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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Serra,

Summer vacation gives us a chance to slow down and enjoy life's simple pleasures—evening barbecues, travel and chances to connect with family. With each passing year, I have become more aware of the passage of time. God has blessed my wife and me with three wonderful children, who are now young adults making their way in the world.

The world in which our children are growing up is vastly different from the one in which we were raised. The daily news is filled with examples of how our world is becoming increasingly more connected, complex and conflicted. When facing life's challenges, our children will have opportunities that were not possible for prior generations. Regarding our Serra students, two opportunities come to mind.

First, our school is situated at the crossroads of the Bay Area, the epicenter for cutting-edge advances in digital technology, genetics and finance. Serra's curriculum and connections allow our students to take advantage of everything our region has to offer. Second, and more important, our program is based on the timeless values of the Gospel—the centrality of faith, hope and love. So, while Serra prepares our students for success in the local and global community, it also instills in them the virtues that will give meaning and purpose to their lives—virtues that will help them to make ethical decisions regarding increasingly complex issues.

The hallmark of a true Serra Padre is being a man who makes a significant difference in the lives of others. In the pages that follow, you will read how our recent graduates, their older alumni brothers and Serra teachers are doing just that. It is stories like these that give us confidence and hope for the future!

As we welcome 259 members of the Class of 2018 to Serra, I thank you for your continuous support of our school. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year and hope to see you at our exciting fall events.

Siempre Adelante!

Lars Lund
President



Help Keep Padre Traditions Strong at Serra

Serra relies on the involvement and generosity of our 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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GRADUATION AWARDS
2014 MEDAL WINNERS

NICHOLAS SY
ACTIVITY MEDAL

Loyola Marymount



PETER ADAMIS
SOCIAL STUDIES MEDAL

Santa Clara University



KEVIN AFIESH
CAMPUS MINISTRY MEDAL
& SERVICE MEDAL

U.C. Davis



JUSTIN BAPTISTA
CAMPUS MINISTRY MEDAL

CSU Long Beach



JUSTIN ROBINSON
DRAMATIC ARTS MEDAL

Chapman University



STEVEN BOOTH
ENGLISH MEDAL

Santa Clara University



GRANT SCHULTE
ENGLISH MEDAL

UCLA



KAIJI (JIMMY) LU
MATHEMATICS MEDAL

University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign



REES PARKER
MUSIC MEDAL

U.C. Berkeley



BHAVIKKUMAR PATEL
SCIENCE MEDAL

USC



QUINN TODZO
SHEA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign



KEVIN MCGEE
SHEA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Pacific University



BENJAMIN KUSBER
THEOLOGY MEDAL

DePauw University



NAEEM SALAMEH
VISUAL ARTS MEDAL

U.C. Santa Cruz



GABRIEL FLYNN
WORLD LANGUAGES MEDAL

USF



Graduation 2014

“BE CONSCIOUS OF WHO YOU ARE...YOU MIGHT BE THE ONLY GOSPEL
YOUR NEIGHBOR EVER HEARS.”

- Cardinal Leo Jozef Suenens
Late Archbishop of Mechelen-Brussels, 1904-1996

It was a memorable afternoon on June 1, when 186 Serra seniors graduated at St. Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco. This year’s Class of 2014 earned \$14.5 million in college scholarships and completed almost 35,000 hours of community service.

The graduation Mass was celebrated by Fr. Joe Bradley ’73, Fr. Dave Ghiorso, Fr. Michael Mahoney and Fr. Mark Reburiano. Student Body President Kevin Afiesh welcomed the Serra community. This year’s valedictorians were Bhavik Patel (USC), Nicholas Schnabel (Santa Clara University) and Christian Villanueva (University of Michigan).

“At Serra, we have grown intellectually, spiritually and physically,” Bhavik Patel noted. “Today is the culmination of our hard work, fortitude and achievement. We are men of gratitude. We would not be here today without the support of our friends and family, many of whom have come here today to celebrate with us. We are indebted to the Serra teachers, administrators and staff members who have taught us to recognize, appreciate and seek the important things in life,” he added. “We are a class that isn’t afraid to take risks.

C.S. Lewis put it best when he said, ‘Failures are finger posts on the road to achievement.’ Everyone is bound to face hard times . . . but, as Padres, we have an unmatched perseverance. We do not let anything bring us down. After today, we will no longer walk the halls of Serra as students, but we will continue to be called to live up to the expectations and responsibilities of a Padre. Our time at Serra was a blessing, and it is only just that we share our acquired knowledge and experiences with the world.”

Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D. presented the diplomas. “Graduation from high school marks one of the great transitions that we experience as a young man,” he said. “It signifies the completion, it signifies the beginning, it recognizes successes, and it recognizes overcoming failure. It is a departure from childhood, and it’s a transition to adulthood. Today, as you experience our graduation and commencement exercises, you will see, hear and feel the experience of Serra High School—that which makes this school a place of profound transformation of young men who will make a difference in the world.”

CLASS OF 2014 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LIST

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC Los Angeles
UC Merced
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Cal Poly Pomona
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
California Maritime Academy
CSU, Bakersfield
CSU, Chico
CSU, Dominguez Hills
CSU, East Bay
CSU, Fresno
CSU, Fullerton
CSU, Long Beach
CSU, Monterey Bay
CSU, Northridge
CSU, Sacramento
CSU, San Marcos
Humboldt State
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Sonoma State University

CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Academy of Art University
The Art Institute of California , SF
California College of the Arts, SF
California Lutheran University
Chapman University
Dominican University of California
University of La Verne
Loyola Marymount University
Marymount California University
Menlo College
Notre Dame de Namur University
Occidental College
Otis College of Art and Design
University of the Pacific
Pepperdine University
University of Redlands
Saint Mary's College of California
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
Santa Clara University
University of Southern California
Westmont College
Whittier College

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Cabrillo College
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City College of San Francisco
De Anza College
Foothill College
College of San Mateo

Santa Barbara City College
Skyline College

OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES

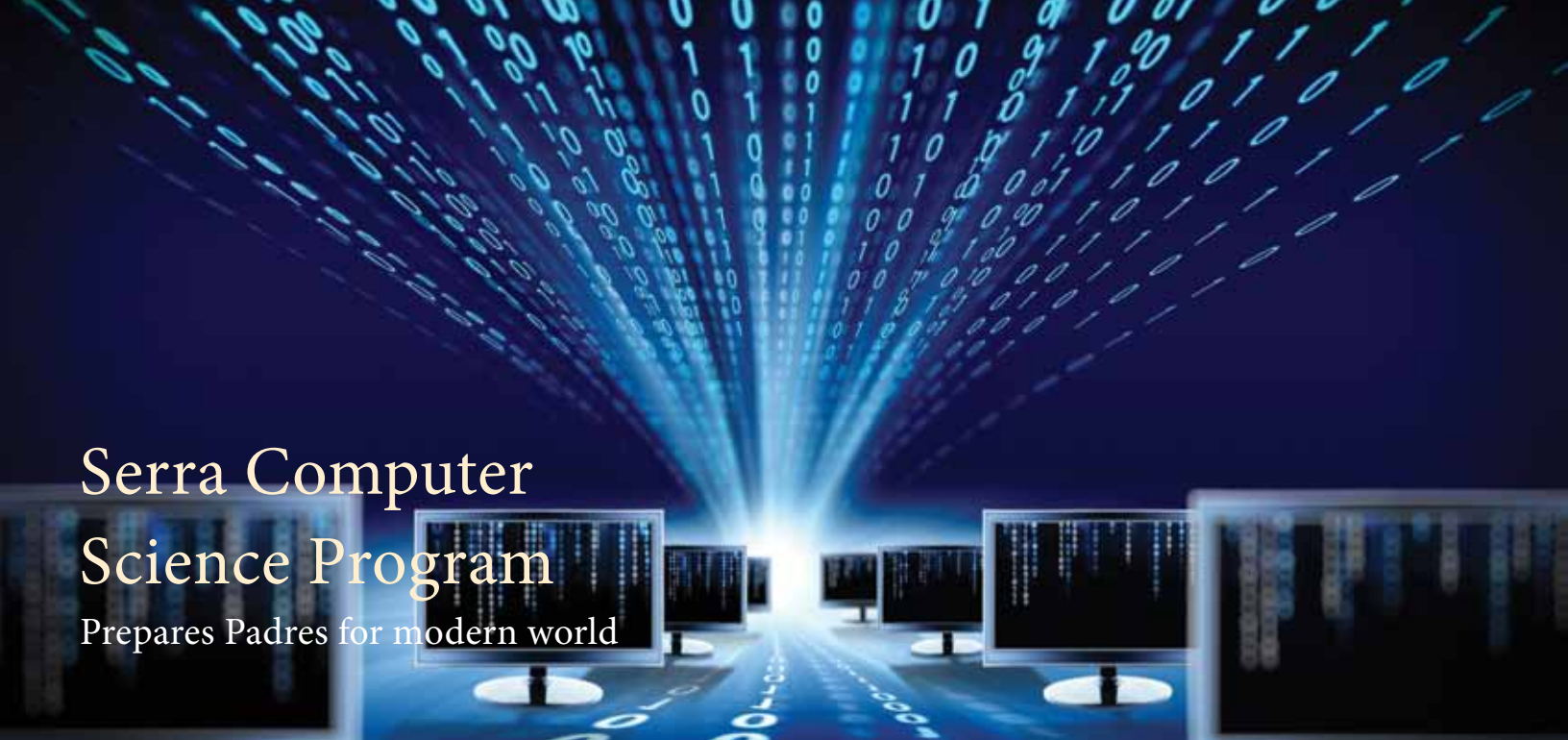
Alabama State University
The University of Alabama
American University
Arizona State University
The University of Arizona
Babson College
Baylor University
Boise State University
Boston College
Boston University
University of British Columbia
Butler University
The Catholic University of America
Chaminade University of Honolulu
University of Chicago
Clemson University
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
University of Connecticut
Cornell University
Creighton University
University of Delaware
Denison University
University of Denver
DePaul University
DePauw University
Drexel University
Fairfield University

Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
University of Florida
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
The George Washington University
Georgetown University
The University of Georgia
Gonzaga University
Grambling State University
Hamline University
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
College of the Holy Cross
Howard University
Huston-Tillotson University
University of Idaho
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University at Bloomington
Juniata College
Kansas State University
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
Kenyon College
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield College
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Manhattan College
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
Marymount University
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

MCPHS - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
University of Mississippi
Monmouth University
Montana State University, Bozeman
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Hampshire
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon State University
University of Oregon
Pace University, New York City
Pacific Lutheran University
Pacific Union College
Pacific University
Paul Quinn College
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Portland State University
University of Portland
Pratt Institute
University of Puget Sound
Purdue University
Regis University
Rice University

Rochester Institute of Technology
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Anselm College
Saint Joseph's University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist University
Southern Oregon University
University of St. Andrews
Stillman College
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
Talladega College
University of Tennessee
Texas A&M University
The Ohio State University
University of Toronto
Tulane University
University at Buffalo, SUNY
University of Utah
Villanova University
Vincennes University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Washington State University
University of Washington
University of Waterloo
Whitman College
Whitworth University
Willamette University
College of William and Mary
William Penn University
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wyoming





Serra Computer Science Program

Prepares Padres for modern world

"In the next decade, American colleges will mint 40,000 graduates with a bachelor's degree in computer science—though the U.S. economy is slated to create 120,000 computing jobs that require such degrees. You don't have to be a math major to do the math: That's three times as many jobs as we have people qualified to fill them."

Wall Street Journal reporter Kirk McDonald wrote those words in May of 2013. As he pointed out the desperate need for more computer science graduates, his article stressed the importance of adequately preparing the next generation for careers in the tech industry. Serra has emerged as a leader with its exciting tech-industry partnerships and innovative computer science program.

"Technology has always been vital in the forward progression of a society," said senior Will Summerlin. "Serra is doing its part to ensure that the next generation of graduates is prepared for an ever-developing electronic world—both ethically and creatively. It is only prudent for educational institutions to embrace developing technology. At Serra, we not only embrace it—we incubate it! As a developer, I know what it takes to liberate technological creativity. I would consider Serra a pioneer in the incubation of the next big ideas."

Padres partner with Oracle

Computer science teacher Kathy Paré also is a pioneer. She was hired at Serra in 2003, and she wrote a computer science

curriculum in 2005. The innovative course covers the A-level computer science curriculum, as described by the College Board Advanced Placement Program. It emphasizes object-oriented programming methodology, with an emphasis on problem-solving and algorithm development.



"Most of my students go on to study computer science and pursue careers in the industry," Paré noted. "It's an honor to be a part of their journey and success. There are far too few American computer scientists to fill the growing need. The Wall Street Journal article outlined what is needed. Oracle wants to change this trend and has developed a curriculum to help supplement high school computer science classes. The goal is to generate interest in computer science careers and expose students to the subject before college."

In 2013, Paré was trained at Oracle to become a certified Oracle Academy instructor. She has full access to the online Oracle curriculum, which she shares with her students. Oracle guest speakers visit Paré's classroom throughout the year. By accessing the Oracle Academy Curriculum, Padres can take advantage of online lessons, quizzes, videos and practice exercises.

"My students are excited to learn about computer science, and it's an honor to be with them every day," Paré said. "The pass rate for our AP computer science class is excellent. I have former students who go on to work at large corporations and small start-ups. One of my former students even started his own tech company."

I bring in guest speakers from a variety of positions in industry," Paré added. "It is so important for the students to realize that there are so many applications in day-to-day life. Over the years, we have welcomed visitors from Apple, Yeti, Lockheed Martin/Nasa, Facebook and others. We also visit local companies to see firsthand computer science real-world applications. Last year, we visited Sonitus to learn about a bone conduction hearing device. Other field trip destinations have included Google, Oracle and Sun."



Paré is excited that computer science will be offered as a Tri-School course during the 2014-15 school year. "We are excited to align our new block schedule with Mercy and Notre Dame," said Serra Principal Barry Thornton, Ed. D. "It has allowed us to offer a greater breadth of classes and it has strengthened the Tri-School Program. Students at all three high schools will benefit from Kathy's excellence as a computer science teacher and her connections to the tech industry."

One-to-one devices

Last year, Serra adopted a new one-to-one device program. "All of our course materials, assignments and Powerpoints are on my class website," Paré said. My students take the initiative to try new things outside of class. They are taking their in-class learning one step further and are exploring new programming languages on their own. Many students show me the extra enrichment projects they are doing at home."

"Having a laptop makes it easier because I have my textbooks and notes in one place," said sophomore Mitchell Bove. "It's a lot faster for me to type because of Google Drive."

Paré said that today's students are more efficient and computer savvy—less time is being spent discussing the installation of new applications, which allows for more instructional time.

Serra teachers agree that the one-to-one devices have opened up a whole new world for how they teach and how students learn.

Tri-School Productions technology whiz Nicholas Sy '14 said one-to-one technology supported and encouraged his video work on campus.

"I had a screenwriting program and Avid editing software on my laptop, so I could easily write scripts and edit videos on campus, as opposed to having to wait to go home to edit. This helped me to collaborate directly with my classmates and staff members on school-related video projects, which made the video-making process faster."

The online suite of Google applications (Mail, Docs, Sites, Drive, etc.) has enhanced classroom environments at Serra.

"I've been using Google Groups in my classes for two years now, and it has proved to be an excellent tool in developing my students' critical thinking and quick writing," explained English Department Chair Tom Sullivan '81.

"The Google applications have enabled our students to collaborate more easily, be more efficient with their time, go deeper in their research, and communicate with international experts and scholars," added theology teacher Gary Meegan, Ed. D. "The world is now our classroom."

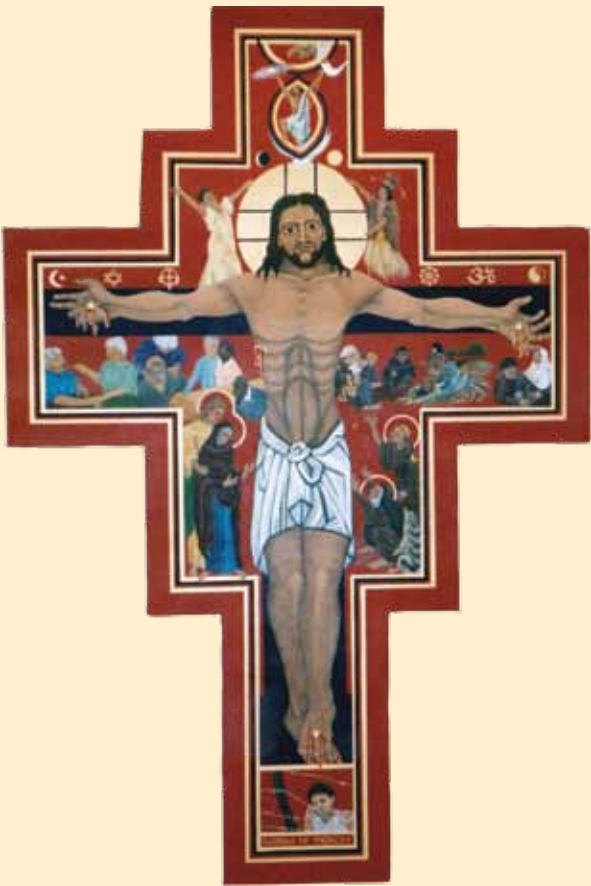
Soul Sister

Celeste Nuttman, R.S.M.
celebrates five decades
of artful ministry



"Art is the window to a man's soul. Without it, he would never be able to see beyond his immediate world; nor could the world see the man within."

- Claudia Lady Bird Johnson



When Sister Celeste Nuttman, R.S.M. was a little girl in San Francisco, she pointed to a group of nuns at St. Brendan's Church and claimed, "I want to be one of those." A few years later, the Beresford Elementary School student wrote, "I like Catholics. I want to be a sister and teach children . . . I will like it." Obviously, Sister Celeste's future calling was in her heart from the very beginning.



This year marks Sister Celeste's 50th year as a Sister of Mercy. She entered the convent in 1964, just after she graduated from Mercy High School, Burlingame. Over the years, Sister Celeste has inspired others through her artwork and by teaching high school students. The Serra art teacher is known for her positive attitude, artistic talent, open-mindedness and unwavering compassion.

Sister Celeste has exhibited her astounding art all over the country and has won numerous awards for her innovative stained glass and vesture designs.

The *Traditions* staff sat down with Sister Celeste for an in-depth Q&A, as she reflected on her ministry during the last five decades.

Q: As you look back over the past 50 years, what are some of your most memorable moments?

A: Entering the Mercy community, pronouncing final vows at St. Mary's Cathedral, and a number of prayer experiences. Another memorable moment was designing the transformation of Candlestick Park in 1987 for the Papal visit of John Paul II. I also helped to establish the Burlingame Sisters of Mercy as a public sanctuary community for Guatemalan and El Salvadoran refugees.

Q: How have you been able to help people throughout your career? As a sister, how do you administer care and compassion to those who are struggling?

A: The most important thing is to listen to people, to their stories and to their hearts. Art is a vehicle of healing, and some of my art has been healing for people with AIDS in New York City and women who have suffered physical and emotional abuse. Chaplains and healthcare professionals have used my art to heal and calm some of their physically and emotionally-challenged clients. I was trained in mandala work, and they are healing pieces. I believe that teaching helps people to manifest who they really are and share their gifts. By leading folk music groups and directing congregations in song, I have helped thousands of folks worship through music. Accompanying people through life-direction decision discernment is a privilege. Parish ministry helps people to live their faith more fully.

Q: What art accomplishments have made you the most proud?

Designing the St. John's Regional Medical Center Chapel and winning an international award for it; the series of 11 Crosses (all at least five feet tall, inspired by the Taize cross and the San Damiano cross); the renovation of the Mercy Chapel at Mercy Convent (Mercy Center) in Burlingame; planning liturgies for a national meeting on non-violent resistance that helped folks to affect positive social change; teaching a number of young women and men who have become internationally-recognized professional artists; creating award-winning vesture for worship leaders (some especially for women ordained to ministry in various Christian churches); and my two books, *Mandala Meditations* and *Reflections with Rumi and Hafiz*.

Q: Why do you enjoy teaching art at Serra?

A: I love teaching, period! We have a fantastic studio space. I collaborate with other teachers and Serra Visual and Performing Arts Chair Peggy Farrell. I enjoy teaching young men. It's exciting to see their talent and effort, and it's wonderful when they recognize their potential as artists and creators of beauty. I encourage our students to notice more intensely what is around them. I use a method of teaching that helps my students to recognize their value, the value of others, and of all creation. I want them to respect themselves and their peers.

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Q: In today’s complicated age of social media, how do you mentor teenagers? How do you help them to grow into mindful, faith-filled adults?

A: Teens today face amazing challenges with social media, which can overstimulate them and deprive them of meaningful conversation and life’s simple joys. We learn together how to make the best use of social media—how to use it to further the Gospel transformation of our world. It can help folks grow, celebrate, learn, have fun and recognize that we are all one—not isolated beings or societies. However, I want them to realize that the Internet has a negative, life-diminishing side to it as well. Teenagers need to learn how not to get caught up in the negative, false and violent elements of social media. We have assignments in class that require students to look things up on YouTube and make critical judgments to reinforce their learning. Art helps them to focus and screen out distractions—it centers them. I hope that my style of teaching will enable our Padres to express who they truly are and discover their gifts to this magnificent universe.

Q: What makes the Mercy community so special and how have the other sisters shaped your life?

The Mercy sisters are women of intense prayer and social justice, and I wanted that relationship with God. They listened to me. I experienced compassion from them. They were excellent teachers who inspired me. They also had fun together. Many sisters have shaped my life. I have been inspired by their passion and their service to God’s people. Over the years, I have witnessed the importance of a deep prayer life. Mercy sisters have challenged me to be open to other ways of life, as well as ideas I was closed to in the past. They also have taught me how to think critically, to act with loving kindness and justice, to be open to change, to trust

the gifts of God in me and in others, to deepen my love of creation, to pray and act with energy and passion, and to give with all my heart. They have been the face of God for me.

Q: What are your goals as a sister for the next 10 years? What would you like to accomplish pastorally and/or artistically?

A: I want to continue to strive to be a merciful woman—to live ever-more-deeply the four vows I made while celebrating the wonder and mercy of God. I want to continue to pay special attention to those who suffer or live in poverty and to minister as a spiritual director. Creating art enables me to visualize and express my sentiments. It helps people to hone their creative spirit and energies. There really isn’t a separation between working with people pastorally and artistically—what I learned a long time ago is that they are an equal part of me. In ministry, I get to help people notice the movements of God (however they name that Holy Mystery) in good and bad, wonderful and horrible, light and dark times in their lives. Wow, God is good!



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-Sister Celeste Nuttman, R.S.M.



LOGAN WOLF '14 RECEIVES SEQUOIA AWARD

(SPONSORED BY RECOLOGY OF SAN MATEO COUNTY AND UNITED AMERICAN BANK)

Logan Wolf '14 (pictured above in his Serra letterman jacket) was presented with the Sequoia Award at an annual awards dinner in March. The Sequoia Awards recognize local senior high school students, who have significantly contributed to their communities. More than \$1 million in scholarship money has been awarded since 1993.

Described as "a young man determined to make a difference in the lives of others," Wolf puts service to others above everything else. Through his church, he began regular visits to the Seneca Hotel in San Francisco when he was in the sixth grade. Wolf continues today, delivering "bags of love"—healthy meals—to people in need. Wolf's ability to relate to people from all walks of life has enabled him to build relationships and support to people of all ages.

Wolf also has donated hundreds of hours to the San Francisco Zoo, where he has volunteered as a docent. He has served his local community as a camp counselor for two summers with the Redwood City Parks and Recreation Department. In addition, he uses his soccer skills, when he's not playing for his own teams, to coach a local girls' team. Wolf hopes to pursue a career in sports science and business in order to live out his guiding life word: "JOY" (Jesus, Others, Yourself).

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KEEPING THE FAITH BILLY BYRNES EMBRACES NEW ROLE



IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT CAMPUS MINISTRY IS THE HEART OF SERRA HIGH SCHOOL, AND BILLY BYRNES DOESN'T DISAGREE. As the new director of Campus Ministry, Byrnes is a man with a mission—he wants to help Serra Padres strengthen their relationships with God, embrace Catholic social teaching, and have fun along the way.

“I want our students to know that God is good and that God loves them no matter what,” Byrnes said. “Our young men go through adolescence with significant challenges regarding their faith, and they face an increasing level of societal temptations. I want to remind our Padres that God is always present, offering a hand, with a promise of mercy and love.”

It was during his sophomore year at Mitty High School that Byrnes was introduced to a thriving Campus Ministry program, the L.I.F.E. Emmaus Team. “I realized how fun it was to be part of Campus Ministry,” Byrnes remembered. “I experienced the power and importance of retreats, the nourishment of liturgy and the gift of prayer. Ultimately, I learned that faith is at its best when it’s shared in community.”

After high school, Byrnes attended Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pennsylvania. He remained active in Campus Ministry and double majored in Political Science and Religious Studies. Byrnes went on to earn a master's degree in Theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, where he met his wife, Kristin.

Byrnes’ first job was teaching religion at Mitty, followed by a stint as the school’s director of student activities. Kristin also taught religion at Mitty. Moved by the Gospel challenge of justice and service, the couple decided to follow their shared desire to become volunteers in Nicaragua. They left their jobs and joined Volunteer Missionary Movement, an ecumenical nonprofit that helps volunteers in Central America to live the mission of Christ and serve those on the margins.

“We spent two years there as volunteers,” Byrnes noted. “It was wonderful, rewarding, difficult and challenging. It was nothing that we anticipated it to be. We taught English and also did pastoral, catechetical work at a parish in a rural farming town. Our experience transformed us as a couple and deepened our faith. In the end, we learned more than we were able to teach. We were forever changed by the love, hospitality and beautiful culture we experienced.”

After returning to San Mateo in 2013, Byrnes embraced his role at Serra as director of immersion trips and Kairos retreats. In May, he was hired as the new director of Campus Ministry. Byrnes’ primary goal is for today’s students to recognize Jesus in their daily lives.

“Jesus still remains the quintessential example of how to treat people,” he said. “Christ is present in church and also outside the church building. I want students to know that the Campus Ministry Office is welcoming—we always have an open door. Today’s students struggle with their faith and relationships. [I want our Padres to know that there is always someone to listen to them in Campus Ministry. We provide pastoral presence, encouragement and a respite from the chaos and stress in our students’ lives.](#)”

Byrnes is excited about the three Kairos retreats offered to juniors and seniors. “Kairos is a time to step away and reflect on faith,” he explained. “It’s a time to slow down, focus on your relationship with God, and work on your relationships with your family and friends.”

There will be five immersion trip opportunities for Serra students during the 2014-15 school year, two of which are coed. The lineup includes Watsonville, Appalachia, San Jose, Vietnam and the first trip to Nicaragua. Serra students unwind and make friends in Campus Ministry. From retreats to liturgical planning, there are numerous opportunities to be creative and share one’s talents with the Serra community.

[“My involvement in Campus Ministry has enabled me to share my talent of drumming at our liturgies to make our Masses more meaningful and increase student participation,” said junior Andy Kurpjuweit. “Campus Ministry is a blast—the Praise Band is a lot of fun and I get to hang out with people who make a difference.”](#)

Students like Andy inspire Byrnes every day. When he’s not in the Campus Ministry Office, Byrnes enjoys family time with his baby, William, who was born last October. He and Kristin remain in close contact with their friends in Nicaragua.



“My admiration and respect for Billy's deep faith, leadership skills and ability to relate to students grew very quickly last year, as I saw him take on his duties as the coordinator of Kairos retreats and the immersion program,” said Campus Ministry Coordinator of Liturgy and Prayer Patrick Vallez-Kelly. “As our new director, he has a big job ahead of him. Billy is going to do very well because he’s a genuine person who is deeply committed to the Gospel and matters of justice. I see him as a type of leader similar to Pope Francis—Billy might challenge and inspire us as a local Catholic school community in the same way that the Holy Father has challenged, inspired and surprised the universal Church.”



SERRA WRESTLERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ECUADOR

Serra wrestlers made a difference off the mat this summer in South America. Eleven Serra wrestlers, (accompanied by their coach and parents) became the first team for the U.S. to travel to Ecuador as part of a California Wrestling Exchange Team.

Generación 2020's mission is to develop youth through international travel. The vision is threefold: wrestling, service and culture. Before the trip, Serra wrestlers led an equipment drive for gently-used sports gear. They cleaned, organized and packaged the items, which were presented to the Wrestling Federation in Manabí. Kyle Wilson, Evan Jones, Erik Clark and Kenny Meitz spearheaded the project. The Padre wrestlers also completed a beautification project that entailed cleaning a corridor that led to the wrestling complex in Manabi, Ecuador.

“The wrestlers who participated on this trip came away with a defined sense of brotherhood and legacy,” said Serra Head Wrestling Coach Ricardo Garcia. “The time they spent working together on service, training and learning about a new culture was priceless. Through wrestling, cultural experiences and service, I personally witnessed my team develop into strong young men. We are building leaders on and off the mat. I honestly can't put a value on something like this.”

RECORDS ARE MADE TO BE BROKEN

Kyle Orloff '14 sets new track records and leads relay team to section title

By Jonathan Allen '01



RECENT PADRE GRAD KYLE ORLOFF '14 STARTED HIS SERRA CAREER AS A BASEBALL PLAYER, BUT ENDED IT AS ONE OF THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED TRACK ATHLETES IN SERRA'S HISTORY.

The San Carlos native made the transition to track during his sophomore year and immediately started working out with the varsity sprinters. A natural runner, he was placed with the 100- and 200-meter runners and performed well.

By his senior year, Orloff had transitioned to a focus on longer sprints, the 200 and 400 meters, and was tasked by Head

Coach Jim Marheineke to be a team leader. A new sprints coach, George Jensen, showed Orloff how to get more from his workouts. He began to see marked improvement and became one of the fastest runners in the Central Coast Section.

A week after being introduced to the now former school record holder in the 200 and 400 meters, Angelo Fobbs-Valentino '04, Orloff placed his name in Padre track and field record books by running 47.52 in the 400 meter at the CCS finals. A week later, he improved his school record in the 200 meter with a 21.47 time at the state championships in Clovis. Overall, he finished fifth in the state in the 400 meter and ninth in the 200 meter. He became the second Padre ever to finish in the top six at the state championships in a running event.

“The 400-meter became my signature race during my junior year,” Orloff said. “I’ve always loved the 200, but by my senior year I made the 400 my own. It’s kind of like a warrior’s race—it’s more strategic than just sprinting the whole way through.”

Strategically, Orloff used his patented “kick” in the last 100 meters of the race to pass many competitors throughout the year. He was also part of the 4x400-meter relay team that won the CCS Championship this year. The team featured Marcus Alvarez, Jeremiah Testa and Armon Plummer in addition to Orloff. The relay’s time was shy of the 2001 school record by only .03 and is the fastest time ever run by a Serra 4x400m relay team in the state championships.

Orloff will attend Sacramento State University next year on a track scholarship, after being named the *San Mateo Daily Journal* Boys' Track Athlete of the Year and the *San Jose Mercury News* sprinter of the year. He leaves Serra with two school records and a CCS championship.



TWO PADRES EARN 2014 SHEA AWARD

Kevin McGee and Quinn Todzo are the 2014 recipients of the prestigious Shea Award, a sportsmanship award given each year to an outstanding senior student-athlete.

“We had two very deserving candidates this year,” said Serra Athletic Director Dean Ayoob '92. "When it came down to the coaches' votes, it was a tie between Kevin and Quinn."

In 1966, the award was named for Serra alumnus James P. Shea '58, who was "killed in action” while serving in the Vietnam War. The Shea Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Serra graduating student-athlete.

Kevin McGee was honored for football and track. He earned an All-WCAL honorable mention for football. McGee played running back, wide receiver and linebacker for the WCAL and CCS champions. According to Head Football Coach Patrick Walsh, “Kevin was one of the hardest workers on the 2014 team, as well as one of our most versatile players.” McGee also ran track as a senior and was a member of the Serra wrestling team during his junior year. He will play football at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, in the fall.

Quinn Todzo is a cross-country, wrestling and lacrosse student-athlete—the only three-sport athlete in the Class of 2014. He was described by his coaches as "the ultimate teammate and a true Padre in every sense of the word." In addition to excelling in sports, Todzo wrote for *The Friar* school newspaper. He will study engineering at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"Both student-athletes are well deserving of this great honor," Ayoob said. "They are outstanding examples of what it means to be a Serra Padre. Both students are excellent teammates, leaders in their sports, and they excel in the classroom. We wish them all the best as they go on to college."



ORLOFF JOINS THE ELITE GROUP OF PADRES WHO HAVE FINISHED IN THE TOP EIGHT AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- Lynn Swann '70 - Long jump (state champion)
- Jerry Tallon '66 - 880 yds (third place)
- Aven Wright '05 - Triple jump (fourth place)
- Kyle Orloff '14 - 400m (fifth place)

- Tom Tuite '61 - One mile (seventh place)
- Stan Ross '77 - One mile (seventh place)
- Jonathan Beering '13 - Shot put (eighth place)



▲ TRACK & FIELD

Varsity Head Coach: Jim Marheineke	Team Awards: Blanket Award: Kyle Orloff	2 nd Place CCS and New School Records: Kyle Orloff: 200m (21.87), 400m (47.52)
Varsity & F/S Assistants: Ed Berry, Ron DiMaggio, Jr. '97, George Jensen, Keith Stapleton, Maria Worthge, Walt Worthge	Most Valuable Field Athlete: Billy Sapp and Stefan Seul	WCAL Champions: Kyle Orloff - 400m (49.07) Kyle Orloff - 200m (22.09) Kelepi Lataimua - 100m (11.31) 1600m relay - 3:23.52: Nicolas Jones, Jeremiah Testa, Armon Plummer, Kyle Orloff
Record: Varsity: 2 nd place WCAL; 6 th place CCS Frosh/Soph: 4 th place WCAL	Kevin Ragan Memorial Coaches' Award: Arslan Rashid and Matt Fernando	2 nd Place WCAL: Jeremiah Testa - 400m (51.25), Armon Plummer - 110m HH (15.91) and 300m IH (41.03), Jordan Kenison - Triple Jump (42-08)
Awards: Kyle Orloff: <i>San Mateo Daily Journal</i> Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year and <i>San Jose Mercury News</i> Boys Sprinter of the Year	Frosh/Soph MVP: Kelepi Lataimua CCS Champions: 1600m Relay - 3:21.55: Marcus Alvarez, Jeremiah Testa, Armon Plummer, Kyle Orloff	3 rd Place WCAL: Stefan Seul - Discus (149-4)

"The 2014 season will not be soon forgotten. Not only were multiple school records broken this year, but the dedication and hard work of the entire team paid off with a large number of personal bests that came in the final meets of the season."

- Head Track and Field Coach Jim Marheineke



SWIMMING AND DIVING ▲

Varsity Head Coach: Bob Greene '85 Varsity Diving Coach: Jason Clark JV Coach: Jake Folan '11	All WCAL: Joe Kmak Bradley Jerome Erik Clark Zach Zamecki
Record: Varsity: 3-3 WCAL (4-3 overall) Frosh/Soph: 42 WCAL (5-2 overall) CCS Team Finish: 8 th place	Frosh/Soph MVP: Robert Ciano Frosh/Soph Most Improved: Dominic Marques Frosh/Soph Coaches' Choice: Patrick Callagy
Swimming/Diving Awards: All America - 100 Breaststroke 55.09: Joe Kmak (ranked #17 in the nation)	School Records: Varsity 100 Breast - 55.09: Joe Kmak 50 Fly - 23.72: Cyrus Morrison F/S 100 Free - 46.84: Cyrus Morrison F/S
Varsity MVP: Joe Kmak Varsity Coaches' Choice: Danny Campoverde Varsity Most Improved: Emilio Espinoza	

"What a great season! A top-10 finish in CCS, school records broken, and All-American swims. More than 90 percent of the team achieved a personal best. Hard work and commitment does pay off."

- Head Swimming Coach Bob Greene '85



< LACROSSE

Varsity Head Coach: Adam Bysouth
Varsity Assistant Coach: Alex Loscailpo

JV Coach: Dean Ayoob '92
JV Assistant Coach: Ray Baldonado '07

Record:
Varsity: 3-11 overall
JV: 3-10 overall

Lacrosse Awards:
MVP: Matt Petersen
All WCAL: Matt Petersen, PJ McGloin, Ian Schwaab

"The future is bright as the Padres had seven underclassmen on the varsity squad and a JV roster of more than 35 players. With multiple starters returning, we are excited for the 2015 season."

-Varsity Head Coach Adam Bysouth



< VOLLEYBALL

Varsity Head Coach: Dustyn Woropay '04
Varsity Assistant Coaches: Sam Wickstrom, Nicole DeBalko
JV Coach: Heather Allen
JV Assistant Coach: Nicole DeBalko

Record: Varsity: 18-13

Lacrosse Awards:
MVP: Shamit Bhatia
Most Improved: Kishan Dahya
Coach's Award: Anthony Noto

1st Team All WCAL:
Shamit Bhatia

Honorable Mention All WCAL:
Kishan Dahya
Tanner Fahrbach

Shamit Bhatia was named 1st Team All WCAL and he was the first player since Tommy McEnery in 2008 to have been selected for the honor. 2014 also marked the first time the Padres won a CCS playoff game since 2009.

"This season was definitely the most successful season, in terms of wins and losses, since I took over as coach. 2014 saw a dramatic improvement in the program. To go from 5-18 a year ago to a top-seven team in CCS Division 1 is something that should make the players and the school proud."

Head Volleyball Coach Dustyn Woropay '04

CREW >

Varsity Head Coach: Adam Jones

Varsity Assistants:
Mihir Kshirsagar, Alex Shoemaker

Freshman Head Coach: Gavin Callies '07

Record:
Pacific Invitational: 3rd place
West Coast Scholastic 1st place
510 Sprints: 2nd place
Covered Bridge Regatta: 3rd place
Winners of Kahle Cup V8 trophy over St. Ignatius

Crew Awards:
Varsity MVP: Gavin Boyd-Goodrich
Hammer Award: Seth Bartlett (6:24.3)
Padre Award: James Bracco
Frosh MVP: Kyle Bluestone



"A young varsity boat full of sophomores and juniors made history this year. Their commitment to each other and passion for the sport will continue to propel them to new heights"

-Head Crew Coach Adam Jones





◀ **BASEBALL**

Varsity Head Coach: Craig Gianinno	WCAL: 8-6, 4 TH place	Honorable Mention: Felix Aberouette
Varsity Assistant Coaches: Ryan Allgrove '08 Joe McLoughlin	JV overall: 20-3 WCAL Champions (13-1)	Team MVP: Matt Blais
JV Head Coach: Dan Walsh '92	Freshman overall: 15-5 WCAL Champions (11-3)	Prep2Prep Sophomore of the Year and Daily News Newcomer of the Year: Angelo Bortolin
JV Assistant Coach: Jeff Harper	Baseball Awards: 1 st Team All League: Matt Blais Angelo Bortolin Sean Watkins Christopher Papapietro Nolan Dempsey	Collegiate Players: Matt Blais, UC Davis Sean Watkins, LMU Neil Sterling, University of Utah
Freshman Head Coach: Malcolm Macdonald	2 nd Team All League: James Outman Neil Sterling	Team GPA: 3.11
Freshman Assistant Coaches: Dan Nolan '01		
Record: Varsity overall: 16-10		

"On behalf of the entire coaching staff, we congratulate every player who put on a Serra uniform this year. We hope you've learned lessons about work ethic, commitment, attitude, relationships, determination and perseverance that will serve you well as you continue to develop as young men. We wish all the best to the senior class as they graduate from Serra. We look foward to next year's team, as we return key players."

- Head Baseball Coach Craig Gianinno



◀ **TENNIS**

Varsity Head Coach: Marcus A. Charles JV Coach: Jon George	Varsity Most Improved: Peter Campana	JV: 6-8 4 th place WCAL
Overall Record: 13-5 2 nd place WCAL (9-5) CCS semi-finalist CCS doubles finalists (Brendon Barrows/ Gordon Barrows)	Varsity Most Inspirational Player: Brendon Barrows	JV MVP: Zach Connolly
Tennis Awards: Varsity MVPs: Gordon Barrows Matt Campana	1 st Team All-League: Matt Campana Peter Campana	JV Most Improved Player: Vincent Way
	All-League Honorable Mention: Brendon Barrows Eric Dennis	JV Most Inspirational Player: Brandon Dominguez

"2014 Serra tennis faced the daunting task of reloading after its 2013 Championship season. Varsity had six returning veterans, who guided the younger teammates through a hard-fought and successful tournament. Their pride and great work ethic brought them together. Our returning athletes will be a treat to watch next season."

- Head Tennis Coach Marcus A. Charles



◀ **GOLF**

Head Varsity Coach: Mike Langridge '91 JV Coach: Will McCarthy	MVP: Isaiah Salinda (third consecutive time)
WCAL Record Qualifiers WCAL: 7-4-1, 3 rd place 1 st place Viking Classic Boys' Golf Tournament at Salinas CC (24 team field) 6 th overall in CCS	Team Captain: Ashton Silk (awarded scholarship to play golf at USF)
	Austin Eichinoff shot an even-par 72 to be a medalist at the Viking Classic

"This year was a lot of fun. The four seniors—Austin, Ashton, Jackson and Brian—made my first year coaching golf a blast. I will always appreciate their contributions to the program. The future should be bright with college recruit and three-time MVP Isaiah Salinda returning. Juniors Aaron Ong and Daniel Harris also will return, as well as outstanding sophomore Aiden Cronin, who shot a 74 in the CCS."

- Head Golf Coach Mike Langridge '91

PAC12 CONFERENCE

PADRE FOOTBALL RECRUITS ARE CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

By Jonathan Allen '01



Each year, recruiters from across the nation look to Serra to find quality student-athletes who will fit with their programs. Serra's football program, in particular, has supplied the college ranks with multiple players each year. This year, two of Serra's graduating seniors have signed to play football close to home in the Pac-12.

Matt Dickerson '14, a 6-foot-5, 280-pound defensive lineman headed for UCLA, is one of the highest-rated recruits to ever



come out of Serra. Dickerson is listed as a four-star prospect and the number 28 player at his position nationwide by ESPN. At one time, Dickerson was a Notre Dame commit, but ultimately decided to sign with UCLA after his father encountered health problems. He had a total of 16 offers from college football powerhouses including USC, Oregon, Nebraska and Arkansas.

"Recruiters saw a 6-foot-5 kid who was pretty much unblockable and with potential beyond high school," Walsh said. "I never saw a kid practice harder than Matt Dickerson. You'd think he was the biggest overachiever of all time."

"I knew a lot of players would like to be in my shoes," Dickerson said. "The last thing I wanted to do was come off as big and boastful."

Dickerson was a national recruit despite missing his entire senior year due to a back injury, which is now fully healed. Dickerson has said that the Serra community helped him deal with the disappointment of missing both football and basketball this past year.

"I can't tell you how difficult it was for me," Dickerson said. "I felt so bad. I didn't want to talk to anybody, but Coach Walsh talked to me every day and helped me out. My parents, my teachers, my counselors and my friends all helped me realize that all things happen for a reason."

Dickerson's teammate, Hamilton Anoa'i '14, received offers from Northwestern, Colorado, and Nevada before deciding on UC Berkeley on Signing Day. He is a three-star recruit and the number 41 player at his position, according to ESPN. At 6-foot-3 inches tall and 220 pounds, Anoa'i played wide receiver and safety, while projecting to play outside linebacker for the Golden Bears.



Anoa'i shone last year as a senior leader for the Padres after an ACL injury cut his junior year short. He was named WCAL Player of the Year after accruing 674 yards receiving with 10 touchdowns. Anoa'i was the stand-out player of the field in the final league game of the year against Mitty, catching three touchdown passes and making an interception. Serra won a share of the WCAL title in that contest.

Of his college decision between Northwestern and Cal, Anoa'i said, "I finalized my decision the night before Signing Day after talking it over with my parents. By staying on the West Coast my parents will be able to see my games. Comparing the two universities academically, both are top schools, but my dream has always been to play in the Pac-12."



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60 Years Ago

An unanticipated, unbeaten season

by John Horgan '60



In many ways, the success of Serra's 1954 varsity football team came out of the blue. The Padres, under the tutelage of head coach Jesse Freitas and his lone assistant, Pete Matisi, were not expected to be a San Mateo County powerhouse.



The larger public schools in the area were much more heralded 60 years ago. But, lo and behold, the little San Mateo school on the hillside off Crystal Springs Road produced a perfect 9-0 record.

Serra defeated Bellarmine for the first time, captured the Catholic Athletic League championship, outscored its opponents, 236-83, a difference of 17 points per game, and ended up as one of Northern California's top-ranked prep football outfits.

The Padres, with an enrollment about half of what it is now, accomplished all of this without a home field, a distinctly inadequate practice facility and, sadly, the death of one of its most promising players. It was a season to remember.

The 1954 team is one of only two unbeaten, untied Serra football aggregations; the other came in 1949 at 8-0. The season before in 1953, Serra had been 5-4—not bad but certainly not a harbinger of what was to come a year later.

The 1954 campaign began with what appeared to be an upset over the Bells, 13-12, in front of 5,000 fans at Townsend Field in Santa Clara. That was an eye-opener. Bellarmine, after all, was a perennial Jesuit "big dog" in the world of Northern California prep football. So the collective thought on the Peninsula was, "Hmmm, maybe something's going on here; Serra just might be an outfit to watch."

Serra got touchdowns from Will Silverthorne and Dave Scholz; the winning extra point was provided by kicker Fred Messina.



With Jim Jackson running wild in the Padres' rushing attack and rugged Bob Lotti and Mike Smith anchoring the defense, Serra rolled over four more non-league foes.



Then, with Catholic Athletic League action slated to start, tragedy struck. Len Micheli, a rangy sophomore end from Burlingame, collapsed and died during a Serra practice in mid-October. "He almost died in my arms," recalled Lotti several years ago. It turned out that Micheli was suffering from undiagnosed leukemia.

St. Mary's of Berkeley, the defending CAL champion, was the first opponent on the Padres' league menu. It was understandable if their thoughts were on their fallen teammate. The game was a struggle, the first time in weeks that Freitas' team had been severely challenged. Serra barely managed to escape with a tight 6-0 victory; Jackson scored the game's only TD on a 60-yard fumble recovery.

After that, Serra was unstoppable. The Padres, who played their "home" games at the old San Mateo High School field on North Humboldt Street, defeated their three remaining CAL opponents by a combined 109-45 tally. There were no post-season playoffs at that time.

Freitas, a cigar-chomping, plain-talking iconoclast who did most of his scouting in person during an era before regular film of opponents was common in most high school programs, did not subscribe to many of the hoary tenets espoused by his prep coaching peers. A former NFL quarterback with the 49ers, he favored a diverse passing attack, lots of misdirection on the ground and very little scrimmaging. "Why get people hurt in practice?" he would ask rhetorically. More often than not, his creative methods worked, particularly if he had some solid talent at his disposal.

By the close of the storied 1954 season, Serra had risen to a No. 6 NorCal ranking. It was well-deserved. The quick, shifty Jackson was named to the all-NorCal first team; he was also all-CAL, along with Lotti and Smith. Jackson rushed for just over 1,000 yards; he had 12 TDs (four against Washington) and scored on two school-record runs of 93 and 98 yards (vs. Washington and Marin Catholic respectively).

Against Marin Catholic, the relentless Lotti, who later played at Notre Dame, was a one-man wrecking crew. He recovered three fumbles (one for a TD), kicked three extra points and had a number of tackles for losses.

At the close of the 1954-55 school year, Serra moved to its new campus on West 20th Avenue. The unbeaten season was a fitting farewell to the school's tenure a mile to the north.

Was this the best team in Serra history? That's impossible to answer. It was a much different era. Objective comparisons are impossible. Still, Freitas, a Red Bluff native who was never at a loss for an opinion, would doubtless argue that his stellar 1968 team, which finished 9-1 (the only loss by a single digit to Vallejo) and featured three future pros (his son, Jesse III, Lynn Swann and Tom Scott), was his (and perhaps the school's) finest ever.

Let the debate commence.



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1954 Football Scores:

Serra 13, Bellarmine 12	Serra 6, St. Mary's (Berkeley) 0
Serra 26, St. Mary's (Stockton) 0	Serra 43, St. Elizabeth's 20
Serra 31, Jefferson 0	Serra 39, Marin Catholic 6
Serra 19, Oakdale 12	Serra 27, Riordan 19
Serra 32, Washington (SF) 14	

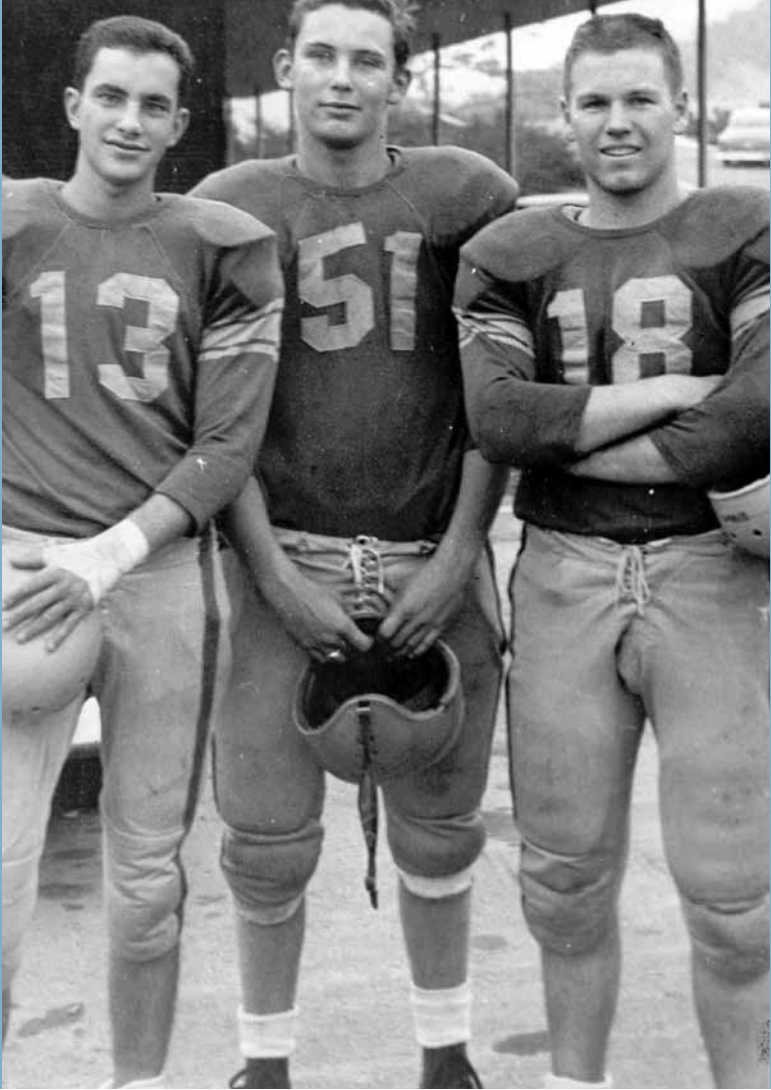
Serra 1954 Coaching Staff:

Jesse Freitas and Pete Matisi

Totals: Serra 236, Opponents 83
Overall record, 9-0; CAL record 4-0

1954 Football Roster:

Cliff Andrews	Jim Greening	Bill Malone
John Arnold	Frank Griffin	Len Micheli
Vic Buttignol	Jim Jackson	Fred Messina
Dennis Byrne	Nick Haloski	Larry Mooring
Grover Cady	John Hannigan	Rich Pasco
Mike Carella	Dennis Kavanaugh	Ed Peltier
Ken Cecchi	Bill Killilea	Bob Rengstorff
Joe Celotti	Al Kirkes	Dave Scholz
Pete Chanteloup	Larry Kirkes	Will Silverthorne
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Plate It Up

Chris Aquino '03 dishes about his culinary career



When Chris Aquino was only 5, he learned how to cook Kraft Blue Box macaroni and cheese. As a middle-schooler, he moved on to gourmet dinners —shrimp and fettuccini, chicken-fried steak, pan-seared trout with butter and capers, risotto, and shepherd's pie. Not too shabby for a preteen!

Today, Aquino is the executive chef of Viognier Restaurant at Draeger's in San Mateo. According to the California Culinary Academy alumnus, the roots of his culinary career began at home.



“Cooking at home was always a family affair,” Aquino remembered. “Both of my parents worked multiple jobs to keep a roof over our heads and put my brother and me through private school. I learned how to cook very early on. I enjoyed making the traditional Filipino dishes my parents liked to prepare—adobo, sinigang, nilaga and lumpia.”

Although Aquino's job is fun, it's also a lot of hard work. “Being a chef is about dedication and drive,” he explained. “I never say passion because passion dies. Working as a chef means long hours with no overtime. I work 10 to 16 hours a day, six to seven days a week. A good chef has to be a problem solver—the oven broke, someone cut himself, the fish didn't show up, the dish washer called in sick. I'm always on my toes. Cooking food professionally is about sacrifice and consistent repetition. It's a craft and it's not glamorous—it's not TV.”

Aquino appreciates the fine-dining ambiance of Viognier. “We are one of the only restaurants still using white tablecloths, a prix fixe menu, and fine-dining style service and food,” he noted. “Nobody comes to your table to ask, ‘Who ordered the fish?’ Our sommelier can talk to you all night about wine, and our servers carry themselves with poise.”

Aquino's specialty is curing and butchery. “If I can cure it, I will,” he said. “During World War II, my grandmother preserved rice, fish and vegetables. She buried them in clay jars to hide them from Japanese soldiers who pillaged the family farm. Curing was a means of survival, so I guess you can say that preserving is in my blood. I do all charcuterie on the Viognier menu in house, from bacon to landjager to an American Kobe beersaola. We ferment radishes, jalapenos and sauerkraut. We even do the pickles for our burger set.”

What is Aquino's favorite dish to cook for his customers? “A proper seared steak,” he said. “A lot of people mess this up. I like to get a good grain-fed steak (1-1/2 to 2-inch cut), go heavy on salt and pepper, and drop it into a screaming hot,

cast-iron pan. I sear it on one side for three minutes, flip it, add two tablespoons of butter, thyme, a bay leaf and garlic. I baste it for another three minutes, transfer it to a 450-degree oven for two minutes, remove, rest for two minutes, and eat it with a good glass of whiskey.”

Aquino has learned that a competent chef is a leader, teacher and mentor. “Becoming a chef has made me a better person,” he said. “I'm calmer, more resilient and more accepting. I

have learned to understand many different types of people, their cultures and their backgrounds. You can be the best cook in the world, but it means nothing if you can't put in the time, the work ethic and the will to keep doing it. [You're not going to be praised every day or get a pat on the back. You do this job because of a higher goal, which is creating something with your own hands that will make someone else very happy.](#)”





On The Radio

Bill Barrett '69 talks
country music



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Pictured(l-r): Up and coming country singer Tyler Farr, Tracy Berry,
Bill Barrett '69, Tim Fox and country singer Katie Arminger

Thousands of Oregonians tune into Bill Barrett's radio show every morning, as they pour their first cups of coffee and get ready to start the day. Barrett, the host of Oregon's New Country 93 KKNU FM, recently was named National Morning Radio Personality of the Year by the Academy of Country Music for the second time.



Barrett and his team, Tim Fox and Tracy Berry, also won Country Music Association awards in 2002 and 2006. For the past four years, their popular radio show has been recognized as Oregon's Morning Show of the Year. Interestingly, Barrett says his showbiz career was launched by fellow Padres Dennis Calonico '69 and John Murphy '69, who encouraged him to do impersonations at Serra rallies.

"My public performance started then—entertaining was in my blood," he recounted. "I enjoyed Serra because it was an all-boys school. Guys could be themselves and get to know their friends without the typical high school drama. The teachers taught us to respect ourselves and each other. The only thing I didn't like was Latin summer school. I made lifelong friends in high school—there are Padres I still talk to on a monthly basis and we get together at least once a year."

After Serra, Barrett attended the University of Wyoming, where he studied radio communications. His first job for a radio station was at KOJO in Laramie. Eventually, he made his way back to the Bay Area to secure a plum job at 1170 KLOK. (Most of us have fond memories of KLOK—the soft '70s rock and clever banter between the DJs.)

"Eventually, I realized that the crowded, urban environment wasn't my cup of tea, so I moved to Eugene in August of 1976," Barrett explained. "I've lived in Eugene for 36 years." Barrett has met most country music artists. Two stand-outs are George Strait and Carrie Underwood, whom he described as "hardworking, down-to-earth, and incredibly nice to their fans." So, what's it really like to be in the country music world?

"Country music has an extremely loyal fan base," Barrett said. "Our show is family-friendly. We do a lot of comedy and character impersonations. We also play a lot of music. We are proud that we are very involved in the community. All three of us emcee dozens of events every year. Our philosophy is this: The more involved you are in your local community, the more successful the station will be. I get to be creative every day. I'm so lucky and blessed to be in an industry where you have an ability with the microphone to do such good things in the community. I love what I do today as much as I did 30 years ago—some days are just unbelievably fun."

When he's not on air, Barrett works as a freelance voice talent. His voice can be heard on numerous commercials, including Nike, the Shark Vacuum Cleaner System, S&G Carpet, and radio spots for car dealerships all over the country.

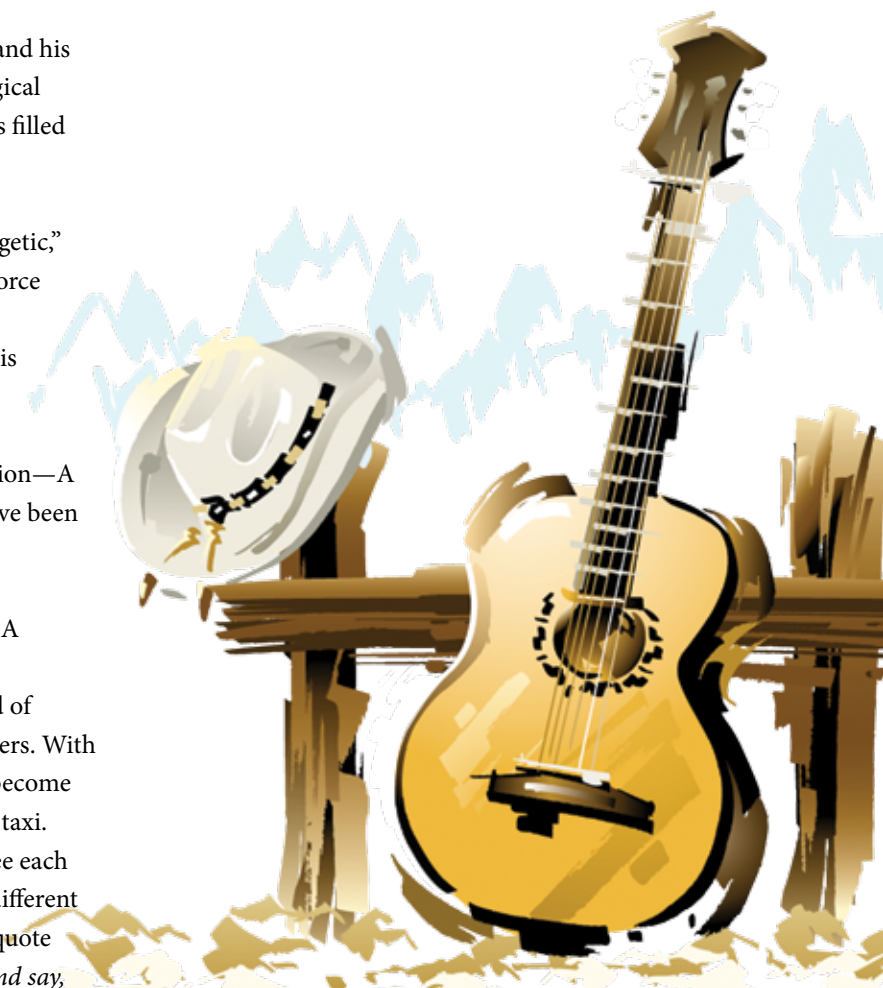
A Family for Every Child

In addition to juggling a high-profile career, Barrett and his wife, Christy, have 12 children. Three are their biological children, and nine were adopted. The Barrett home is filled with love, laughter—and chores.

"My wife is incredibly organized, dedicated and energetic," Barrett said. "There's nobody quite like her—she's a force of nature. We have a big chore list on the wall, and everyone is required to do a chore every day. Costco is our main supermarket."

Seven years ago, Christy started a successful foundation—A Family for Every Child. More than 3,000 children have been adopted through the organization.

"Christy is the chief executive officer, but she started A Family for Every Child with a book called *Nonprofits for Dummies*," Barrett noted. "Now they have a board of directors, hundreds of volunteers and six staff members. With Christy working full-time with the foundation, I've become Mr. Mom. I do most of the cooking, and I'm the dad taxi. Our life is a little exhausting, but it's remarkable to see each of our kids become their own people. They're all so different and have so many aspirations and talents. My wife's quote sums it up best: *I don't want to look back on my life and say, 'look what I've done.' I want to look back and say, 'How did I do all that?'* For us, every day is an adventure."



Visit www.kknu.fm to tune in to Bill Barrett from 5:30 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday, Pacific Standard Time.



MUST LOVE DOGS TIM HOUWELING '90 HELPS CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

IN 2004, AS TIM HOUWELING SAT IN HIS SWANKY WALL STREET OFFICE, HE FELT EMPTY INSIDE. Technically, he had it all—he worked for a prestigious investment banking firm and enjoyed an upscale, Manhattan lifestyle. Yet, he knew in his heart that something was missing. A twist of fate occurred after Tim’s parents visited him in New York—his dad suffered serious heart complications on the plane ride home and tragically passed away the very next week.

“The death of my dad made me realize that I wasn’t doing what I really wanted to do,” Tim remembered. “I wasn’t creating, and I didn’t feel as if I were adding much to the world.”

After moving home to take care of his mom, Tim adopted a yellow lab. He enrolled Deuce in a dog search and rescue training class. The dog trainer was Tim’s future wife, Elise. She also had left an unfulfilling profession to work with dogs. The couple decided to pursue their true passions while helping others.

Today, Tim is a Mountain View firefighter/paramedic and a member of the Task Force 3 FEMA Team. Elise trains search and rescue dogs for children with autism at the couple’s 12-acre Monkey Tail Ranch in Hollister—a peaceful respite for families of children with autism.



“YOU KNOW THOSE DAYS WHEN YOU SIT IN YOUR OFFICE AND DREAM OF WHAT YOU WOULD BE DOING IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WORK THAT JOB? THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING NOW.”

- TIM HOUWELING '90

“Parents can sit on the patio and relax while their kids run around the ranch,” Tim noted. “We don’t care if their child has a meltdown. We want kids to be able to run and play while their parents enjoy a much-needed break. We have 30 dogs in training and nine horses.”

At Monkey Tail Ranch, Tim and Elise provide puppy interaction and therapeutic horse riding for children with autism. The rhythmic motion of riding a horse enables autistic children to focus on movement—which is slow, deliberate and relaxing. Tactile senses are stimulated, which is important for children with autism.

“The horse’s skin is fuzzy, the mane and tail are rough, and the nose is soft,” Elise explained. “The discovery of these sensations helps children to be more involved with these gentle giants. Motor skills are also developed as the child learns to ride, groom, feed, and saddle. We are committed to providing a unique experience for families that face daily challenges. We pride ourselves on building deep and personal relationships with our families. We also provide services to help people with post-traumatic stress and anxiety issues.”

Monkey Tail Ranch is funded by donations from individuals and corporations. Volunteers are needed year-round. Teenagers can work on the ranch, socializing new puppies and assisting with camp duties.

“Working on the ranch is a big change from the investment banking world,” Tim said. “You know those days when you sit in your office and dream of what you would be doing if you didn’t have to work that job? That’s what I’m doing now.”

When Tim’s mom passed away recently, he sifted through boxes in her home and found pictures of himself as a child, dressed as a firefighter.

“People often feel trapped by the money they’re making or the mortgage on their home,” Tim said. “However, you have to believe it will work out and have faith—because that faith is always repaid. My advice to people who are trapped in a job that’s not for them is this: Follow your bliss and trust your heart—everything will work out if you do what you love.”



The Piano Man

Walter Bankovitch '82

shares his gift of music



“Sing us a song, you're the piano man
Sing us a song tonight
Well we're all in the mood for a melody
And you've got us feeling all right. . .”

- Billy Joel, *The Piano Man*

“Brilliant computer programmer by day—jazz cat by night.” That’s how Serra Music Director Jay Jordan describes Walter Bankovitch ’82. The master musician has balanced a successful software engineering career with his passion for jazz. He has appeared with famous jazz musicians including John Lee Hooker, Stan Getz and Rebecca Parris. Bankovitch is an integral part of the San Francisco Bay Area vocal jazz community as the accompanist for the Oakland Jazz Choir and the Contra Costa College jazz vocal ensembles.

According to Jordan, Bankovitch was a standout student at Serra—he soared academically and was a solid member of the Serra jazz band.

“I first heard Walt play when he was a freshman at Serra,” Jordan recounted. “He already had excellent classical training and a huge repertoire of pop songs. However, Walt had not played any jazz. I encouraged him to join the jazz band, and he took to jazz very quickly. Walt’s ‘math brain’ enabled him to embrace the complicated nature of jazz. By the time he was a senior, Walt was well on his way to becoming an accomplished jazz pianist. Today, it’s a joy to hear Walt on KCSM, the Bay Area’s Jazz Station.”

Early roots

It was in 1968 that Bankovitch first played the piano in preschool. He remembers one particular record, “*Hair*,” being played over and over on his family’s turntable. Bankovitch enjoyed the rock ‘n’ roll rhythms and singing along. As a first-grader, he resisted taking lessons but is grateful to his parents for not allowing him to quit. He continued piano lessons through high school.

“In high school, I listened to lots of jazz, rock and fusion music, thanks to many suggestions from my guitar-playing friend, Greg Dolim ’83,” Bankovitch said. “I fondly remember listening in awe to the 1982 Monterey Jazz Festival on KJAZ radio. Listening to jazz became part of my routine.”

At Serra, Bankovitch could be spotted in the orchestra pit. He played the piano for several musicals, including *The Mikado*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Music Man*. He even came back to support the Padres after he had graduated as the pianist for Tri-School Productions musicals including *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat* and *Sugar*.

“My music always kept me connected with the larger community—the girls’ schools and the multigenerational alumni community,” Bankovitch said. “The teachers at Serra lit a fire in me, both with music and computer science. I’d particularly like to thank Jay Jordan, Jim Monahan, Leo Mize, Randy Vogel and Dick Phelan.”

After Serra, Bankovitch majored in mathematical and computational science at Stanford University. In 1987, he received a master’s degree from Stanford in computer science. Despite a heavy class load, music always kept Bankovitch centered and involved.

“We had a grand piano in our dorm when I was a freshman,” he remembered. “That year, the R.A. heard that I played the piano. They asked me to be the orchestra conductor for our dormitory musical, *Sugar*, based on the famous Marilyn Monroe movie, *Some Like it Hot*. It was my first conducting gig and I was terrified! But, somehow I figured out what to do—I was inspired by Jay Jordan’s conducting expertise.”

Through his connections with Stanford Jazz Band Director Jose Bowen, Bankovitch met legendary jazz musician Stan Getz, who was famous for his saxophone solo on “*The Girl from Ipanema*.” Getz was artist in residence at the time. Bankovitch also connected with bassist and fellow Stanford student Larry Grenadier.

All that jazz

One of Bankovitch’s first professional gigs was playing the piano at the Stanford Park Hotel in Menlo Park. “It was a great job for a college student,” he said. “During that time, I played some concerts and jammed with my friends in the dorms.” One thing led to another, and Bankovitch soon met world-famous jazz singer Madeline Eastman.

“I was at the Garden City in San Jose, watching her perform with Smith Dobson,” he remembered. “She offered me a position at Jazz Camp West. Jazz Camp West is a life-changing music camp near Pescadero for musicians of all ages. It’s such a rewarding experience.”

Bankovitch has worked at Jazz Camp West every summer since 1995. The camp is run by a nonprofit called Living Jazz.

“At Jazz Camp West, you’re surrounded by incredible talent,” he said. “It’s a supportive environment for students 15 and up. We have 50 faculty members and about 300 students for eight days and seven nights. The fine and performing arts fill what I consider to be an essential and pivotal part of overall education. There is

quite a bit of synergy between technology and music. Music education contributes to one’s overall educational development and experience. It’s penny wise and pound foolish that the arts in many schools have been compromised.”

Over the years, Bankovitch has worked with numerous San Francisco Bay Area vocalists. In fact, he met his wife, Jocelyn Pou, through music (she is a talented and versatile singer). Bankovitch has contributed piano and keyboard work, compositions, arrangements and an occasional voice track to numerous album and demo projects with jazz and blues bands, solo vocalists, and vocal ensembles. His favorite pianists are Chick Corea and Oscar Peterson; the late great San Francisco Bay Area pianists Dave Brubeck, Smith Dobson and Don Haas; and California Jazz Conservatory Director Susan Muscarella.

From keys to keyboard

Bankovitch’s successful music career would be a lot to handle for most people. Yet, somehow, he juggles his music with a demanding job as software developer at Agilent Technologies in Santa Clara. The former Hewlett-Packard computer programmer has spent more than two decades writing code for everything from computer network management to Internet music to collecting and analyzing data from mass spectrometers.

“I like my job because I believe our work makes a difference in the world,” Bankovitch said. “Our gas-chromatography/mass spectrometry/data system applications have helped with everything from making sure that water is clean to validating pharmaceuticals to busting drug users at the Olympics. We help chemists to discover new techniques for analyzing laboratory samples.”

So, how exactly does Bankovitch manage his love of music with his day job? “I commute every day from Berkeley to Santa Clara, so time management is essential,” he said. “I don’t have a whole lot of margin for error. I really credit the support of my family—my wife, parents and brothers (Chris ’85 and John ’89) for having a positive influence on me. I love what I do; I’m very busy, but it works. I have been very lucky and I’m extremely grateful. God has blessed me.”

More Than Words

Brett McCollum '09 and
Matt Richardson '08 kick off
Gramr Gratitude Co.



In today’s bustling world of social media, it’s refreshing to receive a handwritten card in the mail. It might come as a surprise, but there’s no feeling quite like it. That’s why Matt Richardson ’08 and Brett McCollum ’09 started Gramr Gratitude Co.—they wanted to create a business that helps people to foster meaningful relationships through the written word. For this duo, it’s all about gratitude.



“We saw an opportunity to make an improvement in the greeting card industry,” Richardson said. “[What if people focused on gratitude—how would their lives change? We hope to make the world a more grateful place.](#) To let someone know how grateful you are for them, it takes more than 140 characters (referring to Twitter). We want to get back to meaningful relationships—you have to spend time on somebody. I guess we’re trying to shake this culture up a little bit.”

In addition to selling cards in the traditional way, Gramr Gratitude also offers a greeting card subscription service. For \$15 per month, customers receive four elegant cards designed by artists and photographers from all over the United States. They also receive four complimentary postage stamps with their cards—what could be easier? The goal is to encourage people to write one thank-you note per week.

“When someone spends their time on you, you feel rich,” McCollum said. “Social networks are great at connecting in quantity, but what we all really want is quality. In a world where a Tweet, Snap, Poke, and Like fail to foster the meaningful connection we all crave, the handwritten note can become a revolutionary tool.”

So, why don’t people send cards regularly? According to McCollum’s and Richardson’s research, reaching out to others has become less important than posting selfies on Snapchat and Instagram.

Richardson and McCollum grew up together. Both said Serra English teacher Keith Stapleton was instrumental in fostering a love of the written word, and both are avid readers because of his English class. After high school, Richardson attended Claremont McKenna College and McCollum went to UCLA. Paying it forward, McCollum and Richardson established the Gramr Fund. “It’s simple,” McCollum explained. “We work with our clients to sponsor random acts of gratitude and goodness. For every Gramr card that we sell, we reserve 10 cents into a

fund. Then we ask our clients how we should spend their money to say ‘thank you’ to their communities.”

From February through March of this year, McCollum and Richardson used Kickstarter for a campaign goal of \$15,000 to start their new business. Instead, they raised nearly \$63,000, which marked the confidence of 740 people in 44 states and 22 countries.



“These days, it feels like every startup is devoted to two things: making our lives easier and making our lives more efficient,” Richardson noted. “But, we asked ourselves, ‘What are we doing with all of the time these applications are saving us? Do we want easier lives or more balanced, happier lives?’ Instead of creating another time management tool, we wanted to help people be happier, improve their relationships and feel more whole. [If we appreciate the people in our lives and adopt habits of thankful thinking, we will be happier.](#)”



Golf Classic & Tennis Tournament

Supporters raise money for
Alumni Scholarship Fund



The Serra Golf Classic and Tennis Tournament on June 23 raised \$26,000 for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. It was a beautiful day at Peninsula Golf and Country Club, where a sell-out group of Padres and Padre supporters enjoyed an outstanding day of golf, lunch and dinner. "This year's golf tournament was a tremendous success," said Alumni Director Bob Greene '85. "It also marked the first annual Ladies' Tennis Tournament for Serra moms, mothers of alumni and supporters. Twenty-two ladies participated and enjoyed a few hours of tennis and lunch in the PGCC ballroom. We are grateful to Andrea Moore for her hard work and coordination of this awesome event."

"The tennis tournament was run beautifully," said Debbie Bakhtiari, the mother of Andrew '08 and David '09. "I liked how they mixed everybody up—it was nice to meet other Padre moms."

"It was an awesome day," agreed Jeanne Black, the mother of current Padres Andrew and Nicholas. "All different levels of tennis players enjoyed the day. I knew a few people and I also met moms of current students and alumni. We all had a common bond in terms of our relationship with Serra. I look forward to playing in the tournament again next year."

Congratulations to the winners and all of the Padre supporters who helped to make this day possible.

2014 GOLF CLASSIC WINNERS

Longest Drive:

RYAN ALLGROVE '08

Closest to the Pin:

KEVIN FLYNN '82
JOE MILLETT '59
GEORGE TUCK '67
TOM WOLFMAN

Blue Flight:

JOSHUA BENTLEY
JONATHAN MCDUGALL
ROBERT RIUS
LANCE SMITH

Gold Flight:

DAVID BLACK
PATRICK NAGLE '02
ROBERT POOLE '91
GEORGE SIGIGIE '80

Senior Flight:

GREG BAKER '73
JOHN DEL SANTO
BART JACKSON
KEVIN MCEVOY



Padres from the Class of '59 shot a score of 66 at the Serra Golf Classic.
Pictured (l-r): Bob Yonts, Bob "Bull" Alberto, Joe Millett and Bob Schick.



Serra mom and Board of Regents member Andrea Moore

1949

JARROTT MILLER said he couldn't see the blackboard or hear the professor at his 60th Stanford reunion last year. His daughter-in-law's father suggested Costco hearing aids, coupled with cataract surgery. The two changes made a world of difference, and he now describes himself as "bright-eyed and bushy-tailed."

1954, 1955, 1956

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1958

DON MCDONALD retired after 52 years as a pharmacist. He is enjoying a new career as a healthcare specialist who sells Medicare programs and Obamacare.

1959

BOB CATTICH spent three weeks in Spain with his daughter and her husband. The trio began in Barcelona before taking a train to Madrid to visit three exchange students who stayed with Bob's family. After a memorable visit, they headed south to Malaga and Morocco.

1961

DR. RUSSELL MAGNAGHI will retire in December after teaching for 45 years at Northern Michigan University. He was honored by his colleagues and former students, who presented him with a festschrift (festive writing) collection of essays, "Northern Border."

1962

EDWARD CAMPANA was appointed to the San Francisco Assessment Appeals Board.



JIM FOX was appointed by the California Supreme Court to a three-year term on the California State Bar Board of Trustees. Jim is also a member of the California Judicial Council.



RAY WILLIAMS VIGIL is currently working as a sales manager at Car Max in Torrance, California.

1963

TOM CARRIGAN attended his 50th reunion, where he caught up with his Padre buddies. In August, he and his wife celebrated 47 years of marriage. They live in Loveland, Colorado, where Tom is the chair of Loveland's Rotary Kids Pak weekend food program. The organization provided nearly 13,000 bags of food to students in the Thompson School District during the 2013-2014 school year.

JOHN MCCARTY recently completed his third novel, *A Thousand Slippers*. It is a quirky World War II novel inspired by true events and based in San Francisco. His previous novels include *Memories that Linger* and *In the Rough*, two zany tales that take place among the banks of the Russian River. All books are available on Amazon.

1964, 1965, 1966

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1964

DENNIS GLENN and his wife, Linda, returned to Ambergris Caye, Belize, in April. They have started a new Christian ministry in an impoverished area on an island called (of all things) the San Mateo District. Two homes are being refurbished, and two more will be added when Dennis and Linda return in October.

KEN SHIECK and his wife, Margaret, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June at St. Thomas of Canterbury in San Jose.

1965

HENRY GRAMBERGU and his wife, Lizann, live in Roseville with their dog, Baby. Henry retired from broadcasting, but still works as a consultant for radio stations and ad agencies. He also manages to play golf and tennis at least once a week.

1966

PAUL CRIQUE retired from public education but will remain involved with his family's timber operations.

ALLEN OSTROFE is celebrating the 30th year of Ostrofe Financial Consultants, Inc., with clients in 23 states. He and his wife, Sabine, have been married for 33 years. Their daughter lives in San Diego, while their son and daughter-in-law reside in Suffolk, VA.

LEO (TONY) SCHON spent the Fourth of July at his home in Capitola with his former Padre classmates, Robert Goodwin and Daniel Johndrow. He is enjoying his retirement by skiing 40 to 50 days a year, traveling around the world, and visiting 52 of the 59 United States national parks so far.



1967

JIM HANSEN vacationed this summer in Lake Tahoe with his family and grandsons. He and his wife, Allegra, have been married for 40 years. The Hansens live in Burlingame.



MICHAEL TORRE retired last December after 31 years with the San Mateo County Human Services Agency. He and his wife, Linda, moved to Grass Valley.

1968

MICHAEL CORTEZ dropped us a line to let his buddies from the Class of '68 know that he still thinks of them often. Michael has won his second scholarship to continue writing a book of short stories. He is currently an active member of the Screen Actors Guild, preparing for retirement and planning a trip to his former European second home in Rome. He is also selling his personal art and antiques on eBay.

1969

CHRISTOPHER FREEBERG said 2013 was a "grand" year for his family. In September, his daughter, Tyler Marie, got married at St. Francis of Assisi Church in La Quinta. In November, he and his wife, Sandra, celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary—the same day their second granddaughter, Andie Marie Freeberg, was born.



1971

WILLIAM AHERN is preparing to complete a doctorate in clinical psychology at Fielding Graduate University. His specialty is forensic psychology. He has assisted first responders to help veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. His wife, Erika, also obtained a doctoral degree.

CHRIS HANSEN was one of 10 Padres who played in the 31st annual Whackers and Hackers Tournament at Poplar Creek in San Mateo. Pictured below, front row (l-r): Dan Schulze, George Giusti, Mike Schulze. Back row (l-r): Ron Mainini, Jerry Fourle, Chris Hansen, Gary Thomas, Bob Guenley, Michael Jordin and Ed Gilbert.



1972

MICHAEL VERDONE is serving as president elect of the San Mateo County Board of Realtors and was recently appointed as a director for the National Association of Realtors. He currently serves on the Federal Taxation Committee in Washington D.C. Protecting property rights and preserving the mortgage interest deduction are issues Michael advocated to Congress while visiting Capitol Hill.



1974, 1975, 1976

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1974

JIM FLAHERTY recently retired from the Vancouver Fire Department after 30 years of service. During the last seven years, he served as the department's public information officer.

1975

MIKE FICHER recently finished his 10th play in five years, *I Remember You*, at Greenwood Playhouse. He also enjoys doing play-by-play for the Bend Elks summer collegiate baseball team's online audio and video broadcasts at bendelks.com. In addition, Mike officiates soccer matches, umpires baseball games in Oregon and writes for *Mobile Beat* entertainment magazine. He is the host and producer of the syndicated Ultimate Oldies Show, which features the music, artists and cultural touchstones of the late 1940s through the early 1970s.



1976

MICHAEL COLLOPY threw out the first pitch at AT&T Park on May 3, when the Giants took on the San Diego Padres.



STEVE GRIPPI, who has worked as a prosecutor in the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office for 26 years, was appointed chief deputy district attorney. Steve is married with two children.

1978

GREG FAVA joined members of the Class of '78 for an annual dinner celebrating friendship with Fr. Stephen Howell '63. Bottom row (l-r): Greg Menzel, Mike Crockett, Carl Dos Remedios, Ken Stewart and Fred Canavero. Middle row (l-r): Mike Coutant, Kevin McCarthy, Fr. Howell, Rich Giannini, Dennis Capovilla, Dan Smith and Greg Fava. Back row (l-r): Dan Hourigan, Don McNab, Jim Fregosi and Mark Geenen.



1979

BOB DUGONI's eighth novel, *My Sister's Grave*, will be released in November. Bob says to look for a few familiar Padre names as characters! In July, Bob and his wife, Cristina, celebrated their 20th anniversary. Bob described his wife as "the best person I've ever met." Their son, Joe, will be a high school senior and their daughter, Catherine (pictured, right) is a high school freshman.



1983

DAVE ADAMIS is celebrating the three-year anniversary of his company, Pella Doors and Windows. Dave serves as president and branch principal. During the past year, Dave also launched a second business, Restoration Builders, Inc., which specializes in custom window and door installations, remodeling and construction. He recently was appointed to the Advisory Board of United American Bank. He and his wife, Kara (Woodell NDB '83) reside in Belmont. They are the parents of Serra alumni Zachary '10 and Alex '14; and NDB alumna Mackenzie '11.

1984, 1985, 1986

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1984

MATT GOWAN and SCOTT ROLEN enjoyed celebrating Greg Rolen's '81 50th birthday at a Mad Men party. Pictured (l-r): Matt, Scott and Greg.



CHRIS MENGEL was promoted to chief ranger at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park Service.

1989, 1990, 1991

YOUR 25-YEAR REUNION will be held in October, 2015. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

1989

KARIM EL-KATCHA and his wife, Mira, welcomed baby Ramzi in October. Karim runs an engineering team at a product incubator in San Francisco, Osterhout Design Group. He also owns MightyMite Termite Services and promised discounts for his fellow Padres!

ROY MAHARAJ was recognized by Intellectual Asset Magazine (IAM) and the IP Media Group (world renowned publications focused on the intellectual property industry) as one of the World's leading intellectual property strategists for 2014. Roy is an intellectual property attorney who currently serves as vice president of licensing for Intellectual Ventures, based in Mountain View. Over the past two decades, Roy has led intellectual property organizations for many Silicon Valley companies. He is a frequent speaker and panelist on intellectual property matters. Roy and his family currently reside in San Jose.

FRANCIS SISON and his wife, Denise, welcomed their first son, Tacio Nathanael Sison on October 14, 2013.

1990

RYAN MONAGHAN completed his 20th year with the San Mateo Police Department. He recently was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant.



1993

KEVIN CAREY and his wife, Kim (NDB '97), celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Maeve Irene, on May 25. Joining in the celebration is big sister Keelin.



1994, 1995, 1996

YOUR 20-YEAR REUNION will be held in October, 2015. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

1995

AMERICO ALVARENGA is an award-winning writer who lives in Australia. He is a screenwriter who is working on his first book. Americo and his wife, Ruth Fiona, were married last December.



1996

BRYAN BISHOP's first book, *Shrinkage*, was published in April and made the *New York Times* Best Seller List in its first week. The book, which chronicles Bryan's first year with inoperable brain cancer, is "a comedic memoir of illness, courage, despair and hope" (*Publisher's Weekly*) that "brings a much-appreciated dose of human warmth to a dark and scary place" (*Kirkus Reviews*). In May, Bryan appeared on Red Eye, the late-night talk show hosted by Serra alumnus Greg Gutfeld '83. *Shrinkage* is available in hardcover, e-book and audio format.



1997

NOEL SISON married Jamie Lupo on July 26 in San Francisco. Ten Padres were at the wedding, from three different decades ranging from 1964 to 1997. Pictured above (l-r): Rafael Pineda '97, Francis Sison '89, Jason Allen '97, Christine Allen, David Sciandri '64, Tony Sciandri '97, groom Noel Sison '97, bride Jamie Lupo, Noel Sy '83, Tony Sy '81 and Ron Avenida '86. Present but not pictured: David Opiana '91.

1998

JOHNNY MCNANY lives in the South Bay. He has been a sales rep for Styker for eight years. He and his wife, Megan, have a 2-year-old daughter, Keenan.

1999

TY JENSEN and his wife, Janelle, welcomed their second baby, Caden James, on January 23. Caden, who weighed 6 pounds, joins his big sister, Parker, 3.



BALDOMERO SAN PEDRO and his wife, Jennifer, celebrated the birth of their son, Trey, on May 26. Baldomero said he can't wait for Trey to become a Padre!



2001

JONATHAN ALLEN married Kristi Norton on July 12 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Palo Alto. Padre alumni in attendance included Cris Ramirez '01, Matt Ruble '01, Andy Ruble '04, Perry Carter '84 and John Kirby '95. Jonathan works at Serra and will coach freshman football this fall. Kristi is a first-grade teacher in San Bruno. The newlyweds reside in San Carlos.



2004, 2005, 2006

YOUR 10-YEAR REUNION will be held in October, 2015. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

2004

MICHAEL KIRKENDALL proposed to Jen Hamarics in May on the Big Island of Hawaii. The happy couple plan to wed in August, 2015. The groomsmen will be Padres Chris Minoletti '03, Nick Kirkendall '08 and Matt Kirkendall '12.



CHRIS AQUINO is the executive chef at Viognier Restaurant at Draeger's in San Mateo. He graduated from the San Francisco Culinary Academy in 2005 and finished his A.A. degree in 2011 from the University of Phoenix.

2006

JON KARCICH was hired this summer as the manager of the Shelter Island Bucks baseball team in Alaska. The Bucks are part of the Hamptons Collegiate Baseball League, where many players aspire to play the major leagues. In 2008, Hamptons Collegiate Baseball set out to become one of the top summer programs in the nation. Last summer, Jon coached the Matsu Miners in the Alaskan Baseball Summer League in Palmer, Alaska, about an hour north of Anchorage. Jon's long-term goal is to manage a Division I college team.



2007

PATRICK WANDRO received a bachelor's degree in astrophysics from UC Santa Cruz. He is an intern at Lockheed Martin Space Systems and works at STAR Labs in Palo Alto. In addition to his internship, Patrick is a graduate student at Purdue University in Indiana. In December, he will finish his master's degree in aero/astronautical engineering.



2008

SCOTT MORTON competed in the Escape from Alcatraz (swim portion) of the triathlon held on July 20. He completed the intense race in 41 minutes and eight seconds. Scott placed 18th of 165 overall. His parents and fellow Padres Steve Lumpkins, Sean Sabean and Adam Stoye were present to cheer him on.



ALEX JORDAN is playing in a band called Midnight North with Graham Lesh, the son of Grateful Dead bass player Phil Lesh. The band is based at Terrapin Crossroads in San Rafael, which is a restaurant, bar and concert venue owned by Phil and his wife, Jill. Alex and his fellow bandmates recently rocked the stage with Phil, playing a variety of Grateful Dead favorites. Alex's dad, Serra Music Director Jay Jordan, said he remembers how Alex spent hours in front of the TV, playing along to numerous Grateful Dead concerts. At the time, Jay told Alex that if he wanted a career in rock 'n' roll, he should be learning more current music. As Jay and his wife, June, watched their son play at Terrapin Crossroads, Jay said he "kept thinking about how those TV sessions had prepared him for that moment—and how wrong I was!"



Class Notes

2011

MARK PECULIC graduated from Dubrovnik International University in June with a bachelor’s degree in international business and economics. During the graduation ceremony, Mark gave an inspirational speech to his fellow students, families, professors and guests. Dubrovnik International University is the first private university in Croatia. Mark lives in Dubrovnik and plans to travel throughout Europe. After his internship, Mark will pursue a master’s degree in international business.

2012 & 2013

JT KEARNEY, BOBBY VERNAZZA, TORIN KINGSHILL and ATTICUS PATTERSON competed at the collegiate level in the IRA Regatta in May. Torin's mom, Lisa, attended the competition and shared, "For me, the best race of the weekend was the M3V8 third varsity, where Torin (Oregon State) battled JT (Holy Cross) right to the end. JT took second place away from Torin by 0.5 seconds. JT mentioned that he did not take his eyes off Torin all the way down the course—he was determined to cross the line first. JT was Torin’s coxswain when they rowed at Serra. It was a wonderful moment to share at the IRAs!"



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In Memoriam

MARC A. BAIRE '92 passed away on June 27.

STEVEN B. CHASE passed away on May 24. He was the father of Jack '16, Clark '17 and Patrick.

ALMA COCCONI passed away on June 11. She was the mother of Peter Cocconi '60.

DOUGLAS M. COLEMAN '66 passed away on March 19.

STEPHEN GOGOL passed away on May 18. He was the father of Joey Gogol '08.

NANCY ELEANOR HANCE, the mother of Serra history teacher Paul Hance, passed away on May 23.

EDWARD J. HUBACHER '49 passed away on June 11.

GEORGE KENNEDY '50 passed away in June. He was the brother of Ronald Kennedy, '53.

JO ELLEN MAGUIRE passed away on July 3. She was the wife of Charlie Maguire '59; the mother of Kevin '82 and Mark '83. JoEllen was a graduate of Mercy High School in Burlingame.

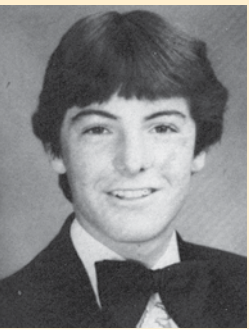
LILIANA MCCARTHY, the mother of Serra science teacher Will McCarthy, passed away on June 11.

GARY MEI '65 passed away in June. He was the father of Nathan Mei '96.

JAMES PARKIN '61 passed away on May 26.

THERESA PATTERSON passed away on August 18. She worked at Serra for more than 25 years as a member of the cafeteria staff. Theresa was the mother of Bill '76, Dennis '77 and Jim '80 Patterson.

JEFF HEALY GOLF TOURNAMENT SUPPORTS SERRA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Under sunny skies on June 12, 28 alumni Padres participated in the annual Jeff Healy '84 Golf Tournament at Ruby Hill Golf Club in Pleasanton. The group raised \$8,000 for the Jeff Healy Memorial Scholarship Fund.

"Jeff was always a big proponent of making sure we all stayed in touch," said tournament organizer JB Orecchia '84. "The focus of this event is getting guys together to remember Jeff and see old friends."

The day began with lunch at the club, followed by an 18-hole Texas Scramble. After an exhilarating day of golf, the Padres attended a barbecue at Orecchia's home. "It was great to see everyone," said Bruce Bohannan '84. "The reason for us getting together—the passing of a good friend and classmate—is unfortunate. However, the silver lining of this tragedy is that the golf tournament enables us to reconnect. We all get so busy with our families that we forget those relationships that are most important to us."



Pictured (l-r): Nick Orecchia, JB Orecchia '84, Bob Fitzgerald '84, Scott Chiamparino '84, Brian Early '85 and Paul Fitzgerald (photo taken by Tim McKercher '84)

If you would like to donate to the Jeff Healy Memorial Scholarship Fund, please mail your payment to Serra High School, 451 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo, 94403, attention Robin Jensen. A Jeff Healy visor and ball marker will be sent for donations of \$100 or more (quantities are limited).



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THE FATHER SERRA HERITAGE SOCIETY

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- 12TH Padre Football vs. Notre Dame, Sherman Oaks
- 19TH Alumni Father-Son Mass and Reception

OCTOBER 2014

- 10TH Homecoming & BBQ - Football vs. St. Ignatius
- 11TH Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner

NOVEMBER 2014

- 14TH Serra Roundup Dinner Dance
- 18TH & 19TH Alumni Phonathon
- 26TH Alumni Basketball & Wrestling Poker Game
- 27TH Alumni Water Polo
- 28TH Alumni Soccer

DECEMBER 2014

- 4TH Serra Open House
- 26TH Alumni Crew

JANUARY 2015

- 23RD Alumni 50-Year Club Luncheon
- 31ST Booster Club Crab Cioppino Dinner

FEBRUARY 2015

- 5TH Fund a Dream Scholarship Benefit

MARCH 2015

- 11TH Career Day/Junípero Serra Award
- 27TH Father Serra Heritage Society Luncheon

APRIL 2015

- 2ND Alumni Football Dinner (NEW)
- 4TH Alumni Baseball & Volleyball
- 16TH Serra In Via Award

MAY 2015

- 30TH Serra Commencement - Class of 2015

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