the dry reef and then ran to report the incident to the Harbormaster at Pillar Point, adjacent to Ketch Joanne’s. When he calmed down and saw that he was not injured, he walked into the bar to enjoy a cold beer and a settling heart rate.

West, who began surfing when he was in seventh grade with fellow Serra Padre Micah Shannahan '98, has surfed at the Mavericks for much of his surfing career. Born and raised in the same neighborhood near Half Moon Bay’s Surfer’s Beach, West considers the Mavericks his home break.

The Mavericks is a surfing location in northern California outside Pillar Point Harbor, just north of the Half Moon Bay at the village of Princeton-by-the-Sea. Waves can routinely crest at 25 feet or more after a good storm. The break is caused by an unusually shaped underwater rock formation.

Each year, 24 hand-picked surfers from around the world are given 24 hours notice to arrive in Half Moon Bay for the famous Mavericks Invitational, one of the most challenging big wave surf competitions in the world. West was fortunate to be invited to compete as an alternate in the competition in 2007 and as one of the 24 contenders in 2009.

**“THIS WAS SUCH A BIG HONOR, IT WAS THE PEAK OF MY SURFING CAREER. I FELT LIKE I NOT ONLY REPRESENTED HALF MOON BAY, BUT SERRA HIGH SCHOOL AND ALL MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY,” WEST REMEMBERED. “IT’S LIKE YOUR FAVORITE TEAM GOING TO THE NBA FINALS—BUT THIS TIME I WAS IN THE GAME AND I GOT TO REPRESENT ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE THAT GOT ME TO THAT MOMENT.”**

His day surfing in the Mavericks competition, according to West, was “the biggest, most perfect big wave surf contest that’s ever happened with waves between 40 and 60 feet.” This day also marks the closest West has ever come to drowning.

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"I got fourth out of my heat of six guys," he said. "I caught two waves but wiped out and fell at the top . . . it was an adrenaline rush, super exhilarating, but man it was scary."

Scary doesn't begin to describe the elements at Mavericks, where surfers say you see triumph and tragedy. While many have successfully ridden the herculion swells, some have succumbed to the powerful break.

Training for the elements is a full-time job before one competes in the Mavericks, West said.

"There are so many hazards out there—there are rocks, there are enormous waves with water pressure that can lay on you at any second, there's drowning, there are sharks, there are a ton of variables that can play a factor, so training and preparation is essential."



Tim West, Jr. '98 in the 2010 Mavericks contest. Photo credit: Don Montgomery

West, who today runs a beginner surf school and Mavericks Experience tours, said he trains his young surfers to always relax after a wipe out, have a buddy system and learn about waves. "Waves have sections to them and you have to prepare for them," he warned.

West also founded Coast West Fire Protection, a fire sprinkler fitting company. He said after graduating from Serra, armed with a great education and morals to match, he set out into the trades and joined the union. The hard work ethic he gained at Serra, he said, helped him to work his way up, eventually taking a leap and forming his own company.

West has been married for five years to his wife, Liz Camarena West, whom he met on a surfing trip in Oaxaca, Mexico.

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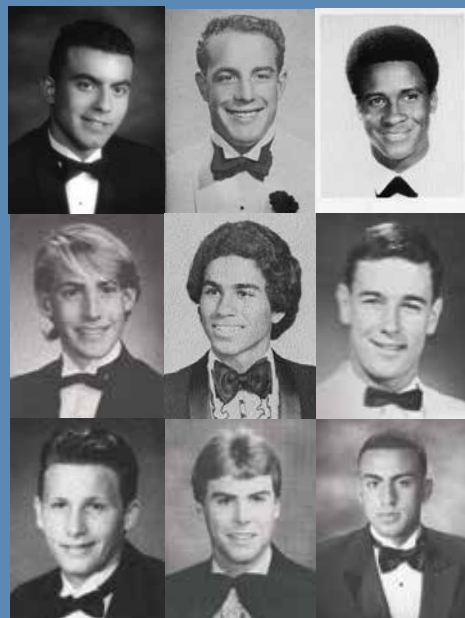
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# HATS OFF TO BEACH BLANKET BABYLON

TRI-SCHOOL CONNECTION TO ICONIC SHOW



Lady Gaga, Freddy Mercury, the San Francisco Giants, Barack Obama and Donald Trump . . . this motley crew of characters only could have been spotted on one stage—the one at San Francisco's Club Fugazi. To the dismay of generations of San Francisco residents, *Beach Blanket Babylon* closed on December 31 after 45 years of zany parody.

Several Tri-School community actors appeared in the beloved show over the past few decades—JM Appleby '04, Caitlin McGinty (NDB '02), Gennine Harrington and Renée Lubin. Will Karda '00 served as group sales and facilities manager from 2006 to the show's closing, and Kevin Kopjak '97 was the show's publicist for the past 17 years.

"I was involved with many of the exciting landmark moments of the show, including Prince Charles' visit in 2005 and the Giants World Series Parade in 2014," Kopjak noted.



"It's never easy to say good-bye to something that has been part of your life for so long. I'm going to miss this only-in-San Francisco institution. It was so great to see Tri-School members as part of the *Beach Blanket Babylon* cast over the years."

Serra's former Performing Arts Director Jay Jordan said the Tri-School connection to the show is incredible.

"When Gennine Harrington (photo below, far right) joined the Tri-School Productions team as choreographer for *The Pirates of Penzance* in 1996, I learned that she had been a lead in *Beach Blanket Babylon*," he recounted.



"Gennine's experience and expertise was a major factor in Tri-School Productions becoming more professional

in our approach and product. When Kevin Kopjak approached me to publicize the first *Beach Blanket Babylon* scholarship competition, an event he was coordinating, I encouraged Caitlin McGinty to enter. I was thrilled when, a few years later, Caitlin joined the *Beach Blanket Babylon* cast and enjoyed seeing her in the show. Similarly, James Appleby approached me for help with his *Beach Blanket Babylon* audition and I was equally as thrilled when he made the cast."

JM Appleby joined the cast in 2014, shortly after moving back to the Bay Area from New York. Serra alumnus Dan Demers '01 recommended him to the *Beach Blanket Babylon* producers. Appleby particularly enjoyed playing James Brown, the "godfather of soul." He shares the sentiment of many other actors who are heartbroken about the controversial decision to close the beloved show.



Caitlin McGinty (NDB '02) as Pineapple Princess in *Beach Blanket Babylon*

"*Beach Blanket Babylon* was a unique experience that I will forever cherish," he said. "I made lifelong friends who became family. I learned more about the performer and man I would like to be. The cast and crew were some of the strongest and

most loving people I've ever met. Nothing can ever take away the joy we had on stage with the audience. I learned to fight for your passion and never allow anyone to take that away . . . from your life, your work or your peace of mind. My goal in life is to continue to live a righteous path while being an honorable, loving, caring and respectful man. Most important, I want to have fun and enjoy life. I'll always be a performer because I love singing, acting and dancing. I'll be back in the grind in a few months if I get a call," Appleby said.

*Beach Blanket Babylon* debuted in 1974. Created by mastermind Steve Silver, the

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story was loosely based on the story of Snow White, who traveled the world to find her Prince Charming. Along the way, she met some zany characters and colorful pop icons.

“Audiences have embraced *Beach Blanket Babylon* since the day it opened on June 7, 1974,” Steve Silver’s widow, Jo Schuman Silver, said in a press release. “Originally scheduled to run for only six weeks, the show became an international phenomenon and the quintessential San Francisco experience. I am thankful to our fans from around the world who have supported us from the very beginning. Our hats are off to each and every one of you!”

Speaking of hats, the over-the-top ones in the show must have been heavy to balance! They consisted of entire cities, Christmas themes and favorite snacks. According to a recent article in the *San Francisco Examiner*, the show had 17,216 performances.

Renée Lubin is the longest running actress in a musical revue, EVER—34 years, to be exact! Her son, Grant Holmes '16, was in several Tri-school Productions shows and was a Gypsy Robe Award recipient at Serra.

“*Beach Blanket Babylon* has been a labor of love,” Lubin said. “There will never be anything like it again. I was hired by Steve Silver, who was eccentric and fun. He had over-the-top ideas and made them happen! My most favorite memory was playing Anita Hill, dragging Clarence Thomas over the stage singing, ‘R-E-S-P-E-C-T.’ I also loved playing Tina Turner, Oprah Winfrey and Glinda the Good Witch.”

Tri-School Productions Director/Choreographer Gennine Harrington (pictured below) dazzled audiences as the understudy role of Snow White in 1992-1994.



“IT WAS INTENSE AND VERY MAGICAL,” SHE REMEMBERED. “IT WAS AMAZING TO BE IN THE NORTH BEACH ENVIRONMENT AND TO BE PART OF THE HISTORY OF SAN FRANCISCO, WHICH WAS AN INCREDIBLE HONOR. THE FIRST MOVIE I EVER SAW AS A CHILD WAS SNOW WHITE, AND MY FIRST THEATRE PRODUCTION WAS BEACH BLANKET BABYLON. THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THOSE THINGS TOGETHER WAS INCREDIBLE. THEY ALWAYS KEPT THE SHOW CURRENT AND RELEVANT. PEOPLE WOULD FALL OFF THEIR CHAIRS WITH LAUGHTER. THE WORLD HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN NEED IN LAUGHTER, AND THAT’S WHAT BEACH BLANKET BABYLON GAVE THE WORLD.”



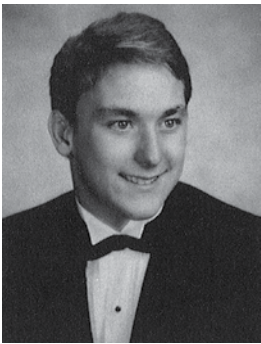
JM Appleby '04 as James Brown and Renée Lubin as Tina Turner in *Beach Blanket Babylon*



Renée Lubin as Oprah Winfrey in *Beach Blanket Babylon*

# MIKE KLOBUCHAR '90

## WINS 75TH ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA CONTEST



Serra Alumni Board President Michael Klobuchar '90 is the overall winner in the 75th Anniversary Serra Trivia Challenge.

“I’m enjoying my Serra swag,” Klobuchar said of his winnings. “It was fun to look back at the cool and interesting facts about the students and faculty members who have graced the Serra hallways. I knew most of the questions, but had to research a few. As the Alumni Board president, I thought I’d have a good chance but I never expected to win.”

The silver medal was awarded to Tucker Tollmann '19, whose strong entry finished just behind Klobuchar. Prizes also were awarded to bronze medalists Matt Wills '92, Riley Scanlan '18 and Christian Clifford '89.

The contest was unveiled in the last issue of *Traditions*. Topics included questions about Serra alumni and faculty and historical facts about the school. For those who are wondering, here are the answers:

- Which graduating class produced an Olympic medalist in swimming, the creator of *Disney's High School Musical* series and an NFL Hall of Famer? **A: 1970**
- Name the current Serra faculty/staff member who was a Serra valedictorian. **A: Chris Houle '92**
- Individual swimmers were the first to win CCS titles for Serra in the 1970s. What sport took home the first CCS team title and which one won the most recent CCS team title? **A: Cross Country/Volleyball**
- Name the popular Broadway musical that has been presented as Serra’s spring musical three times during the past 50 years. **A: West Side Story**
- Name the two Serra coaches who reached 300 or more wins at the varsity level in their sports. **A: Chuck Rapp and Pete Jensen**
- Name the Serra graduate who got a “shout-out” during a 2017 academy awards show acceptance speech for his musical work on *La La Land*. **A: Ryan Svendsen '06**
- In 1947, Clem Schablaske was the first Serra student to receive this award. Who was the most recent recipient? **A: Luke Bottari '19 - Blanket Award**
- Name the recently retired faculty/staff member and the current faculty/staff member who were born in London, England. **A: Keith Stapleton and Jane Zoucha**
- Which graduating class produced a college and NFL football coach, along with an award-winning professor of journalism at UC Berkeley? **A: 1954**
- For what product did Lynn Swann '70 return to campus during the 1980s to film a commercial with Serra freshman football players? **A: Hi-C Orange Drink**
- What were the last names of the five full-time music directors in Serra’s 75-year history? **A: J. Catalano, L. Hatch, P. Garay, J. Jordan and T. Stephens**
- Which graduating class produced a major league baseball all-star, a superior court judge and a baseball executive with multiple World Series rings? **A: 1959**
- What part-time job did Serra graduates Justin Crowley '98, Nick Conte '00, James Uroz '10 and Matt Dooling '81 have in common when they were Serra students? **Answer: S.F. Giants batboy**
- Which current Serra faculty member has had more brothers graduate from Serra than any other faculty member? **A: Christian Clifford '89**
- In 1951, Jack Peterson, a Serra sophomore from Burlingame, competed in a national championship in Columbus, Ohio. In what activity did he compete? **A: Cycling**
- What is the name of the South American red-footed tortoise who resided in Rob Solari’s science classroom for more than 30 years before retiring with Rob in 2017? **A: Sherman**
- What is the most common last name of our Serra alumni? **A: Murphy**
- Which Serra academic department currently includes teachers who have graduated from UC Berkeley, Santa Clara University and University of Nebraska? **A: English**
- What is the most popular world language class at Serra? What would have been the answer to this question for students in Serra’s first four graduating classes (1947-1950)? **A: Spanish/Latin**
- Name the only two Serra graduates who can claim that both their grandfathers are Serra alumni. **A: Patrick McGinty and Will Malone**
- Name the current faculty/staff member whose son once served as Stanford’s tree mascot. **A: Keith Strange**
- Which graduating class produced a *New York Times* best-selling author, a local city councilman/mayor and a Pulitzer Prize winner? **A: 1966**
- Who scored the winning touchdown for the Padres in the last seconds to beat St. Francis in 2006 when Serra finally broke its 34-year-long curse? **A: DeLeon Eskridge '08**
- What major motion picture used the Serra swimming pool in the 1980s to film underwater scenes with models of whales? **A: Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home**
- Against what team did Barry Bonds '82 hit his first major league home run? **A: Atlanta**





1957

LARRY PENNA and his wife were left with nothing but their pick-up truck when the Paradise Camp Fire ravaged the city of Paradise beginning on November 8, 2018. They lost their home and all their belongings. On December 5, 2019, the couple happily watched the foundation for a new home be poured on the same lot that they lived on for 45 years.

1959

ROBERT CATTICH is with Berkshire Hathaway, California Properties Home Services, formally Tarbell Realtors. Robert works throughout Orange, San Diego and Riverside counties.

1960

JOHN TURNER retired from his position as a high school English teacher in 2004 after 35 years and as a part-time lecturer at San Jose State University. John has been volunteering with Reading Partners two mornings a week tutoring elementary students. He recently attended Santa Clara University's Class of 1964's 55th reunion and is looking forward to Serra's Class of 1960's 60th reunion this year.

1963

WILLIAM ALEXANDER (pictured front in blue shirt) recently attended his 60-year St. Charles grammar school reunion with several Serra graduates, including Phil Andrews (middle), Paul Argilla (lower right), John Collins (middle left), and Dick McQuaid (upper right). The St. Charles reunion was organized by Chris Lautze, and Marilyn Coles, as well as Betty Breslin, Gail Cissell, Nancy Paslaqua, Barbara Price, and Kathie Ryan.



JACK COYNE has retired from an earlier career as a lawyer and a more recent career as a government contracts manager for a major aerospace company in Denver. He has been working on NASA interplanetary spacecraft programs. Jack enjoys golf and overseas travel, most recently a trip to Europe and the Middle East. This upcoming year, he hopes to travel to Africa.



BOB CULLEN joined his Padre brothers at their sixth annual fall lunch at the Peninsula Italian American Social Club. Members of the Class of '63 pictured below are: Bottom row (l-r): Bill Curley, Jim Spiller, Bob Cullen and Bob Fernandez; Back row (l-r): Bob Ferrario, Ray Fragulia, Dave Peruzzaro, Jim Smith, Mike Dillon, Father Steve Howell, Mike Price and Rick Federighi. Present, but not pictured Deke Griffin.



1964

Serra's Class of '64 enjoyed its annual luncheon held on December 6 at the Basque Cultural Center. See photo on page 48.

DENNIS GLENN and his wife, Linda, will be volunteers with Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham, in the Decision America Sunshine State Tour, which will visit six cities in Florida to share the story of Jesus.

1966

ED HASBROUCK has been working in property management while spending time with his seven grandkids, who range in age from 9 to 30. Ed lives in Stockton with his wife, Susan. One of their granddaughters attends Mercy. Her brother hopes to become a third-generation Serra Padre, following in his father, Joey Ganoza's, and grandfather Ed's footsteps.

JOHN HENDERSON retired after more than 43 years as a biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service. For most of his career, he studied and helped conserve the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, which is endemic to the Hawaiian Islands. John is still an active swimmer, competing in many open ocean races on Oahu, as well as in San Francisco Bay, as a member of the San Francisco Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club. John is married to Lorna Newlin, an artist in Sausalito, and splits his time between Sausalito and Kailua, Hawaii.



1967

DENNIS TUCCORI is a consultant in Silicon Valley who focuses on the electronics technology industry with telecom, space and satellite, medical, defense and commercial markets. Dennis is also working with data acquisition companies for social projects for the departments of labor, housing and urban development and health and human services.

1968

MIKE MCADOO is a part-time writer and past president of the San Francisco Civil War Round Table. He recently donned his Serra attire while on a trip to Point Barrow (native name is Nuvuk), Alaska. Point Barrow is on the Arctic Ocean and is the northernmost point on the North American Continent. The Post Office is also the northernmost Post Office of the United States and Canada. Mike added that they have to keep the loading dock at the post office door secure at all times due to the presence of polar bears in the area.

1970

GLENN KARCHER retired at the end of 2015 and began studying for the Diaconate in the Anglican Province of Christ the King. Glenn was ordained on August 18, 2019 and serves at St. Ann Chapel Anglican Church in Palo Alto. He also assists on weekdays at St. Joseph of Arimathea Collegiate Chapel in Berkeley.



1971

WILLIAM AHERN recently published his research on "The Comparative Study of Cognitive Hardiness in the Baby-boomer Generation, Generation X and Millennial Generation Police Officers." He also teaches police psychology graduate students at the Wright Institute in Berkeley. William enjoyed a 43-year law enforcement career with the San Francisco Police Department before opening a psychologist practice in Marin County.

FRED RAPP retired from hotel management two years ago and is enjoying retirement with his wife, Ava, and their grandchildren.



1972

RICHARD MARRS retired on March 1, 2019 after 34 years with Hertz, as the Western Region Fleet Maintenance Manager. He also married Karen Hultmart on April 20, 2019.

1973

GREG GUISTI retired in 2017 after 33 years with the University of California's Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources as the Forest and Wildlands Ecology Advisor for UC in Mendocino and Lake counties. Greg spent the last couple years dealing with the onslaught of wildland fires that impacted the North Coast. He is in the middle of serving a second term on the North Coast Regional Water Board, having been appointed by then-governor Jerry Brown in 2013 and 2017. Greg and Kathy are celebrating the arrival of their first grandchild, Hudson Jack, born on November 13. They have enjoyed the semi-retired life of traveling through the western United States, Italy and points beyond.



1978

TIM PARUN was named the 2019 Player of the Year for the San Diego Chapter PGA, his fifth time winning the title.





1980

JEFF LEVERONI recently accepted the role of Deputy Chief Information Officer for Seminole County, Florida. Jeff resides in Orlando with his wife, Juliana.



1983

ERIC BARRETT retired after a 30-year career with the New York Life Insurance Company. He started his own company, Barrett Insurance Services, specializing in individual and group life, health, disability and long-term care insurance. Eric lives in Redwood City with his wife, Katia. Their son, Eric, is a senior at USC who played volleyball for the Trojans while studying to be a doctor. Their daughter, Brenna, is a sophomore at the UC Davis, and is studying psychology.



1984

MARK MARIANI was appointed as vice president of Business Development at Miami-based travel retailer 3Sixty Duty Free & More. Mark has 30 years of experience in the duty free sector, most recently as the director of external affairs at Heinemann Americas.



1985

JOSEPH AZEVEDO retired last December from the California Highway Patrol as a field sergeant after 28 years. Joseph is currently working as a private investigator and working part time for the CHP as the Division Evidence Coordinator for the San Francisco Bay Area CHP offices.



1989

DUSTIN LENO recently completed his MBA and moved back to the Bay Area to start a new job as the assistant airport manager of the Napa County Airport. Dustin is pictured with wife, Summer, and grandson, Andrew Gilliland, at his recent high school graduation.



1993

KEVIN CAREY and his wife, Kim, welcomed their third child, Quinn Roosevelt, on August 25. She joins proud sisters, Keelin and Maeve.



1998

TIM WEST, JR. continued his passion of surfing following graduation from Serra. Tim has traveled around the world chasing waves. He met his wife, Liz, on a surf trip in Mexico. The two have been married for four years and live in Half Moon Bay. In 2009, Tim competed in the Mavericks Surf Contest. He is pictured catching one of the biggest waves he has surfed, out at Mavericks last December (full story on page 34.)



1999

EDDY BIRD (pictured right) and ANDREW CLIFFORD (pictured left) were separately honored by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on September 3 for aiding drug addicts in the streets of San Francisco. Eddy is a paramedic for the San Francisco Fire Department and was recognized for helping battle opiate overdoses in the city, as well as hosting several needle clean ups to reduce the amount of needles on the street. Andrew, a San Francisco police officer, was honored for his work in administering Narcan to overdosing patients and for saving numerous lives. Both men wanted to let the community know that the Serra Class of '99 is still representing the strong values of community service that Serra helped to develop.



2001

JONATHAN ALLEN and his wife, Kristi, welcomed their second child, Audrey Carmen, on September 9. Audrey joins big brother, Nicholas, who is 3 years old.



ANDY SOLARI and his wife, Alison, baptized their son, Robert (Bobby), at St. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco. Dr. Katie Solari (former Serra faculty member) is Bobby's Godmother. Vicar General Stephen Howell '63 (former Serra president) served as the officiant. Father Howell was also the officiant at Andy's and Katie's baptisms. Recently retired Serra science teacher Rob Solari is the proud grandfather!



2002

CHRIS MILANO married Melinda Martin (NDB '03) on September 7, 2019.

LUIS ROSALES and his wife, April, opened their second business, the Urban Deli in Reno, Nevada in July.



2003

CHRIS O'LEARY married Mary Rose Bailey from Massachusetts on August 20. Mary is a huge Patriots/ Tom Brady fan. The Padres provided Mary with the Tom Brady jersey shown below in the photo. The wedding was packed with Padres, including: Chris O'Leary (groom), Dave Giannini '03 (groomsman), Vince Scherba '72, Brian Philip '92, Kevin Philip '98, Joe Giovannetti '03, Andrew Kochevar '03, Gino Lavezzo '03, Marvin Choa '03, John (JJ) Cannizzaro '03, TJ Serafini '03, Eric Dacanay '03, Beau Witsoe '06 and John Caselli '75. (Matt Scherba '96 also attended the wedding, but is not pictured.)



2005

SEAN WILKINSON and his wife, Alicia, welcomed their first child, Arden Marie, on July 7. Proud family members include new grandparents, Steve '75 and Michelle Wilkinson (Lolli and Pop), Uncle Nick '10 and Auntie Stephanie (NDB '07).





## 2006

HISHAM DAHUD is continuing his music career after nearly a decade of working with some of music's biggest names as a marketing specialist. Hisham has now shifted focus to the opposite side of the spectrum: undiscovered talent. He recently launched ArtistPro—an online program that places the music artist in the role of founder of their creative company—allowing them to dive into the roots of their creative mind and business. In March, Hisham reactivated his artist career under the alias Rizik—derived from his mother's maiden name, loosely translating to "blessing" in Arabic. It is a fitting moniker for a creative endeavor nearly left behind in the wake of "career success." The style of music he makes (and now performs) falls under "modern classical," piano compositions with contemporary textures, cinematic qualities and subtle electronic elements.



JOE DELUCA and his wife, Dani, welcomed their first child, Liviana Rae DeLuca, on July 11.

JIMMY PARQUE was inducted into the Pacific Sports Hall of Fame on February 23 for his incredible career as a youth baseball player, as well as being signed as a free agent in 2013 by the St. Louis Cardinals. Jimmy played Class A baseball for the Peoria Chiefs in Illinois and High A Class for the Palm Beach Cardinals in Florida. He and his wife, Julie, had a baby boy in January 2019.



MICHAEL ROCKWELL and his wife, Sara, welcomed a baby boy, Benjamin Owen Rockwell, on June 7. Michael hopes Benjamin will be a member of the Serra class of 2036.



## 2007

STEVEN ERICKSON married Hayley Koenen on June 29, 2019 at the Scripps Seaside Forum in La Jolla, CA.



## 2008

HANNA MALAK moved to New York in October for a promotion with the American Red Cross. Hanna is the Regional Executive for the Red Cross. He was also a finalist for the San Francisco 49ers Community Quarterback Award last year.

## 2009

KEVIN JOHNSON and his wife, Georgia, welcomed their first baby, Quinn O'Shea Johnson, on June 30.



NICK KOBAYASHI and Taylor Hill (NDB '10) were married on May 4 in Indian Wells, CA.



WILLIAM PATRICK WEST (PAT) married Ashley Nichole Fox on July 27 at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. The newlyweds moved to Denver a week later.



## 2011

BRENDAN MORTON married Kate Down, on July 26 at the West Shore Cafe in Lake Tahoe. Many Padres attended the wedding. Pictured in the photo below: Front row (l-r): Andre Mercurio '11; Rob Rius '96; Back row (l-r): Rich McLaughlin, Chris Lewis '11, Mark Massey '83, Brendan Morton '11, Adam Lumpkins '11, Scott Morton '08, Mike Prescott '03, Colton Seike '11, Brian Morton '83, Adam Stoye '08, Greg Vella '83.



## 2014

THOMAS PETRINI graduated from the police academy on June 28, and is a full-time, sworn police officer for the city of Burlingame. He has spent the years following graduation at San Francisco State University, where he majored in communications. He also has volunteered for the organization "Strides for Life," an association dedicated to finding a cure for colon cancer. Thomas said his focus is on helping the people in his community, and he hopes to inspire the next generation of first responders.





2017

BRADLEY FISHER started a new job at On The Bluff Studios in Portland, OR.



2018

JOEY ROCHA graduated from the Butte Fire Academy on December 21. Brian Vidosh '86, a fire captain at Sacramento City Fire Department, attended the graduation.



Padres from several generations reunited this past summer for their annual summer vacation at Donner Lake. The group enjoys fishing, boating, horseshoes, and, of course, Padre camaraderie. *Once a Padre, Always a Padre.*

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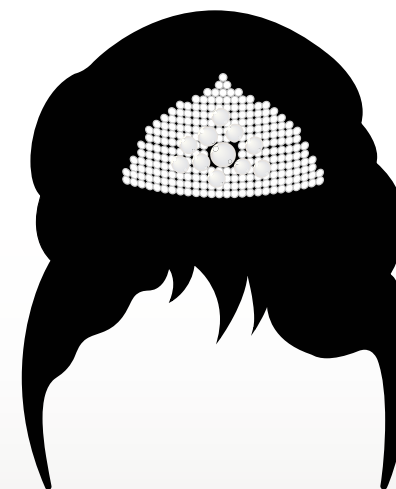


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**Future Padres!** Pictured above (l-r): Ray Baldonado '06 with Dre Baldonado '36, Dexter Navarro '91 with Jaden Navarro '25, Ron Ortiz '91 with Bruno Ortiz '27, Mike Langridge '91 with Tillman Langridge '27 and Payton Langridge '27, Al Morando '91 with Giovanni Morando '29, and Justin Rouspil '90.

Serra's Class of '64 enjoyed its annual luncheon held on December 6 at the Basque Cultural Center. The lunchtime reunion was organized by classmate Mike Scott '64.



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2 tee signs, program and website recognition  
4 golfers and seating for 4 at post-event dinner

#### SILVER PADRE \$1,250

1 tee sign, program and website recognition  
2 golfers and seating for 2 at post-event dinner

#### TEE SIGN & PROGRAM \$250

1 tee sign, program and website recognition

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REMEMBERING PADRE ALUMNUS JIM FOX '62

Former seven-term San Mateo County district attorney and Serra alumni Jim Fox '62 passed away January 10, 2020.

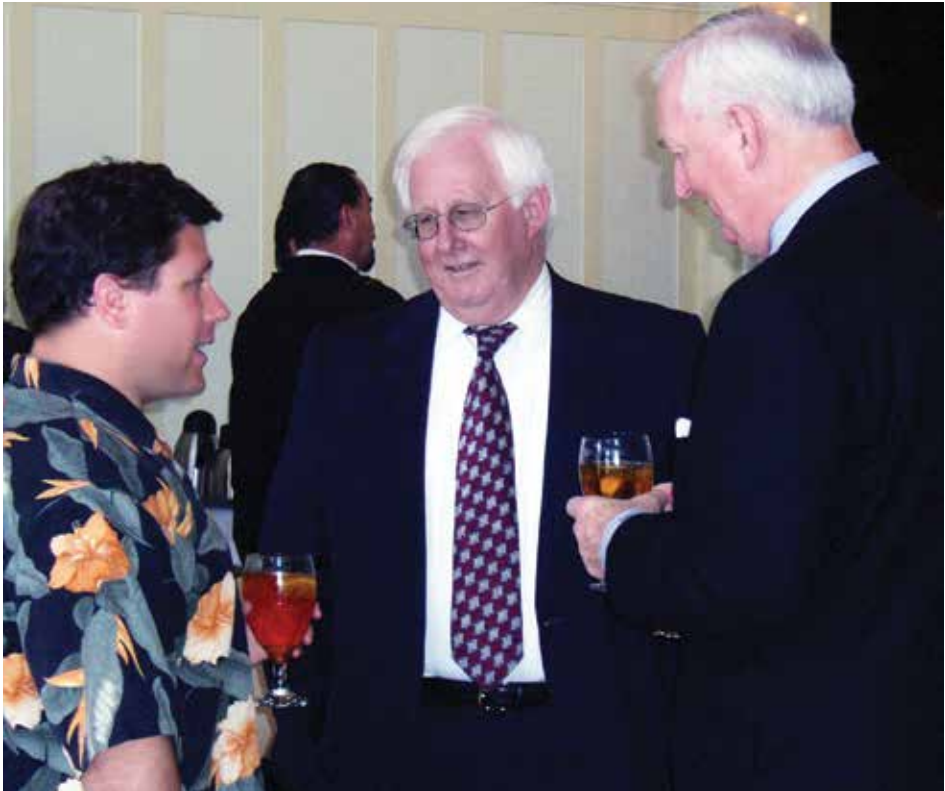
A man of faith, integrity and tremendous character, Fox was known among friends, family, and peers for his grace under pressure, his dedication to the law, his self-effacing sense of humor, and his lifelong passion for cooking.

He was the top prosecutor in the county for nearly 30 years, yet always found time to give back to his alma mater.

In 2002, Serra honored Fox with the Junípero Serra Award, our school's most prestigious award given to an alumnus with unparalleled character.

Fox was the keynote speaker in 2006 at the Serra Fund a Dream Scholarship Benefit and sat on the Serra Board of Regents from 2008 to 2011. He would routinely give lectures to members of Serra's Peace and Justice club on campus and during Career Day for students.

Our hearts go out to Jim's enormous circle of friends and family.

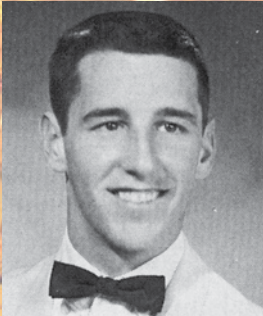


Jim Fox '62 is pictured with Head Football Coach Patrick Walsh (left) at the 2006 Fund a Dream Scholarship Benefit where he was the Keynote Speaker.

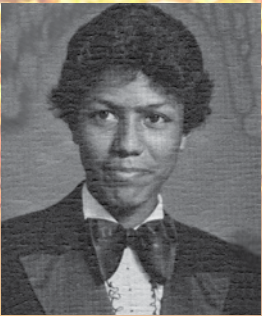
FRIENDS OF SERRA

LOUIS BENEDETTI JUNE 24, 2019	MARGARET "PEGGY" COLLINS NOVEMBER 24, 2019	MOYA KAY GODDARD (SERRA EMPLOYEE, 1985-2010) JULY 13, 2019	JAMES MCGOVERN JANUARY 9, 2020
SUZY BISHOP OCTOBER 5, 2019	JOAN THERESA CONWAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2019	BARBARA JEAN MANTEGANI OCTOBER 3, 2019	NICHOLAS JOHN PETERS JULY 22, 2019
KENDRA CHAN SEPTEMBER 2, 2019	ANNE PATRICIA SWEENEY DESLER OCTOBER 5, 2019	GLADYS MARQUES DECEMBER 8, 2019	RITA VOGEL NOVEMBER 14, 2019
RAYMOND "SCOTT" CHAN (SERRA PHYSICS TEACHER, 2011-2014) SEPTEMBER 2, 2019	JOHN FANNON NOVEMBER 19, 2019		

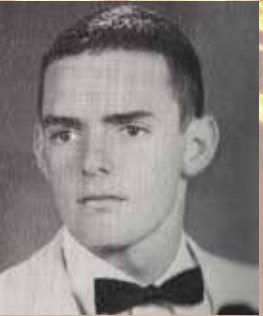
In Memoriam  
ALWAYS PADRES. ALWAYS BROTHERS.



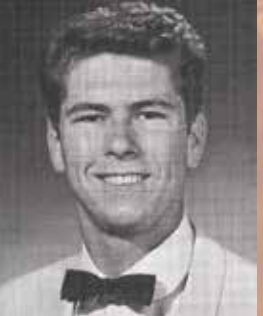
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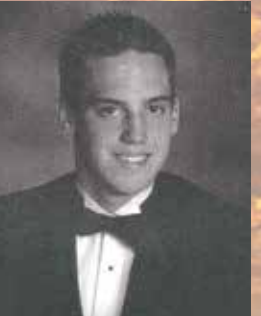
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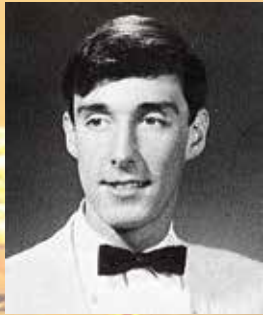
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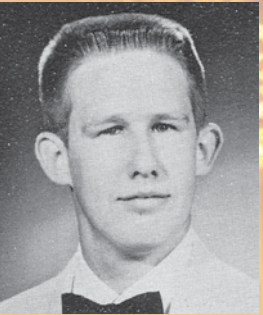
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LOUIS WALTER FLEISCHER '65  
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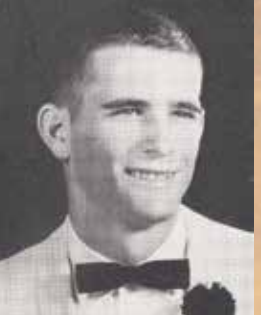
LLOYD THOMAS FOLEY '64  
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JIM FOX '62  
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MICHAEL ERIC GROTE '83  
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TERENCE KANE (TERRY) '61  
July 26, 2019



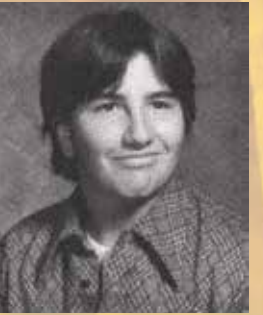
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KEVIN LAVELLE '73  
November 15, 2019



ROBERT MICHAEL MULVEY '63  
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MIKE OTTEN '80  
October 14, 2019



RICHARD EUGENE PASCO '56  
December 9, 2019



RONALD JOSEPH SCHMID '58  
December 31, 2019



REV. EDWARD ANTHONY SCULLY '58  
September 7, 2019



TERENCE JOHN "TERRY" SULLIVAN, SR. '55  
November 11, 2019



HENRY LEE "BUD" TANNER '52  
November 15, 2019



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FUND A DREAM SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

**Father Joe Bradley '73**  
Keynote Speaker

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**  
[www.serrahs.com/fundadream](http://www.serrahs.com/fundadream)



### MARCH 2020

- SAT. 14 FUND A DREAM SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT  
FRI. 27 SPRING MUSICAL OPENING NIGHT

### APRIL 2020

- SAT. 4 ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME  
FRI. 11 ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL AND LACROSSE GAMES  
SAT. 25 MOTHERS' AUXILIARY FASHION SHOW

### MAY 2020

- SAT. 30 CLASS OF 2020 COMMENCEMENT

### JUNE 2020

- MON. 22 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SERRA GOLF CLASSIC

### QUESTIONS?

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The Serra Madres' Club  
presents the  
37<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Tri-School Fashion Show

## BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S

Saturday, April 25, 2020  
[www.serrahs.com/fashionshow](http://www.serrahs.com/fashionshow)



## SPRING ALUMNI GAMES AND BARBEQUE

Saturday, April 4, 2020  
1 p.m.  
R.S.V.P. at [alumni.serrahs.com](http://alumni.serrahs.com)