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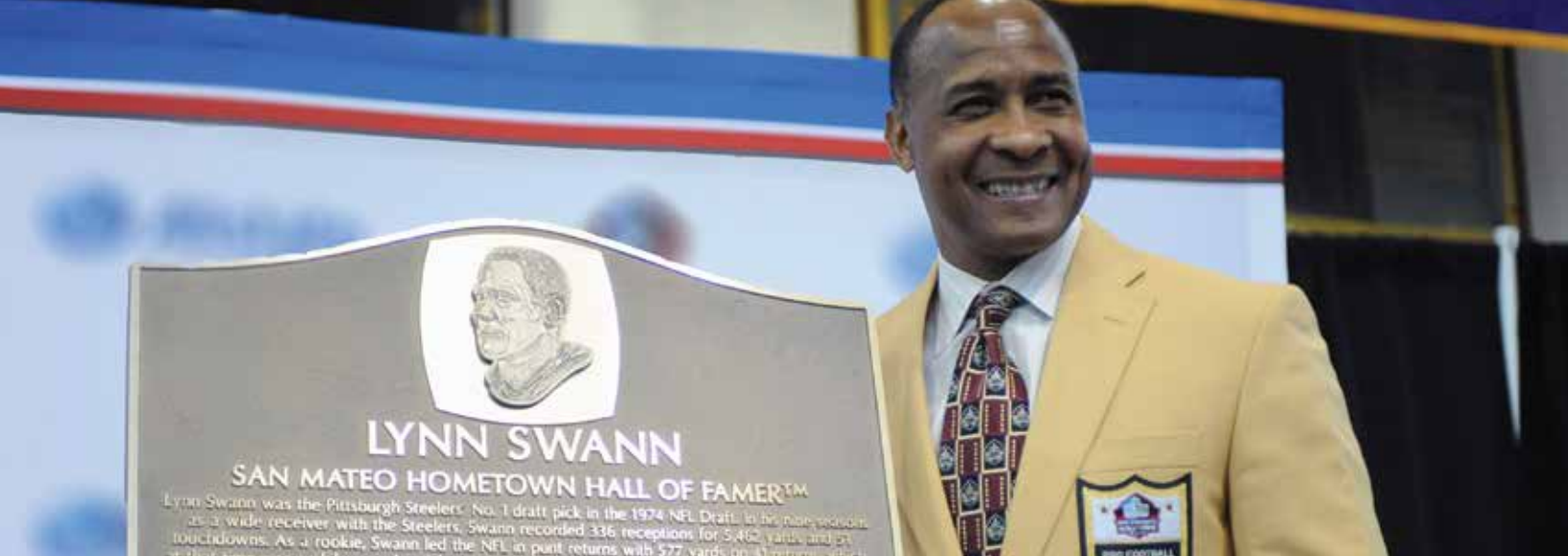
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends of Serra,

In *El Padre*, Serra’s yearbook, our seniors have an opportunity to reference a famous quotation under their senior portraits. Over the years, the following quote from Mahatma Gandhi has been a popular choice. It goes like this:

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

I like this quote. It balances a passion for life and a desire to see, hear and experience all that is true, beautiful and good during the short time of our earthly existence. It simultaneously grounds us in ancient wisdom about how to live a truly human life, and helps us to remember that we are all connected. God has called each of us to live lives of faith, wisdom and service. As a Catholic school, we look to Jesus as the perfect example of living a life where one’s heart, mind, body and soul are in balance. In every edition of *Traditions*, we offer examples of how our students and alumni are achieving this balance. This edition is no exception.

While Serra is well known for its excellent academic and athletic programs (don’t miss Jonathan Allen’s article on our student-athletes who attend Ivy League universities), you will see in this issue powerful examples of Padres who are making their mark on the arts. Our students’ performances in theater and music are the pride of San Mateo County and beyond. More and more graduates of our program are choosing careers in the visual and performing arts—Michael Trucco ’88, Tom Arvetis ’92, Byron Werner ’94 and Spencer Blank ’06 are outstanding alumni examples.

Serra could not live out its vision of being the best Catholic college preparatory school for young men without the support of our benefactors—especially our alumni and their parents. We recently hosted the ninth annual *Fund a Dream*, where our community once again celebrated Serra’s proud past, dynamic present and exciting future. Our guests rallied to support students who need our Financial Aid Program to make their Serra education possible. Since its beginning in 2005, *Fund a Dream* has generated more than \$2 million to support these worthy students.

Thank you for your incredible support of Serra, and for helping our school to move forward with a mission that helps our students to become outstanding young men.

Siempre Adelante!

Sincerely,

Lars Lund
President

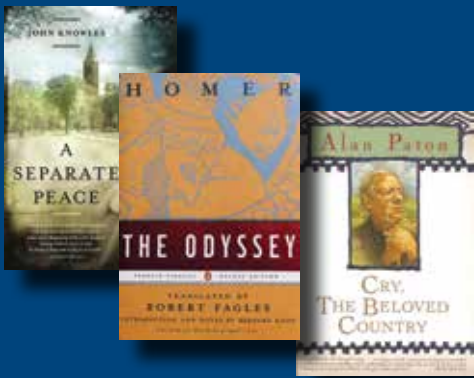


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Serra relies on the involvement and generosity of its parents, alumni and friends to assure that each new Padre generation can reach beyond its grasp to achieve its dreams. Support Serra today by making your donation online at: www.serrahs.com.

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Teacher Spotlight

Keith Stapleton inspires generations of Padres



“AWESOME.” “PROFESSIONAL.” “ENGAGING.” *These are just a few words Serra High School students use to describe English teacher Keith Stapleton, who inspires his students every day.*

Serra alumni agree that he is the type of teacher one will always remember—someone who encourages each Padre to set the bar higher and reach his full potential. Current students say Stapleton’s class is challenging, exciting and fun.

Stapleton has taught English at Serra since 1980. Before that, he was at Riordan High School for 12 years. In addition to teaching English, Stapleton coaches track and field.

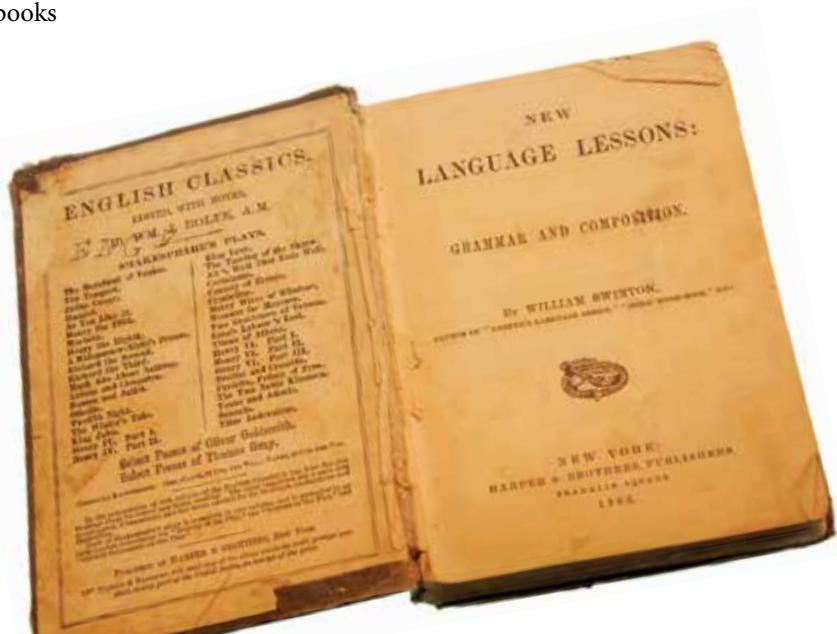
“Teenagers are optimistic and bright-eyed,” said Stapleton, who teaches AP language and composition and freshman Honors English. “I’m traditional. I think the works we teach them are very engaging. Our students are enthusiastic about language arts. I read to them, read with them and discuss what the books are about. If you do that, they end up liking to read.”

Stapleton is known for putting an interesting spin on the classics, including *A Separate Peace*, *The Odyssey* and *Cry, the Beloved Country*.

“Mr. Stapleton relates what we learn to everyday life,” said freshman Eric Mueller. “He’s hilarious—just an overall great teacher and person.”

According to Padre alumnus Sean Wilkinson ’05, “Mr. Stapleton was instrumental in helping me to develop my technical writing skills and, more important, my passion for the art of writing.”

“The kids truly believe they are going to learn from Keith,” said Serra English Department Chair Joel Ferrando ’90. “They know that he is there to teach them how to think, read and write. **They respect the amount of work that he does, and he challenges them. They realize how much they can learn from this guy.** He’s also very witty. Keith’s AP scores have always been in the high 80s, which is very high. Keith knows everything there is to know about English.”



SERRA FRESHMAN IS BIZSMART

What is it like to be the CEO of a prominent company? How complicated is it to write a business plan? How do “angel investors” finance new ideas?

Freshman Jackson Barrett pondered these questions and more by participating in BizSmart, a business academy that inspires and trains young entrepreneurs. At BizSmart, during 10-day sessions, students brainstorm about real business problems presented to them by CEOs of prominent companies. High School students work together to find solutions and develop business plans, which they defend to panels of judges.

Barrett and his team worked on a problem provided by Hydrovolts CEO and Founder Burt Hamner. Working as a management team with executive roles of CEO, CFO, CMO, CSO, CIO (innovation) and CTO, the student team called themselves “Ebb ‘n’ Flow.” Barrett served as the CEO and CFO.

The team designed the Ebb ‘n’ Flow system of generators that produces electricity via the movement of water through high-rise buildings. The group won first place, competing against 25 other groups of teenagers. They also won the final round, capturing the grand finale top team distinction. With this top team distinction, Barrett and his team were invited to present their idea at the Keiretsu Forum’s Annual Angel Capital Expo. They presented their work to a group of “angel investors” from companies around the world. Barrett manned a booth at the Julia Morgan Center, fielding questions about his hydrokinetic generator.

“Several investors and inventors were very interested,” noted Barrett. **“BizSmart was a great experience. I learned that being a good leader means having the ability to listen and take everyone’s ideas into consideration.”**



In fact, he will be a paid intern this summer at the Stanford Camp BizSmart. But, for now, Barrett is enjoying being a freshman at Serra. “It’s a really great school—I like the whole brotherhood aspect,” he shared. “Everyone stands up for each other. My dad went here (Eric ’83) and so did all of my uncles (John ’69, Steve ’74, Mike ’76 and Pat ’86).”

“Jackson is one of our top freshmen,” noted Serra President Lars Lund. “Not only was he accepted with honors at Serra, Jackson was also a recipient of the Board of Regents Scholarship—our highest honor for freshmen based on academic excellence. I’m not surprised that he did so well at BizSmart, as we see a very bright future for Jackson in high school, in college, and whatever he decides to do in the future.”

Meet the Whelans

Like father, like sons



Jim Whelan ’69 is watching his sons follow in his footsteps at Serra. The decades might be different, but one thing remains the same—the Padre tradition. Ray Whelan ’13 will graduate in June, while Dan ’16 is just beginning his high school experience at Serra.

Serra Student Body President Ray Whelan is a National Merit Finalist. Only 15,000 high school seniors qualify as National Merit Finalists—the top one percent in the nation. Whelan also was named one of 2,500 Merit Scholars, a further distinction.

In addition to maintaining a 4.0 grade point average, Whelan juggles an extremely busy schedule. He participates in the Mock Trial program, cross country, track, the Block Society and Democracy Live. Whelan also has worked as an intern for Congresswoman Jackie Speier, and he gives back to his local community by working at Second Harvest Food Bank and the Mills Estate Villa Senior Home.

How does he manage it all?

“I’m passionate about all of my activities,” Whelan said. “I enjoy doing all of them, so I’m very dedicated.”

Jim Whelan ’69 Shares Perspective

Jim Whelan’s class of ’69 introduced the *Serra Fight Song*, which has stood the test of time. He and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of Ray ’13 and Dan ’16 Whelan. The *Traditions* staff thought it would be fun to ask Jim to share his perspective on Serra—from the tumultuous political climate of the late ’60s, to the values he has carried with him into his adult life, to why he and Nancy send their boys to Serra. *Thank you, Jim, for your incredible insight.*

Whelan, one of three class valedictorians, has been accepted by the University of Chicago, the University of Southern California, the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania, Santa Clara University, Claremont McKenna College, Georgetown University, UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC Davis. He has been offered academic scholarships of varying amounts to attend several of these schools. Whelan has earned numerous school awards as well, including the Harvard Book Award and the University of Rochester, George Eastman Young Leaders’ Award.

“Not only is Ray Whelan at the top of his class, he is a young man of outstanding character, insight and leadership,” said Serra Counselor Karen Ghidossi. “Ray is extremely deserving of his recent recognition as a National Merit Scholarship finalist. More than just a gifted student, Ray is an exceptional young man. He has a great attitude for life and school, and shares his passion with other students.”

Q: You are a graduate of the Class of ’69. What was life like on campus in the late ’60s?

A: We had 196 guys in our graduating class, and we knew them all by first name. Our class president was John Barrett. Our class had a lot of energy and camaraderie, just as the classes of today do. Rock music was making its mark, and it became a constant presence. For many of us, it came from car radio or stereo systems where parents didn’t control the volume. School dances and

other activities with Mercy and Notre Dame were fun. We had dances at Serra with some of our own guys or local groups providing the music. Carlos Santana’s band played a concert/dance gig in the cafeteria, featuring drummer Mike Shrieve ’67. His brother, Kevin, was in our class. Cars with performance engines occupied a fair amount of after-school activity. Cruising the El Camino was a popular evening event.

Q: The *Serra Fight Song* started with your class. Was it a group effort?

A: Just before summer break at the end of our junior year in 1968, the Rally Committee lamented the absence of a fight song to hurl against the other schools during tough contests, especially when Serra’s fantastic football squad had a great 1967/68 season under Jesse Freitas, Jr., a phenomenal quarterback. I met with our music director, Mr. Catalano, who pulled out a couple of tapes of college fight songs he thought might work.

After listening to the music on tape, we selected the University of Pennsylvania fight song because of its punch, energy and brevity—it sounded great and it could be sung multiple times during a single game to bombard the other side, but it needed new lyrics. Mr. Catalano said he’d have the Serra band ready to play the music by the fall football season. We left him and sat down to change the Pennsylvania lyrics for Serra. Before summer break, we had our own fight song. At one of the first fall rallies, the band fired it up. Rally Commissioner Carlo Rossi and Cheerleader Johnny Murphy (with support from Tony Crisafi, Tom Casselli and many others) introduced the song to the school, and punched it up with a spontaneous, double-time refrain. It took off like an avalanche. It galvanized our student body into an even more forceful, boisterous cheering section to support all of Serra’s activities.

SERRA FIGHT SONG

**FIGHT ON, SERRA PADRES
WIN THE GAME FOR SERRA HIGH
FIGHT, YOU SERRA PADRES
FOR YOU KNOW YOU’LL NEVER DIE
BLUE AND GOLD, WE’RE WITH YOU
WE’RE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY
SO FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT, SERRA PADRES
PADRES, HURRAY— HEY!**

Q: What have you witnessed over the past four years with Ray’s academic and spiritual development at Serra, and with Dan’s freshman year here? Why do you send your boys to Serra?

A: As parents, Nancy and I are absolutely thrilled with the academic, social and spiritual setting that Serra provides. Both of our sons have met wonderful teachers, mentors, coaches and classmates. Serra’s academics are second to none in our opinion, and the statistics prove that. Serra’s focus on developing character and honor is not lip service—it is the real deal. Serra has a saying, “No student falls through the cracks.” The program is designed to keep every student on track for his level of success. The Campus Ministry program offers a meaningful, personal experience for students to remain connected with the spiritual underpinnings that make up their lives, which can be overlooked in the crush of daily activities.

Q: What values learned at Serra have you kept with you in adult life? What values do you and Nancy hope to instill in Ray and Dan?

A: Our parents used to say to us when we were young, “To your own self be true.” That meant we should follow our conscience when making decisions—don’t follow the crowd; do the right thing. That’s a snapshot of what I learned at Serra as well. My teachers had strong moral and ethical values. They knew that by the time we left Serra to go off into the world, they would have given us the tools to build a strong foundation to make our own decisions. We learned the value of ethics, morals, hard work, dedication, follow-through, detail and perseverance. When I was a student at Serra, we learned that when the going got tough, honor and character trumped any other cards in the deck. Serra still sends that message.

Q: What does it mean to be a Padre?

A: Being a Padre means doing the right thing—you lend a hand, you provide support when and where it is needed. It means you remember character and honor when you are in a tight spot. It also means that when you come back to Serra years later to see the Jungle Game in which your sons’ classmates are playing, you cheer loudly for those boys, and you sing that old song, even if it is just to yourself. My two brothers graduated in the classes of ’66 and ’68. I see a bunch of the guys from their classes at various Serra events, and I read about their successes in various press pieces. I’ll jokingly boast a little louder about the class of ’69, but all of those guys from the other classes are great Padres who show their Padre spirit in the support they give to the school. It is reassuring to note that we can consider ourselves good friends even though we meet infrequently. That means we must have made strong friendships when we were together in the classrooms and Serra halls so many years ago. *Once a Padre . . .*

Lynn Swann '70

Honored at Serra by
Pro Football Hall of Fame



NFL Hall-of-Famer Lynn Swann '70 was honored at Serra by the Hometown Hall of Famers program, sponsored by the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Allstate. The charismatic Swann talked about his career, the importance of giving back, and how Serra shaped his life. He was joined by his parents, godparents and friends.

"The Serra community was truly excited to have Lynn Swann back on campus," said Serra President Lars Lund. "He is a successful alumnus not only because of his accomplishments in the NFL, but also because of his many contributions to civic life. The message he gave to our students was 'What it means to be a good man.' Lynn is someone who has used his talents and abilities to make a difference in the lives of others. His speech was truly inspiring for students and teachers alike."

Swann was a member the four-time Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers, and the MVP of Super Bowl X. He also was a member of the 1972 USC Trojans national championship team. Special guests included Pro Football Hall of Fame Enterprises President and CEO George Veras and San Mateo Allstate agent Michael Glazer. Swann was presented with a replica of a plaque that is on permanent display at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Assemblyman Kevin Mullin's representative, Joe Fazio, honored Swann with a state resolution. San Mateo Councilwoman Maureen Freschet, a graduate of Notre Dame High School, remembered Swann from her high school days and presented him with a city proclamation. Finally, Serra Student Body President Ray Whelan surprised Swann with a Serra jacket.

"It was so cool to see Lynn Swann," said Serra sophomore Paul Smoot. "He showed us that hard work can get you to where you want to go, but he was also very humble about it."

Humble indeed, and quite a class act. When Swann was called a "hometown hero," he deflected the title by honoring his ballet instructor, Les Williams. "He is the real hometown hero," Swann noted, referring to Williams' illustrious military career. Williams is an original member of the Tuskegee Airmen.

"I have always had such respect for Lynn Swann," Williams said. "He stayed with me for a long time. When I think of Lynn, I think of the word 'spectacular.' Lynn has been spectacular in every aspect of his life. I'm very proud of him."



Swann pointed out that the years of ballet lessons helped him with his agility on the football field, and that being deemed "the Baryshnikov of the NFL" was the ultimate compliment. Swann also acknowledged the lifelong friendships he made at Serra, and spoke to today's Padres about the importance of a college-preparatory education and Christian values.

"This is the foundation you will take with you to college," Swann added. "If you don't have that foundation to make good decisions, you can lose your way."

Serra alumnus Rick Pouliot '73 remembered Swann as a high school student. "What a good guy," he recounted. "Lynn was very friendly and always took time for people. He always treated people very well, and I rooted for him even before he became famous."

"Lynn showed us that our Padre traditions transcend generations," said Serra Alumni Director Bob Greene '85. "Our current students were born in the 1990s, but they related so well to Lynn's message. Our beliefs and values here at Serra stand the test of time."

50-YEAR CLUB LUNCHEON "ONCE A PADRE, ALWAYS A PADRE."



Alumni from the Classes of '49 through '63 reunited in January at the 50-Year Club Luncheon. The event in the Serra library is something this tight group of friends looks forward to each year.

Although they have busy lives and live in various parts of the country, members of Serra's 50-year club enjoyed catching up with their high school friends and sharing stories from days gone by.

"There are always a lot of people from my class who attend this luncheon," noted Nick Carboni '59. "There was something very special about this class. We get together quite often for spring training or to go fishing. We're a big family."



Carmen Gagliardi, also a member of the Class of '59, is a welcome member of the 50-Year Club. For the past several years, he has attended the luncheon with a special gift—a magnum bottle from his personal "Block F Club" vintage collection. Gagliardi is a winemaker who looks forward each year to sharing his wine with his Padre classmates.

Frank Mullany '51 has fond memories of playing baseball in high school. In 1951, his team won the CAL Championship. Mullany played Minor League professional baseball for the Tri-City Braves and the Stockton Ports.

Dick Furrer '52 has similar memories of football—his team won the CAL Championship in 1952. With Mullany, he gained much more than a Padre brother—he gained a brother-in-law when he married Mullany's sister, Sue (Mercy, '54).

"It's great to listen to our 50-Year Club Padres' stories when they reminisce," said Alumni Director Bob Greene '85. "It's nostalgic to hear about a much simpler time, when life wasn't as busy. These guys have supported each other during life's challenges and have celebrated with each other during the good times. They are wonderful examples of what it really means to be a Padre."



RACE TO THE TOP JOEY BERRIATUA SOARS IN CROSS COUNTRY



Joey Berriatua beats a Bellarmine rival at the WCAL III varsity championship. Pictured l-r: Cross County Head Coach Will McCarthy, Joey Berriatua '13, Assistant Coach Ron DiMaggio '97

Serra cross country champion Joey Berriatua accomplished amazing feats during the 2012 Cross Country season. The Serra senior won the WCAL III varsity championship race with the third fastest time (15:19) in school history.

According to Serra Cross Country Head Coach Will McCarthy, “Joey’s performance ranks him among one of the most elite runners to have graduated from Serra.”

In November, Berriatua finished fifth in the CCS Division II championships at Toro Park in Salinas. A few weeks later, he finished 39th at the state championships in Clovis. Berriatua finished the season by winning the junior/senior division of the Western Regional Foot Locker 5K race. He competed against 400 student-athletes from all over the Western United States at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut, California.

“Running is a big stress reliever for me,” said Berriatua, who plans to major in business or marketing next year at Santa Clara University. “It makes me feel that I’ve accomplished something.”

Berriatua trains six days a week by running five to 10 miles a day, and he supplements his training with swim workouts. At Serra, he is a member of the Big Brothers Club, the National Honor Society, CSE, the X Club and the Trivia Club.

“Joey is the captain of our cross country team and he epitomizes everything I look for in a student-athlete,” McCarthy said. “He is very mature, dedicated to his sport and strives to do his best in all areas of his life. Joey is friendly, quiet, honest—a great kid to be around. I think Bellarmine Head Coach Patrick McCrystal summed it up best when he said, ‘Congratulations on winning the WCAL championship race—Joey is a good runner, but he’s an even better person.’”

Serra Alumnus Pursues Hollywood Dream



Michael Trucco '88 is a well-known Hollywood actor who recently starred on the hit show *Revenge*. After Serra, he majored in theater arts at Santa Clara University. Michael has appeared on numerous TV shows, including *How I Met Your Mother*, *Big Bang Theory*, *Battlestar Galactica*, *Pensacola*, *Wings of Gold*, *Fairly Legal*, *Castle*, *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit*, *CSI Miami*, *Young Justice*, *Silk Stalkings*, *Touched by an Angel*, *Beverly Hills 90210* and *Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman*.

This spring, Trucco returned to Serra as the celebrity auctioneer at *Fund a Dream*, a fundraiser that provides scholarship money for Serra Padres. The next day, he spoke to Tri-School Productions students about his successful career.

“I was mesmerized by what was behind the curtain,” Trucco recounted. “I was bitten by the acting bug at an early age. Acting provides an opportunity to illicit emotion in others—you can make them laugh or cry. Really, that’s what this art is about—to evoke an emotional response.”

Despite working 16-hour days, Trucco is grateful for his success. He advised Tri-School students not to be too proud to take basic jobs in the industry—such as being stand-ins for famous actors or doing local community theater.

“I love what I do, even though it’s a tough industry,” Trucco said. “I’m in the midst of living a dream, and it all began with Mr. Jay Jordan. I’ve been lucky enough to pursue it for 25 years. My advice to students in the arts is to study your craft. Learn from the ground up, all facets of your art. Take risks and get out of your comfort zone, because the rewards are amazing. This business won’t come to you; you have to pursue your dream.”



Phillip Kilbridge '90
Junípero Serra Award Recipient



If “*home is where the heart is*,” Phillip Kilbridge '90 is a shining example of that proverb. As the executive director of Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco, Kilbridge witnesses many life-changing moments for families in need.

In 2012, Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco provided homes for 43 families. Kilbridge was honored in March with the Junípero Serra Award, which is presented to an alumnus for exceptional service in the community and for making a difference in the lives of others.

“Standing in front of 900 future community leaders at my alma mater was motivating,” Kilbridge said. “Alumni can find a variety of ways to give back to Serra, whether they return for Career Day, serve on committees, volunteer for events or otherwise. The caliber of the students and the quality of the experience will continue to make you proud to be a Padre.”

Kilbridge was joined by his wife, Kelley Karandjeff; his little boys, Elias and Alexander; his brother, William Kilbridge '89; his parents, Drs. Thomas and Jean Kilbridge; and former classmate Dr. Matthew Keyser '90.

Recognizing that housing for hardworking families in the Bay Area is in short supply, Kilbridge networks with other nonprofits and oversees an annual budget of \$11.5 million. However, don't expect this busy executive to be behind a desk from 9 to 5. Kilbridge meets with legislators, negotiates land deals and works in the trenches of new construction—painting, installing floors and windows, nailing two-by-fours and landscaping. He recently returned from building homes in Vietnam, where he mixed mortar and laid brick with a partner family near Hanoi.

“What sets Greater San Francisco’s Habitat for Humanity apart from other affordable housing developers is that we know that hard work and success go hand-in-hand,” Kilbridge noted. “For me, there is nothing like building alongside one of our 7,500 volunteers or a partner family that dedicates 500 hours in lieu of a down payment. It’s the work on site—constructing well-designed homes that are safe, decent and affordable—that makes this work so incredibly rewarding.”

This Magic Moment

Padre parents enjoy
a step back in time



It was a blast from the past for friends of Serra who attended *This Magic Moment* in November. The prom-inspired

auction raised money for Serra’s academic programs. This year’s Fund a Need proceeds will be used for innovative electronic devices for Serra faculty members.

From ’50s poodle skirts to ’60s psychedelic mini-dresses to Madonna-inspired crimped hair and Ray Bans, the ladies rocked the dance floor. Their dates wore everything from tuxes with ruffles to ’80s mullets. Speaking of mullets, Padre parents Kevin and Jaci (Kavanagh, NDB ’87) Kearney should have been named prom king and queen.

“We come back because it is always a good time to reconnect with past alumni, as well as keeping those friendships going with parents and faculty members we met during JT’s time at Serra,” Jaci Kearney said. “It is a special place that will always be in our hearts.”

The Serra Jazz band stirred up nostalgia with swing, bossa and samba numbers. Former 49er Wide Receiver Dwight Clark was the master of ceremonies. Auctioneer Frank Bizzaro kept things lively. Special guests included former 49ers Bubba Paris, Dana McLemore and Darryl Pollard.

“It was an evening to remember,” said Serra Special Events Coordinator Theresa Stoye. “Everyone had a great time on the dance floor. Our band, the TaraBytes, played hits from all of our favorite decades. Our Madre volunteers are so talented—they transformed the gym and it was amazing. It really was like taking a step back in time.”



Kevin and Jaci Kearney



Top photos: (l-r): Lou and Maria Realvasquez, Jeanie and David Black, Gabrielle and Marty Funk; Susie Thornton, Lisa and Mike Callagy, Mary Lund; Dawn and Brian Bokman; Bottom photos (l-r): Suzanne and John Zaro, Peter Rauenbuehler and Mary Mines, Tom and Michele Blais, Scott and Lisa Pritchett

BRIAN CARSON INDUCTED INTO BURLINGAME HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME



Serra Srength and Conditioning Coach Brian Carson was inducted into the Burlingame High School Hall of Fame in November. He was honored for his basketball and baseball accomplishments at his alma mater, as well as his college and professional basketball achievements.

“I was shocked and humbled,” said Carson, who graduated from Burlingame High in 1992.

Carson comes from a family of athletes. His sister, Christy, is a triathlete. His mom, Sandy, was a volleyball coach. His brother, Craig, coached basketball at McAteer High School at Menlo Atherton. Carson’s dad, Mike, coached at Galileo High School and McAteer High School. In addition, he was inducted into both the Riordan Hall of Fame and the San Francisco State Hall of Fame.

“My dad had a huge influence on me—he was my idol,” Carson remembered. “I’m a sports junkie, and most of my family and friends are as well.”

Carson was a tenacious competitor when he was a middle-schooler at Burlingame Intermediate School. Interestingly, he remembers playing against Serra Athletic Director Dean Ayooob ’92 when he was in seventh grade. The Taylor Middle School team was winning against BIS, with four seconds left in the game . . . until Carson made two free throws to win the game. Little did they know they would be working together two decades later.

After high school, Carson played two years of basketball at Cañada College, a year at Fresno State and a year at Sonoma State before playing for two years in the International Basketball League, representing the West Coast.

His coaching experience includes stints at McAteer High School, Chico State University and College of the Siskiyous. Carson has worked at Serra for seven years and has been the strength and conditioning coach for four. He usually can be found in the weight room, training Padre student-athletes from all 14 teams. Carson manages an extremely busy schedule. Described as “patient and understanding” by Padre athletes, Carson is a compassionate mentor who helps teenagers to believe in themselves. He talks to students about their work ethic and about being mentally prepared. He fosters a “can do” attitude with Padre athletes, as he teaches them how accomplish their goals.



“It’s amazing what the mind can do,” Carson explained. “There’s a lot of psychology involved in sports, and I’m a proponent of positive thinking. Our Padre athletes are like sponges—they are at a very influential point. They want to learn new techniques and are open to new ideas. There’s a

lot of pressure to do well today. Student-athletes also have a lot of distractions today, such as Facebook and Twitter. My job is to help them to stay focused on their team. I tell them, ‘You’re not playing for your own spotlight, you’re playing for your team. The student-athletes at Serra are respectful, and we’re blessed with wonderful coaches.’”

Jeff Dalli ’15 was ranked number one in the nation this year for fencing. He said Carson has been instrumental in mapping out a plan to achieve his goals.

“It’s really great that he’s never too busy for anyone,” Dalli noted. “He’s always willing to assist anyone who needs it. He encourages us to push harder, work harder and to be our best. He does it in a way that’s very calm. He never pushes us too hard – he’s always positive and encouraging.”

As the fitness world is ever-changing, Carson makes sure to stay one step ahead on new exercise programs and workouts. He currently includes CrossFit, Olympic lifting, power-lifting and plyometrics to keep workouts fresh and never boring.

“We’re seeing the results,” he said. “I wouldn’t put them through something I haven’t done myself. I also tailor workouts to different kids in the beginning. The most rewarding thing for me is to see the change in teenagers. They come in shy, timid and very green. Then you see them a year later – so confident and believing in themselves.

In addition to working as a substitute teacher and the strength and conditioning coach, Carson is the assistant varsity basketball coach.

“It’s good for me to interact with kids in a different environment,” he said. “I do what they do. If they’re running in the hills, I’m up there running with them.”

“I’m so proud of Brian, both as a friend and as a colleague,” Ayooob said. “This is a tremendous honor for him. I remember going to his BHS games when we were in high school and you could tell he loved to play. His passion and love for sports is very noticeable to the athletes he works with here at Serra.”

SERRA FENCING ATHLETE WINS GOLD MEDAL

Last summer, Serra sophomore Jeffrey Dalli was ranked number one in the nation for fencing in the 16-and-under category. Using an electric sabre, he won the gold medal in July at the National Fencing Championships in Anaheim.



Fencing Gold Medalist Jeffrey Dalli with his coach, Sasha Lepeshinski

Since that time, Dalli has flown all over the world to participate in international competitions in Poland, Hungary, Russia and Italy. While at the top of his game last semester, Dalli had a grueling schedule. He even missed 20 days of school.

“It was tough, and I had to keep up with my school work,” Dalli admitted. “I often studied on planes and got by with about five hours of sleep. I had a lot of very late nights.”

Despite living out of a suitcase for weeks on end, Dalli has maintained a 4.83 grade point average.

“I had a lot on my plate first semester, so time management was very important,” he said. “I was diligent about my school work, and I’m grateful that my teachers were so accommodating. They helped me to keep on track.”

In Moscow, Dalli placed 10th in the Cadet World Cup (U17) competition. He competed in his first Junior World Cup (U20) competition in January, which was held in Udine, Italy. Finally, to cap off the season, he participated in the Junior Olympics in Baltimore, where he placed 9th in Cadet (U17) and 15th in Juniors (U20). There, he beat the number one fencer in the country and finished the season ranked fourth in the entire United States.

“I would like to go to the Olympics,” Dalli said. “I love the psychological aspect of fencing – it’s like physical chess.”

Extremely dedicated to his sport, he trains six days per week at Stanford and at Serra with Strength and Conditioning Coach Brian Carson.

“Jeff is proof that hard work pays off—he deserves this so much,” said Carson, who commended Dalli on his positive attitude and maturity.

When he’s not wielding a sabre, Dalli serves as secretary of the sophomore class. He also gives back to the local community by teaching fencing to underprivileged children through the Bay Area Fencing Initiative.



2013 Fund a Dream

Unites Serra Community

The Serra High School gym was transformed on February 23, when more than 575 alumni, parents and friends of Serra united for a wonderful cause—raising \$350,000 for students who receive financial aid. The keynote speaker was Serra alumnus and former Los Angeles Rams Head Coach John Robinson ’54. He also was the head coach of the National Champion USC Trojans.

NFL Hall of Famer and four-time Super Bowl champion Lynn Swann ’70 introduced Robinson, and the celebrity emcee was KNBR host and Warriors play-by-play announcer Bob Fitzgerald ’84. TV star Michael Trucco ’88 hosted the live auction. All four alumni were enthusiastic, bantering back and forth with each other to ensure a lively, upbeat evening.

A highlight of the evening was when Fr. Joe Bradley ’73 read a letter sent from Jonathan Wellington ’91, a Naval officer who is stationed in Afghanistan.

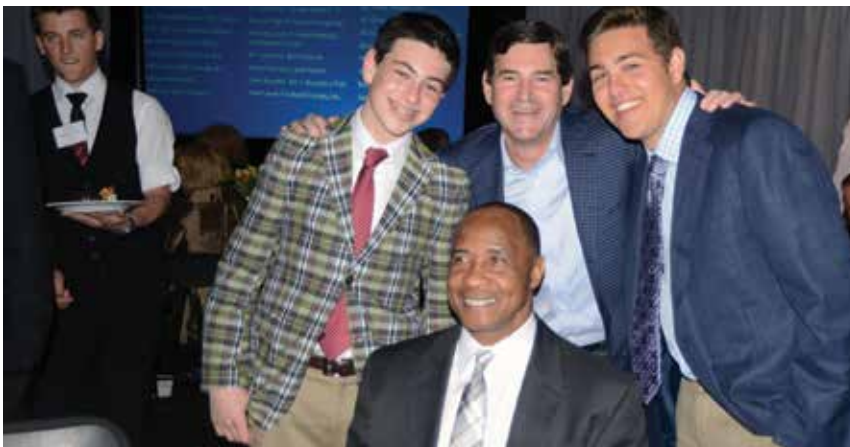
“Jonathan told me that he saw the announcement about *Fund a Dream* while checking his email at his post in Afghanistan,” explained Serra President Lars Lund. “He really wanted to be at the event, as financial aid made his Serra education possible. Because of his duties, Jonathan could not make it. He told me about the impact Serra had on his life and of the many wonderful memories he had of his classmates, teachers and staff. He wanted to send a

message to Serra about his high school experience and why he decided to support the Financial Aid Program. The fact that Jonathan made a \$3,000 gift to support our Padres on financial aid was truly remarkable. His generosity inspired everyone in the room.”

This year’s *Fund a Dream* video featured three special Padres —Rob Tolleth ’09, Phoenix O’Rourke ’07 and Edwin Garcia ’13—recipients of financial aid who are making a significant difference in the world around them.

“I got involved in supporting *Fund a Dream* about seven years ago,” said table sponsor Larry Dugoni ’86, a member of the Serra Board of Regents. “It was very moving to hear the kids speak. Without financial aid, they would not be able to go to Serra.”

“I first attended *Fund a Dream* when my son was in eighth grade,” said Serra Madre Jenny (Clarke NDB ’86) Khoury, who also sponsored a table. “Benjamin is Serra freshman, so the event has taken on a whole new meaning for us. I feel fortunate and blessed that our son has an amazing opportunity at Serra to become all that he is meant to be. Not every young man gets to be a Padre. Families make sacrifices and face obstacles and challenges. We all know that some families just can’t do it. *Fund a Dream* is such a “feel good” event. At the end of the night, it feels so wonderful to know that you helped to open the door to a new Padre’s future.”



Harrison Silk ’15, Jeff Silk, Ashton Silk ’14, Lynn Swann ’70



Bob Grassilli ’66, Inge Tiegel-Doherty, Tom Brady, Sr.

Below are excerpts from a letter sent by U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander Jonathan Wellington ’91, who is currently deployed to a joint command that handles detention operations throughout Afghanistan.

“My name is Jonathan Wellington, and I am a ’91 graduate of Serra. I’m also a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of ’96.”

“Fund a Dream recently captured my attention because of my personal experiences at Serra. I understand the financial challenges some families may be facing right now. I felt compelled to share my story and encourage others to donate to Fund a Dream.”

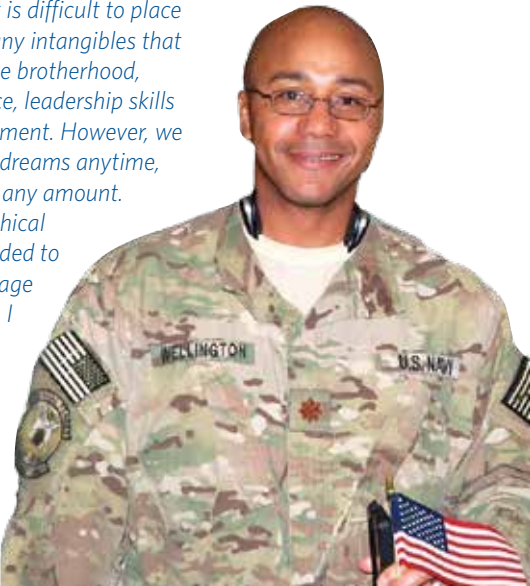
“I firmly believe that Serra laid the foundation for my life, and my teacher/coach role models served as my “beacon” to get me to where I am today. I’m grateful that Serra taught me the importance of teamwork, believing in myself, commitment to hard work and actively living a Christian life.”

“I believe Serra’s unique blend of utilizing teachers and coaches will allow young men to grow spiritually, academically and athletically. We should continue helping young men to attend Serra, so they can live their dreams.”

“I’m sure that after the recent economic decline, it is much more challenging for many families to afford Serra’s tuition costs.

The costs of maintaining the best educational institutions have risen, too. As a result, the financial gap between income and educational costs has widened, and this is why I believe Fund a Dream is even more important today.”

“I understand that it is difficult to place a price tag on so many intangibles that Serra offers—lifetime brotherhood, faith, wisdom, service, leadership skills and athletic achievement. However, we can help fund these dreams anytime, anywhere, and with any amount. Despite my geographical distance, I have decided to donate and I encourage you to do the same. I look forward to the growth of our great school and our future Padres!”



Career Day

Padre alums inspire students



Jason Whitney '07



Above (l-r): Edwin Balli '03, Gino Lavezzo '03, Danny Bocanegra '04

THE SERRA HALLS WERE PACKED ON MARCH 6 WITH ALUMNI WHO CAME BACK FOR CAREER DAY. *Although they have chosen different life paths, each alumnus inspired students by sharing highlights of his career, what it took to get there, and how his days at Serra prepared him for his future career.*



Sam Walsh '05 is a content writer at Facebook. He spoke about the technology industry, as well as his experiences in the Peace Corps. Franko Palomba '79 and Steve Blandino '90 shared financial advice. Law enforcement alumni—Mike Callagy '80, Dave Peruzzaro '90 and Brian Philip '92—wowed the crowd outside with a mobile, state-of-the-art command post and a S.W.A.T. armored vehicle. Padre alumni dad Sam Runco, the “godfather of home theater,” shared his Emmy Award with Padres and talked about the future of television. **Thank you to all who participated in this exciting event!**



Dan Schott '81 mesmerized the crowd with vignettes of his career as a U.S. Secret Service agent. For more than two decades, his duties have included investigating major international financial crimes, protecting world leaders and keeping the president of the United States safe. Kevin Flynn '82 outlined what it takes to be a certified public accountant.



Clockwise from top: Sam Walsh '05, Richard Bologna '03, Dan Riley '76, Brian Sheppard '93, Paul McManus '03

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Spring Musical Brings 1920s to Life

Tri-School Students Present
The Drowsy Chaperone



Conor McGuigan '15 and Amanda Odasz (Mercy '13), Justin Robinson '14



Nate Zaslove '15 and Magdalena Bowen (Mercy '15)



Aaron Gabriel '15

Tri-School Productions students from Serra, Notre Dame and Mercy brought the Roaring Twenties to life a few weeks ago with a fast-paced, quick-witted rendition of *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

“Our Tri-School production featured typical characters of the Vaudeville era,” noted Tri-School Musical Director Gennine Harrington. “The choreography reflected the period with authentic styles of the Charleston and tapping. The costumes illustrated a very glamorous era.”

Glamorous, indeed. Amanda Odasz (Mercy), Christina Won Pat (NDB) and Katherine O’Toole (Mercy) dazzled the crowd with old-Hollywood starlet charm. Casanova Aaron Gabriel (Serra) added comic relief as Adolpho, an over-the-top ladies’ man.

“*The Drowsy Chaperone* is a show within a show,” explained NDB senior Sarah Smallman, who played a reporter. “The musical is funny, and there’s always something new that’s going to happen. It’s fantastic and wild.”

Serra sophomore Matt Gill played “Man in Chair,” the narrator of the show. “He was the most complex character I ever played,” Gill admitted. “There was so much going on with him emotionally. He almost had a split personality—happy and ecstatic at one moment and then frustrated and angry the next. It was challenging for me as an actor to roll all of those emotions together into one complicated person.”

Mercy freshman Cat Bigelow, who loved the 1920s-style choreography, said cast members of the upbeat show enjoyed the camaraderie.

“Becoming involved in Tri-School Productions is a great way to meet new people,” she added. “We all share a common interest and it’s a great way to bond with your friends.”

Music Director Jay Jordan first heard of *The Drowsy Chaperone* when he was watching the Tony Awards in 2006.

“The number that was performed was ‘Show Off,’ and it knocked me out,” he recounted. “Once I understood the premise—that the actual show was about a modern-day musical theater nut’s love of a fictitious 1920s musical—I was hooked.”

Jordan was even more excited to hear that the show was fast-tracked for amateur production, and that Woodside Community Theater (run by former Tri-School Technical Director Mark Bowles) was set to stage it in the fall of 2011.

The Woodside production was directed by Serra alumnus and Tri-School Fall Show Director Dan Demers ’01, choreographed by Tri-School Director Gennine Harrington and vocally directed by Notre Dame Music Director Kristin Pfeifer.

“That convinced me that Tri-School had to do the show some day,” Jordan said. “*The Drowsy Chaperone* is, hands down, the funniest musical I have ever seen. It is beyond clever in every way. I know our cast enjoyed it immensely, and I hope our audiences did as well.”



Amanda Odasz (Mercy '13) and Noah Boger '15



Christian Crusader

Justice and Peace Club
students remember
Dorothy Stang



“Blessed are those who have nothing; they shall inherit the land.” In 2005, Sister Dorothy Stang read those words from a tattered Bible, seconds before she was shot to death by two hired assassins in the Amazon Rainforest. Sr. Dorothy, a Sister of Notre Dame who lived on the Belmont campus for several years, devoted 40 years of her life as a crusader for the poor in Brazil. Recognizing the disparity between wealthy landowners and poor farmers, Sr. Dorothy challenged the government to change laws so that the oppressed would be treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

Members of Serra’s Justice and Peace Club listened to Sr. Dorothy’s story in March, when Jim McGarry, interim director of the Sr. Dorothy Stang Center at Notre Dame de Namur University, visited Serra to share highlights of Sr. Dorothy’s life.

“As she watched the relentless deforestation of her beloved Amazon, Sr. Dorothy said, ‘The death of the forest is the death of us all.’” McGarry noted. “Her life reminds us that we live in times in which our grandchildren’s very ability to live on this earth is in question because of the social sins that lethally degrade creation. We must get busy with the work of hope—planting, not destroying; nurturing, not exploiting.”

Known as “Dot” to her family and friends, Sr. Dorothy was called the “Angel of the Amazon” by people in Brazil. She inspired those around her by passionately supporting poor farmers’ rights to land and encouraging others to protect the rainforest.

According to McGarry, “Sr. Dorothy said, ‘The Gospel asks of us the grace of conversion. It will come. No time to waste—the poor are being crushed while we debate the issue.’ Again, urgency in the name of those with whom Jesus most closely identified. Our hands must nurture all life right now, starting with those most acutely threatened and consistently exploited—those on the margins, the often invisible poor. There is no time to waste.”



McGarry encouraged Padres to become involved with the Dorothy Stang Center in Belmont. He stressed the importance of continuing her mission, and also pointed out that Sr. Dorothy was a vital part of the community when she lived there.

“Sr. Dorothy proved herself to be genuine,” said senior Andrew Pometta. “She immersed herself in the problem and experienced hardships with the victims, instead of remaining detached. She had an unusual ability to care for strangers.”

For more information on the Sr. Dorothy Stang Center at NDNU and local outreach programs, please visit: www.ndnu.edu/dorothystang.

KAIROS

there is a story
behind every face

Student Reflection: Serra’s Kairos Retreat
by MATTHEW MCLAUGHLIN ‘13

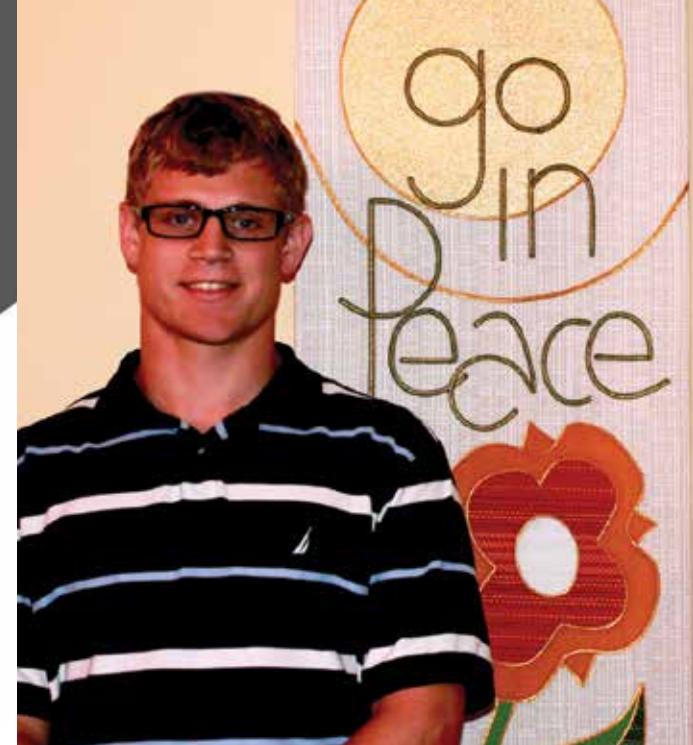
At Serra, the ring of a bell instantly transforms a once silent, sanctuary-like hallway into a noisy corridor filled with laughter and high-fives. I can guarantee you that “*Hey man, can we just stop and talk about our feelings for a minute?*” is not typical Padre conversation.

However, during my junior year, I was fortunate enough to stumble upon a gem within the fast-paced Serra community—something that would enable me to put life on pause and reflect upon some of my repressed feelings that had been shoved into the bottom of my backpack.

High school has been difficult for me. I struggled immensely during my freshman and sophomore years, but managed to get my act together by junior year. Although I currently regard myself as sensitive and empathetic, there have been times when my ego clouded my judgment of myself and others.

I used to categorize strangers into stereotypes, such as the “overbearing, look-at-me-guy” or the “study hard, but never enjoy life smart kid.” I thought they were incapable of comprehending any of my internal struggles. When I signed up for Kairos, I didn’t expect to gain a new understanding of relationships. Inside the Vallombrosa Retreat Center Chapel, I sat in a quiet, dimly-lit room full of familiar strangers—classmates whom I had seen for three years but had never truly known. They sat there with the same confused look on their face as mine, wondering what this mysterious retreat would have in store.

Unfortunately, I cannot specify the details of my experience, as that would be a major infraction of Kairos tradition.



What I can say is that Kairos for me was like a bucket of cold water dumped upon my head. **The retreat jolted me from my ignorant, ego-driven slumber. The interactions with a group of six students, with whom I walked the Kairos journey, helped to clear up my previously foggy paradigm.** Through small group sharing and discussion, I listened to students whom I had previously filed away in my cabinet of stereotypes. I realized their hardships and challenges. Although they were different from mine, they resulted in the same feelings and thoughts I often had.

In fact, I found that the person with whom I most resonated ironically was the “overbearing, look-at-me guy.” I also thrived by receiving validation from others, and struggled with being alone. I suppose this speaks to the old adage, “If you spot it, you’ve got it”—the things I disliked about Mr. Overbearing Guy were qualities I resented in myself. Perhaps that is the magic of Kairos. Students learn to put their differences aside and learn from each other by sharing openly from the heart. Unfortunately, that is rare in today’s society and unique to Kairos. The strangers I had judged in the past were suddenly mirrors reflecting the way I felt about myself.

When my prior judgments had been stripped away, I learned from Padres with whom I could have been friends all along. Kairos enabled me to connect with my peers on a deeper level. The retreat gave me an opportunity to have meaningful conversations with others. By keeping an open mind and being honest, Kairos was extremely powerful—so powerful, in fact, that I became a Kairos leader in 2013.

Brains and Brawn

Student-athletes thrive in the Ivy League

by JONATHAN ALLEN '01



Princeton University



Harvard University

The Ivy League. A group of eight East Coast schools known for developing the hearts and minds of some of the top-performing students in the nation. Ivy League schools have produced 14 U.S. presidents and countless world leaders in the areas of medicine, law and finance. Besides being considered top-echelon academic institutions, these schools also offer highly-competitive, Division I sports programs. Ivy players have gone on to play in the NFL, NBA and Major League Baseball. Princeton's basketball program is so renowned, in fact, that it developed a well-known offensive system known as the "Princeton Offense."

Thanks to Serra's reputation for excellence in both academics and athletics, Ivy League recruiters are seen on campus

on a regular basis. This year is no different, with senior basketball player Henry Caruso recently committing to play for Princeton University and senior track and field athlete Jonathan Beering committing to Dartmouth College.

Caruso drew a lot of interest from prestigious colleges with reputable basketball programs. With his 3.9 GPA and high SAT score, as well as his All-League basketball ability, Caruso is primed to do well at the high-achieving institution.

"I'm very pleased that Henry will play for Princeton," said Serra Head Basketball Coach Chuck Rapp '86. "He will be an excellent fit there, both athletically and academically. It just shows that hard work pays off. Henry is one of the most competitive players I have ever coached. His effort, hard work and dedication have made the Padre Nation proud. Good things do happen to good people."

Caruso finishes his career at Serra as one of the best basketball players in school history. He was a three-year varsity player who was named All-WCAL each year. He is the second all-time leading scorer in Serra history, finishing just short of Tim Kennedy's record set in 1995.

"I'm excited about Princeton—the opportunity to play basketball and excel in the classroom," Caruso said. "I couldn't have done it without great coaches, outstanding teachers and the support of my family and the Serra community."

Jon Beering is a three-sport athlete at Serra, excelling in football, wrestling and track. He was named First-Team All-League in football for his work on the offensive line and went undefeated in the WCAL wrestling regular season. During his first week back on the track team this spring, he broke Tom Banducci's 41-year-old school record in the shot put. In addition to athletics, Jon holds a 3.8 GPA and was also a student leader on Campus Ministry's Kairos retreat, a retreat designed to give students time to reflect on their lives and goals for the future.



Head Track Coach Jim Marheineke and Jon Beering '13

"Being a Kairos leader puts you in charge of a small group of your peers and helps you to develop as a leader," Beering said. "You get to be involved in what happens behind the scenes, and see the guys in your group progress and make it their own retreat."

Beering noted on his future, "Balancing your academic, athletic and social life is hard, but it's worth it. The teachers and coaches at Serra know what you are capable of and they push you to be your best. I had interest from Cal, Duke and Columbia as well, but I am looking forward to the competition at Dartmouth."

Serra athletes' presence in the Ivy League has been noted for the last several years. Last year, Serra Valedictorian Luke Longinotti '12 was recruited to play football for Yale. He joined Padre alumnus and former teammate Parker Toms '11 on the team in New Haven, Connecticut this year. During the season, they met up on the field with fellow Padre Greg Guttas '09, who plays for Columbia University. Toms and Guttas are pictured together getting ready for kickoff.

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Henry Caruso '13

Also from the Class of 2011, water polo player and Serra Valedictorian Max Murphy is currently playing for Harvard University. Murphy was named Harvard’s Freshman of the Year for his play in the 2011 season. He is a two-time Academic All-American Superior who is studying astrophysics.

According to Harvard Head Coach Ted Minnis, “Just a sophomore, Max is already a great leader for our team. He has an extraordinary work ethic in both water polo and academics.” Serra Aquatics Head Coach Bob Greene ’85 added, “I am amazed that Max can compete at such a high level in water polo and balance a demanding work load at Harvard. He is the epitome of a collegiate student-athlete.”

The Ivies are no stranger to Chuck Rapp’s basketball program, either. Rapp sent Tommy McMahon ’05 to the University of Pennsylvania, Dan Mavraides ’06 to Princeton, and now Henry Caruso to Princeton.

“The Serra basketball program shares a lot in common with Ivy League programs in terms of running a sophisticated offense, a focus on defensive responsibility and a premium placed on all-out hard work and effort,” Rapp explained. “Our players transition well to those schools.”

Serra has become well known for its mix of high-level academics and athletics. Recruiters from beyond the Ivy League and across the nation keep an eye on Padre prospects. Since 2005, Serra graduates have gone on to play at top-notch schools including Stanford, Notre Dame, Northwestern, Cal, NYU, UCLA, Amherst and the U.S. Naval Academy.



Yale University

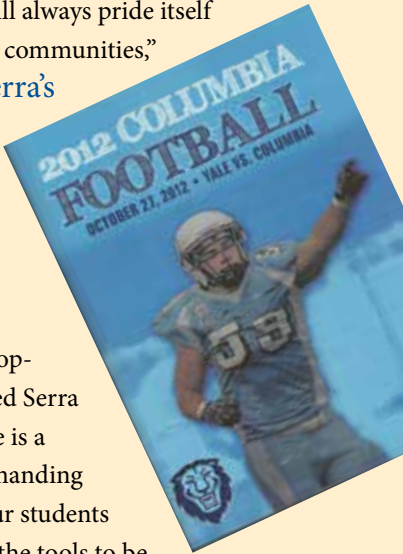


Dartmouth College



Above (l-r): Luke Longinotti ’12 (Yale), Greg Guttas ’09 (Columbia), Erin Longinotti (NDB ’09)

“Only time will tell where the current underclassmen and incoming freshmen will attend college, but Serra will always pride itself on developing good men who serve their communities,” said Serra Principal Barry Thornton. “Serra’s outstanding mix of academics, athletics and spiritual growth is meant to prepare our Padres for the challenges of college and for the rest of their lives.”



“In everything we do, we are producing top-notch student-athletes and leaders,” agreed Serra Athletic Director Dean Ayoob ’92. “There is a seamless transition to these rigorous, demanding programs. Our main goal is to prepare our students for their futures, and we are giving them the tools to be successful at the university level.”



Columbia University

PadreWrestlers Win WCAL Championship

Varsity and JV teams
finish undefeated at 6-0



Bob Greene '85

Makes a splash
in Los Angeles



The Serra Padre wrestling team clinched WCAL championships on the varsity and junior varsity levels in February, with a win over Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep. Both teams finished undefeated at 6-0. Freshman wrestlers won the league tournament, and were WCAL co-champions. Winning all three WCAL wrestling championship tournaments has not been accomplished since 2007.

“Reaching the pinnacle of the WCAL was not an easy road,” said Head Wrestling Coach Ricardo Garcia. “This group of wrestlers had to go against tough programs including Riordan, Bellarmine and St. Francis. Our team saw its greatest challenge against WCAL power Mitty. Our wrestlers proved their worth when they pulled out a hard-fought win. I am truly blessed to be in a program with a supportive administration, coaching staff and community. **Our wrestlers have embraced the word ‘brother,’ marked their legacy in the record books and worked harder than ever before.** In addition to celebrating the birth of my son Andrés, being part of this group of individuals has been truly special.”

On Senior Night, senior wrestlers led the way to the Padres’ third WCAL title in program history. Team leaders Elias Hernandez, Jerry DeLaRosa, Phil Becerra and Chad Thodos won by major decisions (more than eight points). Chris Ippolito and Jimmy Millington won by forfeit.

“I am very proud of this team,” said Assistant Varsity Coach Mike Klobuchar ’90. “The seniors won a WCAL freshman team title, and they will leave as seniors who won the WCAL varsity team title. Members of this team have traveled and competed in local, state, national and international championship tournaments. They are probably the most experienced team I have ever had the opportunity to coach. I think that is a reflection of the hard word, passion and dedication of Head Coach Garcia. Six members of this team plan to continue their wrestling careers and compete in college. They will join the other four Serra alumni wrestlers currently wrestling in college programs. The Serra wrestling team motto is *‘Brotherhood, tradition, hard work.’* The brotherhood on this team is one of the strongest I have seen in 20 years with the Serra wrestling team.”



On most crisp autumn afternoons, Head Water Polo Coach Bob Greene ’85 can be spotted on the Serra pool deck. His players agree that Greene has a knack for teaching life skills in addition to water polo techniques. The two go hand-in-hand according to Greene, who was recently named National Distinguished Coach of the Year by the U.S. Water Polo Association. The ceremony was held in January at the Hilton Los Angeles.

“What my players achieve in the classroom is just as important as what they achieve in the pool,” said Greene, who asks each player to strive for a 3.5 grade point average. Time management is very important, and we outline their schedules from the very beginning of the season.”

Greene was chosen for the prestigious award based on his coaching skills and the fact that 11 of his players achieved All-American status in 2012.

“I’m very happy because it’s a great tribute to our student-athletes,” Greene said. “It was pretty cool to be honored in front of my peers, who are club, high school and college coaches from all over the United States.”

Greene has loved the water since he was very young. He swam for Keith Strange when he was a teenager at Serra, and decided to turn his passion into a career. In addition to overseeing Serra’s water polo and swim programs, he is the founder of Golden State Aquatics, a coed club water polo team.

Greene is known for his laid-back coaching style. He strives to build athletes’ self-esteem while remaining highly competitive

in the water. “I love to watch a kid who doesn’t know too much about water polo blossom into a seasoned athlete,” Greene explained. **“Sports are supposed to be a happy time in your high school life. When it’s all said and done, kids won’t remember their wins or losses or record times. But they will remember every player on their team and coaches who made a difference.** The focus should always be on the team and the players, not the coach.”

The Padres had an outstanding season. The varsity water polo team made it to the CCS quarter finals, and they placed third in the WCAL championship. The Golden State Aquatics club team finished fifth in the Gold Division of the National Junior Olympics.

“Five of our kids are going to play college ball,” Greene noted. “I’m so proud of them. They did so well in the pool and are moving on to incredible universities.”

“Coach Greene makes sure that we succeed in and out of the classroom,” said Valedictorian Chris Bradley, who will most likely play water polo at the California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech). “Practices are fun, but focused. We had a great season—we beat Menlo and St. Francis for the first time in years. As a team, we really improved and I’m sure it will continue.”





< FOOTBALL

Varsity: 9-3
WCAL: 2nd Place
CCS Semifinalist

Varsity Head Coach:
Patrick Walsh

Varsity Assistants:
Jason Hardee '00
John Langridge '97
Lyndon McGee
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Ron Ortiz '91
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JV Coaches:
Bob Vinal '78
Perry Carter '84

JV Assistants:
Ed Berry
Ric Lavezzo

Freshman Head Coach:
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Freshman Assistants:
Sean Riley, John Diaz
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Football Awards:
WCAL Most Valuable
Kicker: Anthony Toms
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Fia Malepeai (LB/RB)
Peter Tulpulotu (LB/TE)
Zach Kazakoff (QB)
Brendan Hisao (DL)
Jon Beering (OL)
Prep 2 Prep CCS Player of
the Year and CalHiSports
All-State Running Back:
Eric Redwood



Our main job as educators and coaches at Serra High School is to challenge our young men to grow and become positive spiritual members of our society in college and beyond. We are very fortunate to have Brenden Hisao, Fia Malepeai and Matt Jacobs continuing on to play college football. Eric Redwood was our team's Blanket Award winner and broke many of the school's rushing records through his performance in 2013. He is now Serra's career rushing yards leader.



"The 2012 Serra Football season was a great season and a special one in my heart. The seniors moved their hearts 'all in' for the Padre brotherhood. They created life-long relationships and were as tight-knit a team as any I have coached at Serra the past 12 years. I am proud of our seniors and they will be missed—but, *'Once a Padre, always a Padre!'*"

Varsity Head Coach Patrick Walsh



< WATER POLO

Varsity Head Coach: Bob Greene '85
Varsity Assistant: Stavros Lee
JV Coach: Matt Fox
Freshman Coach: Jake Folan '10
Freshman Assistant: Joe Plume

Varsity: 14-14; 5-3 WCAL; 3rd Place
JV: 15-7; 4-2 WCAL; 3rd Place

Water Polo Awards:
MVPs: Anthony Buljan and Steven Olujic
Coaches Choice: Matt Blais

All-League WCAL:
Anthony Buljan
Steve Olujic
Brandon Yee

1st Team All CCS:
Anthony Buljan
Joe Kmak
Brandon Yee
Steve Olujic

All American: Anthony Buljan
JV MVPs: Jeremy Hitchcock and Tyler Breen
Freshman MVP: Matthew Olujic

"This was a season of firsts—it was the first season in 15 years that we beat both St. Francis and Menlo in varsity water polo."

Varsity Head Coach Bob Greene '85

CROSS COUNTRY >

Head Coach: Will McCarthy
Assistants: Ron DiMaggio '97 and John Wise

4th Place WCAL

Cross Country Awards:
Most Outstanding Runner and
Blanket Award Winner: Joey Berriatua

Outstanding Junior Runner:
Grant Schulte

Outstanding Sophomore Runner:
Arum Gasparian

Outstanding Freshman Runner:
Miles Todzo

Most Improved Runner:
Gabe Flynn



"The varsity cross country team had another successful season, finishing fourth in league and qualifying for the CCS championships."

Varsity Head Coach Will McCarthy

Padre Bench

SOCCER ➤

Varsity Head Coach: Jeff Panos
Varsity Assistants: Corey Edden
and Andrew Moore

JV Head Coach: Nick Carrara
Freshman Coach: Eric Angell '80

Varsity Record: 13-9-1 (7-6-1 WCAL), 5th Place;
CCS Division 2 Qualifier
JV: 8-7-5 ; 5th Place WCAL

Blanket Award Team MVP: Robert Peardon
Team Offensive Player of the Year:
Nick Schnabel
Team Defensive Player of the Year:
Gabriel Gomez

1st Team ALL WCAL: Robert Peardon
and Nick Schnabel
Honorable Mention ALL WCAL:
Gabriel Gomez
Team Most Improved: Tim Trzeciak
Team 12th Man Award: Erik Landaverde
JV MPVs: Shayan Fatemi and Shiva Naicker
Frosh MVP: Matt Herrera

The varsity team came together for the 2012-13 season with great enthusiasm after losing 14 seniors to graduation last year. Led by senior Captains Robert Peardon, Lee Vella and Gabe Gomez, the Padres put on an impressive display of possession oriented soccer in the always tough WCAL race. Dramatic one goal wins over St. Ignatius and Bellarmine in late January helped earn Serra its sixth CCS playoff berth in the last seven years.



“Through a tremendous work ethic of discipline and preparation, our varsity squad competes through a schedule against the toughest competition in the Bay Area every year. We got better after every game and our CCS playoff berth this year was a just reward following some great victories. The commitment in our program from freshmen to seniors is a great illustration of how we consistently rank among the best every season.”

Varsity Head Soccer Coach Jeff Panos

WRESTLING ➤

Varsity Head Coach: Ricardo Garcia
Assistant: Michael Klobuchar '90

JV Coach: Andre Monney '03
Freshman Coach: Steve Heimuli
Assistants: Ray Baldonado '07, Joey Lopez '10, Sonny Cerrillo

WCAL Varsity Dual and Tournament Champions
WCAL JV Dual Champions
WCAL Freshman Tournament Champions

CCS Placers: Elias Hernandez (113) 2nd, Jerry DeLaRosa (132) 2nd,
Chad Thodos (182) 6th

WCAL Champions: Jerry DeLaRosa (132), Chris Ippolito (160),
Chad Thodos (182)

WCAL 2nd place: Elias Hernandez (113), Andre LaRosa (122),
Ulysses Molina (145) and Jon Beering (HWT)

San Mateo Daily Journal 2013 All Wrestling Team:
Elias Hernandez (113), Jerry DeLaRosa (132), Sean Clarke (138),
Phil Beccerra (152), Chad Thodos (182)



“This team is one of the most experienced teams I’ve had the pleasure of coaching. They have competed in local, state, national and international events. It was nice and easy to just sit back watching them compete and be successful.”

Assistant Coach Michael Klobuchar’90

“Reaching the pinnacle of the WCAL was not an easy road, but this group of wrestlers truly embraced our team motto of *‘Brotherhood, tradition and hard work.’*”

Varsity Head Coach Ricardo Garcia

◀ BASKETBALL ▶

Varsity Head Coach: Chuck Rapp '86
Varsity Assistants: Brian Carson and Sean Dugoni '89

JV Head Coach: Rob Rius
JV Assistant: Jason Hardee '00
Freshman Coaches: Mark Massey '83 and Jon Folinus

Varsity: 25-6 (12-2 WCAL, 2nd Place)
2nd Place CCS Open Division
Lost in Norcal Open Division

1st Team All-League (WCAL): Henry Caruso, Andre Miller
2nd Team All-League: Jacqui Biggins
Honorable Mention All-League: Matt Jajeh and Sean Watkins

Palo Alto Daily News Player of the Year and First Team All-Mercury News:
Henry Caruso

Finished year ranked #21 in California by CalHiSports



“It was a highly successful year—just short of historic. I appreciate the hard work and commitment of our players, and I’m extremely grateful for the opportunity to work with such fine student-athletes. I also appreciate the support of the entire Padre sports community. I know that these players made the Padre Nation proud.”

Varsity Head Basketball Coach Chuck Rapp '86

The varsity basketball team ended its season just one win short of Serra’s all-time wins record. The team won 12 straight games, which was a school record. In addition, it was the only CCS team to defeat Norcal champion Mitty for the second year in a row. Numerically, this was the most successful season in the history of the Serra basketball program. The four teams were a combined 81-15, with all three lower-level programs winning WCAL Championships. Senior Henry Caruso finished as the second all-time leading scorer in Serra history and third all-time leading rebounder. Andre Miller set the all-time assists record.



Record Number of D-1 Athletic Letters of Intent



Fourteen Serra Padres signed Division I athletic letters of intent to prestigious universities during the winter sports season—the largest number to date.

Seven baseball players, a basketball player and a lacrosse player were joined by their families and friends to celebrate their outstanding achievements in November.

Senior Henry Caruso will play basketball at Princeton University in the fall. Matt McGloin will play for the Mount St. Mary’s lacrosse team in Maryland. Baseball players Paul Murray (Western Kentucky University), Orlando Razo (UC Davis), Blake Peters (UC Davis), Jordan Paroubeck (Fresno State), Matt Gorgolinski (Loyola Marymount University), Michael Tinsley (University of Kansas) and Mickey McDonald (University of Illinois-Chicago) signed letters as well.



In February, five more student-athletes signed letters of intent: Anthony Buljan (water polo, UC Santa Barbara), Brenden Hisao (football, Western State Colorado University), Fia Malepeai (football, University of San Diego), Robert Peardon (soccer, Dominican University), and Jon Beering (track and field, Dartmouth College).

"It's very special to see the commitment and hard work pay off for these kids," said Serra Athletic Director Dean Ayoob. "This is a record number of signings in one year. Our student-athletes work hard to achieve athletic and academic success. Our coaches and teachers are extremely committed to helping our Padres succeed. Signing days are always my favorite part of the job."

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DEAN AYOOB, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Jon Beering ’13
Sets New Serra Shot Put Record

For 41 years, no Serra thrower had ever thrown the shot farther than Tom Banducci ’72 did in the spring of 1972. Banducci had demolished the old mark that stood when he entered school, eventually leaving a new record more than five feet longer.

On March 2, senior Jon Beering created a new mark for himself in the Serra record books. **At the Mt. Pleasant Relays, Beering’s second throw of the competition broke Banducci’s school record of 57’ 10” with a mark of 58’ 6.5”.** Beering’s junior year campaign saw him finish second in CCS and 14th at the California State meet. His record-breaking throw this season is the farthest by a Central Coast Section shot putter since 2008.



Banducci now lives in Boise, Idaho and has been consistently ranked as one of the top 500 attorneys in the nation. After graduating from Serra, he attended Stanford, where he walked on to the track team. Influenced by Serra music teacher John Catalano, Banducci also joined the Stanford band. He gained notoriety for being the co-inventor of the famous Stanford Tree, the Cardinal’s unofficial mascot. Said Banducci of Serra, “I am very proud to be a Serra Padre. Serra is a great school. I’m excited to see so many graduates getting into top-ranked universities."



ATTENTION 1980s MUSICIANS: In 1981, the Serra Band and Jazz Band recorded an album, “All Right Now”—**YES**, an actual vinyl record! The album is now available for the first time in CD format. It has been re-mastered, and Jim Buss' cover art is in full color.

The 1981 groups featured some of the finest musicians in Serra's long history of good musicians, including pianist Walt Bankovitch and Pete Neussman; saxophonists Vince Puccetti and twins David and Geoff Lee; drummers Bob Jenkins and Bob Cissna; vocalist Bob Carroll; and Grammy Award winner, multi-instrumentalist Kevin Gilbert (who played bass in the Jazz Band that year).

If you were in one of the bands on the recording and would like to receive a complimentary copy, please email Jay Jordan at: jjordan@serrahs.com. All others may purchase a copy for the low price of \$5.



Spencer Blank '06

Conductor, pianist,
vocalist and director

by PAM ROBBINS



FAMOUS 18TH CENTURY MUSIC CONDUCTOR RICHARD WAGNER SAID,
“*Whatever my passions demand of me, I become for the time being—musician, poet, director, author, lecturer or anything else.*” *The same could be said for Serra alumnus Spencer Blank '06.*



Blank has pursued his passion for music as a conductor, pianist, vocalist and director. He has traveled all over the United States, listing stops in Washington D.C., Oregon, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia and, soon, Iowa and Texas.

Blank's passion and love of music came early. “I’m not sure when or how, but I grew up with music all around me,” he recounted. “It was probably late junior year of high school

when I decided I was going to make music a profession—more than just a hobby.”

At Serra, Blank immersed himself in symphonic band, jazz band and the Tri-School musicals, while amassing a cumulative 4.1 weighted GPA and earning a lifetime membership to the California Scholarship Federation.

“I have so many great memories of musical experiences at Serra,” Blank said. “However, conducting the symphonic band at my final concert, playing my own arrangements at the jazz concerts and singing Thénardier in *Les Misérables* were the biggest standouts. Serra opened up possibilities of what I could do in the future.”

Blank also performed with various local companies, including Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Peninsula Youth Theatre and Broadway by the Bay YTCI.

Serra Music Director Jay Jordan noted Blank's many contributions to the performing arts.

“Spencer was willing to expand his horizons beyond the stage and grow as a musician,” Jordan recalled. “He was wonderful when he graced the stage, then moved to the pit and embraced his piano background and pursued that.”

After graduating from Serra, Blank attended the Catholic University of America for two years before transferring to the University of Oregon School of Music and Dance. He graduated in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in piano performance and also studied vocal performance and languages.

In college, the talented musician sharpened his multiple disciplines as a music director, pianist and cantor in church and school liturgical ministries. He also played percussion, sang in the Catholic University of America Symphony Orchestra and University Chorus, and worked as a conductor and vocal coach.

Blank moved to New York City in 2010, where he directed several operas and piano bar cabarets. He worked for many well-known companies, including Opera Manhattan, The Martha Cardona Theatre, Opera New Jersey, the Kentucky Opera and the Duplex Lounge.

Today, Blank is the music director of Opera Memphis, where is helping to make opera more accessible to a younger generation.

“We are promoting opera as cool and different,” shared Blank. “So much of today's pop music is influenced by opera from the 1600s. By presenting late-night cabaret-style opera (such as Julia Child's, *Bon Appetit* opera), as well as affordable ticket prices and a relaxed dress code, we are making opera current.

“I still let each day evolve into itself, and I allow paths to change and expand,” Blank added. “I’m mostly a pianist and vocal coach, but I feel like I’m heading toward conducting and running my own opera company. I would love for that to be the San Francisco Opera, but who knows?”

Next up for Blank is a trip back to school. This fall, he will enroll at one of the top conservatories in the country at the University of Texas, Austin. There, Blank will pursue a master's degree in opera coaching and conducting. San Francisco Opera—watch out!

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Byron Werner '94

Walks the Red Carpet
for *Phantom*



When Byron Werner '94 was a student at Notre Dame Elementary School in Belmont, he was encouraged by his principal, Sister Dolores Quigg, to make short films and videos for the school's mini-TV station. Little did she know that Werner would go on to make his mark as a Hollywood cinematographer—one who recently walked the Red Carpet for his work on the feature film, *Phantom*.

"Sr. Dolores sparked my interest in cameras and filmmaking," Werner remembered. "A group of us made a lot of VHS short films. When I was in eighth grade, Serra teacher Mike McGinley recruited me to work on the video yearbook at Serra. From the very beginning, I liked being the tech guy behind the camera."

After high school, Werner worked for Sega games, shooting scenes for *Jurassic Park* and *Joe Montana Football*. Then he enrolled at Chapman University, where he majored in film and television production.

"I realized that I had no idea what I was doing," Werner laughed. "I had so much to learn. My job is to translate what's on the page visually with lighting and the camera. The camera tells the story, and I enjoy the technical aspects of it. The cinematographer straddles the line—half of me is blue collar, below the line, and the other half is white collar, above the line—the creative. Actors, writers and directors are above the line. Everyone else is below the line. I like being on both sides."

Werner has worked on hundreds of short films, TV commercials and more than 30 movies. After working on a music video with Director Todd Robinson, Werner was asked to film *Phantom*. The 97-minute thriller, which stars Ed Harris and David Duchovney, is based on a true story.



"Todd took the idea of a Russian submarine that went rogue and wrote a story about what could have happened," Werner explained. "Nobody knows what really went on, and that's the fun of it. When I heard it was an action movie with Ed Harris, I said, 'I'm in!'"

The movie was filmed in 2011 on board a real Russian Foxtrot submarine, in the waters of a San Diego maritime museum. "We filmed in incredibly tight quarters, so it was claustrophobic," Werner noted. "When we shot the movie,

we had to come up with creative ways to move the cameras, stage it and make it work."

In February, Werner invited his entire family to the premiere of *Phantom*, a Red Carpet event at the TCL Chinese Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard.



Pictured (l-r): Lynn Werner, Jackie Werner, Amy Werner, Byron Werner, Charise McHugh and Jack McHugh

"It was very exciting," Werner said. "My 87-year-old grandma, Jackie Werner, was out until 2 in the morning!"

Werner resides in Redondo Beach with his wife, Amy, and their two little girls, Annabelle and Sadie. "This business allows you to make a good living and play all the time," the cinematographer said. "You get to combine your job and your hobby. I would tell current Padres to pursue their dreams in the arts. Life is too short to do something that doesn't make you happy."

Werner will work with Robinson later this year on *The Last Full Measure*, starring Morgan Freeman, Laurence Fishburne, Ed Harris and Andy Garcia.

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SETTING THE STAGE TOM ARVETIS '92 INSPIRES CHICAGO COMMUNITY



Telling a story that evokes raw human emotion is what Tom Arvetis '92 does best. Imagine this scenario: a story coming to life in a Chicago theater. The theater sits in the middle of an underprivileged neighborhood. Children—some of whom have never been to the theater—are accompanied by a parent or mentor. The show touches on an important social issue—such as gun violence, coming of age or beating the odds. After the curtain closes, the audience is asked to ponder heavy-hitting questions pertaining to the theme of the show.

Arvetis is the founder of Adventure Stage Chicago, a 300-seat oasis in the midst of noisy, crime-filled streets. It is a center of education, modern thought and social change. With each production, Arvetis offers messages of hope; a “can-do” feeling that every person can make a difference.

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“We have an opportunity as storytellers to help—the best we can—to shape our community,” Arvetis said. “We want our young people to move forward and feel hopeful about their futures.”

The theater is part of the Northwestern Settlement House, a social service agency that primarily serves Chicago’s large immigrant population. The Settlement Movement began in the late 19th century.

“Houses were built in urban, under-resourced areas,” Arvetis explained. “They usually housed food pantries and assisted people in need. We help people with utilities, emergency services, food, clothing and furniture. There is a Head Start program in our building, as well as a charter elementary school. Kids from the inner city are bused to our facility.”

In 2007, Adventure Stage Chicago was named Outstanding New Children’s Theater Company by the American Alliance for Theatre and Education. In 2008, Arvetis and his employees were invited by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to participate in a new play festival. Last year, the Illinois Theater Association honored Adventure Stage as an “Outstanding Theater for Young Audiences.”

“Our productions are for young people, ages 8-14, and the adults in their lives,” Arvetis noted. “We have a deep passion for this audience. They are at a point in their lives where they’re beginning to understand who they are and develop an identity that is independent from their parents. We want them to think about questions such as, “How do we make good decisions in the absence of an adult?” “How do we contribute to our community?” and “What is my role in the community?” We remind adults that young people are a big part of our community, and their perspectives are not to be ignored.”

Arvetis began producing his own shows in 2004. Productions have included modern adaptations of *The Giver*, *Holes*, *The Odyssey*, *The Shakespeare Stealer*, *The Tempest* and *The Cay*.

“Our stories always have a young protagonist,” Arvetis pointed out. “They are usually about a young person going through

a hero’s journey, where the individual is invited to a greater calling. Ultimately, he or she embraces that calling and charges out into the world to bring back a reward so that the community can be transformed.”

Although tickets are heavily discounted, shows are not free for this reason: Arvetis wants to make sure there is always a value attached to what he is producing. “What I love about this age group is that these kids want to be taken seriously,” he said. “They really do understand the complexities of our world. Yet, they still have one foot in childhood. That allows us to tell magical stories that exist on an epic landscape. We can tackle violence, war, immigration and the challenges of being a young person. As an artist, it’s such a rich environment. **Our goal is to engage the audience in conversation, while creating a space where adults and children can interact in a meaningful way.** We are encouraging conversation in a safe place, and hopefully framing our discussions in a way that allows children and adults to discuss important social topics as equals.”

Arvetis’ love of the theater arts bloomed early at Serra. As a Tri-School Productions student, he learned all aspects of the theater under the direction of Jay Jordan and Tom Sullivan ’81. At Northwestern University, he majored in journalism before transferring to the academic theater program. After graduating from Northwestern in 1996, he worked at the La Jolla Playhouse in San Diego for 18 months before moving back to Chicago.



Today, Arvetis lives in the windy city with his wife, Dana, who is a theatre artist and bodywork practitioner. They have three daughters. Arvetis is a writer and playwright. In 2006, he wrote and produced *I Dream the Blues*, a play about blues musician Katherine Davis. He also wrote an adaptation of the Newbery Award-winning novel, *Walk Two Moons*, which deals with the loss of a parent. It will be published this summer. When he’s not in the theater, Arvetis teaches theater for young audiences at Northwestern University.

“The theater field as a whole teaches life lessons,” he mused. “Stories are central to our experiences as human beings. The values at the heart of those stories bind us, while allowing us to find the strength to improve our communities.”



Alumni Games Spring 2013

Padre athletes reunite at
alumni baseball and
volleyball games



Dark skies on Easter Saturday didn't dampen the Padre spirit at the annual Alumni Games. Padres from all generations gathered to compete in volleyball and baseball games while catching up with their classmates.

Alumni Director Bob Greene '85 organizes the Alumni Games every year to continue the rich Padre athletic tradition while welcoming back alumni of all decades.

Alumni volleyball players won three sets. "The game showed me that I need to improve my game," said Serra sophomore Arden Cravalho. "A lot of these guys are playing in college."

Head Volleyball Coach Dustyn Woropay '04 said it was invaluable for his current players to meet alumni volleyball players—most of whom have gone on to play volleyball in college. Woropay played volleyball at Loyola Marymount University. "We all had a great time at the alumni games, and our alumni even asked if they can come back to watch our practices and help out," he added. "This will benefit our squad. They will be able to learn what they need to do to compete at the next level."

Alumni baseball players beat the varsity team by a score of 9-8. "It's a lot of fun to see all the guys—Serra has such a great

sports tradition," said Serra Hall of Famer Dustin Delucchi '96, a Baden Sports employee who brought his company's popular axe bat for a test drive.

Ty Jensen '99 hadn't been back for a few years. He said it was a blast running into "the older guys who used to play for my dad."

According to alumni baseball player Ray McDonald '82, "Serra's the greatest place on earth—it's always a good time seeing the sports programs doing so well."

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1951

ALAN HAMMER has lived in Grants Pass, Oregon since 1997. He and his wife, Deanna, continue to be active. They serve on the Literacy Council, Park Board, Garden Club, Tree Commission, Museum of Art, Middle Rogue Watershed Council, Salt and Light and, most important, their church.

1952 & 1953

YOUR 60-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 12. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

1959

BOB CATTICH has lived in Anaheim Hills for the past 35 years, where he and his wife, Shirley, raised five children. Shirley was the vice president of Tarbell Realtors, but she sadly passed away last April. Bob recently retired from the wholesale furniture business and decided to pursue a new career in real estate. He spends time with his nine grandchildren and likes to travel.

1960

BRIAN MULLAN retired as a captain at Delta Airlines. He has three grandchildren who keep him busy, and he also flies part time for the Marin County Sheriff’s Department. Brian and his wife, Harriet, just celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. The Mullans are enjoying their retirement by spending time with their family.

PETER WARGO sold his Honolulu-based property management company in 2011 and is now the CEO of a newly-formed management and maintenance company called Associa OnCall Hawaii.

1962 & 1963

YOUR 50-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 12. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

1963

RALPH SPAULDING retired last June, after 42 years as a history professor at Mt. San Antonio College. He is looking forward to the 50-year reunion this fall for the Class of ‘63.

1964

JAMES (PAT) GEARY retired from Morgan Stanley in December of 2011. He lives in Granite Bay and has been married to his wife, Gail, since June 20, 1970. The couple met at Santa Clara University. Their daughter, Meghan (Santa Clara ’98), lives in Seattle with her husband, Matt. They have three children.



1965

JOSEPH BRAUN serves as the coordinator of professional development for the National Council of Social Studies. In July, he will lead a teacher education forum, “Powerful and Authentic Social Studies,” at Brandman University in Monterey. He and his wife, Anne, live in Carmel.



HENRY GRAMBERGU owns LHG Marketing, a marketing firm that specializes in consulting media and agencies in the Sacramento area.

1967

JIM HANSON is enjoying his fifth year of retirement. He recently welcomed the birth of his second grandson, William. Also welcoming William is his proud big brother, Jack.



JOHN HICKEY is moving from Seattle back to the Bay Area to cover the Oakland A’s for the *Bay Area News Group* (*San Jose Mercury News, Oakland Tribune, etc.*). It’s a homecoming—John covered the A’s for the *Oakland Tribune* for more than a decade before heading to Seattle in 2000 to cover the Mariners for the *Seattle P-I*.

1968

1969

CHRISTOPHER FREEBERG and his wife, Sandra, are helping to plan the wedding of their daughter, Tyler Marie, in September (father and daughter are pictured right). Chris’ brother, Michael ’74, resides in Palm Desert, where the wedding will take place.



DAVID ARENS retired after 41 years in the telecommunications industry. He worked for Pacific Tel, US West, Next Level com, Motorola and CTDI. David lives in northern Colorado.

1970

MAX HOBERG will celebrate 23 years of marriage with his wife, Molly, in May. He has nearly 28 years of service with the University of Alaska as a marine biologist/research diver. Molly shares her artistic talents by weaving Scottish tartans.

1972 & 73

YOUR 40-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 12. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

1974

DAN MOSUNICH recently earned a doctorate in education, jointly received from UCSB and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. The focus of the degree is on educational administration, with an emphasis on school district reform.

MICHAEL FREEBERG has lived in the Palm Desert area for 22 years. He can’t believe it has been almost 40 years since he graduated from Serra!

1975

RANDY GOMEZ will be inducted into the Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame in June. The former Major League Baseball catcher was 27 years old when he broke into the big leagues in 1984, playing in 14 games for the San Francisco Giants. The induction ceremony will be held on June 11 at the San Mateo County Event Center.

1976

TOM SEANEY is enjoying retirement. He was previously the head of global security and safety at Visa, Inc.

1977

JONATHON COLLOPY successfully competed in the Ironman World Championships in Kona in October.



EUGENE HARNETT recently opened new offices for his company, SMAKmobi. The company develops smartphone apps for small businesses. Eugene’s business recently expanded when he hired three new account managers and two graphic designers.

1982 & 83

YOUR 30-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 12. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

1983

JOHN KOHNKE travels around the world, working with consumer electronics companies. He manages global supply chains for RR Donnelley & Sons, the world’s largest printing and packaging company.

CRAIG COOPER is the senior packing engineer for Barnes & Noble’s Nook Media Division in Palo Alto. He develops packaging designs for all Nook tablets, eReaders and related accessories.

1984

BRIAN SEIB is the sales manager for Central Texas Harley Davidson in Round Rock, Texas.

1986

GEORGE HUSACK moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama with his family in August, after accepting the head coaching position for the men’s tennis program at the University of Alabama. George was the associate head coach at the four-time defending NCAA champion, USC, before accepting a new role with the Crimson Tide.

1987 & 88

YOUR 25-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 12. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

1988

ROY MALATESTA and his wife, Steph, welcomed a son, Luke Joseph, on January 9. Luke is getting a lot of attention from his big sisters, Amanda, Allie and Morgan.

KEVIN MULLIN has been elected to the California State Assembly representing District 22 (northern and central San Mateo County). He has also been named Assistant Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly. Kevin and his wife, Jessica, live in South San Francisco.

1989

MARTIN GRUNER is the vice president of investments for Wells Fargo Advisors in Chicago. He and his wife, Kelly, have a son, Chase, and a daughter, Ella.

1991

MARIANO BERMUDEZ has been happily married for 14 years. He and his wife have a 7-year-old son, Mariano, who tells his dad that he wants to go to Serra one day. The family lives in San Bruno. Mariano works for Clorox in Oakland as a printing manager.



1992 & 93

YOUR 20-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 12. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

1994

MATT SCHAUKOWITCH and his wife, Michelle, welcomed a son, Liam Joseph, on October 24.

1997

DEREK GURTLER and his wife, Mandy, are expecting their second son on June 12. Their 6-year-old son, Dale, is excited to have a little brother.

2000

BRANDON COLAR and his wife, Jacelyn, welcomed their son, Brandon Jr., on June 15. Brandon was hired by the San Bruno Fire Department as a firefighter/paramedic last year. He and his family live in Elk Grove, CA.



JASON MOORHOUSE, a Coastside Fire Protection District firefighter/paramedic, earned the Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs Area Wide Valor Award. He was honored for his life-saving actions while on vacation near Mendocino National Forest. Jason was at Clear Lake when he spotted smoke coming from a home. A man, who was trying to extinguish the fire with a garden hose, told Jason that his 84-year old mother was inside. Jason ran in and saved the lady's life after finding her on the kitchen floor. Jason was honored at the 47th annual Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs Police and Firefighters Banquet.



2001

BRYAN MAC KAY will graduate in June from Antioch University, Seattle with a master's degree in education (with a focus in adult education and a specialty in foreign language acquisition). His thesis inquiry project seeks to create an instructional environment model tailored to adult foreign language acquisition. He currently resides in Fircrest WA, a suburb of Tacoma, with his 5-year-old son. Bryan works for Southern Illinois University on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, where he serves fellow veterans, service members and their families with their educational pursuits.

2002 & 03

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2002

PAUL EHAT married Christina Tate on May 19, 2012 in Moraga, CA. Pictured with Paul are Best Man Jason Conforti '02 and Alistair Rogers '02.



2003

STEVEN NORDBERG is living his dream performing for Disney Cruise Line. He graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in theater and performance studies. In addition to dancing in "Adventures Away!" and the "Pirates in the Caribbean" deck parties, Steven hosts a variety of game shows and events, including "Who Wants to be a Mouseketeer?" "Disney Channel on Deck," and "A Pirate's Life for Me." His travels on the Disney Wonder have taken him to the Mexican Riviera, Hawaii, through the Panama Canal, and to the Bahamas and Caribbean.



2005

GIORGIO LAVEZZO was hired by the Pacifica Fire Department. Firefighting is in the family, as his dad, Ron '72, works for the Millbrae Fire Department and his brother, Gino '03, works for the San Mateo Fire Department.



EDWIN LINDO graduated from the University of Washington School of Law in June. He took the California Bar Exam in February, and is currently working in the legal group of a growing technology company in Silicon Valley. Edwin is currently in the process of forming a nonprofit in San Francisco called Tri-Via. The focus of the organization is to empower young, at-risk men of color from the inner city to matriculate into four-year universities and attain internships in their chosen professions. Edwin (pictured below with his father) is grateful for all that he has been able to accomplish and thanks Serra for its support of his success.



NICHOLAS GALLETTA married his high school sweetheart, Jacqueline Walker (Mercy '05), on October 27.



Class Notes

2007

GARREN STAUBLI and his wife, Erin, welcomed Victoria Rose on April 3. Just three days later, the new family attended a Serra lacrosse game to watch Victoria’s uncle, Bob Smith ’13, play against Jesuit of Sacramento.



2012

STEPHEN GROSEY was recently named a CCCAA All-State First Team member by basketball coaches in Northern California, who voted on four players to join a list of six conference MVPs. Stephen was a rebounder and defensive stopper at Serra. At Foothill College, he averaged 12.5 points and 8.4 rebounds per game. He was second on the team in steals and third in assists.

Serra alumni SEAN ’08, DARREN ’12, COLIN ’06 and BRENDAN ’10 SABEAN are pictured below at the MLB World Series right after the Giants swept the Detroit Tigers to become the 2012 World Series champions. They are the sons of San Francisco Giants General Manager Brian Sabean and Barbara Sabean.



DYLAN SIEVERS was featured on the cover of *Truckin’* magazine. He owns Bulldog Lighting, an off-road LED lighting company. Dylan also earned a 4.0 GPA in his first semester at Northern Arizona University.

SEAN ZURCHER is enjoying college life at Northwestern University in Chicago. He is majoring in electrical engineering and likes the Windy City weather so far.



In Memoriam

DR. CHARLES BRADLEY passed away on March 12. He was the father of Steve ’67, Greg ’72, Jeff ’75 and Gerry ’80.

MICHAEL DAGANI ’55 passed away New Year’s Day. He is survived by his wife, Carol, his children and grandchildren.

RUAIRI FLANAGAN ’00 passed away on March 1 in a surfing accident in Australia.

ALINA GOMEZ, former Serra Mothers’ Auxiliary and Events Coordinator, passed away on December 9, 2012. She was the wife of Ray and the mother of Andrew ’96, Alex ’99 and Natalie.

HELEN HARRIS, the grandmother of Luca Ponti ’10, passed away on March 6.

CHRISTINE HEALY passed away on January 16. She was the wife of Matthew and the mother of Megan, Julia, Jason and Andrew ’16.

CINDY HELLAPAP passed away on March 18. She was the wife of Ronald and the mother of Brittney (NDB ’08) and Austin ’13.

LARRY JORDAN, the father of Serra Music Director Jay Jordan, passed away on August 24, 2012. He was the grandfather of Alex ’08 and Maddie (NDB ’04).

BOB FAVA passed away on February 11. The co-founder of the Serra Bingo program, he was the father of Greg ’78, Rob ’75 and former cafeteria operator Laurie Brazil; and the grandfather of Kevin Brazil ’07.

HERBERT L. LINDEMANN ’51 passed away on November 12, 2012.

LINDA MURPHY passed away on April 14. She was the wife of Serra alumnus Jim ’70 and the mother of Chris ’98 and Danny ’01.

TONY PAVIA ’92 passed away suddenly of a heart attack on January 24.

JOAN RAUENBUEHLER, former Mothers’ Club President, passed away on October 4, 2012. She was the mother of David ’72 and Peter ’74; and the grandmother of Keith ’99, Cody ’07, Kelley (Mercy ’01) and Max ’13.

DENNIS PATTERSON passed away on April 4. He was the husband of former Serra cafeteria employee Theresa Patterson and the father of Bill ’76, Dennis ’77, Jim ’80 and Peggy.

GEORGE SPILLANE passed away on February 23. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Anne; his sons, Matthew, Timothy ’85, Daniel ’86 and Douglas ’88; his daughter, Kathleen Spillane (NDB ’86); and 15 grandchildren.

CAROL “DUFFY” SCHELEY (NDB ’56) passed away on November 16, 2012. She was the mother of Chris ’79, Teddy III ’80, Michael, Kessy, Jennifer and Amy. She was also the grandmother C.J. ’12 and Elizabeth (Mercy ’10), Eliza (NDB ’16); and the sister of Carl “Red” ’60, Mark ’73, Barry, Thomas ’61, Mary (NDB ’63), Sheila (NDB ’70), Sally and Noni.

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JUNE 2013

- 1ST Class of 2013 Graduation Commencement
24TH 26th Annual Serra Golf Classic

SEPTEMBER 2013

- 20TH Alumni Father/Son Mass & Breakfast

OCTOBER 2013

- 11TH Homecoming & BBQ
Football vs. Sacred Heart Cathedral
12TH Alumni Reunions '52, '53, '62, '63, '72, '73, '82, '83, '87, '88, '92, '93, '02, '03

NOVEMBER 2013

- 23RD Fall Dinner Dance & Raffle
27TH Alumni Basketball & Wrestling Games
28TH Alumni Water Polo Game
29TH Alumni Soccer Game

DECEMBER 2013

- 26TH Alumni Crew Competition

JANUARY 2014

- 24TH Alumni 50-Year Club Luncheon

FEBRUARY 2014

- TBD Fund a Dream Benefit

APRIL 2014

- 19TH Alumni Baseball & Volleyball Games

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- 17TH Mothers' Auxiliary Fashion Show

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