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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends of Serra,

In this edition of *Traditions*, we profile alumni and students who have lived Serra's core values in extraordinary ways. We honor alumni who have distinguished themselves at the highest level of their professions—journalism, professional athletics, technology, law enforcement and the theater arts. We honor students who have achieved great heights in their academic endeavors, college acceptances, community service, athletic competition and the performing arts.

This issue of *Traditions* has a record number of articles. I am amazed by the strength of our community and the impact that it has on so many. I would like to recognize three stories in particular. First, C.J. Scheley—his is a story of a battle with brain cancer. His courage, faith and perseverance are an inspiration to us all. It is also a testament to the power of prayer, and the support and love of his family and the Serra community. Next, Greg Hart '76—his is a story of faith and living by example the virtues of a Serra Padre. Greg's wife, Peggy, summed it up best: "Greg walks the walk." Finally, Pam Frisella—hers is a story of overcoming adversity and of building a life of service to others. All of these stories are woven together and continue to be told to today's students.

It was with great joy and pride that the Serra community united on a special night in February, when Tom Brady '95 returned to Serra as the keynote speaker at our annual Fund a Dream event. His speech captured the spirit of Serra and reminded us of what we love about our school. He inspired our guests so much that this year's event broke records as the most successful fundraiser in Serra's history. The 800-plus guests in attendance donated more than \$800,000 for our Financial Aid Program.

Day in and day out, the support and generosity of alumni and parents make the dream of a Serra education a reality. On behalf of today's Padres, thank you for helping us to tell Serra's story and for allowing us to add exciting new chapters in the years to come.

Siempre Adelante!

Sincerely,

Lars Lund, *President*



Help Keep Padre Traditions Strong at Serra

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

Gifts to Serra are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Serra Integrates 21st Century Technology

Further enhancing teacher-
student collaboration



Serra is moving forward to integrate 21st century technology into all facets of its curriculum. The new Center for the Arts and Sciences incorporates state-of-the-art wireless technology, interactive infrared projectors and student netbook computers specifically configured for sophisticated science software. In addition, the school is moving technology to the Google Apps for Education suite this summer.

“This cloud-based technology will further enhance teacher-student collaboration and take advantage of learning across the world,” noted Serra Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D. “Our recently adopted technology plan provides the vision for the school’s shift to a one-to-one model of tech devices in the immediate future, with student learning through technology at the core.”



Three years ago, a technology plan was adopted that outlined the key dimensions of integrating technology into the school.

“We determined that working with our teachers to integrate technology into the learning process was our highest priority,” Thornton recounted. “To that end, we have employed an educational technology expert to work with the school for the last two years. He has worked closely with teachers to ensure that technology becomes a meaningful part of the learning process. The training will expand to the entire school for the 2012-2013 school year in concert with implementing Google Apps for Education.”

The approach has been highly effective, as teachers have transformed their instructional practice and are ready to implement technology on a comprehensive basis. Serra faculty and staff members have been testing iPads, Google Chromebooks and Samsung Galaxy tablets to assess each device’s feasibility in a student-centered learning environment.

“We are in communication with textbook companies to ensure compatibility with the technology as they plan their ebook versions of academic texts,” Thornton said.

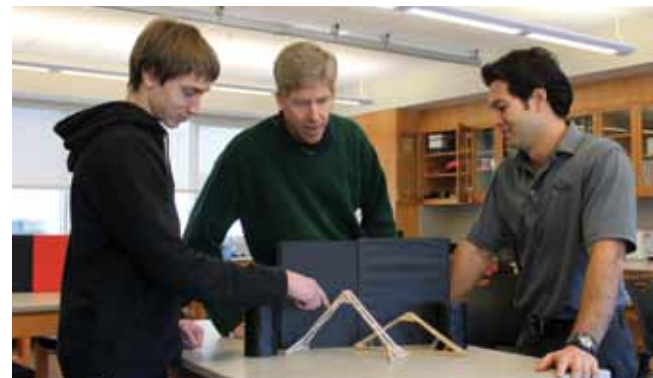
**“WE BELIEVE THAT THIS APPROACH
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EDUCATIONALLY-SOUND DIRECTION.”**

PRINCIPAL BARRY THORNTON, Ed.D.

SERRA SENIOR BREAKS NINE-YEAR SCIENCE RECORD

**Did you know that a tiny toothpick bridge can
hold more than 200 pounds?**

Such scientific feats are possible in Eric Plett’s physics class. Senior Griffin Herr recently broke a nine-year toothpick bridge record. His sturdy bridge, made from square toothpicks and Super Glue, can hold 111.5 kilograms—which equals a whopping 245 pounds!



Pictured l-r: Griffin Herr '12, Eric Plett, Matt Gomez '03

“It felt really good to know that I hold the school record,” said Herr, who plans to major in mathematics, statistics or physics next year in college. “The time I spent was worthwhile. My dad helped me a little bit but I did all of my own calculations. I spent more than 15 hours constructing the bridge.”

“The bridges are built from only toothpicks and glue,” Plett explained. “They must span a 30-centimeter gap and have a wire placed over the top holding a bucket where more and more weight is added. The bridges can only have a mass of 40

grams—that’s about 1.41 ounces. The last two record holders have held more than 200 pounds.”

Plett’s students look forward to the toothpick bridge contest each year. The dynamic physics teacher has led the contest since 1990. When he was intrigued by a University of Iowa toothpick bridge contest in 1990, he attended classes in Idaho to learn more about the experiment. Many schools across the country participate in similar contests. There are even YouTube videos on the subject.

“We have kept track of the record holders over the years,” Plett noted. “The previous record was 109 kilograms, which was established by Matt Gomez in 2002. The record before that was 59 kilograms, which Nariman Shariat held in 1999.” Matt Gomez ’03 returned to campus recently with his toothpick and Gorilla Glue bridge to compare notes with Herr. He remembered filling two buckets with lead during the test. When he ran out of lead, he borrowed weights from the training room to load 240 pounds onto the miniature bridge.

“When this project came around, it sparked my interest,” said Gomez, who excelled in science in high school and who today builds houses for his family’s construction business. “My dad started All-Wood Construction in 1979, so I was always around people building things. I really liked physics—it was one of my favorite classes. The toothpick bridge was fun and I put a lot of effort into it. Maybe I should build another one!”

CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE SPEIER VISITS PADRES



Democracy Alive Club President Ray Whelan and Congresswoman Jackie Speier

Congresswoman Jackie Speier is no stranger to adversity. She has had more than her fair share of challenges—from being shot five times in Guyana to her husband being killed in a tragic car accident to losing various elections before becoming the esteemed politician she is today. However, one thing is certain about Speier—she continuously moves forward while inspiring and motivating others along the way.

Speier spoke to Padres in April about dealing with challenges, the United States government and California state issues. She was invited by members of Serra’s Democracy Alive Club, which was designed to host discussions on current political topics, propositions and elections. The Democracy Alive Club has invited local representatives to campus. Speier represents Serra’s Congressional District.

“It was a wonderful experience for our Padres to listen to Congresswoman Speier’s life experiences,” said Democracy Alive Club Moderator Sean Dugoni. “Her life story is truly amazing and inspirational.”

Club President Ray Whelan welcomed Speier to the auditorium and noted that the motto of the Democracy Alive Club is “Because it’s our future.”

Speier shared her journey from her high school days at Mercy High School in Burlingame to her college years at U.C. Davis to the intricacies of her early political career. She admitted to not getting into her first choice school—Stanford— but touched on the experience to illustrate the fact that she would have taken a different road if she had been accepted, most likely not politics.

Due to U.C. Davis’ proximity to Sacramento, politics called Speier at an early age when she became an intern for Congressman Leo Ryan. She was hired by Ryan as a staff member several years later. Tragedy struck in 1978, when she and Ryan flew to Jonestown, Guyana to investigate the People’s Temple, led by extremist cult leader Jim Jones. Ryan was fatally shot 45 times on the airstrip, while Speier was shot five times and left for dead. The same day, 909 members of the People’s Temple were found dead in a mass murder-suicide under Jim Jones’ watch.

As Speier lay dying on the tarmac for 22 hours, she questioned her calling in life and pondered what she would do if she survived. Speier slumped on top of an anthill, covered in blood, for 22 hours before medical help arrived.

“I said an Act of Contrition and waited for the lights to go out,” Speier recounted. “I thought, ‘That’s it. I’ll never get married, I’ll never have kids.’ There’s never a time when I say the Pledge of Allegiance or sing the National Anthem that I don’t remember that moment.”

Speier miraculously survived, despite flying home in a state of disbelief and shock while wondering if her arm and leg would be amputated due to gangrene. Days later, George Moscone and Harvey Milk were assassinated in San Francisco, which evidenced turbulent times in San Francisco. Speier received death threats but decided she was not going to be a victim. Instead, she would fight for change and make a difference through politics. She never looked back.

“It’s important in life to take calculated risks,” Speier told the Padres. “Nothing worthwhile is going to come easily. You have to work for it.”

When she returned home after Guyana, Speier became the youngest person ever elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. After six years as a supervisor, Speier served 10 years in the California State Assembly. She was elected to the State Senate in 1997, where she represented San Mateo County and San Francisco for eight years. During her tenure in the legislature, Speier authored groundbreaking legislation in healthcare, privacy and consumer protection and child welfare. She was elected to Congress in 2008.

On a personal note, adversity hit Speier again in 1994 when her husband, emergency room physician Steve Sierra, was killed in a car accident in San Mateo. She was left alone to raise her son and daughter. Speier was a single mother until she met Barry Dennis on a blind date and married him in 2001.

“Life is not going to be a bowl of cherries for any of you,” Speier said. “There are going to be challenges and you’ve got to find a way to make it through.”

During the Serra assembly, Speier answered questions from students about national debt, education, taxing Internet retailers, the Keystone Pipeline, foreign oil, California universities and more.

“It is critically important for our students to develop a relationship with their representative in Congress,” said Serra Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D. “We want our students to be informed and engaged citizens. I am proud of the Democracy Alive Club, which facilitated Ms. Speier’s visit to Serra. I was particularly impressed by the interchange of ideas expressed during the question and answer period. That was democracy in action.”



Congresswoman Jackie Speier is pictured with members of the Serra Close-Up Club during their spring trip to Washington, D.C. in March.

PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING
HISTORIAN VISITS SERRA



The pages of history came to life for students in Kevin Carey’s AP History Class on February 9, when they enjoyed an engaging lecture by Pulitzer-Prize-winning historian David M. Kennedy, Ph. D.

Kennedy, professor emeritus at Stanford University, is the author of the students’ current textbook, *The American Pageant*. It was co-written by Kennedy, Lizabeth Cohen and Thomas A. Bailey.

Serra AP History students have been impressed by Kennedy’s ability to spark their curiosity.

“His text engrosses you and paints a vivid picture in your head,” agreed junior Andrew Bourque. “It’s pretty great to see him in documentaries in class. Dr. Kennedy is gifted— there’s something special about him.”

“I have been a fan of Dr. Kennedy since I was student,” Carey noted. “It was a personal privilege to watch him impart his wisdom. He was so kind and gracious in accepting our invitation. Dr. Kennedy complimented our students on their knowledge of the Great Depression and their discerning questions about how it compares to today’s economic crisis. They certainly enjoyed his presentation— it’s not every day they get to hear a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Stanford professor.”

A Remarkable Recovery

C.J. Scheley inspires
Serra community



When C.J. Scheley was a sophomore, he was overwhelmed by severe migraines, nausea and double vision. After a slew of medical tests, Scheley was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a fast-growing tumor in the fourth ventricle of the brain. In April of 2010, a piece of his skull was removed during an eight-hour craniotomy.

Following the surgery, Scheley endured six weeks of radiation, followed by chemotherapy for a year and a half. Imagine being a teenager and juggling the regular pressures of academics and extracurricular activities with the stress of a life-threatening illness. Although Scheley missed school, he was determined to have a “normal” high school experience. His perseverance paid off. Today, he is in remission and has managed to maintain a 3.61 GPA.

“When I was a junior, I only took three classes and came to school once a week,” Scheley noted. “I slept the rest of the time.”

During the treatment, Scheley lost about 40 pounds. It was difficult for him to eat, since he experienced a loss of appetite. His parents—Ann and Chris Scheley—and his siblings, Elizabeth (20) and Nolan (8) showered Scheley with love.

“I was concerned for my family,” Scheley shared. “I realized while sitting in my hospital bed that it was pretty hard on them. My brother is young, and it must have been very difficult that all the attention was on me.”

At Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, Scheley met children and babies who were waiting for chemotherapy. “They were crying and some of the infants were screaming; looking at their parents for an answer,” Scheley recounted. “The experience changed me. It made me more understanding of other people’s situations. The biggest lesson I learned was the importance of family and relationships.”

Scheley is grateful for the support of the Serra community. He will attend U.C. Davis in the fall.

“The brotherhood at Serra is so strong,” he noted. “It wouldn’t have been the same at another high school. I appreciated all the prayers. The administration was awesome in helping me to adapt to an easier course load. Mrs. Ghidossi helped me so much with preparing for college.”

Serra Counselor Karen Ghidossi commended C.J. for his determination to live life to the fullest by participating in Serra’s Mock Trial Program, achieving the rank of a National Honor Society scholar and volunteering with Starvista, a suicide prevention crisis center. He recently was offered a position as a counselor at a summer camp for children with cancer.

“I have watched in amazement as C.J. fought a courageous battle for his life,” Ghidossi said. “C.J. is a sensitive and tolerant young man. His experience of fighting cancer has further solidified these character traits. Once C.J. was strong enough, he came to school almost every day to keep up with his studies, not wanting to fall behind. C.J. has excelled at Serra and has continued to be active in the life of our school.

“He is a strong, resilient, compassionate and an amazing young man,” she added. “Although he was faced with the biggest challenge of his life, he overcame it and did not let it prevent him from achieving his goals. I am confident that C.J. will continue to amaze people with his empathy and volunteer work. He has been a big part of our Serra community, and we will miss him when he goes to UC Davis. C.J. has inspired us and has taught us how to graciously and unselfishly live life.”

Greg Hart ’76

2012 Junípero Serra
Award Recipient



Whether he’s assisting someone in need or spending time with his family, Greg Hart ’76 is truly a man of “faith, wisdom and service.” He’s a Padre who is always willing to lend a helping hand and who always has a smile on his face. Surrounded by his family and the Serra community, he was honored as the 2012 recipient of the Junípero Serra Award on March 4.

“This is the highest honor we can give to an alumnus, and we choose our recipients very carefully,” said Serra President Lars Lund. “Greg is a man who extols the virtues of a Serra man. He is a leader who has built community through his faith, wisdom and service.”

Hart spent 30 years in law enforcement before retiring as a police commander in 2010. He worked for the cities of Colma, South San Francisco and San Carlos.

Longtime friend Sgt. Pat Moran ’80 said Hart is an excellent role model who has always made service a priority. Hart spends many hours at a local food pantry, where he coordinates nightly meals, stocks shelves and is in charge of paperwork. He is the vice president of the Daly City Host Lions Club and has helped to rebuild homes through *Rebuilding Together*. Hart also served as Serra’s alumni board president 2008-2010. He said he learned to give back from his mother, Aileen ‘Mickey’ Hart (Mercy, Burlingame ’41), who was his “true inspiration.”

Colma Police Chief Bob Lotti and Serra Alumni Director Bob Greene ’85 said Hart’s easy way of working with people and willingness to give back have earned him respect and many lasting friendships.

“Greg walks the walk,” said Hart’s proud wife, Peggy. “He is the best dad, the best husband and he was the best son to his mother.

Whatever he does, he does it without complaining. He has such a sweet nature.”

Hart’s sister, Sandra, flew up from Southern California for the event. Although she is Hart’s older sister, she said she couldn’t help looking up to him throughout her life because of the way he helps and guides people.

“He’s always in charge in a quiet way,” she noted. “He has a confident presence.”

According to Hart, Serra provided him with values he has carried with him throughout his life. Hart’s three sons, Steven ’05, Sean ’07 and Brendan ’10, also graduated from Serra.

“I learned as a young Padre years ago, no matter what I accomplished as an individual, it was always the team of people around me who helped me to succeed,” he shared.

Hart asked current students to recognize how fortunate they are to belong to Serra and to appreciate, in particular, Campus Ministry.

“Your appreciation is something that will grow over time,” he explained. “Believe me, I can only tell you that after being in police work for 30 years and seeing just about everything that can happen to God’s children, I have realized that being a Serra man has meant acting on my faith and making the most of life’s opportunities. The Serra community has shown others that the true Christian life is, very simply, built around serving others in need.”

Hart accepted his award with grace and appreciation. “I would like to express my sincere thanks for being honored with this very prestigious award,” he said. “I am truly humbled to join such venerable and respected company from this fantastic institution.”

OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

Congratulations to the following members of our faculty and staff, who have recently been recognized for outstanding achievements. We are lucky to have such high-caliber teachers, coaches and staff members at Serra and commend them for their hard work and dedication to today’s Padres.

SERRA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DEAN AYOOB ’92 was selected by the California State Athletic Directors Association and the Central Coast Section to receive the Norm MacKenzie Award for his outstanding work as a new athletic director.

HISTORY AND THEOLOGY TEACHER CHRISTIAN CLIFFORD ’89 wrote an article for *California Teacher*, a magazine that is distributed to 120,000 members statewide. His in-depth article, “Struggle for Dignity: How Teachers at Catholic Schools Built Their Unions against All Odds,” was printed in the Nov/Dec 2010 issue. In addition, Clifford received the Distinguished Graduate Award from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School during the Catholic Schools Week Mass on January 29. The award is given to a graduate “who exemplifies the highest qualities of Catholic education and has rendered distinguished service to the Catholic Church and United States of America.”

DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY KYLE LIERK presented a workshop, “The Heart of the Matter,” at the Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference held at the Santa Clara Convention Center on Friday, November 18. His message was that the best teachers teach from the heart, not from a book, and that how adults live their lives has the greatest influence on how teenagers live theirs.

THEOLOGY TEACHER GARY MEEGAN attended the 52nd Annual Convention of the California Association of Teachers of English (CASE) in Ontario, California. He presented a session on “The Elements of Thought: Critical Thinking in Reading and Writing.”

SISTER CELESTE MARIE NUTTMAN R.S.M. was one of five artists invited to exhibit her work at the Religious Life in Post-Modern Era conference on March 31 at Santa Clara University. She exhibited two books of illuminated verse, *Mandala Meditations and Reflections with Rumi and Hafiz*. Sister Celeste also showed designs of the AlmaVia San Francisco Chapel, which included the Tabernacle, windows, a cross and silk batik wall hanging of Mary.

THEOLOGY TEACHER LAURA RAMEY presented at the Silicon Valley Computer Using Educators conference in Santa Clara on March 24. Her session, “Using Google Tools to Create Social Justice Portfolios,” showcased the senior theology curriculum project. Ramey worked during the past year with the MERIT program (Making Education Relevant and Interactive through Technology), a professional development program at the Krause Center for Innovation, Foothill College.

ED TAYLOR, CHRISTIAN CLIFFORD ’89, PATRICK CODY AND KYLE LIERK attended the Los Angeles Religion Education Congress in Anaheim the weekend of March 24-25. Ed Taylor spent time with Cardinal Mahoney, retired archbishop of Los Angeles. Sr. Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, talked at length with Kyle Lierk about social justice concerns. Patrick Cody spent time with Catholic publishers, discussing the U.S. bishops’ framework for theology courses. Christian Clifford especially enjoyed attending the liturgies with more than 15,000 other teachers of the faith and attending a workshop on faith by Dr. Thomas Groome of Boston College.



SENIOR WINS SEQUOIA AWARD



Senior Sam Hession was honored with a \$5,000 Sequoia Award scholarship in March for his outstanding community service.

During the past four years, Hession has generously given 500 hours of his time to meaningful projects throughout the Bay Area. A member of Scout Troop 149 in Redwood City, he spent 200 hours completing his recent Eagle Scout project. Hession recruited 30 of his family members and friends to dig, plant and repair benches at St. Pius School.

During his four years at Serra, Hession’s other service projects included assisting other Eagle Scouts with their Eagle Projects, painting houses through Rebuilding Together, landscaping a garden at a home for disadvantaged youth and working with developmentally disabled adults. He is an excellent student who has maintained a 3.94 GPA. Hession will attend U.C. Berkeley in the fall.

“As an individual, I see it as my responsibility to take care of people who are in need,” Hession explained. “I want to make a difference. I’m lucky to have been a part of Serra High School and the Boy Scouts—organizations that encourage community service. Once you start volunteering, you can’t stop. You want to do more.”

“Sam’s service to the community speaks to the core of who we are as a Catholic school,” said Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D. “We are called to use our God-given talents and abilities to create a better world.”

PADRE EAGLE SCOUTS SOAR

Jesse Clay ’12 achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on November 15, 2011. He and other members of San Carlos Troop 321 restriped the parking lot and repaired a surrounding wall at Bethany Lutheran Church last July. He was assisted by Serra Padres. The group volunteered more than 100 hours of community service.



Michael DeLuna ’11 became an Eagle Scout on June 14, 2011. His Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held in the Serra Chapel on January 7, 2012. Michael built a goat pen at Riley’s Place in Woodside. He is a member of San Mateo Troop 42 and a second-generation Eagle Scout (his dad, Shawn DeLuna ’86, earned Eagle Scout honors in 1984). Michael is the sixth DeLuna to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. His brothers, Nicholas ’15 and Danny, are working toward Eagle Scout status as well.

Chris Kusber ’12 earned the ranking of Eagle Scout on November 15, 2010. His beautification project at Tierra Linda Middle School in San Carlos consisted of building a display to hang legacy tiles made by Tierra Linda Classes of 2007 and 2008.



Nick Seitz ’13 became an Eagle Scout on February 4, 2012. He is a member of San Mateo Troop 700, which is sponsored by the San Mateo Buddhist Temple. His project focused on Tsunami Relief for Japan. Nick designed a “Hope of Japan” wristband for the effort.

Nicholas Totagrande ’12 earned the ranking of Eagle Scout on December 16, 2011. His Eagle service project entailed building a shed to hold some of Serra’s disaster recovery supplies. Nicholas, a member of Belmont Troop 301, was assisted by members of the Serra crew team.



Brodin Plett ’12 achieved Eagle Scout on April 3, 2012. He is a member of San Mateo Troop #42. Brodin’s Eagle Project entailed refinishing Serra benches in Mary’s Courtyard, which was about 70 hours of work.

Tom Brady Supports Financial Aid Program

Fund a Dream breaks fundraising records



Pictured l-r: Chris Denny-Brown '03, Marquise Jones '08, Tom Brady '95, Hanna Malak '08

The Serra High School gymnasium was packed on February 23, when more than 800 guests supported Fund a Dream—an important event established to provide financial aid for deserving Padres. New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady '95 charmed the crowd with a heartfelt speech about the values he learned at Serra and the importance of hard work and determination. This year's event raised a whopping \$811,000 for Serra's financial aid program.

“We have a special culture here for learning—a culture built for success,” said the charismatic Brady, who personally pledged \$100,000 for financial aid. Brady thanked his parents, Tom and Galynn Brady, for their unwavering support and for giving him the gift of a Serra education.

Among the crowd were Bishop William J. Justice '60, Bishop Robert McElroy and Serra Chaplain Father Joe Bradley '73.



Tom Brady '95 and Father Joe Bradley '73

Funding dreams for Padres

“Fund a Dream has always been a tremendously important program, but certainly since the economic downturn hit,” said Serra Principal Barry Thornton. “Parents have lost homes and jobs. This year, 30 percent of our students receive financial aid. These Padres are leaders in academics, in music, in Campus Ministry and athletics. They are an integral part of our community.”

During the evening, a heartwarming video featured three successful alums who were recipients of financial aid at Serra. The three extraordinary young men are extremely grateful for the opportunity to attend a Catholic high school, and said that Serra changed their lives. Chris Denny-Brown '03, Hanna Malak '08 and Juan Rodriguez '11 shared their stories of perseverance, highlighting how they were encouraged to make a difference, do their best and reach their full potential.

After graduating from Yale University in 2007, Chris Denny-Brown decided to pay it forward by working on projects in the developing world to support the growth of the next generation of energy technology. He has lived in Mumbai, India, while working as a consultant for Dalberg Global Development Advisors. Denny-Brown is particularly grateful to Head Football Coach Patrick Walsh, whom he called a “surrogate father who transformed me from a lost 16-year-old kid into somebody who was interested in the world.”

Hanna Malak is a senior at Menlo College, where he has excelled in leadership. In fact, he was the first incoming sophomore ever to be elected student body president of Menlo College. He currently is completing his third term as president. At Menlo, Hanna earned the Golden Oak Service Award and the Don W. Baer Athletic Award. Malak's future plans include working for the American Red Cross and pursuing an MBA.

Juan Rodriguez attends DePauw University in Indiana, where he is majoring in economics. He hopes to run his own business one day. Rodriguez is a member of the DePauw junior varsity football team and the varsity track team. He dreams of becoming an NCAA division 3 winner in track. Rodriguez gives back by volunteering at the Mid-Peninsula Boys & Girls Club and at local elementary schools. He was awarded the Ohleyer Memorial Award by the Olympic Club Foundation in 2010.

Record-breaking event

Currently, 30 percent of the Serra student body receives financial aid. This year, \$2 million was awarded to financial aid recipients. Since Fund a Dream began in 2005, \$850,000 has been raised for financial aid. This year's event broke all school records, bringing in more than \$800,000. Serra alumnus Mark Vorsatz '72 got the ball rolling at the event by pledging \$100,000 for financial aid, which was matched by Brady.

“This was a record-breaking evening for us,” said Serra President Lars Lund. “We are extremely grateful to the Serra community for its support of our boys. Without financial



Mark Massey '83, Dianne Morton, Brian Morton '83, Tom Brady '95

aid, many of our students would not be able to attend Serra. It was remarkable to see so many people from our local community band together for such a wonderful cause. Tommy was so generous with his time and he drew a huge crowd by coming home to support Fund a Dream.”

Brady, who was voted “best athlete” in the senior poll at Serra, was honored at the end of the evening when former Serra Principal Mike Peterson announced that the Serra football stadium would be named in honor of the Brady family. The crowd erupted into a standing ovation. Many of Brady's high school friends were in attendance.

“Tommy was always a leader of the Padres,” remembered Serra Assistant Athletic Director John Kirby '95, who was a Serra wide receiver when Brady was the quarterback. “He is now a great source of pride for our current students, as well as an excellent role model for future Padres.”

“What I admire about him the most is that when he comes home, he's still Tommy,” added Serra Chaplain Father Joe Bradley '73, a friend of the Brady family. “I respect Tommy's humility and believe it comes from his faith and his family.”



Pictured back l-r: Bob Grassilli '66, Mike Peterson, Dick DeLuna, Dean Ayoob '92; front l-r, Bryan Neider, Barbara Sabean, Tom Brady'95, Theresa Rutledge and Father Stephen Howell '63

H₂O Project Saves Lives

Tri-School students raise funds for clean water



More than 3.5 million people die each year from water-related diseases. Most of these people are children in third-world countries. In fact, the water and sanitation crisis has claimed more lives than war.

Serra, Mercy and Notre Dame students joined forces during the Lenten season to make a difference by participating in the H₂O Project challenge. The Tri-School students' goal was to raise \$6,500 to build a water well in Abisu Ghana, a rural village in West Africa. Each dollar raised will provide clean drinking water for a child for one year, and \$10 will provide clean water for a lifetime.



"Many kids are unaware of problems in foreign countries," said Chris Ippolito '13. "We have it so easy—we go to a private school and our parents pay for everything. We take water for granted, while other countries struggle to find it. The H₂O Project makes us more aware of how severe these problems are."

The H₂O Project has generated a lot of interest during the Lenten season. During each week of Lent, a designated grade participated in the H₂O Project. Students who supported the

project gave up all beverages except for tap water. They showed their support by wearing blue wristbands, which reminded them of their Lenten sacrifice. Money they would have spent on soda, Snapple or Gatorade was placed in a wooden water well located in the Serra main lobby.

"The H₂O Project is both a sacrifice and an action," noted Carlo Fiatarone, director of Christian service, justice and immersion programs. "By choosing one week to live simply and drink water as our only beverage, together we can save enough money to build a water well that will provide clean drinking water for an entire village in West Africa."

Fiatarone lived in Sierra Leone for a year. He is familiar with the harrowing distress of West Africa. While participating in a Catholic missionary project, Fiatarone worked with and cared for 75 abandoned street boys ages 6 to 15. He and other missionaries helped them to go back to school and find caring foster homes. Fiatarone has witnessed firsthand children starving from malnutrition and suffering from neglect.

"My goal was to educate our students on the global issue of water," he explained. "It's an opportunity for them to be involved in solving an issue of injustice. We specifically participated during Lent, so they could feel connected to another community through Lenten sacrifice."

"It's important to participate in the H₂O project because it helps poor and unfortunate children have a better and healthier lifestyle," said Diego Ramos '13. "Being able to donate money for the well has been a humbling experience. I'm hoping that this project will help other people to be aware of the severity of the problems in Ghana."

German Exchange Student Becomes A Padre



German exchange student Ole Seidler and David Bischofberger '13

Ole Seidler was a long way from home last fall when he moved in with the Bischofberger family for several months. As an exchange student at Serra, he learned a lot about the Padre brotherhood and enjoyed visiting popular West Coast landmarks.

"It's very different going to a high school with just boys," said Seidler, who lives in Dusseldorf, Germany. "In some ways, it's better for students because they study more since they are not distracted by the girls. There is also a real brotherhood at Serra."

"I have always wanted a brother, so it was very exciting to have Ole come to stay with my family," said David Bischofberger '13, who will visit Seidler in Germany this summer for three weeks. "It was cool to hang out with him and we took a lot of trips. I consider him to be a good friend."

Seidler arrived in August and left at Christmas. During his stay in Hillsborough, the Bischofbergers visited Stanford University and San Francisco in the Bay Area; and Disneyland, Venice Beach and Chapman University in Los Angeles. An avid movie buff, Seidler enjoyed being close to the creative masterminds of Hollywood. He also helped David's sister, Irene, move into college in Denver, Colorado.

After visiting so many colleges during his stay, Seidler is eager to return to the United States for university in a few years.

"When you think of California, you think of L.A. and beaches," Seidler claimed. "The people in California are more open and talk more than they do back home. In San Francisco, I like how the fog rolls in."

Inger and Norbert Bischofberger said hosting Seidler was a wonderful experience for their family.

"We were so fortunate to host a young man who had a worldly view of things, who was not afraid to open himself up to new adventures," Inger Bischofberger said. "He assimilated into a world and a family different from his own, and gave new meaning to his own family relationships. We gained another son and an opportunity to witness our son develop a lasting bond with someone he called 'brother'."

"We also had the privilege of adding Ole's mom, dad and sister to our extended family," she added. "I feel a sisterhood with Ole's mom that runs deep. We could have never predicted the positive impact that these four-plus months would have on us. We all feel truly lucky."

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Miracles in the Mountains

Tri-school students find
God’s Work in Appalachia



In the rolling hills of West Virginia, rustic farmhouses dot dusty roads and thickets of trees resemble spindly matchsticks. Life in Appalachia is simple. The people are friendly, “God-fearing folk” who celebrate life with blue grass music, church services and family gatherings. There is a glaring disparity between the haves and have-nots in Greenbrier Valley. In the hollers (valleys within the forests), it’s not uncommon to find children without shoes, absent from school, living in dilapidated shacks. Just a few miles away, however, is the opulent Greenbrier Resort—a popular vacation spot for well-dressed, wealthy golfers.



Students from Serra and Notre Dame spent their spring break in Appalachia, where they painted houses, installed wooden and linoleum floors, worked in food pantries, built decks and prepared cinderblock floors. Participating in the first-ever Tri-School immersion trip were Serra Padres David Bischofberger, Jack Gordon, Sean Hingorani, Sean Mendonca, Max Rauenbuehler, Steven Rubin, John Santaaga, Phillip Shtalenkov and Justin Velasco;

Notre Dame students Emily Ehlers, Ashley Garcia and Jessica Mangual; and chaperones Carlo Fiatarone, Karen Turner, Antonia Ehlers, Kristin Winn and Mirna Ruano-Yao.

“The immersion trip was more than just an educational experience,” noted Immersion Trip Coordinator Carlo Fiatarone. “It was an opportunity for our students to grow closer to God through direct service with people in need, living out our Gospel cornerstones of community, simplicity, service and prayer.”

Community and Simplicity: Back to basics

The Tri-School group lived at Bethlehem Farm, a Catholic educational site that teaches groups about farming through sustainable practices and coordinates community service work and home repairs for people in need.

“Immersion trips provide a great experience for students to build community around the world,” said Notre Dame Administrative Assistant Mirna Ruano-Yao.

Students and chaperones stayed in a communal-style home without modern luxuries such as TV, cell phones and computers. Serra and Notre Dame students were joined by six students from St. Martin De Porres in Cleveland, Ohio. As new friendships were formed, teenagers spent their free time writing Madlibs, sharing ghost stories, playing ping-pong and getting to know each other without texting or Facebook.

Junior Steven Rubin said the immersion trip was a life-changing experience— one that will stay with him for many years to come.

“The trip changed me for the better,” he added. “Being on Bethlehem Farm made me realize that a more stress-free life is the key to a happy life. I need to have a more simplistic view— particularly with technology and my everyday life. It’s amazing how a week in West Virginia can change your perspective.”

To conserve water, students were limited to just one shower for the entire week, plus one bucket shower under the stars. Daily prayer services intensified their faith, while cooking from scratch with fresh-from-the-farm ingredients promoted healthy living.



“The trip was an excellent opportunity for our students to grow in their understanding of organic farming and the role it plays in the health of our bodies and the environment,” Fiatarone said.

Service: Building foundations and relationships

At the crack of dawn each day, students woke up to music and participated in a prayer service. While a home crew cooked a delicious farm breakfast, the other four crews hit the frosty gardens to weed asparagus patches, plant potatoes, pull garlic and onions, feed farm animals and prepare soil for planting. Home crews rotated each day. After breakfast, the groups left for their work sites.

“Our students worked extremely long hours,” Fiatarone noted. “They were engaged in manual labor, doing home repairs and

service outreach to members of the local community. This hard work and meaningful interaction with the residents they served provided students with insight into the socioeconomic realities that challenge the people of the Appalachian foothills.”



Some of the situations the groups encountered were indeed dismal. One woman, who was unable to move around due to health reasons, lived in a home of disarray. Dishes piled high in the sink, mounds of dirty laundry and crushed cans of Dr. Pepper littered on the front lawn signified utter desperation.

“It’s important to note that the students were urged not to pre-judge,” said Serra Communications Manager Antonia Ehlers. “It’s a slap-in-the-face reality check when you see some of these situations, but you never know what’s really going on. Often, substance abuse and mental illness are in the mix. As chaperones, we were committed to teaching empathy and compassion.

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The truth is that some of the people in Appalachia are born into these circumstances and become jaded, overwhelmed and disillusioned with life. They have given up because they don't know how to get out of it, and the cycle of poverty repeats itself. You can see the depths of despair etched on their faces. The goal of the Bethlehem Farm home repair program is to offer hope, to help them to rebuild their homes and to let them know that somebody actually cares about them."

Scarlett and Fred Kellerman care so much about their Appalachian neighbors that they established Wellspring of Greenbrier in 2004 to assist the poor, homeless, transient and disadvantaged people of Greenbrier Valley. Today, they manage more than 30 outreach programs and Wellspring Center in Rupert. The couple met later in life and achieved a common lifelong dream of helping to transform lives. The Kellermans are "street angels" to people of all ages, watching over them, offering advice and providing a safe haven for a hot meal and a hot shower. According to Fred, substance abuse – particularly methamphetamine – is a major problem in the area. Many of the couple's clients have endured physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Those factors, exacerbated by poor nutrition and a shortage of jobs, often lead to depression and anxiety.



Immersion students worked side by side with Scarlett and Fred at Wellspring, folding clothes, serving meals and doing repair work on homes in Rupert.

"Scarlett and Fred have a lot of hope for people in need," said Emily Ehlers '15. "I was happy to meet such a friendly and supportive couple. They love to volunteer and help people. While I was there, they offered showers, clothing, food, toys, shoes and blankets to people. They are family to their clients. The Kellermans' work at Wellspring really made an impact on my life."

Prayer: A leap of faith

Every morning and evening, students organized prayer services that included skits, poems, Bible readings and songs.

"Living the four tenets of the Catholic social teachings was a faith-affirming experience," said Karen Turner, assistant to Serra's director of finance. "I came back determined to apply these tenets to my everyday life."

While the focus was predominantly on Catholic social teaching, students enjoyed attending an Evangelical church service at the River



of Life Baptist Church in Alderson. Most had never experienced such a high-energy, interactive format. Tri-School students said they found the service "refreshing and very cool," adding that it was important for them to understand how the Appalachians worship.

"Before the trip, faith to me was only an idea that has been taught to me my whole life but was never truly grasped," shared Justin Velasco '12. "After the trip, faith was felt in me. I learned that community was a strong feeling of faith. We had faith in each other and we relied on each other, not because we had to, but because we felt faith around us."

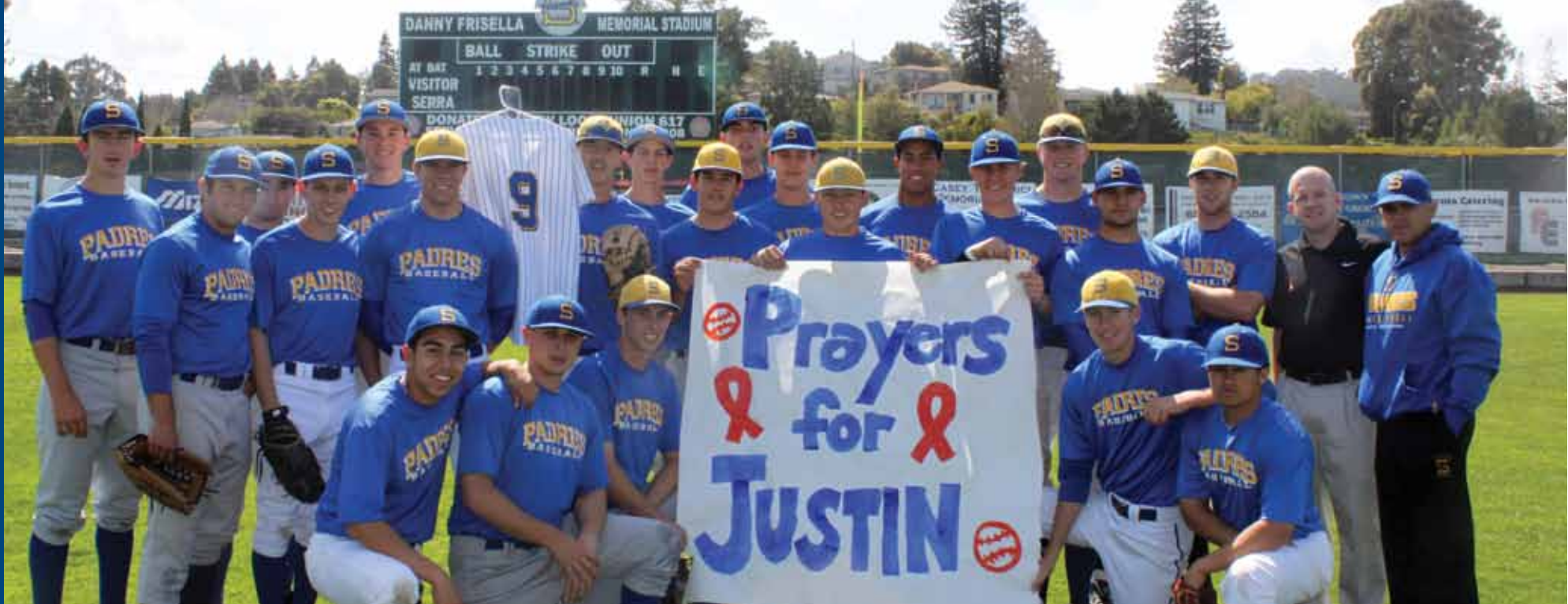
Notre Dame Campus Ministry Director Cristin Winn said the long days on the farm, in town and on job sites challenged students but enabled them to gain a healthy appreciation for simplicity, community, service and prayer.

"I came away affirmed in a call to live a spirituality grounded in simplicity," Winn shared. "I was particularly struck by our students' realizations that connecting to technology less helped them to develop deeper relationships of trust and authenticity. What incredible insight for this generation!"



Serra's Mission at Work

Padres show their support for high school baseball star battling leukemia



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Serra science teacher Jeff Panos

Serra science teacher Jeff Panos and his wife, Polly, know what it’s like to care for a child with a serious illness. Worrisome back-to-back nights at the hospital are common. Parents often feel overwhelmed and emotionally drained. Yet an online support group can be a godsend; a place where parents can find strength and support from people in similar situations.

When Ellie Panos was diagnosed with leukemia last summer, Jeff and Polly courageously educated themselves about the disease and reached out to other families. The Serra community has prayed for Ellie continuously, and has supported the Panos family with an outpouring of love.



When Jeff heard about Justin Solomon’s battle with leukemia on Facebook, something touched his heart and made him want to reach out to the brave high school baseball star in New Mexico. Justin was diagnosed with leukemia last July. A senior at Piedra Vista High School in

Farmington, New Mexico, Justin has temporarily moved to Houston for a bone marrow transplant. Like Ellie, Justin has entered a “long-term maintenance phase,” which means that both patients are in remission.

“We have met parents through Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital who are going through the same thing that Polly and I have been through with Ellie,” Jeff noted. “Talking to these parents has provided us with strength and solidarity. When I saw Justin’s postings on Facebook, I thought, ‘He’s the same age as the kids I teach and coach.’ I know he loves baseball, so I asked our baseball players to help me with a care package.” A few weeks ago, during the baseball Chapel Series, Jeff spoke to varsity players about Justin’s valiant fight. Justin’s team won the 4A State High School Championships in 2011, and he was offered a spot on the University of New Mexico college baseball team. Justin is getting healthier every day and is regaining his strength. He hopes to play for New Mexico as soon as he can.

After the Chapel Series, Jeff and the baseball players mailed Justin a care package. Serra Head Coach Craig Gianinno sent a Serra jersey with Justin’s number—#9—and “Solomon” on the back. The package also included a Serra baseball hat, a

picture of the team with a “Prayers for Justin” sign, gift cards to Safeway and Starbucks, a photo of Jeff and Ellie and of the Panos family, a University of North Carolina polo shirt (Justin is a big fan), a touching letter from Jeff and Polly, and a copy of the Invictus poem by William Ernest Henley.



“Our Serra baseball players embraced Justin’s story so well,” Jeff said. “They recognized what it means to put your arm around someone who has the same love of the game as you do. The players really supported him as if he were one of their own.”

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Around the World with Serra

Benefit Auction raises funds for the young men of Serra

From the sultry sands of Morocco to the sizzling cultural richness of Spain to the tranquil beaches of Polynesia, the *Around the World with Serra* auction on November 12 transported guests to faraway lands. The event netted \$160,000. A crowd of 360 guests rocked the house, dressed to the nines as representatives of their favorite countries. Some even arrived as flight attendants and pilots.

Excitement filled the air as people purchased keys for \$100 each to unlock a treasure chest. Members of the Orlando family were delighted when their lucky key unlocked an all-expenses paid trip to sunny Hawaii.

Sections of Serra High School were transformed into vibrant kingdoms—an Asian oasis, a Moroccan bazaar and a German beer garden, to name a few. The gym looked amazing as a gorgeous Italian piazza. The evening ended with auction-goers dancing the night away before saying, “Bon Voyage.”

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FATHERS AND SONS: REBUILDING TOGETHER

BY PAM ROBBINS

During a crisp April weekend, approximately 55 Serra students and 25 fathers partnered with *Rebuilding Together Peninsula* to improve a home in need in the local community.

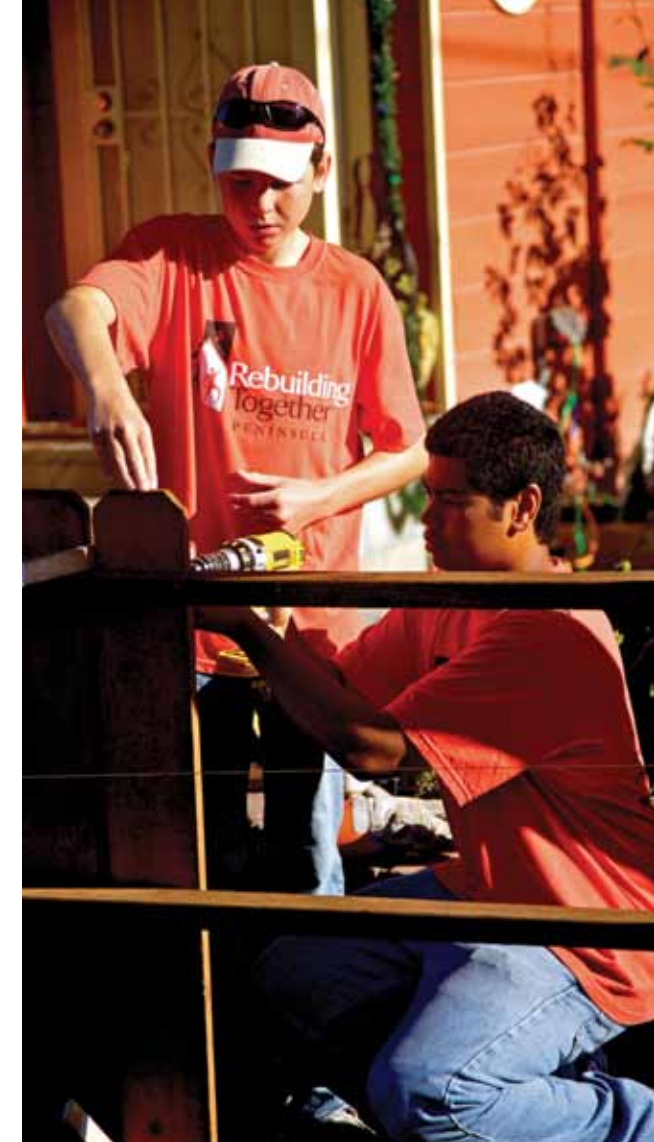
The homeowner purchased her property 25 years ago, but recently fell on hard times. The home had an overgrown yard, broken fence and rain spouts. The entire exterior also needed painting.

The Serra volunteers completed the list with pride and hard work. Over two days, Padres and their dads rebuilt the fence, installed drain spouts and repainted the entire house.

“I feel so grateful to be working with such a great group of men and boys,” said Fathers’ Club President John Wallau. “We really changed a person’s life and improved a neighborhood.”

According to *Rebuilding Together* Program Coordinator Lily Abt, “The homeowner had nothing but glowing praise for Serra. She was grateful for the boys and for the work that they did on her home. She has been sitting on her front steps, watering her new herb garden and talking with neighbors for the first time in years.”

The Serra Fathers’ Club partners with *Rebuilding Together* each year. Club members support the overall school mission and provide a vital link between fathers, the school and the local community.



Damn Yankees

Congratulations
Tri-School Productions!



Christian Ramian '13 and Veronica Goetz (NDB '12)



Tri-School Productions students enchanted their audience with a captivating performance of *Damn Yankees*.

What could be better than baseball and music? The popular Broadway musical enchanted the Tri-School community in March, as students from Mercy, Notre Dame and Serra dazzled their audiences with professional-level acting, singing and choreography.

“After doing some really complicated, modern shows the past few years, it was great to do a more traditional jazz show,” said Music Director Jay Jordan. “We had more students in the orchestra pit than we’ve had in quite a few years, so that part was fun as well.”

Damn Yankees featured Nick Newman (Serra) as the likeable Joe Hardy, Veronica Goetz (NDB) as the enticing Lola, Amanda Odasz (Mercy) as the dependable Meg Boyd and Joey Ruggiero (Serra) as the devilish, yet charming Mr. Applegate. These students were exceptional—it was certainly hard to believe they are still in high school.

The story is set in 1950s Washington D.C., during a time when the New York Yankees dominated Major League Baseball.

The musical is based on Douglass Wallop’s novel, *The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant*.

“The production staff, headed by Music Director Jay Jordan and Director/Choreographer Gennine Harrington, chose a musical in the Broadway tradition to prepare our performers for the rigors of the stage after high school graduation,” noted Production Manager Tom Sullivan ’81.

Damn Yankees is a romantic comedy—a tale of redemption, love and loyalty. It is based on the legend of Dr. Faustus, which has been repeated a number of times from Christopher Marlow’s Elizabethan era *Dr. Faustus* to the film *Bedazzled*, starring Brendan Frazier and Elizabeth Hurley.

“At its heart, *Damn Yankees* is a fun-loving, classic, traditional piece of Broadway musical theater,” said Director and Choreographer Gennine Harrington. “Its jazzy tunes are contagious, Fosse-style dance numbers are iconic and the characters—even the ‘bad’ ones—are heroic and loveable. What’s more, it combines this theatrical recipe for success with America’s favorite past time, baseball.”

“It’s a feel-good musical,” said Admissions Director Randy Vogel. “Our Tri-School drama program is amazing, and *Damn Yankees* was one of the most entertaining shows I’ve ever seen at Serra.”



Amanda Odasz (Mercy '13) and Nick Newman '12



Joey Ruggiero '13

Behind the Curtain

Jon Hayward '07



The lights dim, the orchestra hums and velvet curtains open to an extraordinary set. A hush falls over the audience. Theatergoers are mesmerized by images of a different place; a different time.

As the mastermind behind all sorts of Serra events—theater productions, guest speakers, open houses and concerts—the talented Jonathan Hayward '07 wears many hats to pull off a successful production. Who can forget the mega-watt energy of *The Who's Tommy*? Or the “feel good,” 1950s baseball nostalgia of *Damn Yankees*?



As the Tri-School Productions tech director, Hayward is efficient and energetic behind the scenes. Like a puzzle, so many pieces need to fit together for each show. In addition to building stunning sets, Hayward trains students to use sound and lighting equipment. He also teaches Tri-School students everything from how to frame a door to how to wire a power outlet.

“I like being able to teach students something outside the classroom,” Hayward said. “Stage crew is a lot of work, but not a lot of glory. It's typical for stage crew students to spend three months building a set. But once the audience is wowed by an amazing set, it's all worth it.”

Of all the shows, *Beauty and the Beast* was Hayward's favorite, due to the exceptional sets. Building the mechanical rose for that production was no easy feat.

“The special effects of that show were so challenging, but I loved it,” Hayward recounted.

Hayward's career began when he was still in high school. He and fellow Padre Sterling Sullivan '07 joined forces to build intricate sets with other crew members. The two had built all sorts of interesting things during their middle school years at St. Pius, including skateboard ramps. The boys' fathers, Bob Sullivan and Rich Hayward, were instrumental in teaching their sons useful carpentry skills.

“I made so many friends through stage crew in high school,” Hayward said. “I'm still in touch with so many of them.”

When asked if he ever tried out for a production, Hayward laughed and admitted, “I tried it once but forgot my lines and the words to the song. I'm much better behind the scenes.”

After Serra, Hayward attended Expression College, where he honed his visual arts skills. Later, he took classes at Canada, CSM and Foothill in theater, sound and computer science.

Today, Hayward works long days as the Tri-School Productions tech director, the owner of Hayward Audio Sound Co., a programming manager for Tim Santy's '03 street-lamp.com social networking site (also with Michael Dougherty '07), an assistant to his brother's music career and a sound broadcast engineer for Live 105 radio, Alice radio and KCBS.

“I love being able to use my tech skills to work with a lot of great people,” Hayward said. “Everything I have today is somehow related to my time at Serra. I learned how to work well with people in a professional environment to get the job done right the first time, every time. That has been most influential in my career so far. My life is very busy, but it beats going to work every day!”

“Jon Hayward is the real deal when it comes to being the technical director for Tri-School Productions,” said Serra Music Director Jay Jordan. “No one knows the workings of the Gellert Auditorium—every nook and cranny—better than he does. Beyond that, he has become a real mentor for the students who work on the stage crew. Just like Mark Bowles trained him, he's teaching them that professionalism is everything.”



14TH BIENNIAL SPRING ART SHOW



Members of the Serra community attended the 14th Biennial Spring Art Show in May. The event was held in the new art classroom and ceramics room, followed by a reception in the Class of 1959 Fine Arts Courtyard. The budding Picassos showcased extraordinary masks, watercolors, pastels, skeleton sketches, figure studies, wire sculptures, ceramics and linoleum prints. More than 125 basic art, advanced art and ceramics students were joined by 100 guests.

“Our art students' work this year is the best I've ever seen,” said Visual and Performing Arts Chair Peggy Farrell. “The new art rooms have brought out the artistic skills in our students. There is such diversity in their work, with new ceramics projects and exceptional advanced art linoleum prints. I am very proud of the art students and their gorgeous work.”

During the evening, students sold their masterpieces, which raised more than \$275 for a local charity.

“The biennial art show is our culminating event in the art rooms,” Farrell noted. “This show was one of our best. The work was spectacular. Parents and friends of the artists commented on the depth of the projects and the skills exhibited. These young men should be very proud of their work and of how much they have improved during the course of the year.”



Frisella Legacy Lives On

Pam Frisella shares history with Padre baseball players

Confident. Charming. Charismatic. Comical. Those words pop into Pam Frisella’s head when she thinks of her late husband, Danny Frisella ’63. Serra’s Frisella Field was dedicated to Danny in 1979. The larger-than-life baseball star left an indelible impression on those whom he met throughout his life. Although his life was tragically cut short, Danny’s legacy lives on and his lessons of courage and determination inspire the Serra community to this day.

“Danny had a magnetic personality and he was crazy-funny,” Pam recounted. “He was a person who attracted people. He was so positive and he inspired me to ensure that his legacy would continue.”

After spending his high school years at Serra, Danny became a Major League Baseball pitcher who played for the New York Mets, Atlanta Braves, San Diego Padres, St. Louis Cardinals and Milwaukee Brewers. On March 5, Pam visited her husband’s alma mater to tell Danny’s story to members of the current Serra baseball team.

“It’s important for our players to know the history of Frisella Stadium and to know who Danny Frisella was,” said Serra Head Baseball Coach Craig Gianinno. “It was great to have Pam back on campus to talk about the history and tradition of the program. Danny’s story is inspirational. Our players loved hearing about his life.”

Pam’s talk was part of the Chapel Series, where players meet once a week to pray and focus on their spirituality during the playing season.

“I was hoping that my talk would instill in our current players a sense of pride to wear the Serra uniform,” Pam noted. “There are many young men would love to wear that uniform but never get a chance. Danny went on to the big leagues, but he always talked about how proud he was to play at Serra.

“I really felt a part of the baseball program when I entered the chapel,” she added. “Craig is an amazing human being. He has taken it upon himself to bring Danny’s name back into conversation with these players. It means a great deal to me that he is doing that. It makes me very proud. Serra has been my extended family for the past 35 years.”



“DANNY WENT ON TO THE BIG LEAGUES, BUT HE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT HOW PROUD HE WAS TO PLAY AT SERRA.”

PAM FRISELLA

Local roots

Danny grew up on the Peninsula, where he attended St. Catherine’s Elementary School in Burlingame and Serra High School. His four years at Serra taught him about loyalty, hard work, determination and the importance of brotherhood. After Serra, he attended the College of San Mateo and Washington State University. He was inducted into the Washington State Hall of Fame last September with a 17-1 record during the two years he played there.

Pam and Danny met on a blind date and it was love at first sight. In fact, their whirlwind courtship resulted in an engagement after just nine dates in three months! They married in 1971. Originally from Detroit, Pam loved the California lifestyle and being married to a Major League ball player.



“Actually, I was thinking free tickets at first,” she joked. “Seriously, though, life in baseball is another world. I charted the pitches and gave him pointers on his forkball and other useless tips. His mood wouldn’t change if he won or lost. Times have changed now, and I’m confident that the players don’t have the same relationship with the fans like we did. We used to hang out with Danny’s fans in the fan clubs and I still hear from them to this day. I went on the road trips before Jason was born. My favorite memories are of the great Gil Hodges giving up his seat to me on the team bus, dinner at Yogi Berra’s house and a cruise with Stan Musial. I was for sure Danny’s biggest fan.”

A life-changing moment

On New Year’s Day in 1977, tragedy struck when the Frisellas were in Arizona for spring training. Danny and a friend spent the afternoon riding in a dune buggy. The vehicle suddenly flipped in the sand and Danny was killed instantly. Pam became a single mom left to raise 3-year-old Jason and baby Daniel, who was not yet born.

“I still choke up when I talk about it, and it’s been 35 years,” Pam noted. “When something happens to you that young, it impacts the rest of your life. Daniel was born on his dad’s 31st birthday, March 4. He just turned 35 years old this year.”

During those 35 years, Serra High School became a vital part of Pam’s world. She said that visiting Serra in March was “like coming home.” Pam was instrumental in rebuilding Frisella Stadium. She and friends Pete Jensen, Rick Bianchina, many Class of ’63 alums, Bill Coates, Bob Maccari, Rich Jefferies and many more spent long hours under the hot sun building the field with numerous community members. The group raised \$100,000 for the extensive project.

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“That field has the blood, sweat and tears of our community,” Pam said. “Every day, people were out there building it. We finished in 1978 and it was named in Danny’s honor the following year.

As a mom, Pam’s best memories of Serra are of action-packed days with her boys, socializing with Serra parents and cheering on Daniel’s football team and Jason’s baseball team. Jason graduated from Serra in 1991. Daniel followed four years later in 1995.



Pam Frisella with sons Daniel '95 and Jason '91

“All the kids used to spend the night at our house and in the morning, we made McFrizzies,” Pam recounted. “They were like Egg McMuffins from McDonalds. They still remember those times when I run into their friends today. That’s one of the reasons I loved Serra—I loved the camaraderie. My boys had father figures at Serra. That was so important to me since their Dad could not be present.”

Known as “Bear” to his family and friends, Danny was easygoing and didn’t worry about the little things —despite working in a stressful environment.

“He really didn’t feel the pressure,” Pam remembered. “I don’t know how he did it. He used to say, ‘Tomorrow is another day.’ I think the advice he would give to young players today would be this: ‘Take the pressure off yourselves and know that it’s just a game, the ball will bounce again tomorrow.’ Danny had such a love of the game.”

A new road ahead

Vivacious and determined to make a difference, Pam went on to become extremely involved in her local community. She coached Little League, volunteered at Samaritan House and eventually ran for office in Foster City. In 2005, she won her first Foster City election and second in 2009. Since that time, Pam has served as a councilmember, mayor and vice mayor.

“I really believe that God took care of me and my family” she said. “I’ve had two extended families for the past 35 years—Serra and Foster City.”

Today, Daniel is a vice principal at Nevada Union High School and Jason manages a restaurant in San Carlos. Daniel and his wife, Julie, have two sons, Lucas and Nico. What’s next for Pam?

“I think I’ll probably do something relating to the judicial system, especially the restorative justice programs” she said. My passion and advocacy is for those “in need” in our own communities. I’ll also be out there playing golf, spending time with my grandchildren, hanging out with my sons and watching some Serra baseball games. That field says ‘Danny Frisella is present.’ A wise man told me after Danny died that if you believe, you don’t question. I did not question my fate. I feel that God led me down this path, so I will bring my faith, trust and passion with me wherever my path continues.”



PETE JENSEN DIAMOND

Serra’s baseball diamond was named in honor of legendary baseball coach Pete Jensen this spring.

In the final season of Jensen’s 23-year career at Serra, the Padres won a fourth CCS Division I championship under his leadership.

His overall career coaching record at Serra was an impressive 564-181-5.



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2011 CCS Division 1 Football Champions

by JONATHAN ALLEN '01



Erich Wilson '12 and the Padre football team rewrite the Serra record books on their way to a CCS Division 1 Championship

In January of 2011, Head Football Coach Patrick Walsh sensed something was different about the group of Padres he would be spending so much time with over the next 11 months. He sensed a feeling of camaraderie, a feeling of brotherhood and a feeling of belonging. He saw leadership traits in many of his returning players.

“This team was a senior-led team,” said Walsh. “This senior class understood that their relationships with each other were as important as playing football. I respect them for caring about each other, caring about their work, caring about this great school. This led to a highly motivated football team. Our staff could focus on coaching football and not motivation. These guys, led by the senior class, motivated themselves.”

Led by senior captains Brandon Bochi, Joey Erdie, Luke Longinotti, Chris Romeo and Erich Wilson, the 2011 Padres

broke the school records for team wins, rushing yards and total points. The season culminated in a CCS Football Championship, the first one seen on West 20th Avenue in 20 years.

“The senior class showed tremendous leadership, but it was a true team effort the whole way through,” said Longinotti, who is also student body president and has accepted an offer to play at Yale next year. “Everyone on the roster had a role and we took great pride in working hard and coming together as a team.”

The Padres’ season started with a bang as they ran away from Wilcox of Santa Clara and East Bay powerhouse Monte Vista in the preseason. University of Washington-bound running back Erich Wilson rushed for six touchdowns in the opener, breaking the Serra single-game record held by DeLeon Eskridge. The WCAL season opener at St. Francis was a wild night as Serra continued their ground attack with the trio of Wilson, Erdie and Eric Redwood. When the horn sounded to end the game, the Padres were on top 31-13. The raucous Padre student section stormed the field to celebrate Serra’s first road victory against St. Francis in 42 years.

Serra completed its season racking up victories against St. Ignatius, Sacred Heart Cathedral and Riordan. This marks the fourth straight year that Serra has swept all three City schools in football. An exclamation point was put on the game against

SI when Erdie kept the option at his own 10-yard line and ran 90 yards down the sideline for a touchdown. The defense was headlined by Longinotti and Bochi, who led the team in tackles with 92 and will play for Azusa Pacific next year. Promising underclassmen Fia Malepeai, Peter Tuipulotu, Cody Brown and Hamilton Anoa’i grew exponentially as starters throughout the season and will lead what promises to be a stout defense in 2012.



After finishing 8-2 in the regular season and earning second place in the WCAL, Serra was slotted as the #1 seed in the CCS Division 1 Playoffs. The first round yielded another big victory over Wilcox, highlighted by a spectacular, back-of-the-end zone catch by tight end Bradley Northnagel, who will play for the Cal Bears next year. The semifinal matchup against a very athletic Milpitas team proved a tough test. Tied at the half, the Padres rallied behind Wilson and Redwood to “ground and pound” their way to victory.

Finally, Serra had its section championship game in sight. December 3, 2011 against Menlo-Atherton at Terra Nova High School in Pacifica. Walsh read an inspiring text message from Tom Brady '95 in the locker room before the game, and the Padres came out firing on all cylinders. But the Padres had another dogfight on their hands, again tied with a very good team at halftime. The seniors took over in the second half, with Marty DeAlba making a circus, one-handed interception to turn the tide and Wilson icing the game with an interception for a touchdown. The heart and soul of the Padres, Chris Romeo, a senior captain who tore his ACL in August, was given the ball and took a knee for the final play of the championship game.



“The 2011 season was a historic year for Serra football. A road victory over St. Francis, a CCS title and record books rewritten,” said Walsh, “Every football season is full of ups and downs, but having a selfless group of tight-knit seniors made our season. The team grew through their belief systems in each other. We had close tests early in the season with Encinal and faced a great deal of adversity with the Mitty and Bellarmine losses. Through all of this they never turned on each other. They stayed focused on their strong bonds of brotherhood and their love for being Serra Padres. The 2011 team laid down the blueprint for building a team.”

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Triple Threat

Serra’s backfield triple-threat of Wilson, Redwood and Erdie were the headliners of the 2011 Padres in the double-wing offense. Erdie totaled 15 rushing touchdowns, Redwood with 12 and Wilson with a record-breaking 36 total TDs. This season, Wilson broke the WCAL records for rush yards and rush TDs, two records that had stood since 1974. He also broke the Serra records for single-season touchdowns, career touchdowns, single-season rushing yards and career rushing yards. Wilson was recruited by Arizona State and Colorado before he accepted a scholarship offer from the Washington Huskies.

“Going into the season, I knew we had a special player in Erich,” said Walsh. “But I can’t say, in all honesty, that I expected him to do what he did this year for the Padres. He ran for the man next to him, selflessly, and vigorously for his friends. This humble approach allowed for greater individual gain. He didn’t self-promote, he didn’t brag in public, and he avoided the spotlight as much as he could. Erich Wilson lived this approach, hence all the records and a full scholarship to Washington. We couldn’t be more proud of him.”



New Football Records Set by the 2011 Serra Padres

	New record	Old Record
Wins	11	9 (1954, 1968, 1969, 1990, 2006)
Points Per Game	38.9	36.5 (1968)
Total Offense	4,857 yards	4,580 (2006)
Rushing Touchdowns	62	49 (2006)

New Records Set by Erich Wilson ‘12

	New Record	Old Record
Career Touchdowns	52	38 (Lynn Swan and DeLeon Eskridge)
Single-Season Touchdowns	36	27 (DeLeon Eskridge, 2006)
Career Rushing Yards	3,361	2,841 (David Taufoou, 1996-97-98)
Single-Season Rushing Yards	2,106	2102 (David Taufoou, 1998)

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Comprised of alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends, the Serra Booster Club supports Padre Athletics. The money raised from memberships, sales of merchandise and Booster-sponsored events is used to purchase supplies, equipment, uniforms and capital projects above and beyond what the school budget provides. Each January, the the Booster Club sponsors its annual Crab Cioppino Dinner and Dance in the Padre Gym. This is the social event of the year, and it draws close to 500 guests.

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< FOOTBALL

Varsity: 11-2
CCS Division 1 Champions
WCAL: 2nd Place

Varsity Head Coach:
Patrick Walsh

Varsity Assistants:
Jason Hardee '00
John Langridge '97
Lyndon McGee
Jose Nuila
Imani Stewart
JV Staff

Head Coach: Bob Vinal '78
Assist. Head Coach: Perry Carter '84
Assist.: Ed Berry
Assist.: Ric Lavezzo

Freshman Staff
Head Coach: Ray Baldonado '07
Assist.: Bill Ahern '71
Assist.: John Diaz
Assist.: John Kirby '95

Football Awards

MVPs: Luke Longinotti and Erich Wilson
Second Team All State and WCAL Running Back
of the Year: Erich Wilson
WCAL Kicker of the Year: Anthony Toms

WCAL First Team All League:
Luke Longinotti, Joey Erdie, Erich Wilson,
Brandon Bochi, Deston Swift, Marty DeAlba,
Brendan Hisao

WCAL Second Team All League: Eric Redwood,
Danny Morales, Fia Malepeai

WCAL Honorable Mention All League: Joey
Hoyt, Peter Tuipulotu, Bradley Northnagel

Collegiate players:
Erich Wilson - University of Washington
Luke Longinotti - Yale University
Brandon Bochi - Azusa Pacific University
Deston Swift - Simon Fraser University
Bradley Northnagel - U.C. Berkeley



“The winter and fall seasons were truly exciting and inspiring times. Our student-athletes accomplished many things, from winning championships to making the honor roll, and we all should be very proud of them.”

Go Padres!

Dean Ayoob '92
Athletic Director

“I respect the senior class of 2012 for simply caring. Caring about each other, caring about their work, caring about this great school. This led to a highly-motivated and successful football team.”

Varsity Head Coach Patrick Walsh



< WATERPOLO

Varsity Head Coach: Bob Greene '85
Varsity Assistant: Stavros Lee
JV Coaches: Nick Poggetti '07
Freshman Coach : Matt Fox

Varsity: 4th in WCAL, CCS Quarter Finals
JV: 3rd in WCAL
Frosh: 2nd in WCAL

Waterpolo Awards:

All League WCAL:
Steven Olujic
Con O'Leary
Paul Smallman

All CCS:
Anthony Buljan
Con O'Leary
Paul Smallman

JV MVP:
Freshman MVP: Joe Kmak

Season highlight: We were behind 9-5 in the final quarter of the CCS quarter final game against Monte Vista High School. With 32 seconds left on the clock, freshman JoJo Kmak scored the winning goal—Padres 10, MV 9.

“ We had a great year. I am very excited about the future of the water polo program. We have talented athletes, a state-of-the-art aquatics center and a great coaching staff. We are and will continue to be a high-level water polo program.”

Varsity Head Coach Bob Greene '85

CROSS COUNTRY >

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

Cross Country Awards:

Most Outstanding Runner: Joey Berriatua
Outstanding Senior Runner: Carsten Stann
Outstanding Sophomore Runners: Sammy Alsamman and Grant Schule
Outstanding Freshman Runner: Andrew Barton
Coaches' Award: Ryan Thomas

Varsity, Second Team, ALL WCAL:
Joey Berriatua
Carsten Stann



“The varsity cross country team experienced a successful WCAL season, finishing fourth in league and qualifying for the Central Coast Section championships.”

Varsity Head Coach Will McCarthy

Padre Bench

SOCCER ➤

Varsity Head Coach: Jeff Panos
Varsity Assistants: Corey Edden and Andrew Moore
JV Head Coach: Renan Pineda
JV Assistant: Enzo Rosano
Freshman Coach: Matt Angell '80
Freshman Asst.: Nick Carrara

Varsity Record: 14-4-5 (8-2-4 WCAL)
CCS Division 1 Semifinalist

JV: 16-1-2 (12-0-2)
WCAL Champions

Frosh: 5-10-2 (4-7-1 WCAL)

Blanket Award Team MVP: Cristobal Perla
Team Offensive Player of the Year: Nick Schnabel
Team Defensive Player of the Year: Jamie Fadden
1st Team ALL WCAL: Cristobal Perla
2nd Team ALL WCAL: Matt Pastore, Darren Finn, Antoine Martel, Robert Peardon



“The 2011-12 season will always be remembered for a tremendous senior class of quality student-athletes. They found a way to bring the team together during tight games and situations, where veteran leadership was essential. I will always remember the grit and sheer determination that everyone on this team showed while playing their way through an always brutal league schedule. They swept Bellarmine and played their best when their best was needed deep into the CCS playoffs.”

Varsity Head Soccer Coach Jeff Panos



WRESTLING ➤

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

JV Coach: Andre Monney '03
Freshman Coach: Steve Heimuli
Assistants: Ray Baldonado '07, Joey Lopez '10 and Bob Marshall

The Serra Padre wrestling team had another outstanding year under Head Coach Ricardo Garcia. The team continued its upward trend of being a force on the mat with the best team finish in school history.

WCAL Dual Meet Record: 5-1; WCAL: 2nd place
CCS: 5th place (best in school history)

State Qualifier: Travis Roberts (125) who finished Top 12 in California and Tim Glauninger (220)

CCS Placers: Tim Glauninger (220) 1st, Travis Roberts (126) 2nd, Elias Hernandez (113) and Jerry DeLaRosa (132) 5th, Ulysses Molina (145) and Chad Thodos (184) Top 12

WCAL Champions: Travis Roberts (126), Jerry DeLaRosa (132), Chad Thodos (184) and Tim Glauninger (220)



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

Other CCS Qualifiers: Sean Clark, Philip Becerra, Giovanni DelValle, Elyzar Tria and Rees Parker

Varsity Awards:
MVP: Travis Roberts and Tim Glauninger
Padre Award: Elias Hernandez
Coaches' Award: Jerry DeLaRosa and Chad Thodos
Most Improved: Ulysses Molina

“We wish all the best to our senior wrestlers as they graduate from Serra. We wish Travis Roberts (Sierra College) and Tim Glauninger (Lehigh University) success, as they continue their wrestling careers in college. We look forward to next year’s team, when we will be returning seven varsity starters.”

Varsity Head Coach Ricardo Garcia

◀ BASKETBALL ➤

Varsity Head Coach: Chuck Rapp '86
Varsity Assistants: Brian Carson and Sean Dugoni '89
JV Head Coach: Andrew Kochevar
JV Assistant: Jason Hardee '00
Freshman Coaches: Mark Massey '83 and Brian Morton '83

Varsity: 24-7 (11-3 WCAL, 2nd Place); CCS runners-up; Norcal qualifier (lost in the Norcal semifinals to Newark Memorial)

1st Team All-League and San Mateo Times Junior of the Year: Henry Caruso

2nd Team All-League and Serra Basketball Award: Jason Barsocchini, Stephen Grosey and Andre Miller

Co-Defensive Player of the Year and Honorable Mention All-League: Stephen Grosey and Vika Jimenez.

“We had a very successful and memorable year that did the Padre Nation proud. The players distinguished themselves with their all-out effort, intensity and unselfishness that was truly a sight to behold. I have nothing but respect for this year’s team and would coach them any day of the week and twice on Sunday. I’m proud to call myself their coach.”

Varsity Head Soccer Coach Chuck Rapp '86

A Successful Basketball Season:

- Two wins shy of the record for most wins in the history of Serra basketball
- Won 10 straight league games, a Serra basketball record
- Only CCS team to defeat eventual State Champion Mitty
- Defeated three Norcal Champions: Mitty, Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Joe’s
- Only lost to one non-Norcal Team
- Won the pre-season American Tourney



In the News

Award-winning journalist

Greg Vistica '72 visits
alma mater



Journalists are driven by an insatiable quest for the truth. The news never stops, and it's a reporter's job to uncover facts and write an unbiased story.

Award-winning investigative journalist Greg Vistica '72 is adept at discovering the truth, whether it is related to C.I.A. "cyberspying," war crimes, covert operations in Afghanistan, street gangs or campaign finance irregularities.

Vistica has covered national security and foreign affairs as a correspondent for *Newsweek*, a contributing writer for *The New York Times Magazine*, a staff writer for *The Washington Post*, a producer for *60 Minutes II* and a military affairs writer for *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. He won a Peabody and also was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for his *New York Times* exposé on Senator Bob Kerrey's role in a Vietnam massacre. He was also recognized with the prestigious George Polk award for breaking the Tailhook scandal, which led to historic reforms in the military.

"Journalism is the only career where you can ask anybody anything you want and for some reason, they feel compelled to answer," Vistica said with a glint in his eye. "But you have to be responsible and very careful as a reporter. People's reputations are often at stake."

What makes an outstanding journalist?

"Curiosity—you've got to know how to dig," Vistica said. "You also have to be well-read and up on politics and the economy. You need to know a little about a lot of things."

Vistica is the author of *The Education of Lieutenant Kerrey*, a book about Senator Kerrey and Vietnam, and *Fall From Glory: The Men Who Sank the U.S. Navy*, a contemporary history.

After graduating from Serra, Vistica bounced around the world and in war zones for several years before settling down at San Francisco State. As the editor of the school paper, he broke a scandalous story about the president of the university, who reportedly was running a multi-million dollar import/export business from campus. The adrenaline rush of investigative reporting was in Vistica's blood at that point—there was no turning back.

Some of Vistica's stories were controversial—from sex abuse in the U.S. Navy to working on the Monica Lewinsky scandal as part of a team of *Newsweek* reporters. Vistica has never been one to shy away from the truth, even if it means taking a risk with an unpopular story.

In addition to having an innate curiosity, Vistica has a strong work ethic. He is no stranger to long days and stressful deadlines. However, he has always kept his values in check.

"It's important to do the right thing," he explained. "The values I learned as a Serra Padre have been a foundation in my life. I learned about the importance of ethics. True character is who you are when nobody's watching. A journalist has a responsibility to tell the truth, but I would never print something if it jeopardized a source, national security or needlessly damaged a reputation."

Serra instilled something else in Vistica.

"Faith plays a big role in my life," he said. "It helped me to remain true to my values and get through some tough situations."

A new career

In 2004, Vistica started Washington Media Group, a public relations firm known for crisis communications, creative digital strategies, advertising and issue advocacy.

"We represent companies across the nation and the world, from the Fortune 100 to Silicon Valley startups, and nonprofits to government agencies," he noted. "Along the way, we have built positive relationships with our clients and have saved them millions of dollars."

Today, Vistica works side-by-side with Serra alum Don McNab '78. McNab is the director of west coast operations for Washington Media Group. His duties include growing the company's client base in Silicon Valley. He and his wife, Valerie, live in San Carlos with their children.

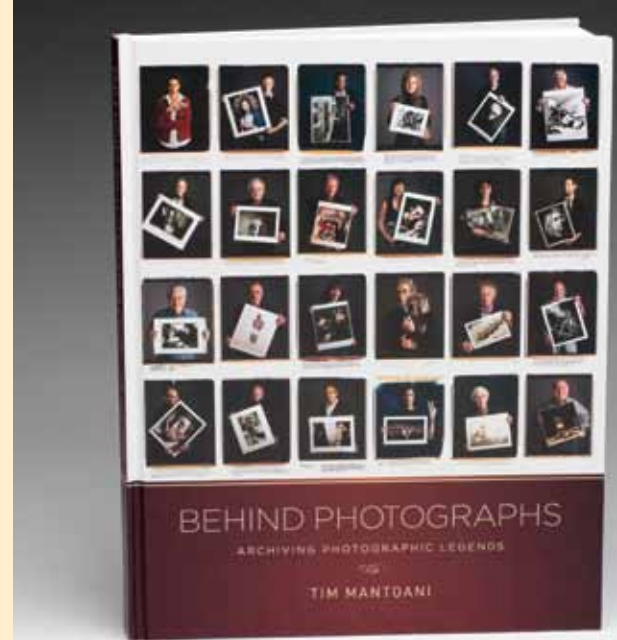
"Building the business has been rewarding and positive," McNab noted. "I have crossed paths with many Padres. It truly is a brotherhood— 'Once a Padre, always a Padre.'"

McNab's older brothers, Mike '74 and Joe '76, are also Serra Padres. His sister, Nancy, graduated from Mercy, Burlingame in 1980. McNab and Vistica visited their Alma Mater during the winter and were impressed by Serra's Center for the Arts and Sciences.

"Greg and I have significant memories of Serra, particularly the camaraderie and friendship," said McNab, who was voted "Joe Serra" when he was a senior. "We remember the Jungle Game, football double sessions, basketball dive ball and offensive foul drills, 'Papa' Jesse Freitas, Tom Nelson, Giants games at the 'stick, our great teachers and the Padre Whisper."



"The brotherhood is still as strong as ever," McNab added. "The Catholic values instilled in us at Serra taught us a lot about hard work, sacrifice, the dedication to a cause or goal, acceptance, doing the right thing and overcoming obstacles. Father Serra's determination to create something of lasting value has always been an important part of the Serra experience. It is what unites all Serra grads, regardless of the generation."



TIM MANTOANI '87 BEHIND PHOTOGRAPHS

For Tim Mantoani '87, photography is not so much work as it is a mission. He sees a story in each face and in each place. Mantoani was the recipient of the 2011 Brooks Institute Distinguished Alumni Award. His credits include *Sports Illustrated*, *Newsweek* and *ESPN The Magazine*. In addition, he has photographed ad campaigns for EA Sports, Coors Brewing and Coca-Cola.

Mantoani, a 1991 graduate of Brooks Institute, received an honorary master's degree from Brooks in 1996. His spectacular new book, *Behind Photographs: Archiving Photographic Legends*, was released last fall. It is a tribute to extraordinary photographers who have captured decades of culture and celebrity with their cameras. Each image features a photographer holding his or her most iconic or favorite image. Legendary rock photographers Jim Marshall and Ethan Russell have sat for 20 x 24-inch Polaroid portraits, as have Walter looss, Steve McCurry, Mary Ellen Mark, Elliott Erwitt and Roberto Salas.



In April, Mantoani was in New York's Times Square, where he shot the cover art for Madden 13 (photo above). His cover shot for EA Sports NCAA will be out in a couple months.

Serra Grads Still in the Game

2011 classmates Bradley Robbins and Joe Xavier assisting Division 1 programs



Bradley Robbins '11 started as a Padre football water boy at age 7

“SERRA PREPARED ME FOR THE TIME COMMITMENT *and taught me how to speak to coaches and players.*”

Bradley Robbins '11

While most graduates from the Serra Class of 2011 were still enjoying their last weeks of summer last August, 2011 classmates Bradley Robbins and Joe Xavier had already moved away to college and onto the football field. Both former Padres were hired as student equipment managers for their Division 1 college programs. Xavier is a freshman at University of Arizona. Robbins is a freshman at Boise State University. Each student endured

Robbins, who started as a Padre football water boy at the young age of 7, ended his Serra career as the head student equipment manager. He was the only non-player ever to receive the Dan Nightingale Memorial Award, which is awarded for selfless sacrifice on and off the field.

Xavier and Robbins each submitted résumés to the head equipment managers of their universities during their senior year. They also traveled to their prospective colleges for personal interviews prior to being offered their jobs. The step up from high school to college was a challenge for both Xavier and Robbins.

“There is a big difference between high school and college,” Robbins shared during a recent home visit. “The speed and intensity levels are much faster, and the coaches expect a lot from the managers.”

Xavier agreed, “The atmosphere and tempo in the Pac-12 is a much faster pace and it’s very demanding. They take football very seriously and have high expectations not only of their players, but of their managers as well.”

The commitment of a college manager is similar to that of the players. Xavier and Robbins work five to six hours a day, six days a week during the season and more than 10 hours on

game days. That adds up to more than 1,000 hours during the football season! They are the first to arrive and the last to leave. In addition, both students carried 15 semester units.

“It’s tough to juggle school and sports,” Xavier said. “You need to manage your time very well.”

Robbins concurred, “You have to sacrifice some of your social activities and be committed to both academics and football.”

Xavier and Robbins had a positive first semester and football season. Both were successful in the classroom and maintained a 3.0 GPA. Xavier traveled with the Wildcats to a few away games, and Robbins’ Broncos won a post-season bowl game, which earned him a bowl ring. Both will continue as college football managers, and they hope to apply their experience beyond college. Xavier hopes to work with the Giants or the Sharks as an equipment manager, while Robbins aspires to work in a college program or in the NFL.



Success for Xavier and Robbins, which began at Serra, will continue both on and off the field in the future. Both Padres said the experiences they gained at Serra and the support of

Serra coaches were instrumental to successful transitions into college.

According to Xavier, “Serra taught me the importance of time management and how to balance my workload, while helping the athletics programs.”



Joe Xavier '11 - Equipment Manager for the University of Arizona Wildcats

“Serra prepared me for the time commitment and taught me how to speak to coaches and players,” Robbins added. “It helped me to be professional and ready for college.”

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Bradley Robbins '11 (left) - Equipment Manager for Boise State University

a lengthy application process to be hired as an equipment manager, but came with loads of prior experience from Serra. Xavier was the Serra baseball manager for two years, a football spotter in the announcer’s booth and ran the stats clock for basketball all four years of high school.

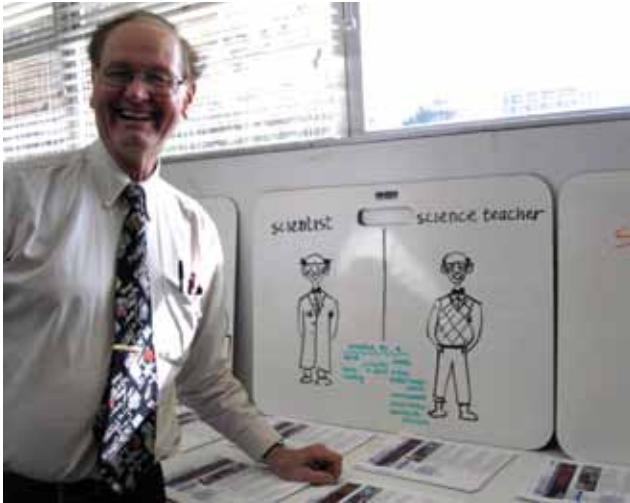
1948

BUD CRAFT is living in the Pacific Northwest. He is thoroughly enjoying retirement with his wife, Gael, and his children, grandchildren and great grandson. During the winter months, Bud volunteers at the Washington State History Museum, guiding children through the galleries. He spends the summer at Lake Tahoe, where he enjoys his cabin, bocce ball and volunteering at the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society and for the California State Parks at Sugar Pine Point State Park/ Ehrman Mansion. If any Padres happen to be in Tahoe the last Saturday of July, please drop in to visit. He will be in a '30s-era costume, guiding visitors through the mansion on Living History Day and would enjoy meeting other Serra Alums!

1949

BOB SHIELDS is long retired from the title insurance industry. Bob also worked for 20 years in the home construction business.

DAVID STRONCK is a science professor at CSU Eastbay. He enjoys his work and hopes to inspire more teachers of science in his program.



1950

BRUCE ATKINSON has lived in Honolulu for 40 years. Three years ago, he retired after 27 years in the investment business. Bruce is grateful for the years he spent at Serra and still remembers the undefeated Padre football team of 1949.

1952

YOUR 60-YEAR REUNION will be held on April 20. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

1954

LARRY BIELSTEIN recently received the prestigious FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. Larry retired from the U.S. Air Force as a full colonel. He continues to fly U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary patrols. Larry also trains and evaluates volunteer pilots for search and rescue and counter drug missions. As an Air Force pilot, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star and seven Air Medals.



JAMES O'BRIEN is a realtor in the Tahoe City/Truckee and Reno areas.

1955

JIM JACKSON is expecting a grandchild this spring.

RONALD KRIEGER is retired from teaching and coaching, which he did for 27 years.

1959

NICK CARBONI still keeps in touch with his fellow Padres as much as possible. He met up with Jim Monahan and Ken Houle in January and also attended the Alumni 50 Year Club Luncheon in February, where he shared memories with classmate Dan Dillon.



1961

RICHARD BORTOLUSSI will leave the working world after 48 years when he retires this year. He will move to Southern California to be closer to his family, especially his 6-year-old grandson. Fifty years after graduating from Serra, Richard has learned that "it is truly all about the journey and not the final destination."

1962

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1963

JIM ALICH retired in January and is living in Northern Illinois. He spent his birthday with his brothers, John '60 and Tom '66, and brother-in-law, Ron Granville '70, at the 49ers-Saints game.

DANNY FRISELLA was posthumously inducted into the Washington State University Hall of Fame in September. Danny was 17-1 over two years for the Cougars before being drafted by the New York Mets in 1967. Danny's wife, Pam, and son, Jason, attended the ceremony.

1965

KEVIN BELTON is teaching Spanish at Justin-Siena High School in Napa, with former Serra teacher and coach Dave Sugar. Kevin lost his amazing wife, Jan, in October. He has eight children and five grandchildren.



ROBERT BROUWERS retired from 30 years of sales, training and management in the financial services industry. Robert will celebrate his 47th wedding anniversary to his high school sweetheart in October.

DON DIBONO graduated from Chico State University in 1971 and has lived in Chico ever since. He is married to Marilyn DiBono and they have one child, Billy, 25. Don has booked and promoted concerts since 1976. He has worked with Bob Dylan, Huey Lewis, Willie Nelson and ZZ Top.

HENRY GRAMBERGU is semi-retired and on the Board of Directors of Lee Marketing and Adverting in Sacramento.

DAVE MAIERO is the president of InGear Corporation in Las Vegas, Nevada.

1966

TOM GIORGI is almost completely retired from 35 years of landscape maintenance. He has five grandkids and a wife of 28 years. Tom enjoys his five acres in Grants Pass, OR, where he grows about 200 tomato and pepper plants.

BOB JEHL retired after 30 years as a research engineer for Lockheed Martin Space Systems in Sunnyvale. He resides in Chico, CA, where he opened a restaurant in the Chico Mall and he is part owner of a swimming pool construction company.

RICH NUCCITELLI works for the biotech company BioElectroMed. He is working on a new therapy for pancreatic cancer that involves ultrashort, high voltage pulses that cause tumors to disappear over a two-week period.



1969

PHILIP FRENGS is the founder, president and CEO of The COPi Companies, based in Los Angeles. His company serves large law firms across the United States and in major international cities.



BOB GENEVRO teaches Early Childhood Education at Skyline College and trains Cal-SAC staff for K-5 after-school programs.

BILL MARSHALL was blessed with the addition of a beautiful granddaughter to his family. Erin Michel Marshall was born on December 29.



LARRY MORAES launched Blue Ventures Wine Marketing, a winery consultancy firm, in April of last year. The company markets to 47 states and exports to Asia, China, Europe and Canada from its Novato headquarters.

1970

DAVID BLANCHARD lives in Trinity County with his wife, Pam. Pictured below is a fun family photo, including Dave’s children and grandchildren.



1971

PHIL COOK is celebrating his 23rd year as owner of Blue Water Pools in Palo Alto.

DON COX recently retired as a middle school principal in Palo Alto after nearly 30 years in education. He currently works as an adjunct professor at Santa Clara University, teaching and mentoring aspiring school administrators. Don is also a professionally-trained chef who teaches at Tante Marie’s Cooking School in San Francisco.

MAX HOBERG has served as a Marine Biologist and Assistant Dive Officer for the University of Alaska for 28 years. Max has been married to his wife, Molly, for 22 years.

CHRIS JURICICH’s daughter graduated with an MFA from Stanford. His son is in college in Santa Monica. In his free time, Chris enjoys writing, working on comic books and cooking gourmet meals.

1972

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DAVE RAUENBUEHLER works for the Port of San Francisco. He became a grandpa recently when his son, Keith ’99, welcomed baby Eve Lola Rauenbuehler. Dave’s other son, Colton ’07, is traveling to Dortmund, Germany to study abroad for the next year.

1973

ROCKY CAPELLLA works in the film industry. Most recently, he coordinated stunts and directed action sequences on the films *The Help*, *Contagion*, *Moneyball* and *Red Tails*. He also works on the Fox TV show *Alcatraz*. Rocky started RCP Charities in 1993, which sponsors an annual charity golf tournament, The Stuntman’s Scramble, in Carmel. He runs the tournament with the help of his brother-in-law, Tim Dees ’83, and raises thousands of dollars for charities fighting diseases such as ALS.

GREG GIUSTI was a guest speaker at the Lake County Land Trust benefit dinner last fall. Greg is a wildland biologist and the Lake County director/advisor of Forest and Wildland Ecology for the U.C. Cooperative Extension. He has had 35 years of experience working in Northern California’s terrestrial and aquatic systems. Greg has published more than 50 peer-reviewed scientific papers on a variety of topics related to forest and aquatic systems. He serves as chair of the Lake County Invasive Species Council and is a member of the Lake County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Kelseyville and have two grown children.

THOMAS RAFFETTO recently changed jobs, moving from Cisco Systems to Symantec, where he assists in managing the PMO for the Finance Business Operations Organization.

1974

ANTHONY DIEPENBROCK serves as Counsel at Hickman, Palermo, Truon & Becker LLP.

1975

JOHN VISBAL founded East Bay Logistics in 1997. East Bay Logistics’ coffee warehouse in Hayward is the largest cocoa warehouse on the West Coast. Visbal recently opened a new coffee warehouse in Los Angeles.



1976

BLAIR GILBERT moved to Rohnert Park with his wife, Jill, in 2008. Blair is a regional circulation manager for *The San Francisco Chronicle*.

1979

BOB DUGONI’s seventh novel, *The Conviction*, will be published in June by Simon and Schuster. Bob lives in Seattle with his wife and two children.



MARK HEARN sold his successful IT Software Company after 23 years, and bought a telecom outsourcing company. Mark lives in Walnut Creek with his family and dog, Jake. He said he is ready to retire and have a “Padre pint.”

FRANCO PALOMBA, who has been with Varian Medical Systems since 1988, was recently promoted to senior vice president, finance and corporate treasurer.

1982

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1983

ANTHONY AGRELLA is the athletic director at Natomas High School in Sacramento. He served many years as the head baseball coach and chair of the English department. Anthony and his wife, Julie, enjoy reading with their almost 9-year-old twins, Dominic and Vincent, whom they enjoy coaching in baseball and soccer.

MICHAEL PAPPAS celebrated the one year anniversary of his company, The True Olive Connection in Santa Cruz, which is a balsamic vinegar and olive oil tasting room. Michael also celebrated his second year anniversary with his wife, Susan, on August 29.

1986

J. DOMINIC CAMPODONICO was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco. Dominic is a litigation partner at the San Francisco office of Gordon & Rees LLP. He currently serves on Serra’s Board of Regents and coaches the Mock Trial team.

RONNIE FIELDS is enrolled in the master’s degree program at Fuller Theological Seminary to obtain his master’s in Theology and Ministry. Ronnie’s son, Jeramey, is a junior at Serra. His other son, Jacob, will be a freshman in the fall.

BILL HEALEY is the first grade basketball coach for the Holy Family Little Dribblers. He is working at Future Ford of Sacramento as the fleet manager.



DAVID MARTIN loves being a realtor for Coldwell Banker by day. By night, he enjoys singing as an Archdiocesan cantor for St. Robert’s and other churches. Recently, he co-starred in City of Angels at Hillbarn Theatre in Foster City. He and his wife, Nicole, both perform and volunteer at many theaters on the Peninsula. David is proud that his theatre experience started at Serra under the direction of Fr. Joe Bravo and Tom Sullivan.



1987

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1988

STEVE DEL CHIARO is an associate professor and the chair of the Psychology Department for John F. Kennedy University. He is also instructing a variety of psychology classes for San Jose State University, and provides therapy for the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Department and Department of Corrections officers in the South Bay.

MICHAEL FADELLI is the sales manager for 95.7 *The Game*.

MICHAEL WALLIS recently relocated with his family to Austin, Texas, where he joined Kabam, Inc. as general manager. Kabam creates games on Facebook, Google and mobile platforms. Michael has two children, Emma, 4, and Allie, 2.

1989

MARTIN GRUNER’S son, Chase Cameron Gruner, was born November 23 at Northwestern University Medical Center. Martin works for Wells Fargo Advisors.

1990

DAN LYONS has been married to his wife, Karen, for nearly nine years and has three children. In addition to owning two taverns, Dan is a realtor who works in real estate investments. He celebrated his 39th birthday by running the Maui Marathon. Dan and his family live in Burlingame.

SANDY STYLES was recently accepted into the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He will pursue a master’s degree in military studies next year.



1991

Troy Dooley and his wife, Debbie, welcomed triplets in October. (Pictured l to r: Braydon, Ella and Brandon)



1992

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TOM ARVETIS has three daughters: Vivian, 1, and twins Lyra and Siumone, who are 6. Tom’s company, Adventure Stage Chicago, was recently awarded \$150,000 from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

CHRIS RENDE married Michelle LeNoir of Orangevale, CA on June 11, 2011 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. His Best Man was Zack Masters ’92. In attendance were Joseph Rende ’00 and Kevin Rende ’95. Chris and Michelle reside in Rancho Cordova.

CHRIS AND LAURA RHODES were married in 2010. Padres Gary Dein ’92 and Gian Bronzini ’92 were in attendance. Chris and Laura welcomed their son, Liam, on August 31, 2011. Chris received his MBA from the University of Georgia last year and has worked for AT&T in Atlanta for 13 years.

1993

STEVE ELLINGSON was named the 2011 Vacaville Fire Department Firefighter of the Year. He was one of eight firefighters nominated for this honor. Steve has been with the department for 12 years. He has been married to his wife Erica (NDB ’96) for eight years and they have three daughters: Shealene (5), Brooke (3) and Abigale (18 months).



1994

DOUG FIORANELLI founded Rise Above Performance Training in Belmont four years ago. He specializes in strength and conditioning for athletes from middle school age to the professional level.



1995

MIKE DYER and his wife, Janet, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Brynn Marie, on September 29. Mike was recently promoted to vice president of National Geographic, where he has worked since 2000. Mike, Janet and Brynn reside in Hingham, Massachusetts.



EDWARD GRADEK and his wife welcomed their second daughter, Gabriella Rose, in July. Edward also completed his master’s degree in IT/IS in 2010.

1996

HORACE GREELEY will join the Navy in July.

1997

JASON ALLEN founded Performance Self Storage in 2010. He handles marketing for more than 50 storage properties nationwide and has brokered more than \$264 million in storage properties.

KEVIN KOPIAK recently handled public relations for the Bay Area engagements of Michael Jackson’s *The Immortal* World Tour by Cirque du Soleil. Kevin manages public relations for Steve Silver’s *Beach Blanket Babylon*, Meals On Wheels of San Francisco and *Top Chef Just Desserts* Season 1 winner, Yigit Pura.

ROBERT SPALASSO married Marissa Sauro on October 14 at St. Peter & Paul Church in San Francisco. Robert recently graduated from law school and currently works at the San Francisco Superior Court. The Spalassos honeymooned in Austria, Germany, Italy and Switzerlandand. They reside in Danville. Serra Padres in attendance are pictured below. Top Row: Gregory Spalasso ’94 and Steve Petelo ’97, Middle Row: Darren Mauro ’97, Brian Houle ’97, John Langridge ’97, John Saddi ’97, Robert Spalasso ’97, Kurt Domine ’97 and Jeff Walsh ’99, Bottom Row: Sean Walsh ’97, Marissa Spalasso, Simon Seiba’a ’97 and James Hartley ’97.



1998

JASON MCGORAN has been enlisted in the Army for four years. He serves at Guantanamo Bay as a military corrections specialist.



1999

TY JENSEN and his wife, Janelle, welcomed baby daughter Parker on June 12, 2011. Pictured right is baby Parker’s *big brother*. Cash.



2000

JON SIBUG married Faith Mason on October 15 in beautiful Napa.



Class Notes

2001

CRIS RAMIREZ and his wife, Sarah (NDB '01), welcomed their first child, Sophie Aurora Ramirez, on February 16. Cris is a customer service rep at Spiteri's Auto in Belmont. Sarah is an elementary school teacher.



PHILIP HOVANESSION is in the final stages of writing his first book about job hunting for recent graduates and young professionals in the new economy.

2002

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MATT RODGERS is serving in the Persian Gulf aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier. He is serving his 4th deployment in the U.S. Navy and is scheduled to return on May 2, to Newport News, Virginia. Matt is stationed at Point Mugu, CA and is attached to Early Detection Squadron 116.

2004

CHRIS CARDENAS completed his MS in mechanical engineering from Santa Clara University and is the lead author of an ASME Journal of Heat Transfer research paper on nano to microscale temperature measurement. Chris has received patents for novel detection methods for ophthalmic drug delivery systems. He is a thermo/mechanical engineer in Portland, working on platform technology development.



2005

SEAN WILKINSON completed his second year of law school at USC in May. He competed in the USC Hale Moot Court Honors Competition, making it to the semifinal round (pictured back row, third from left). Participants in the competition presented their arguments before panels of state and federal judges, experienced attorneys, and faculty members. Sean will be working as a legal intern at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP in Burlingame this summer.



2006

SCOTT SYME graduated from the University of Arizona in 2011 and worked as a stuntman from July to December. Scott was hired as a youth pastor at a church in Laredo, Texas.

2007

ROBERT BRODERICK will attend Columbia Law School this fall as a member of the class of 2015. Robert (l) is pictured with his brother, Dillon '97 (r).



JASON DUNN graduated from UCLA last June with a B.A. in economics. He works in the assurance practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers in San Francisco.

RYAN TUNG graduated from UC San Diego with a degree in international studies and political science. Ryan now attends UC Hastings College of Law.

2008

HANNA MALAK was awarded the San Mateo County 2011 Mayor's Diversity Award for the town of Atherton. Hanna recently graduated from Menlo College and was one of 13 people selected to be on the National Youth Council of the American Red Cross.



2009

MARC BAKER played football at CSM for two years and earned Second Team All-Conference honors as well as his A.A. in social science. He transferred to Menlo College, where he is studying sports management and is starting at right tackle.

DAVID BAKHTIARI plays football for the Colorado Buffaloes. He was named to the All-Pac 12 football team at the left tackle position this season. David was one of just five sophomores to earn this honor and the youngest offensive lineman.



RAY WORLEY plays tennis for Cal Lutheran. Ray and teammate, Nicholas Ballou, are currently ranked as the number two doubles team in NCAA Division III tennis. He is also doing well in singles play, with a 6-1 record to date.



2010

RYAN TANA is starting at point guard for NYU and led the Violets to a 21-6 overall record this year. He led the team in 3-point shooting percentage (49%) and assists (103).



2011



MAX MURPHY was named Freshman of the Year and Ivy League Rookie of the Year for the Harvard Water Polo Team. Max scored 28 goals and had 23 steals. While at Serra, Max was a two-time All American and the number four all-time scoring leader. Outside of the pool, he was Serra's 2011 valedictorian!

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2012
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VS. ARCHBISHOP RIORDAN
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2012 ALUMNI GAMES BASEBALL & VOLLEYBALL



The energy was high on the Serra black top on April 7, when more than 50 alumni visited their alma mater for the annual Alumni Games. As baseball bats cracked and volleyballs smacked in the gym, Padres from all generations caught up with each other and reminisced about their time at Serra.

“It’s great to have our alumni back,” said Alumni Director Bob Greene ’85. “Padres love their sports and we had a big turnout this year.”

Alumni Board President John Esplana said the camaraderie of Serra alumni events strengthens the brotherhood.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity not only for our current and past players to share these experiences, but they also get to bring their families,” he explained.

Volleyball players Kevin Brazil ’07 and Jason Dunn ’07 said the brotherhood is what keeps them coming back to Serra.

“It’s nice to see everybody again,” agreed former Padre baseball player Giorgio Lavezzo ’05. “We’re all so busy but it’s good to see all the guys. I’ll keep coming back because I’ll always love baseball.”



GREAT TURNOUT AT 50-YEAR CLUB LUNCHEON - FATHER TOM MADDEN BLESSES THE CLASS OF 1959 FINE ARTS COURTYARD

As 62 Serra alums gathered in the library for the 50-year Luncheon on March 4, it was apparent that the Padre brotherhood remains strong and true. The energy was high, as Padres swapped stories, caught up on family news and filled each other in on business developments, weddings, health scares and retirement escapades.

“This event has really grown over the past five years,” said Alumni Director Bob Greene ’85. “We started with about 30 people attending the luncheon. Today, we have more than 60 alumni here from different classes - David Stronck ’49, Don McMullen ’59, Gary Hughes ’59, Tom Nelson ’53 and Clarence Schott ’51, to name a few. It’s such an enjoyable time for everyone.”

Father Jack Kavanaugh said grace before lunch. Library tables were adorned with festive table linens and plates of delectable food. After lunch, Father Tom Madden blessed the Class of 1959 Fine Arts Courtyard, which evoked memories of days gone by.

“More than 25 guys from the Class of ’59 attended the ceremony,” noted Greene. “Members of the Class of ’59 have pledged \$250,000 to Serra, and they are very close to completing their goal. These guys were and still are a great class and wonderful Padres. I really appreciate how much they care about the school and their willingness to give back in so many different ways.”



Remembering Michael Hackworth



Michael L. Hackworth ’59 passed away on April 21. He was a 40-year veteran of the semi-conductor industry who worked for Motorola, Fairchild Semiconductor and Signetics. In 1985, Michael co-founded Cirrus Logic, a supplier of high-precision analog and digital signal processing components for audio and energy markets. At Cirrus, he served as CEO and chairman of the board.

“Michael will be remembered as living his guiding principles to their fullest: Dream big, work hard and do the right thing,” his family said in a written statement.

A strong believer in hard work, community service and ethics, Michael accepted a leadership role at several local nonprofits, including Santa Clara University, the Tech Museum, San Jose Ballet Silicon Valley, the San Jose Symphony, the Montalvo Arts Center, the Santa Clara County Children’s Shelter, Second Harvest Food Bank and the Silicon Valley Charity Ball.

In 2003, Michael received the Alumni Award of Merit Award in the category of Science & Technology. He will forever be remembered for his extraordinary support of Serra High School. After Serra, Michael graduated from Santa Clara University with a degree in electrical engineering.

A memorial service organized by Cirrus Logic was held for Michael on May 6 at Mission Santa Clara.

In Memoriam

JACK ALLAIN ’53 passed away on February 5. Jack was inducted to the Serra Hall of Fame in 1993 for football, basketball and baseball.

JANET BELTON, the wife of Kevin Belton ’65, passed away from cancer in October of 2011.

BRIAN JOHN BENNETT ’51, the father of Kevin ’85 passed away on December 24, 2011.

JOSEPH BERESFORD ’59 passed away on August 29, 2011.

JAMES P. BRISBOIS ’50 passed away on November 16, 2011.

JOE FEREM, former Serra head football coach and faculty member Joe Ferem passed away on March 26.

JAMES FLANNERY ’63 passed away on January 12.

ATHENE FRAGAKIS passed away on March 28. She was the wife of John Fragakis and the mother of George ’87 and Chris ’89.

VERA GERMANO, the mother of Serra staff member Mike Germano and Gary ’70 passed away on April 27.

DAVID ANTHONY GOUGH ’88 passed away on January 10. David was the brother of Serra Counselor Jane Zoucha.

MICHAEL L. HACKWORTH ’59 passed away on April 21.

ETO LANDUCCI, the father of Edward Landucci ’62 and grandfather of Zach DePaula ’13 passed away on September 27, 2011.

BOB MARELICH ’57 passed away on January 26. He was the uncle of Ken Woofert ’87 and the cousin of former Serra Athletic Director Kevin Donahue.

RANDY NORTON ’71 passed away on March 23.

MICHAEL J. O’BRIEN ’65 passed away in September of 2011.

GEORGE PEACOCK ’59 passed away on December 27, 2011.

RITA POWERS, the grandmother of Will ’05 and Matt ’00 Powers passed away on December 10, 2011.

AL ROLLANDI passed away on March 28. He was the father of Paul ’73, Ken ’74 and Scott ’81 Rollandi.

JEFF STEACH ’69 passed away on December 2, 2011.

JOHN CLARK SULLIVAN ’56 passed away on February 2. He was the brother in law of Bill ’54 and Richard ’51 Rowley, Mike Young ’52 and former Serra faculty member Jim Monahan.

CHARLES “BUDDY” TERRY died on October 27, 2011. He was the father of Les ’60, Dennis ’63 and Greg ’80 and the grandfather of Serra staff member Michael Rockwell ’06 and Brent Rockwell ’08.

ROBERT UGHE ’51, father of Steven ’82 passed away on March 3.

JOHN WALDUM ’62, passed away on April 30.



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OCTOBER 2012

5TH Homecoming Football Game vs Riordan

6TH Alumni Hall of Fame Awards & Dinner

NOVEMBER 2012

10TH Annual Benefit Auction

21ST Alumni Basketball & Wrestling Games

22ND Alumni Water Polo Game

23RD Alumni Soccer Game

DECEMBER 2012

26TH Alumni Crew Competition

JANUARY 2013

25TH Alumni 50-Year Luncheon

FEBRUARY 2013

21ST Fund a Dream Benefit

MARCH 2013

6TH Alumni Career Day

30TH Alumni Baseball & Volleyball

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