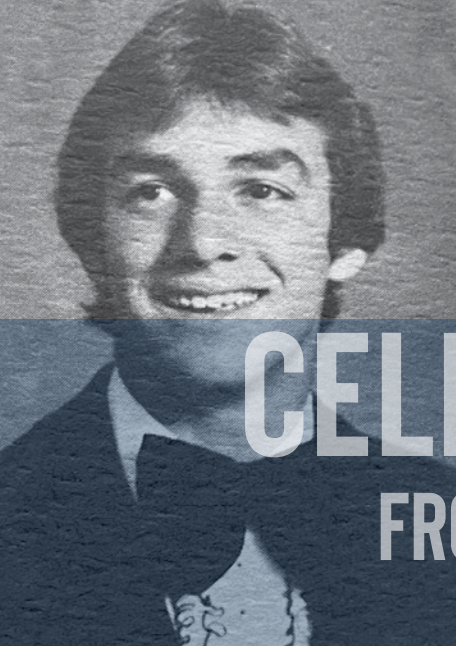


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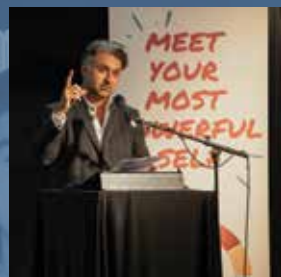
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## Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Serra,

This continues to be an exciting time at Serra! The construction team has moved at a rapid pace since we broke ground on the Stinson Center for Learning and Innovation last June. We are deeply gratified that the project is on time and on budget and we are planning to open the doors to the students in mid-March. Exterior construction will continue into the summer, and we will plan a ribbon-cutting grand opening in the fall. Stay tuned as we reach more construction milestones!

We are particularly excited to welcome our senior class to the new facilities. These students have endured an incredible journey over the past four years—from their excitement as freshmen, to a year cut short by the pandemic lock down, to a return in a hybrid-class setting, to ultimately returning full time to the classroom and activities in the past year. Our seniors will be first to step foot in the new Stinson Center for Learning and Innovation. What awaits them is a facility designed to foster collaboration, stimulate inspiration and connect them to students throughout the world.

To support the facility renovations, Serra launched the Capital Campaign, *Always Forward*, with an ambitious goal of \$38 million. We are deeply grateful that the community has rallied in support, and we have raised \$30 million toward the targeted goal. We could not have moved forward as rapidly as we have on the academic wing modernization without the incredible generosity of our families, alumni and friends. Our benefactors have shared stories that give witness to the transformative value of a Serra education.

The ceiling of the Stinson Center features an ellipse encompassing the learning commons and ends at the south-facing windows. This architectural feature symbolizes the learning that takes place in the center that is to be carried out into the world. That spirit finds meaning in the lives of our alumni, many of whom are profiled in this issue of *Traditions*. You will read about a U.S. Navy pilot fighting through cancer to return to his mission, a CEO for the American Red Cross coordinating emergency response, a recent graduate pioneering weather response for public safety, and an artist challenging divisions with images of peace. These Padres have gone on to live lives of service—a journey that started at home, was nurtured at Serra, and now is their public witness in life.

While we could not be more thrilled to see the vision for the Stinson Center for Learning and Innovation becoming a reality, we experience our deepest joy witnessing our students embrace Serra's values of faith, wisdom and service—and sending them forth as leaders to make a difference for the good in the world.

Sincerely,

Barry Thornton, Ed.D.  
President



*Sempre Adelante  
Always Forward*





THE LATEST

"BY PRACTICING OPEN-MINDEDNESS, AVOIDING ASSUMPTIONS, LOOKING FOR THE PERSON BEHIND BELIEFS CONTRARY TO YOURS AND LOOKING FOR COMMON GROUND, IT'S POSSIBLE TO RESTORE AMERICA'S FOUNDATION OF DECENTY, COMPROMISE AND COOPERATION."  
—AENEAS BUFIY '24



# Serra High School Launches *Always Forward* Capital Campaign

**A**lways Forward, the Campaign for Junipero Serra High School, was publicly launched on October 20, 2022 with the announcement that more than \$27 million had already been committed toward its \$38 million goal—the most ambitious fundraising effort in the school's 78-year history.

Serra President Barry Thornton, Ed.D., made the announcement in the Morton Family Gymnasium at the campaign kick-off event that also honored Serra's campaign contributors and leadership volunteers. Since the public announcement of the campaign, an additional \$2.75 million has been raised, bringing the total to just under \$30 million to date.

"We are very excited about this campaign—the single, largest campaign in the history of Serra High School," Thornton said. "The initiatives supported in this effort propels Serra forward and keeps us at the forefront of providing an outstanding Catholic educational experience. We are immensely grateful for our alumni, current families, board of regents, campaign leadership team members and the friends of Serra who are supporting this campaign and helping us to move forward."

The campaign, which will support the Stinson Center for Learning and Innovation, classroom renovations, athletics facilities enhancements, endowment and scholarships, has been privately gaining momentum since 2021, already achieving 71 percent of its overall goal. A generous gift of \$7.5 million from alumnus Ken Stinson '60 and his wife, Ann, and a \$2.9 million combined grant from the Gellert Foundation, were notable early gifts.

Serra continues to see support in all areas of the campaign, including the athletics

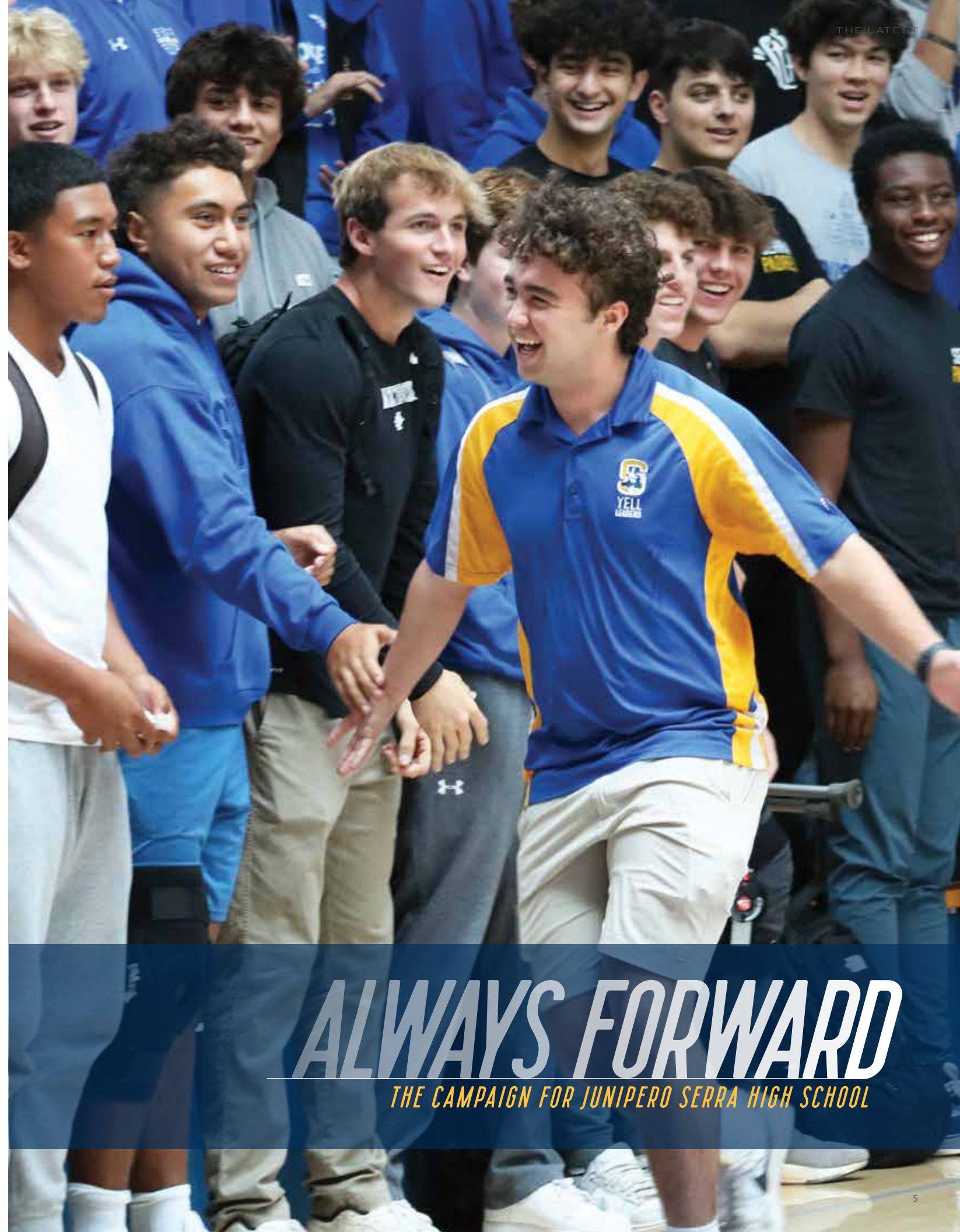
facility upgrade, which includes new turf on the baseball field that is used by baseball, football, soccer and lacrosse. The baseball field also serves as a space for Serra students to congregate throughout the school day and for the Summer at Serra recreation camps that use the space for play in the summer months.

"The early support in the quiet phase of the campaign from community members passionate about Serra's mission was vital to our being able to announce such a significant total to date," said Serra Chief Advancement Officer Mike Fadelli '88.

A bulk of the campaign dollars have already been invested in the Stinson Center for Learning and Innovation, a 13,000-square-foot space that will house a learning commons, design-led thinking lab, global connections program and collaborative spaces for student engagement. This \$17 million state-of-the-art learning facility will open to students this month.



"There is so much excitement around the official public launch of the campaign and the progress that has been made on the Stinson Center for Learning and Innovation," Fadelli said. "We continue to see new members of the community step forward to support this campaign in unique ways. A great example of how supporters can invest is through planned giving, which is where our most recent gift came from."



# ALWAYS FORWARD

THE CAMPAIGN FOR JUNIPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL





## COME ON IN!

### Doors of Stinson Center Open to Students

In just a couple of weeks, Serra Padres will have an opportunity to walk inside the Stinson Center for Learning and Innovation, the first time that the space formerly known as the Zoph Library has been open since May 2022. This ambitious, 10-month project adhered to its precise construction timeline and is being completed on time and under budget, with limited distraction to on-campus student learning.

"We are so pleased to see the outcome of this incredible project," said Serra President Barry Thornton, Ed.D. "There is a tremendous excitement in the community among the students and faculty. This Stinson Center will be a transformative learning space for our students, and our leadership team can't wait to put it to use."


Serra officially broke ground on June 8, 2022, marking the start of the construction for the \$17.5 million Stinson Center for Learning and Innovation. The 13,000-square-foot learning space has been transformed into a state-of-the-art student center. Officially opening to students in mid-March, the space will support student collaboration, Serra's Design-led Innovation Program, international student connection and the Serra Global speaker series. New facilities include a design thinking lab, a learning commons, student collaboration rooms, presentation facilities, offices and renovated adult and faculty bathrooms. Critical infrastructure upgrades, including a comprehensive seismic upgrade and HVAC system are included in the project. The center is named after Ann and

Ken Stinson '60, who generously donated \$7.5 million to see the architectural dream become reality on the Serra campus.

During the past few weeks, final touches have been added, including surround sound, white boards and a large presentation screen composed of 16 LCD screens capable of presenting single or multiple images as needed. A large open space in the former library has been reconfigured to create a learning commons. It features flexible seating to support student collaboration, small and large student collaboration rooms and a design thinking lab that boasts a superstructure around the perimeter of the room. A tech room in the lab holds 3D printers, laser cutters and technology tools helpful in student project development.

Its sleek, open feel also presents an ellipse-shaped ceiling feature with precise lighting to maximize attention during presentations and minimize light for black-out presentation purposes.

**"The idea behind the ellipse was to create an architectural statement that circles the entire learning commons," Thornton said. "The elliptical shape conveys the message that the student learning that takes place inside the Stinson Center will flow out into the world for the global good."**



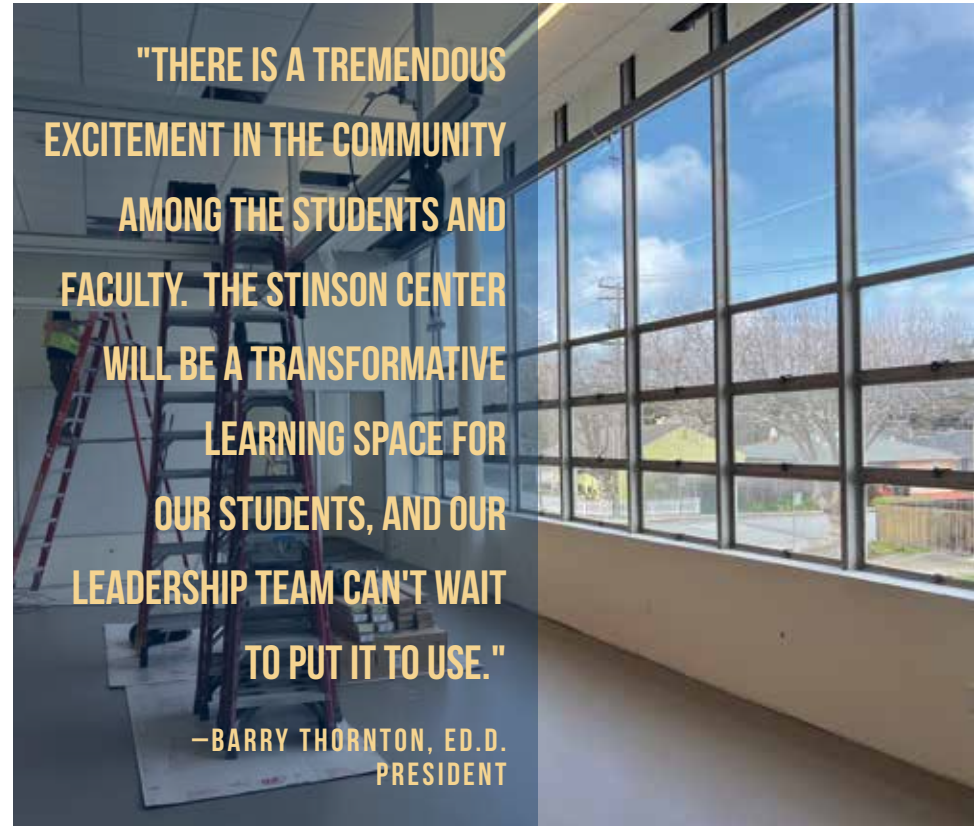
The Stinson Center for Learning and Innovation is a project that comprises the next phase in Serra's comprehensive renovation of the academic wing. This facility was funded primarily through the Junipero Serra High School Always Forward Capital Campaign. Considerable progress toward the project goals has already been made. Three successive years of renovations have resulted in the Pereira Center for Robotics and Engineering, modified classrooms, department offices, new bathrooms, and air conditioning in 10 classrooms. While the students will use the The Stinson Center for Learning and Innovation in March, exterior work will continue through June. Plans are already underway for additional classroom upgrades in the academic wing this summer.

Under the leadership of Assistant Principal Rita Lee, Serra is developing a curriculum that will take advantage of the renovated spaces. The Global Leadership Program, currently in the design stage with Academic Council, will expand on Serra's Design-led Innovation Program and provide students with an opportunity to explore their passions as students of faith, wisdom, service, community and leadership.

At the core of the program, students will choose an area of interest to focus additional academic and cocurricular work. In the last year of the program, students will enroll in Global Solutions for the Common Good, diving into issues to creatively solve problems. Integral to this effort is the guidance of faculty and members of professional communities who will serve as technical and career mentors.

Upon completion of the Global Leadership Program, students will have a meaningful framework for demonstrating their academic passions, commitment to service and awareness of skills required to lead in the diversity of today's interconnected and dynamic world.

**"Through this program, students will become inclusive, innovative global leaders who have the skills to lead anyone, anywhere," said Lee.**



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**—BARRY THORNTON, ED.D.  
PRESIDENT**



# CLOSE UP

## PADRES EXPLORE POLITICS, POLICY AND A NEW PERSPECTIVE



**T**hirty-one Serra Padres hopped on a plane to Washington, D.C. during Election Week to participate in Close Up, an educational program designed to inspire students to become active participants in our democracy. Using Washington, D.C. as its classroom, students around the country gather each year to hear new perspectives and engage in debates about public policy issues.

During a weeklong trip in November, students visited famous U.S. memorials honoring the historical legacies of Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Martin Luther King, Jr. They also explored world-renowned museums and hallowed institutions that define our history.

The Padres were treated to seminars on topics including voting rights and public policy issues. They also had exclusive opportunities to meet members of Congress to learn how the U.S. government operates. On Capitol Hill, they toured

the Library of Congress—the largest library in the world.

The eye-opening trip is something that participants will remember for a lifetime.

"America has always been a nation built on decency, compromise and cooperation," noted Serra junior Aeneas Bufiy. "Every day, it seems like these foundations are falling apart and that they're simply past the point of repair. Before I went on Close Up, I believed this. However, Close Up taught me something that following the doom and gloom of the political news cycle never could."

After participating in Close Up, Bufiy believes that our founding fathers' core values of unity, respect and kindness can be restored.

"By practicing open-mindedness, avoiding assumptions, looking for the person behind beliefs contrary to yours and looking for common ground, it's possible to restore America's foundation of decency, compromise

and cooperation," Bufiy explained. "After a week on Close Up, I believe that these dis-United States can once again become a United States."

Faculty chaperones Kevin Carey '91, Sean Dugoni '89, Anthony Hoyt '15 and Meg Flynn enjoyed an election watch party with the students on Election Night.

Carey remembers going on the trip when he was a student at Serra.

"I was fortunate to attend Close Up Washington D.C. when I was a student at Serra, and that experience changed my life," he said. "I'm always eager to bring students into the living classroom that is Washington D.C. I know that their encounters with our government will inspire them to be active and engaged citizens. It also will help to mold these young men into our future leaders."

Close Up participant Connor Strain '23, shared that the program changed the way he currently views the U.S. government.

"Close Up taught me a lot more about what goes on behind the scenes, which you don't get to experience firsthand in our country," he explained. "What surprised me most is that you could be so politically efficacious, despite the complexity of the system. It was interesting to meet so many kids from all over the country. We are all so similar, despite our geographical locations."



During the Close Up trip, Serra junior Zach Cain '22 visited his grandfather's grave at Arlington National Cemetery. Cain's grandmother also is buried there—the opposite side of the tombstone bears her inscription.

"I was grateful for the opportunity while on Close-up to see my Grandpa's grave for the first time," Cain said. "He was a fighter pilot and then a pilot instructor as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force. I am very proud of his many accomplishments and service to our country during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. I was extremely honored to be wearing his West Point graduation tie while visiting his grave. I hope to follow in his footsteps, and I am extremely thankful for having this emotional and heartfelt opportunity."



# 61 New Members Inducted into Serra's National Honor Society

Serra’s National Honor Society inducted 61 new members during a formal ceremony held in the Serra Chapel in December.

The 61 juniors join 74 seniors in the Excelsior Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Serra’s Student Executive Board—consisting of Rocco Forte, Evan Carillo, Gavin Wang, Daniel Ordonez, Dean Aquino, Robert Santos, Justin Estevez and Jake Torres—did an outstanding job in the student-led Induction Ceremony.

Serra President Barry Thornton, Ed.D., and Serra Principal Charlie McGrath welcomed the inductees and their parents during a reception after the ceremony. Serra musicians André D’Arcangelis, Henry Eaton, Tyrell Morales, and James Urrutia performed beautifully at the reception.

To be a member of NHS, students must commit to scholarship, leadership and service to others, and be upstanding in character.

Faculty members Jane Zoucha and Karen Ghidossi are co-advisors of the group. Students who meet the qualifying 3.5 academic GPA (or 3.7 academic weighted GPA) are invited to apply for membership.

"We are incredibly proud of the academic performance of these young men," said Assistant Principal of Academics Rita Lee. "Serra student involvement in the National Honor Society has grown exponentially in recent years, which is a testament to the hard work of the young men, the dedication of their teachers and the strong academic program."



## Serra Counselor Brings a Passion for Culture

It’s been an outstanding few months for Serra’s new upper division counselor, Brian Emejuru. New to Serra from Virginia, Emejuru’s goal is to make sure his students feel heard. He strives to ensure that every culture is equally represented within the school. "I am very passionate about cultural awareness," Emejuru said. "Since arriving at Serra, one place I want to put a stamp on is binding togetherness through culture. Every culture should be highlighted and celebrated."



Emejuru is impressed with Serra’s well-mannered Padres and the brotherhood that he has learned so much about.

"I see that brotherhood is a big thing here," Emejuru said. "It is interesting that when I have surveyed my students, they all have a different answer or a different view of what brotherhood means. Every

single student uses the term 'brotherhood'; however, they each bring their own definition to it. Most believe it is togetherness."

The brotherhood that connects students from different grades, interests and backgrounds is what Emejuru hopes to build upon.

"If we highlight cultural months, such as Hispanic Heritage Month, we will teach our students about diversity and perspective," he said. "That will make the brotherhood and community stronger."

Ideas for highlighting culture on campus could be in the form of a guest speaker or a bulletin board decorated with items representing a different culture.

Emejuru is the only one in his family not born in Nigeria. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia, where he had a humbling upbringing in a single parent household. His mom worked two jobs to make ends meet for him and his three older brothers.

"My mom sacrificed a lot for us," he said proudly. "My brothers have always been amazing role models and are still doing great things today."

Emejuru attended the University of North Alabama, where he played football as a running back. He transferred to Virginia Commonwealth and graduated in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and special education. He played rugby there for three years.

After graduation, he spent time as a special education teacher in Virginia Beach, where he met one of his mentors—a school counselor. "I saw the impact she was making on these middle school students," he remembered. "I knew that I had a passion for working with students, but I was not as passionate about the classroom element."

Emerjuru obtained a master’s degree in counseling from Norfolk State University in 2016. After working as a school counselor in Washington, D.C., and at another school in West Springfield, Virginia, plans to move to the West Coast were realized one evening when he saw the posting for a counseling position at Serra.

"It was the biggest risk I have taken and I thought it was a long shot," he said. "I came out in May to interview and I loved it."

Emejuru has hit the ground running. A football coach for the freshman team, he hopes to also incorporate his experience as an Olympic weight lifter and ruby player at Serra. Once football is over, Emejuru hopes to start a rugby club and a Padre weight lifting club.

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—LAWRENCE LONG





# Spooky Fall Play Delights Fans of All Ages

***Ghostlight*, the Tri-School Productions fall play, had many supernatural twists and turns. Students from Serra, Notre Dame and Mercy couldn't wait to showcase the October thriller.**

The plot revolves around Garbiela, who is plagued by nightmares. When she applies to the prestigious Doves Forge Academy, she does everything she can to ensure her failure—but she is accepted. She wants to leave until the voices from her nightmares start calling out to her in the daylight. As she searches for answers, she stumbles upon a tragedy in the school's past.

NDB sophomore Sianna Kiebler played Garbiela.

"*Ghostlight* is a show that's completely different from anything I've ever seen," she said. "The story, special effects and characters are so unique and engaging."

Serra senior Robert John Santos played Garbiela's father.

"From my perspective, being Garbiela's father was puzzling and enlightening," he said. "It was enlightening because I was able to bond with my castmates and experience something similar to parental affection. The best part about working with Tri-School Productions is the experience. I never thought that I would be able to be on stage with such a diverse cast and crew, but we connected and bonded easily."

Mercy junior Matea Houle played the mysterious Ms. Stauncher. She said her character was "utterly and completely fun."

"The costumes were amazing," she added. "This show was special because we learned about the story together. We watched each other's scenes with awe and excitement each night, and we were really proud of each other."

The show wouldn't have been complete without NDB senior Megan Cabral, who played the effervescent ghost, Fantine. Her enthusiasm for the role lit up the stage and tugged at the heartstrings of the audience.

"*Ghostlight* was a special show," said Tri-School Productions Director Lawrence Long. "We took a script designed for a small, black box theater space

and reimagined it from the ground up. Our design team is beyond amazing. The best thing about the show was how we were able to create parts and jobs for students, whether onstage as a cast member or offstage as a crew member."

The talented thespians even used puppetry—a dog, Scattergood—and they used shadow puppetry for the elevator sequences.

"We also created multiple ghosts to give a climactic scene a more eerie feel," Long noted. "We used music to create a retro/modern atmosphere. Watching all of these students and designers bring this show to life was nothing short of wondrous."

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**—TRI-SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS DIRECTOR LAWRENCE LONG**





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—HOOMAN KHALILI '92

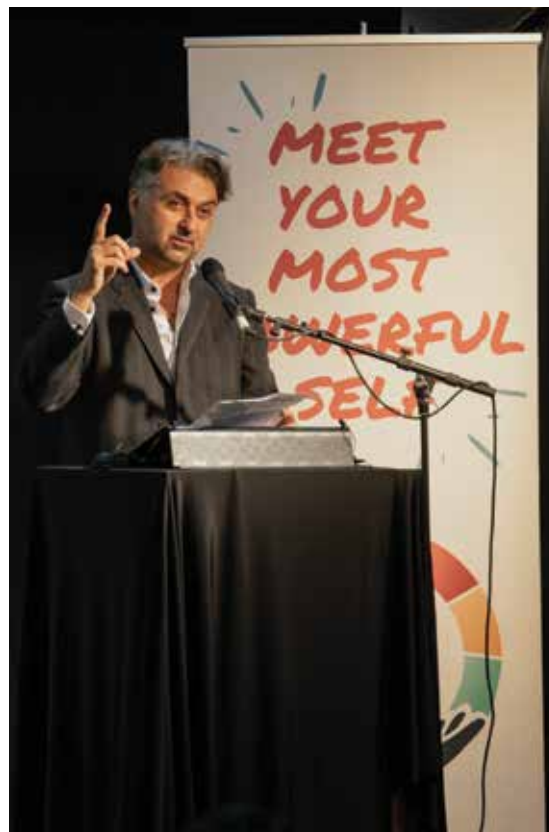


# From Radio Host to Social Justice Advocate

## Hooman Khalili '92 Empowers Women Through Inspiring Mural Project

For 20 years, Hooman Khalili '92 spent his days as a popular radio personality on Alice 97.3. He enjoyed his job as a morning show host on the *Sarah and Vinnie Show*, but life took a different turn when the pandemic forced Khalili to hang up his mic and seek other passions.

From travel to mission trips in Uganda and South Sudan, Khalili has spent the past few years focusing on global issues. He recently joined forces to highlight the "Woman, Life, Freedom" Murals Project, which stands in solidarity with those fighting for freedom in Iran.



The moving mural movement began in San Francisco in response to the killing of Mahsa Amini, who was allegedly murdered by the Islamic Regime in September 2022. Riots and peace marches were held around the world in response to the killings. Khalili supported the movement and spent his free time researching ways to get involved. He came across an online call-out from the Los Angeles Murals for Freedom project, which sought spaces for freedom murals in various cities.

Khalili immediately sprang to action and helped to secure a spot in San Francisco. On Clarion Alley in the Mission District, a mural with the colors of the Iranian flag serves as the backdrop to a drawing of a woman cutting her ponytail with scissors. Khalili posted a photo of himself in front of the red, white and green mural on his social media handles . . . and the post went viral. Within days, he received a phone call from Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Fleur Hassan-Nahoum, who said she would like to have a mural created and hung in the Holy City.

"It was amazing to have murals in San Francisco, Miami, Toronto, Berlin and Kansas City," Khalili said, "but having a banner in Jerusalem—the Holy City—was incredible! A mural that supports Iranian women is a big, big deal."

Within days of the call, Khalili hopped on a flight to Jerusalem to begin plans for the mural. Once he arrived, he was told that they had no artist and no funding. However, they had secured a spot to place the 21 x 15-foot long banner—opposite the Hader Mall in Jerusalem. Within days,

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"Iranians and Israelis have more in common that what divides us. I hope and pray that the women in Iran hear our voices loud and clear. We are with them."

—Hooman Khalili '92

Woman Life Freedom



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Khalili partnered with Israel-based artist Ana Kogan, who created the banner with a combination of digital print and painting.



Russian-born Israeli artist Ana Kogan (center) and Hooman Khalili '92

The banner features the faces of four women who were allegedly murdered by the Islamic Regime in September 2022—Amini, Sarina Esmailzadeh, Fereshteh Ahmadi and Nika Shakarami.

The background of the mural is gold, and it has two emblems. The first one is of a lion and a sun symbol that dates back to 12th century Persia. The symbol gained popularity as an ancient astrological sign of the sun in the House of Leo, which likely represented power and royalty. This symbol was the center of the Iranian Flag pre-July 1980. The second symbol is of a woman holding a sword and riding a lion, which honors this woman-led revolution.

A January 8 unveiling united media professionals and supporters who are disgusted by the ongoing oppression and violence against women.



"Iranians and Israelis have more in common than what divides us," Hassan-Nahoum said. "I am eternally grateful to all my friends and partners in the community who are making my city safer, my country safer and the world safer—who are fighting for just causes. I hope and pray that the women in Iran hear our voices loud and clear. We are with them! Woman, Life, Freedom!"

At the end of January, Khalili received a call welcoming him back to Israel, where he began working on a second mural for the city of Nazareth.

"I am very excited," Khalili said. "Now we are two murals down, with 38 to go!"

When he is not focused on the "Woman, Life, Freedom" Murals Project, Khalili works as the creative director at the Park James Hotel in Menlo Park.

Khalili is also known for producing *Olive*, the first full-length feature film shot entirely on a cell phone. *Olive* qualified for the Academy Awards in 2012. It stars two-time academy nominated actress Gena Rowlands and has five original songs written and performed by Dolly Parton.

In addition to preparing him for a creative life in media and the arts, Khalili said his commitment to social justice began at Serra.

"I learned about the importance of community service when I was in high school," he shared. "We were required to do community service hours, which reinforced something I already knew—the importance of helping others whenever I can, without seeking anything in return."



# Michael Verdone '72 Pays it Forward with a Generous Planned Gift to Serra

Michael Verdone '72 believes that the transformational four years as a student at Serra secured his successful future as a real estate agent. Now, the generous benefactor is helping to secure the future of Serra. Verdone has graciously offered a large planned gift, a gift bequeathed through his estate by naming Serra as a beneficiary.



**"I have chosen to leave a large gift to Serra," Verdone shared. "I am grateful for my education and want to thank Serra for making me the man I am today. This is my way of helping other kids who are on a path to becoming good, decent men in today's society."**

Verdone's gift will be added to the *Always Forward* Capital Campaign.

"This creative planned gift will help Serra to continue its mission to educate the young men who come to Serra in search of a well-balanced, moral-minded, rigorously academic, faith-based education," said Serra Chief Advancement Officer Mike Fadelli '88. "We are grateful to Michael for stepping up and showing other alumni that this type of investment is beneficial to preserving Serra's traditions, while also improving our campus and curriculum."

Verdone has always supported Serra. He said he is the man he is today due to the life lessons he learned as an adolescent. He sent his son, also Michael Verdone '06, to Serra. The younger Verdone is Serra's current Crew coach.

"I have always been impressed by the personal attention I received as a student at Serra and then as a parent—it is amazing to see that the same values are still in place today," Verdone said. "The teachers are immersed in your son's life, and that helps the student become a better student."

The tight-knit Serra community added to Verdone's experience as a student and as an alumnus. "The people at Serra are supportive of each other, whether they are athletes or focused on academics or both," he said. "Everyone is there for the whole spirit."

Verdone attended Homecoming Weekend in September and was amazed to see how many people from the Class of '72 returned to celebrate his alma mater. "There's a lifelong sense of community," he said. "These people continue to invest in Serra. They come back to events because they realize the value that Serra provides."

At Serra, Verdone was a solid A-minus student. He also was a member of several clubs that included sports, politics, camera crew, morning homeroom announcements and being an editor of *The Friar*.

Verdone is a successful realtor and the founder of Economic Concepts, a residential real estate company. He has had a notable career in business and politics. He began his real estate career in 1973. By the end of his first year, he became the number one selling and listing salesperson at his office. Within four years, he earned his broker's license and founded Verdone Commercial Brokerage, which specialized in income-producing properties and limited partnerships.

Since 1978, Verdone has been active in the San Mateo County Association of Realtors and other community groups, including the Redwood City Planning Commission, Redwood City Housing & Human Concerns Committee and the Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association. His dedication to community service began at Serra.

**"My time at Serra gave me an opportunity to be a leader. My teachers saw something in me that I didn't. In turn, it made me want to become a leader in my adult life."**

—Michael Verdone '72





# The Gift of a Compassionate Community

Padres learn about the many complexities of immigration during an immersion experience at the Arizona-Mexico border

A group of seven Serra students and three chaperones arrived on the border of Arizona and Mexico in a dusty town called Nogales on November 17. Although they were prepared to spend five days ministering and serving migrants on the border, this immersion trip was like no other. The participants quickly learned upon arrival that the goal for each immersion group was to “humanize, accompany and complicate.”

Each year, thousands of migrant men, women and children are deported to Nogales or arrive in the city after fleeing Central America. These men, women and children often arrive with only the clothes on their backs and a small plastic bag with their belongings. In most cases, these people don't know where to go for food and shelter. They don't know where to make a phone call. They arrive emotionally and psychologically devastated.

They have been separated from their friends and family, and they cannot work legally in the United States. Although their situations are different, they are linked by a common thread of hopelessness, poverty and deprivation.

According to Campus Ministry Director Billy Byrnes, the experience was transformative, emotional, heartbreaking, powerful and challenging. Byrnes, along with Maria Herrera and Patrick Vallez-Kelly, chaperoned the seven students—Carson Apple, Thomas Graf, Jad Jaber, Dale McCann, Josh Siva, and twin brothers, Esteban and Santiago Velasquez.

“There is a story and a person behind every number,” Byrnes said. “It was our job to meet and humanize these people. We broke bread with them, played games with them and sat with them. The ‘complicate’ portion happened after seeing that there was no easy answer or solution to their destitute conditions. Our Padres learned about the complex issue of immigration, and we met with local leaders.”



Throughout the week, the Padres listened to various perspectives. They met with a landowner who has been frustrated by cartel drug dealers who pass through his property. They also spent time with people who are desperately seeking a better life, including a victim of domestic violence who left her old life to start a new one with her children in the United States. An immigrant from Venezuela shared how it feels to leave one's hometown.

“She said she has a hole in her heart and will never be the same,” senior Dale McCann noted. “Before this trip, it was easy to hear about people going



through these struggles. It was easier to see these stories on the news and marginalize the downtrodden. However, this experience taught me that the downtrodden and marginalized need as much attention as everyone else. They are people, and it's important to identify with them and show compassion.”

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—Campus Ministry Director Billy Byrnes



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Since senior Jad Jaber has studied French in high school, the language barrier was a bit challenging for him.

**“There was definitely a language barrier—I don’t speak a lick of Spanish,” he said. “When I met a man named Juan, he couldn’t understand my words. So, all I could do was show him physical emotion. I just started hugging him—that was the only way I could show empathy.”**

McCann was surprised to learn that it’s relatively easy to travel over the border to Mexico, but it’s extraordinarily difficult to cross the border to the United States. He said the immersion trip made him realize how fortunate he was to renew his passport before the trip.

“In some ways, we were spectators,” he shared. “As I sat there in my North Face jacket, realizing that I’m pretty fortunate while so many are not . . . that was heavy.”

Byrnes said the focus of the Kino experience is to show the participants every side of a social justice issue.

“You go home feeling incredibly confused,” he added. “You actually leave with more questions than you had before going. It seems like the system is broken when you hear about people dying. There’s such a serious threat of violence, drugs and the cartel.”

The Kino Border Initiative offers food, shelter and holistic accompaniment to those in need. It is an inclusive Roman Catholic organization, inspired by the spirituality of the Jesuits and Missionaries of the Eucharist.

“In Nogales, we lived out the Padre brotherhood by recognizing the human dignity in all of our brothers and sisters,” Byrnes said, “especially in those who are most marginalized by society.”

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT:  
[HTTPS://WWW.KINOBORDERINITIATIVE.ORG/](https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org/)



## Padre Juniors Take the Urban Plunge Following Brief Hiatus



Following a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Serra juniors were given the green light to attend the Urban Plunge, an immersion trip where students visit the San Francisco Tenderloin to spend a day of service.

After an orientation that highlighted the Franciscan values of loving and serving the poor with dignity and respect, students served guests at St. Anthony's Dining Room, sorted clothing and assisted patrons at St. Anthony's Free Clothing Program facility and brightened the day for the financially impoverished.

“Saint Anthony's includes an educational element before moving to the dining room or clothing bank,” said theology teacher Nathan Cho. “Our students learned about the Franciscan mission. It was wonderful to hear them define words such as ‘justice’ and make connections to what is taught in their theology classes.”

Staff members led the group in reflections on the broader causes of poverty and homelessness. Students immersed themselves in the busy, eclectic atmosphere of San Francisco's gritty Tenderloin.



According to Cho, the experience provided students with a tiny glimpse of what it means to be homeless. The Padres also learned a lot about empathy. They heard real stories about people on the margins who have been ignored by mainstream society. The goal of Urban Plunge is to teach compassion and the value of service to others, which are pillars of the Campus Ministry Department's mission.

“Since I live in an urban environment, I am rather accustomed to what some might call unsavory aspects of city life,” Cho noted. “Yet, the language that Saint Anthony's uses, such as ‘guests’ and ‘people who are experiencing homelessness,’ helped me shift my vocabulary.”

Serving others in an urban area is something that junior Nick Marks will remember.

“It was humbling and eye-opening,” Marks said. “It was nice to see that the guests belong to one large community. They care for each other. When they are eating at the table, they notice the other people there and share their food. It was eye opening to see how they treat one another.”

Marks was surprised by how helping the guests made him feel.

**“It’s something you don’t really think about,” Marks said. “I come home and my mom has dinner for me every night. These people have to think about where their food is coming from every day.”**





# Padres Football Competes in the Open Division State Championship Celebrates History-Making Season

There was no stopping the 2022 Serra Padres varsity football team. Beginning with road wins against Folsom High School and De La Salle in the preseason, the team was poised to build on its early success. The Padres ended the season with a 13-1 record, and the team was the first in program history to win three consecutive CCS championships.

“Looking back, we accomplished things that have never been done before in the history of our school,” said Head Coach Patrick Walsh. “No team has ever gone 13-1 because it’s so hard to do. It is an incredible accomplishment. We play in the West Catholic Athletic League, and we had the most difficult schedule in the history of our school. It is amazing that, 13 times, we had more points than the other team. These boys are incredibly special, and this team will be remembered forever.”

The season started on a hot August night in Folsom against the highly ranked Folsom Bulldogs. The Padres defense, which was a force to reckon with all season, made big plays all night long. A fumble recovery late in the fourth quarter by senior Alex Atkins enabled the Padres to defeat Folsom 17-12.



In week two, the Padres traveled across the Bay to Concord to face the De La Salle Spartans in a nationally televised game on ESPN. After trailing early in the fourth quarter, junior quarterback Maealiuaki Smith led the Padres to two fourth-quarter scores. Dylan Joudieh kicked a go-ahead field goal with less than 10 seconds on the clock. The Padres defeated De La Salle for the first

time in school history—24-21—and ran their record to 2-0 for the season.

Week three was the home opener for the Padres against a rugged and physical Central Catholic team from Modesto. The Padres broke open a close game in the second half to defeat the Crusaders 42-30.



They finished the non-league portion of the schedule at 3-0, against some of the best teams in Northern California.

After a bye week, the Padres opened league play on the road against rival St. Francis. The Padres defense held the Lancers to one touchdown. A balanced Serra offense helped lead the Padres to a 29-7 win and a 1-0 mark in the WCAL.

The following Friday night, the Padres hosted the Mitty Monarchs. Both teams came into the game undefeated. The annual Friday Night Lights Homecoming game drew a huge crowd. After a low scoring first period, the Padres offense caught fire. The defense once again held their opponent to seven points as the Padres defeated the Monarchs 34-7.

A Friday night road game at San Jose City College against the determined Bellarmine Bells took place on October 7. After a defensive struggle in the first half, the Padres took control in the second half and defeated the Bells 28-7. This improved their WCAL record to 3-0 on the season.

The following Saturday, the Padres traveled to San Francisco to take on the Riordan

Crusaders. The Padres jumped out to a big lead and the defense for the fourth straight week held their opponent to seven points. The Padres defeated the Crusaders 45-7.

The Valley Christian Warriors visited Brady Family Stadium on October 22. The offense took control early and often, as the Padres jumped out to a big lead. Once again, a rugged and tough defense held the Warriors in check as the Padres won 36-7.

With two games left in league play, the Padres traveled to San Francisco to take on rival St. Ignatius under the lights. Both teams played hard, but the Serra defense made the difference, intercepting SI four times with one returned for a touchdown. The Padres defeated the Wildcats 28-7 to run their league record to 6-0.

On the final weekend of league play on November 5, the Padres hosted the Sacred Heart Fighting Irish with a chance to earn their first undefeated WCAL season in school history. The Irish came in confident, but soon found out that the Padres were all business. Once again, the offense clicked on all cylinders and the defense only gave up seven points as the Padres defeated the Irish 43-7. The Padres claimed the WCAL title and earned the number one seed in the CCS Open Division Playoffs.

In the first round of the CCS Playoffs, the Padres hosted a tough Palma team from Salinas. Serra’s offense, defense and special teams led the way as they built a big first half lead. They defeated the Chieftains 57-7 and moved on to the second round of the CCS playoffs.

The following Saturday, the Padres hosted another team from Salinas. The Salinas Vikings entered the game coming off a big win against Sacred Heart Prep the week before. It didn’t take long for the Padres offense to get going. The defense set the tone early, as the Padres once again made a statement by beating Salinas 57-21.

As the Padres celebrated Thanksgiving with a traditional morning practice and family potluck, the Padres set their sights on a perfect regular season. To do so, they would have to beat a gritty Mitty team that upset St. Francis a week earlier.

On a beautiful Friday night after Thanksgiving, the Padres and Monarchs met at San Jose City College to determine who would be the CCS champion. After a quick Padre touchdown, the defenses for both teams stepped up and made big play after play. The Monarchs tied the score at seven just before halftime. In the second half, the Padres went up 21-7 on the strength of a powerful running game. The Monarchs responded quickly with a score to make it 21-14

in the third quarter. The Padres poured it on in the fourth quarter and beat the Monarchs by a score 41-14, which secured their third consecutive CCS championship and earned them a trip to the 2022 CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games for the second year in a row. This year’s opponent was the No. 1 ranked team in the country—the St. John Bosco Braves.

Just as he did the previous year, Walsh chartered a plane to fly his team, with all the fanfare needed to show these student-athletes how special the season was. Unfortunately, the match up against St. John Bosco wasn’t in the Padres’ favor. The Braves defeated the Padres 45-0.

Even with a disappointing loss, the season was one that will go down in history.

“In order for a season to come together that way, there has to be full buy-in from all constituents—from our administration all the way down to the players and the parents involved,” Walsh said. “What I am most grateful for is our coaches who sacrifice time with their own families. I am also very thankful for our chapel program with Father Joe Bradley ’73, which inspires our players to be men of faith, wisdom and humility on and off the field. I believe we have the best support staff in California, not only on the football field but in the overall mentorship of our boys. This team is amazing!”

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—HEAD COACH PATRICK WALSH



## SIGNING DAY

**COMMITTED FOOTBALL**

SEAMUS GILMARTIN

**COMMITTED FOOTBALL**

SAM GOLIGOSKI

**COMMITTED FOOTBALL**

RYAN SILVER

**COMMITTED GOLF**

WILLIAM WALSH

CONGRATULATIONS TO FOUR PADRE STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO HAVE COMMITTED TO COMPETE AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL NEXT YEAR.\*

Seamus Gilmartin, Football  
Harvard University

Sam Goligoski, Football  
University of California, Davis

Ryan Silver, Football  
San Diego State University

William Walsh, Golf  
Pepperdine University

*Congratulations!*

\*As of the printing of this issue of *Traditions*



# 2022 FOOTBALL WRAP

HEAD COACH  
PATRICK WALSH

**VARSITY**  
WCAL: 7-0  
OVERALL: 13-1

WCAL CHAMPIONS  
CCS DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS  
NOR CAL OPEN DIVISION  
CHAMPIONS

**JR. VARSITY**  
WCAL: 6-0  
OVERALL: 7-2  
WCAL CHAMPIONS

**FRESHMAN**  
WCAL: 4-3  
OVERALL: 4-5



## WCAL

QUARTERBACK OF THE YEAR  
**MAEALIUAKI SMITH**

TIGHT END OF THE YEAR  
**SEAMUS GILMARTIN**

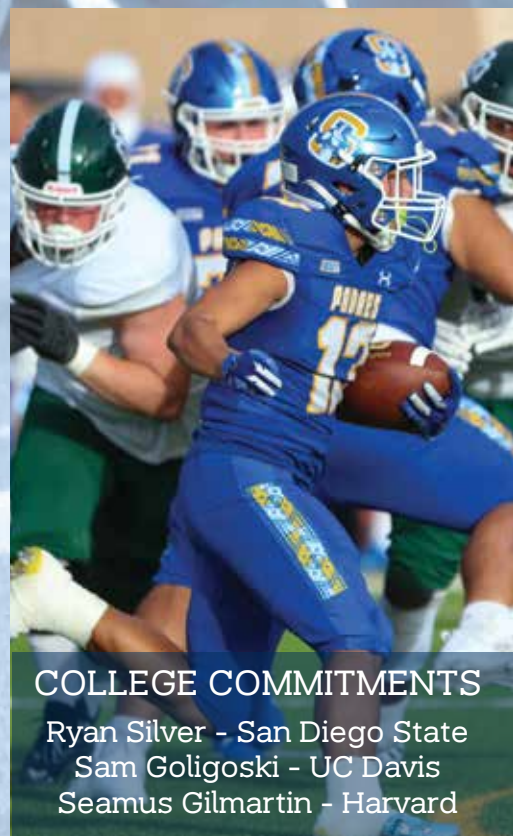
OUTSIDE LINEBACKER  
OF THE YEAR  
**MARLEY ALAPATI**

DEFENSIVE BACK OF THE YEAR  
**JOSEPH BEY**

UTILITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
**JADEN GREEN**

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
**JABARI MANN**

1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM ALL-WCAL  
JABARI MANN  
SEAMUS GILMARTIN  
JOEY VILLAROMAN  
MAEALIUAKI SMITH  
DANNY NIU  
JADEN GREEN  
JOSEPH BEY  
JAYDEN WEBER



## COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Ryan Silver - San Diego State  
Sam Goligoski - UC Davis  
Seamus Gilmartin - Harvard



# 2022 WATER POLO WRAP

HEAD COACH  
TYLER ORMSBY

**VARSITY**  
WCAL: 0-7  
OVERALL: 9-13

**ARAGON**  
TOURNEY: 3-0

**JR. VARSITY**  
WCAL: 2-4-1  
OVERALL: 9-10-1

**FRESHMAN**  
WCAL: 3-5  
OVERALL: 3-5



## AWARDS

MVP AWARD  
**SANDRO SALERNO**

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER  
**JOHN IWERS**

COACHES' AWARD  
**CARSON BALDI**

ALL-WCAL  
HONORABLE MENTION  
**CARSON BALDI**

ALL-WCAL SECOND TEAM  
**DAVID ROBERTSON**  
**SANDRO SALERNO**

CCS  
HONORABLE MENTION  
**SANDRO SALERNO**





# 2022 CROSS COUNTRY WRAP

HEAD COACH  
RON DIMAGGIO '97

## VARSITY RECORD

WCAL 5TH PLACE  
CCS DIV II  
5TH PLACE

## JR. VARSITY RECORD

WCAL 5TH PLACE

## SOPHOMORE RECORD

WCAL 4TH PLACE

## FRESHMAN RECORD

WCAL 4TH PLACE

## AWARDS

MVP AWARD  
**AARON LEE**

MOST OUTSTANDING  
SENIOR RUNNER  
**TEDDY KAISER**

MOST OUTSTANDING  
JUNIOR RUNNER  
**BROGHAN WILKE-HILAND**

MOST OUTSTANDING  
SOPHOMORE RUNNER  
**JOEY SCATENA**

MOST OUTSTANDING  
FRESHMAN RUNNER  
**ZACH HELLER**

COACHES' AWARD  
**MICHAEL LADCANI  
AND JACK MCGUIRE**



## Serra Welcomes New Head Lacrosse Coach Ryan Bolanos

Bolanos has spent years as a lacrosse player and coach, most recently as the head coach at Burlingame High School. In two seasons, he doubled the number of players on his roster.



**R**yan Bolanos grew up in Southern California, where he played lacrosse in high school all four years. He attended San Jose City College, where he graduated with AA degrees in business administration and social and behavioral sciences. He also coached the Vikings, a club team, before heading to Burlingame, where he coached for two seasons. Bolanos' love of coaching spawned when he realized that there was no opportunity to continue to play.

"Coaching was a great outlet and it nurtured my love of competition," Bolanos said.

Now with eight years of high school coaching experience, Bolanos has developed a love of building a program and working with student-athletes to develop and thrive.

"My coaching philosophy follows an acronym called PRIDE—P is for perseverance, R is for respect, I is for intent to improve, D is for discipline and E is for effort," Bolanos said. "These are sort of the bylaws

for players to be successful on my team. I have a philosophy to never give up, even when things get tough."

Bolanos is excited to coach at Serra—not only because of its play in the WCAL, but also because of the values students at the school hold.

"I love a challenge and I love competition—there is no higher level than the league that Serra is in," he said. "I have also heard such wonderful things about the players on the team, so I can't wait to work with each of them."

Serra Athletics Director Justin Ferdinand said his team is thrilled to welcome Bolanos to the Padre community.

"Ryan's passion and commitment to developing athletes aligns with the mission of Serra High School and our athletics department," Ferdinand said. "We look forward to his great work with our talented student-athletes."

Bolanos also works with middle school students at Monroe Middle School in the Campbell Union School District, where he focuses his attention on positive behavioral interventions support.

"My job is to help redirect kids to make positive choices, get good grades, avoid discipline and take care of themselves emotionally and physically," he noted.

Bolanos added that his work in positive behavior and support transcends onto the lacrosse field.

"It's the same end goal—to help these student athletes find success and help them grow to their full potential," he explained.

When Bolanos is not coaching or working, he enjoys watching and playing sports in his free time. He also loves to travel. He spent time in Greece, Barcelona and Amsterdam last summer.



# JUNIPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL 2022 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

It was a packed house at the 2022 Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on September 29. More than 250 attendees honored Serra's newest inductees.

Alumni, family and friends flew in from all over the country to support the student-athletes and coaches who have had an impact on Serra athletics. It was a special night for all, especially for a group that flew in from across the country to honor inductee Stephen Scott '72. Beloved faculty member and former basketball coach, John Grosey '79, was also inducted into the Hall of Fame. The Serra community couldn't be more proud.

According to Alumni Director Logan Wolf '14, this year was extraordinary.

**"This year's event was special," Wolf said. "Five individuals, along with an entire football team, were inducted. It was one of the biggest events at Serra this year."**

The Athletics Hall of Fame was created in 1990 to honor graduates who have served as an inspiration for the next generation of Padre athletic greats. Inductees have exhibited outstanding athletic achievement, or have attained outstanding success at the collegiate or professional levels. Election to the Hall of Fame acknowledges that these men and women have made distinguished contributions and have provided

a crucial nexus between Serra High School and the sporting world. Each of our inductees is an exemplary lifelong learner who has left a lasting impression on the students, institutions and organizations he has served.

## 2022 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:

### 1968-69 Serra Football Team



For the Padres football program, there were strong hints of what might be coming in 1968. The 1967 season—the inaugural campaign of the new WCAL—the team finished 8-1. The lone defeat came at the hands of St. Ignatius (with future all-pro Dan Fouts at QB) at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco, which turned out to be the WCAL championship game.

Padres Coach Jesse Freitas returned nearly all of their key players the following year and they did not

disappoint. They wound up 9-1, the single loss coming at the hands of Vallejo, with a final score of 21-20, in the second game of the season, after leading 20-0 heading into the fourth period. Serra won the WCAL title, going 6-0, with three shutouts, and finished the year ranked No.1 in Northern California.

Serra outscored its league foes, 208-59 and drew large crowds at home and on the road. Serra's high-scoring offense and its collection of standout athletes became a well-publicized, must-see attraction. This was well before television or Internet coverage and printed newspapers were the medium of choice. Serra dominated high school football media coverage in 1968.

Three of the Padres star performers went on to big-time college careers, including QB Jesse Freitas Jr. at San Diego State University, Lynn Swann at University of Southern California and WR Tom Scott at Washington State University. All three played professionally—Freitas with the NFL San Diego Chargers, Swann with the NFL Pittsburgh Steelers and Scott in the Canadian Football League. Swann is a Super Bowl MVP and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Scott is a member of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

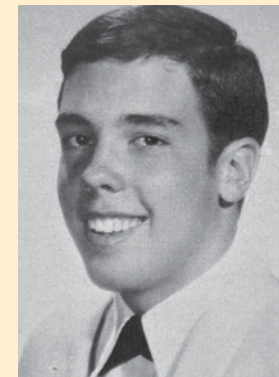
## Rick Longinotti '70 Swimming

Rick Longinotti was an all-star swimmer during his years at Serra, and he brought the school some national attention. He won the 100-yard butterfly at the CCS meet in a time that was ranked third in the nation. Longinotti's 4x100 freestyle relay team won CCS with the second fastest time in the nation.

When Longinotti entered Serra in 1966, he said he believed the Vietnam War was necessary to protect freedom. At Serra, he was influenced by teachers who opposed the war on religious grounds and who valued social justice.

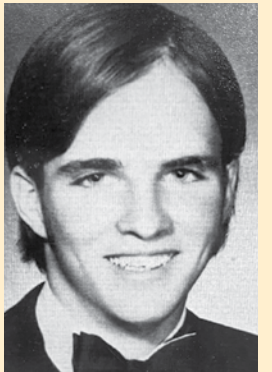
In college, Longinotti felt a tension between devoting time to swimming and the urge to make a contribution to peace and justice that was nurtured at Serra. He became active with the United Farm Workers' boycott of grapes.

Longinotti is currently a marriage and family therapist and an advocate for affordable housing and sustainable transportation. He lives with his wife of 42 years, not far from their two grown children.



## Stephen Scott '72 Football

Stephen Scott played freshman, junior varsity and varsity football at Serra, lettering the last two years. He also lettered in baseball, playing freshman and varsity.



While at Serra, Scott quickly showed his leadership qualities and was elected to Student Court. During his senior year, he was vice-president of the Block "S" Club.

As an outstanding receiver, Scott received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy. He first attended the Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) and proceeded to letter in football and lacrosse. Moving on to the Naval Academy, Scott established himself as the top receiver on the plebe (freshman) team. In their one game against NAPS that year, he had 10 receptions alone. He became a two-year letterman (1975-76) as Navy's starting split end during those years. Navy was nationally ranked in 1975 and competed against some of the top football programs, including Michigan and Penn State. Against Notre Dame that year, although losing 14-7, Scott had eight catches for over 100 yards. As a senior, he had 20 receptions for 310 yards (15.5 average yards per catch) and two touchdowns.

Upon graduation from the academy, Scott accepted a commission in the Marine Corps. He was assigned to Marine Officer School in Quantico, Virginia, and later worked for the Commandant of the Marine Corps, while waiting to get into flight school. Scott received his initial jet fighter training in Pensacola and had additional training in Beeville, Texas, where he earned his gold wings and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. While training in Yuma, Arizona, on October 13, 1980, Scott was killed as a result of an aviation accident due to mechanical failure on a take-off. He was buried at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno.

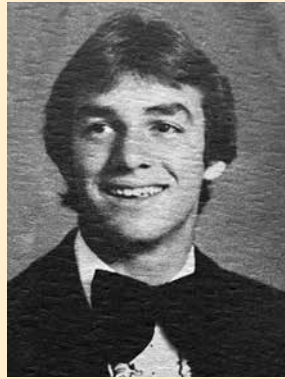
A Stephen Scott Memorial Award was created at Serra. It is given to a member of the varsity football team who has served as an inspirational player to his teammates and coaches. Scott honed those qualities at the NA after he first developed them at Serra, where he learned to be a leader and a team player. Most important, Scott learned that by committing to a goal, despite all obstacles, one could be successful. Although Scott only lived a short 25 years, he lived life to the fullest, succeeded in all that he did, and died living his dream of being a jet fighter pilot.

Scott was one of four children born to Denzil and Mary Scott. As the youngest son in the family, he followed his three older brothers, Michael '64, Robert '65 and Tom '69, to Serra High School.



## John Grosey '79 Basketball/Coach

Serra basketball is synonymous with toughness, tenacity, defense and, most of all, getting the absolute best efforts from players. This culture and identity was the cornerstone of John Grosey's coaching philosophy.



**"Serra basketball meant the world to me. I was exposed to the best people—my coaches and staff and, most of all, the players I had the great privilege to coach," Grosey said. "During my time at Serra, I made so many incredible friendships that continue to have a great impact on my life to this day,"**

Before John was elevated to head coach, Serra had never won a WCAL Round Robin title or made an appearance in the CCS Division I Finals. That all changed during Grosey's 11-year tenure, when the Padres won two Round Robin titles and reached the CCS D1 finals four times, winning two titles. Under Grosey, the Padres also made three appearances in the Division I Norcal playoffs and twice advanced to the semifinals.

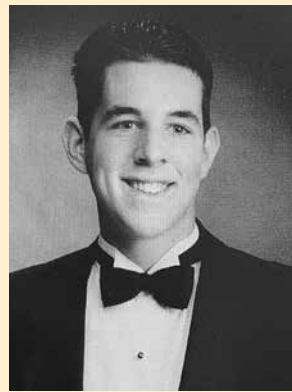
Grosey finished his coaching career at Olympia High School in Washington, where in the five seasons that he coached, his teams made five conference playoff appearances, three district playoff appearances and Grosey was twice named Narrows League Coach of the Year.

Grosey was an outstanding player at Serra under Pat McGlennon '68. He was an All Conference Player, Captain, Defensive Player of the Year and Co-MVP under legendary defensive specialist Bud Presley at Menlo College. After Menlo, Grosey started two years at St. Martin's College in Lacey, Washington, under Joe Meagher (Serra '64) where he was Team Captain, twice Defensive Player of the Year and All Conference. During Grosey's senior year, the team finished the season ranked 10th in the country. That team was inducted into the St. Martin's Hall of Fame in 2011.

## Justin Roberts '00 Crew

Justin Roberts was a four-year oarsman and a Blanket Award Winner. He competed on the varsity team for three seasons.

During Roberts' senior year, he led Serra's Varsity 4+ to a victory in the national championships in Cincinnati.



The foundation that Serra provided Roberts enabled him to continue rowing at the University of California, Davis, where he was a team captain, 1st team All-WIRA and named UC Davis Sports Club Male Athlete of the Year during his senior season.

After college, Roberts rowed on the national circuit for Penn AC and Marin Rowing Association, while also pursuing a career in software sales. Roberts has built and led high-growth sales organizations for private and public companies, including Salesforce.com, Box, Lever, Andreessen Horowitz, SignalFx and Splunk.

Roberts currently serves as chief revenue officer at Flatfile. He has been married to his wife, Vanessa, for 12 years. They live in San Francisco with their two children, Cameron and Celeste.

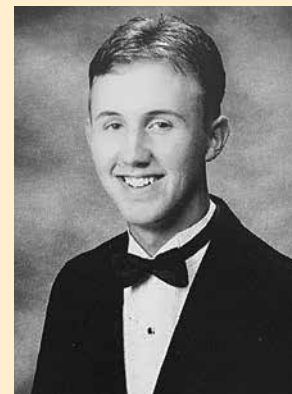
## Patrick Nagle '02 Golf

Patrick Nagle vividly remembers his experience on the Serra golf team and the life lessons gleaned from it.

"Nothing was given as a member of the Serra golf team—you had to earn it every time you teed it up," he said. "It was high school golf at the highest level."

Nagle's experiences at Serra showed him what hard work looked like, what it meant to fight for every shot. Nagle said it was the perfect environment for a kid with the desire to compete and a dream of playing professional golf one day.

In 2002, Nagle was named the Northern California (NCGA) Junior Champion, California State Junior Champion, Hogan Cup Team Champion, NCGA



Junior Golfer of the Year, WCAL Individual Champion and was the 2002 Serra High School Blanket Award Winner.

Nagle went on to win several more titles between 2003-2011, which include four-time Big Ten All Conference Team Member, four-time All Midwest Regional Team Member and the Achieved Top 15 World Amateur Ranking. He finished his career at the University of Illinois with the second lowest stroke average behind Steve Stricker.

**"Serra High School was everything that I needed and loved," he said. "It was pure competition, brotherhood and passion. I am proud to be a Serra Padre and honored to share this hall with so many great men."**

## Tony Renda '09 Baseball

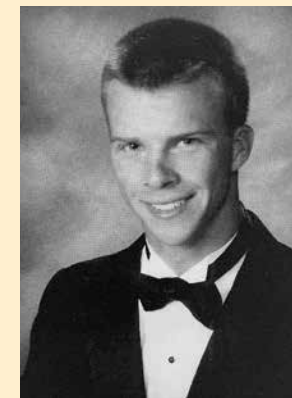
Tony Renda played Major League Baseball for the Cincinnati Reds in 2016 and the Boston Red Sox in 2018.

During his baseball career at Serra, Renda set the all-time career runs scored (120) and career hits record (139). He was a 2009 High School All-American, as well as the 2009 San Mateo County Player of the Year and 2009 West Catholic Athletic League Player of the Year, leading his team to the Central Coast Section title.

After graduating from Serra, Renda attended the University of California, Berkeley, and played college baseball for the Golden Bears. Among three-year players at Cal, Renda is the leader in hits (244) and doubles (51). He was a three-time First-Team All Conference Selection and the 2011 Pac 10 Player of the Year.

Renda led his team to a College World Series appearance in 2011 and was a two-time All American.

Following his junior year at Cal, Renda was drafted in the second round by the Washington Nationals. Over eight professional seasons, Renda collected 742 hits, 161 doubles and had 117 stolen bases. He was part of the 2018 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox and retired following the 2019 season.



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# WINGS OF COURAGE

## Michael Tauskey '10 Beats Life-Threatening Illness SOARS IN U.S. NAVY

Michael Tauskey has wanted to fly for as long as he can remember. His grandfather, a career Marine aviator, was his inspiration.

For several years, Tauskey enjoyed an exciting career as a U.S. Navy aviator. But then life took a different turn when he was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 28. Thankfully, Tauskey beat the illness and is now back on track, accomplishing extraordinary things. In August, he graduated from the prestigious TOPGUN course.

After his high school days at Serra, Tauskey was accepted into the United States Naval Academy. During his senior year, he was selected to become a Naval Flight Officer (NFO).

"I attended flight school at NAS Pensacola, Florida, where I was selected to fly jets," he noted. "Once I earned my wings of gold as a Naval aviator, I received orders to NAS Lemoore in California to fly in the F/A-18F Super Hornet at Strike Fighter Squadron 122 as a Weapon Systems Officer."

Shortly thereafter, Tauskey was given orders to join his fleet squadron, Strike Fighter Squadron 41. He was deployed around the world in 2018 and 2019 until fate stepped in and he was diagnosed with cancer. Tauskey put his career aside temporarily, while he was treated at Stanford Hospital. His parents, Barbara and William, never left his side.

Thankfully, Tauskey has made a full recovery. He was thrilled when he was accepted to



the respected U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School, TOPGUN. The United States Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor program, more popularly known as TOPGUN, teaches fighter and strike tactics to naval aviators and naval flight officers who later return to their operating units as surrogate instructors.

"TOPGUN develops Naval Aviators to be the most proficient and knowledgeable instructors they can be so they can teach their peers in the fleet," Tauskey explained. "The TOPGUN course encompasses all facets of basic fighter maneuvers—air-to-surface and air-to-air. TOPGUN graduates are expected to perform to the best of their abilities. I hope to continue to instruct and be around awesome people and that the Navy will allow me to continue to fly and impact others to be professional and excellent."

### Padre Roots

Tauskey has fond memories of his high school years at Serra. In addition to being a part of student government, he rowed crew and played football.

"My time playing football under Coach Walsh was one of the most formative aspects of high school," he noted. "The football program helped to develop me mentally and physically for the challenges I had ahead of me. I also enjoyed Campus Ministry and the Big Brothers program."

Tauskey said his years at Serra shaped him as a young man. During his illness, he leaned on his faith and experiences at Serra.

**"The football program with Coach Walsh and the chapel program with Father Joe taught me to overcome obstacles," he said. "I wouldn't let cancer define me. There were many days that I relied on what we used to say in chapel. We bonded as brothers there. It gave us an opportunity to come together, to take the pads off and focus on being present—being there for each other. Some of my closest friends today are the guys I played football with and grew up with at Serra. When I went through my most challenging times, they were there for me."**

In addition to growing spiritually in the Serra chapel, teachers and administrators including Ed Taylor, Keith Stapleton, Sean Dugoni, Bob and Patti Ferretti, Patrick Duggan and Brian Carson helped Tauskey to reach his full potential in and out of the classroom.

"I had a lot of people advocating for me," he said. "Between my battle with cancer and TOPGUN—the two most defining moments in my life—Serra prepared me well."



U.S. Navy Weapon Systems Officer - Strike Fighter Squadron 41  
Michael Tauskey '10



Barbara and William Tauskey visit Michael at the U.S. Navy  
Fighter Weapons School, TOPGUN





# ON THE ROAD AGAIN

## LAUBER BROTHERS SPIN THEIR WHEELS AT AUTO KEEP

Ed Lauber '84 has fond childhood memories of driving to Guatemala from the Bay Area. "My dad loved road trips," he remembered. "This was way before cell phones and iPads. We enjoyed the journey and each other's company."

The Lauber brothers' passion for cars was instilled by their father, Peter, at a very young age.

"From annual car shows to classic car events and racing, we spent our lives immersed in the car hobby," noted Martin Lauber '88.

That eventually led the brothers to join Auction City with their dad for many years. The car auction business was lively and exciting, but the brothers had one more dream on their list—opening a car storage business for car enthusiasts.

Auto Keep opened a few months ago in Redwood City. The storage facility can house 88 vehicles indoors and an additional 20 RVs and trailers outdoors.

"Ed and I are uniquely qualified to be the caretakers of our clients' wonderful machines," Martin said. "We own the building, so we're able to offer very competitive pricing. From an emotional point of view, we love these cars and care for them as if they were our own."



The Lauber Brothers - Ed '84 and Martin '88

**FUN FACT:** Martin's dream car is a 1960s-era Mercedes 300SL, while Ed's is the 1962 Ferrari 250 GT Lusso.

"We have a deep appreciation of the art, science and beauty of automotive design," Ed shared. "Our stable of vintage European touring and racing marques can be seen and heard at race tracks around the world and weekend rallies. Martin and I love the automotive culture—the art and science of automobiles."

Ed's two sons, Padres Colin Lauber '16 and Justin Lauber '19, also share their dad's and uncle's love of cars. Another Serra Padre, Dan DeLuna '17, works with the Lauber brothers. He offers meticulous auto detailing services for exotic and classic cars.

"The Lauber brothers and Auto Keep are pure class," Dan said. "They are great ambassadors for the classic car hobby. Auto Keep is a straightforward, top-of-the-line, private storage facility in the truest sense. It has been an honor to work with them."

So, what makes a vehicle special?



"Sometimes it's the engineering—the craftsmanship, the pure horsepower or the smallest detail," Martin said. "Most of all, it's the memories that every treasured car holds in the owner's heart."

Both brothers have a clear vision for the future of their new business.

"I want Auto Keep to be a place where people not only store their vehicles, but also feel like they're part of the Bay Area car culture," Ed said. "We'll have gatherings and drives scheduled throughout the year. I'd also like our clients to utilize our resources, whether it's detailing with Dan or vehicle sales assistance through our auction connections."

"I love the design of cars and how special they are to their owners," Martin added. "The enthusiasm they engender is wonderful. I hope that Auto Keep will grow into a successful family business that becomes a quintessential place for Bay Area car enthusiasts and their prized possessions."

In addition to starting a new business, the Lauber brothers are still racing. In fact, their favorite hobby has taken them all over the globe. In 2019, they spent a week together at the 11th annual Grand Prix Historique of Monaco.

During the past year, Ed became a Classic Sports Racing Group (CSRG) board member.

"I really got to see what goes into running a racing organization and what the different challenges are," he said. "It was nice to give back and help in keeping the hobby vibrant."

## A CLASSIC CONNECTION

When Serra's Creative Manager Michelle Wilkinson and her husband, Steve '75, heard about the Lauber brothers' new business, they had a feeling it would become the new home for their family's exquisite 1932 Studebaker President.

The beige and tan classic car was purchased brand new by Michelle's grandfather, Matteo. He was the great-grandfather of Sean Wilkinson '05, Nick Wilkinson '10 and Stephanie Wilkinson (NDB '07).

"It was so important for us to find the perfect spot to store this beautiful and historical family car," Steve said. "I couldn't be more pleased that we found Auto Keep."

Matteo was raised in the North Beach area of San Francisco, where he worked as a cab driver for the city's famous Yellow Cab company. He also was a musician who enjoyed playing his accordion at weddings, anniversaries and parties for San Francisco's tight-knit Italian community.

Matteo kept and maintained his Studebaker all of his life, until he passed away at the age of 83. He left his car to his only child—his daughter, Gloria. Gloria's husband, Don, took four years to restore it to its current beautiful condition.

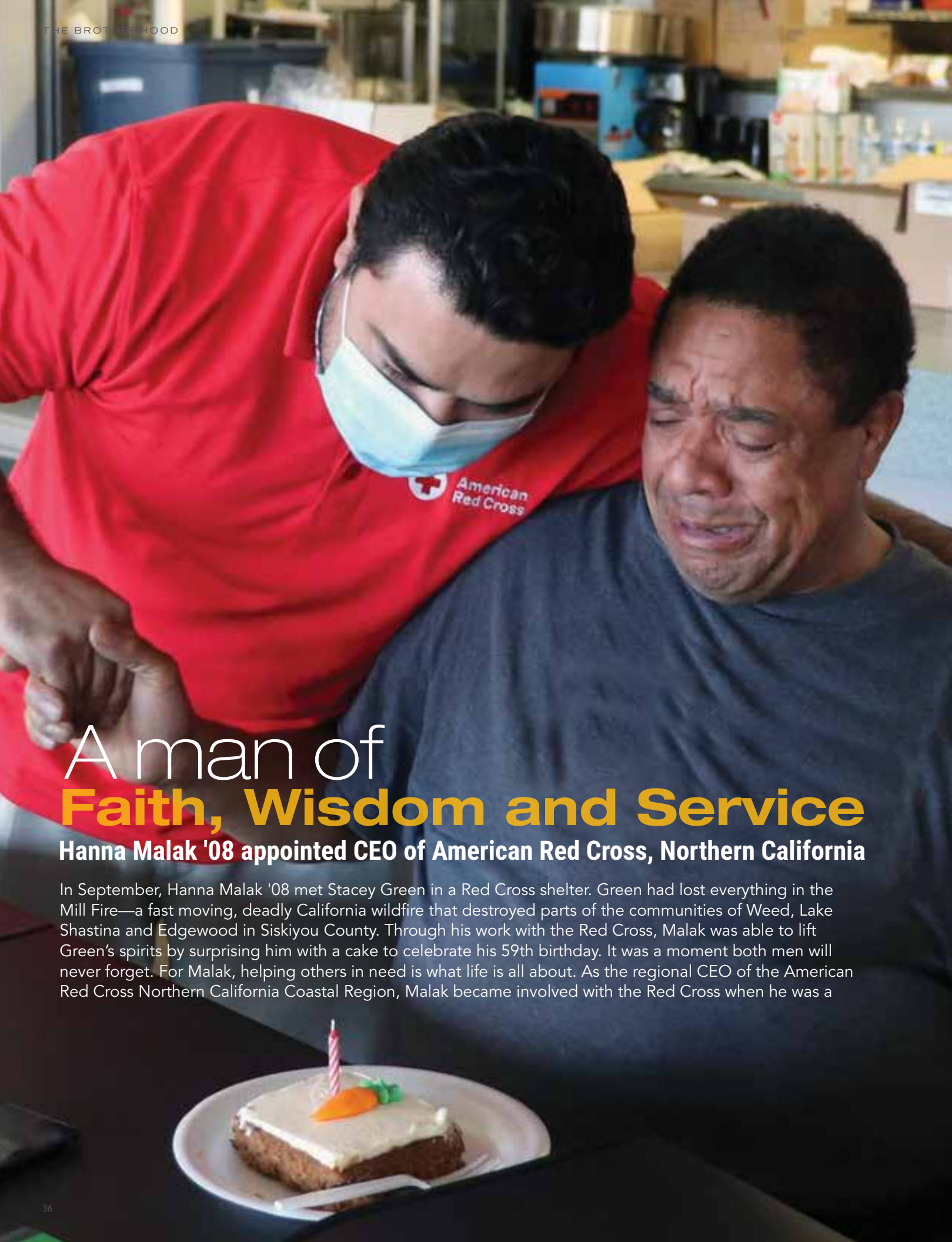
For several years, Don and Gloria entered the family Studebaker in car show competitions throughout the Bay Area. The car won many awards, including Best of Show at the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance. They enjoyed displaying their treasured car, where older enthusiasts remembered vehicles they once owned, younger spectators learned about pieces of history, and people were taken back to a simpler time.

"If this car could speak, it would tell many stories of where it has been and about the people who drove in it," Michelle said. "It's amazing to think that my grandfather drove my mom to school each day in the Studebaker more than 80 years ago. My grandfather would be very proud to know that his family kept and restored a very precious car."



The 1932 Studebaker President was used to transport Michelle's niece, Shannon Scordella, from her wedding at Mission Santa Clara to her reception at the Peninsula Golf and Country Club.





# A man of Faith, Wisdom and Service

## Hanna Malak '08 appointed CEO of American Red Cross, Northern California

In September, Hanna Malak '08 met Stacey Green in a Red Cross shelter. Green had lost everything in the Mill Fire—a fast moving, deadly California wildfire that destroyed parts of the communities of Weed, Lake Shastina and Edgewood in Siskiyou County. Through his work with the Red Cross, Malak was able to lift Green's spirits by surprising him with a cake to celebrate his 59th birthday. It was a moment both men will never forget. For Malak, helping others in need is what life is all about. As the regional CEO of the American Red Cross Northern California Coastal Region, Malak became involved with the Red Cross when he was a

student at Menlo College. He participated in the Red Cross Collegiate Leadership Program in Washington, D.C. He worked his way up the corporate ladder, working for the Red Cross in Portland, Oregon, and Rochester, New York.

During the past few years, Malak has been deployed to a blizzard in Oregon, wildfires in California and an earthquake in Alaska.

"We're seeing more disasters and they're more intense," Malak shared. "We also are having to work harder, longer. We've seen some extreme weather conditions. I often worry about the sustainability of our volunteers and staff members after facing back-to-back disasters."

As a leader, it's important for Malak to remain calm during crisis situations. His volunteers and colleagues look to him for advice. He has a knack for helping his team to stay grounded.



Malak and Red Cross colleague Stevie Geopfert promote the "Sound the Alarm Campaign," which installs free smoke alarms to vulnerable communities nationwide.

"It has been said that if you're excited about something, your team will be 10 percent less positive than you," Malak said. "But if you're negative, they're 10 percent more negative than you. That's why it's so important to remain calm. I love what I do and I can see myself retiring with the Red Cross."



Malak donating life-saving platelets at the American Red Cross Donation Center



Malak with actor James Van Der Beek at a Red Cross gala event

## From Serra student leader to American Red Cross CEO

When Malak was a high school student at Serra, he was a football, wrestling and track athlete for all four years. He also participated in Campus Ministry, Big Brothers and the Interact Club. Malak rounded out his high school days by serving as student body president.

"At Serra, I learned how to pay it forward," Malak said. "My brother, Charlie '01, had cancer when we were growing up, so I was also involved with Camp Okizu. Charlie is now a nurse practitioner at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation."

Malak still keeps in touch with many Padres from his high school days.

"I have been in several Padre weddings," he noted. "I also coached wrestling at Serra for three years. Serra truly taught me to be a man of faith, wisdom and service. I was taught to think of others and I learned the value of hard work. To this day, I enjoy mentoring other young professionals, especially through Latino resource groups. I also serve on the board of the Medically Fragile Children's Foundation of Northern California."

Malak recently joined the Serra Board of Regents. "Hanna brings expertise from his Red Cross leadership training—emergency preparedness, volunteer management, board management and advancement stewardship," said Serra President Barry Thornton, Ed.D.

"We're excited to have an alumnus of his outstanding character and specific skill set on the Board of Regents," Thornton added. "Hanna will help us to move forward, and he truly exemplifies our Padre values of service in his personal and professional life."

"I'm so honored to join the Serra board," Malak said. "I'm excited to help build the future of the school and serve on the Advancement Committee. Serra holds a very special place in my heart."



# Colin McCarthy '22 Keeps His Eye on the Storm

Colin McCarthy '22 has been researching, analyzing and photographing weather for over 10 years. In 2017, Colin created his Twitter weather account US Stormwatch, which has grown to nearly 30,000 followers with more than 60 million lifetime views.

Last September, a story featuring Colin McCarthy '22 was published in SF Gate. Thank you to reporter Amy Graff for honoring an extraordinary Serra alumnus.



As Hurricane Ian spun out of control in southwest Florida, one of the go-to sources for information on social media was a California teenager. Colin McCarthy, 18, is a freshman studying atmospheric sciences at

UC Davis, and he was posting updates on his US Stormwatch Twitter account in between classes and late at night in the dorm. But as he expands his coverage, he hasn't lost sight of what's happening in his own environment. When he first started school at UC Davis in mid-September, McCarthy covered an unusual summer thunderstorm that delivered a record-breaking amount of rain to the college town, 75 miles northeast of San Francisco. "On my first day of class, I had a live TV interview about the storm that hit Davis," he told SFGATE. Colin McCarthy, 18, is the founder US Stormwatch. He launched the account in 2017 at age 13.

SFGATE asked McCarthy some questions over the phone and email. This interview was edited for clarity.

SFGATE: What got you interested in meteorology?

Colin McCarthy: When I was very young, I went on backpacking and camping trips with my dad. We are a very outdoorsy type of family and for as long as I can remember, I have always been fascinated and obsessed with the weather. When I went backpacking with my dad in 2015 in Yosemite, we got slammed by a massive summer thunderstorm with hail, torrential rainfall and freakishly close lightning. One strike was so close that when it struck behind us, a white flash went across my vision followed by a huge bang.

SFGATE: Have you been through any other extreme weather events?

McCarthy: I was in the middle of a supercell thunderstorm while at my cousin's lake house in Northern Michigan in 2014, which dropped a tornado just south of my location. We were hit by flooding and 70 to 80 mph winds at the house.

SFGATE: What did your parents think of you starting a Twitter account at age 13 and going on to gain tens of thousands of followers?

McCarthy: I originally did not tell any of my family members or friends about the account because I kind of wanted to keep it a secret, but when the account began to gain a significant following in late 2020 I told some of my closest buddies and family and they were amazed. One of my friends said funnily, "You're living a double life." Then in my senior year in 2021-2022, I began to gradually tell more people and everyone was just shocked by how big of an account I've built.

In college now, I have even had people come up because they recognized me as US Stormwatch and had been following me on Twitter. Even when I was in Tahoe earlier this summer, me and my friends rented a boat to tube and wake surf and found out the captain of the boat also followed me on Twitter!

SFGATE: Was there a specific event when you amassed a huge number of followers?

McCarthy: The 2020 lightning siege and subsequent wildfire outbreaks across California were a significant catalyst for growth and gave me the vision that, hey maybe I could take this account somewhere. Before August 2020 when this event occurred, I only tweeted a few times a month, but ever since then, I've tweeted nearly 100 times a month.

SFGATE: You're studying to become a meteorologist. What's your plan after college?

McCarthy: I am interested in the private sector and the overlap of how extreme weather and climate change affect business and society as a whole. I could also see myself going the broadcast route through social media and TV where I become a weather reporter-personality and expand my brand. I already work for a company called MyRadar and there will be some incredible opportunities through them as I move through college. I also find little niche jobs like being a forensic meteorologist or forecasting for the military fascinating.

SFGATE: What about storm-chasing? Any plans to follow tornadoes on the ground?

McCarthy: I have officially never storm-chased hurricanes or tornadoes, but plan to down the line with other experienced chasers. I have gone on mini chases with my parents or by myself when severe thunderstorms are nearby. My dream is to see a huge tornado out in the Plains someday and to be in the eye of a major hurricane such as Ian.

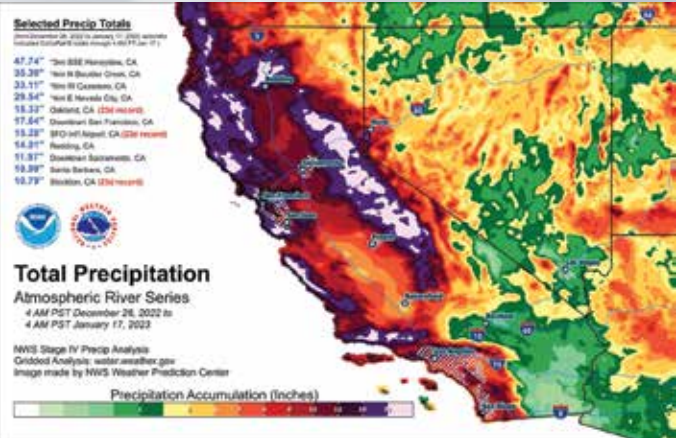
SFGATE: What's the most extreme weather event you've ever covered?

McCarthy: The most extreme weather event would probably have to be the prolific dry thunderstorm outbreak in August 2020 when I filmed thunderstorms for 10 hours straight and pulled an all-nighter.

Colin McCarthy@US\_Stormwatch • Jan 20  
Remarkably clear view from space today of California. The snowpack is DEEP, rivers are gushing and vegetation is amazingly green.



Colin McCarthy@US\_Stormwatch • Jan 18  
32.6 TRILLION gallons of water fell on California during the last three weeks as the state was slammed by a train of atmospheric rivers.







## NASA Engineer Peter Berg '02 Hopes to Send Humans to Mars

Above photo: The Space Launch System (SLS) launched the un-crewed Orion capsule around the Moon on November 16, 2022 for the Artemis I mission. Following Artemis missions, crew will be sent to the surface of the Moon, including the first woman and first person of color, and will help establish a permanent presence on the Lunar surface. The SLS is designed, managed and operated primarily out of NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in Huntsville, Alabama.



### Humans on Mars?

At one point, that was a phrase with a meaning similar to the idiom, "When pigs fly," suggesting that something is far-fetched and unlikely. While he cannot comment on the status of pigs flying, humans landing

on Mars is something that NASA Engineer Peter Berg '02 can confirm will happen in the near future.

**"By the time the freshmen at Serra have graduated from college, there's a chance they could be working on this mission," Berg said. "We are going to Mars."**

Berg has worked at NASA since he graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 2007.

With a degree in aerospace engineering and minors in math and physics, he has worked at the Ames Research Center in Mountain View and in Huntsville, Alabama for the past six years.

"If you love space and rockets, this is definitely the town to be in—we have the largest research park here," Berg noted about Huntsville.

Berg is an aerospace engineer and the Design and Analysis Team lead in the ISHM and Automation Branch at NASA Marshall Space Flight Center. He has served as a flight software system engineer, fault management engineer, simulation engineer, and a system engineer flight controller for LADEE at Ames Research Center. He currently works with the Mission and Fault Management Team for the Space Launch System, Human Landing System, Mars Ascent Vehicle and Solar Cruiser.

As a member of the NASA Engineering and Safety Center's Software Discipline Team, Berg participated in the Toyota Unintended Acceleration Assessment and Commercial Crew Avionics Fault Tolerance Assessment. He also has worked on the State Analysis Model, which analyzed vehicle dynamics, failure scenarios and subsystem interactions during the Artemis I mission.

According to Berg, an ability to assess various scenarios allows teams to identify problems and solutions before flight. Due to its proven effectiveness, NASA plans to continue using this technology on future Artemis missions.

The Artemis mission is a robotic and human Moon exploration program. People will land on Mars by way of the Moon, Berg said.

"Mars is exciting," he explained, "and it's a very exciting time in space for NASA. By Artemis 4, we'll be able to build a space station around the moon. From that station, we'll be able to build a Mars Transit Vehicle, which will take people to Mars."

When he was a young boy, Berg watched the planes land at San Francisco International Airport with his grandma. He knew at an early age that he wanted to do something with airplanes. After 9/11, Berg's guidance counselor at Serra introduced him to Embry-Riddle.

"I never would have known about Embry-Riddle if it weren't for the counselors at Serra," he said. "I loved my time at Serra. It's such a great community and I'm still in touch with so many of my Padre friends."

During his high school days, Berg served as president of the Bowling Club and the founder and president of the Humor Club. Even today, he relies on humor to reduce work stress.

"I ask my interns to give status reports on their work weeks in meme form—that's the way Serra's Humor Club lives on," Berg noted.

When asked what advice he would give to a Padre who is interested in space, Berg replied, "Be a sponge. Don't get too stressed. Don't be intimidated and always keep trying."

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**—Peter Berg '02**

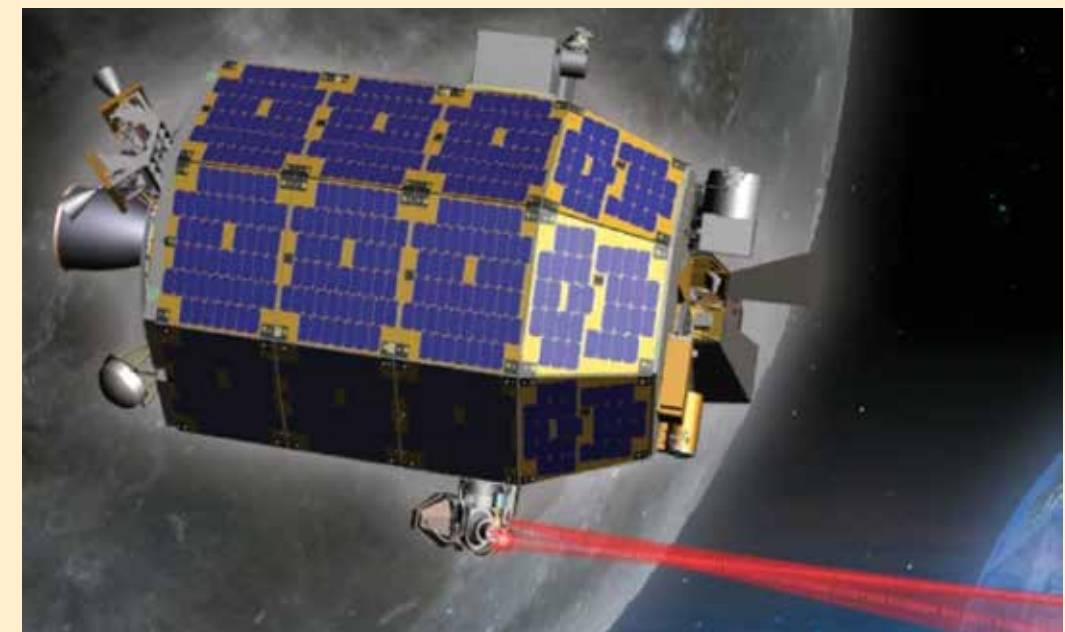


Photo (l): The Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer, or LADEE, launched on September 7, 2013. During its seven-month mission, LADEE collected information about the Moon's thin atmosphere, or exosphere, as well as a technical demonstration of laser communications. LADEE was designed and operated out of the nearby NASA Ames Research Center (ARC) in Mountain View, California.





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1956

DONALD MCDONALD recently moved to Mt. San Antonio Gardens, a charming senior care retirement community in Claremont, California.

1959

BOB CATTICH shared that he was on vacation in Palm Desert and struck up a conversation with three young men by the pool. When Bob mentioned Serra, one of the guys who attended high school in Malibu remembered how his team played Serra and the loss was terrible. Bob is also happy to report that his family has grown to 36, with the addition of a new great-granddaughter and a great-grandson.



BERNARD DEASY retired five years ago after 20 years as president and CEO of Merritt Community Capital Corporation. Bernard and his wife, Maureen, spend four months a year in Massachusetts with their three grandchildren. Bernard sits on three nonprofit affordable housing boards.



1962

PATRICK MULREANY published an historical fiction novel "Grace in Penal Times," about the persecution of Irish Catholics and clergy as a result of the Penal Laws enacted by the English-controlled Irish Parliament during the late 17th and early 18th centuries.



1964

MICHAEL SCOTT and the Class of 1964 celebrated their annual Christmas lunch at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco on December 2, 2022. This has been an annual tradition since the class graduated in 1964.



1965

ROBERT BROUWERS retired 11 years ago from teaching auto and wood shop for 10 years and almost 30 years of being a financial advisor. He is enjoying the freedom to travel the world with his high school sweetheart, Diane, whom he married 56 years ago. The couple enjoy playing golf, bocce, and chairing a winetasting group. In his spare time, Robert enjoys woodworking and crossword puzzles.

1966

JIM ROHRBACH has retired after a career that spanned from 1966 to 2022. Jim worked at AT&T, the Diocese of San Jose, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and finally at Trader Joe's in San Mateo. Jim joined his wife in retirement at the end of February to spend time with family and travel with friends. Their children and grandchildren live east of Sacramento and they enjoy going to Lake Natoma with their kayaks or lounging by their pools. Included in the photo above are Jim, his wife, Cheri, and six grandchildren.



1968

MIKE MCADOO retired from the federal government and drove cross country. He visited 25 states, covering more than 11,500 miles. Mike went to Mount St. Helens in Washington State, the President Eisenhower Museum in Abilene, Kansas, and the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Mike is pictured at Niagara Falls, New York.



1970

MAX HOBERG and his wife, Molly, relocated to Eureka, California after 32 years in Fairbanks, Alaska. Max retired several years ago from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Institute of Marine Science as a marine biologist/research diver. Molly continues her business as "A Tartan Weaver." The couple is enjoying the warmer weather and walking sandy beaches with their dog, Ella.



1971

Dr. William "Bill" Ahern is practicing as a clinical psychologist in the Bay Area, after a lengthy career in law enforcement. His primary focus are first responders and veterans who have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. He also volunteers his time at the West Coast Post-trauma Retreat, a six-day residential treatment program for first responders. Bill also serves on the Serra High School Alumni Board.



1973

JOSEPH HEINEN is looking forward to his 50-year class reunion in 2023 (more info coming soon). Joe shared in a recent alumni update that the best known '73 grad on the campus is undoubtedly Father Joe Bradley with his exceptional school service and continued chaplaincy for football. When Father Joe's book, *The Four Gifts*, was adapted for the stage and performed at Hillbarn Theatre last August, several '73 classmates got together for dinner and the show.



Pictured above (l-r): Joe Heinen, Skip Gould, Mike Lipinski, Rich McLinden, Father Joe, Dave Lawrence and Cliff White

1981

JEFF BONILLA is a former police officer who has released his second book "Terminal Hitman," exclusively on Amazon.com. He also released new music "Chakra Love," by Mantrananda and "Perdoname" by Jeff Bonilla, which can be found on all digital platforms. An animal advocate, Jeff has adopted two new dogs in 2022 and donates his time at local animal shelters.



1982

KEVIN FLYNN was named Ernst and Young LLP's vice chair of tax. Kevin is based in San Francisco. He will oversee tax strategy and all client services, leading a group of more than 18,000 people across Canada, the United States, North, Central and South America, Israel and the Caribbean.

1983

MICHAEL PAPPAS is living in Santa Cruz. He recently sold his plumbing business of 25 years, but is still on board as the COO. Michael's wife sold her olive oil and balsamic vinegar business and is now retired. The couple is building a home in Hardeeville, South Carolina at a Jimmy Buffet-themed resort called Latitude Margaritaville. They plan to split their time at their golf course home in Lake Wildwood Penn Valley, CA, and their South Carolina home. They also plan to sell their home in Santa Cruz soon.





1999

DOUGLAS LI married Kelly Schloesser on June 11, 2022 in Midway, Utah, after purchasing their first home together in nearby Park City. Fellow Padre Dietmar Grauf '99 was his best man.



2002

EDWARD DUNN married Antoinette Roth on October 3, 2022 in the majestic location of Puglia, Italia. Padres Brian Dunn '06, Jason Dunn '07 and Jeffrey Hayward '03 served as groomsmen. Emily Charriere née Dunn (Mercy '09) served as a bridesmaid. The ceremony was officiated by the groom's Godfather, Mike Gillogely '74. In attendance, giving their love and support, were the couple's parents, Randy and Diana Roth, Patrick '74 and Anne (Mercy '74) Dunn, a number of the couple's friends and family from the Padre community including William Scherba '08, Valerie Armento (Mercy '69), Janice Scherba (Mercy '76), Lisa Armento (Mercy '78), MaryAnn Toschi Walker (Mercy '74), Marta Toschi Antone (Mercy '77), and Tom Sullivan '74.



2003

GINO LAVEZZO married Danielle Healy on August 12 at Gray's Crossing in Truckee. This is more than likely the largest group of Padres in attendance at one wedding to date, although feel free to send in your photo if you can top the count! Pictured below (l-r): Matt Tigri '99, John Perry '02, Donny Lavezzo '06, Danny DeAlba '09, Tim Galvin '05, Sterling Sullivan '07, Dan Puts '03, Gino Lavezzo '03, Greg Houle '74, Steve Bazzani '73, Chris Tigri '96, Dave Lavezzo '72, Ron Lavezzo '72, Giorgio Lavezzo '05, Dave Giannini '03, Rick Lavezzo '77, Eric Tigri '01, Eric Dacanay '03, T.J. Serafini '03 and Marvin Choa '03. In attendance, but missing from the photo are Brett Hart '06, John Ratto '70 and Bill Tezak '66.



2007

ROB BRODERICK is a partner-elect in the New York and San Francisco offices of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he practices corporate and securities law and focuses primarily on start-ups, venture capital, capital markets, and mergers and acquisitions.



PHOENIX O'ROURKE was promoted to San Mateo Police Department sergeant. He also welcomed his fourth child, son Paxton O'Rourke. Paxton was born on November 14, 2022. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces.



2008

MARQUISE JONES is a firefighter at the Sacramento Fire Department. He lives in Elk Grove with his wife, Jasmine, and their two beautiful, 3-year-old daughters, Ariana and Adriana. Marquise says that he was lucky to be part of Academy Class 22-1.



2010

MATT PRITCHETT married his long-time partner, Maiya Hilliard in Petaluma on June 4, 2022. They were joined by 150 friends and family members, including many from Serra and the Tri-School community. Former Alumni and Aquatics Director Bob Greene '85 officiated the ceremony. Also in attendance were former Music Director Jay Jordan and his son, Alex '08, who served as his best man. Pictured below (l-r): Matt DeScala '13, Zach Agustin '12, Michael Veizades '12, Alex Jordan '08, Bob Greene '85, Matt Pritchett '10, Jay Jordan, R.J. Newkirk '10, Greg Veizades '10, Quinn Curl '10 and Jeff Kunkel '10.



2011

Brendan Morton is currently based in Denver. He and his wife, Kate, have been busy with their 16-month old son, Will. They are excited to welcome their second son this spring.



2014

QUINN TODZO and Joey Berriatua '13 competed in the USA Track & Field National Club Cross Country Championship in December 2022. On the 10k course, Berriatua placed fourth overall and was just 14 seconds behind Olympian and race champion Cole Hocker.



2015

MATT JADALLAH is happy to announce that he has launched the next chapter of his real estate business with Coldwell Banker in San Carlos.



2016

CHRIS APECECHEA is headed into his first full season, second season as a pitching coach/performance analyst for the San Diego Padres.





2019

MATT LOWENSTEIN and JACK MCCARTHY, both fourth-year landscape architecture majors at Cal Poly, spent the fall quarter with 30 of their classmates putting their landscape architecture knowledge to use in the medieval, walled city of Castiglion Fiorentino, outside of Siena, Italy. The group took classes, visited many parts of Italy, and worked on designing a park and trail system linking urban, suburban and rural areas within and surrounding the city of Castiglion Fiorentino in Umbria.



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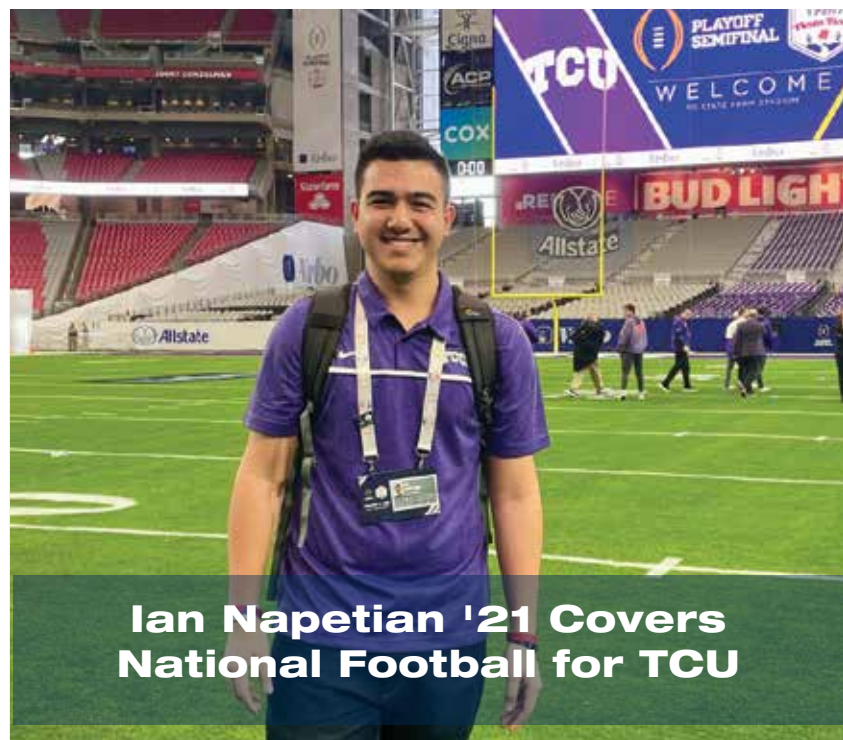
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**Ian Napetian '21 Covers National Football for TCU**

Recent Serra graduate Ian Napetian '21, who attends Texas Christian University, hit the road with the team as a sports reporter, covering the Vrbo Fiesta Bowl in Scottsdale and then to Los Angeles for the championships.

At the Fiesta Bowl, Napetian worked alongside other members of the media and soaked in the experience. For the game, he was granted field access and press box access, where he sat for the game and put together a halftime report summarizing the first half.

After TCU beat Michigan, Napetian traveled to Los Angeles to cover the National Championship, where they faced off against Georgia. Leading up to the game, he interviewed TCU's Max Duggan, Quentin Johnston, Dee Winters, Steve Avila, Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson, and Johnny Hodges. Napetian also had the opportunity to interview Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett.

"It was absolutely incredible," Napetian said. "It was the first time that I really felt that I was doing what I want to pursue as a career. If someone told me that in my sophomore year I would be able to cover a CFP Semifinal Fiesta Bowl and a national championship, I would have said they were crazy. I could not be more fortunate and thankful for this opportunity. Even though it was a tough game for TCU, it was an experience that I will cherish forever."

Napetian mentioned how his desire to work in sports broadcasting and journalism began at Serra. He developed his writing skills in Chris Lowenstein's English class and later learned more from Ted Morton '85 as a part of the Serra Friar staff.

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Judge Dunleavy earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law. He has had a successful career with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office spanning 33 years.

Dunleavy served as chief assistant district attorney and previously held the position of senior deputy district attorney. He also served as the director of recruitment and development in the hiring and training of new lawyers. The first part of his career focused on trial work, including multiple tours of trying homicides and serious felonies.

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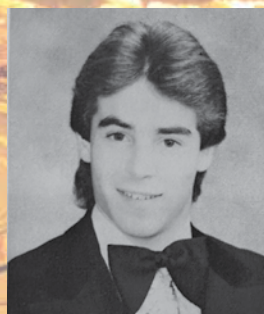
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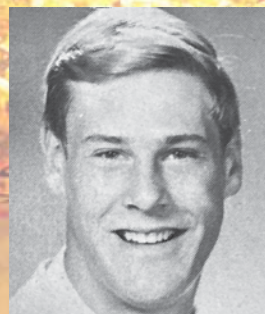


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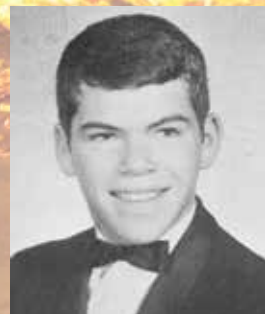
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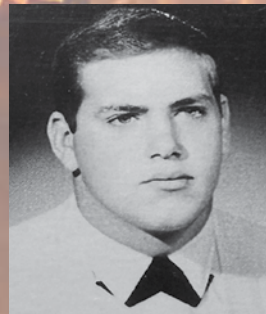
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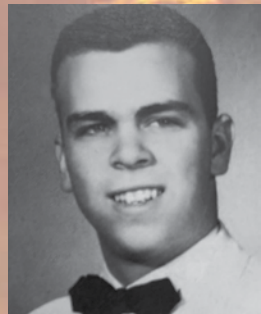
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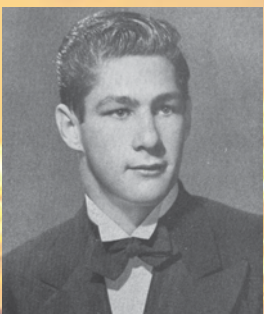
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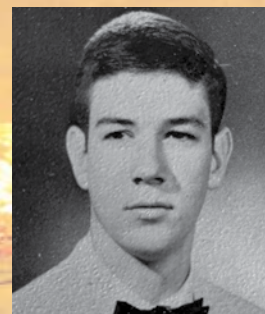
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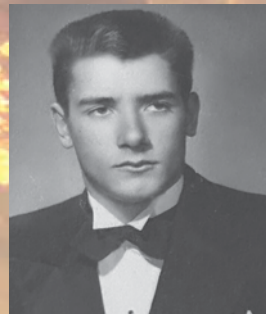
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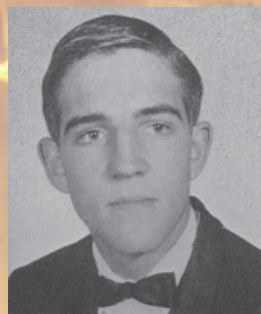
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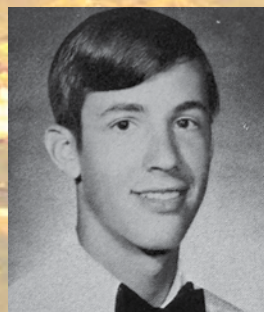
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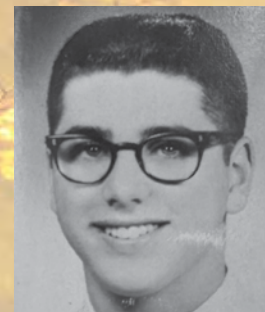
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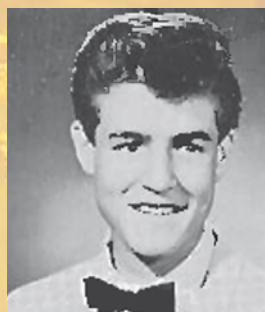
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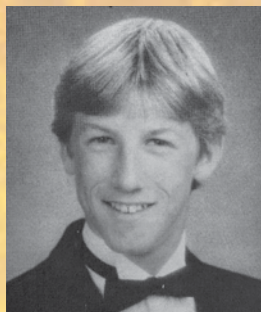
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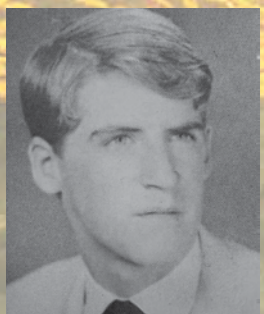
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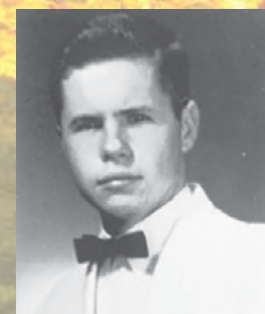
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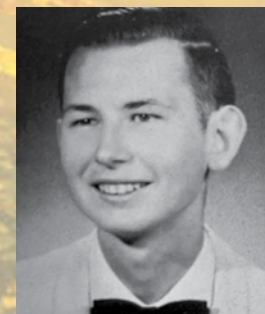
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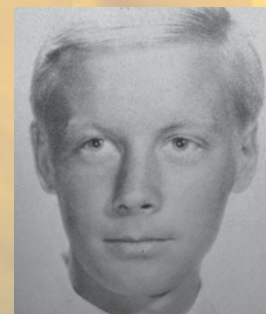
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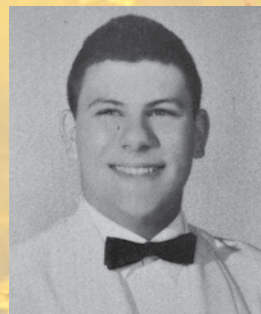
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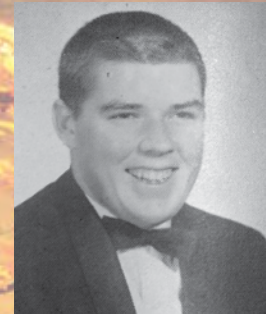


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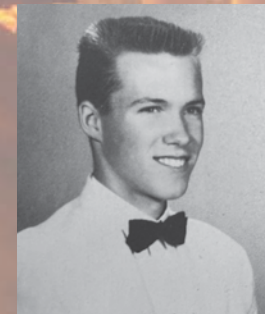
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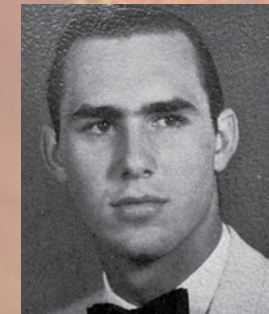
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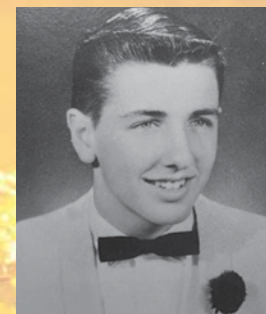
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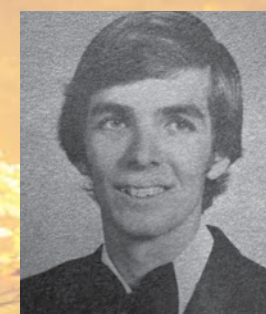
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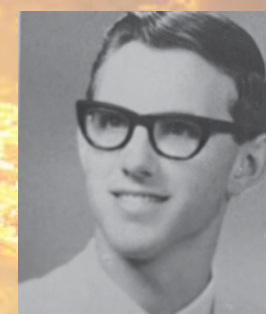
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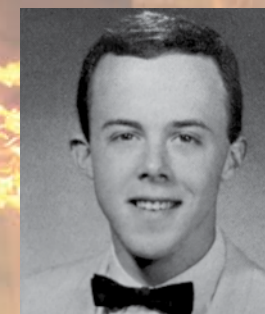
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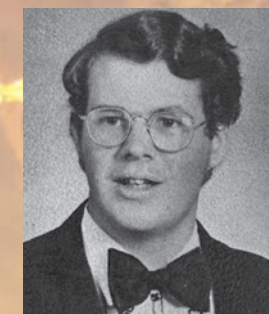
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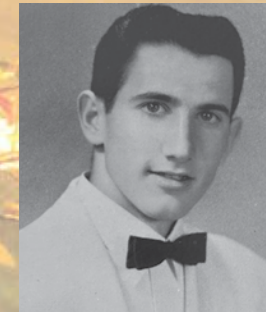
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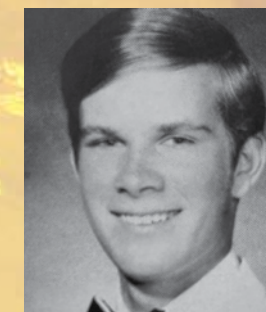
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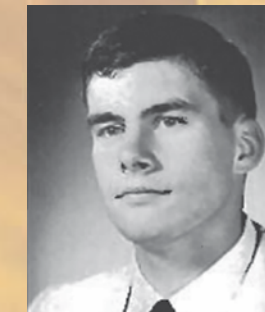
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