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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Serra,

In 1987, Pope John Paul II beatified Fr. Junípero Serra. Since then, we have concluded all prayers at Serra by saying, “Blessed Junípero Serra . . . pray for us!”

At the end of the student body Mass on September 24, Spirit Commissioner Clark Chase unfurled a banner that read, “Saint Junípero Serra . . . pray for us!” The response of the student body rivaled that of any spirit rally in the gymnasium.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend this Mass. I had an “excused absence” because I had the privilege of going to Washington, D.C. to be present at Fr. Serra's canonization. The trip became a pilgrimage of faith—a journey in which we had a profound experience of all that is inspirational about the Catholic faith.

I sent the following message to the Serra community, which was read aloud to the students before the student body Mass:

I am sending this message to you from Washington, D.C., where I had the privilege of witnessing the President of the United States welcome Pope Francis to our country. The highlight of the day was when I attended the Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Along with thousands of others, I witnessed the Holy Father canonize our patron, Fr. Junípero Serra.

This morning, Pope Francis will give a speech at a joint-session of Congress. Afterwards, he will speak to thousands of us gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. At this critical moment in human history, it is a blessing to see and hear a man who is at the center of a movement where the voice of Christ can be heard deeply in the hearts of millions around the world. As Catholic Americans, Pope Francis' visit to the United States is a moment of great pride, and a call to action.

During the Mass yesterday, Pope Francis invoked Fr. Serra's motto, “Siempre Adelante.” Here is what he said:

“Father Serra had a motto which inspired his life and work, a saying that he lived his life by: Siempre Adelante! Keep moving forward! For him, this was the way to continue experiencing the joy of the Gospel, to keep his heart from growing numb, from being anesthetized. He kept moving forward, because the Lord was waiting. He kept going, because his brothers and sisters were waiting. He kept going forward to the end of his life. Today, like him, may we be able to say: Forward! Let's keep moving forward!”

Throughout this pilgrimage to our nation's capital, I have kept you, our beloved Serra Padres, and your wonderful teachers and staff in my thoughts and prayers. May God continue to bless each of you, as you move forward to bring Christ's love, his justice and his mercy to those who need it most. Saint Junípero Serra . . . pray for us!

In the pages that follow, you will see how the Serra community celebrated the canonization of Fr. Serra and how we do our best to live out our call to holiness and service in all that we do.

Siempre Adelante!

Lars Lund
President



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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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2015 MEDAL WINNERS

ROHAN KOTHARI
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SOCIAL STUDIES MEDAL
& MUSIC MEDAL



Duke University

JACOB SANDERS
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University of Kentucky

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ENGLISH MEDAL



Yale University

MAXIMO LACERCA-
DESROSIERS
WORLD LANGUAGES MEDAL



San Jose State University

KYLE CREWS
MATHEMATICS MEDAL
& SCIENCE MEDAL



University of California,
San Diego

KENNETH MALUNAY
CAMPUS MINISTRY MEDAL



University of Nevada, Reno

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Santa Clara University

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Yale University

SEAN KIM



University of California,
San Diego

MILES MORIARTY



University of California,
Los Angeles



On their Way
CLASS OF 2015 BIDS FAREWELL TO SERRA

On May 30, the Serra Class of 2015 graduated at St. Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco. The 202 seniors completed 37,636 hours of community service and were awarded \$16.5 million in college scholarships.

There were three valedictorians this year—Seth Bartlett, who is studying neurobiology at Yale University; Miles Moriarty, who is double-majoring in economics and communications at UCLA; and Sean Kim, a molecular biology student at UC San Diego.

“At Serra, everyone has his own talents,” Kim said. “Whether we chose the field, the stage or the classroom, Serra is the place where we—diverse and unique students—were able to thrive. Our teachers pushed us to strive for success in the classroom. Our coaches pushed us to achieve on the field, on the court and in the pool. No matter what track we chose, we were aided by the people of Serra High School. I would like to thank my family, teachers, counselors, and, most important, the Class of 2015—without whom I would not be giving this speech in this cathedral.

“We know that being a Padre is more than just having the sports gear, the status, the varsity jackets and the awards,” he continued. “It’s about being part of a tight-knit community—part of an environment of physical, mental and spiritual

support. I have made lifelong friendships at Serra that I will continue to cherish for years to come. Now it’s time to say ‘farewell.’ Thank you to the Class of 2015; you made these last four years truly unforgettable. This is not goodbye—this is ‘See you at the reunion!’”





Padre Profiles: Spotlight on Serra's Class of 2015



Seth Bartlett

College: Yale University

Intended major: Neurobiology

Why Yale?: “I had offers from Princeton and Stanford as well, and I seriously considered them, but there was just a great community feel at Yale. Everyone is obviously very intelligent there, but there is a certain humbleness that is really attractive. It is similar to Serra in many ways.”

Serra extracurriculars: Crew, basketball, student government and Big Brothers

Serra memories: “I loved having a core group of friends to hang out with every day. It was so valuable to have a sense of stress relief during the middle of the day, where I knew I could go.”

Weighted GPA: 4.67



Miles Moriarty

College: UCLA

Intended major: Economics and Communications

Why UCLA?: “UCLA has great academics, and it is welcoming and spirited. There is a great atmosphere on campus. I went to Bruin Day, a preview day for admitted students—that sealed it.”

Serra extracurriculars: Track, soccer, Trivia Club, National Honor Society and Big Brothers

Serra memories: “I had an amazing four years at Serra. I absolutely loved it. The way the students and teachers interact is very special. The faculty and staff are involved with the school in so many different ways. You can get to know teachers in the classroom, on the field, at retreats and beyond. Serra is so much more than a traditional education.”

Weighted GPA: 4.72



Ike Okoro

College: University of Notre Dame

Intended major: Biology

Why Notre Dame?: “I also strongly considered Vanderbilt, but I chose Notre Dame because of the religious aspect. I have grown up Catholic and I want to carry that on in college. I’m looking forward to joining a religious choral group, and I hope to be involved in service as a liturgical minister. I was also impressed by ND’s strong reputation in scientific research.”

Serra extracurriculars: Kairos 13 Leadership Team, student government, Robotics Club and Green Club

Serra memories: “I am so grateful for my Serra experience. I was surprised that I was able to fit in at Serra after living in Georgia for many years. A big part of that is due to Serra’s Campus Ministry Program. Campus Ministry is tied very closely to the Serra community, and it became such a big part of my experience.”

Weighted GPA: 4.12



Matthew Gill

College: Santa Clara University

Intended major: Biology and Theatre

Why Santa Clara?: “Santa Clara is a smaller school that has great student-teacher ratios. I am happy that I will be able to double major, as I really enjoy science, but I also want to pursue my passion for the performing arts. I will be auditioning for the on-campus musical, *Chicago*. I am also very pleased that I was selected to receive a substantial academic scholarship from Santa Clara.”

Serra extracurriculars: Men’s chorus, spring musical, fall play and student government

Serra memories: “I recently had a two-day orientation at Santa Clara, and I felt very comfortable there. Serra, especially with all of my Tri-School activities, prepared me very well both socially and academically. I feel great about the transition to college.”

Weighted GPA: 4.50



SERRA'S STANFORD TRIO

By Jonathan Allen '01

NEXT YEAR'S STANFORD CARDINAL ATHLETIC TEAMS WILL HAVE A DISTINCT HUE OF PADRE BLUE ABOUT THEM, WITH THREE SERRA GRADUATES FROM THE CLASS OF 2015 HEADING TO "THE FARM" THIS FALL.



Nationally-ranked fencer Jeff Dalli, imposing offensive tackle Jack Dreyer and polished golfer Isaiah Salinda are attending Stanford University this year. The three young Padres are honor students with grade point averages north of 4.0.

Dalli is a national champion fencer who never received a grade lower than an A- in his four years at Serra. During his highly successful senior year, Dalli's team won first place in Toronto at the Pan American Fencing Games. He also won the individual state fencing title at a competition held in April at UCLA. While

he strongly considered attending the University of Pennsylvania and its prestigious Wharton School of Business, Dalli calls Stanford his "dream school" and plans to major in economics there. He will join a Stanford team that is ranked number one on the West Coast.

Dreyer, who is 6-foot-8 and 300 pounds, also received offers from traditional football powerhouse programs including Wisconsin, Nebraska and Arizona State. With his outstanding grades setting him apart from other recruits, he also had offers from other elite academic institutions—Harvard, Yale, Brown and Dartmouth. Dreyer chose Stanford from a total of 15 schools.



"I had a conversation with Coach (David) Shaw and, out of the blue, he mentioned that they're offering me a full scholarship," Dreyer told *The San Jose Mercury News*. "It couldn't have been a better feeling. I was just really excited and I committed on the spot. I didn't have any doubts that this was the place where I would be the most successful and the best place for me to be."

In Dreyer's two years as Serra's left tackle, the Padres won back-to-back WCAL championships and one CCS championship.



Salinda has been playing golf since he was 3 years old. He has always wanted to attend Stanford. The wunderkind won the CCS golf championship when he was just a sophomore, placed fourth at The Callaway Junior World Golf Championships last summer at Torrey Pines Golf Club, and advanced to the U.S. Open Sectional Qualifier in Newport Beach last May.

"I was initially in contact with more than a dozen programs, but I was only seriously considering a few schools," Salinda said. "Stanford was always my number one choice."



CLASS OF 2015 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LIST

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

University of California, Berkeley*
University of California, Davis*
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles*
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside*
University of California, San Diego*
University of California, Santa Barbara*
University of California, Santa Cruz*

CSU

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*
California Polytechnic State University, SLO*
CSU, Bakersfield
CSU, Channel Islands
CSU, Chico
CSU, East Bay*
CSU, Fresno
CSU, Fullerton
CSU, Long Beach
CSU, Los Angeles*
CSU, Monterey Bay
CSU, Sacramento*
CSU, Stanislaus
Humboldt State University
San Diego State University*
San Francisco State University*
San Jose State University*
Sonoma State University*

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California Institute of the Arts
California Lutheran University*
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Dominican University of California
Holy Names College*
Loyola Marymount University*
University of La Verne
Marymount California University
Menlo College*
Notre Dame de Namur University
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Pepperdine University*
Pitzer College
University of Redlands*
Saint Mary's College of California*
University of San Diego*
University of San Francisco*
San Francisco Art Institute
Santa Clara University*
University of Southern California
Stanford University*
Westmont College*
Whittier College*

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COLLEGES

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Assumption College
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Biola University
Boston College*
Boston University*
Brown University
Bucknell University
Central Washington University
College of Charleston
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University*
University of Colorado at Boulder*
University of Colorado
at Colorado Springs
University of Colorado at Denver

Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
University of Connecticut
Cornell University
University of Dallas*
University of Dayton
Denison University
University of Denver
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University*
Eastern Washington University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Daytona Beach*
Florida Atlantic University
Fordham University
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology*
George Fox University
George Mason University
The George Washington University*
Georgia Institute of Technology*
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University*
Grand Canyon University*
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Hawaii Pacific University
College of the Holy Cross*
Howard University
University of Illinois at Chicago*
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
Indiana University at Bloomington
Indiana Wesleyan University
Iona College
Iowa State University
Jacksonville University
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)*
Kansas State University
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky*
Linfield College*
Loyola University Maryland
Marquette University
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst*
University of Miami*
Michigan State University
University of Michigan

Milwaukee School of Engineering
University of Mississippi*
The University of Montana, Missoula*
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno*
New York University
The University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill
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Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
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Norwich University
University of Notre Dame*
University of Nottingham
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
University of Oklahoma
Oregon State University*
University of Oregon*
Pacific Lutheran University*
Pacific University

Pennsylvania State University,
University Park
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland*
Providence College
University of Puget Sound*
Purdue University
Regis University*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
Robert Morris University*
University of Rochester
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Salve Regina University
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Sewanee: The University of the South
University of South Carolina
Southern Oregon University*
St. Edward's University
St. John's University - Manhattan Campus

St. John's University - Queens Campus*
Stevens Institute of Technology*
Stonehill College
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The University of Texas, Austin
University of Utah*
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Washington College
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis*
University of Washington*
Western Oregon University*
Whitworth University
Willamette University*
Williams College
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wyoming*
Xavier University*
Yale University*

* Indicates where one or more students from the Class of 2015 matriculated.



Building the Bot

Robotics Club wins Editor's Choice Award at the Maker Faire



The Serra Robotics Club won an Editor’s Choice award in May at the Bay Area Maker Faire. Students were recognized for their enthusiasm in demonstrating their robot to a large crowd of children and adults at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds.

"We are so proud of the team and how far we have come," said club moderator and Serra alumnus Todd Rothe '94. "They created everything from scratch, starting with the initial design."

Sophomore Andy Zihui Liu developed an exoskeleton control system, in lieu of a joystick, to control the robot. When the controls are attached to his arm, Liu can use his arm to control the robot’s movements, lifting the robot’s arms and opening and closing the robot's grippers on the recycling containers.

The Robotics Club is moderated by Rothe and his wife, Margaret. They are assisted by Al Davies, the father of Adam Davies ’14. Padres meet from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Moderators are looking for a few adult volunteers this year, and they also have a tools and supplies wish list.



Margaret, Leo and Tod Rothe '94

"The Robotics Club is exciting," said sophomore Nigel Kobayashi, who plans to major in mechanical or aerospace engineering. "I'm interested in technology and engineering. The Robotics Club gives us many opportunities to learn about those subjects. It was fun to go to the Maker Faire because we got to show off the bot. This year, I'm the driver so I get to control the movement of the bot."



Pranav Kalra and Nigel Kobayashi discuss the intricacies of building a robot

Club members have six weeks to build a new bot, and they are working with the Serra lacrosse team to build a lacrosse ball shooter.

"Our time in history makes everything accessible," said Rothe, a software developer. "There is little reason to not know how something works. That simple learning is the foundation of discovery and it also gives students practical skills. We hope to continue to grow the club and have more community involvement. We also hope that our students will continue to gain more recognition for their excellent work."

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A special tribute to Serra alumni who have served, who are serving, and who will serve in the U.S. military



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For more information, please contact Advancement Director Perry Carter '84
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The podium is prepared for coach George Seifert, who is the most recent inductee into the 49ers Hall of Fame in 2014. Seifert grew up in San Francisco’s Mission District. He earned five Super Bowl rings with the 49ers.

ALL IN: SERRA ENGLISH TEACHER JOE HESSION TACKLES 49ERS MUSEUM PROJECT

There’s nothing like sitting in the stands at a 49ers game, surrounded by the energetic roar of devoted fans going wild in a sea of red and gold.

When Serra English teacher Joe Hession was asked to write “a few short stories” for the new 49ers Museum at Levi’s® Stadium, he jumped at the chance. Little did he know that those few short stories would become a three-year commitment.

“Jerry Walker, the former 49ers public relations director, asked me if I could write a few descriptions of 49ers memorabilia,” Hession said. “I thought it was a weekend project. I didn’t realize how big this was. They had a warehouse full of amazing artifacts, seats and ticket-taker booths from Kezar Stadium, furniture from Bill Walsh’s office, old playbooks going back to 1946, pictures of the original 49ers team (including former quarterback and Serra alumnus Jesse Freitas ’69) and the football Dwight Clark caught in the 1981 Dallas playoff game that changed 49ers history.”

Hession, a former sports reporter for the *Oceanside Blade Tribune*, also wrote *Forty-Niners: 50th Anniversary Collector’s Edition*, which is said to be the most complete guide written about the first team to win five Super Bowls. About 40,000 copies of the book have been sold since 1995. The book traces

the history of the team from its inception in 1946 and includes vintage photographs. There are exclusive interviews with 49ers superstars Joe Montana, Ronnie Lott, Roger Craig and Jerry Rice, as well as memorable 49ers from the past, such as Y.A. Tittle, Joe Perry and Hugh McElhenny.



The careers of quarterback Joe Montana and coach Bill Walsh are intrinsically linked for 49ers fans. Their statues in the 49ers Hall of Fame stand side by side.

Levi’s® Stadium is home to the brand new, 20,000 square-foot 49ers Museum. Due to Hession’s extensive research for the book, he probably will never run out of vignettes for the 49ers Museum website. He currently writes two news posts per week and is a regular contributor to the 49ers’ *Gameday* magazine, which is sold at each home game.

Working for the 49ers also has its perks. Hession has met many players and coaches, and he enjoys the camaraderie of the 49ers family. One of his best stories is about former quarterback John Brodie.



Serra English teacher Joe Hession escorts quarterback John Brodie through the 49ers museum. Brodie played 17 seasons with the 49ers, the most in team history.

Hession grew up a few blocks from Kezar Stadium, where Brodie had been notoriously booed and heckled during his 17-year career. In 1972, the 49ers played the Minnesota Vikings at Candlestick Park and needed a win on the last day of the season to make the playoffs. Hession and his buddies watched from the end zone when Brodie, who was in the twilight of his career, entered the game in the fourth quarter. He threw two touchdown passes in the final seven minutes, including the game winner with less than a minute to play. The overjoyed crowd stormed the field and carried Brodie on their shoulders.

“I was in the middle of the crowd and you could see that Brodie was a little frightened at first,” Hession recounted. “It must have been a little daunting for him, but he realized that he was finally a hero in San Francisco.”

Hession recently escorted Brodie through the museum and they swapped their own recollections of the 1972 Vikings game. **“I told him I was in the crowd that carried him off the field,” Hession said. “He got a laugh out of it and said that was one of the highlights of his career.”**

Hession has enjoyed every minute of his 49ers project, especially mingling with players and coaches in an informal setting.

“The coaches are at the 49ers facility until late at night,” Hession noted. “That’s when we did a lot of work at the museum. Jim Tomsula and Tom Rathman often popped in to see what we were doing. They spent a lot of time looking at the artifacts and commenting on what a fun job we had. We had to tell them to go away so we could get some work done!”

Hession is currently helping create a special wing of Super Bowl artifacts for the upcoming Super Bowl L (50) at Levi’s® Stadium in February 2016. That addition will pale in comparison with seeing the museum on opening night.

“When I saw the finished museum it was kind of like having a child,” Hession said. “When you see your baby for the first time and get to hold him, it’s pretty emotional and overwhelming. You think, ‘Did I really help create this thing of beauty?’”



John Brodie and tackle Bob St. Clair (right) stand behind St. Clair’s Hall of Fame statue. St. Clair participated in a record 189 football games at Kezar Stadium while playing for three San Francisco teams: Poly High School, USF and the 49ers.



Jerry Rice, the greatest receiver in NFL history, reacts emotionally to the unveiling of his Hall of Fame statue.



PADRES CELEBRATE FAMILY TRADITION AT ALUMNI FATHER-SON MASS

The Serra chapel was packed on September 18, when more than 50 alumni celebrated Mass with current Padres. This year, there are 82 students with alumni dads and 20 Padres with alumni grandpas.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Joe Bradley '73, the retired chaplain who has had a long history with the school. "It is a privilege to celebrate with you today as we honor a brotherhood that is inclusive," Fr. Joe said. "Serra offers all of us an experience of God and community. Don't ever lose what you learn here."

The alumni dads and grandpas gave their Padres affirmation rocks with words including "believe," "trust," "humility" "friends," "family," "faith," "hope" and "love."

"Any time you get to spend with your son is awesome," said Serra Director of Advancement Perry Carter '84, who enjoyed the Mass with his sophomore son, Perry. "I gave Perry a rock with the word 'believe.' I want him to believe in our family—that his mom and dad are always going to be there for him. I also want him to believe in himself—he is capable of so many things and Serra is going to help him with his journey."



Alumni Director Bob Greene '85 expressed his gratitude to the alumni for spending time at Serra with their sons, and to the boys for getting up early to attend a Mass that "means so much to the dads." Greene's son, Reggie, is a sophomore this year.

Rich Bona '56, is no stranger to the Alumni Mass. The dedicated grandpa was in attendance with his grandson, senior Michael

Arms. Michael is following in the footsteps of his brothers, Oran '08, Steven '09 and Kevin '12. "I was nostalgic sitting next to Michael today," Bona said. "It all goes by so fast and we are so fortunate to have a community that represents all good things in our society. Our Padres have great role models and a sense of fulfillment. They are learning about what it means to be a man—what's important. It's such a blessing for them."



"My grandpa is a great role model," Michael said. "He's like another father to me. The Mass was great because it provided a setting for the students to connect with the past and learn about tradition."

After Mass, students joined their fathers and grandfathers for breakfast in Mary's Courtyard. Padres from all generations swapped stories and caught up with friends old and new.

"This morning gives all of us a chance to bond," said Jim Whelan '69, the father of senior Dan and Ray '13 Whelan. "The alumni are passing their values on to their sons. It becomes very real when we are able to discuss those values in a shared environment—they're not just words."

"My dad has done a lot to give me a great education," Dan said. "It was special for him today to attend the Mass before I go off to college. It was special for me because I had a chance to thank my dad for giving me such a good life."



PADRES HONOR THEIR MOMS DURING FRESHMAN MOTHER-SON MASS

The Serra Gellert Auditorium was packed on September 10, when Padres honored their moms during the Freshman Mother-Son Mass. As Fr. Michael Mahoney celebrated the Mass, he spoke about the special bond he had with his own mother.

During the Mass, a slide show highlighted what several students' mothers have taught them about life. Brogan Reed's mom has always told him him to "Treat others the way you want to be treated." Eric Collinsworth said his mother encourages him to "Never give up and always push forward." According to Tommy Collins, his mom has shown him that "No matter how bad something seems, God will always be there for me to help me solve my problems." The guests laughed at the wise words of wisdom from Gabriel Mendez and his mother—"Don't put metal in the microwave!"

"I appreciated the time I had this morning with my son, Jake," said Vicki Canevaro, the wife of Padre alumnus Fred Canevaro '78. "The Mass was very personal. I actually had to hold back tears—it was very sweet."

"It was nice to be able spend the morning with my mom before I went to school," Jake said. "I enjoyed the Mass because my mom is always there for me."



SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2015

Serra Retro Party



Dust off your poodle skirts, leather jackets and saddle shoes! Please mark your calendar for the **Serra Retro Party** on Saturday, November 14. Cruise down to the high school gym for a step back to the fabulous '50s— dancing, food, games, raffle prizes and, quite possibly, an Elvis sighting!

Our focus will be on the *Big Bopper Raffle* and our goal is to have 100% raffle ticket sales participation from students, alumni and parents of alumni.

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SENIOR HUNTER BISHOP EXPERIENCES THE BIG LEAGUES

by Jonathan Allen '01

As Serra senior Hunter Bishop ran out to his center field position on a warm, August day at Wrigley Field in Chicago, he took a moment to take it all in. He had been named a starter in the annual Under Armour All-American game, a contest reserved for the most elite high school baseball prospects in the nation. Bishop was one of only four players selected from the entire West Coast. “Going to Chicago for the All-American game was the best experience of my life on the baseball field,” said Bishop. “It was amazing to play on a big league field in front of 10,000 fans. In my last at-bat, I thought about all the people who had stepped into that batter’s box.” Wrigley Field is one of the oldest baseball parks in the nation and has been home to the Chicago Cubs since 1916. Bishop went one for three in the game, with a single in his final at-bat.

Also an honors student and standout football player, Bishop has thrived since transferring to Serra for his junior and senior years. “I’ve had a great experience here at Serra. My teachers, coaches and teammates have been awesome.” Bishop has received numerous college scholarship offers from top programs including Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly, Arizona State and the University of San Francisco.



Kicking Service Into High Gear

Sophomore Gurbaz Singh assists children in India



Today, Singh is the president of the Youth Chapter for Home of Hope (HOH), a charitable organization that educates children in India through an innovative program called Kids helping Kids. Through sports, Singh and other volunteers teach English, dance, music and arts and crafts to about 40 children in need.

“I was surprised that most of these kids didn’t know any sport other than cricket,” noted Singh, who was nominated for the HOH President’s Award due to his extraordinary service. “When I introduced them to soccer and basketball, they were very eager to learn and enjoyed both sports. Seeing their enthusiasm, I spoke to the founder of the school, Motilal Gupta, and suggested that he incorporate a sports class into the curriculum. I thought it would give the students a feeling of accomplishment and self-confidence. **As we all know, if you feel good about yourself and are confident, you can dream big and accomplish anything.**”

When sophomore Gurbaz Singh was a little boy, he and his parents visited relatives in India every year. He remembers playing soccer in the park with his cousins and other neighborhood children. One day, an incredibly talented soccer player in his early 20s mesmerized Singh and his friends. As he kicked the ball in the air and showed off his skills, Singh noticed that the young man didn’t have any shoes. He asked his mother if they could buy the gifted athlete a pair of cleats, which they did. That experience fueled Singh’s desire to help many more underprivileged children in India.

Since Singh established the program, it has expanded to other villages. In 2014, he visited Mijway, a small village. There, he and his crew spent time in the classroom with more than 50 girls. The students learned how to play soccer and volleyball for the first time.

“We noticed right away that they didn’t have the basics,” Singh recounted. “They walked for miles to school without shoes. Once they arrived, they were given sandals to wear for the day.”

Singh currently is in negotiations with Nike and Adidas, working on possible grants to pay for more shoes. At Serra, Singh plays basketball and is a member of the Mock Trial, Ping Pong and Fantasy Sports clubs. He maintains a 4.15 grade point average and hopes to become a lawyer one day.

In addition to his work in India, Singh is leading a “slow down” movement in San Jose to spread awareness of the dangers of racing cars. His became interested in this important subject when a young girl was killed by a fast car while jogging near her home. Singh is working with San Jose city officials to install speed bumps and radar trailers in that neighborhood.

Singh hopes to start a new club at Serra called Mentors without Borders. “My idea is for Serra Padres to mentor at-risk children to help them reach their full potential,” he explained. “I hope to get a lot of volunteers from Serra. The club would help people locally and in other countries. Community service is a way to make a change in the world that you want to see.”

Making a Difference

Padres serve those in need



Service is an extremely important component of Serra students' lives. During the spring and summer, the Padres were busy helping those in need in Nicaragua, Watsonville and their own backyard, San Mateo.

Rebuilding Dreams with Rebuilding Together

In April, 65 Serra dads and their Padres gave a local home an astonishing makeover in just two days.

"We were so happy to help a single mother of six children," said Serra Special Events Coordinator Theresa Stoye. "She raised some of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren in her house – some of whom still live with her. She is an amazing woman who put herself through nursing school while raising her kids."

The group of 170 total volunteers provided 1,600 man hours landscaping, painting, hanging drywall and nailing new flooring. Serra alumnus Mike Callan '86 provided an incredible landscape plan for the garden.

"This year, I was in awe of how our Serra Fathers' Club dads and their sons volunteered to transform a tired home into one of the crown jewels of the neighborhood," said Fathers' Club President Jaime Huerta '90. Every year, we seem to outdo ourselves in the good old Padre way. I am truly blessed to have such dedicated and committed dads to support a family in need. I am in awe of their collective commitment and compassion for those we serve. I look forward to next year's

project to see our Serra dads and their sons in this once-in-a-lifetime bonding and rewarding experience."

"This was my third year participating in Rebuilding Together," noted Serra senior Stephen "Estevan" Huerta, Jaime's son. "It's a lot of hard work, but at the end of the day, the reward of knowing you have helped a family in need is well worth the effort. Being able to see the happiness and gratefulness of the homeowner after she saw her home's renovation was a moment I will never forget."



Raspberry Fields Forever

Under sunny summer skies in Watsonville, CA, nine Serra Padres participated in an 11-day service immersion trip. The students spent long days picking raspberries, working on a farm, preparing food at Loaves and Fishes, and serving the homeless.

"The students were exposed to the life of a migrant farm worker who works long, 15-hour days," said Director of Christian Service Jackie Schroeder. "Even though our Padres only worked seven hours in the field each day, they worked tirelessly, seeing firsthand the backbreaking work that farmers and migrant workers do to maintain a farm. Picking the berries was only a small part of the work they did. Yet, they learned how fast and focused a farmworker must work in order to get paid. They are paid a mere \$2 per bucket of raspberries. It took most of the boys and me more than an hour just to fill two or three buckets."



Tri-School Students Explore Nicaragua

In early June, eight Serra and eight Notre Dame students spent 10 days exploring Nicaragua and working with families in need. "Our goal was to expose our students to life in an underdeveloped country and to the beautiful Nicaraguan culture," said Director of Campus Ministry Billy Byrnes, who chaperoned the trip with International Program Director

Colleen Burson-Ryan. "My wife and I lived in San Nicolas, Nicaragua, for two years before I came to Serra. Our Tri-School group experienced solidarity in an authentic way."

The high school students spent four days in Matagalpa, where they worked with children with disabilities through Familias Especiales. The organization is run by Sister Rebecca Trujillo, a sister of Notre Dame de Namur. The group also spent a few days in Granada and Managua, where students visited a cultural center, attended Mass and took a historical tour of the city.



"The entire experience was beyond my wildest expectations," Byrnes said. "I was so proud of our students and their spiritual growth. They stepped out of their comfort zones, improved their Spanish, reflected on their encounters, and ultimately learned about solidarity by accompanying the Nicaraguan people we met each day. Memories were made, bonds were formed and lives were changed."

Nicaragua Reflection

by Connor O'Brien '17



When I think about our Immersion trip to Nicaragua earlier this summer, I distinctly remember several things. I remember the culture shock we experienced each day. When I flipped over my pillow, I saw bugs nesting in the corner of my mattress. Our group of students from Serra and Notre Dame grew from being 16 individuals to becoming one family. The brotherhood of Serra came alive, as we prayed together each night and reflected on where we saw God each day. Most important, I remember the names and faces of the Nicaraguans whom we encountered throughout our 10-day journey.

I will never forget Ishmael, an elementary school student in Matagalpa with Downs Syndrome, or the elderly women who woke up bright and early each morning to prepare tortillas for us. She slaved over a hot flame making hundreds of tortillas every day. I remember our bus driver, Jangli, who spent 10 days away from his family driving us from town to town with a smile on his face the whole time.

To be able to reflect on my experience is a true gift because it had a profound effect on me. The reason it affected me so deeply was not because of the words I exchanged with the people I met. Rather, I was affected by their actions. When we spent the day at the only school in San Nicolas, a rural farming village in northern Nicaragua, I witnessed a bond being formed between a primary school student and one of our group members, Michelle. The little girl who befriended

Michelle was shy throughout the entire day. In the afternoon, the students made a long trek from the school to their homes. We got into our air-conditioned bus and drove to the center of town. To our surprise, we found the same little girl on the corner near the park. As we were about to drive up the windy road to La Garnacha, the one-road community where we were staying, the little girl ran toward our bus and handed Michelle an envelope with her name scribbled on the front in crayon. Although I did not get a chance to see exactly what was written in the letter, I looked over to see Michelle, who was almost in tears. She explained that the little girl had thanked her for spending the day with her, and described Michelle as her “best friend forever.” For the next few nights, this story was discussed during reflection as an example of an individual who revealed God to us.



Another person I often think about is the campesino we visited just outside of La Garnacha. The road to his house was a rocky, unpaved pathway that meandered through the beautiful mountains of the countryside. Pablo’s happy demeanor and his passion for working the land stays with me today. After an hour of hiking, our group visited his humble farmhouse. Inside, cartoons played on a small, old TV, and three women were in the simple kitchen making fruit jam. The husband and wife came into the living room to greet us, and their generous hospitality made us feel right at home.

Observing this way of life made me pause and think about everything I had at home and what I had taken for granted. Seeing people live so simply, with genuine hospitality, made me realize how privileged I am. Pablo said very little, but what he revealed to us will continue to have a significant impact on me.

Nicaragua is a beautiful country. The culture is rich and diverse, and people are deeply caring. Ironically, the people we believed needed change were the ones who ended up changing us. I am grateful to Serra for providing us with an opportunity to live in solidarity. It was a beautiful and life-altering journey.



The Padres in the Boat

Serra crew travels to New Jersey in pursuit of a scholastic national championship

by Jonathan Allen '01



AS THE SERRA VARSITY EIGHT cut through the glass-like waters of the Cooper River in Camden, New Jersey, their reflections on the surface were not just of themselves, but of the many Padres who had come before them.

After 26 years of competition, members of the Serra crew program had found themselves on the starting line of the SRAA Scholastic National Championship. The team had spent years preparing for this moment with early-morning practices in Redwood City and afternoons spent logging countless hours on indoor rowing machines. This was the cap to an already extraordinary season, one in which Serra earned first place in both the Pacific Invitational Regatta and the Covered Bridge Regatta, and retained the Kahle Cup by defeating St. Ignatius for the second year in a row.



Rowers Kevin Ponty and Alex Kost celebrate the Kahle cup after defeating St. Ignatius for the second year in a row.

Serra was described as something of a wild card entering the 36-team national championship that is typically dominated by East Coast schools, but the Padre rowers were eager to show their talent to the rest of the nation after finishing fourth overall, and first among high school teams, in the U.S. Rowing Southwest Regional Championships in early May. The team was seeded sixth overall and finished second in its first heat to advance to the semi-finals. Serra was edged out in its highly-competitive semifinal heat, which placed the Varsity Eight in the Petite Final. The Padres then delivered what Head Coach Adam Jones described as “their best race of the year.” An all-out sprint in the final third of the race was needed to dart past the other boats and win by a margin of three feet. By winning the Petite Final, they secured their spot as the seventh-best high school team in the nation—an incredible accomplishment for a program on the rise.



Varsity rowers carry their shell off the water after winning the Pacific Invitational Regatta held at Lake Merced in March.

Serra crew has made tremendous strides over the past several years, which is a credit to Coach Jones, himself an accomplished rower who competed in the Ivy League for the University of Pennsylvania. Not only is the program high-performing in competition, but academically as well. The average weighted GPA of the V8 boat is 3.88. The three senior leaders, who had never rowed before setting foot on Serra’s campus, are headed to compete at Division I colleges next year. Blanket Award-winner Seth Bartlett will row for Yale next year, Padre Award-winner Kevin Ponty will row for Santa Clara and Dylan Cappel Award-winner Garrett Johnson will row for Oregon State.

The Dylan Cappel Award is a piece of the Serra crew program that connects today’s Padres with their brothers of the past. Cappel was a highly-accomplished rower at Serra who graduated in 1996. He went on to row for the University of Wisconsin, and was training for a spot on the 2004 U.S. Olympic Rowing Team when he died of colon cancer. Cappel’s parents founded the Strides for Life Foundation in his honor, and continue to be supporters of Serra and its crew program.



Dylan Cappel '96



The Dylan Cappel Award was given to Garrett Johnson this year in recognition of his extraordinary work ethic and inspiration to his teammates.

Serra crew is now well known on campus for its dedicated and talented athletes. This year’s tremendous success has vaulted crew into a spotlight rarely seen for the sport. “We are extremely fortunate to have Adam Jones as our head coach; he has done a tremendous job building the program to where it is today,” said Director of Athletics Dean Ayoob ’92. “Along with Assistant Coach Andrew Liverman, we have two coaches that are able to guide our student-athletes on what it takes to compete at the highest level. [The trip to New Jersey for the National Regatta highlighted all of the hard work our coaches and student-athletes put in to compete at that level. There was a buzz going around the stands about that team from the West Coast.](#)”

Buoyed by last year’s unrivaled success, this year’s team is already looking ahead. The team has started training and Coach Jones is hopeful for another successful regular season and a championship run next spring. “I’m optimistic about this year with great leadership moving up,” said Jones. “We will have six rising seniors returning on our varsity boat.” Whatever the outcome, last year’s group of rowers will not soon be forgotten. Multiple regatta championships and a No. 7 scholastic national finish have vaulted Serra crew into the conversation as one of the premier athletic programs in California.



Crew Head Coach Adam Jones

Pope Francis Canonizes Junípero Serra



Serra President Lars Lund joined Director of Advancement Perry Carter '84 and Alumni Director Bob Greene '85 in Washington D. C. for the canonization of Fr. Junípero Serra. They joined thousands of people on September 23 while reconnecting with East Coast alumni.

“It was incredible to be in Washington D.C. to experience this momentous occasion,” Lund said. “The canonization of Fr. Serra is particularly important to our Serra community because he is the patron of our school. I felt honored and blessed to be present on behalf of the Serra community at the Pope’s welcome ceremony at the White House on Wednesday morning. The Holy Father invoked the themes of his recent encyclical in a powerful way. **He reminded us of our Lord’s love for all people of good will and a call for all of us to act with justice and mercy as we face ‘this critical moment in human history.’**”

“People from all walks of life attended the Mass,” Greene noted. “There was a feeling of togetherness, and it was wonderful to share our faith with crowds of people. It was exhilarating.”

On the evening before the canonization, Lund, Greene and Carter celebrated with East Coast Serra alumni at the home of Dennis Lucey '58 in McLean, Virginia. Twenty alumni and 12 guests attended the reception.

“It was nice to see that Padre pride is strong on the East Coast,” Greene said. “We had alumni from all decades—1950 through 2011. We are all so grateful to Dennis and his wife, Pam, for everything they did for us. We never would have been able to pull off such an exceptional event without their expert planning. We look forward to seeing Dennis, Pam and our East Coast friends again soon.”



While in D.C., Carter and Greene visited the Pentagon and received a tour from Major Mansour Elhihi '97.

“It was a great experience to see the many different aspects of the Pentagon,” Carter said. “I taught Mansour when he was at Serra.

It’s always amazing to see how these teenagers grow into such fine young men. Mansour takes great pride in working at the Pentagon.”

Carter noted that Lucey was instrumental in planning the group’s three-day itinerary.

“Our trip was extraordinary,” Carter added. “From visiting the Basilica and the White House to attending the reception at the Luceys’ house, it was an outstanding trip. **I will never forget being at the Basilica with 25,000 people who were excited to see the Pope and participate in a once-in-a-lifetime event.**”



SERRA COMMUNITY HONORS SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA

The energy was high at Serra on September 24, the day after the canonization, when St. Junípero Serra was honored during a special Mass. Fr. Tommy King '74, OFM, presided.

“We are all honored to be part of a school named after St. Junípero Serra,” said Student Body President Andy Black. “As students, we must live up to his teachings and morals by being men of faith, wisdom and service.”

Fr. Tommy encouraged students to follow St. Serra’s motto, “Siempre adelante” (always forward, never turn back), despite life’s challenges. He also stressed the importance of service.

“As high school students, we face many obstacles that we must overcome, whether it be school, sports or personal issues,” said

senior Jarred Manzano. “When we face these obstacles and hardships, we remember St. Serra’s motto. During their four years at Serra, students learn the importance of service. As a Padre, I understand how blessed I am and how I should give back to my community. The Junior Urban Plunge helped me to realize the struggle of living in poverty. Being able to sit down and talk to the guests of St. Anthony’s was an enriching experience. Becoming a Kairos leader for the school was one of the greatest decisions of my life. Seeing the impact we make on people’s lives is the greatest reward of service.”

All Padres were given a special St. Junípero Serra medal after Mass. Serra Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D. said September 23 and 24 were “incredibly exciting days” at Serra High School.

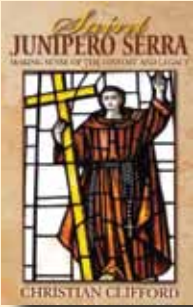


“The Pope in his speech focused on Junípero Serra’s motto, ‘Siempre adelante,’” Thornton added. “I hope that that our Padres will be inspired by that as we pursue our deepest values, based on the Gospel. As a school principal, my hope for our students is that they will hear the deep, aspirational message of hope. Each and every one of them has a gift to give the world and the ability to profoundly affect the world.”



SERRA THEOLOGY TEACHER PUBLISHES BOOK
ON ST. JUNIPERO SERRA

Christian Clifford '89, a Serra theology teacher, is the author of *Saint Junípero Serra: Making Sense of the History and Legacy*. He recently returned from the canonization in Washington, D.C. and sat down with the Traditions staff for a Q&A.



Q: Why did you decide to write this book?

A: I hope that my passion for the topic and presentation will help people to see the first American saint to be canonized on American soil in a clear and concise way.

Q: What makes this book different?

A: It is not a biography. I go beyond that and draw from many disciplines, thus painting a vivid picture of Serra during his time and through the years.

Q: What did you hope to achieve by writing this book?

A: My book was written with Catholic high school students, parents and religious educators in mind. I have learned that young people desire the truth. They often get mixed messages, particularly from popular culture. I wrote this especially to help them. I hope that anyone who is interested in the man whom Pope Francis has called “the evangelizer of the West” will deepen his or her understanding of this incredible Catholic saint.

Q: What has been one of your most exciting moments so far as an author?

A: My family and I travelled to Washington, D.C. in early July. At the last minute, I came up with the idea of bringing a review copy to the bookstore at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the place where the canonization will take place. It seemed like a long shot, but, lo and behold, today it is on its shelves.



For more information about the book, visit www.SaintSerraBook.com.

Pictured left: A tapestry featuring an image of Blessed Junípero Serra, which was displayed outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception before Pope Francis arrived for Mass and the canonization on September 23 in Washington, D.C. (Catholic News Service photo/Bob Roller).

Father Serra Heritage Society



In appreciation for making a planned gift to Serra, we pay special tribute to our donors by inviting them to join the Father Serra Heritage Society.

Named after our founding father, the Father Serra Heritage Society is an ensemble of generous donors from our school community who have designated estate gifts to Serra. Members of the Heritage Society have much in common with Father Junípero Serra. They believe in quality education, leadership and innovation, and they want to ensure academic excellence for future generations.

Endowed Scholarship Funds

Serra’s Named Endowed Scholarship Funds exist to honor families and loved ones by supporting Serra’s financial aid program in perpetuity. Each year, these funds accrue interest on their principal amounts, and scholarship awards are given to deserving families. This year, these funds are contributing \$280,000 toward financial aid for our Padres. We are grateful to the Serra families who have set up these funds and to the scores of alumni, parents and friends who have generously contributed to building them over the years.

Dennis Byrne '55 Endowed Scholarship	Howell-Moran Endowed Scholarship	Jim Mellinger Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Class of 1956 Endowed Scholarship	Archbishop Francis T. Hurley Endowed Scholarship	George K. Nagata Endowed Scholarship
James T. Culligan Endowed Scholarship	Junípero Serra Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship	C. Michael Peterson Endowed Scholarship
James and Gloria Doherty Endowed Scholarship	Fr. Jack Kavanaugh Endowed Academic Scholarship	Gregory Harrison Rosecrans '93 Endowed Scholarship
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If you would like to make a donation to any of these funds, please send it to the Serra Advancement Office. If you are interested in starting a new fund, please contact Advancement Director Perry Carter '84 at 650-345-8207 ext. 196.



SWIMMING ▲

Varsity Head Coach: Bob Greene '85
Varsity Assistant Coach: Matt Fox
JV Coach: Sergio Solis

Record/Qualifiers:

Varsity: 5-3 (3-3 WCAL)
Frosh/Soph: 6-2 (4-2 WCAL)
CCS Finish: 8th place

Awards:

Varsity MVP: Joe Kmak
Coaches' Choice: Bradley Jerome
Most Improved: Emilio Espinoza

All-WCAL:
Joe Kmak, Bradley Jerome, Cyrus Morrison, Michael Kmak

All-American, CCS & WCAL Champion:
Joe Kmak - 100 Breaststroke

State Qualifiers: Michael Kmak and Joe Kmak (3rd in state)

New School Record: Joe Kmak (54.92 in 100 breaststroke)

Frosh/Soph MVP: Alec Cullen
Frosh/Soph Coaches' Choice: Danny Gilmartin
Frosh/Soph Most Improved: Mitchell Alandt

College Commitments

Emilio Espinosa: Cal Lutheran University
Joe Kmak: UC Santa Barbara
Bradley Jerome: Pacific Lutheran University



▲ TRACK & FIELD

Varsity Head Coach: Jim Marheineke

Assistant Coaches:
Ed Berry, Ron DiMaggio, Jr. '97,
George Jensen, Anthony Rivera,
Keith Stapleton, Walt Worthge

Record/Qualifiers:

Varsity: 5-1-1 (WCAL 2nd place)
Frosh/Soph: 6-1 (WCAL 2nd place)
CCS Finish - 4th place

CCS Champions

4x400 team: Noriega Moffett,
Armon Plummer, Marcus Alvarez
and Jeremiah Testa (Back-to-back CCS
champions and new school record: 3:19.43)

Varsity WCAL Champions

Armon Plummer - 300m Intermediate
Hurdles (40.05)
Jordan Kenison - Triple Jump (45-2.25)

Frosh/Soph WCAL Champions

Obinna Obodozie - 100m (11.21)
Obinna Obodozie - Long Jump (19-6)
Jack Allara - 300m (42.16)

10th Place CIF State Championships

Jordan Kenison - Triple Jump (45-7.25)

11th Place CIF State Championships

1600m Relay - 3:19.43

Awards

Varsity Blanket Award:
Armon Plummer

Most Valuable Track Athletes:
Matthew Herrera, Jeremiah Testa

Most Valuable Field Athletes:
Jordan Kenison, Marcus Alvarez, Stefan Seul

Kevin Ragan Memorial Coaches' Award:
Marcel Larrarte, Lucas Montalvo,
Miles Moriarty, Mitch Nunes,
Jonathan Besona

Frosh/Soph MVP: Jack Allara

"It was a great swim season. For the third year in a row, we finished in the top 10 of the CCS and, for the first time since 1998, we had a CCS champion in Joe Kmak. Congratulations to the entire team."

- Head Swimming Coach Bob Greene '85

"The coaching staff could not be more proud of the level of competition from the entire team this year. Outstanding performances at the WCAL, CCS and State Finals came as a result of the hard work and dedication throughout the entire season."

- Head Track and Field Coach Jim Marheineke



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Varsity Head Coach: Adam Bysouth
Varsity Assistant Coaches: Alex Loscailpo and Mark Fulton-Peebles

JV Coach: Norman LoPatin
JV Assistant Coach: Ray Baldonado '07

Record/Qualifiers:

Overall: 12-8
WCAL: 4-2 (3rd place)

Awards:

MVP: Gio Escobar (Goalie)
Most Improved Players:
Aaron De Ocampo (Attack)
Alex Beckert (Attack)

Rookie of the Year:
Elliott Adams (Defense)

WCAL All-League First Team:

Gio Escobar
Patrick "PJ" McGloin (Attack)
Rory Uniacke (Midfield)

WCAL All-League Second Team:

Joe Knightly (Midfield)
Ethan Pratt (Defense)
James Silva (Defense)



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Varsity Head Coach:
Adam Jones

Varsity Assistant Coach:
Andrew Liverman

Record/Qualifiers

Pacific Invitational Regatta:
1st place
Covered Bridge Regatta:
1st place and Team Points
Trophy

Winners of Kahle Cup
over St. Ignatius

Southwest Regional
Championships:
4th place overall

SRAA Scholastic National
Championships in New Jersey:
7th place overall

Awards

Varsity MVP: Seth Bartlett
Dylan Cappel Award: Garrett
Johnson
Varsity Padre Award: Kevin Ponty
and Eric Roos
Frosh MVP: Jake Dorais
Frosh Hammer Award:
Parker Lough

College Commitments

Seth Bartlett: Yale University
Garrett Johnson: Oregon State
University
Kevin Ponty: Santa Clara
University

"We could not be any more proud of the boys and their effort this year. We challenged a young core to bring maximum effort, focus and commitment—and they delivered 100 percent. We are excited about the group that is returning and building on a very successful 2015 season."

-Varsity Head Coach Adam Bysouth

"Four years ago, our seniors picked up an oar for the first time. Now, they are headed to D1 programs after finishing 7th in the country. I could not be more proud of them. Our 50-plus returning athletes are hungry to achieve even more, and I hope that our crew alumni will consider taking on new coaching roles as our team continues to grow!"

-Head Crew Coach Adam Jones

VOLLEYBALL >

Varsity Head Coach: Justin Mullady '10
Varsity Assistant Coach: Paul Mooney '10

Record/Qualifier:

Varsity: 0-12

Awards:

MVP: Josh Sale



"2015 was a tough year for us, but we hope to grow as a result. We will build on our strengths as we move forward into the new season."

Head Volleyball Coach Justin Mullady '10





BASEBALL

Varsity Head Coach: Craig Gianinno	Junior Varsity Overall: 16-7 WCAL: 10-4 (3 rd place)	<i>Mercury News All-CCS First Team</i> Scott Ota
Varsity Assist. Coaches: Corey Edden Andrew Moore	Freshman Overall: 15-6 WCAL: 10-4 (2 nd place)	<i>Mercury News All-CCS Honorable Mention</i>
JV Head Coach: Danny Walsh '92	Awards All-WCAL Chris Apecechea John Besse Angelo Bortolin Chris Papapietro Scott Ota Chris Underwood James Outman Calvin Riley Tyler Villaroman Nick Von Tobel Nick Knecht	Chris Apecechea John Besse Angelo Bortolin Chris Papapietro
JV Assistant Coach: Jeff Harper	College Commitments Chris Papapietro: University of the Pacific	
Freshman Head Coach: Malcolm Macdonald	Scott Ota: University of Illinois at Chicago	
Freshman Assistant Coach: Dan Nolan '01	James Outman: Sacramento State	
Record/Qualifiers: Varsity Overall: 21-10 WCAL: 9-5 (3 rd place)	WCAL Batting Champ Scott Ota	

"This team was truly led by the example of our seniors, who had a strong work ethic and were committed to their team. They understood what being a Padre represents and all the responsibility that comes with it. Our seniors have been great mentors and leaders of this entire program. On behalf of the coaches, thank you to all the players for their commitment to the program and the Serra way."

- Head Baseball Coach Craig Gianinno

GOLF

Varsity Head Coach: Mike Langridge '91	All-WCAL Second Team Michael Savin
JV Coach: Will McCarthy	Medalists Harison Takizawa Aaron Ong Aiden Cronin
Record/Qualifiers WCAL: 9-5 (4 th place) CCS: 379 team score (6 th place)	College Commitments Isaiah Salinda: Stanford University
Awards All-WCAL First Team and Most Outstanding Golfer Isaiah Salinda	



"This year was supposed to be a rebuilding season for us after losing four talented seniors last year. For this team to return to CCS Finals, the players were going to have to exceed expectations and they did. Isaiah Salinda gave us great leadership and stability at the front of the lineup, and the other seniors (Aaron Ong, DJ Harris, Harrison Takizawa and Chase Gracia) did a great job of picking up the rest of the lineup. This year, the return of talented players Aiden Cronin, Michael Savin and Ethan Manalo gives our team the building blocks to compete at a high level again. "

- Head Golf Coach Mike Langridge '91



TENNIS

Varsity Head Coach: Tom Stone	Record/Qualifiers Varsity WCAL: 4-10	Awards: Varsity MVP: Andrew Olson
JV Coach: Gordy Burton	JV WCAL : 5-9	JV MVP: Andy Liu

"In 2015, we were a young team with three sophomores and a freshman in our top four positions. We are looking forward to the upcoming season."

- Head Tennis Coach Tom Stone



Match Play

Serra golfers volunteer with The First Tee

Members of the Serra varsity golf team made a difference on the golf course in May, when they spent an afternoon on the lush Par 3 golf course at Golden Gate Park. The Padres, who volunteered with The First Tee program, played nine holes with children from underserved communities.

“It was a really good day,” said Team Captain Aiden Cronin, who hopes to become a professional golfer one day. “Serra has taught me the importance of giving back to our community. The mission of The First Tee is to teach kids about integrity, honesty, character and friendship. They had a lot of fun and so did we.”

The First Tee provides quality youth golf programs with adult mentors. The program provides students ages 5-18 with golf instruction and life lessons.

“With one in five students dropping out of public high schools,

the need for quality youth programs is critical,” said Dan Burke, executive director of The First Tee San Francisco and the uncle of Serra senior Christopher Underwood. “The First Tee golf program can be part of the solution to challenges facing today’s youth. Through independent research, we have learned that 73 percent of the children we reach report high confidence in their ability to do well academically, and 82 percent of our kids feel confident in their social skills with peers. The Padres were very active and engaged with our students.”

The First Tee benefactor Tom Culligan ’60 facilitated a partnership between the organization and Serra, with the help of Serra Director of Advancement Perry Carter ’84 and Head Golf Coach Mike Langridge ’91.

“Our Serra players had a wonderful experience that should continue for years to come,” said Langridge. “The JV players also had a similar experience in May, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with The First Tee.”



JAMES OUTMAN '15 EARNS 2015 SHEA AWARD

Serra’s Shea Award was established in 1966 in honor of James P. Shea ’58, who fought in the Vietnam War and is classified as Missing in Action. The annual award goes to a senior athlete who displays outstanding sportsmanship, athletic ability and excellence in the classroom.



James Outman ’15, a standout football player, baseball player and honor student, was honored with the Shea Award this past spring. Outman, a senior from Redwood City, was named the WCAL Player of the Year after sterling play at linebacker and tight end throughout Serra’s football season. On the diamond, Outman is a switch-hitting catcher with the ability to hit for both power and average.

“James Outman is very deserving of this award and can be categorized as a ‘leader by example,” said Head Football Coach Patrick Walsh. “James loves Serra High School. His commitment to his school and teammates was among the best we have ever had. He cemented the middle of our defense and was a constant positive force for the 2014 WCAL champions. He will be missed!”

Outman also was named the Cal-Hi Sports Bay Area Defensive Player of the Year in recognition of his outstanding play. He made 80 tackles on the year and was credited with 6.5 tackles for loss from his middle linebacker position.

Outman hit cleanup for the Padre baseball team, and hit a home run over the scoreboard and on to the football field in his final home game against Bellarmine. He was also consistently named to the Principal’s List, which is reserved for students with grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. Outman is now attending Sacramento State University, where he earned a scholarship to play baseball. His legacy will live on at Serra for years to come, as his name was etched onto the Shea Award plaque and the football blanket for team MVP’s over the summer.



2014-2015 BLANKET AWARD WINNERS

MATTHEW HERRERA
2014 CROSS COUNTRY

JAMES OUTMAN
2014 FOOTBALL

TYLER BREEN
2014 WATER POLO

TREVOR BROWN
JIMMY WOHRER
2015 BASKETBALL

MICHAEL NEHER
2015 SOCCER

DOMINICK CHRISTMAS
2015 WRESTLING

SCOTT OTA
CHRIS PAPAPIETRO
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SETH BARTLETT
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GIO ESCOBAR
2015 LACROSSE

JOSEPH KMAK
2015 SWIMMING

ANDREW OLSON
2015 TENNIS

ARMON PLUMMER
2015 TRACK AND FIELD

JOSH SALE
2015 VOLLEYBALL

Believing In Belize

Dennis Glenn '64 lives his commitment to service

Shimmering turquoise waters, golden beaches, palm trees swaying in the wind— most of us have seen the www.buybelize.com commercial on TV. The late-night commercial sparked the curiosity of Floridians Dennis Glenn '64 and his wife, Linda. After flying down to Belize on a vacation, a twist of fate occurred when the Glenns visited the not-so-pretty “other side.” There, on the dirty streets of the slum-laden San Mateo district, Dennis and Linda found their true calling.

Blame it on Rio

The San Mateo district is located next to San Pedro, the only town on the barrier island of Ambergris Caye, Belize.

“It’s ironic that we found our calling in another San Mateo,” said Dennis, a retired F.B.I. agent. “God has a specific purpose for us. Linda and I were aiming for significance during the second half of our lives. We were looking for a way to serve others and make a small difference in the world. When I learned that the town was called the San Mateo district, I felt as if my life had come full circle.”

A chance meeting with a man named Rio led Dennis and Linda to establish a thriving adult literacy program in Belize. As the Glenns strolled through the San Mateo district, they met the locals—many of whom were working in abusive conditions. Rio approached the couple one morning and asked if they were Christians. They learned that Rio and his son, Ivan, lived in a 10 x 10 room with no kitchen and little running water. Their toilet was a hole in the ground. Ivan attended San Pedro High, a Christian school, but desperately needed tuition assistance. The Glenns agreed to sponsor the grateful young man.

“Although it wasn’t in the cards for Ivan to stay in school and graduate, the experience didn’t deter us from moving forward with our ministry,” Dennis noted. “When we were introduced to Ivan’s school, we learned that literacy was a problem. Linda and I knew that our purpose was to teach people English so that they would be able to move out of extreme poverty. We work through a Christian foundation in Florida that allows us to engage in various aspects of ministry.”

Most Belizeans speak very little English. The people of the San Mateo district speak various dialects of Spanish, Creole and Mayan. “Many Belizean parents have trouble helping their children with homework and understanding important information at back-to-school-night,” Dennis said. “Completing medical forms and communicating with doctors can also be complicated and frustrating.”

“Education has always been a base for my success in life,” added Linda, a Bonita Springs Literacy Council ESL tutor. “In order to be successful in America, my father and forefathers had to learn English. I owe their success and mine to someone teaching them. I am blessed to be able to give back and teach someone else the English language. Learning English can lead people out of poverty. The people of Belize are open, warm, kind, loving and appreciative.”

Dennis Glenn '64 and his wife, Linda, serve others in the small district of San Mateo, Belize.

Pastor Robert Palacio has been an instrumental resource. In addition to establishing the literacy program, he and the Glenns have renovated two homes for local residents and are in the process of developing a job training program—which takes the literacy program one step further—for men and women who dream of improving their working conditions.

A commitment to service

The Glenns, who spend four to six weeks per year in Belize, are not strangers to community service. Through their church, they have participated in mission trips to Peru, Africa and Cambodia. In addition, Linda works with young women who are temporarily incarcerated at a juvenile detention center and she continues to volunteer as an ESL tutor in Florida.

“It is a very humbling experience to be exposed to the extreme poor,” Dennis said. “Although we help people in need, they always change our lives for the better. We never shy away from sharing the Gospels in everything we do. Each day, we cannot wait to get back to the San Mateo district. We are so blessed to be able to do what we do. Whatever we give, the amount of spiritual well-being we get back is tenfold. All we really see are God’s people.”



A Musical Legacy

The George Nagata
Endowed Scholarship



Symphony violinist George Nagata with his parents in 1946

WHEN CHRIS PEDERSON '89 TOOK A WALK ONE EVENING IN 2014 WITH HIS GOLDENDOODLE, BRADY, a chance puppy collision resulted in a brand new friendship. Brady suddenly spotted Barbara Nagata's Siberian husky, Anya. The dogs chased each other in Barbara's front yard while the neighbors chatted for a while.

Barbara shared her late husband's remarkable story. George Nagata was a talented violinist in the San Francisco Symphony for 34 years. He was, in fact, the first Asian musician in the orchestra. Pedersen, a member of the Serra Board of Regents, filled Barbara in about his work at his alma mater.

"I had been looking for a way to honor my husband," Barbara noted. "Chris and I talked a lot about the outstanding music program at Serra. I wanted do something specifically for music students, and so we decided to set up an endowed scholarship for a music student on financial aid."

"Serra's mission is about helping others who are less fortunate," Pedersen added. "The George Nagata Scholarship will assist a music student by providing the financial means to make his dreams come true."

Serra's Financial Aid Program awards more than \$2.5 million to deserving students each year. Interest earned by Serra's 21 endowed scholarships contributed \$320,000 of the total. "It's wonderful to be able to include the George K. Nagata

Scholarship on our endowed scholarships list," said Serra Director of Advancement Perry Carter '84. "This is the first scholarship that will specifically benefit the music program. We were thrilled to tell Jay Jordan the good news. Our endowed scholarships not only help current students, they also honor alumni, friends, and loved ones. We are grateful that Barbara wished to honor her husband at Serra High School."

Although George was not directly connected to Serra, his passion for music and keeping music in local schools will live on forever.

"Music is an international language that can touch a lot of people across racial and cultural boundaries," Barbara said. "Music and art can help people through life's challenges."

Barbara is also an accomplished violinist and a former teacher. She grew up in a family of artists—her parents were painters and



Violin owned by Symphony's Japanese pioneer George Nagata

sculptors. In fact, George was a student in Barbara's father's art history class at the University of the Pacific. Recognizing George's musical talent, Barbara's father hired him to teach violin lessons to his daughter. And so began an almost 53-year marriage.

"George was sweet and very handsome," Barbara said. "I fell for him hard because of his demeanor and because of his ridiculous sense of humor. Everyone looked up to George. We had such a great time together. I admired his abilities and he worked so hard. George was a true gentleman and we had so much in common."

The Nagatas enjoyed driving fast cars at Laguna Seca, including a '64 white Porsche, a '67 330 GT silver Ferrari and a '97 Porsche Carrera. Yet, it wasn't always easy for George and Barbara. It was difficult to be sweethearts when it was not the norm to be in a mixed-race relationship. George was born in 1935 in Tokyo. He started playing the violin at the age of 4 under the tutelage of the famous music teacher Anna Ono, and he gave his first performance at a concert hall in Tokyo when he was 8. Even though George was a celebrity in his own right, the couple noticed raised eyebrows and heard harsh comments on many occasions.

"When we got married in 1962, it was illegal in some states and a felony in others for us to be together,"

Barbara explained. "Today, when I see mixed-race couples walking down the street, I often tell them what it was like for us when we were first married. They are always surprised to hear our story because most people don't know how it was in the 1960s. However, George and I persevered and had a wonderful life together."



Chris Pederson '89 with Barbara Nagata and their pups, Brady and Anya

Day On The Green

Supporters raise money for Alumni Scholarship Fund



It was a scorcher at the Peninsula Country Club on June 22, when 132 alumni and friends of Serra participated in the annual Alumni Serra Golf Classic and Tennis Tournament.

"It's always a great day to see familiar faces; it's a nice community feeling," said John Doherty '84, who joined his brothers, Mike '86 and Pete '77. Tom Kmak '79 filled in for Jim Doherty '74, who couldn't make it at the last minute.

This year's event was dedicated to the Honorable Bob Yonts '59, who passed away in April. Every guest received a magnetic "Yip" ball marker. "Our brother, Bob "Yippee" Yonts, was the epitome of a Serra man," said Yonts' lifelong friend, Gary Hughes '59. "He spent his too-short life helping others. Bob loved Serra and greatly enjoyed numerous gatherings with his classmates over the years, where the stories never stopped flowing. Bob and his three Class of '59 teammates won first place in 2014 Serra Golf Classic.

He wanted to defend that title again this year. All of us who knew and loved Bob know that we touched greatness. Rest in peace, Yip."

After the golfers competed on the course for a few hours, they were invited into the ballroom for dinner and a raffle. "It was wonderful to see so many alumni and friends of Serra participate this year," said Alumni Director Bob Greene '85. "In addition to the Padres who came back to support their alma mater, they brought many of their friends from the local community. The ladies had a lot of fun as well, and I would like to give a big shout-out to Andrea Moore for her help with organizing the tennis tournament and luncheon. It was an outstanding day for the entire Serra community, and I look forward to seeing everyone again next year."

Below: Padres from the Class of '59 mingle with the Honorable Bob Yonts during the group's spring training trip to Arizona



Above (l-r): Tom Kmak '79, Mike Doherty '86, John Doherty '84 and Pete Doherty '77



Above (l-r): David Petroff '82, Jon Bevilacqua, Bob Olson '85 and Paul Bevilacqua

Below: Ladies enjoyed a lively tennis match followed by lunch in the grand ballroom at the second annual Serra Women's Tennis Tournament



1949

DAVID STRONCK, PH.D. recently retired after teaching science and/or science education for 55 years. During the last 31 years, David was a professor at the California State University, East Bay. He will continue to help with grants and will do presentations this fall at conferences in Sacramento, Reno and San Diego.



1960

JOE SOUZA has been married to his wife, Natalie, for 53 years. Joe has been in the martial arts industry for 58 years, and he holds the rank of professor and 10th degree black belt. Joe and Natalie have two children, Joe Souza '83 and Jill Souza Wheeler (NDB '86); and two grandchildren, Karli (21) and Mykenzie (15).



1962

JIM FOX was elected vice president of the State Bar of California in July. He will take office in October at the Bar's annual meeting in Anaheim.

1974

GREGORY LITCHER lives in Carmichael, California. He recently retired with his basset hound, Spooner.



PETER LEWIS has flown MD-80 and B-737 aircraft for American Airlines for 20 years. He is a captain on the B-737 in Miami. Peter encourages his fellow Padres to "Look inside the cockpit and say 'hi' next time you fly American Airlines!"

1976

Tim Flanagan is currently the General Manager at the Monterey Regional Waste Management District.



1978

Every year, members of the Class of '78 reunite for a dinner with Fr. Stephen Howell '63. If other Class of '78 members would like to be part of the celebration, please email Greg Fava at gfava@att.net to be added to the list. Pictured this year are (front row, l-r): Greg Fava, Mike Crockett, Tim Murphy and Carl Dos Remedios. Second row, (l-r): Mark Geenen, Fred Canavero, Steve Keefe, Rich Giannini. Back Row, (l-r): Don McNab, Tim Adams, Mike Monahan, Lou Larrate, Ken Stewart, Dennis Capovilla, Fr Howell, Kevin McCarthy, Dan Hourigan and Jim Fregosi.



1980

KEVIN GIACOMINI just celebrated 30 years with Ford Motor Company. He relocated to Georgia after 12 years in Michigan. Kevin's oldest daughter graduated from the University of Dayton, and she is working in Texas. His youngest daughter will be a sophomore at the University of Michigan—go blue!

THOMAS P. O'SULLIVAN (CPA, CGMA, MBA) of O'Sullivan and Associates in Concord has been elected president of the East Bay Chapter of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA) for 2015-16. The CalCPA East Bay Chapter serves more than 3,000 members in Alameda, Napa and Contra Costa counties.

1982

VICTOR SPANO is the president of the Pacifica Rotary Club and a member of the Pacifica Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Pacifica Fog Fest Organizing Committee, City of Pacifica Economic Development Committee, and the Jefferson Union High School District Bond Oversight Board.



1986

Serra Board of Regents member **DOMINIC CAMPODONICO** and his Gordon & Rees colleagues, Andrew Cary and Gene Kim, authored a chapter in the recently published DRI book titled, "FDA Basics for the Drug and Medical Device Lawyer." The book provides detailed insight into a variety of pertinent topics that are instrumental to litigation involving pharmaceutical and medical device products. Dominic and Andrew were asked contribute to the book because of their extensive background handling complex matters related to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. With assistance from Gene, they wrote a chapter titled, "Advertising and Promotions," which provides important information about the ramifications of purported misbranding and off-label marketing. The chapter examines enforcement mechanisms used by the government to ensure regulatory compliance, and also reviews possible defenses to governmental actions.

BOB DICKSON is an associate professor of communication. He currently serves as the chairperson of the Communication Department at The Master's College in Santa Clarita, CA. Bob is pictured below with his two daughters.



1988

LUKE MULHALL visited the Serra campus on September 23, the day of the canonization of Saint Junípero Serra. He shared a vintage copy of *The Friar* newspaper, dated October 2, 1987. Luke wrote an article about the day when Pope John Paul II visited the tomb of Junípero Serra at the Carmel Mission. Luke noted that 28 years ago, there was speculation about whether or not Fr. Serra would become a saint. Luke lives in Redwood City and works at the San Mateo Public Library.



1990

MIKE KLOBUCHAR is the new head wrestling coach at Serra. He has coached wrestling at Serra for 19 years and has held every role in the wrestling program (except for head coach). When he was a high school student at Serra, Mike was a three-time (freshman, JV and varsity) WCAL wrestling champion. Coach Klobuchar lives in San Mateo with his wife, Georgette, and their daughter, Nicole.

1993

Steve Ellingson '93 is a Vacaville firefighter who was deployed for a week in early August to the Northern California Rocky Fire. The blaze destroyed 69,000 acres of dry brush and oak forests. In September, Steve spent another week working hard to contain the valley fire in the Cobb Mountain area. That fiery blaze burned more than 76,000 acres.



1995

JOE HOUSTON lives in San Francisco. He has been in sales for the past 18 years, primarily in technology. He worked at Oracle for six years, had a brief stint at Wells Fargo and now has been at Advent Software for almost 10 years. He is an avid traveler who visits at least two new countries per year. As a hobby, Joe is also a fitness model. Recently, Joe started a business around several inventions he plans to bring to market in the spring of 2016.



1995 continued

STEVE CHESLEY was named principal at Landels Elementary School in Mountain View. He has worked for the Mountain View Whisman School District for the past 15 years, serving as assistant principal for five years at Graham Middle School. Steve's wife, Susan, teaches kindergarten in the same district. The Chesleys live in Mountain View with their three children, Nicholas (10), William (8) and Kate (2).



1997

DEREK GURTLER and his wife, Mandy, welcomed their third baby boy on February 6. Timothy Derek Gurtler was born at 9:05 a.m. (weighing 7 pounds, 2.5 ounces). His big brothers, Dale and Casey, are excited to have a new baby brother.



1998

TIM WEST, JR. and Lizeth Camarena were married on July 11 at The Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Puerto Vallarta. Lizeth is the daughter of Maira Bejarano of Guadalajara, Mexico and the late Jose Camarena. Many members of Tim's family traveled to Puerta Vallarta for the celebration, including his parents, Tim and Audrey West, and his sister, Jackie West. Tim's groomsmen included Micah Shanahan '98. Tim is a journeyman fire sprinkler installer with NASI Local 483. Liz and Tim are making their home in El Granada, CA.



2001

STEVE IRVINE and his wife, Ashley (Allgrove, NDB '03), welcomed a son, Crosby Ross, on August 1, 2015. Crosby weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces.



2003

MATTHEW OLSON represents sports broadcasters as a television agent with CAA—one of the top three sports and entertainment agencies in the world. He currently is based in the New York office.

2004

MATT NORTON and **CRAIG THOMPSON** (and their wives, Sarah and Liz) enjoyed a fantastic summer vacation in Italy. *Meravigliosa vacanza!*



RIKI MEIER has lived in San Diego for 10 years. The San Diego State alumnus is the vice president of finance for Cornerstone Acquisition and Management Company, a hedge fund management firm based in Rancho Santa Fe. The firm manages the Caritas Royalty Fund, which recently won an award for Best Commodities and Volatility Fund—Long Term Performance” in New York at the HedgePo Investors Choice Awards 2015, hosted by CNBC’s Scott Wapner.

2006

SCOTT SYME, JR. was hired as an assistant to the SVP of Location Based Entertainment at Lionsgate. His department is in charge of building theme park rides and attractions based on Lionsgate's movies and TV shows, including *The Hunger Games*. Pictured (l-r): the Syme brothers— Scott, Jr., future Padre Cory, Norrie '10 and Callum '14.



2008

DANIEL HAVERTY graduated from Syracuse University College of Law with a Juris Doctor degree. Daniel's awards include a certificate of completion for the National Security and Counterterrorism Law Curricular Program, and an Exemplary Commitment to Pro Bono and Community Service Award for more than 300 hours of pro bono work while in law school. Daniel is awaiting his California Bar Examination results while taking an extended holiday in New Zealand.



2011

KEVIN DELOS SANTOS graduated from Santa Clara University in June with a bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering. Congratulations, Kevin!



2012

BOBBY VERNAZZA received the 2015 Intercollegiate Rowing Association All-Academic distinction by the IRA Board of Stewards. For a student-athlete to be eligible, he or she must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.35 or higher, earn an institutional letter, and compete at the 2015 Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta. Bobby, a junior at Oregon State University, also set the pace in the stroke seat of the V8 for the second straight season. He is studying biology.

2013

RAY WHELAN has participated in Santa Clara University's Johnson Scholars Program since 2013. The program for high-achieving students provides an extraordinary opportunity for them to develop leadership skills and gain knowledge to help build a better world.

The Johnson Scholars Program is an integral part of a rigorous, honors-level undergraduate program. Ray had a summer internship this past summer in Hyderabad, India. He is currently studying abroad at SCU's London facility for the fall quarter.



Class Notes

2015

PETER COMAROTO was one of three freshmen who made the University of Massachusetts travel team. He traveled to Boulder for his first game, then stayed home to play Temple University at Tom Brady's own Gillette Stadium. Peter has been accepted into the Eisenberg School of Business, and he is majoring in sports management. He also recently joined the U.S. Air Force ROTC.



ALL FIRED UP—The San Mateo City Fire Department won a gold medal for softball for the third year in row at the Firefighter Olympics in Los Angeles. Of the 14 softball players, five were Serra alums. Pictured (l-r): Gino Lavezzo '03, Troy Dooley '91, Rich Seguine '95, Tim Galvin '05 and John Perry '02. *Go Padres!*



Darren Sabeen '12, Anthony Steil '12, Luke Longinetti '12, Adam Stoye '08, Dan Kidwell '08, Sean Sabeen '08, Darren Finn '12, Brendan Sabeen '10 are pictured above at the Outside Lands Music & Arts Festival held at Golden Gate Park in August. Returning in 2015 for its eighth year, Outside Lands featured nearly 150 performers including headliners Mumford and Sons, The Black Keys, and Elton John.



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In Memoriam

- LINDSEY BRIGGS, the father of Serra math teacher Sheila Scafine, passed away on August 5.

JOSEPH DEFOE passed away on September 13. He was the son of former Serra staff member Gail De Foe and the brother of John DeFoe '91.

BOB DEVINCENZI, father of Rob '89, passed away on January 30.

SCOTT DISANTO '81 passed away on May 22.

ROY DRURY '69 passed away on May 19.

JOSEPH FEGAN '63 passed away on July 5. He was the brother of Tom '65 and Steve '69 Fegan.

PAT FINNEGAN '71 passed away on April 27.

DOUGLAS FOSS '67 passed away on August 6.

RONALD FULLMER '57 passed away on June 2.

RICHARD FURRER '52 passed away on July 22. He was the father of Mark '76; and the grandfather of Devin '13 and Lucas '16.

DENNIS WILLIAM HENNEBERRY '73 passed away on May 12.

JAMES PATRICK KILLEAN '67 passed away on April 11.
- DAVID LITTLEJOHN '54 passed away on June 4. David was a 2003 Alumni Award of Merit recipient.

PATRICIA O'LEARY passed away on Easter Sunday, April 5. She was the mother of Vince '72, John '75 and Dan '79. Patricia was a big fan of Serra and attended all of her sons' sporting events.

JAMES O'NEILL '82 passed away on June 16.

EDWARD PAOLI '68 passed away on May 25.

RICHARD PETRONAVE '57 passed away on May 30.

BILL RAYNOR '75 passed away on August 31.

BERNARD "BEN" REICHMUTH '53 passed away on August 23.

RUSSELL "RICK" SPERRY '55 passed away on July 18.
- OUR APOLOGIES
In the last issue of *Traditions*, an error in the In Memoriam section read that Dennis Fox '74 had passed away. It was actually Dennis' father, Fred, who passed away in 2012. We apologize for the error.

In addition, Bob Devincenzi, father of Rob Devincenzi '89, passed away on January 30.

SERRA'S MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Gifts made to the Memorial Endowment Fund are a thoughtful way to remember or honor a loved one, while supporting Serra High School. When a contribution is made, his or her name will be entered into the Serra memorial book. The honoree will be remembered during Mass and an acknowledgement card will be sent to the family.

All gifts to the Memorial Endowment Fund support financial aid for deserving families, assuring the continuance of Serra's legacy of inclusiveness and diversity. To make a gift, please log on to: www.serrahs.com/memorials,

If you would like to notify us of the passing of a Serra alumnus to be included in the In Memoriam section of *Traditions*, please email Advancement Associate Robin Jensen at rjensen@serrahs.com.

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GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE

Real property, either in entirety or in part, can be deeded to Serra. It is even possible to arrange a sizable tax deduction by deeding a home or farm to the school now, while continuing to occupy the property for life. All real estate transactions are subject to inspection and final approval by the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers participate in a matching gifts program. This is a tremendous benefit that can double or sometimes even triple your gift to Serra. Check with your human resources department for matching gift forms. Visit the Serra website to see if your employer participates in a matching gifts program.

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A gift to the Memorial Endowment Fund perpetuates the values and ideals that guided a loved one's life. Gifts provide a tribute in memory of a loved one's passing and honor a person during his/her lifetime. All contributions to the memorial program help fund financial aid for deserving families, assuring the continuance of Serra's legacy of inclusiveness and diversity.

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Members of this society have thoughtfully included Serra in their estate plans or wills. These gifts of forethought and generosity take many forms: bequests, living trusts or life income plans, which name Junípero Serra High School as beneficiaries in their estate plans or wills. If you would like more information about making a planned gift, contact the Serra Advancement Office at 650.573.9935.

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NOVEMBER 2015

- 14TH Serra Retro Party Fall Event
- 17-18TH Alumni Phonathon
- 25TH Alumni Basketball & Wrestling
- 26TH Alumni Water Polo
- 27TH Alumni Soccer

DECEMBER 2015

- 3RD Serra Open House
- 26TH Alumni Crew

JANUARY 2016

- 22ND Alumni 50-Year Club Luncheon
- 23RD Booster Club Crab Cioppino Dinner

FEBRUARY 2016

- 18TH Fund a Dream Scholarship Benefit

MARCH 2016

- TBD Father Serra Heritage Society Dinner
- 26TH Alumni Baseball, Lacrosse and Volleyball

APRIL 2016

- 23RD Serra Mothers' Auxiliary Fashion Show

MAY 2016

- 28TH 70th Graduation Commencement

JUNE 2016

- 20TH Serra Golf Classic

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