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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends of Serra,

A few weeks ago, we hosted an orientation meeting with students from the Class of 2018 and their parents. As the boys met their future Padre brothers, they were welcomed with the following words:

*In August, you will arrive at Serra for your first day of high school. You will begin a journey that, if you work hard and take advantage of all this school has to offer, you will become a man ready for college and ready to face the challenges of adulthood. You won't be doing this alone. Your parents have raised you well, and they are working hard to ensure that you will have the best education possible. Your teachers and coaches will challenge you to do your very best. Your classmates will be there for you every step of the way, and many will become friends for life.*

*Look around you. In this room is Serra's future student body president, class valedictorian, Kairos retreat leader, star of the spring musical, captain of the football team, and so many other Padres who will make a significant difference during your four years at Serra. Somewhere in this room is the person who might be the best man at your wedding, or your child's godfather. On behalf of the 12,000 graduates of Serra, we welcome you. Our school is built on a foundation of faith, hope and love. It is now your turn to build upon this foundation in your own time, and in your own way.*

During my 30-plus years at Serra, I have watched the cycle of freshman boys grow up to become outstanding men. Over the years, I have watched them become successes in their chosen fields, with virtues that make such successes meaningful. I have seen them become loving husbands and fathers, and I have hired many of them to become teachers and coaches, Fathers' Club presidents, and members of our Board of Regents. I have watched with pride as they received the Alumni Award of Merit, were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, and returned to Serra as presenters on Career Day.

We have had an exceptional year at Serra. In the pages to follow, you will see some of the reasons why. From Fr. Tommy King '74 being honored with the Junípero Serra Award to Marquise Jones '08 returning to his alma mater to inspire today's Padres, my heart is filled with pride and gratitude.

*Siempre Adelante!*

Lars Lund  
President



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# Back to School

Marquise Jones '08  
inspires Padres at his  
alma mater



MARQUISE JONES '08 IS PAYING IT FORWARD. *As Serra's assistant strength and conditioning coach, he inspires Padres every day while helping them to reach their full potential.*

For Marquise Jones, returning to his alma mater has enabled him to give back to the community that made him the man he is today. As an assistant strength and conditioning coach, his “can do” attitude is contagious.

“Marquise has been a tremendous asset to the athletic department,” said Serra Athletic Director Dean Ayoob. “He is willing to do whatever is asked of him with a smile on his face. He’s a great role model for our Serra student-athletes.”

Marquise’s story is a remarkable example of perseverance, hard work, and commitment to achieving one’s goals. He was raised in the Fillmore district of San Francisco by his mother, Vicky. Money was tight, but Vicky always told him, “You can do anything you put your mind to if you’re willing to work for it.” Vicky was an excellent role model—young Marquise watched as she climbed the nursing career ladder from certified nurse to licensed vocational nurse to her current job as a registered nurse at Peninsula Hospital.

Marquise came to Serra as a junior. He was focused academically, and he excelled in track and football. His mentors—Serra teachers, coaches, and staff members—recognized a natural leader in Marquise.

“Mrs. Ferretti encouraged me to run for office, and I became the executive council vice president,” Marquise remembered. “She saw something in me that I didn’t even know existed. Once I transferred, I saw how life could be. I found father

figures in Mr. Lund, Coach Walsh and Mr. Taylor. Mr. Farren kept me in line and taught me how to set goals for college. It’s funny because those father figures taught me so much—from things as basic as how to tie a tie to how to become a compassionate young man.”

After high school, Marquise majored in sociology at Sacramento State. He was the first person in his family to go to college.

In addition to inspiring student-athletes on and off the field, Marquise’s goal is to become a Serra counselor one day. “I try to teach today’s Padres life lessons about being accountable, setting goals and being a good person,” he shared. “I also emphasize the importance of brotherhood. My younger brother, Orlando, is a freshman at Serra this year. I also have two cousins who are Serra students. I hope to become a mentor to them, and I want them to be able to relate to me.”

Marquise appreciated the strong Serra brotherhood, and he keeps in touch with many Padres from his class. “I truly believe that the Serra brotherhood is second to none,” he said. “You make lifelong friends and there are always people to check on you. Teenagers have their ups and downs, and it’s nice to know that you can always find support at Serra.”

Marquise currently is pursuing a master’s degree in counseling. “I work at Serra so that I can give back to my school in any way possible,” he noted. “I can honestly say that I wouldn’t be the man I am today if it hadn’t been for Serra High School.”

## UNDERWATER BRILLIANCE

### PEGGY FARRELL PRESENTS “SCHOOLS” ART SHOW

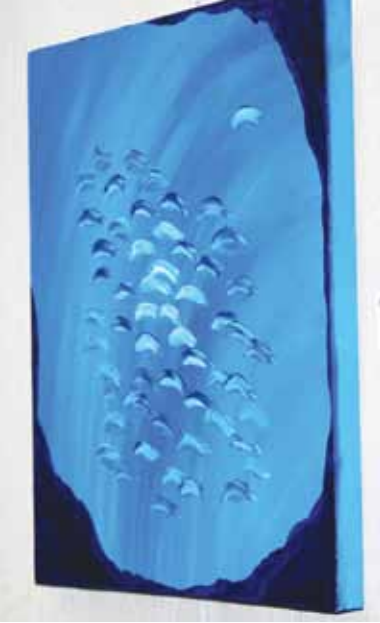
The magical beauty of the ocean came to life in Visual and Performing Arts Chair Peggy Farrell’s latest show, *Schools*. The mesmerizing collection was on display at San Mateo City Hall during the month of April.

“Last summer, in my studio, I was able to revisit my vacation in Cozumel by painting the schools of fish I watched underwater in the reefs,” Farrell explained. “My series, *Schools*, is inspired by those fish and the poetry of their movements.”



Vibrant aqua, royal blue and turquoise hues shimmer on Farrell’s *Schools* canvases. The artist’s technique was different this time—instead of using paint brushes, she used a palette knife to blend colors and create a cool, tranquil feeling. Serra Padres in advanced and basic art classes attended the *Schools* exhibit.

“Peggy used beautiful, soothing colors,” said Kathy Costa, assistant to the city clerk. “The ocean theme created a very peaceful feeling here at City Hall.”



### GET’CHA HEAD IN THE GAME *HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL* CREATOR VISITS SERRA

We’re all in this together” is a phrase most teenagers remember well from their elementary school days. Disney’s *High School Musical* creator Peter Barsocchini ’70 visited his alma mater in February to share his valuable insight with Tri-School Productions drama students.

A graduate of Serra’s Class of 1970, Barsocchini remembered his days at Serra and outlined the highlights of his illustrious career. The *High School Musical* series has more than 900 million fans worldwide, and the 2008 debut of *High School Musical 2* remains the most highly-rated original film in the history of television.

“His talk was awesome,” said Tri-School Productions senior Justin Robinson, who played the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*. “I really enjoyed *High School Musical* when I was younger, so to hear from the guy who wrote it was great. To hear how a Serra alumnus became so successful in the entertainment industry gave us a boost of confidence and a feeling that ‘I can do this.’”

Barsocchini noted that one of the best things students can do to get ahead in any industry is to gain a wide range of knowledge.

“He encouraged us to learn about a lot of different things,” Robinson explained. “For example, if you’re making a movie about history, there are history experts on set. If you have this extra background, it will help you to become successful.”

In addition to *High School Musical*, Barsocchini has published several works of fiction and nonfiction, including the novel *Ghost* and the novelization of the film *Mission Impossible*.





# Created to Amaze: Junípero Serra at 300

by CHRISTIAN CLIFFORD '89

I recently went to the circus for the first time since I was a child. The show lived up to its name, “Built to Amaze.” I saw awe in my 5-year-old’s face. After immersing myself in Blessed Junípero Serra’s story, I can say with confidence that HE was created to amaze.

The gist of it is this: a short, stout man in his prime left the comforts of Palma, Mallorca, Spain, to bring a new vision of love to total strangers. What he ended up doing was living among the people of Mexico City—the Sierra Gorda and Baja regions—who already knew Christ. It was about 20 years later, in Alta California, that his wish was granted. Fr. Serra baptized 98 percent of adult converts at Mission Carmel. He walked an estimated 4,000 miles through California with a seriously injured leg, probably stopping to rest down the street from where Serra High School is currently located.

At his headquarters in Carmel, Fr. Serra slept on a wooden board with four legs. According to records at The Early California Population Project, Serra’s legacy was 101,000 baptisms, 28,000 marriages and 71,000 burials at all 21 missions. He alone confirmed 4,076 (being given a papal dispensation since there was no bishop in Alta). He embodied what Saint Augustine shared in On Continenence, “Do not turn away from the one who made you, even to turn toward yourself.”

Three hundred years after his birth, the Franciscan priest continues to be on people’s minds and in their hearts. The exhibit “Junípero Serra and the Legacies of the California Missions” opened last August at The Huntington Library in San Marino. My prayer to Fr. Serra was that by visiting the exhibit and its 250 artifacts from 60 lenders, more light would be shed on his life so that I can better inspire the young men whom I teach. I want to learn how to be a man of faith through Serra’s experiences. At the exhibit, objects resonated with my own faith journey. A notebook he used when he was a student in Palma, Mallorca, reminded me of the intellect’s place in discipleship. The history teacher in me was excited to read a letter from Abraham Lincoln (March 18, 1865) that mandated the return of the missions to the Franciscans. I reflected on my vocation as a teacher while peering at Serra’s personal Bible (printed in Venice in 1508).

While driving back to the Bay Area and hearing my 5-year-old son say, “Are we home yet?” for the umpteenth time, I recalled the 18th century Franciscan tunic on display, which was a physical reminder of the order’s vow of Christian poverty. Blessed Junípero Serra must have been smiling down on us.

“Blessed Father Junípero Serra helped to spread Christianity in the New World. He embodied faith, wisdom, service, community and leadership—the five traits Padres follow today.”

- Nicholas Burnett '17



*Fr. Junípero Serra*



## Fr. Tommy King '74 Receives Junípero Serra Award

The 2013 Junípero Serra Award was presented to Fr. Tommy King, OFM, during a special Mass celebrating the 300th birthday of Fr. Junípero Serra. The award is the highest honor given to a Serra alumnus.

Fr. Tommy was honored for his unwavering support of St. Boniface Church in San Francisco’s Tenderloin neighborhood. Fr. Tommy comforts and encourages people who are struggling every single day. Gracious and compassionate, Tommy has dedicated his life to helping those in need and has made a difference in the lives of thousands of people.

“Fr. Tommy King is an awesome priest and everything a Serra Padre should be—he is a man of prayer with a passionate commitment to social justice,” said Fr. Joe Bradley '73.

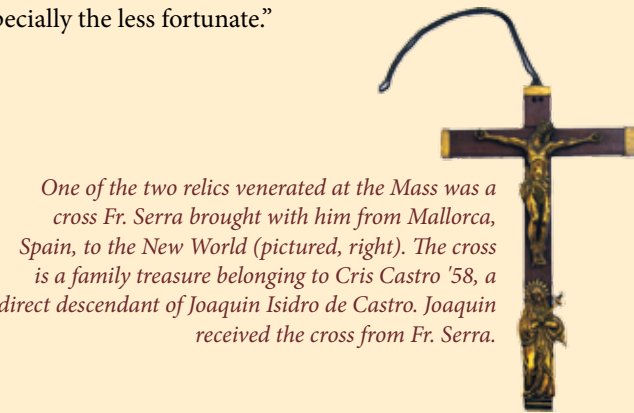
“Fr. Tommy brings a genuine sense of joy and humility to his ministry. On a day when we honor Fr. Serra, I cannot think of a better example of ministry and faith than Fr. Tommy King.”

“As a Franciscan priest, I thrive on working with people on the margins,” Fr. Tommy said. “I don’t have anything to offer

anybody if I don’t have a sense of joy. The best way I could love was to be a Franciscan Friar. Life has blessed me in so many different ways. For me, it’s about celebrating God’s love with people who struggle. As we embrace them, God embraces us.”

Fr. Tommy has a gift for making people feel special, valued and appreciated. He listens to his parishioners’ struggles, prays with them and offers a sense of hope.

“As Fr. Tommy spoke, I felt that he surrendered to his heart’s desire; his call to be fully alive,” said Serra Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D. “This was the gift he offered to the Serra community—a gentle call to live a life fully alive in response to God’s invitation of love. This call is unique to each person, but will always be animated in the service we offer to others, especially the less fortunate.”



One of the two relics venerated at the Mass was a cross Fr. Serra brought with him from Mallorca, Spain, to the New World (pictured, right). The cross is a family treasure belonging to Cris Castro '58, a direct descendant of Joaquin Isidro de Castro. Joaquin received the cross from Fr. Serra.



PADRE BASEBALL PLAYERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON THE DIAMOND



Serra varsity baseball players spent a Sunday in April helping children with disabilities. Padres pitched in to assist athletes participating in Challenger games held in Hillsborough and Half Moon Bay.

The Challenger Division of Little League offers boys and girls with physical and mental challenges (ages 5 to 18) an opportunity to participate in organized baseball games. The organization was established in 1989 as a separate division of Little League baseball. More than 30,000 children participate in 900-plus Challenger Divisions worldwide.

“Challenger baseball is a wonderful thing,” said Steve Bacich, Challenger Division vice president. “These kids have a chance to enjoy the game of baseball while being in each other’s

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company. The Serra baseball players learned a valuable life lesson—empathy. Nothing could be more enjoyable than Challenger baseball.”

Serra baseball players enjoyed meeting children of all ages while talking about their favorite sport.

“Working with the Challenger kids was truly an awesome experience,” said senior Nolan Dempsey. “Although I was a little nervous at first, it was nice to see how excited they were and how much fun they were having. Even the smallest things put smiles on their faces, which put one on mine. A simple thing, such as fielding a ground ball, made these kids so happy. It made me realize never to take the chances I get on the field for granted, and how lucky we are at Serra.”

The Padres helped Challenger athletes with warm-ups and side games of catch. There were numerous high-fives throughout the day, as the Challengers hit the ball and rounded the bases.

Serra Head Baseball Coach Craig Gianinno said he and his coaches stress the importance of giving back to the local community. “Our players witnessed the power of a hand shake, a smile, or pushing a wheelchair around the bases,” he noted. “Those little gestures can’t be underestimated. I’m proud of our guys for volunteering during a busy time in their season. Challenger families have had to overcome adversity and obstacles. It was wonderful to see these kids participating in baseball—they have great families behind them to achieve that.”

Although not all baseball leagues in the San Francisco Bay Area have a separate Challenger Division, many do. There are usually 10 games scheduled for each team from late March to June.

"Participating in the Challenger game was a great experience," said senior Ian McGuire. “It was eye-opening for me not only as a baseball player, but outside the game as well. Events like this enable me to take a second to think about how fortunate I am. It was humbling, but something I really enjoyed.”

2013 In Via Award

Kyle Lierk honored for outstanding service



“IN A GENTLE WAY, YOU CAN SHAKE THE WORLD.” - Mahatma Gandhi

One can’t help but think of Serra’s former Director of Campus Ministry Kyle Lierk when reading Gandhi’s quote. For six-and-a-half years, Lierk made a significant difference in the lives of Serra students, faculty and staff members. Humble and kind, Lierk’s gentle spirit, compassion and dedication to service have made him a friend to many and a respected role model.

In December, Lierk was honored with the In Via Award, which is given to a non-alumnus of Serra who has led by Christian example and has provided outstanding community service. Lierk was honored during a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Joe Bradley ’73.

“When I think of Kyle, I think of a lighthouse that shines through the dark,” Fr. Joe said. “The hardest part of Campus Ministry is getting people on board. Wherever he goes, Kyle will share his gifts and his spirit. He is truly a Padre and a brother for life.”

“When we created a new vision for Campus Ministry seven years ago, we needed to find someone who could execute the plan,” noted Serra Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D. “Little did we know that we would find a person as exceptional as Kyle. His leadership, interpersonal skills, pastoral ability and, most important, authenticity of faith, transformed Serra’s Campus Ministry Department into the place it is now—the heart and soul of Serra High School.”

“I am beyond honored to offer this reflection today,” said Lierk, right after he was honored with a plaque and the In Via medal. He went on to talk about his acceptance into the Serra “family,” and thanked the Serra community for challenging him to be his best self and for showing him how to live a life of courage.

“I love you because you are a school family that models the love of Jesus, and you strive to be better every day,” he added. “I can think of no community I have been more honored to serve.”

At the end of the fall semester, Lierk left Serra to pursue a new career at Creighton University, where he is the new Director of Campus Ministry. Creighton is Lierk’s alma mater—a place where he had a spiritual awakening that influenced his decision to pursue campus ministry as his life’s calling. He and his wife, Meredith, returned to Nebraska to be closer to Lierk’s family. Meredith is a trained lay minister who met Lierk at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley.

“We grieve Kyle’s departure, but celebrate with great pride his move to Creighton University to be closer to his family,” Thornton said. “With our conveyance of the In Via Award, Kyle is a Padre in name and in spirit.”





## Fund a Dream Makes Dreams Come True for Young Padres

**F**und a Dream 2014 was an exceptional evening. The February event, which was held in Serra's Morton Family Gymnasium, was attended by 500 members of the Serra community.

Members of the Serra community welcomed San Francisco Auxiliary Bishop William Justice '60 as the keynote speaker. The celebrity emcee was NFL Hall-of-Famer and four-time Super Bowl champion Lynn Swann '70. Special guests included author and screenwriter Peter Barsocchini '70, retired District Attorney Jim Fox '62, former *New York Times* Executive Editor Bill Keller '66, best-selling author John Lescroart '66, and offensive tackle for the Green Bay Packers David Bakhtiari '09.



Bishop Justice has fond memories of his high school days. "Serra was a great place to make friends," he recounted. "I was challenged to learn—not just the facts, but to ask why. Serra called us to care for others—to reach out to senior citizens and the needy because we are Catholics. Today, we have an opportunity to reach out with scholarships to assist those who need financial help to attend Serra."

*Fund a Dream Keynote Speaker  
San Francisco Auxiliary Bishop  
William Justice '60*

During the past 10 years, *Fund a Dream* has become an all-school reunion that celebrates the positive impact Serra has on its students and families.

"The response to *Fund a Dream* 2014 has been extraordinary," said Serra President Lars Lund. "To date, we have raised close to \$375,000. We are extremely grateful for the outstanding support from the Serra community."

A highlight of the evening was an inspirational speech by Cris Perla '12 (see sidebar). Cris thanked the Serra community for believing in him, encouraging him and creating opportunities for him.

"Since its inception in 2005, *Fund a Dream* has raised \$2.2 million for students who need financial aid in order to afford a Serra education," Lund noted. "For the current school year, we received requests from almost 400 families who asked for \$3.5 million in financial aid. We awarded \$2.4 million to 276 students who otherwise would not have been able to attend Serra. *Fund a Dream* makes the dream of a Catholic education come true for hundreds of young men."



*A generous donor hands a Fund a Dream envelope to a Padre volunteer.*



*Lynn Swann '70 and David Bakhtiari '09*



*Bill Keller '66*



*John Lescroart '66*

## *Fund a Dream* Student Speaker Cristobal Perla '12

Cris Perla knows how Serra's financial aid program can affect a Padre's future. When he was a junior, his dad, Walter, suffered a major stroke. As Cris and his mother, Mirna, and brother, Esteban, nursed Walter back to health, they appreciated the fact that the Serra community took care of Cris.

"The people at Serra did everything in their power for me to succeed during that time," he remembered. "My teachers, counselors and coaches were always there for me. Thank God my dad is still with us. Serra gave so much to me. To speak at *Fund a Dream* is an honor—the financial aid program really does make a difference."

Cris was the captain of the Serra soccer team. According to Serra Head Soccer Coach Jeff Panos, "Cris had to grow up a lot faster than some of his friends. Yet, there was never a negative vibe he couldn't overcome. The leadership he displayed on and off the field was unmatched. He handled everything with grace and humility. Cris led by example—he was the heart of our team and he left our soccer program in better shape than he found it."

During his speech, Cris referred to the Serra virtues of "Faith, Wisdom, Service, Community and Leadership" to illustrate the significant impact Serra has had on his life.

As a Kairos leader, Cris strengthened his faith and relationships. "My relationship with God became closer while I was at Serra," he said. "I developed leadership skills through Kairos, and I learned about responsibility and commitment. I learned how to trust, how to open up to people, and what the Serra brotherhood really means."

Service is extremely important to Cris. "I don't think there is one Padre in this room who doesn't have an example of how he has contributed to his community," he said. "Service is one of the most important things Serra instilled in me—it took the focus off me and

redirected it to those around me." Cris excelled in academics. "My teachers pushed me to prepare for college," he noted. "Once I got into college at the University of Redlands, it wasn't a difficult transition. Serra did a great job preparing me for the next level. I still keep in touch with my Serra friends. We still share those high school memories. All of us are looking forward to our reunions when we're in our 50s—that's the true Serra brotherhood."



*Cris Perla '12*

Cris ended his powerful speech with these words: "It is because of nights like this and people like you that students just like me are looking forward to bright futures. I would like to thank Mr. Bill Piedemonte and his family, who are here tonight, for helping to fund my education and for helping other Serra students. I stand here as an example of how *Fund a Dream* can significantly impact a student's life. *Fund a Dream* helps students to continue their education at this remarkable institution and strive for their dreams."



*Pictured (l-r): Walter, Mirna, Cris '12 and Esteban Perla '18*



# Home Sweet Home

Padres participate in Rebuilding Together



Sixty-seven Padres and their dads renovated a local home in April, when they participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Rebuilding Together Peninsula Project. From sun-up to sun-down, the group primed and painted, hammered nails, pulled weeds and installed flooring.

Rebuilding Together Peninsula is sponsored by the Serra Fathers’ Club. “I am grateful to have such dedicated volunteers,” said Fathers’ Club President Jaime Huerta. “Our sons have wonderful role models. Without the presence of our Serra dads, this job could not have been completed. Our students and dads forever changed the life of this family in need.”

When an elderly Burlingame resident passed away 18 months ago, he left a widow who suffers from dementia. The man’s grandson, now in his 40s, suffers from multiple sclerosis.

The Padres and their dads completed numerous projects at the Burlingame home, which included painting the garage and cottage, clearing debris and landscaping in the yard, installing walls of outdoor siding, and replacing a shower and tile flooring in the bathroom. One of the more difficult tasks was transforming a bedroom into a space for a live-in care assistant, which will make life much easier for the homeowners.

“Rebuilding Together Peninsula is a bonding experience,” said sophomore Cole Bellomo, who carried on a family tradition with his dad, Jeff Bellomo. “My brother, Eric ’13, participated in several Rebuilding Together Peninsula projects with our dad. This was my first time volunteering, and it made me realize how much my dad does at our house. Our project was to pull weeds, clean up the garden, and put rocks around the trees. The people who lived there were ecstatic and beyond gracious. My dad and I plan to do it again next year.”



Fathers’ Club President Jaime Huerta ’90 is pictured with his sophomore son, Stephen.



Pictured clockwise (top right): Emilio Alvarenga ’13 and his dad, Luis; (bottom right): Keevan Chandless ’17 and his dad, Steve; (bottom left): Vinny Way ’16 and David Bulen ’17; (top left): Connor O’Brien ’17 and his dad, Marc.





# Pictures Worth a Thousand Words

## Padres create portraits for The Memory Project

**T**he little boy leans against a brick wall, proudly holding his portrait. Raised in a Cambodian orphanage, photos of his childhood are rare. Scrapbooks are nonexistent. Yet, a Serra Padre who lives almost 8,000 miles away carefully drew a beautiful portrait of him during his art class. Now, the young boy will have permanent documentation of his life at age 7.

The portrait was one of 72 incredible portraits created by Serra students this year who participated in The Memory Project. The organization enables students to create portraits for children and teenagers around the world who have been orphaned or neglected.

“These children don’t have yearbooks or photos of themselves,” said Visual and Performing Arts Chair Peggy Farrell. “Now they have portraits. Our students made these kids feel special and so happy.”

In previous years, Serra art students have drawn celebrity portraits. Art teacher Sister Celeste Nuttman heard about The Memory Project and thought it would be a wonderful twist on the usual assignment.

“These children really have just about nothing,” she said. “We used our charity money from our art show sales to pay it forward for the orphans. The portraits created by our students were more amazing than I could have imagined.”

The Memory Project was developed by Ben Schumaker when he was a graduate student of social work at the University of Wisconsin. In 2003, while volunteering at an orphanage in Guatemala, Schumaker learned that the children had few special belongings to represent important childhood moments. An art enthusiast, Schumaker founded The Memory Project in 2004. To date, the organization has coordinated nearly 60,000 portraits for children in 35 countries.

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“Given that kids in such situations tend to have few personal keepsakes, we’re aiming to provide them with special memories that capture their childhoods—portable pieces of their personal history,” Schumaker explained. “We want to help these kids to see themselves as works of art. Most children living in orphanages around the world are not there because both of their parents are deceased. Some have lost one or both parents, but many are there for reasons of abuse, neglect, or simply because their parents are living in extreme poverty and are not able to adequately feed and care for them.”

Art students receive photos of children who range in age from newborn to 18. Student artists can use any medium (drawing, painting, digital art, collage, etc.) to create their portraits. The Memory Project volunteers deliver the portraits to thousands of children each year. More than 800 schools participated during the 2013-2014 school year. Serra was one of eight schools with the highest number of portraits created.

“I drew a portrait of a little boy who was only 6 years old,” noted sophomore Marco Hernandez. “I wanted to emphasize his smile and happy attitude. It was really cool to share my art with another person.”

“My boy was 13, and he wasn’t smiling,” said senior Christian Villanueva. “He had a cool, confident expression on his face and I wanted to capture that. He will have this portrait forever, which is why this project was so meaningful.”



## Pulitzer Prize Winners Inspire Students

Not one, but TWO Pulitzer Prize winners visited the Serra campus in February. Serra and Mercy AP history and government students were captivated as *New York Times* Executive Editor Bill Keller ’66 and author David M. Kennedy, Ph.D. spoke about their significant career highlights.

David Kennedy, professor emeritus at Stanford University, is the author of the students’ current textbook, *The American Pageant*. It was co-written by Kennedy, Lisabeth Cohen and Thomas A. Bailey. He won the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for his history book, *Freedom from Fear: The American People in Depression and War*.

Serra alumnus Bill Keller has worked at *The New York Times* since 1984 as a correspondent, editor and opinion/editorial columnist. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the collapse of Communist rule and

the breakup of the Soviet Union when he was a *Times* correspondent in Moscow.

“It was an extraordinary day to have two true scholars on campus,” said Serra Social Studies Department Chair Kevin Carey ’93. “Both gentlemen are world-renowned speakers. Yet, they have returned to Serra several times. They both conveyed to me how impressed they were with the depth of our students’ questions.”

“The questions from our students displayed a thoughtful knowledge and an eloquent understanding of world and national events,” said AP American Government and Politics teacher Patrick Duggan ’71. “It was wonderful for our students to interact with two of the most noteworthy and recognized observers of American society and world affairs.”





# There’s No Place Like Home

Tri-School students present  
*The Wizard of Oz*



Camila Ron (Mercy '14) as Aunt Em, Christina Wonpat (NDB '15) as Dorothy, Cooper as Toto and Robert Letters '15 as Uncle Henry



Michael Takla '16 as The Wizard of Oz



Naeem Salameh '14 as the Palace Guard



Justin Robinson '14 as the Cowardly Lion

Tri-School Productions students from Serra, Mercy and Notre Dame followed the yellow brick road this spring when they presented *The Wizard of Oz*. The spectacular musical was a smashing success.

Most of us can relate to the plights of the Tin Man, Scarecrow and Cowardly Lion, as they muddle through life while striving to reach their full potential. “This show was different from other shows because of the personal connections many people have to *The Wizard of Oz*,” explained Serra senior Justin Robinson, who played the Cowardly Lion. “Everyone has been brainless, heartless, without courage, or felt distant from home at some point in their lives. When people see a show like this, they see a piece of themselves.”

According to Director/Choreographer Gennine Harrington, the show celebrated Tri-School Productions’ 25th anniversary and the 75th anniversary of *The Wizard of Oz*. “In addition to the expected, iconic, lovable characters and songs, our Oz had amazing special effects that gave this stage version a bit of extra magic,” she said. “The story of *The Wizard of Oz* is deeper than what it seems. L. Frank Baum did a terrific job of creating a piece that people can really identify with—we all have felt like we are missing something or that we are not good enough. But, we eventually discover that we have all that we need within us.”

Projectionist/Film Editor Nicholas Sy, a Serra senior, said the show’s outstanding technical elements created a believable setting for the audience. “The special effects were cool and very diverse,” he noted. “The twister scene was projected and Glinda floated in a bubble. We pushed the boundaries of what high school theater can be.”



The vivid sets brought the magic of Oz to life, and the adorable Munchkins (played by children from local elementary schools) stole the show. The authentic costumes and candy-land sets brought members of the audience back to the carefree days of



Munchkins from local elementary schools stole the show.

childhood, when we first met the lovable Cowardly Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow. Yet, this production also featured a few modern twists—such as a 30-second homage to Disney’s *Lion King* when the Cowardly Lion shared his story.

Notre Dame junior Christina Won Pat played the lead role of Dorothy. “I was completely amazed by the talent of the cast and the students’ ability to tell this classic story,” she said. “*The Wizard of Oz* is about finding in ourselves what we believe we have been missing all along. I wanted to be part of this show because Tri-School is an incredible experience. Performing teaches us so much about ourselves. Tri-School Productions has a powerful history. It has been my dream since

elementary school to participate in a Tri-School production, and Dorothy is a role I have always wanted!”

“*The Wizard of Oz* is special because it is a timeless classic that brings everyone back to their childhood with its infectious music, lovable characters and wonderful storyline,” said Mercy senior Camila Ron, who played the stern but endearing Auntie Em. “There’s no show that moves people quite like this one. I wanted to be part of it because I remembered how happy it made me as a child, and I knew that doing this production with friends would add to my positive high school experience.”



Maggie Eichler (Mercy '15) as the Wicked Witch of the West



Mayor of Munchkinland Andrew Marheineke (the son of Serra teacher and Head Track Coach Jim Marheineke), Paige Morrissey (Mercy '15) as Glinda and Christina Won Pat (NDB '15) as Dorothy





◀ FOOTBALL

Varsity Head Coach:  
Patrick Walsh

Varsity Assistants: Steven Lo, Lyndon McGee, Ron Ortiz '91, Jeff Thomas '07, Chris Vasseur, Nicholas Walsh

Varsity:  
11-3 (WCAL: 6-1)  
WCAL Co-Champions  
CCS Open Division  
Champions  
Norcal Division 1 Finalist  
Finished season ranked  
#16 in California by  
Cal Hi Sports

**Football Awards:**  
HSGC Western Region  
First-Team Running Back:  
Kava Cassidy

CCS and WCAL Player  
of the Year:  
Hamilton Anoa'i

JV Coaches:  
Perry Carter '84  
Bob Vinal '78

JV Assistants:  
Matt Earnshaw '89  
Mike Langridge '91

WCAL Junior of the Year:  
Kava Cassidy  
1st-Team All-WCAL:  
Hamilton Anoa'i  
Kava Cassidy  
Kavapele Maka  
Daniel Lavulo  
Ryan Rudolph  
Matt Fa'a'ita  
Tyson Terreros  
Eric Westerman

2nd Team All-WCAL:  
James Outman  
Christian Villanueva  
Jericho Tufono  
3rd Team All-WCAL:  
Thomas Meredith

Freshman Head Coach:  
Ray Baldonado '07

Freshman Assistants:  
Ernie Christmas  
John Kirby '95  
John Langridge '97

Kevin McGee  
Manu Langi

**College  
Commitments:**  
Hamilton Anoa'i (WR/S)  
Cal

Matt Dickerson (DL)  
UCLA

Jason Lower (DL)  
Northern Arizona

Ryan Rudolph (OL)  
Middlebury

Jericho Tufono  
(FB/DL)  
Southern Oregon



“The team faced many injuries and played one of the toughest schedules in school history. We had several ups and downs and numerous challenges that could have knocked the 2013 team off the path of its goals—to win the WCAL and Open Division Championships. Members of this team never needed individual accolades; they needed each other and the Serra brotherhood. This team’s mission was to hang multiple banners in the Morton Family Gymnasium, and that’s what we did.”

*Varsity Head Coach Patrick Walsh*



Varsity Football Team Celebrates Historic Season

By Jonathan Allen '01

Assistant coaching changes on the varsity football staff last spring set the stage for a shift in strategy and philosophy for Serra football. New Offensive Coordinator Steven Lo brought an up-tempo spread offense, based on offensive guru Tony Franklin's record-setting college scheme, to Brady Family Stadium. New Defensive Coordinator Chris Vasseur brought the innovative 4-2-5 defense, based on modern college systems, to Serra.

For the first time in its history, Serra football won both the WCAL title and CCS Open Division Championship. With senior leadership in place and playmakers at every position, the team overcame injuries and won the games that had been so elusive in the recent past. After losing on the last play of the game twice last year to Bellarmine, Serra defeated the Bells in both the regular season and CCS playoffs. Against a talented Mitty squad, Serra played two of its best games of the year, winning by a combined score of 52-14.

Coach Lo's offense, headlined by senior leaders QB Matt Fa'a'ita and WR Hamilton Anoa'i, broke the WCAL record for offensive yards in a season. The high-octane system mixed the read-option in the running game with a variety of underneath and deep routes in the passing game. The key to the offense is a tempo that wears down the defense throughout the course of a game. Junior Kava Cassidy was the workhorse at running back for the Padres, piling

up a league-best 1,455 yards rushing and 19 total touchdowns. Fa'a'ita, who played running back as a junior, flourished in Lo's spread and led the WCAL in passing yards. He also led all WCAL QBs in rushing yards and racked up 26 total touchdowns.

Coach Vasseur's defense showed up immediately in Serra's first game against vaunted De La Salle of Concord. Defensive players, especially safety Kavapele Maka and linebacker James Outman, flew around the field, making play after play. Defensive end Daniel Lavulo played most of the game in De La Salle's backfield, knifing though the line time after time. Maka and Outman ended the season as the WCAL's top two tacklers.

“We started the season in the weight room in November of 2012,” said Head Coach Patrick Walsh. “It was the first day back to school, after suffering our second straight loss to Bellarmine on the one-yard line. It was at that point that the senior class vowed to be different. All year long, we talked about transcending—about being different. That transcendence had to come from the inside first, if we wanted to be different as a group. The team faced many injuries and played one of the toughest schedules in school history. The seniors and the team's captains—Ryan Rudolph, Matt Dickerson, Hamilton Anoa'i, Kavapele 'Nick' Maka, and Daniel Lavulo—never flinched. 2013 Serra football will forever be a season to remember.”





Schnabel Soars On and Off the Soccer Field

By Jonathan Allen '01

Serra’s soccer season culminated with a historic CCS Championship. Never before had Serra won a CCS soccer title. The team finished just one point away from a WCAL league title. Throughout the year, a constant force to be reckoned with was record-setting senior Nick Schnabel. He obliterated the school record of 17 goals in a season with 30 on the year. Schnabel also tied the WCAL record for goals in a season. After the season, he hauled in the accolades and awards, being named the *Mercury News*, *Daily News*, and *Prep2Prep* Player of the Year, as well as the WCAL Forward of the Year.

"He's got amazing ability with the ball to create space," said Serra Head Soccer Coach Jeff Panos. "Nick knows how to find the smallest of openings and to put the ball in the net with great velocity."

As well as being one of the greatest soccer players in Serra history, Schnabel is also an excellent student who is committed to community service. He was recognized this year with the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office Community Service Award. Schnabel tutors children from low-income families on a weekly basis and plays soccer with them after their homework is completed. He also volunteers for the Sherriff’s Activities League (SAL) and Rebuilding Together while maintaining a 4.62 GPA. Schnabel, one of Serra’s 2014 valedictorians, plans to major in engineering at Santa Clara University this fall.

“Nick represents all facets of what it means to be a true Serra Padre,” said Coach Panos. “He has the respect of the entire team because of the way he carries himself—so humbly, yet so driven, every day.”



Ellie Panos Honored at The Harker School

The Harker School’s fifth-annual Kicks Against Cancer boys and girls varsity soccer games raised more than \$5,000 for children who attend Camp Okizu, a camp for cancer patients and their families. Ellie Panos, the daughter of Serra Head Soccer Coach Jeff Panos, was honored as an Okizu family representative during a special post-game ceremony. She is pictured with her dad, her mom, Polly, and her brother, Timmy.

SOCCER ➤

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

JV Head Coach: Renan Pineda  
Freshman Coach: Nick Carrara  
Freshman Assistant: Eric Angell '07

Varsity Record: 16-2-5 (10-1-3 WCAL)  
CCS Co-Champions  
JV: 5-9-4 Overall

New all-time Serra and WCAL  
Scoring Leader: Nick Schnabel

WCAL Forward of the Year, *Mercury*  
*News* Player of the Year, *Prep-to-Prep*  
Player of the Year and *Daily Journal*  
Player of the Year: Nick Schnabel

ALL WCAL:  
Nick Schnabel  
Patrick Philpott  
Kyle Wan  
Alex Avila  
Gerald Ingemansson  
Logan Wolf



“The 2013-14 Padre team had all of the pieces of a championship team—leadership, mental toughness, perseverance and late-game tactical brilliance. The team brought home the first-ever CCS soccer title in school history, and did so by playing for each other every step of the way. It is a group of incredible student-athletes that I will never forget.”

Head Soccer Coach Jeff Panos





< BASKETBALL

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

Varsity:  
CCS Finalist  
NorCal D2 Semifinalist  
22-9 (11-3 WCAL, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
*Champions of two pre-season tournaments:  
American High School Tournament and the  
De La Salle Tournament*

JV: WCAL Champions  
20-2 (11-2 WCAL 1<sup>st</sup> Place)

Frosh Blue: 8-12 (5-8 WCAL)  
Frosh Gold: 11-9 (8-5 WCAL)

JV Head Coach: Rob Rius '96  
JV Assistant: Mike Langridge '91  
Frosh Blue Head Coach: Mark Massey '83  
Frosh Gold Head Coach: Jon Folonis

**Basketball Awards**  
*Daily News* Player of the Year:  
Danny Mahoney

*Prep2Prep* Coach of the Year:  
Chuck Rapp '86

All-League (WCAL):  
Danny Mahoney  
Sean Watkins  
Jimmy Wohrer  
Cory Cravalho

**College Commitments**  
Danny Mahoney (G): San Jose State

“We enjoyed a very successful season after losing four starters to graduation. The ‘so-called’ experts picked us to come in as low as 6<sup>th</sup> in league, but we proved them wrong. We succeeded because we banded together, sharing the ball on offense and playing as a unit on defense. In the end, we went farther than anyone thought, and died hard at Folsom by one point in the NorCal Semifinals. This team did the Padre Nation proud and further enhanced the proud reputation of Serra basketball.”

*Head Basketball Coach Chuck Rapp '86*



< WATER POLO

Varsity Head Coach: Bob Greene '85  
Varsity Assistant: Lisa Lee  
JV Coach: Matt Fox  
Freshman Head Coach: Jake Folan '11  
Freshman Assistant: Con O'Leary '12

Varsity: 14-15; WCAL 2-4; CCS Quarterfinalist  
JV: 13-11; WCAL 2-4  
Frosh: 13-11; WCAL 2-4

**Water Polo Awards:**  
1st Team All CCS and All-League WCAL:  
Joe Kmak (led team with 87 steals)  
Jeremy Hitchcock (246 blocks)  
Zach Zamecki (led team in goals with 93)

**College Commitments:**  
Zach Zamecki (Attacker) - Cal Lutheran

“After losing a large senior class and only returning one starter this year, I think the team overachieved and met all of its goals. Next year should be exciting, returning all but two starters. The program is definitely heading in the right direction.”

*Varsity Head Coach Bob Greene '85*

WRESTLING >

Varsity Head Coach: Ricardo Garcia  
Assistant: Michael Klobuchar '90  
JV Coach: Andre Monney '03  
Freshman Coach: Steve Heimuli  
Assistant: Sonny Cerrillo

Varsity:  
WCAL: 3-3  
11 CCS Qualifiers  
WCAL Champion: Joey D'Agostino (22)

JV: WCAL Champions (6-0)  
Frosh: WCAL Champions (6-0)



“The Serra wrestling program ended the season in a disappointing fourth place finish in the WCAL varsity race. However, the freshman and JV teams won unprecedented WCAL titles. These two championships combined for five league titles in two years. Our team will need hardworking, mature and skillful leaders to pull our varsity team back into WCAL title contention.”

*Assistant Varsity Coach Michael Klobuchar '90*

CROSS COUNTRY ►

Head Coach: Ron DiMaggio '97  
Assistants: Jim Marheineke, John Wise

Varsity: WCAL 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
JV: WCAL 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Frosh: WCAL 8<sup>th</sup> Place

**Cross Country Awards:**  
Most Outstanding Runner and  
Blanket Award Winner: Gabe Flynn

Outstanding Junior Runner:  
Lucas Montalvo

Outstanding Sophomore Runner:  
Matthew Herrera

Outstanding Freshman Runner:  
Ara Archbold

Most Improved Runner:  
Dominick Keenan

Coaches' Award:  
Quinn Todzo



“Cross Country had a strong season, finishing with their fastest cumulative time since 2009. The team finished fourth in WCAL, seventh in Division II and 14<sup>th</sup> overall in CCS. With many of the top runners returning, the Padres will look to improve next year, with the goal of qualifying for the state championships.”

*Varsity Head Ron DiMaggio '97*



2014 ALUMNI AWARD OF MERIT

FOUR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI WERE HONORED *at the 2014 Alumni Award of Merit celebration in March. Each alumnus has made a significant difference in the following fields: The arts, science and technology, public service and business. Bob Fitzgerald '84, David Stronck '49, Dan Schott '81 and Kevin Flynn '82 were joined by their families and friends during a special ceremony at Serra.*

“THESE FOUR EXCEPTIONAL MEN ARE THE EPITOME OF WHAT A SERRA PADRE SHOULD BE. IN ADDITION TO EXCELLING IN THEIR CAREERS, THEY HAVE GIVEN BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AND SERRA HIGH SCHOOL. BOB, DAVID, DAN AND KEVIN ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM, COMPASSION AND PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS. WE ARE SO PROUD TO INDUCT THESE FOUR PADRES INTO OUR ALUMNI MERIT AWARD HALL OF FAME.”

Alumni Director Bob Greene '85



Bob Fitzgerald '84 - The Arts

- Bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Notre Dame
- Master's degree in sports management from Ohio State University
- More than two decades in sports media (locally and nationally)
- Television broadcaster for the Golden State Warriors
- Talk show host for KNBR radio 680 AM
- Summer Olympics broadcaster for NBC sports in Atlanta (swimming), Athens (basketball), Beijing (water polo), London (men's and women's basketball)
- NFL national radio play-by-play announcer
- San Jose SaberCats TV and radio play-by-play announcer
- One of the first San Jose Sharks employees
- Former columnist for the *Oakland Tribune* and Bay Area News Group
- NCGA Foundation Youth on Course Board Member
- Emmy Award winner for Best Live Sports Broadcast

Kevin D. Flynn '82 - Business

- Earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Saint Mary's College
- Certified Public Accountant in California
- Served with the international accounting firm, Ernst & Young, since 1986; was promoted to partner in 1998
- Has led the Ernst & Young West Coast Financial Services tax practice since 2009
- Has served as a tax advisor to many of the Bay Area's largest companies
- A frequent speaker and recognized expert in the area of accounting for income taxes
- Past President of the Serra High School Board of Regents
- Current member of the Saint Mary's College Board of Regents



David R. Stronck '49 - Science and Technology

- Earned a master's degree in biology and a Ph.D. in science education at Oregon State University
- Taught chemistry at Serra High School for eight years
- Associate Professor of Biology at Washington State University for seven years
- Professor of Science Education at the California State University, East Bay, for 26 years
- Professor Emeritus (half time) since 2010
- Author of eight books and more than 200 published articles
- Director of more than \$3 million in grants
- State park nature walks volunteer
- After-school astronomy teacher at two Hayward middle schools

Daniel A. Schott '81 - Public Service

- Earned a bachelor's degree in administration of justice from San Jose State University
- Graduated from the United States Secret Service Academy
- Served for 24 years as a Special Agent of the U.S. Secret Service
- Protected President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush while serving as an agent in the U.S. Secret Service Presidential Protective Division
- Recipient of several commendations, including a Presidential Service Award from President George W. Bush for his actions at the White House on 9/11
- Investigated major financial crimes against the United States
- Served as an advisor to the Indian government on anti-counterfeiting initiatives in Southeast Asia
- Managed Secret Service protective, investigative and intelligence operations in Northern California
- Member of the FBI Counter Terrorism Executive Board, the U.S. Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force Steering Committee
- President of the San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement, Security and Government Liaison Group





## A NEW STAGE OF LIFE

DAN DEMERS PREPARES FOR NEW  
ROLE AT THE HILLBARN THEATRE

*"I've got to be  
Where my spirit can run free...  
Gotta find my corner of the sky!"  
-Pippin*

Dan Demers '01 has found his corner of the sky at Hillbarn Theatre in Foster City. In June, Demers will become Hillbarn's new Executive Artistic Director—a position he has coveted for years.

"It feels oddly humbling yet amazing at the same time," Demers said of his new role. "I'm still reeling from the good news. It's strange to reach a life goal at a relatively young age."

Demers' goal for Hillbarn is to entertain the community and serve as a bridge between education and artistic institutions. He envisions a place where young people and adults will find a creative outlet.

"I would love to create a coursework program with the local high schools," Demers explained. "It would be great if teenagers could come here to express themselves creatively. Some might sign up to be in a show. Others could learn the technical elements of a production or become costume designers."

Demers and his crew are preparing for *The Color Purple*, which will be presented May 9 through June 1.

"What makes this show special is the intrinsic beauty and triumph of heart, love and the human spirit," he noted. "This Peninsula premiere is something that is an educational experience and a story that touches the human soul."

### Early roots on the stage

As a high school student, Demers thrived in the performing arts. After two years of being a member of the Serra crew team, he followed his first love, theater. Demers played Argante in the fall production of *Scapino*, and he was one of the comedic players in *Comedy Sportz*. He continued with the spring musicals, playing Johnny Casino in *Grease* and several roles in *Somewhere... Together*.

"Performing live is like nothing else," Demers said. "You give yourself away every time, to each audience. You can't help but bond with your cast and share in the gift of art you give each night. Each cast has incredible camaraderie."

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"I WANT PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF LIVE THEATRE. JAY JORDAN, TOM SULLIVAN AND GENNINE HARRIGTON TOOK A CHANCE ON ME WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG. THAT GIFT OF TRUST ALLOWED ME TO PUSH MY CREATIVITY AND GROW AS AN ARTIST, DIRECTOR AND PERSON."

-DAN DEMERS '01



*Photos: Mark & Tracy Photography*



A turning point in Demers' life was when his cousin, Sean McDowell, passed away in 1998. "Sean's death made me focus on what's really important," Demers recounted. "Life is short. I knew that I needed to take stock of my life and decide what I really wanted to do."

After two years at Cal State Fullerton, Demers decided his passion was to become a director. "I have always been an overly creative and imaginative person," he said. "I love to work with talented actors, dancers, singers and designers. I enjoy creating what I see in my head after I have read the script a few times—that and the laughter. I love hearing an audience laugh. For me, there is no greater pleasure."

Demers returned to Serra in 2003 as the Tri-School Productions Assistant Director. Some of his favorite productions included *Les Misérables*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Crucible*. He went on to direct the fall shows and co-direct the musicals, which included *Noises Off*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Miracle Worker*, *Up the Down Staircase*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Damn Yankees*.

"I enjoy creating the story," Demers explained. "I want to create shows that entertain people—whether it's to laugh or to feel

emotion. I want people to experience the power of live theater. Jay Jordan, Tom Sullivan and Gennine Harrington took a chance on me when I was very young. That gift of trust allowed me to push my creativity and grow as an artist, director and person."

In 2007, Demers left the Tri-School Program to continue his education. After receiving a bachelor's degree from Sacramento State University, his passion for theater grew. In the Bay Area, Demers created a solid foundation and turned his passion into a career. He worked for the Palo Alto Players for two years, where he gained an understanding of the theater business. Demers moved to Hillbarn Theatre in 2012 and thrived in that community. He looks forward to inspiring others through the performing arts.

"It's all about self-identity, passion and how we find that within ourselves," Demers claimed. "My mother shared a quote with me that has stuck with me ever since I heard it. Mark Twain once said, 'The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.' I have found my passion, and I want to share that passion with the community. In a world full of instant gratification, I can't wait to 'wow' the community with the gift of live theater."

## Justin Maffei '09

### Shares what life is like for a pro baseball player

Serra student-athletes learned what life is like on the road for a pro baseball player, when Justin Maffei '09 came back to campus in the fall. Maffei was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 25<sup>th</sup> round last June. He played in the Gulf Coast Rookie League before moving up to Single A short season in Jamestown, New York.

"Playing pro ball is something that I have dreamed about my whole life," Maffei noted. "Achieving that goal is truly gratifying. I get to do something for a living not many people have a chance to do, and I'm very thankful for that."

Despite his recent success, Maffei remains humble, down-to-earth, and aware of the fact that playing professional baseball requires hard work, dedication and a deep sense of gratitude. "I have realized what a blessing it was for me to attend Serra," he told the Padres. "You guys should be thankful every day that this is where you get to go to school. Nothing compares to what you have here at Serra. When you go home, tell your parents 'thank you.' It's a sacrifice for a lot of parents. All of my best friends today are still guys who went to Serra with me. The Serra brotherhood is a special bond."

It is that bond that keeps Maffei grounded, especially when he's on the road. When asked "What is the least glamorous aspect of pro baseball?" he answered, "The long bus rides—specifically the 9- to 10-hour ones. Also, Minor League players don't make anything near the salary of a big-leaguer, so the pay and living accommodations are some of the less glamorous aspects of pro baseball."

Maffei graduated from USF in May with a bachelor's degree in advertising. He finished his college baseball career last spring, after helping USF gain a birth in the NCAA Oregon Regional.

"Justin is a class act who exemplifies what it means to be a Padre," said Serra Head Baseball Coach Craig Gianinno. "His

perspective was well-received by our student-athletes, and he inspired them to work hard."

Junior Scott Ota said Maffei's talk made him realize that talent alone won't get a player to the next level. "You have to put in the work because there is always someone out there who is working just as hard or even harder than you are," Ota explained.

"Listening to Justin made me realize that talent can only take you so far," agreed junior Chris Papapietro. "It's the hard work and dedication to the sport and weight room that separate the good players from the great players."

Maffei's current goal is to be called up to the major leagues in three to five years. He said the values he learned at Serra provided a strong foundation for the athletic success he has achieved so far.

"Serra taught me that nothing comes easy—you have to work for what you want," Maffei said. "Serra also taught me to lead on and off the field. Service is important to me. I love to give back to my community, and help to change the lives of others."





# The Road Less Traveled

Sean Robertson '12  
lives his dream



*“YOU HAVE TO LEAVE THE CITY OF YOUR COMFORT AND GO INTO THE wilderness of your intuition. You can only get there by hard work, by risking and by not quite knowing what you are doing. What you will discover will be wonderful—yourself.” - Alan Alda*

They say “you’re only young once,” and Sean Robertson '12 is making the most of that statement. Instead of following a traditional college career path, Robertson took a break to backpack through ancient European countries for three-and-a-half months. Since the future regenerative neurologist is anticipating 11 more years of college and medical school, he realized there was a short window of time to enjoy an unconventional adventure.

“To take a break from the monotony of life in order to travel for an extended period of time is an experience people dream of, yet seldom pursue,” Robertson said. “Taking a semester off from college to backpack through Europe opened my eyes to a much larger and more diverse world than what you find in your average California suburb.”

There was no set plan. Sometimes, Robertson stayed in hostels. On other occasions, he found comfortable lodging through a couch-surfing website. While visiting cosmopolitan European cities and historical landmarks, Robertson learned a lot about himself. It was a trip of self-discovery and cultural exploration.

“I pushed myself to new limits, ate new food, took cooking classes in Italy, made lifelong friendships, learned new

languages, broke out of my social bubble, and challenged my established views,” Robertson shared. “To travel is to not only see a new place, but to walk away with something you haven’t had before.”

Through WWOOF (Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms), Robertson found opportunities for room and board in exchange for an honest day’s work. An organic farm in the Italian Alps was the highlight of Robertson’s trip. The time he spent in a rustic village in the Piedmont Region will be forever etched in his heart. There, he met a family of chefs who had lived on a mountaintop for six generations.

“It was absolutely amazing to live in the Italian Alps,” Robertson recounted. “We could see the border of France because we were about 4,200 feet up the mountain. Only 10 people live on top of this mountain, but people come from all over the world to stay at the family-run Bella Baita bed and breakfast.”

In exchange for working on the farm, Robertson learned how to cook in the authentic Italian style. Every delightful day brought a new experience—whether it was digging in the soil of an abundant vegetable garden, listening to old-fashioned church bells ringing at noon, or building a new road from

flat rocks. All of these tasks were completed in freezing cold conditions—which led the locals to tease Robertson with the nickname “the frozen Californian.”

“The people were so surprised that someone from California was in their part of the world,” Robertson said. “It’s funny because they watch the soap opera, *Santa Barbara*. That’s their image of people in California.”

Organic farming and sustainable living changed Robertson’s perception of food, unprocessed ingredients and the environment. “The people of the Piedmont Region live off the land,” he noted. “Everything is so much better for you. They bake their own bread fresh every day. They don’t even sell cake mixes —they wonder why anyone would ever want to buy them! Everything is made from scratch.”

Other stops included Tuscany, Amsterdam, Berlin, Prague, Budapest and Monte Carlo. Robertson spent a month in Gascony, France, working for a retired British couple on the grounds of their rambling farmhouse. While in France, he attended Mass in Lourdes. In Lyon, he watched the Fête des Lumières (Festival of Lights). Robertson spent the night in an old monastery in Lucca and hiked up a mountain in the Swiss Alps. He met colorful artists, writers and poets in the Montmartre district of Paris.

**“All over the continent, I encountered wonderful people who not only changed my life, in one way or another, but went out of their way to help me,”** Robertson said. “It taught me that the old saying is true—‘You can always depend on the kindness of strangers.’ No matter what happens while traveling, it’s never a mistake. When you go with the flow and let the road unfold ahead of you, there’s no reason to have regrets or think you’ve made a mistake. You make the best decisions you can and, in the end, the journey is the adventure.”





Once a Padre,  
Always a Padre

Alumni reunite with their  
Padre brothers



Serra President Lars Lund and Alumni Director Bob Greene '85 present Gary Heikel '63 with a Golden Diploma at the "super reunion" held in October.

Close to 300 Padres attended a “super reunion” in October. Leading the way in attendance was the Class of ’83, which had a huge turnout. Members of the Class of ’83 were joined by Padres from the Classes of ’52, ’53, ’62, ’63, ’72, ’73, ’82, ’87, ’88, ’92, ’93, ’02 and ’03.

This year's reunion was held in Serra's Morton Family Gymnasium. Padres and their guests danced the night away and swapped stories about old times. Graduates of the Classes of ’62 and ’63 were awarded Golden Diplomas (50 years), while those from the Classes of ’52 and ’53 were honored with Platinum Diplomas (60 years).

The weekend began with a “Friday night lights” homecoming game. Hundreds of alumni from Serra, Mercy and Notre Dame attended the Homecoming Barbecue before cheering for the Padres at the football game against Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Due to the incredible turnout this year, we have decided that from now on, we will alternate the Athletic Hall of Fame and Serra “super reunions”—each event will occur every other year.

The next Athletic Hall of Fame is planned for October of 2014, and the next reunion will be held in October of 2015. Be sure to check our website and future mailings for more information.



Through the Years:  
50-Year-Club Members Share Memories

Tales from yesteryear were very much alive at the 50-Year-Club Luncheon in January. Fifty-three Padres reminisced about their high school days, chuckling about everything from memorable classroom moments and sports scores to dances, fast cars and secret clubs.

“We’re like brothers—thicker than blood,” said Carmen Gigliardi ’59. “Our class has so much camaraderie—the school created it.”

Gary Hughes '59 noted that 17 of his classmates meet at Spring Training every year to see their high school buddies. Other activities include fishing trips, golf, and meeting for doughnuts and coffee.

“This luncheon is a blast,” said Serra Alumni Director Bob Greene ’85. “It’s a terrific group of guys and they love to talk about the past, present and future. It’s amazing to me how they have stayed together over the years. They really are like brothers in every sense of the word.”



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



# Alumni Games

Athletes reunite at winter and spring alumni games



Hundreds of Serra alumni returned home to their alma mater to participate in fall, winter and spring Alumni Games. Padres from all generations reconnected while playing their favorite sports—wrestling, basketball, water polo, soccer, crew, baseball and volleyball.

“It’s really cool to see a lot of faces we haven’t seen in a while,” said Serra Alumni Director Bob Greene ’85. “They always have a lot of fun, and many bring their kids and other members of their families.”

Mariano Bermudez ’91 played baseball on Easter Saturday. “I’ve come back to my roots,” he said. “It’s a beautiful day and everyone is having a great time.”

“It’s nice to see old friends and what’s new at Serra,” agreed volleyball player Jason Dunn ’07. “I miss playing volleyball. It feels good to be back.”



Tim Dunleavy '08



Alumnus volleyball player high above the net



Scott Morton '08 shot attempt on Steven Olujic '13



Serra JV Baseball Coach Dan Walsh '92

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1954, 1955, 1956

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1958

**DENNIS LUCEY** co-chaired the American-Ireland National Gala held on March 13 in Washington, DC. The dinner honored Vice President Joe Biden. This year's Gala raised more than \$1 million for programs of peace and reconciliation; arts, culture and education; and community development in Ireland. Founded in 1976, the American-Ireland Fund benefits more than 1,500 non-profit organizations in Ireland.



1960

**JOHN HORGAN** completed his 50<sup>th</sup> year of writing and editing for Peninsula newspapers in 2013. He continues to produce material for Bay Area media outlets. John and his wife, Marilyn, also celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2013. The Horgans live in Burlingame.

1964, 1965, 1966

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1964

**JAMES GEARY** retired from Morgan Stanley in December, 2011. James lives with his wife, Gail, in Granite Bay and will celebrate 44 years of marriage this June. Together, they travel, golf, read, and watch Giants baseball and Niner football. Their daughter, Meghan, lives in Seattle with the Gearys' three grandchildren.

**DENNIS GLENN** and his wife, Linda, recently returned from three weeks in Belize, Central America. The couple worked with a Christian not-for-profit group that manages the operation of an orphanage in Flowers Bank, near Belize City. Dennis helped to set up a hydroponics operation to raise fish and vegetables for the orphanage. Dennis and Linda will return to Belize regularly to oversee the program's progress.

1965

**KEVIN BELTON** met his new bride on Catholicmatch.com. The couple were married on December 21 at St. Apollinaris Catholic Church in Napa.



1969

**BILL BARRETT** was named Academy of Country Music National Morning Radio Personality of the Year for the second time. Bill and his team also were named Oregon Morning Show of the year for the fourth consecutive year.

1973

**GREG GIUSTI** was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the North Coast Water Quality Control Board last November. Greg has worked for the University of California as a forest advisor for the past 28 years. He lives in Kelseyville with his wife, Kathleen. The Giustis have two grown children.

1974, 1975, 1976

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1980

**GREG TERRY** married Ahna DuPont on October 19 at the West Shore Cafe in Homewood, Tahoe. The newlyweds live in Burlingame.



1983

**ERIC BARRETT** is coaching the varsity boys' basketball team at Sequoia High School. Last year, the team broke school records by making the third round of the CCS Division 1 Championships. Eric also celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his company, Barrett Insurance Services.

**MARK CLIFFORD** (below, left) was promoted to sergeant with the San Leandro Police Department. Attending the ceremony were Mike Lutticken '83 of the San Jose Police Department (middle) and Mark's brother, Andrew Clifford '99 (right), a San Francisco police officer.



**JOHN KOHNKE** has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the University of Southern California's Center for Global Supply Chain Management in the Marshall School of Business.

1984, 1985, 1986

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1986

**ROBERT BERNARDO** was elected to serve as president of the San Mateo County Harbor Commission in 2010, with 79,008 votes from the 20 cities and 18 towns that comprise the county. Prior to elected office, he served on both the SSF Planning Commission and Personnel Board. He also works full time as the spokesperson for the Port of Oakland.



**PETE BUGNATTO** married Ria Bustamonte on November 2. Pictured with the bride and groom are Jeff Datzman '86, Steve Scannell '86, Paolo Battaglini '86, Matt Potter '86 and Armand Kiligian '85. The Bugnattos reside in Morgan Hill.



1989, 1990, 1991

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1990

**TIM HOUWELING** is working as a firefighter/paramedic for the City of Mountain View. He also is an Urban Search and Rescue K9 Handler for FEMA California Task Force 3. When he's not at the firehouse, Tim can be found training dogs for various jobs. Last year, he founded a nonprofit called The Monkey Tail Ranch. The organization places service dogs with autistic children. Prior to joining the Mountain View Fire Department, Tim was a director with a Global Investment Banking firm that specialized in mergers and acquisitions.

1992

**RAY PAZ** lives in Denver. He celebrated his 40th birthday in December.

1994, 1995, 1996

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

1996

**JOHNNY** and **JIMMY'O3 HECKENBERG** are both realtors with *What the Heck* properties. Jimmy buys and sells houses in Southern California, while Johnny works in the San Francisco Bay Area.

1998

**BEN PETTIGREW** and his wife, Ann Marie, welcomed a baby boy, Jonathan Thomas, on May 5, 2013.





LAWRENCE TOBONI, JR. married Melissa Zambrano on May 11, 2013 at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame. Fellow Padre Thomas Leyden Jr. was one of the groomsmen. Larry and Melissa honeymooned in Jamaica.



1999

KEITH RAUENBUEHLER and his wife, Sue, welcomed baby Jane Moore on October 4. Jane joins her big sister, Eve Lola.



2001

STEVE IRVINE married Ashley Allgrove (NDB '03) on March 1 in San Carlos. There was a tremendous Serra/Notre Dame presence in attendance to celebrate Steve's and Ashley's big day. Pictured below (l-r): Emma Irvine (NDB '14), Erin (Fleming NDB '02) Smith, Ashley (Allgrove NDB '03) Irvine, Steve Irvine '01, Kevin Pickett '01, and Serra Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach Ryan Allgrove '08. Classmates in attendance included Colin Billings, Casey Boome, Scott Brosnan, Jeff Cowan, Ric Cespedes, Bob Davies, Chris Day, Ryan Griffin, Michael Horta, Martin Kielczewski, Jason Piepmeier and David Pizzorno.



JOEY OLIVIA returned home to join the family business after a decade in New York. After graduating from Fordham University at Lincoln Center, Joey worked in advertising. He currently works with his mother and uncle (Serra wrestling coach Bob Marshall) at Marshall Realty in San Bruno as a fourth generation real estate agent.



2002

JOHN PERRY married Giselle Collantes (Mercy '02) on August 31, 2013 at Our Lady of Angels church in Burlingame. Among the attendees were 25 Padre alumni, including: Sterling Sullivan '07, Ron Lavezzo '72, Bill Tezak '68, Patrick Mahoney '02, Dave Lavezzo '72, Erik Nielsen '02, Luke Kirby '02, Tim Galvin '05, Patrick McDevitt '01, Giorgio Lavezzo '05, Kevin Cheng '02, Andrew Galli '01, Dan Rosaia '02, John Perry '02, Chris Stagnaro '02, Chris Pert '02, Rick Lavezzo '77, Gino Lavezzo '03, Sebastiano Salemi '02, Donny Lavezzo '06, Chris Funk'02, Eric Tigri '01, Matt Tigri '99, Chris Tigri '96 and Steve O'Brien '01.

2003

JIMMY AND JOHNNY '96 HECKENBERG are both realtors with *What the Heck* properties. Jimmy buys and sells houses in Southern California, while Johnny works in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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



2004, 2005, 2006

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

2005

DAN WILSON married Alexandra (Alex) Wolfe on August 23 in Healdsburg. Dan and Alex met briefly at Cal during Dan's senior year, then reconnected in grad school at the University of Pennsylvania. Pictured below (l-r): Garrett Lonergan, Andrew Adams, Dan Wilson, J. P. Bertram, Alex Buljan and Alexandra. Dan will graduate from Penn Law in May and will join the law firm of Morrison Foerster in San Francisco.





## 2006

**JOEY HAGGERTY** graduated from Regis University in May of 2013 with a master's degree in biomedical sciences. He gave an inspirational speech during the graduate school graduation ceremony to his fellow students (all majors). In 2010, Joey graduated from University of San Diego. He works on the UCSD campus at the La Jolla Institute in the immunology laboratory, where he hopes to find a vaccine for dengue fever.



**RYAN SVENDSEN** lives in Santa Monica and works at Lionsgate. His first movie credits as a music coordinator appeared in *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*. In addition, Ryan is credited in the movie soundtrack, which features Coldplay, The Lumineers and Christina Aguilera.

## 2007

**MATTHEW FAINA** is a substitute teacher in Shasta County. After graduating from San Jose State University in 2011, he enrolled at Simpson University in Redding. He graduated from Simpson with a single-subject teaching credential in social science and a master's degree in education.



## 2008

**BRYAN PONG** graduated from the University of Colorado, Denver, in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He was accepted into the Oakland 167th Basic Police Academy in March of 2013 and graduated last September. Today, Bryan patrols his own beat in Oakland. He said it is a dangerous yet rewarding job to help people while promoting a safer community.

**MATT RICHARDSON** and **BRETT MCCOLLUM '09** started a new company on Kickstarter.com called Gramr Gratitude Co. Their innovative thank-you notes promote a movement toward a more grateful world. The cards are designed by some of the best designers and artists in the United States.

**TYLER TURDICI** married Michelle Schauer in December of 2012 in Aurora, IL. The couple met as students at Moody Bible Institute, and they live near Chicago. Serra (named after Serra High School) Turdici was the flower girl and Eric Turdici served as best man with Chad Mezzera '04. Bryan Pong '04 served as a groomsman and Connor Reidy '04 attended the wedding. Tyler will graduate from MBI with a degree in Systematic Theology in May.



**KENNETH ZURCHER** is attending the University of Arizona, College of Medicine in Phoenix. His studies began with a White Coat Ceremony in July, and he will graduate in 2017.



## 2009

**JUSTIN MAFFEI** graduated from USF in May of 2013 with a bachelor's degree in Advertising. Justin was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 25th round last June. He played in the Gulf Coast Rookie league. Later, Justin was moved up to Single A short season in Jamestown, New York.



**EREN MIRAVALLS** was named to the 2013 All-Horizon Air Summer Series. The SSF native was the only first-team selection from his summer squad, the San Francisco Seagulls. The Horizon Air Summer Series is made up of three divisions and includes collegiate summer teams from all over California. The league features top student-athletes from Division I, II, III and junior college levels. Eren was the top offensive player for the Seagulls last summer, batting .356 with a .484 on-base percentage. Playing both second and third base, he racked up 36 hits and 21 walks in 31 games.



## 2012

**DOMINIC LUCIO** has been elected to membership in Kappa Beta Delta (the International Honor Society for Accredited Business Programs) in recognition of his high scholastic achievement. Dominic received his A.S. degree from Skyline College in May and will transfer to San Diego State University this fall. He has declared a major in Business Administration-Financial Services.



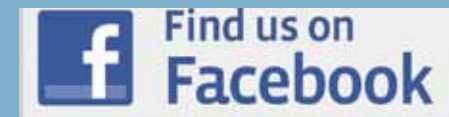
**BRADLEY NORTHNAGEL** was recently recognized as the Jonathan and Judy Hoff Football Scholar-Athlete of the Week at U.C. Berkeley. "I am tremendously honored to have been awarded this title," Brad said. "We are surrounded by people who genuinely care about us off the field, as well as on the field, which motivates me to perform at my best academically and athletically."



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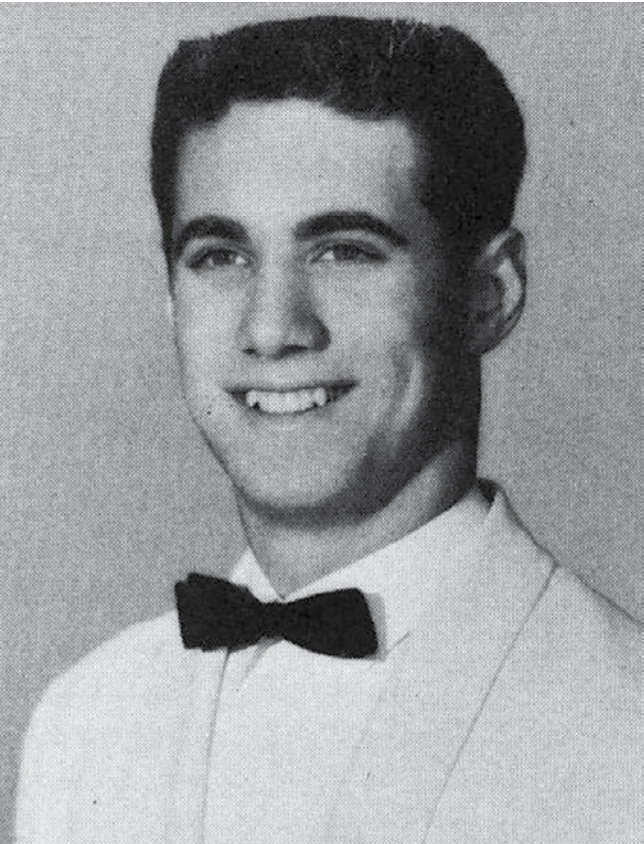
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REMEMBERING JIM FREGOSI '59

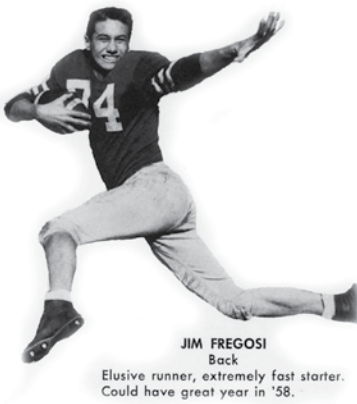


**G**enerous. Bigger than life. A good man. These are the words that several Serra Padres used to describe Jim Fregosi '59, who passed away on February 14 after suffering multiple strokes during a Major League Baseball alumni cruise. Fregosi was a former All-Star shortstop who spent 53 years in professional baseball as a player, manager and scout.

According to Jim Fregosi, Jr., his dad "went in peace with no pain" after being airlifted from the Cayman Islands to Miami. His family was by his side.

After playing 18 seasons for the Angels, Mets, Rangers and Pirates, Fregosi was a manager for the Angels, White Sox, Phillies and Blue Jays. For the past 13 seasons, he was a special assistant to the Braves' general manager. During his illustrious career, Fregosi managed at the Triple-A level for the St. Louis Cardinals and served as a special assistant to the general manager of the San Francisco Giants. "Growing up in Orange County, my friends and I were

Angels fans," said Serra President Lars Lund. "I remember going to Anaheim Stadium just to watch Jim Fregosi, as he was the main man on the team. Over the years, I have come to know many of Jim's classmates from the Class of 1959. They all include him as one of the many reasons why they believe they were Serra's best class ever."



Hooked on Fishing

Fregosi was the best man at the wedding of Nick '59 and Paulette Carboni, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

"At Serra, Jim and I played on the same teams and had some great times," Carboni recounted. "A few years ago, four of us—Bob Garratt '59, Tony Verdoia '59, Jim and I—set up a fishing trip in the Pacific Northwest. We got together every year and told lies! We talked about old times and gave each other a bad time. Jim was so generous and he was such a good man."

"We had lots of laughs," Verdoia agreed. "Jim was extremely compassionate and thoughtful. He made a big impression on many people's lives. We have made reservations to go on the trip in August—just the three of us—in Jim's memory. He will be truly missed."



For the past six years, the four friends looked forward to August salmon fishing on Washington's Columbia River. "We got up at 3:30 in the morning, and that's when the kidding, complaining and finger-pointing began," Garratt remembered. "It was as if we were back on 20th Avenue—nothing ever changed! The jokes kept coming, and there was always one guy in the hot seat. We had a great time, and I miss Jim terribly. He had such a winning, sunny, magnificent personality. He was extraordinarily intelligent, had a quick wit, and was known for his great sense of humor.

**"Jim was my closest friend in high school," Garratt added. "We were a special class. I don't know what it was about**

In Memoriam

**BILL BORELLI '66** passed away on December 12, 2013.

**RALPH W. ARBELOA** passed away on January 3, 2013. He was the grandfather of Joey Frank '08 and Travis Frank '10; and the father-in-law of Glen Frank '80.

**DONNA FERRETTI** passed away on March 25 after complications with pneumonia. She was the sister of Bob Ferretti, the sister-in-law of Patti Ferretti, and the aunt of Matt Ferretti '02.

**JIM FREGOSI '59** passed away on February 14.

**MICHAEL HARDER '65** passed away on April 11. He was the brother of Bob '61, Scott '72 and Brian '79.

**JOSEPH MICHAEL HESSION** on April 21. He was the father of Serra teacher Joe Hession and the grandfather of Liam '14 and Sam '12.

**PAUL MARIANETTI '49** (Paul Mantee) passed away on November 7, 2013. He was known in Hollywood as the actor Paul Mantee, who starred in the 1964 science-fiction adventure film, *Robinson Crusoe on Mars* and *Cagney and Lacey* as Detective Al Corassa.

**FRANK OSBORNE GRAY '59** passed away on October 7, 2013.

**TONY GSCHWEND**, the father of Kyle Gschwend '09, passed away in April. Tony was a longtime member of the Serra Fathers' Club.

**GEORGIA "GEKKO" KIDWELL** passed away on October 23, 2013. She was the wife of Robert Kidwell '55; the mother of Andrew '82 and Robert '84; and the grandmother of Michael Delfs '03 and Daniel Kidwell '08.

those four years. We were all young, trying to discover who we were, and we all came together at a critical time of our lives. We ended up having a tremendous influence on each other. We remained in touch for a long, long time."

Padre Team Spirit

Fregosi originally signed with the Red Sox right after he graduated from Serra. During his high school days, he was an all-star quarterback and shortstop, and he set the California Interscholastic Federation broad jump record. Fregosi's high school teammates included former big league third baseman Tim Cullen '60 and Gary Hughes '59, currently a special assistant with the Red Sox who has served as a scouting director for the Montreal Expos and Florida Marlins.

"For most of us, our relationship with Jim started in 1955," Hughes noted. "He was our teammate, our classmate and, most important, our friend. In a very special way, Jim was our hero. There will never be another individual quite like him. He now joins teammates Jim McGinnis '60, Steve Davenport '60, Ron Vella '60 and Joe DiBono '59. Rest in peace, Fufaz. You will never be forgotten. You did it your way."

**PATRICIA KOCKOS** passed away on Easter Sunday. She was the mother of Mark '78 and Scott '82, and the grandmother of Derek Nightingale '10. Pat was an active member of the Mothers' Auxiliary.

**EDWARD MANSFIELD**, the father of Tom Mansfield '71, passed away on October 31, 2013. He would have celebrated his 101st birthday on December 14.

**KATHERINE A. MCMILLAN** (Mama Mack) passed away on December 10, 2013. She was the mother of Bobby McMillan '80 and the grandmother of Sean '11 and Kenny '13 McMillan.

**JIM MILLETT '61** passed away on November 19, 2013.

**ANTON "TONY" ORAZEM '62** passed away on October 27, 2013. He was the father of Serra senior Anton Orazem.

**RICH PIZZORNO**, the father of David Pizzorno '01, passed away on May 2.

**VICTORIA RAFFO**, the mother of Larry '65 and Richard '67 Raffo, passed away on March 9.

**JULIAN THOMAS '10** passed away on January 5 in a tragic car accident. Julian is greatly missed by his fellow Padre brothers.

**EDWARD UNDERWOOD '61** passed away on November 28, 2013.

**ESTELLE VASSEUR**, the grandmother of Serra football coach Chris Vasseur, passed away on May 2 at the age of 94.



REMEMBERING “MRS. MAC” KATHERINE A. MCMILLAN



Katherine A. McMillan passed away on December 10 at the age of 89. She died peacefully, surrounded by her children. Katherine was affectionately known as “Mrs. Mac” to all who knew her, but she was most proud of becoming “Mama,” the nickname her grandsons called her.

Mrs. Mac is survived by her daughters, Katherine (Kate Marie) and Mary; her son and daughter-in-law, Bobby ’80 and Julie; and her beloved grandsons, Sean ’11 and Kenny ’13.

Born in Worcester, MA, Mrs. Mac was the last of nine children born to John Patrick Trumble and Margaret Kearns, both of whom were Irish immigrants. Mrs. Mac graduated from Sacred Heart Academy as the valedictorian of her class. She attended Saint Vincent School of Nursing and finished her training as a registered nurse as an ensign in the United States Navy.

Mrs. Mac was a strong woman who was proud of her Irish heritage and known for her sly wit and deep faith. She and her husband, Robert Neal McMillan, had three children. In 1956, the McMillans moved to Redwood City, where Mrs. Mac began a 30-year career at Sequoia Hospital. She had great respect for her profession and inspired her colleagues with the same pride and dedication. After her retirement from Sequoia, she established the daycare center at St. Pius Church. Mrs. Mac cared for hundreds of children for 10 years and made many lifelong friends from the parish.

Mrs. Mac was appointed to serve on the Health Plan of San Mateo County. She shared many exciting times with Redwood

City’s Fun After Fifty group. After she moved to San Carlos, she enjoyed senior living at The Elms. Mrs. Mac’s son and grandsons attended Serra, where she was embraced and loved by the Serra community. Mrs. Mac was the first woman to receive the Serra In Via award, which is presented to a non-alumnus for outstanding community service. In 2005, Serra’s Campus Ministry Office was named “The Katherine McMillan Campus Ministry Center” in her honor. Mrs. Mac was delighted to be crowned the first and only homecoming queen at Serra. She spent hours crocheting yellow and blue scarves, which can be spotted throughout the crowd at Serra football games. She loved sitting in the stands, cheering for her grandsons, Sean and Kenny. In addition to being a dedicated Padres fan, Mrs. Mac loved the Boston Red Sox, the 49ers and the Giants.



Mrs. Mac’s family appreciates the wonderful care their mother received from Kaiser Hospice and from Roxann Bartolo, her compassionate caregiver.

“On behalf of the McMillan family, I want to thank the Serra community for your love and support,” Bobby said. “The loss of my mom, Mrs. Mac, was very tough. Yet, we were all blessed to have her with us for 89 great years. Some of her best times were spent on the Serra campus.

She loved Serra High School—the boys, the faculty and the community. She especially loved it when any Serra team won! Thanks again to all who visited her at home, the hospital and my sister’s house. Thank you for your support at her funeral. It was quite a showing of the Serra community. She would have been so proud to see the gathering that day. The turnout of the Serra community was quite impressive. Mike Sweeney ’80 was truly amazing. I would like to give a special ‘thank you’ to the Class of ’80. Your support was unreal! My mom loved Serra High School so much, and our family thanks you for sending her off with such love.”

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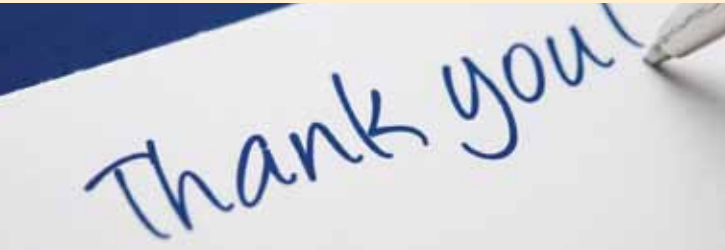
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If your employer has a matching gift program, we urge you to take advantage of this benefit. Your donation will have an even greater impact on supporting the young men of Serra High School.

Check with your employer’s human resources department for the matching gift form. In some cases, your generous gift may be doubled or possibly tripled! Some companies also match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses.

For more information on Serra's Matching Gift Program, or to find out if your company has a matching gift policy, log on to:  
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# Planned Giving

Since 1944, generous and thoughtful donors have been instrumental in helping Serra to achieve its mission of developing young men of “faith, wisdom, service, community and leadership.” Providing for the financial security of Serra will enable us to mentor future leaders.

## How can your legacy help shape Serra’s future?

We invite you to be a part of Serra’s future by naming the school as a beneficiary in your estate plan.

Your bequest will support our school far into the future without affecting your assets during your lifetime. A thoughtful gift plan can satisfy your financial needs while providing Serra with important long-term support. A bequest or provision in your will or living trust for the benefit of Serra is the one of the easiest ways to support future generations of students.

## What are the benefits of planned giving?

- Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime.
- You can modify your bequest if your circumstances change.
- You can direct your bequest to a particular purpose.
- There is currently no limit on the estate tax deductions that can be taken for charitable bequests.
- You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your bequest will support Serra in the way you intended.

## What assets can be used to fund planned gifts after one’s lifetime?

- Cash
- Securities and bonds
- Retirement plan assets
- Life insurance death benefits
- Real estate

## Below is a list of our current Father Serra Heritage Society members.

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For more information on making a planned gift to Junípero Serra High School, please contact Director of Advancement Perry Carter at 650.573.9935 ext. 196.

# Father Serra Heritage Society



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

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

# Endowed Scholarship Funds

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

Dennis Byrne '55 Endowed Scholarship	Howell-Moran Endowed Scholarship	Jim Mellinger Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Class of 1956 Endowed Scholarship	Archbishop Francis T. Hurley Endowed Scholarship	C. Michael Peterson Endowed Scholarship
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Howell-McDermott-Rach Endowed Scholarship	Robert and Georgia Kidwell Family Endowed Scholarship	

If you would like to make a donation to any of these funds, please send it to the Serra Advancement Office. If you are interested in starting a new fund, please contact Advancement Director Perry Carter '84 at 650-345-8207 ext. 196.





## SUPPORTING SERRA   WAYS TO GIVE

A Junípero Serra High School education provides unique opportunities for young men to develop lifelong habits of learning that prepare them to become leaders throughout their lives. An unrestricted gift to Serra helps support the annual activities of the school and enables the school to direct funds to where they are most needed.

### OUTRIGHT GIFTS

Outright gifts can be made in cash, by check, or by using Visa or MasterCard. Gifts can be made online. All cash gifts are fully tax deductible, up to the maximum of 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. Any excess can be carried over and deducted over as many as five subsequent years.

### GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Gifts of stock offer twofold savings. Donors pay no capital gains on the increased value of the appreciated stock and receive an income tax deduction for the full market value at the time of the gift. Transferring securities is easy; however, to insure proper tax credit, timely acknowledgment, and accurate processing of your stock donation, please contact the Advancement Office for a transfer form and more information.

### GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE

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

### MATCHING GIFTS

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

### MEMORIAL AND HONORARY TRIBUTE GIFTS

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

### THE FATHER SERRA HERITAGE SOCIETY

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### JUNE 2014

23<sup>RD</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Serra Golf Classic

### SEPTEMBER 2014

19<sup>TH</sup> Alumni Father-Son Mass and Reception

### OCTOBER 2014

10<sup>TH</sup> Homecoming & BBQ - Football vs. St. Ignatius

11<sup>TH</sup> Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner

### NOVEMBER 2014

TBD Fall Event

26<sup>TH</sup> Alumni Basketball & Wrestling

27<sup>TH</sup> Alumni Water Polo

28<sup>TH</sup> Alumni Soccer

### DECEMBER 2014

4<sup>TH</sup> Serra Open House

26<sup>TH</sup> Alumni Crew

### JANUARY 2015

23<sup>RD</sup> Alumni 50-Year Club Luncheon

### FEBRUARY 2015

5<sup>TH</sup> Fund a Dream Scholarship Benefit

### MARCH 2015

11<sup>TH</sup> Career Day / Junípero Serra Award

27<sup>TH</sup> Father Serra Heritage Society Luncheon

### APRIL 2015

2<sup>ND</sup> Alumni Football Dinner (NEW)

4<sup>TH</sup> Alumni Baseball & Volleyball

### MAY 2015

30<sup>TH</sup> Serra Commencement - Class of 2015

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