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**Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Serra,**

***Serra transforms lives!***

What a blessing to begin the school year with the entire community in person. We could not be more proud of Serra's response to the challenging two years we have had. Serra's outstanding performance during this period reflects the tremendous resilience and commitment of the entire Serra community. Deep into the year, all programs are running at capacity, and our students, teachers, administrators and parents have embraced the school year with a renewed enthusiasm for our shared mission. We continue to move forward.

This past November, Serra's Board of Regents convened to review and adopt Serra's new five-year strategic plan. The presentation culminated an extensive and collaborative process to develop a renewed vision for Serra. Working side by side with the administrative team, the effort spanned 20 months—starting just weeks before the pandemic, continuing through the remote environment, including interviews and surveys of hundreds of stakeholders—and culminating in a two-day Zoom retreat where the plan was drafted with more than 60 members of our community.

The strategic vision includes three main components: **Living the Mission, Inspiring Educational Excellence and Ensuring the Future.**

The board unanimously voted to support the strategic vision, and the Serra administration followed suit the next week, greenlighting the plan to set us on a direction that will guide future decision-making. The plan will provide a clear road map, by which the administration, faculty, staff and board will be able to navigate the next five years on our way to establishing an even more vibrant Catholic school in San Mateo and the broader San Francisco Bay Area. We included the plan in its entirety for your review.

However, what was even more compelling than approving this monumental work, was the powerful commitment of the Serra community that worked on the plan. Board members, parents, teachers and students all spoke of Serra with passion and agreed on one thing—that buildings, plans and initiatives only matter to the extent that they further Serra's mission to help boys become outstanding young men. This mission energizes us!

This reflection on Serra's powerful mission inspired the name of our strategic plan, **Transforming Lives**. As a community, we walk with the young men in their journey to becoming men of faith, wisdom, service—men who build community and lead to make a difference in the world. This transformation happens in the midst of a culture that embodies Serra's core values. Our teachers, coaches, campus ministers, counselors and student leaders model the mission, and it becomes part of the culture and climate of Serra. The Serra community transforms lives.

We are moving swiftly to execute the strategic plan and continue the upgrades to Serra's physical plant. Beginning with the completion of The Pereira Center for Robotics and Engineering last year, we renovated part of our academic wing this past summer—including new classrooms, a bathroom, air conditioning and seismic upgrading.

Next up, the Serra team has turned its focus to a transformative renovation of the library space. We look forward to sharing the exciting plans soon!

Sincerely,

Barry Thornton, Ed.D.  
President



*Siempre Adelante  
Always Forward*



## Meet 2021 Class Valedictorians Justin Anderson, Nicholas Button and Shayan Kothari



### Justin Anderson

They say that a dream does not become a reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work. Class of 2021 Valedictorian

Justin Anderson blended four years of rigorous honors and AP classes, baseball, basketball and a side hustle home business that highlighted his value of hard work.

"Through the teachers and coaches and the large Serra community, you learn the value of hard work and how not shying away from it will help you in every area of your life," Justin said.

From the time he walked the halls as a shy freshman, Justin said every experience taught him more about the man he wanted to become. Now a confident freshman at UCLA studying business, he said during his senior year that he drew on the memories he made and the lessons learned along the way.

Learning about faith in theology at Serra sets the school apart from all the others, he added.

**"I think it starts with faith. When you're in a classroom with 25 other teenage guys and you are sharing about your faith, it makes you feel like you can talk about anything there," he said. "These experiences bond you and make you see and respect the diversity among us—either in thinking or experience. Serra allows you to be yourself and find your own interest and path."**

The life lessons extend from the classroom to the court. His basketball coaches, Coach Carson, Coach Dugoni and Coach Rapp taught him to play the sport the way you want to live your life.

"Always give your best effort and never give up," Justin said. "Inside the classroom, or on Zoom, teachers such as Dr. Meegan encourage you to think outside the box. I

wish I were in the classroom during this class to really get the full experience, but I was very challenged to think critically about issues and myself and what it means to be a man."

Being named valedictorian was likely one of Justin's more rewarding experiences at Serra.

"I was super excited and felt as if I were a testament not to just my work in the classroom but a testament to the people I have met and the impression I have made on my peers—that was so special," he said.

A middle school student from Ralston Middle School, Justin noted that watching his brother, Ryan '18 enjoy Serra made him want to experience it himself. With a sister in her sophomore year at Notre Dame Belmont, Justin said that he is so grateful for the sacrifices his parents made for him and his siblings to attend such transformative schools.

"I am especially thankful for my parents' support. They have allowed me to make my decisions and have trusted me to grow on my own and become who I am."

### Nicholas Button

If you ask Nicholas Button what drives his motivation, he'll tell you that it's his parents' encouragement to always try your hardest.

"My parents made a ton of sacrifices for me come to Serra—I have always appreciated them encouraging me to do my best in everything I do," he said. "I am happy that I have been successful at Serra, but my parents cared more about hard work rather than the outcomes."

One of those outcomes is Nicholas being named one of three valedictorians for the Class of 2021.

Nicholas, who attended St. Gregory Catholic School before attending Serra, is at U.C. Berkeley with plans to play baseball and study economics.



While at Serra, Nicholas maintained high grades while taking at least four honors or AP classes each year.

Balancing school work and baseball was tough, he said. "Serra is not an easy school, the classes are tough and there is a ton of hard work, but it teaches you honesty and humility."

"Everyone has done something great in their lives; and at Serra, we are surrounded by winners and this teaches you to be humble."

Many teaches have helped Nicholas along the way, notably, Kevin Carey '93 and John Grosey '79.

"Mr. Grosey taught me to keep your nose down and keep working hard, and his tough classes always encouraged me. Mr. Carey taught me that there is always more than one truth and to be open to other opinions in search of what is true. You must diversify your opinion to be the best you can be."

**"This thinking transcends into the whole spirit of a Padre. Serra has taught me to stand up for each other, while keeping eyes on the importance of also calling out things when they're not right," Nicholas added.**

Good morals, serving the community and helping others are also virtues that Nicholas learned at Serra.

Nicholas played baseball all four years at Serra and enjoyed his spring season as captain of the team and his position as catcher. He also was an executive SERT commissioner, student ambassador, shadow and open house host and a California Scholarship Federation lifetime member and National Honor Society member.

The memories made at Serra will be remembered forever, Nicholas said. With awesome Jungle Game wins and a bonding pandemic experience, Nicholas said that he will always cherish his time at Serra and the lifelong friendships he forged with his fellow Padres.

For prospective students, his words of wisdom would be simply to get involved in the Serra community. "The connections, lifelong friendships that you will create at Serra will be everlasting."

### Shayan Kothari

Class of 2021 Valedictorian Shayan Kothari began his college career at Duke University armed with values he said that he amplified during his four transformational years at Serra.

In his speech, which was broadcast during the virtual Senior Academic Awards night on May 20, Shayan highlighted his belief that, **"A Padre is someone who puts the needs of others before his own, holds peers accountable and never loses faith during a challenge—a Padre can overcome and conquer all odds."**

Shayan used three different experiences at Serra to describe those core values and added that his time at Serra has helped him become a strong critical thinker and form strong relationships with people.

With a love of baseball and basketball, Shayan played both sports at Serra until he chose to focus strictly on baseball his sophomore year through senior year. Shayan loves music and has played guitar since he was young. He sang in the Serra Men's Chorus as a freshman and played in the jazz band sophomore year. He was a big brother his junior year.

Above all his learning at Serra, Shayan said it has been the theology classes that he has really found to be life-altering. "The faith and the theology courses are my favorite," he said. "The philosophy has really helped me with introspection that I had never experienced before—it has shaped my values and helped me identify who I am," he added.

As a junior, with the help of moderator and chemistry teacher Mr. Mock, Shayan founded Serra's Stocks and Economics Club. At Duke, Shayan plans to draw on his club experience and focus on finance, studying economics and computer science.

Growing up in Foster City, Shayan attended elementary school at Kids Connection and junior high school at Bowditch Middle School. His desire to attend Serra was spawned after watching his brother Rohan '15 attend school at Serra.

With support from his family, Shayan is looking forward to his college experience at Duke. He said he is extremely grateful and indebted to his parents for giving him the opportunity to attend Serra.

"It is a debt I will always try to repay," he said.



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—SHAYAN KOTHARI '21





# CLASS OF '21 GRADUATION AWARDS

**SHAYAN KOTHARI**  
GENERAL SCHOLASTIC  
EXCELLENCE MEDAL  
ENGLISH MEDAL  
MATHEMATICS MEDAL  
  
Duke University



**ADITYA PATHAK**  
GENERAL SCHOLASTIC  
EXCELLENCE MEDAL  
MATHEMATICS MEDAL  
SCIENCE MEDAL  
  
University of Chicago



**NICHOLAS BUTTON**  
ACTIVITY MEDAL  
MUSIC MEDAL  
  
University of California,  
Berkeley



**BRUNO GHENO**  
CAMPUS MINISTRY MEDAL  
  
University of Colorado,  
Boulder



**JUSTIN GILMORE**  
CAMPUS MINISTRY MEDAL  
  
Skyline College



**LUCAS DUGONI**  
SERVICE MEDAL  
  
University of Notre Dame



**GAVIN COSTA**  
SHEA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD  
  
University of California,  
Santa Barbara



**MICHAEL KAMENIS**  
DRAMATIC ARTS MEDAL  
SOCIAL STUDIES MEDAL  
WORLD LANGUAGES MEDAL  
  
University of California,  
Berkeley



**ISAAC ROBLES**  
THEOLOGY MEDAL  
  
Menlo College



**SLAVEN BULJAN**  
VISUAL ARTS MEDAL  
  
College of San Mateo



## 2021 SHEA AWARD RECIPIENT GAVIN COSTA



Gavin Costa was the 2021 recipient of the coveted Shea Award. A leader in the classroom and in the pool, Gavin was a four-year member of the Serra water polo team and swim team. A goalie in water polo, Gavin handled the extreme pressure of the position with composure and confidence, one of many reasons he was incredibly well respected by his teammates and opponents. A leader in the water polo program, Aquatics Director Andrew Silva said that Gavin "was one of the most coachable athletes I have ever worked with." A volunteer coach and classroom aid at Our Lady of Angels School in Burlingame, Gavin graduated from Serra with a 4.61 weighted GPA. He was on the Principal's List every semester of his high school career. The Shea sportsmanship award has been given annually since 1947 to an outstanding senior

athlete at Serra High School. In 1966, the award was named for Serra alum James P. Shea from the Class of 1958 who is still classified as missing in action in the Vietnam War. This is the highest honor that Serra confers on a graduating student-athlete. Athletes are nominated by the head coach of each sport and then voted upon by those coaches.



## 2020-2021 Blanket Award Winners

**Tommy Rogers**  
2020 Cross Country

**Hassan Mahasin**  
2020 Football

**Alessandro Salemo**  
2020 Water Polo

**Dimitri Koutsogeorgas**  
2021 Basketball

**Ivan Torres**  
2021 Soccer

**Enzo Cappabianca  
and Aidan Quinn**  
2021 Wrestling

**Nico Button and  
Pat Keighran**  
2021 Baseball

**William Walsh**  
2021 Golf

**Ryan Oh**  
2021 Lacrosse

**Chad Morrison**  
2021 Swimming

**Marco Lozito**  
2021 Volleyball

**Will Denning and  
Aidan Mendoza**  
2021 Track & Field







## SERRA CAMPUS UNDERGOES MORE MODERNIZATION

At any given time throughout the Serra school day, a group of Padres can be seen congregating around a semi-circular couch in the main office area. Movable computer tables surround the couch, where students are either completing their work or collaborating with one another. The furnishings are just one of many improvements that Serra has implemented in its master plan to enhance the lived experience for each student at Serra.

The furnishings visible throughout campus include tall tables lining the hallway, positioned to inspire collaboration among classmates. The furnishings honor students and support their ability to collaborate, socialize and study. The furniture is comfortable, movable and ergonomic, and is an example of transformative building enhancements that Serra has embarked upon over the past two years.

After addressing the interior spaces and building the Pereira Center for Robotics and Engineering in 2020, the focus has moved toward a comprehensive upgrade to the school's primary academic wing. The renovation of the academic spaces process began with a \$500,000 electrical upgrade of the facility to prepare for major building projects to come.

In addition to supporting future development, the site work supported Serra's \$500,000 investment in additional technology to respond to the needs of distance and hybrid learning during the pandemic.

"When the pandemic hit, we were able to shift significant resources to upgrade the Serra technology platform," Serra President Barry Thornton, Ed.D.

said. "The shift to an Apple Macbook Air and iPad for teachers, along with Apple TV, supported teachers already well-versed in technology integration. The new technology provided teachers with the tools they needed to teach at the highest level."

The overall vision for the renovation was validated in the Strategic Plan, *Transforming Lives*, which was completed this past November after a 20-month collaborative effort (profiled in this edition of *Traditions*). The plan highlighted the primary thrust of building needs moving forward to include the academic classrooms and the library, a project still in its design stage and being referred to as the school's new Center for Learning and Innovation.

The Center for Learning and Innovation will support student collaboration and study, house the design-led innovation program and Serra Global (also profiled in this edition of *Traditions*), as well as function as a major events center for the school. The new space will be functional and inspirational.

The team of Ratcliff Architects, Nova Partners Project Management and Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction—the same collaboration that successfully executed the design and building of the school's Center for Arts and Sciences and the Aquatics Center—have been commissioned to build the vision.

"This team has intimate knowledge of the facility and are able to successfully execute the exciting plans," Thornton said. "Plans for these renovations include classrooms, department offices, the library and common areas that will be upgraded into phases over

subsequent summers, so that student learning and school operations will not be disrupted."

The first major stage of the improvements to academic wing classrooms was completed just prior to opening the fall semester, 2021. Thornton noted that the initial phase included the renovation of four classrooms, a department office, an ADA bathroom, new HVAC, seismic upgrades, fire suppression and other improvements that improve safety and add to the student and learning experience. A total of 10 classrooms received HVAC upgrades with MERV 13 filters for operation during the pandemic and during days with poor air quality.

The purpose of these improvements is to support advancements in teacher pedagogy and the lived experience of students at Serra. The classrooms, technology systems, lighting, sound and furniture design were all designed in collaboration with teachers with student learning as the central focus.

The classrooms represented a complete teaching environment, with writable walls, integrated sound systems, adjustable lighting, and Apple TV technology enabling students to seamlessly share work with the class and collaborate with fellow students.

"The teachers have done an exceptional job of offering new electives, integrating technology at a high level and building curricula that aligns with critical thinking for years. It is paramount that the environment that they teach in will help to encourage that growth," Thornton said. "I

am excited that we are moving forward on long-anticipated plans to completely upgrade the facility and support the exceptional teaching and learning experience provided by our talented faculty."

History teacher Rick Boesen said that the new classrooms are more comfortable for students, which makes teaching more effective.

"These upgrades have provided tangible benefits for our students," Boesen explained. "The new air conditioning system makes the classrooms more comfortable, and customized window shades and dimmer switches allow for easy adjustments to lighting."

Boesen also added that increased work spaces for students with larger desks and chair combos provide more room for the students to use their books and computers simultaneously.

World Languages Department Chair Mary Dowden said she is very grateful to see Serra in this stage of renovation and renewal.

"It has been inspiring to be in such a beautiful space. I think the boys feel special learning in the new classrooms," Dowden said. "It's been fun to test out the new furniture and class set-ups. The chairs are a lot more comfortable and the tables allow more room to spread out their work. The boys love using the whiteboard walls for collaboration and sharing big ideas."



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—Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D.



"WE ARE CONSISTENTLY LOOKING FOR WAYS TO PARTNER WITH OTHER CLASSES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD TO COLLABORATE AND EXPAND OUR STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVES."

—RITA LEE, DEAN OF STUDENTS



# SERRA GLOBAL

## MERGING CREATIVITY WITH INNOVATION AND INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION

"THE SERRA GLOBAL PROGRAM INSPIRES SERRA STUDENTS TO EXPAND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF COMMUNITY AND BROTHERHOOD BEYOND THE WALLS OF SERRA."

—BARRY THORNTON, ED.D.

Early morning on a recent Thursday, an hour before most of their fellow Padres would begin the day's classes, a group of eight Serra juniors and seniors arranged their desks into a conversation circle. Each reported on his progress toward this grading period's personal challenge.

One told of the time management benefits he'd discovered by consistently "studying ahead," while another was still struggling to avoid the distraction of his screen devices. Others talked about getting more hours of sleep, rising on the first alarm in the morning and finding healthy ways to de-stress. These small steps in building stick-to-itiveness serve to underscore the importance of systematically working toward a goal.

In the case of this class, Creative Solutions for the Global Good, the students will be applying that self-discipline to a year-long

project that focuses on community and service, and that challenges them to apply design thinking principles to topics that interests the students.

Creative Solutions for the Global Good is the mainspring of Serra Global, an evolving interdisciplinary program that seeks to bring the world to Serra students and Serra students to the world.

**"Our Creative Solutions for the Global Good class helps initiate creative thinking, social interaction, intellectual growth and an ability to learn from almost anything around us."**

—Mikey El-Badry '22

Dean of Students Rita Lee and Rushton Hurley, an international speaker on education who has been working with Serra for the past 12 years, have teamed up to teach the class. Lee and Hurley challenge their students to think in new ways and take a human-centered approach to creative problem solving.

"We want them to use that kind of creative thinking to become better students, to bring new ideas to the school, to their families and to the greater community," Hurley explained. "To get students inspired to do really interesting projects, we share really interesting stories, and we connect the students with different people and places around the world."

On this particular Thursday, creative inspiration came from the story, *The Flying Car Completes First Ever Inter-city Flight* by KleinVision. Previously, the class marveled at *Wintergatan-Marble Machine*, a story about a music instrument using 2,000 marbles. They learned how a team of Stanford bioengineers, inspired by a whirligig toy, developed a 20-cent, hand-powered blood centrifuge.

"We want them to think about what can be—to tap into their passions and interests and become innovators," Lee remarked.

Another way to get students to think differently and creatively is to expose them to people and places around the world—to challenge and broaden their perspectives.

One example took place last spring when students from the Creative Solutions for the Global Good class at Serra, along with students from Parklands College (a pre-primary through 12th grade school) in Cape Town, South Africa, presented the projects they had collaboratively worked on during the school year. They received feedback from an online audience.

In the audience were almost 100 supporters from all sectors of society, as well as 15 different countries including Canada, China, Colombia, England, Finland, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Africa and the United States.



"Since COVID hit, everyone is using Zoom. However, we were using it more than two years before to help make these worldwide connections possible," said Hurley. "This free technology gives us a passport to the world."

This year, students in the class will again be working in collaboration with the Parklands students, and they will also connect with students at Nagoya International School in Japan to participate in their TED-Ed club.

"In the simplest terms, the Serra Global initiative provides ways for Serra to connect with the outside world in meaningful ways, with creative and inspiring people and organizations all over the world," continued Lee. "We are consistently looking for ways to partner with other classes in other parts of the world to collaborate and expand our students' perspectives. We tap into a lot of personal connections to make this happen, and we hope to be broadening our reach by actively involving our alumni in future endeavors."

The concept of Serra Global was born of the recognition that there are many other places within the school realm where using connections to other schools, using connections to other people—no matter where in the world they are—can be powerful for everybody.

### Serra Global Speaker Series

Hurley and Lee launched the Serra Global Speaker Series last year to bring fascinating speakers from around the world to Serra to discuss cutting-edge topics and share their personal stories.

With each speaker, they look to connect with people from the school community who might be most interested or get the most value from participating.

When photographer/videographer Jeff Frost spoke about his experiences while embedded with fire crews fighting the California wildfires, for example, Serra's environmental science classes were on board to hear his story. And when Silicon Valley success entrepreneur Brett Kopf spoke about the web-to-text communication tool that he launched, which has been described as the most successful educational technology app in history, many in the Serra community included Academic Resource Center students and their parents.



Jeff Frost  
Photographer/videographer



Brett Kopf  
Silicon Valley entrepreneur

In both cases, the speakers were introduced to Serra by others in our community—a former Serra faculty member introduced Jeff Frost, and Hurley's edtech connections acquainted Brett Kopf with Serra.

Serra Global reflects the direction of Serra's newly minted five-year strategic plan that calls Serra to . . . distinguish itself globally as a school of innovation, creativity and service."

**Serra President Barry Thornton noted, "The program inspires Serra students to expand their understanding of community and brotherhood beyond the walls of Serra—to develop meaningful connections with people from other countries as they collaborate on service projects. This lies at the heart of the Serra mission. It is exciting and profoundly meaningful."**

### CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR THE GLOBAL GOOD STUDENT PROJECT

Recent Serra graduate Matthew Cerza '21 developed a project in which he and a friend refurbished donated laptops to be Zoom-ready for senior citizens who were isolated from friends and family as a result of COVID-19.

His project won a first-prize award from the San Mateo County Office of Education's annual Solutionary Fair. Matthew was a main-stage panelist who spoke to thousands of teachers at ISTE '21, the largest teacher-focused educational technology conference in the world.

Today, Matthew is attending the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he is focusing his studies on electrical and computer engineering.



## Rita Lee Named New Assistant Principal, Academics

Serra is proud to announce the appointment of Rita Lee as the new assistant principal, academics, effective July 2022. Lee will replace Keith Strange, who is retiring at the end of the academic year.

Lee holds degrees from Stanford University, including a bachelor's of science in biology, a master's degree in education and a teaching credential in biology and chemistry. She earned her second master's degree in educational leadership from Harvard University. Her program emphasis included instructional leadership, teacher mentoring and school reform.

Prior to pursuing her master's degrees, Lee worked as a teacher at Serra, where she learned that teaching was her calling.

"I was on my way to medical school after Stanford and I got a job teaching at Serra," Lee said. "It was here at Serra that I absolutely fell in love with teaching. Working with the students, seeing them connect the dots, watching them get excited when they really understand how things work, that is the magic of teaching. So, instead of medical school, I decided that I needed to learn more about teaching and gain the skills necessary to be more effective in education."

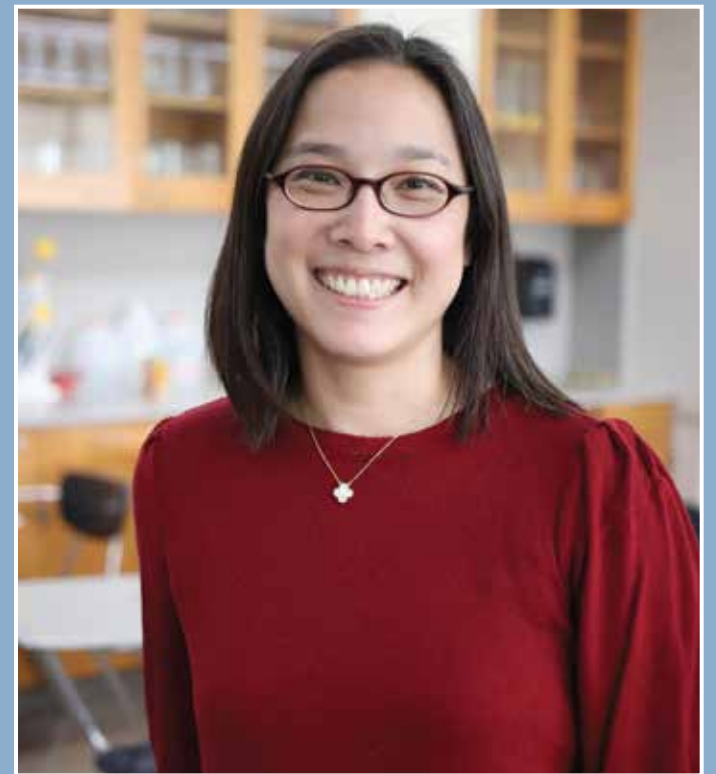
After graduating from Harvard, Lee moved to Southern California as a founding faculty member and the Science Department chair of a new school before returning to Serra 13 years ago to be the dean of studies.

"Rita's credentials and experience at Serra will allow her to oversee the next chapter of our school's academic portfolio," said Serra Principal Charlie McGrath. "Throughout her tenure at Serra, Rita has developed many of the school's innovation and design programs. She has the support and respect of the school community as someone who is a good listener and mission focused."

During her time at Serra, Lee pioneered significant advancements in Serra's academic program, including the one-to-one, bring-your-own-device technology integration program, the design-led innovation program centered on design thinking, and the Serra Global program.

Lee shares Serra's mission to help boys become young men in a faith environment. A significant part of her life path and her desire to pursue teaching came as a result of her first teaching job as a biology teacher at Serra from 2001 to 2003. When she left to pursue her MA at Harvard, she told then-Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D. that she wanted to return and pursue a career in education at Serra.

"One thing I really loved about Serra was that in an all-boys learning environment, the students are very frank and honest," Lee said "I think that in a gender-specific environment, teachers build strong relationships with their students, so students feel comfortable talking and asking questions. This leads to stronger academic learning because you can talk about more complicated concepts and topics. The other thing I really loved about Serra was the community. I visited and worked at a number of schools during and after grad school and I couldn't find another



school that had such a strong and caring community. I came back to Serra because of the community."

Another large factor in Lee's decision to pursue the position of assistant principal of academics is the outstanding faculty that Lee works alongside. "I cannot say enough about the faculty at Serra," she said. "Our teachers are dedicated, hardworking and they want all of their students to succeed. They are also open-minded and always trying new things. I'm looking forward to continuing the great discussions about critical thinking and creativity and supporting them as we continue to improve and expand our teaching."

According to Thornton, Lee is highly respected by students, teachers, parents and peers. "Rita's appointment has in mind the educational direction and leadership vision we need with Serra's Center for Learning and Innovation and Serra Global," he said. "Her leadership style reflects a wonderful mixture of humility, confidence, interpersonal savvy and unrelenting pursuit of the mission. Serra is fortunate to have someone of her intellectual caliber, educational experience and personal conviction to take the reins of Serra's academic program moving forward."

"I am excited about the opportunity to lead the next steps of the academic program. Serra's academic program is truly outstanding—100 percent college attendance, more than \$21 million in college scholarships last year with 95 percent of those being awarded for academic achievement. And, most important, students are succeeding in their next steps in academia. I look forward to continuing the academic excellence at Serra and expanding our innovation and global possibilities."

Lee grew up on the Peninsula and graduated from Gunn High School. She lives in Hillsborough with her husband, Paul, and two children, Jayson, 9 and Kate, 8. When she is not working, she enjoys reading science fiction and traveling.





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Transforming Lives



A letter from our Strategic Plan Steering Committee Co-Chairs and the Chair of Serra's Advisory Board of Regents



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Education has always played a critical role in the lives of young people—preparing them for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Serra’s mission in educating young men is unwavering; however, the world our graduates face presents new realities that few of us could ever have imagined.

How do we prepare today’s students to work, serve, thrive and lead in an unpredictable world? How do we equip them for unforeseeable changes and prepare them for the unexpected?

Serra’s five-year strategic plan, *Transforming Lives*, demonstrates how Serra plans to rise to these challenges. Confident in our mission, inspired by the dedication of our teachers and administrators and proud of our 77-year heritage of educational excellence, innovation and success, we are pleased to share our five-year plan with you.

*Transforming Lives* represents the work of alumni, students, parents, faculty and community members who came together to write a plan that embraces Serra’s time-honored mission, stays true to the authenticity of Serra’s values and boldly articulates a vision that will secure an ambitious, productive, creative future. Engaging constituents from all facets of Serra’s community was key to developing a comprehensive and insightful plan. We look forward to the same level of commitment and involvement from everyone to ensure its success.

As you will see in the following pages, *Transforming Lives* has three important pillars: Inspiring Intellectual Excellence, Living our Mission and Ensuring our Future. These strategic pillars are interconnected—created to realize our commitment to support young men on their journeys to becoming men of faith, wisdom, service, community and leadership. We invite you to be part of *Transforming Lives* at Serra High School!

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STUDENTS, ALUMNI,  
PARENTS INTERVIEWED

20 MONTHS  
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# INSPIRING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

**Sparkling Intellectual Curiosity:** Serra High School will continue to offer an exciting, modern, relevant curriculum that encourages creativity, helps students realize their full potential and supports the school’s mission of building men of faith, wisdom, service, community and leadership.



- Our Plan:**
- Offer innovative, collaborative courses with creative projects that develop students’ passions, talents and abilities
  - Expand learning opportunities beyond the school day to include independent learning, research, internships, summer immersion, mini-courses and online learning to help students discern college and life choices
  - Encourage a holistic education that includes cross-curricular work that integrates real-life themes, faith and service
  - Expand opportunities, explore partnerships and deepen understanding in coding, AR/VR, AI, STEM, robotics, social media, graphics, video production and other emerging technologies

**Exceptional Teaching:** Serra High School will invest to attract and retain outstanding faculty who inspire, motivate and mentor students.



- Our Plan:**
- Create and prioritize funding sources to attract, retain and competitively compensate teachers, address housing and promote professional development
  - Develop and implement a plan to ensure our faculty reflects the diversity of our community
  - Support faculty with learning opportunities to expand their craft, develop pedagogical techniques and employ new technologies
  - Provide flexible open learning spaces where students and teachers are encouraged to collaborate, share and create

**Expand Learning Through Technology:** Serra High School will use technology to inspire students, faculty and the larger Serra community to pursue the school’s mission and distinguish itself globally as a school of innovation, creativity and service.



- Our Plan:**
- Establish relationships with other schools and educators internationally to bring new academic, leadership and service opportunities to students
  - Use technology to share the breadth of student and teacher learning to increase engagement and showcase the school’s strengths and values with the community
  - Acquire technology resources, invest in facility upgrades and prioritize individualized professional development opportunities
  - Develop scope and sequence for information/media literacy and digital citizenship to ensure effective integration throughout the curriculum

# LIVING OUR MISSION

**Faith Formation Embraced by Entire School Community:** Serra High School will enhance its Catholic identity among teachers, staff, parents and students with the intent of forming lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ.



- Our Plan:**
- Maintain focus on educating all students in the Catholic faith while honoring and respecting the diversity of religious backgrounds of all Serra students
  - Develop a culture of "encounter" to promote mercy, justice, advocacy and service
  - Show how the Catholic faith can provide spiritual support for mental health through prayer, pastoral counseling, service and other faith practices
  - Integrate service-learning throughout all academic departments, strengthen the service immersion program and align the curriculum and Catholic social justice tradition
  - Evaluate the Mission and Brotherhood small group structure to increase the level of trust and student satisfaction



**Preparing Students to be Men of Virtue and Character:** Serra High School will create a culture that supports the whole person by providing a diversity of experiences that develop life-long skills, support student interests and emphasize a brotherhood of respect, integrity, inclusion and compassion.



Our Plan:

- Assess programmatic needs to integrate diversity, equity and inclusion in all areas of the Padre brotherhood experience
- Enhance the counseling program with additional resources to address student mental health needs, particularly in the post-pandemic period
- Provide leadership training and support to club officers to strengthen the activities program and engage the community
- Create mechanisms and opportunities for students to share feedback regarding student life to be inclusive and receptive to student needs and wants

**Leading with Purpose:** Serra High school will align the goals of the school’s administration and the advisory board of regents with Serra’s mission, vision and strategic plan objectives.



Our Plan:

- Assess current board membership and committee structure to ensure its alignment with the objectives of the school and the strategic plan
- Ensure accountability through annual goal setting, KPIs aligned to objectives and progress reporting to the community
- Integrate board expertise in support of mentoring, internships and outreach programming
- Engage board members, staff, faculty and students in a discussion about diversity, equity and inclusion that supports the community, develops opportunities for meaningful change and promotes conversation and reflection

# ENSURING OUR FUTURE

**Exceptional Facilities:** Serra High School will invest in facilities, infrastructure and technology to develop a state-of-the-art campus that inspires excellence throughout the community.



Our Plan:

- Develop a master plan that prioritizes capital improvements, technology, security and classroom needs to support educational excellence and to attract diverse students, faculty and staff
- Evaluate and implement construction phasing that minimizes school disruption and creates multiple opportunities for fundraising and donor engagement
- Enhance the lived student experience throughout the campus through architectural design, creation of common areas and selection of furnishings





**An Engaged Community of Support and a Financial Plan to Sustain:** Serra High School will develop a culture of philanthropy—time, talent and treasure—and lifelong relationships among a broad community of donors to create a sustainable source of funds that will ensure the vitality of the school now and for generations to come.



Our Plan:

- Plan and execute a five-year capital campaign to fund the complete remodel of the A-wing, establish a new center for learning and innovation and complete priorities of the master plan
- Increase and establish endowments that provide financial aid for all students who desire a Serra education, enhance teacher recruitment and retention, fund key student learning programs and support the long-term viability of the school
- Create a robust alumni program that offers multiple opportunities for engagement (events, mentoring, speakers, donations) including efforts to specifically develop relationships with Serra’s young alumni
- Develop a differentiated communication strategy that engages parents, students, young alumni, older alumni and donors to better educate each group with opportunities to support Serra with their time, talent and treasure
- Continually identify and optimize our extensive resources, with the goal of maximizing opportunities for our key constituents, through strategic short and long-term operational and financial planning

**Achieve and Maintain Optimal Enrollment:** Serra High School will recruit and retain well-rounded, diverse young men who are intellectually curious, socially conscious and reflective of the Bay Area.

Our Plan:

- Create a strategic enrollment plan to attract and retain high-quality, diverse students in a competitive market with changing demographics and a growing need for financial assistance
- Define and articulate Serra’s value proposition and differentiation for prospective students and their families
- Create a messaging framework to communicate the school’s strengths and value proposition for prospective students and their families
- Develop a marketing plan that drives top-of-funnel leads and expands our reach to engage prospective students early in middle school
- Identify and deploy tech tools to manage, automate, analyze and optimize enrollment programs



CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY  
**FUND A DREAM 2022**  
SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT  
MARCH 12, 2022

**Father Joe Bradley '73**  
Keynote Speaker

The Serra community will celebrate a spirit of giving at the Fund a Dream Scholarship Benefit on Saturday, March 12. Funds raised that evening will benefit Padres who receive tuition assistance.

"Our Tuition Assistance Program is critical to Serra’s mission of offering an outstanding Catholic, college-prep education to qualified students," said Serra Chief Advancement Officer Mike Fadelli '88. "Without the support of our generous benefactors, deserving students would not be able to benefit from the transformational experience that Serra provides."

This year’s keynote speaker will be Father Joe Bradley '73, Serra’s football chaplain who established the meaningful Football Chapel Program with Coach Patrick Walsh. Father Joe has been a Serra teacher, campus ministry chaplain, football chaplain and school president. He also was the recipient of the 2004 Junípero Serra Award.

"I am deeply honored to speak at Fund a Dream," Father Joe said. "I received tuition assistance to attend Serra when I was a young man, so this is very personal to me. I love Serra and support its mission to raise young men of faith, wisdom and service."

Over the years, Father Joe has enjoyed being a member of the Serra Campus Ministry Team, leading Kairos retreats and being an advocate for social justice issues. He is known for doing his best to meet people where they are, without judgment. He shared his courageous story of his heart transplant journey in the popular book, *The Four Gifts*. Now a stage play, *The Four Gifts* will be presented in 2022 at the Hillbarn Theatre in Foster City.



"Father Joe has such a special relationship with so many of our alumni and current Padres," Fadelli said. "He’s the perfect person to talk about tuition assistance here at Serra. He knows a lot of Padres who have been the beneficiaries of the wonderful kindness of the Serra community. We had planned to have Father Joe as our keynote speaker before the pandemic, so we’re delighted that Fund a Dream will finally be in person. We’re really looking forward to celebrating the Serra community’s generosity and commitment to our students."

Since 2005, Fund a Dream has changed many lives and has enabled Padres from diverse backgrounds to attend Serra. To date, the event has provided more than \$6 million for the Tuition Assistance Program. This year, financial aid was awarded to 40 percent of Serra students.

"Over the years, alumni from all generations have spoken about how Serra’s financial aid program changed their lives," Fadelli noted. "They’re paying it forward today by becoming role models and compassionate leaders. We invite everyone in our community to help us make even more young men’s dreams come true by supporting the Tuition Assistance Program. Together, we will be able to continue Serra’s exemplary mission for future generations."

[www.serrahs.com/fundadream](http://www.serrahs.com/fundadream)



# Tri-School Productions Students Shine in THE ALIBIS

The lights dimmed and a motley crew of eclectic characters dazzled the stage in November, when Tri-School Productions students presented *The Alibis* in Serra's Gellert Auditorium. The plot of the clever "whodunit" fall play, directed by Lawrence Long, revolves around the murder of an eccentric crime boss billionaire, J. Leslie Arlington.

Each of the eight quirky suspects commits some sort of absurd crime—from a botched diamond heist to a hamster's untimely death to an illegal term paper mill. Detective Casey Neptune (played by Serra's talented Nolan La Mar) must analyze these eight bizarre alibis, which are mini stories within the main story. La Mar, in a quasi narrator role, handled each alibi vignette with candor, humor and a dash of sass.

"Coming back to live theater for the first time in more than two years, *The Alibis* was a choice that allowed more than 50 students to participate in the cast and on the crew," said Visual & Performing Arts Chair Lawrence Long. "The play features eight separate stories, which are the alibis of the main characters. Each story has its own unique feel, genre, pace and theme."

Serra senior Will Broderick played the butler, Warwick. He described his character as "hardworking and stern with a silly, goofy side."

He appreciated the freedom he was given to put his own spin on his quirky character. "My favorite part," Broderick shared, "was working with Mr. Long, Mr. Soi, Ms. Peng and the numerous others in the cast and crew who set aside their time and contributed to making each performance a success."

NDB junior Isabella Hildebrand-Veccia played theatre diva Davina Arlington.

"Davina always needs to be in the spotlight and will never pass up a chance to tell a story," Hildebrand-Veccia noted. "She has a larger-than-life personality, and I enjoyed including her nuances while keeping her personality alive. I loved this show because everyone was comfortable taking risks to develop their characters. My favorite thing about Tri-School Productions is the family that comes with it. In this production alone, I've become infinitely closer with the people I already knew, and I've made new friends as well."

Mercy senior Erin Colville played Chef Karen.

"I enjoyed playing Karen because I got to have a French accent,

TRI-SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS STUDENTS FROM SERRA, MERCY AND NOTRE DAME PRESENTED THE ALIBIS—BRINGING THE WHODUNIT MURDER MYSTERY OF ECCENTRIC CRIME BOSS BILLIONAIRE, J. LESLIE ARLINGTON TO LIFE ON STAGE.

which I've never done on stage," she said. "I really enjoyed working with my scene partners. People in Tri-School Productions always say, 'We're a family,' and it's true. Because of this family, I've made friends for life. Being in Tri-School Productions has been the best part of my high school experience. It has made the good times better and the bad times more bearable."

Long said the atmosphere during rehearsals and performances was filled with fun and camaraderie between the Tri-School actors and stage crew students.

"This hilarious murder mystery was a wonderful chance for our 28 student performers to shine in their light, and for our 26 members of stage crew to learn the process of putting on a theatre production," he added. "It was a great way for us to come back to Tri-School Productions and live theater."





# THE SUCCESS OF MUSIC IS ROOTED IN THE *Emotional Connection*

## NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR JOE MURPHY A VISIONARY TO LEAD SERRA'S MUSIC PROGRAM



On December 6, at Serra's Christmas Concert, student musicians and singers received a standing ovation for their talent from a crowd of pleased concert-goers. It appears that standing ovation has just as much to do with its performers as it does with new Music Director, Joe Murphy.

In just one semester, Murphy has given the Serra music department the jolt it needed to spring into action following pandemic protocols that paralyzed music departments across the country.

"It was really tough at the beginning of the school year," Murphy said. "While we didn't have to wear masks, we did have to haul our equipment outside and then tear it down following a short practice, so getting back has been slow."

But COVID-19 regulations haven't slowed Murphy down. This semester alone, he has multiplied the Tri-School Choir, which now boasts 43 members. His pep band played at football games and even supported the choir

in its performance of the National Anthem at the start of a game in October. The pep band will also play at basketball games this winter.

The Serra Jazz band grew from 10 to 24 musicians this semester, as well. The Tri-M Honors Society is thriving at Serra with 10 new inductees. Murphy has also created a curriculum that supports a digital production class. Next fall, he will introduce a beginning band class for students who might have never picked up an instrument.

"I really want this music department to be a place for everyone—we have a place for every kind of musical experience," Murphy said.

Murphy came to Serra at the start of the 2021-2022 academic year. He brought with him more than 20 years of leadership experience in the educational and musical fields, having last been the acclaimed band director at Tierra Linda Middle School in the San Carlos School District since 2005.

Murphy's musical knowledge and talents are diverse. For the past 20 years, he led symphonic bands, jazz bands, A capella choir groups, marching bands and orchestras at the middle and high school levels.

"It's honestly been an incredible move. Serra is a

great place to work," Murphy said. "The visions that I have for what I hope to do with the program will come to fruition because of the support of the administration and all of the kids buying into the program."

Murphy began teaching at La Canada High School in Southern California at age 20, while pursuing his bachelor's degree from Cal State Northridge in music and tuba performance. He began as a low brass coach, but soon after was offered a job as assistant band director.

While in college and teaching at La Canada, Joe studied and performed with the Santa Barbara Symphony, Inland Empire Symphony, Redlands Symphony, Antelope Valley Symphony and the Antelope Symphony—a group of symphony orchestras commonly referred to by musicians as the "Freeway Symphony." A day in the life of a symphony player in the Los Angeles area requires a certain determination, not just in music but also in patience, as each musician spends a lot of time driving congested LA freeways, Murphy noted.

Performing on the big stage was coupled with his launch of his private studio. Since its inception in the late 1990s, Murphy has trained hundreds

of private students, with more than 100 young musicians in All-State bands in California, many of them earning first chair in their respective bands, meaning they were the top musicians in their section that year.

Murphy's first full-time music

position was with Tierra Linda in San Carlos, where he grew his program to be locally renowned.

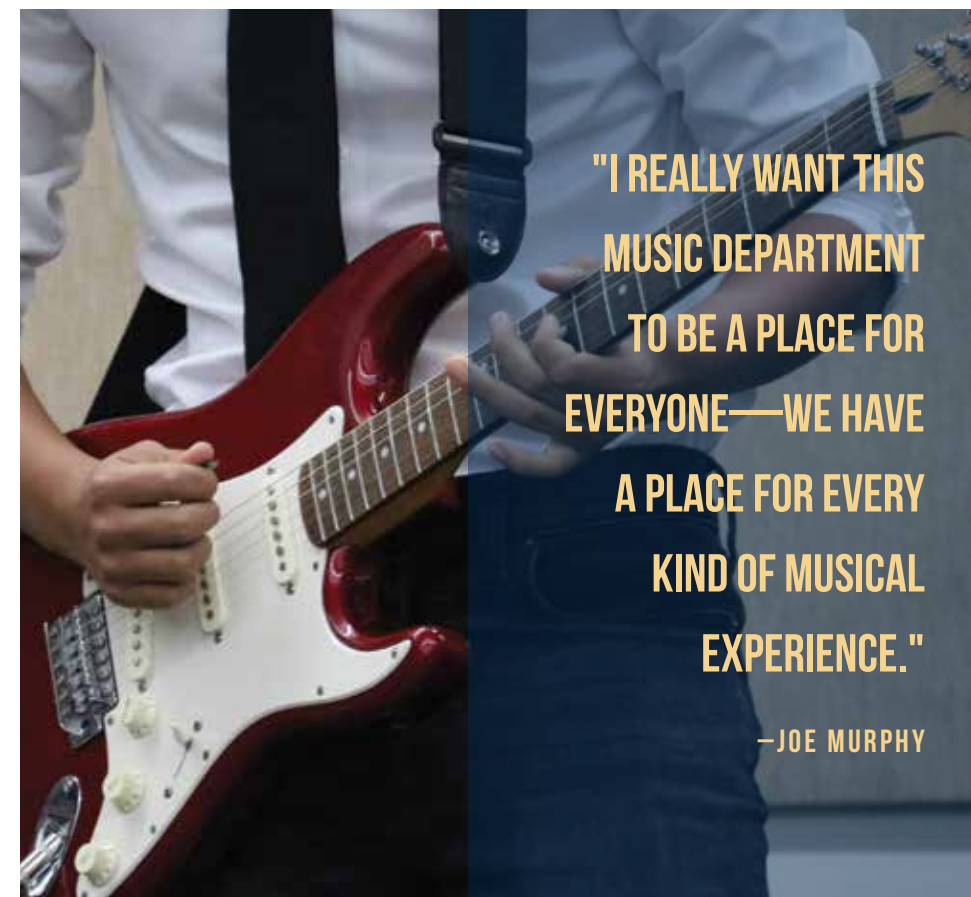
It is a rarity for a teacher to have qualified instrumental and choral experience, according to Serra High

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School President Barry Thornton, Ed.D. "We are incredibly excited to have somebody with his skill set, which includes not only choral but instrument and music composition, and to be able to lead all facets of Serra's music program going into the future," Thornton said. "He is an incredibly well-respected musician and teacher throughout the region. It is wonderful to have a music director with his caliber of experience and leadership, which positions Serra as the leading school of the arts."

Murphy believes it was his experience at Northridge that ignited his belief that the success of music is rooted in the emotional connection and the purpose of music, not strictly musical technique and structure.

"I remember this idea woke me up— music is supposed to have extreme emotion and rip your heart out," Murphy said.

An avid tuba player as a child, Murphy said he knew since the eighth grade that music was something he wanted to spend his life pursuing.

"I started to feel like I wanted to do music in certain ways. I would see my director do it one way and then I would consider how I would do it differently. Or, I would constructively criticize the conductor and think about how I would lead the band," he said. This innovative approach to music as a young man continued to spark his passion for music as an adult.

Murphy is an actor, dancer and singer for local theater as well. He also has experience being the youth choir director at St. Charles Parish in San Carlos and plays numerous instruments, including the flute, clarinet, alto sax, tenor sax, bari sax, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, percussion, bagpipes, guitar, piano, bass, harmonica and ukulele.

"I'm a visionary," he said. "I like to visualize what I want the music program to look like and then I enjoy the journey of accomplishing that vision."

His visions became realities during his 17-year tenure at Tierra Linda. Murphy and his team added more than \$100,000 of percussion equipment, 20 tubas,

an annual trip to Disneyland to perform, and a 'Faculty and Friends' recital that brought in more than \$10,000 per performance.

Murphy said he has high hopes for all he can do leading Serra's talented crew.

"I like to remind these young musicians that they are pulling off some very special stuff here," he added. "High school students need to be reminded that they are doing some very special things."

According to former Serra music director Jay Jordan, who spent nearly four decades at the helm of Serra's music and performing arts programs, Murphy is the perfect person for the job.

"I had known of him for quite some time because the most qualified musicians we got at Serra were from his program," Jordan said. "We had some exceptional tuba players who were trained by him as a brass teacher."

Jordan said he was thrilled to hear that Murphy chose to bring his talents to Serra. "My number one hope is that he can revive the band and get it back to respectable numbers for his own enjoyment and for the benefit of the kids."

Murphy is also the co-founder, with wife Sara, of Murphy Music Camps, which are held after-school and during the summer at St. Charles and Tierra Linda schools in San Carlos. The camps this summer are geared toward choir, and also digital music and video production.

Murphy lives in Belmont with Sara and his two high school-age sons, Dylan and Sean, who attend Carlmont High School.



# TRI-SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS presents *If Only: A Musical Revue*

Tri-School Productions is excited to bring to our community our first live musical theatre experience in three years!

Students from Mercy, Serra and Notre Dame High School will showcase their talents and bring to life music and dance from classic and modern Broadway shows.

*If Only . . . A Musical Revue* will ponder the big "What ifs" in our lives and look at the many ways those questions can be answered.

**SHOWTIMES:**  
March 3, 4, 5 at 7:30 p.m.  
March 6 at 2 p.m.  
Serra's Gellert Auditorium

**TICKETS GO ON SALE  
FEBRUARY 1**



# Father Joe Bradley '73 Endowed Scholarship

When Mark Vorsatz '72 read his latest copy of *Traditions* magazine a few months ago, he was struck by one article in particular—the article about Serra's beloved chaplain, Father Joe Bradley '73.

As Vorsatz read about the impact that Father Joe has had on past and present Padres, he decided to set up a scholarship fund to honor the man who has made a difference in the lives of so many.

"The Father Joe Bradley Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to a young man who has made a commitment to community service, preferably working with people who are less fortunate through Campus Ministry or in his local community," said Chief Advancement Officer Mike Fadelli '88. "This Padre must be of good character and also must participate in one activity. We're looking forward to awarding this scholarship to a deserving young man before the start of the 2022 school year."

Vorsatz noted that the Serra community is extremely blessed to have had Father Joe's guidance over the past three decades.

During his 30 years of priesthood, Father Joe has served much of his time at Serra. He has been a Serra teacher, chaplain and school president. Over the years, he has enjoyed being a member of the Serra Campus Ministry Team, leading Kairos retreats, celebrating Masses and being an advocate for social justice. Father Joe received the Junípero Serra Award in 2004.

"Father Joe represents the values of the Serra community," Vorsatz

said. "He represents all that is good about Serra—teamwork and Christian behavior. He epitomizes the practical aspects of religion . . . 'Pay it forward.' He is a role model. I have known Joe for more than 50 years; he was a year behind me at Serra. One great thing about Joe has always been his consistency."

Vorsatz, the chairman and CEO of Andersen Global, has carried his Serra values with him throughout his life.

"My family has been very fortunate," he said. "No matter how hard one works, no one is successful without the support and assistance of others. Serra was one of the best experiences of my life, and I will always be grateful for the culture and spirit of the school."

Vorsatz believes family is everything. "My wife, Liz, and I will celebrate 42 years of marriage later this month," he shared. "She's my partner and best friend in every way imaginable. I'm also very proud of my daughter, Victoria Valencia, and my son, Blair Vorsatz."

As for Father Joe, he was surprised and humbled to hear about the scholarship.

"I am deeply grateful to Mark," he said. "Mark and Liz have always been so supportive of Serra. This scholarship will enable more Padres to attend Serra. Much of my ministry has been with the Serra Football Program. However, it's not about winning games. It's about mentoring Padres on their spiritual journeys. As Dr. King once said, 'Church is not a place to go to, but to go from.' So, my hope for today's Padres is that they will go from Serra bringing lessons of faith, wisdom and service into the world."



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—MARK VORSATZ '72







**"WHILE THIS SEASON WAS SHORT AND UNUSUAL, IT PROVIDED IMPORTANT MINUTES OF COMPETITION THAT HAS HELPED ATHLETES IMPROVE AND DEVELOP."**  
 —HEAD AQUATICS COACH ANDREW SILVA



# PADRES ATHLETICS WRAP A SEASON TO REMEMBER

**E**mpty fields. Quiet courts. Calm pools. The barren landscape of California high school sports in fall 2020 stood in stark contrast to the spirited autumn seasons of years and decades prior. It was a high-profile example of the pandemic-related shutdowns experienced worldwide. Teenagers with once-busy schedules were left without the athletic competitions that often brought them joy. Student-athletes with next-level aspirations were unable to impress college coaches.

In December 2020, Serra Head Football Coach Patrick Walsh embarked on a mission to advocate for California high school athletes. He formed the Golden State High School Football Coaches Community, an advocacy group made up of 275 coaches from across the state. Walsh and others in the group's leadership earned a meeting with Gov. Newsom and California Department of Public Health Director Mark Ghaly. The group presented evidence that youth sports can be played safely and showed that 40 other states were able to safely implement high school athletics.

"I thought of myself as a 17-year-old boy and what if I didn't have sports," Walsh told Cal-Hi Sports. "It was a massive motivation for me. If there had been no senior year for me, I wouldn't have anything like the life that I have now. I knew that Governor Newsom played sports (at Redwood High in



Larkspur) and said that sports had made him where he stands today. I just wanted him to know that our coaches are just trying to do everything they can so that current 17-year-olds can play."

On February 19, Gov. Newsom announced that high school sports would be able to resume under certain public health conditions. It was a celebratory moment for Walsh and his team of coaches, as well as the parents and students who had rallied for a season—even if abridged.

For his leadership, Walsh was named the Cal-Hi Sports State Coach of the Year, the *Mercury News* Coach of the Year and *San Francisco Chronicle* Coach of the Year.



"If I were to be at Serra for 20 more years and then if I were to look back, this is going to be the most trying, painful and most exhilarating season of them all," he said. "To get this (award) for this year, because of everything we went through, and in doing something that got millions of kids to do something they love, means the world. You could have picked me for going 16-0 and scoring 100 points per game and nothing will ever equal this year."

Walsh and his varsity Padres embraced the opportunity. They went undefeated at 5-0, with big victories over Saint Francis (49-7) and Saint Ignatius (34-3) highlighting the campaign. Serra linebacker Fynn Williams was named MVP. The freshman team also finished 5-0.

## Padres Baseball

On the diamond, Chris Houle's '82 baseball program shone. The varsity went 24-5 with a WCAL record of 16-2. The team was led by Nico Button, a Berkeley-bound valedictorian, and Patrick Keighran, who will play for USF this year. The JV side also experienced success, going 20-3.



Above photo taken after combined no-hitter against Riordan. Pictured (l-r): Ryan Beck '22, Nico Button '21 and Will Pires '21





### Padres Track and Field

Also seizing the opportunity to compete was Will Denning '21. Despite CIF not holding official state track championships, Denning won an unofficial state title in the triple jump at a year-end statewide invitational. His achievement came as longtime track coach and faculty member Keith Stapleton announced his retirement after 40 years of coaching.

Serra's 4x400m relay also added another CCS championship to its record books. The team of Cameron Quintero '22, Tommy Rogers '22, Peter Olson '23 and Aidan Mendoza '21 finished with a time of 3:25.42—almost two seconds faster than second place Los Altos. They earned Serra's sixth CCS 4x400m relay title since 2014.



Former Serra faculty member and track coach Keith Stapleton with Will Denning '21



### Padres Golf

Serra's golf program put together one of the best seasons in its history, tallying only one loss between three teams.

The varsity team went 9-1 overall and 8-1 in WCAL play. They finished sixth out of 114 teams in the CCS. The program was split into two teams, Blue and Gold, due to the high number of student-athletes wanting to participate. Both teams went undefeated at 6-0.

William Walsh '22, son of Serra Varsity Football Coach Patrick Walsh, was named varsity MVP. Walsh recently accepted a golf scholarship offer from nationally ranked Pepperdine University



Padres Golf MVP William Walsh '22



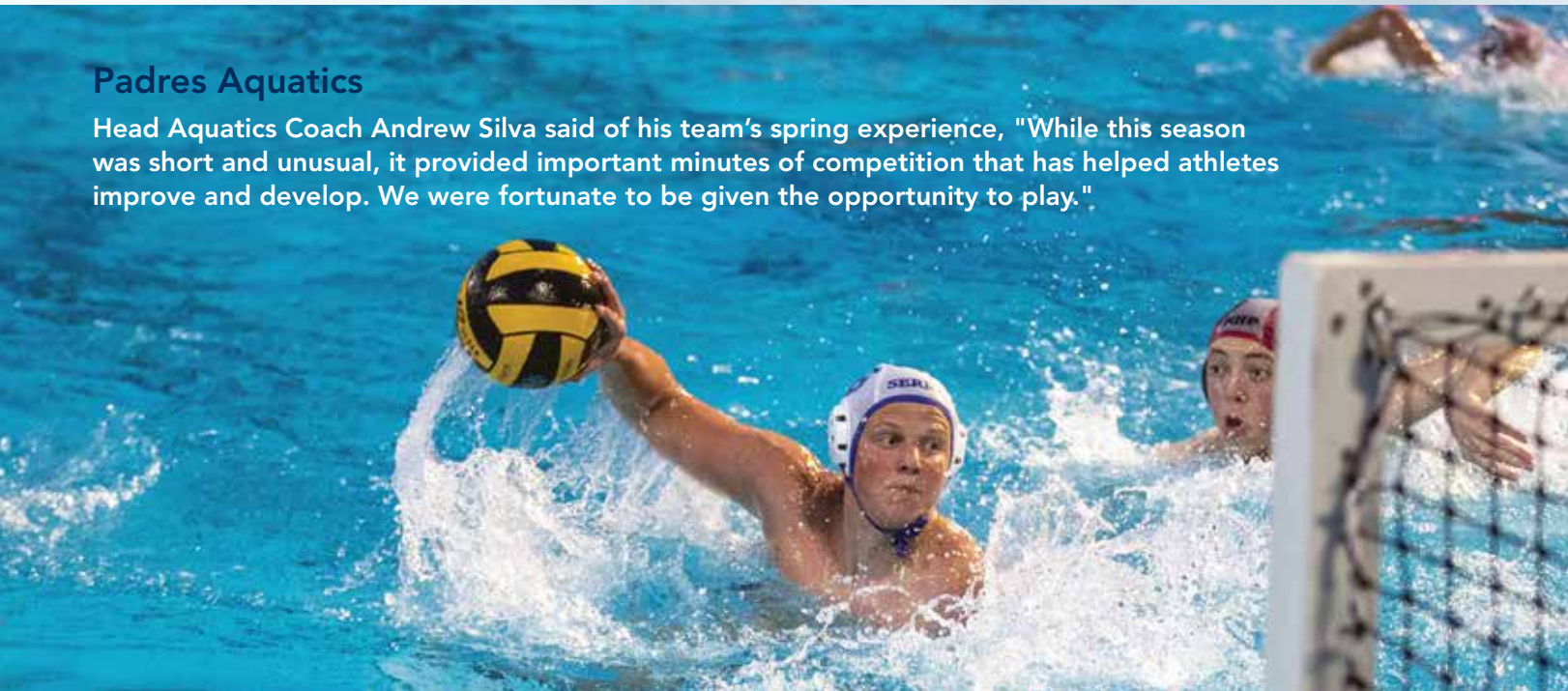
## Padres Wrestling

Mike Klobuchar's '90 wrestling program had winning seasons on all levels, with varsity, JV and freshman finishing 4-2. Enzo Cappabianca and Aidan Quinn led the Padres on the mat and were named MVPs. "We had an interesting and fun six-week season," said Coach Klobuchar. "We appreciate that we were able to get on the mat and compete."



## Padres Aquatics

Head Aquatics Coach Andrew Silva said of his team's spring experience, "While this season was short and unusual, it provided important minutes of competition that has helped athletes improve and develop. We were fortunate to be given the opportunity to play."



## A Feeling of Gratitude

Patrick Walsh's efforts not only impacted Serra, but were felt statewide. In the end, a feeling of gratitude echoed throughout the state—from the baseball diamonds to the volleyball courts. "Really breathtaking, surreal almost," Skyline High School student-athlete Lucas Gerblot told ABC 7 News about his return to the field.

With the loss of a 2020 spring season, the pandemic threatened to wipe out nearly the entire varsity experience for some student-athletes. The actions of Walsh and the coaches group gave them the gift of a senior season. Eric Sondheimer of the *Los Angeles Times* put it concisely, "There was a spring athletics season because of Walsh."

## Padre Alum and New Orleans Saints Wide Receiver Easop Winston, Jr. '14 Plays His First Game in the NFL

Resilient, tenacious and hungry, Easop Winston, Jr. never quit. He is the essence of Serra High School's theme of "Always Forward."

Easop had no college offers out of Serra High School. After graduation, he attended and played at City College of San Francisco where he won a CCCAA National Championship with the Rams in 2015. From CCSF, he then transferred to Washington State University. In 2019, Easop was one of the best wide receivers in the country with 85 receptions on 104 targets.

In 2020 Easop entered into the NFL draft. Going undrafted, Winston was later signed by the Los Angeles Rams. "Sop," as his coaches and teammates called him, went through training camp with the Rams and was cut from the organization in September 2020.

All too familiar with being overlooked and underrated, Easop never quit. Instead, he kept pushing.

In May of 2021, Easop signed a free agent deal with the New Orleans Saints to their practice squad. Winston never took an opportunity for granted and always made the best out of the chances he was given.

In early December, Easop made his first NFL regular season start against the New York Jets at MetLife Stadium. During the Sunday morning showdown, he had his first ever NFL reception for five yards and also returned a handful of punts on special teams for 54 yards.



When asked what he learned from playing at Serra that helped him play on the biggest stage of professional sports, Winston responded, "I would say commitment. In order to be your best self, you have to stay committed to the task at hand."

According to Serra Varsity Head Coach Patrick Walsh, to play in the NFL you have to have unique qualities. "Easop Winston has unique hands. We've never had a player here with hands like Easop. He would literally catch anything thrown at him. He was an awesome kid full of life and personality," Walsh said. "We are so proud of him for reaching his dreams."

**"IN ORDER TO BE YOUR BEST SELF, YOU HAVE TO STAY COMMITTED TO THE TASK AT HAND."**

—EASOP WINSTON '14



# ROAD TO STATE

## Padres Football Wraps Up Season in Open Division State Championship Against Country’s No. 1 Mater Dei Monarchs

It was a quick turnaround for the Serra Padres, following a spring football season that ended with a 5-0 WCAL record. Expectations for the season were off the charts.

As the team prepared for its preseason opener, pitting the Bay Area’s No. 2-ranked Padres against the No. 3-ranked Pittsburg Pirates in one of the Bay Area’s most anticipated matchups, the game was canceled just hours before kickoff due to poor air quality as a result of the Caldor Fire that burned in Lake Tahoe.

Undeterred, the Padres traveled to Palo Alto High School the following week to play their first game of the season and easily defeated the Vikings 41-14.

The team returned home to play their first home game at Freitas Field the following Saturday against a gritty Half Moon Bay High School team. While the game was tight in the first half, the Padres pulled away in the second half and defeated the Cougars 47-7 and entered their bye week 2-0 with the tough WCAL league schedule ahead of them starting on September 25 against the Archbishop Mitty Monarchs in San Jose.

As WCAL play began, the Padres rolled through their first three opponents, Mitty, Bellarmine and Riordan, winning by a combined score of 115-13. Game four of the WCAL was a road game in San Jose against a tough and talented Valley Christian team. While the Padres jumped out to a quick 21-0 lead, they had to survive a late push from the Warriors and held on for a 28-21 win to run their record to 4-0 in the WCAL and 6-0 overall.



The following Friday was the annual home night game at Serra against the St. Ignatius Wildcats. The Athletics Department installed portable stands in the south end zone. With alumni and fans filling the stadium, the Padres again jumped out to a quick lead and beat the Wildcats by a final score of 38-19.

Next up for the Padres was a road game on a Thursday night at historic Kezar Stadium in San Francisco against the Fighting Irish of Sacred Heart. The Padres beat the Irish 36-7, setting up a battle between two undefeated teams at home the following Saturday for the WCAL title.



As November 6 approached, all of Northern California was anticipating the matchup between two unbeaten heavyweights, the Padres and the Lancers of St. Francis. St. Francis was the first team from Northern California in 30 years to beat De La Salle and more than 5,000 fans from both schools filled Brady Family stadium for the game of the year. The Lancers dominated and beat the Padres by a final score of 44-21. But, it wasn’t the last time these two teams would battle it out on the field.

The Padres received the No. 2 seed in the CCS Playoffs, meaning that they could get a shot at redemption against St. Francis if they made it to the CCS Championship game. The first game pitted the Padres in a rematch against Valley Christian. After a hard-fought, back-and-forth game where the Warriors had the Padres on the ropes, the Padres managed

to pull out a 41-30 win to advance to the semifinals against the Bellarmine Bells, who upset higher-seeded Los Gatos. Against an up-and-coming Bells team, the Padres played one of their best games of the season, shutting out the Bells 41-0 and advancing to the finals for a rematch against the Lancers.



On a cold Friday night at Westmont High School with an overflow crowd, the Padres played their best defensive game of the season and held a high-powered St. Francis team to 12 points. With the Padres trailing 12-10 late in the fourth quarter, Quarterback Dominique Lampkin led the Padres on a long drive that resulted in him scoring with 2:10 left to go. The defense held one last time, forcing a turnover on downs. The Padres ran out the clock, avenging their only loss of the season. They were crowned CCS Champions, with their fate to be determined the next morning by the CIF.

On Sunday morning, many thought the Padres would be matched up in a NorCal game against Folsom for the right to play in the state championships the following week. Others thought because the Padres beat St. Francis, who beat De La Salle, that the Padres would earn the outright bid to play Mater Dei, the No. 1 team in the country at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo on December 11.

When the seeding was finally announced, the Padres had earned the automatic bid and would be the first team from the Bay Area to play in the Open Division State Championship besides De La Salle, making history for Serra. With two weeks to prepare, the team



embraced its underdog mentality and went to work right away to prepare for the Mighty Monarchs.

Coach Patrick Walsh, determined to compete at the next level, and with the help of many generous donors, made arrangements that included a private chartered jet and events running through the weekend, including the team’s weekly chapel service.

The team departed on December 9 with hundreds of parents and fans cheering for them as they were escorted by the San Mateo Police Department. The itinerary included a flight on a chartered jet, chapel at Mission San Juan Capistrano, and other events leading up to the game on Saturday night.

Although quickly falling behind 21-0 after the first quarter and ultimately losing 44-7, the Padres fought for the entire 48 minutes and gave the many fans who attended the game something to be proud of. The Serra High School Football Program was in the spotlight just as much for its talent on the field as its love, brotherhood and humility off the field.



Listen to Coach Walsh in a complete chronicle of the 2021 football season on the Serra Padre Football Podcast at [padrefootball.com](http://padrefootball.com) or Spotify and Apple Music.



# Logan Wolf '14 Named New Alumni Director



Relationship building is one of Wolf's strongest skills. He believes that it is largely due to the core values and lessons he learned as a student at Serra, and later at Montana State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts.

His hobbies—which include camping, backpacking and fishing—are what drew Wolf to Boseman, Montana, where he spent much of his time exploring beautiful Yellowstone National Park and the Beartooth Mountains.

"I love nature; that is where I am most happy," he said. His senior research project in college was studying the wolves in Yellowstone and how the ecosystem was negatively impacted when the wolves, the apex predators, were removed.

At 6-foot, 4-inches, Wolf was a standout soccer player and goalie at Serra who helped lead his team to a CCS championship in 2014. He fondly remembers those days on the soccer field. Today, he coaches varsity girls soccer at Mountain View High School with his old Serra coaching staff, Jeff Panos and Andy Moore.



It's been seven years since Logan Wolf '14 walked the halls as a Serra student, yet today his school spirit has never been stronger. As Serra's new director of alumni, Wolf said he is eager to showcase that spirit and highlight the strengths of his alma mater through its close-knit alumni network.

Wolf began as Serra's new director of alumni relations in November. He comes to Serra after spending the last two years as a regional account director at eTeamSponsor, an electronic crowd-sponsoring company. There, he specialized in building relationships and provided opportunities through fundraising for educational institutions throughout the Bay Area.

The values Wolf honed in the classroom and on the field are drawn upon every day.

**"It is an understatement to say relationships I had built with teachers, coaches, friends and teammates over my years at Serra left a long-lasting impact in my heart," he said. "The experiences I had at Serra have helped shape the man I am today."**

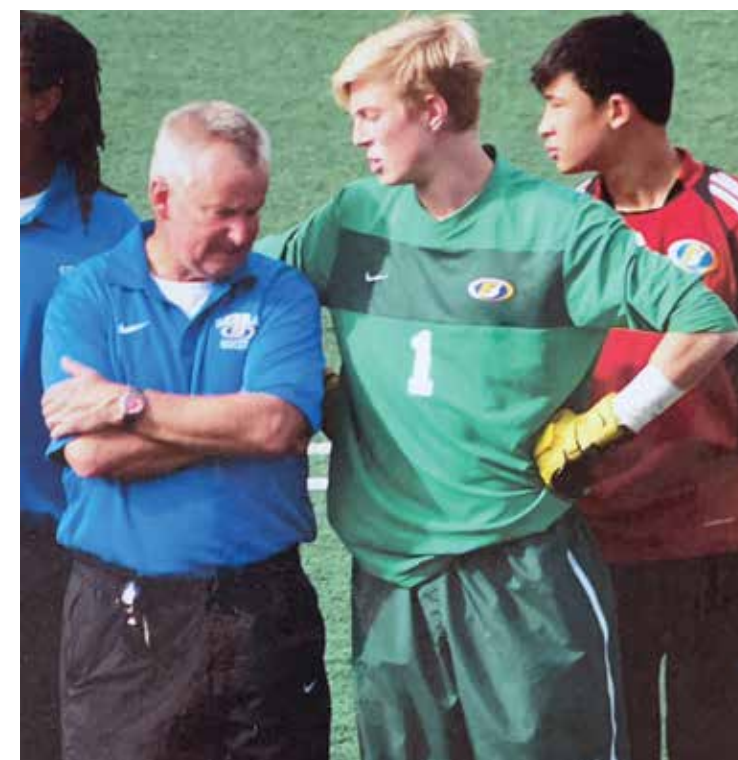
As the new alumni director, Wolf said that in addition to his main goal of developing relationships, he hopes to help raise money for the school for improvements and build a much larger alumni community with myriad age ranges.

"I am able to relate and bond with generations older than I am, and I also have a good connection to the younger alumni," Wolf said. "I look forward to working with Padres from every class."

Chief Advancement Officer Mike Fadelli '88 said that he is excited for Logan to bring his professionalism to Serra.

**"I have been so impressed by Logan since the day I met him two years ago as our eTeamSponsor account representative," Fadelli said. "He brings a passion and professionalism to his job that is truly unique and his past experiences have prepared him to maintain and develop relationships with Padre alumni of all generations. He is a great fit for the role of alumni director at Serra."**

President Barry Thornton, Ed.D. noted the strength of the Advancement Team.



**"I remember Logan well from his days at Serra, and I am thrilled that we have a young alumnus of his quality joining the Advancement Team," Thornton said. "They will be an energetic team in engaging alumni from all generations."**

When Wolf is not at work, he enjoys working out, coaching and walking Loki, his miniature Australian shepherd, around his Pacifica neighborhood.

Contact Alumni Director Logan Wolf at [lwolf@serrahs.com](mailto:lwolf@serrahs.com)

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# JOE HOYT '12

## SPORTS REPORTER FOR THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Before turning 30, Joe Hoyt '12 won a first place award for sports reporting at the Best of the West Awards, two second place awards for national sports writing at the Headliner Awards, and two second place awards for community journalist of the year and sports reporter of the year from the *Dallas Morning News* (DMN).

Hoyt is a staff writer for the 136-year-old DMN—a publication often regarded as the most prominent in the state of Texas, having won nine Pulitzer Prize Awards in its history. After a promotion last summer, Hoyt covers Southern Methodist University, college football, and the Texas Rangers for the paper.

It was as a student at Serra that he embarked on his journey to become a sports writer. Admittedly passive about academic work at times—much of it coming easily—Hoyt found inspiration in his high school teachers and coaches.

Kevin Carey challenged him to think critically. Ralph Stark reminded him that he had room to grow as a writer. Ed Taylor inspired him with his "not yet a Padre" speech. Patrick Walsh pushed him to reach his potential as not just a football player, but as a person.

"The best thing Serra does is prepare you for life," Hoyt said. "It teaches you to do things the right way and to focus on details. I remember the footwork drills Coach Lyndon McGee would have us do as defensive backs. They seemed monotonous at the time, but now



I recognize the importance. Those drills helped me to become a detail-oriented person later in life."

Hoyt cut his teeth working with Julio Lara, a *San Mateo Daily Journal* sports reporter. Lara showed him the ins and outs of deadlines, word counts and interviews. After a successful high school career in Serra's classrooms and on the football field, Hoyt chose to study at the University of Oregon's highly regarded school of journalism.

He earned a coveted spot on the staff of the *Daily Emerald*, Oregon's student newspaper. There, he focused on sports, with an emphasis on football. He traveled to Dallas for Oregon's 2014 national championship game against Ohio State. It was there that he first networked with *Dallas Morning News* staff, eventually landing an internship.

After stops in Ames, Iowa and Portland, Oregon, Hoyt got the call he was waiting for. The DMN had a full-time opening and he was their first choice. Hoyt packed his car and journeyed east to Texas. There, he dove into coverage of the intense Dallas–Fort Worth prep sports scene.

Long hours are part of the job for a reporter at a major paper. Hoyt can sometimes work 80 hours in a week—writing feature articles and reporting in real time on Twitter, where he has more than 9,000 followers. He can spend hours crafting a lede, carefully selecting words and determining their order.

"Easy reading is hard writing," Hoyt shared. He feels a responsibility in his work, as readers trust him to report the truth. He is a keeper of records, as future readers

can look back on his reporting as accurate, historical information. Ultimately, he finds that responsibility to the public to be the most rewarding part of his job.

The hardest part? "Balancing my journalistic duty with the relationships I form along the way," Hoyt said. He has a responsibility to the people who read his stories, and also to the subjects whom he covers. He also deals with negativity and toxicity at times, especially online. A supportive message from a reader who enjoyed a recent story can make all the difference.

Even with a demanding and public-facing job at one of the nation's premier news organizations, Hoyt keeps up with everything Serra. He values his time there and his ties are strong, coming from a Padre family. His older brother Dominic '09, played football at Serra, attended Sonoma State University, and is a manager at a Napa winery. His younger brother, Anthony '14, was a Kairos retreat leader at Serra, graduated from Santa Clara University, and is now part of Serra's English faculty.

Ultimately, his relationships with Serra community members are what he recalls most fondly and values the most from his high school experience. He credits much of his early success in life to that mentorship and support.

**"Most teachers provide the nuts and bolts, but some also teach you about life," reflected Hoyt. "Nothing I'm doing today happens without Serra."**





## Serra's 33rd Annual Golf Classic was Un-fore-gettable!

It was an amazing turnout for Serra's 33rd annual Serra Golf Classic at the Old Course at the Half Moon Bay Golf Links in September.

Thirty-six foursomes enjoyed a brisk game of golf on the gorgeous coastal course with picturesque views of the Pacific Ocean. Foursomes from the decades attended the annual event, which was a shotgun start beginning at noon.

The tournament was won by Dario Sekelj, Chase Zunino, Mike Vranich and Andy Kishore with a winning score of 57. Second place with a score of 61 went to Eric Dooley '02, Mike Barbieri '02, Steve Barbieri '04 and Bryan Lynch, who shot 31 on the back nine. Third place with a score of 61 and 33 on the back nine was Danny Buell '03, Michael Hendricksen '03, Keith Nakano '03 and Kris McAlavey '03. In last place, but number one in our hearts, is the foursome of Ron Stefani, Barney Deasey, Bill Yaley and Carl Cammarata from the great Class of '59.

The day on the green was capped by a barbecue dinner and cocktails, followed by a raffle and silent auction.

"Our group had a blast and hope to make it an annual event to represent the class of '90," said Pat Earley '90. "We plan to recruit others from our class to join as well. The team hosted a great event—everything was first class!"

According to Chief Advancement Officer Mike Fadelli '88, it was a great day where the entire Serra community got together and reminisced about old times and met new friends.

"It was such a fantastic day," Fadelli said. "We are so grateful for our incredible community who came out today to support Serra. All proceeds from this fantastic day on the links benefit the Alumni Associations' Scholarship Fund, which provides vital financial assistance to deserving young men who seek a Serra education."

More than 40 individuals, families and companies donated goods or services to this event, a testament to the generosity of Serra community.

Next year's event will take place in September. More information will be forthcoming, so be on the lookout. It's never too early to plan for your golf foursome!



Class of '59 alumni pictured above from (l-r): Bob Alberto, Barney Deasey, Ron Stefani, Carl Cammarata, Bill Yaley and Cliff Bellone

## Turning Tragedy into Philanthropy

When news broke of the tragic and untimely death of Kyle Leventhal '18 on July 5, 2020, it devastated the Serra community. Kyle was the perfect Padre—happy, inspirational and motivated—a dear friend and family member who gave so much to the world.

Kyle was in Serra's Class of 2018 and attended college at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He was tragically killed in a car accident last summer in Atascadero.

The way Kyle lived his life and treated people inspired many of his fellow Padres.

Just days after the accident, Kyle's classmates joined forces and created the Kyle Leventhal Scholarship. Spearheaded by Serra Padres of 2018 Jack Damilio, Adam Joss, Patrick McGinty and Carter Norton, a fund was formed and shared on numerous social media channels and also by word-of-mouth. To date, the scholarship has raised \$158,000.

Recently, a contribution of \$2,000 was made to the scholarship fund by a fellow Serra Padre and Boulder fraternity brother, Ricky DuPont '18, who created another way to memorialize Kyle.

Number 11 on the baseball field at Serra, Kyle was happiest on the diamond. To highlight those good times, DuPont created a custom jersey with Kyle's name and number on the back.

**"As a Serra Padre, we stress brotherhood and it has really prompted all of us to raise money for this scholarship and to show how Kyle deserves to be remembered," DuPont said. "This is a testament to how good of a guy Kyle was and how we all want his honor to live on."**

A classic, Padre blue baseball jersey, has the name Leventhal 11 on the back in gold. Greek letters representing Phi Kappa Theta are on the



right front lapel. The CU Boulder Buffs patch is on the left sleeve. Each jersey costs about \$20 to make, and approximately 100 were sold at \$40 each. Jerseys were marketed through the fraternity and also social media. Many fraternity brothers and sister sororities purchased them.

"When I first visited Boulder, I wasn't sure if I wanted to go to school there," DuPont said. "Kyle was very welcoming. Eventually, I decided to go to Boulder and joined the fraternity with Kyle. That's really when our relationship began to grow even more. He was the closest familiar face out there for me. We really enjoyed college life together. Kyle was super smart and always helped me with my classes."

DuPont added that he and his Padre brothers will continue to find ways to honor their dear friend, who was taken too soon. "We will always work to keep the memory of Kyle alive," he said.

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**1949**  
DAVID STRONCK is pictured right with Gaston Stronck, an ambassador from Luxembourg to the USA. The two had lunch together in Wooside on May 23. They are searching for a connection in their ancestry. David’s paternal grandparents, Michael and Helen Stronck, immigrated to the USA from Luxembourg in 1872. David is employed part-time as a supervisor to student teachers at California State University, East Bay.



**1956**  
PAT LARKIN is semi-retired and working parttime in the golf business. He has been a member of the PGA for 60 years.



BEN PERALTA met up with Mike Fadelli '88 over the summer at Ben’s home in Incline Village.



**1960**  
PHIL MURPHY has been living in St. Helena for the past 40 years. He retired from Ecolab Healthcare after 35 years and is enjoying retirement. Phil recently celebrated his 55th wedding anniversary with his wife, Andrea. They have three children and two grandchildren.

JOHN RUPORT was married to his wife, Regina, for 56 years before her passing in November, 2020. They raised 12 children and, so far, have 63 grandchildren! His career in education spanned 45 years, having taught every grade in K-12 and at the community college level. John was principal of three schools—California Youth Authority, Mission College Prep Catholic High School and St. Lawrence Catholic Elementary School. He retired in 2013 as a special education teacher at Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills.

JOSEPH SOUZA and his wife will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in February, 2022. They are happy to share that they have a 4-year-old great grandson.

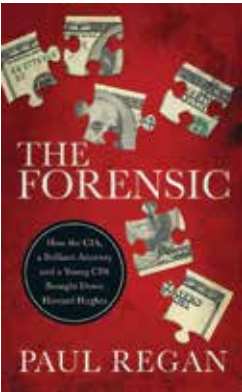
**1961**  
TIMOTHY TILTON has been a volunteer driver for Catholic Community Services. He also volunteers at ACM (America's Car Museum) in Tacoma, Washington.

BRIAN MANNIX is living at Greenhorn Creek Resort in Angels Camp. He shares that six other Serra graduates between the classes of 1959 and 1964 are also living in the resort. His grandson, Jackson, is a senior this year at Serra.

**1962**  
ROBERT BOZZOLO is retired and living in Sacramento.

**1963**  
CHARLES WATERS and his family welcomed two more great grandchildren, a new grandson-in-law, and have been told that two more of their 12 grandchildren are expecting! That brings the total to 18 great grandchildren. Charles said their lives are blessed with the love of all.

**1964**  
PAUL REGAN wrote a memoir titled, *The Forensic: How the CIA, a Brilliant Attorney and a Young CPA Brought Down Howard Hughes*. In this book, Paul is the CPA. The book takes the reader through key parts of Howard Hughes' life, the recovery of a Soviet submarine, The K-129, from the Pacific Ocean, a CIA burglary of the Howard Hughes Records Center, and a trial that resulted in a damage award in 2021 dollars of more than \$1 billion.



KEN SCHIECK concluded four years as president of the Campbell Area AARP chapter. He and his wife, Margaret, are active in their parish (St. Thomas of Canterbury, San Jose) RCIA program. Ken is also a lector.

**1965**  
KEVIN BELTON retired from teaching and has become a professional interpreter. Kevin said it is a rewarding job where he is able to support vulnerable people, many of whom have been taken advantage of in the workplace.



JOSEPH WHITE and his wife, Diane, live in San Mateo and have been retired for seven years. They were business managers for various California school districts and are looking forward to cruising again in 2022. After 57 years in business, Joseph's brother, Clifford '73, and his wife, Pam, have also retired. The family sold J&M Hobby House in San Carlos. Joe said that it was a great run started by his parents Joe and Marcelle White.

**1966**  
ED HASBROUCK celebrated the birth of his first great granddaughter on October 16. Sunny Moon was born to his granddaughter, Brandi Reynolds. Her big brother is Jagger Ganoza, a current sophomore at Serra, and his dad is Joey Ganoza '88.

**1967**  
PAUL VORSATZ'S son, Justin '04, joined his law firm and has been practicing law for the past six years. Paul credits their successes to Serra's educational opportunities and overall benefits from their respective participation in Padres athletics.



**1968**  
Ten Padres from the class of '68 had a Zoom reunion in September. Padres included: Phil Bona, John Favalesa, Rich Guard, John Hickey, Jim Moll, Tom McEnerney, Mike McAdoo, Dan McVeigh, Bob Sabbatini and Jim Walsh. The guys live geographically from Portland to San Diego. Lots of tales were shared about the 1960s experiences at Serra, including teachers and class characters. Mike McAddo said, "It is hard to believe that we are all older than Father Zoph, who was the oldest faculty member during the four years we were attending Serra!"



DENNIS RODGERS has recently published another book, *How to be Fit, Trim, and Possibly Immortal*, which is available at all major booksellers.



**1969**  
ROBERT GENEVRO has moved to the Central Coast to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

**1970**  
ART COLIN celebrated successful careers in food service, domestic and international, and commercial real estate. He is a retired member of BAC Local 13 in Nevada. Currently, Art oversees 60 grocery stores, representing Unilever Corp. in Las Vegas.



PETER BARSOCCHINI partnered with Hamilton creator Lin-Manuel Miranda to create a story for Miranda's new animated family musical, VIVO, now streaming worldwide on Netflix.



**1971**  
FRED RAPP retired three years ago and moved to South Carolina to join other family members. Fred boasts that he has water, electricity and gas that is all affordable and plentiful.



FATHER GARY THOMAS was appointed the inaugural director of a new program for incoming seminarians at St. Patrick Seminary. Called a "Propaedeutic Year," it is designed to respond to the shifts in our societal culture and provide incoming students with introductory formation. The program was mandated by Pope Francis in 2014. St. Patrick Seminary is the second seminary to implement this program in the U.S.





1972

RICHARD MARRS retired after 34 years as western region fleet maintenance manager at the Hertz Corporation. He moved to Gardnerville, Nevada in 2020.



PATRICK PLUNKETT retired as a Lt. Col. from the Air Force in 1998 and from Wheeling Jesuit University, as an associate professor, in 2018. He currently works part-time for Cabela's and the Ohio County Sheriff's Department.



BARRY ROTH retired after 44 years in public education. His career included 31 years as a high school biology teacher, chemistry teacher and swimming coach, followed by 13 years as faculty in the University of Arizona College of Education. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Tucson.



1973

WILLIAM HILDEBRAND is a retired U.S. Army Veteran who lives in El Paso. He is married with three sons.



1976

BILL DUGONI and his wife, Arlene, have been married for 37 years and just recently celebrated the birth of their seventh grandchild. The Dugoni crew now totals 17! Bill said, "God is good."

JUSTIN NYBERG has enjoyed 20 years in aviation, including nine with the Navy and another 23 years in medical science sales since graduating from Serra. Justin married the love of his life, Ann. Together, they raised a son and daughter, and are now enjoying their three grandsons. The Nybergs live in Laguna Woods, where Justin is launching his own medical equipment endeavor with his daughter.

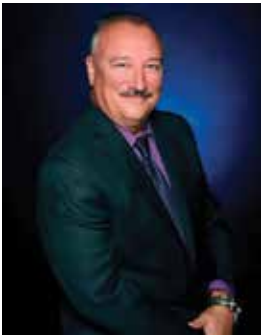
1977

KEVIN HOLDEN retired after more than 40 years in the HVAC trade, including 30-plus years owning Kevin J. Holden & Associates, Inc., an HVAC service and contracting company. He plans to spend time with his wife, Kelley, of 38 years, and his family, including grandchildren James and Noa. Kevin might also be found on the San Francisco Bay using his UCCG Captains License as a charter captain, or his ASA Instructor's Qualifications as a sailing instructor, working out of Modern Sailing in Sausalito.



1979

MARK CARILLO finished his tenth year with Newport Diversified, as its corporate director of Food and Beverage. He looks forward to many more great years.



1980

PATRICK MORAN retired as a Sergeant after 25 years with the San Mateo County Sheriffs Office. He resides with his wife in Minden, Nevada, and is currently a superintendent with Group West Construction Inc. in Reno. Patrick is a proud grandparent of three grandchildren belonging to his son Kiernan '08 (pictured right).



RUBEN BARRALES is Senior Vice President for External Engagement at Wells Fargo, based in Washington, D.C.. He is part of the newly created Diverse Segments, Representation & Inclusion (DSRI) organization, which is focused on advancing diversity and inclusion for employees, customers and communities across the country.



KEVIN DUNLEAVY has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the San Mateo County Superior Court. Kevin has served as Alameda County's Chief Assistant District Attorney since 2009 and has held previous positions, including Senior Deputy District Attorney. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco School of Law.



KEVIN GIACOMINI was disappointed that he was not able to attend the 40th reunion celebration. His oldest daughter, Katie, was married on the same day in Rosemary Beach, Florida. Katie and her husband, Russell Dewaters, live in Fort Worth. Kevin still works for Ford Motor Company and will soon begin his 37th year. He and his wife, Cheryl, reside in Alpharetta, Georgia.



DAVID TICZON, DDS, and his wife Annie Krystal, DDS, celebrated their 30th anniversary since opening their general practice dental office in Los Gatos. They also celebrated the college graduation of their two children in December 2020. Their son, David, who graduated with a bachelor's degree from Cornell University and master's from the University of Pennsylvania, is a venture capitalist analyst specializing in cryptocurrencies and blockchains with Reciprocal Ventures in New York City. Their daughter, Ashley, also graduated with a bachelor's degree from Cornell University and is now a software product manager with J.P. Morgan's financial technology division.



1982

WALTER BANKOVITCH and his wife, Jocelyn, have been performing porch concerts in front of their house in Berkeley since June 2020. Walter says that they've presented nearly 200 different songs. Jocelyn sings lead, while Walter plays the keyboard and sings backup. They just completed their 19th porch concert in the era of COVID-19.



1984

TIM MCKERCHER has left Nestle Waters after 32 years to join Reyes Coca-Cola as an area manager for the greater Sacramento area.



1986

DERMOT FALLON has been promoted to the position of president and CEO of Foundation Constructors and Foundation Pile. In Dermot's 20-plus years, his roles of increasing responsibility and leadership have shaped and prepared him for the challenges of his new role to lead the company.



CAPT JUAN OROZCO, USN retired on June 1 after 31 years of Naval Service. Juan and his wife, Jen, settled in Chesapeake, VA, where he plans to begin a follow-up career.

1987

PATRICK LELAND is a certified Buteyko breathing instructor, helping people improve their overall health and also helping athletes to improve their performance.



1988

GUY "KEVIN" BIENAT currently serves as the Acting Chief Deputy United States Marshal for the Eastern District of California.

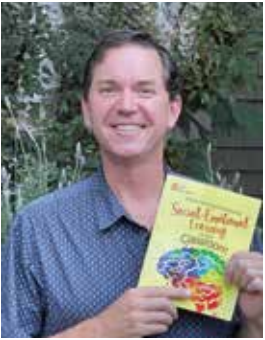


1989

ROD BURNS has moved with is family to Dallas. He and his wife, Jill, and their two sons, Conor, 18, and Johnny, 14, are loving it down in Texas, except for the lack of 49ers fans. Rod is a managing director with BofA securities. Their family also owns and operates Austin Cocktails, which is a canned and bottled craft cocktail business.



ERICK HERRMANN recently published a book for K-12 teachers titled, *Effective Strategies for Integrating Social Emotional Learning in Your Classroom*. The book includes more than 80 strategies teachers can utilize to support student well-being in the classroom.



1991

BRIAN KERSHON is the proud father of two amazing kids, Grace and Luke. He is the director of Global Support Operations at Zenni.

1992

JOE HUDELSON finished writing his first original musical, *Athena's Island*, about the women of biochemistry. The musical was performed live in September and has now been submitted for awards and publication. From 2008-2011, Joe taught English at Serra and also was the summer school director. Joe currently teaches English and drama at Mills High School.



1995

KEVIN KRYSTOFIAK organized a memorable golf event with eight Padre alumni at Mayacama Golf Course in June. Pictured right (l-r): Eric McGlennon '95, Beau Wada '95, Nate Hastings '94, Kevin Krystofiak '95, Giovanni Toccagino '95, Ryan Peterson '95, Matt Buzzell '95, Jose Banuelos '95. It had been 26 years since their graduation, and the Padres watched the 1995 Jungle Game on DVD where Tim Kennedy '95 hit the game winning shot in overtime and the Padre cheering section rushed the court. Watching the game brought back many wonderful memories about their Serra experience.



1998

SEAMUS HARRINGTON has worked for a Financial Technology company in the Bay Area since 2000. He married the love of his life, Lindsey, on January 4, 2020. They are picture right with their 2 1/2-year-old Shiba Inu, Yuki, at their home in Alameda.



2000

JOHN RYAN VILLANUEVA was the section chief, service contract management at David Grant USAF Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base. John led a team in the execution and life cycle management of a \$56M annual contracting operation for the Air Force's flagship medical center. He entered the Air Force in September, 2000 and completed medical material tech school at Sheppard AFB. Throughout John's career, he has held a variety of logistics positions, ranging from acquisition management to war reserve material. He officially retired from the US Air Force on May 27, 2021 at Travis AFB Heritage Center after 20 years of dedicated service.



2001

CRIS RAMIREZ recently purchased Spiteri's Complete Auto Service in Belmont. Cris' shop has been a part of the Belmont community for more than 35 years and Cris is happy to be able to continue this tradition.

2005

SEAN WILKINSON and his wife, Alicia, welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Georgia, in May. Two-year-old big sister, Arden, couldn't be happier. Sean is a senior associate in the real estate group at Wilson Sonsini in Palo Alto.



2006

JIMMY PARQUE and his wife, Julia, welcomed their second son, Beau Michael, on July 9. Big brother Braden is 2 years old. The Parque family currently lives in Burlingame.



2007

JASON WHITNEY married Lizzie Lawlor on June 26, 2021. The couple was married at the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania. Jason's brother, Peter '09, (pictured to the right of Jason) served as his best man.



2008

ANTONIO LUCHA was married in 2018 and recently earned a promotion to senior capture director at Main Grove Captures, a video game trailer house that makes the gameplay trailers for publishers such as Electronic Arts, Epic Games, Amazon games and other large studios.



MAXIMILIAN VORSATZ has worked at several start-up companies since graduating from Serra. He currently works at FedEx Corporation, focusing on transportation, e-commerce and business services.

2013

MICAH SANCHEZ became a first officer with SkyWest Airlines and is flying the Embraer 175.



2014

GABE FLYNN started a new job as a Senior IT Manager at L'Oréal USA. He oversees marketing and advertising technologies for the cosmetic company's U.S. region that powers website content, ad delivery and customer data management for all 36 brands in the L'Oréal portfolio, which includes Maybelline, Kiehl's and Garnier. Gabe recently purchased a new co-op on the edge of Brooklyn's Prospect Park.



CHRISTIAN VILLANUEVA graduated Magna Cum Laude from Boston College Law School in May, and he passed the California State Bar in November. Christian has moved back to the Bay Area and is working as an associate at the law firm of Morrison & Foerster LLP in their Palo Alto office.





2015

MARCUS ALVAREZ married Emily Parks of Merrill, Oregon on July 11, 2020 with the beautiful Rouge River as the backdrop. Serving as co-best men were Frank Lemos '15 and Jacob Alvarez '25. Also in attendance were Class of 2015 Padres Kevin Ponty, Kevin Welch, Stephan Nettles, Jimmy Wohrer, Peter Dorricott and Paul Smoot. Marcus and Emily met on the Westmont College track team and competed nationally— Marcus as a decathlete and Emily in the women's 400 hurdles. The newly married couple resides in the Santa Barbara area with their puppy, Ollie.



MATT JADALLAH started a career as a licensed realtor with A. Meadows Real Estate. He takes a consultancy approach to helping his clients meet their unique needs in purchasing or selling real estate.

2016

BRENDAN WALSH is a licensed commercial real estate agent beginning his brokerage career in retail leasing and investments in the Bay Area. He currently works under Serra alumnus Michael Berube '71 in San Mateo.

2017

ZAVIER KING graduated from Miami University in May, 2021. He recently started a job as a wealth management service professional at Morgan Stanley.

2019

PFC JARED HANSEL joined the Army in February, 2021. He spent Boot Camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and his training at Fort Benning, Georgia.



A group of Padres from the Class of 1977 held an unofficial reunion at Maggiano's in Santana Row on June 10. They reminisced about fun memories while attending Serra. Pictured above (l-r) seated: Kevin Holden, Joe Fonseca, John Tscharnier, Jaime Remedios. Standing: Tom DeLora, Jeff Amen, Kevin Rossiter, Mike Gambucci.

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Reconnect with Serra through our new alumni network. We've built this platform with features including a complete alumni directory, job boards, invitation-only events, career mentoring, photo galleries and exclusive content from our school. Alumni connections could change your career! Take a look at our alumni map to see if any Padres live in your city or a city you plan to visit.

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Creative Director Michelle Wilkinson | [mwilkinson@serrahs.com](mailto:mwilkinson@serrahs.com)



Photo courtesy of Mark and Tracy Photography

Dan Demers '01 celebrated his 10 years of service at the Hillbarn Theater in Foster City, the past seven years as its Executive Artistic Director. Dan will be moving on to another profession, but will direct an upcoming show this season and will certainly be a familiar face at Hillbarn. In his tenure, Dan has made significant improvements at Hillbarn, especially coming out of the closure during the pandemic.



Future Padres Andre Baldonado (l) and Logan Langridge (r) are beginning what will be a solid 15 years together once they graduate from Serra in 2036! The sons of Dean of Students Ray Baldonado '07 and Football Coach John Langridge '97, Andre and Logan, wore Padre gear on their first day of preschool. Go mini Padres!



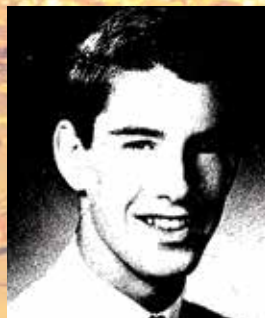
Padre alumnus and former Serra Alumni Director Bob Greene '85 celebrated his successful water polo coaching season during his first year in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League. Bob guided his team to a tournament league championship and to the CCS Division I final game. Even though they did not win the title, it was still a magical season. Bob said, "It was a terrific first year and I look forward to more coaching."

*Sempre Adelante  
Always Forward*

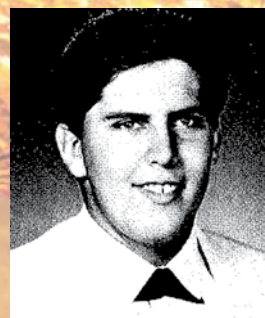


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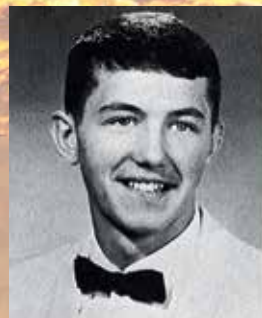
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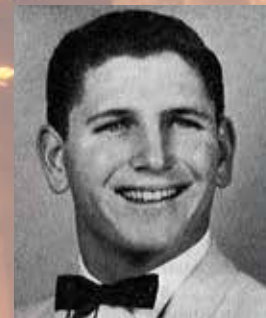
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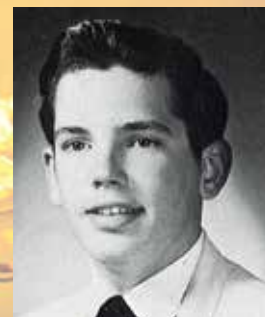
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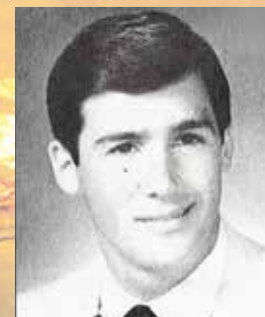
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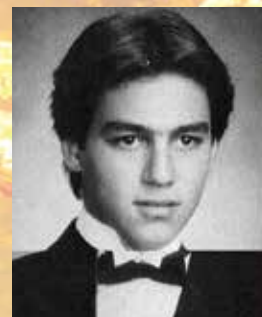
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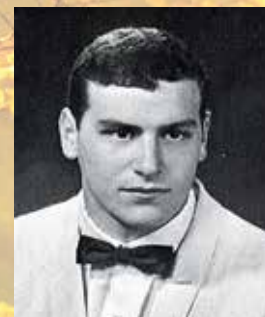
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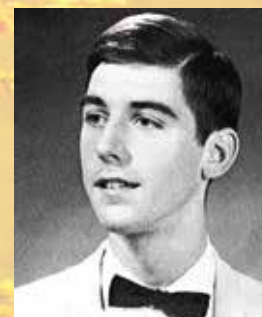
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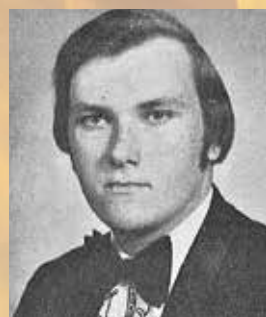
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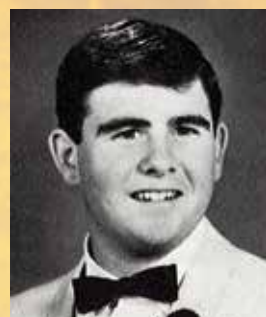
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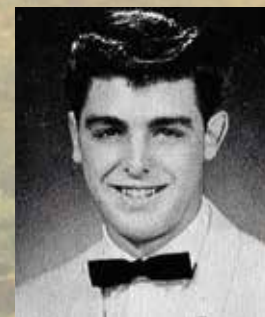
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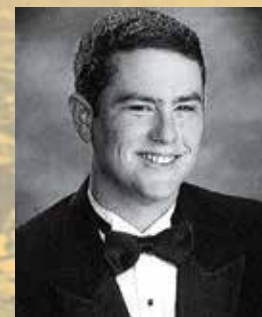
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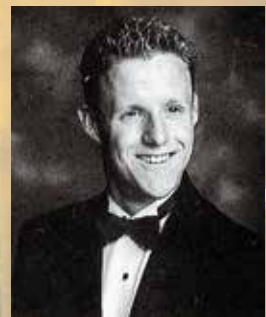
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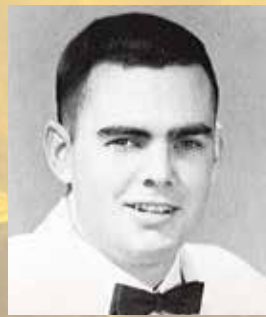
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VINCENT GARIBALDI '08  
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RYAN GRANDOV '03  
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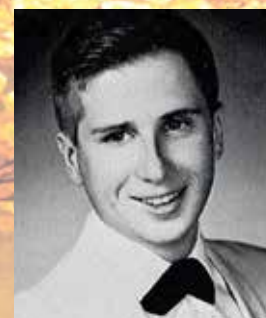
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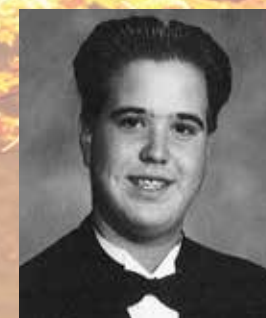
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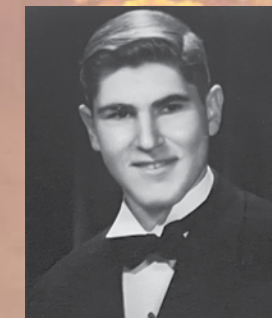
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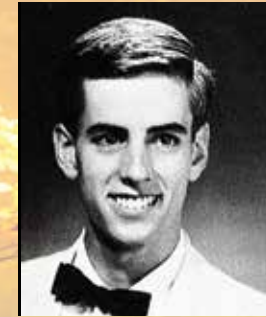
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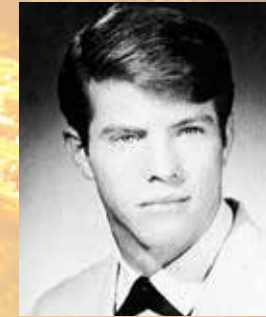
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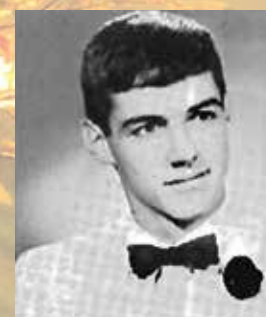
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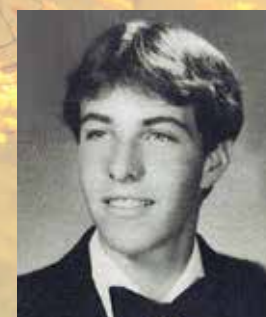
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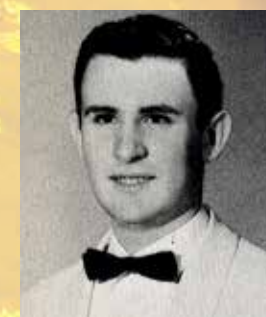
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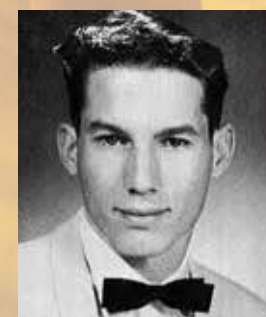
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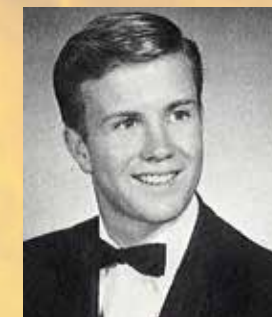
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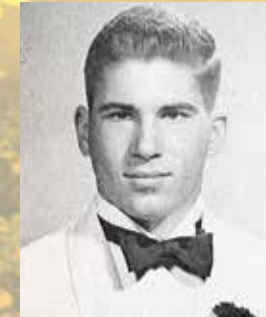
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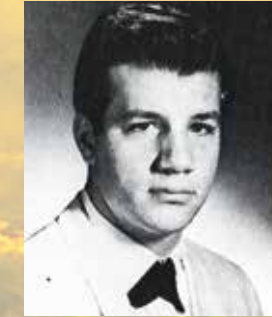
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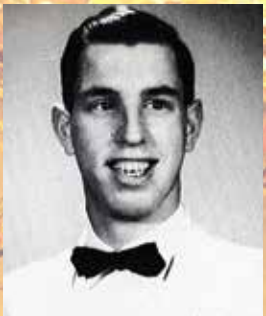


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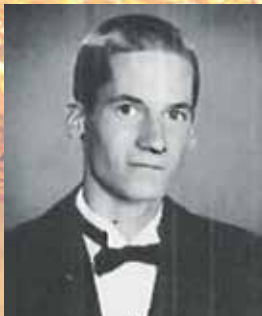


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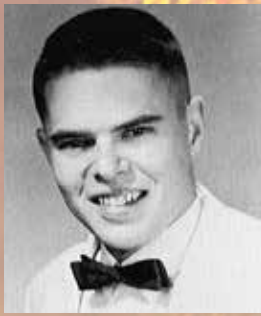
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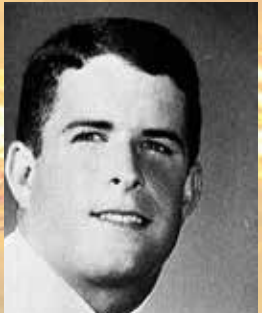
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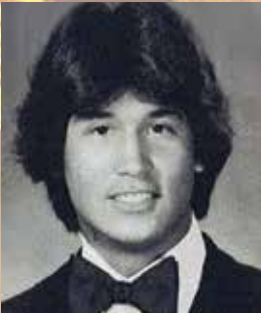
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September 2, 2021



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## FRIENDS OF SERRA

JEANNE BIERNAT  
NOVEMBER 3, 2021

DONALD GIANNINI  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

LAURA RAMEY-WITTER  
JUNE 7, 2021

EUNICE CANZIANI  
AUGUST 18, 2021

STEVE JUBB  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

JAMES SARANTOPULOS  
NOVEMBER 1, 2020

MOST REV. ROBERT CHRISTIAN, OP  
JULY 11, 2019

REV. MSGR. EDWARD MCTAGGART  
JULY 30, 2020

JERRY SCOFIELD  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

SIDNEY CUSTODIO  
JULY 16, 2021

RON MILLER  
OCTOBER 5, 2020

ROBERT SERPA  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

WILLIAM DELUCCHI  
AUGUST 14, 2021

MARJORIE MORI  
NOVEMBER 21, 2020

EPITACIO SISON, JR.  
NOVEMBER 19, 2020

BILL DUPLISSEA  
JULY 1, 2020

STEPHEN MUSICH  
OCTOBER 26, 2020

CHRIS WILSON  
MARCH 22, 2021

FRED FARRELLY  
OCTOBER 21, 2021

OSCAR PERALTA  
MAY 10, 2021

## THE PADRE GIFTIONARY A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO

### Fund Descriptions

**Unrestricted Funds:** These gifts can be spent where the school believes the need is greatest. Consider this the funding of a particular need.

**Padre Fund Annual Giving:** The Padre Fund is the lifeblood of Serra's fundraising efforts. Serra counts on the annual year gift to the Padre Fund from our community, consisting of alumni, parents, grandparents, board members, friends and faculty, to help underwrite the cost of a Serra education. Gifts to the Padre Fund serve as Serra's greatest source of unrestricted income, allowing us to enhance curriculum, attract and retain the finest faculty, augment tuition assistance, and sustain the operation and maintenance of the facilities.

**Annual Parent Pledge:** Since tuition and fees do not cover the overall cost of a Serra education, parents are asked to make an annual tax-deductible donation to the Padre Fund each of the four years they have a son at Serra. Annual gifts from parents to the Padre Fund assure the very best resources for their sons. Every gift matters and makes a lasting impact on each Serra student. A high level of participation is just as important as the gift amount and visibly demonstrates the dedication of the community to the school. Every year, Serra seeks 100 percent participation from the parent community through its generosity to the Parent Pledge for the Padre Fund.

**ThanksGIVEday:** Each November, the Serra community unites in the spirit of giving on ThanksGIVEday, Serra's unique 24-hour day of giving. Contributions to ThanksGIVEday are directed to the Padre Fund, which helps to provide innovative programs and campus improvements for current students. While ThanksGIVEday is our alumni-centric annual fall event, it is also a day where parents and the greater Serra community can come together and make a difference. Most important, it provides an opportunity to instill in our students the collective spirit of philanthropy by implementing a 100 percent student participation challenge each year.

**Restricted Gift Funds:** These gifts can be spent only for a specific purpose designated by a donor, such as scholarship support or a particular academic or extracurricular program.

**Fund a Dream Scholarship Benefit:** Each year since 2005, Fund a Dream has helped to raise the additional funds necessary to ensure that all qualified applicants who dream of becoming a Padre are afforded that opportunity.

Fund a Dream is a dynamic event that unites alumni, current and past parents, and friends of Serra to celebrate the school's proud history and exciting future. This evening dinner social event is held during the spring semester. It is a fun-filled evening where keynote speakers have captivated the community with stories about their high school days, career highlights and philanthropic endeavors.

All proceeds from this annual event—generated by donations, cash gifts, table and event sponsorships—support the Tuition Assistance Program. To date, the Fund a Dream event has raised nearly \$6.7 million.

**Endowment Giving:** Endowments are essential assets that serve as a significant source of continual support for Serra High School and its mission. Each of Serra's endowment funds is separate and distinct from other funds. Only the interest earned on these investments is used to fund scholarships.

A gift to Serra's Memorial Endowment Fund can perpetuate the values and ideals that guided a loved one's life. Gifts provide a tribute in memory of a loved one's passing, or may honor a person during his/her lifetime. When a gift is made, his or her name will be entered into the Serra memorial book. The honoree will also be remembered with an acknowledgement card sent to the family. All contributions to the memorial program help fund tuition assistance for deserving families, assuring the continuance of Serra's legacy of inclusiveness and diversity.

**Endowed Scholarships:** Scholarship endowments may be designated as restricted or unrestricted.

**Unrestricted:** Unrestricted endowment funds give Serra a greater amount of flexibility to designate the use of funds toward areas most in need and can apply to tuition assistance, advancement, maintenance, professional development and other needs.

**Restricted:** Funds can be used for student scholarships with specific criteria.

### Additional Ways to Give

**Planned Giving:** Planned giving can be a tax-efficient way to achieve financial and estate planning goals while leaving a lasting legacy at Serra. Planned giving donations can be made through an annuity, insurance policy, real estate, or most commonly, a bequest in a will or living trust. Members of this group are referred to as the Father Serra Heritage Society.

**Capital Giving:** Maintaining the leading edge of 21st Century learning requires an investment in infrastructure, technology and facilities, which cannot be paid for by tuition. While capital gifts are usually for new facilities or major renovations, the term can also apply to endowment gifts. They can be unrestricted or designated by the donor for use in support of specific programs, initiatives or building/renovation projects. Gifts to a capital campaign may be requested along with an every year gift to the annual fund—which is vital to Serra in its own way.

**Gifts in Kind:** In-kind donations are greatly valued and appreciated. These gifts are defined as non-cash items such as supplies, computers, printing services, food and beverage for fundraising events, prizes for raffles, and silent or live auctions that are transferred from the donor to Serra without compensation or consideration in return. In keeping with IRS regulations, these special gifts are tax deductible.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FUND A DREAM SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

**Father Joe Bradley '73**  
Keynote Speaker

**Saturday, March 12, 2022**  
[www.serrahs.com/fundadream](http://www.serrahs.com/fundadream)



### FEBRUARY 2022

**FRI. 4** 50-YEAR CLUB LUNCHEON

### MARCH 2022

**SAT. 12** FUND A DREAM SCHOLARSHIP  
BENEFIT

**THUR. 3** SPRING MUSICAL OPENING

### JUNE 2022

**SAT. 21** CLASS OF 2022  
COMMENCEMENT

## TRI-SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS MUSICAL REVUE THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022



**50  
YEAR  
CLUB**  
Luncheon  
Friday, February 4, 2022  
11:30 a.m.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Alumni Director Logan Wolf '14  
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