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Moving Forward

Junípero Serra High School has always put the needs of its students first. Today's needs are great, and our students and faculty deserve the best. It is our responsibility to provide them with the best facilities possible to meet our standards of excellence as a Catholic college preparatory.

The new Center for the Arts and Sciences, along with the adjoining Aquatics Center, is a comprehensive project that will add tremendous capacity to our Science, Visual & Performing Arts, Academic Resource and Athletic programs. Successful completion of this project deepens our capacity to prepare Serra students for college and success in the 21st Century.

This project reflects several years of thoughtful planning and discussion between our administration and Serra's stakeholders, architects, contractors and supporters. We are confident that this new building and adjacent Aquatic Center will not only meet the needs of today's students, but also stand the test of time well into the future.

We look forward to the completion of the Center for the Arts and Sciences in time for the opening of the 2011-2012 school year.



Lars Lund, President

Barry Thornton, Principal



The Center for the Arts and Sciences

Science

The creation of five new science lecture laboratories for biology, chemistry and physics; classrooms that integrate current advanced technology.

Art

A larger art room dedicated to painting, drawing and 3-D art; a new ceramics room; increased display and work space in the adjacent arts plaza.

Music

State-of-the-art band rehearsal and choral space; recording facilities; a Green Room for the Theater Arts Program; a work room for instrument repair.

Academic Resource Center

Expanded classroom space; a meeting room to accommodate family conferences; a separate small group tutoring/ collaborative study classroom.

Aquatic Center

A new, 38 meter by 25 yard pool – standard dimensions for competitive high school water polo and swimming; spectator bleachers; expansion of summer programs including the Serra Swim School.

Communications

New facilities for yearbook, newspaper and films; a new broadcasting studio; expanded opportunities for engaging students in real world communication.

Alumni Plaza

A beautiful outdoor plaza adjacent to the Center for the Arts & Sciences for alumni gatherings and special receptions.



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The 64th Annual Junípero Serra High School Graduation Ceremony was held on May 29, 2010 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco. Diplomas were presented to 239 graduates. Reverend David A. Ghiorso presided over the graduation Mass, followed by the commencement ceremony.



Yuzo Ishikawa '10 , Valedictorian

“On behalf of the Class of 2010, I would like to thank everyone, especially our parents, for their continued support through both times of joy and sadness. Thank you for raising us to become men who value education and service. Thank you for guiding us through the very complex journey of life. Without you, none of us would be here today.

No matter whom we meet, what we do, or where we are in the future, keep in mind that we are all brothers in thought and action. We are a family who learned to embrace not only the brotherhood as Padres, but also the brotherhood as humans. Do what you love and use the skills you learned here at Serra to become valuable men in our society.

Once a Padre, Always a Padre!”

Yuzo Ishikawa '10



Help Keep Padre Traditions Strong at Serra

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

GRADUATION AWARDS
2010 MEDAL WINNERS

DOMINIC NOTO
ACTIVITY AWARD

UC Davis



FADI TOTAH
CAMPUS MINISTRY AWARD
AND SERVICE AWARD

University of San Francisco



JONATHAN NOWAKOWSKI
DRAMATIC ARTS MEDAL

College of San Mateo



JOHN HAWKINS
ENGLISH MEDAL AND
FOREIGN LANGUAGE MEDAL

University of San Francisco



DAVID MCKENNA
FOREIGN LANGUAGE MEDAL
AND SOCIAL STUDIES MEDAL

Princeton University



YUZO ISHIKAWA
MATHEMATICS MEDAL

UC Berkeley



OWEN MCINNIS
MUSIC MEDAL

Cal State East Bay



STEPHEN WANDRO
SCIENCE MEDAL

UCLA



KYLE POLAND
THEOLOGY AWARD

UC San Diego



MICHAEL TAUSKEY
SERVICE AWARD

US Naval Academy



LUCA PONTI
SHEA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

College of San Mateo



KENNY TATOLA
VISUAL ARTS MEDAL

Cañada College



Seniors
Honor
Their
Mothers



Serra Madre Loretta Cailles with son Marshall '10

The Annual Senior Mother-Son Mass honored the significant role that mothers play in their sons' lives during their important high school years. Father Joe Bradley shared his personal relationship with his own mother and spoke of how she inspired him throughout his life. President Lars Lund and Principal Barry Thornton also shared their personal stories about the differences their mothers made in their lives. Padres showed their appreciation of their moms by presenting them with a red rose.

“I would like to thank each and every mother—we could not have made it here without you. I think Abraham Lincoln said it best when he said, ‘All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother.’ You provided never-ending love and support, and for that we will be forever grateful.”

-Jake Moore '10
Valedictorian



Serra Madre Mary Moore with son Jake '10

Thomas J. Oswald Award



Four deserving juniors received the Thomas J. Oswald Award this spring, which provides \$500 in tuition assistance toward their senior year tuition. Gloria and Donald Oswald (pictured left) created the award in 1998 in memory of their son, Thomas, who died in infancy. The Oswalds are very active parishioners at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, where they have been involved in pastoral and fundraising programs for more than 21 years.

Their passion and commitment to Christian service led them to establish this award at Serra. Recipients must show an active involvement in and commitment to service and are asked to write an essay on “What Christian Service Means to Me.” This year’s recipients included juniors Damon Becerra, Mike Boland, Sam Leahy and Adam Lumpkins.

Physics Teacher Eric Plett Looks Forward to New Science Facilities



Eric is looking forward to teaching in the second floor science wing. Science teachers will have five new classrooms, where labs are an integral part of the room. “Combining the classrooms with the science labs will create a dynamic environment for students and will be less of a transition from classroom to labs,” he noted. Eric is a proponent of hands-on activities.

Whether he is finding critical angles using a laser, determining the size of a CD through diffraction or testing magnetic fields, Eric makes Physics fun. He has taught science at Serra for 21 years. After majoring in Biochemistry at U.C. Davis, he worked for Dow Chemical in the East Bay and coached swimming at Danville High School. There, he was asked to teach a chemistry class, which led him to discover his passion for teaching.

While completing his student-teaching requirement at Serra, Eric realized working with Padres was his future. “I was struck

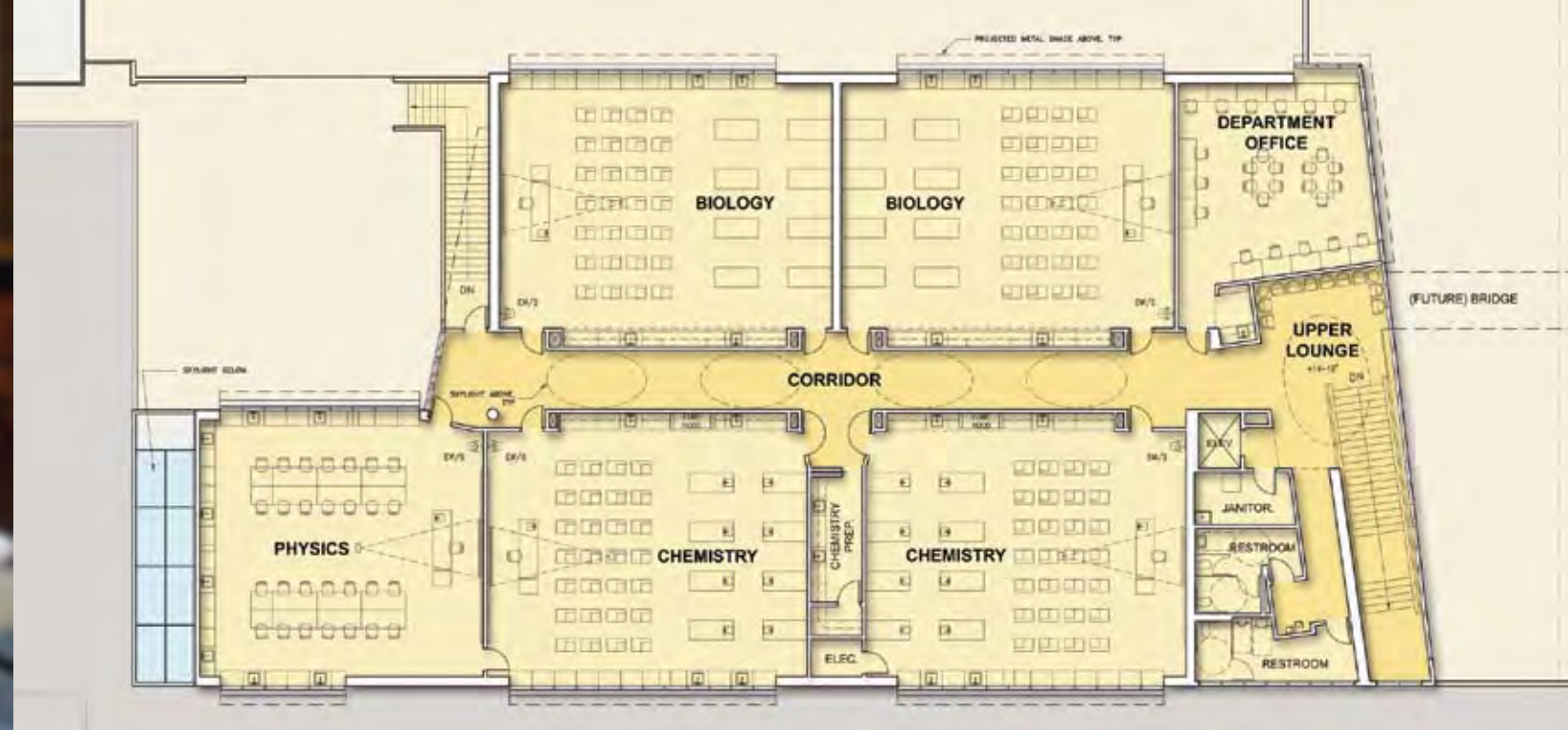
Eric coached swimming and started the volleyball program at Serra. Eric and his wife, Helen, have three children—Brodin '12, Sarah and Sophia. When he's not in the science lab, Eric enjoys participating in competitions such as the Alcatraz Swim and the Trans Tahoe Relay, which he has swum with fellow faculty members.

Eric is excited about the future of science at Serra, and noted that the curriculum will be expanded when the new building opens to meet the needs of today's sophisticated students.

“The new facilities will allow us to expand our current courses, which will challenge students to solve real world problems,” said Principal Barry Thornton. “Classes being explored include pre-Engineering, Bioethics and other courses of study that are relevant to modern society.”

Eric is well known in the Advanced Placement teaching community. He has served for many years as a National AP Reader. Eric also was a recipient of the prestigious Industry Initiatives for Science and Math Education Summer Fellowship.

“My job keeps getting better,” Eric said. “During my first year teaching at Serra, I said I hoped to still be here in 30 years. That plan is right on track.”



Construction for the new Center for the Arts and Sciences broke ground on June 1. This is Phase II of the Serra High School Master Plan for campus improvements, which also includes a major expansion of the aquatics facilities. The project will feature the latest instructional technology to maximize student learning. It will be equipped with Smart Board and digital camera technology, student laptops and wireless computer connectivity.

In addition to the second floor science wing, the first floor will provide expanded facilities for the fine and performing arts, including a Music Rehearsal Hall and enlarged art rooms for 2-D and 3-D art.

"Serra's investment in the arts is crucial to our future as a society," said San Mateo Deputy Mayor Jack Matthews, Chair of the Civic Arts Committee and a former Serra parent. "Fine arts and music often are the first programs where cuts are made when economic times are tough. However, it has been proven that the arts enhance and improve critical thinking. The arts also serve as a reflection of our society—who we are. Thank you for your investment in our community's future."



Follow our construction progress via our live web cam! Click on "The Campaign for Serra" from our homepage at www.serrahs.com.

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Peggy Farrell Named Visual and Performing Arts Chair



This spring, Peggy Farrell was named the new Visual and Performing Arts Chair. She replaces Jay Jordan, who retired from the position this spring.

“My primary objectives are to build a community with other VPA members and to ensure that our energy remains high as the new buildings are constructed,” Peggy said. “There are going to be so many exciting changes. We will have an enlarged art room dedicated to painting, drawing and 3-D art. There will also be a new ceramics room, new practice rooms for music, state-of-the-art acoustics and recording. There will even be a Green Room for our theater arts program.”

Peggy is a true artist at heart and has managed to make a career out of what she loves doing best—drawing, photography and painting.

“I see beauty everywhere,” she said. “When I travel, I try to spend time at places with views to paint at least one watercolor there on the spot. Sometimes I take photographs to work on at home. The moon has been a subject of mine for the past few years, especially the face of the moon.”

At UC Santa Barbara, Peggy majored in Art Studio. She takes classes and attends seminars whenever possible. She currently is being trained by her Mercy High School ceramics teacher, Gail Bennett, so she can “learn the ins and outs of the kiln in preparation for the new Center for the Arts and Sciences.”

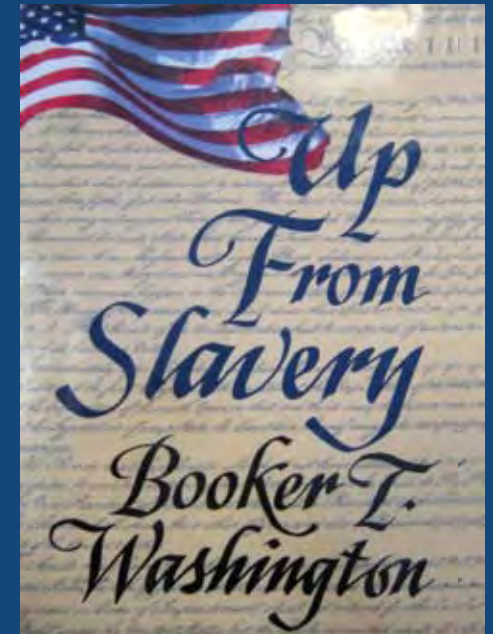
Peggy has taught art at Serra for 12 years. “I love teaching art at Serra because it’s all boys,” she said. “The outcome is more spectacular because many male students have low expectations of what great artists they will be, so the results can be really awesome. If you have attended a Serra art show, you know what I mean. I have the best job in the world!”

Peggy invites the Serra community to her Full Moon Series art show, which will be held at the famous La Victoria Bakery in San Francisco through July. La Victoria is located at 2937 24th Street, on the corner of 24th and Alabama. For more information, visit www.peggyfarrellartist.com

Each year, Peggy Farrell’s art students paint a mural on campus. This year’s mural illustrates important 2010 global events, including the Haiti earthquake, the struggling economy and the war on terrorism.



Great-Granddaughter of Booker T. Washington Shares Family Legacy



IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY. *I thought my life was simple and ordinary until I discovered my history at a Booker T. Washington family reunion. I realized I was not an accident of birth because God does not make mistakes. My great-grandfather continues to inspire me today.*



Sarah O’Neal Rush, the great-granddaughter of Booker T. Washington, captivated the Serra audience as she shared

compelling personal stories of her grandfather’s rise above slavery.

“We were honored to share an afternoon with Sarah O’Neal Rush,” said Principal Barry Thornton. “She stressed the importance of education, family and community. Our students, faculty and staff were so inspired by her personal experience and wisdom.”

Sarah’s highly motivational talk illustrated how ordinary people can achieve extraordinary feats. Her great-grandfather used to carry the books of his master’s children. He spied on their classes, vowing to read and write one day. During those times, reading and writing was considered a crime for slaves and was punishable by death.

Booker T. Washington not only learned to read and write, he established a flourishing university and built it brick by brick.

“At birth, Booker T. was considered to be worth less than \$400,” Sarah noted. However, he went on to become the most influential black educator of his time. He knew what it was like to be a slave and he knew what it was like to be free. He was the first African American on a postage stamp and the first to dine at the White House. My great-grandfather had a plan, a dream and a remarkable commitment to make them come true. No matter how dim the clouds, he was determined to find the silver lining.”

Sarah shared her great-grandfather’s secrets for success: Never get so far ahead that you forget to look back. Take responsibility for where you are now compared to where you want to be. Discover your own extraordinary legacy. At the young age of 25, Booker T. opened Tuskegee University on July 4, 1881. The university continues to educate thousands of great minds today, including Sarah’s daughter, Iesha, who is

a freshman. Raised by a struggling single mother, Sarah pulled herself up by her own bootstraps. She did not personally flourish until she discovered her family roots and rich history.

Sarah currently lectures all over the country and works with high-risk youth. She has a master’s degree in professional psychology and is the founder of Extraordinary Legacy and the Booker T. Washington Empowerment Network.

Serra sophomores Erich Wilson and Larry Moore enjoyed the talk and said it gave them a fresh perspective on their own lives. “It was amazing to hear how Booker T. Washington achieved so much,” Larry explained. “It made us realize that the problems we have as teenagers are nothing compared to what he went through. We learned to be persistent in whatever we do and above all, do our best.”



Students Score in the Classroom



Five Serra Padres achieved perfect scores of 800 on the SAT this year for specific subjects. Above l-r: Zhenyu Zhong ’10, Phillip Mallery ’10, Moses Nerio ’10 and David McKenna ’10 (Missing from photo is Akash Desai ’11).

Perfect Subject Scores for Five Padres

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Serra Padres Honored by San Mateo City Council

Five Serra High School AP and Honors students were honored by the City of San Mateo for outstanding achievements in academics.

“These Padres are excellent students who have achieved excellence in all academic areas,” said Serra Dean of Studies Rita Leung. “Their dedication to academics is an example to other students. Each of these students has worked diligently and tirelessly for four years. We wish them well as they prepare for bright futures in college.”

David McKenna will major in Physics at Princeton University. He has been a member of the Robotics Club and the Bowling Club. This year, he has a new passion for cooking, which led him to join Serra’s Cooking Club. David played junior varsity tennis and received the Outstanding Student Award.

Nolan McPeek-Bechtold will attend UC Berkeley, where he plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. He founded the Robotics Club and participated in numerous service immersion trips. Last summer, he spent two weeks in Jamaica with Serra’s Campus Ministry Team helping children in an orphanage. Nolan participated in cross

Photo Right: Five Serra Padres were honored by the San Mateo City Council for outstanding achievements in academics. Serra seniors pictured l-r: Nicholas Roberts, Zhenyu Zhong, Nolan McPeek-Bechtold, David McKenna and Stephen Wandro.

country, track and soccer at Serra. He is a member of the California Scholarship Foundation and the National Honor Society.

Stephen Wandro received a National Merit Scholarship. He will attend UCLA, where he will major in Biology. Stephen was a member of Big Brothers. He is a talented musician who competed in Serra’s Battle of the Bands. Stephen was a member of the track team. He received the Harvard Book Award and the Rensselaer Medal Award.

Nicholas Roberts will major in Management Science at UC San Diego. He is a perfect example of the Serra student athlete. He played varsity soccer for three years and received a number of awards. Nick also received Serra department awards in Math, Science, Theology, English and Social Studies. In his spare time, Nick tutors students in math and participates in Second Harvest Food Bank service projects.

Zhenyu Zhong will attend UC Berkeley, where he will major in Statistics. His favorite subject is Calculus. At Serra, he was a member of the Robotics team. Zhenyu designed the team uniforms and created a website for Robotics. He was the recipient of the Bausch and Lomb Science Award. During the summer, Zhenyu volunteers at the Hiller Aviation Museum Summer Camp.



Class Action

Mock Trial Students Learn Due Process



Emotions ran high, a final plea pierced the silence and the jury braced itself for the judge’s decision. Jordan Bratton, a comedian, was accused of murdering a critic who gave him an unfavorable review.

The above scenario actually was a reenactment of a fictional case, *People vs. Bratton*, performed by Serra Mock Trial students. In its inaugural year, the 20-man team placed fifth among San Mateo County high schools competing in Mock Trial this spring.

“This group of students exemplified the definition of success,” said Head Coach Jim Terranova. “Mock Trial provided our Padres with an academic opportunity to compete. They competed in a real courtroom in front of real Superior Court judges. We are so proud of what they were able to accomplish during their first year.”

Jim is the Director of Fund Operations, WS Investment Company at the law firm of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich and Rosati. He gave Mock Trial students a crash course on public speaking and the legal system with the help of

attorney coaches and current parents Steve Friedlander and Shawn Christianson.

“It was a great experience,” said Max Murphy ’11. “We worked together and we were always learning. We felt pressure even though we were playing fictional characters.”

“I have always been interested in debating and public speaking,” agreed Tripp Frank ’11. “At first I was nervous, but after a while we got into a rhythm. As attorneys, we knew what to ask, when to help and when to lay off.”

From September through February, Mock Trial students met twice a week. Each team was comprised of four attorneys, four witnesses and an understudy. A bailiff completed the Defense Team and a clerk joined the Prosecution Team.

“Our Mock Trial students exceeded everyone’s expectations,” said Serra President Lars Lund. “The learning curve was high, so we were amazed how quickly they understood the key elements of the courtroom.”

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—Tripp Frank ’11



Making Waves

on the Runway

Mothers' Auxiliary Fashion Show 2010

"Serra Surfin' Safari"



Close to 500 Serra supporters caught a wave at the Surfin' Safari Fashion Show held in April. The annual event helped to raise funds for Padre programs.

The senior Mother-Son walk was the highlight of the day. The gowns were gorgeous. The sets were brilliant. The camaraderie was unmatched. Our glamorous high school models exemplified teen life in sunny California.

A special thank you to members of the Mothers' Auxiliary for their months of hard work and preparation, which made this year's fashion show an overwhelming success!



Tommy, Can You Hear Me?

Tri-School Productions Students Rock the House

Tri-School Productions students from Serra, Notre Dame and Mercy electrified the stage while performing in *The Who's Tommy*. The mesmerizing, high-voltage show debuted in the Serra Gellert Auditorium.

The powerful rock musical by Pete Townshend and Des McAnuff is based on The Who's 1969 double album rock opera, *Tommy*. The musical has won numerous Tony awards for best choreography, best score, best direction of a musical and best scenic design.

"It was a challenging role for me because this show tells the story of a man's whole life," said senior Jon Nowasowski, who played the lead role of Tommy. "There is so much symbolism within the script."

The plot revolves around a little boy, Tommy, who witnesses a murder during World War II. Traumatized by the event, Tommy becomes deaf, blind and mute. The storyline follows Tommy into adulthood, as he struggles to cope with the tragedy. Surprisingly, he becomes a pinball wizard with a staggering fan following.

"The entire production was sung and set to music, so the timing had to be exact," said Director Gennine Harrington. "It was high energy."

Alum Jon Hayward '07 was back on the Serra campus as the show's Technical Director. "It was an intense show," he said. "It was very diverse. Everything was set to rock music and we had to build lots of flashy sets. It was challenging but we really pulled it off."





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Kyle Lierk, Campus Ministry Director



Urban Plunge

Serra Juniors Help Those in Need in the Tenderloin

The line wound around the block, as strangers and friends made small talk while waiting more than an hour for a hot meal. It was an eclectic group—the disheveled substance abuser, the out-of-work dot-commer, the out-of-state transplant stunned by rent sticker shock and the lost veteran battling mental illness.

They are regular guests at San Francisco’s St. Anthony’s Dining Room, where more than 2,600 hot meals are served each day. In April, juniors participated in Urban Plunge, an emotional day of helping those in need in the Tenderloin neighborhood of San Francisco. One group knocked on the doors of run-down single room occupancies (SROs) and delivered Meals that Heal. Another team sorted donated clothing. Some students rolled up their sleeves and served hot meals. A final group danced the Macarena and sang karaoke with senior citizens in the adult day program.

“Don’t ever get old and don’t ever just exist,” an elderly grandmother said to a Padre at the adult day center. The littered Tenderloin streets are crowded, yet there is a sense of community amidst the poor conditions. Neighbors

greet each other. Attitudes range from negative talks of revenge and blame to positive words of wisdom. “*We were all born a gift*,” reads a sign in the lobby of the Empress Hotel on Eddy Street. A memorable quote of the day was from a homeless man eating a piping hot plate of curry: “*Don’t let anyone take your peace*.”

The population density in the Tenderloin is greater than that of Calcutta. There are 18,000 people with a Tenderloin address and an additional 15,000 who are homeless in San Francisco.

“Jesus implores us to encounter those who are deemed outcasts in our society,” noted Campus Ministry Director Kyle Lierk. “The mission of the Junior Urban Plunge is to put our faith into action. This thrust is fueled by the “preferential option for the poor” Catholic social teaching principle. We know that our world is only as healthy as its weakest members. By building relationships with the people of the Tenderloin, we help to change their lives while our lives are radically changed.

“We can no longer hold preconceived notions of the poor,” he added. “While many of us in the Serra community have been blessed with certain comforts, others do not have the same privilege. We have an opportunity to step outside our comfort zones and deepen our understanding of a faith that promotes justice.”

As they heard the stories of those in need, Padres treated their guests with compassion, dignity and respect. All juniors are required to attend the Urban Plunge with their Theology classes. There are eight days scheduled throughout the school year. Padres were asked to share what lifted their hearts and what broke them.

“You could see that people were trying to survive by selling anything,” noted junior John Vincent. “We saw people selling drugs, toys, teddy bears, cigarettes—you name it. It’s a different world out there. Our group tried to make a difference by saying ‘Have a good day’ and ‘How are you doing?’ A simple ‘hello’ can brighten their day and change their perspective.”

Anthony Santo delivered food to people in neglected SROs. Some living conditions were worse than others. In one building, the building manager sat at a desk behind bars. “It really taught me never to take anything for granted,” Anthony said. “Many people in our society stay away from these people and avoid eye contact. I always want to show that I care for them and let them know that they are valued by our society. We are so lucky to attend a school where caring for the less fortunate is an important lesson.”

At the end of the day, Padres listened to the story of a recovering drug lord—a young man who ran the streets of Richmond. He outlined the destructive path of drug addiction and pointed out that it often takes just one hit to become addicted and dependent on the lifestyle.

“The whole day was pretty intense,” said Serra junior Juan Rodriguez. “I was amazed by how people are able to survive with so little. At first I felt depressed to see people struggling so much, but I also felt proud to be making a difference and hopeful that the people in the Tenderloin will have a better tomorrow.”

Chapel Services Prepare Athletes For Life



Serra Padres Andrew Mercurio '11 and Parker Toms '11

Padre baseball and football players mentally prepared for successful sports seasons on and off the field.

Mindful of Serra's commitment to developing young men of *Faith, Wisdom, Service, Community and Leadership*, Head Coaches Patrick Walsh and Craig Gianinno worked closely with Campus Ministry to offer weekly chapel reflection services. Players relaxed and regrouped in a respectful setting of faith.

“This is a space where they were able to come once a week to clear their minds,” said Campus Ministry Director Kyle Lierk. “I was grateful to be a part of such an outstanding program.”

Head Football Coach Patrick Walsh implemented the chapel services in 2001. “The chapel services occurred the day before each game immediately after school,” he explained. “The players were encouraged to take off their shoes and relax in the chapel so they were at ease with their spirituality. It was a non-rigid environment. Players and coaches were encouraged to speak from the heart and to hold nothing back. In the chapel, our team grew from a collective group of individuals into a true team built on love and trust.”

Students participated in readings and chose their own music for the services. “My goal was to provide a safe place for young boys to grow into men,” Coach Walsh added. “The boys felt at ease and expressed themselves in front of their brothers. Football to me is more than a game. It is a special journey where lifelong relationships are formed. What better place to do this at Serra than in our most sacred place? Our chapel is beautiful and

serene. The chapel services enable those who are committed to the Catholic faith to become closer to Jesus, while allowing those from other faiths to feel comfortable in front of their second family.”

Baseball players participated in the chapel services for the first time this year. Head Baseball Coach Craig Gianinno inspired his players and helped them to become comfortable with the trials and tribulations not only of sports but of life in general.

“Baseball is a vehicle I have been blessed with to teach the game of life,” Coach Gianinno said. “Clearly, these are young men with a lot of things going on in their lives. We are trying to empower them to be honest with one another and with themselves.”

An open forum allowed players to break down barriers and learn how to share their frustrations and gratitude in an open, non-judgmental environment. Topics ranged from the importance of teamwork and sacrifices made during the sports season to hope and belief, self-confidence and handling adversity.

“As the players became more and more comfortable during each week's chapel services, a new comfort level evolved with players openly, honestly and respectfully sharing with each other whether it was a compliment, an affirmation or a call-out,” Coach Gianinno noted. “As the players evolved, they understood the importance of selfless behavior on and off the field. It's part of our responsibility to help student athletes be exposed to the bigger picture.”

Padre Athletes Share Personal Reflections on Chapel Services

By Andre Mercurio '11 - Varsity Baseball Player

I had the privilege of being on the Varsity Baseball Team and participating in the new chapel services this past season.

The services were held once a week on Mondays after practice. Our coach asked a few players each week to choose an opening prayer, quotes and a song that related to that week's theme. We also chose scripture passages and Prayers of the Faithful.

We spoke candidly by giving affirmations or confronting a teammate in a polite way, which truly allowed us to grow closer as a family. At the end, we exchanged the sign of peace with each other. These services had a strong impact on each player, as well as the coaches. Our team was skeptical of this process at first. However, as the year went on, we looked forward to chapel. It meant a lot to our team because it gave us a time in our hectic lives to relax and clear our minds.

Chapel allowed me to realize that baseball is a privilege and we are so lucky to have the talents we have. More important, it taught us that we must use these gifts in a positive way. I thought about my game and my weaknesses, which made me a better player. These services helped our team to become a unit, which is vital for success. In addition, it enabled our players to relax and have fun. We know that we always will have a brother next to us to pick us up on and off the field.

The Holy Spirit gives us a strength that is only possible through God, which makes us better baseball players and better people. Chapel aided our success this year not just on the field, but also as a group of Padres. We learned values which we will carry on to college and throughout our lives.

By Parker Toms '11 - Varsity Football Player

If you walk the hallowed halls that are Junípero Serra High School, ask any student what Serra stands for. More often than not, you get the same answer: “Brotherhood.” Serra has always maintained that we share a bond that no other school does - the bond of brothers. This is true of Serra, and even more so when it comes to Serra Padre Football.

Serra Padre Football is a brotherhood within a brotherhood. Sixty-five athletes sweat, bleed, cry and work through pain to become the brotherhood that we are. The intense workouts are only the stepping stones of our bonds. The pinnacle bonding experience can be attributed to our chapel services.

On the day before a game, we hold this service in our chapel at Serra. Players run the chapel services. We walk in, make ourselves comfortable and sit in silence, waiting for the ceremony to start. The person in charge of choosing the song says a few words and hits play. A Bible passage is read, as well as a few quotes and a story. After the final player speaks, the chapel is dead silent.

Next, it is all heart. This is the time where the real bonding begins. This is where the magic happens. Tears are shed and there is laughter. It is because of these chapel services that we are the teams we are. They define us. Without this two-hour time slot every week, Serra Football would not be what it is today. These chapel services mean everything to the team. With them, we become united. These services don't define who we are as individuals, but what our character is as a team. These chapel services are Serra Football.

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Buon Viaggio!

Extraordinary art, breathtaking basilicas and savory food were just a few of the highlights Padres enjoyed during an unforgettable spring break trip to Italy. The group of 19 students and 10 adults toured private residential islands and quaint hilltop towns. They explored Venice, Rome, Florence, Milan, Assisi and Siena.



“It was an absolutely phenomenal trip,” said chaperone Tom Sullivan. “It was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to experience Italian culture, food and cathedrals. They saw the statue of David, the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican. They were on a nightly quest for gelato, and it’s true what they say about pizza in Italy—there’s nothing better!”

Tom was assisted by Renee Duffey, Jay and June Jordan and several parents. A full-time tour guide from the American Council for International Studies led daily excursions to breathtaking villages and lush landscapes.

“The world is not the United States, San Mateo or Serra High School,” Tom noted. “Our goal was to encourage our students to become lifelong travelers. We wanted to light a fire under them and introduce them to the exciting world of educational travel. These trips are classrooms without walls.”

Next year, Serra Padres will visit the Heart of Europe—Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Prague and Berlin. For more information, please visit the Serra website.

Photo right: Padre travelers signed a capital ‘T’ in honor of their wonderful tour guide, Teresa, whom they referred to as ‘Captain T’ throughout the week.



Catholic Relief Services Speaker Shares Life Journey with Students



When Thomas Awiapo was a little boy in Ghana, he cried himself to sleep most nights and went to bed hungry. The dismal town in which Thomas lived had no running water or electricity. The only sources of light were the sun and the moon.

After his parents died, four little brothers were left alone. Most days, they skipped breakfast and lunch. Together, they searched and fought for food. Sadly, two of the brothers passed away from malnutrition—the littlest one in Thomas’ arms. The oldest brother ran off, never to be seen again. For many years, Thomas wondered, “Why me?”

Life suddenly changed for Thomas when Catholic Relief Services built a school in his small town. When the smell of hot breakfast wafted through the dusty air one morning, Thomas decided to attend school only for the snacks. Eventually, he came to realize that the only way to escape extreme poverty is through education.

“Imagine the power of that little snack to an angry child in the village,” said Thomas, who spoke to the Serra High School community during a spring assembly. “If that greatest gift of a school snack had not been offered, I would not be sitting here today. Slowly, I realized the value of education—it is actually liberation and the answer to all problems.”

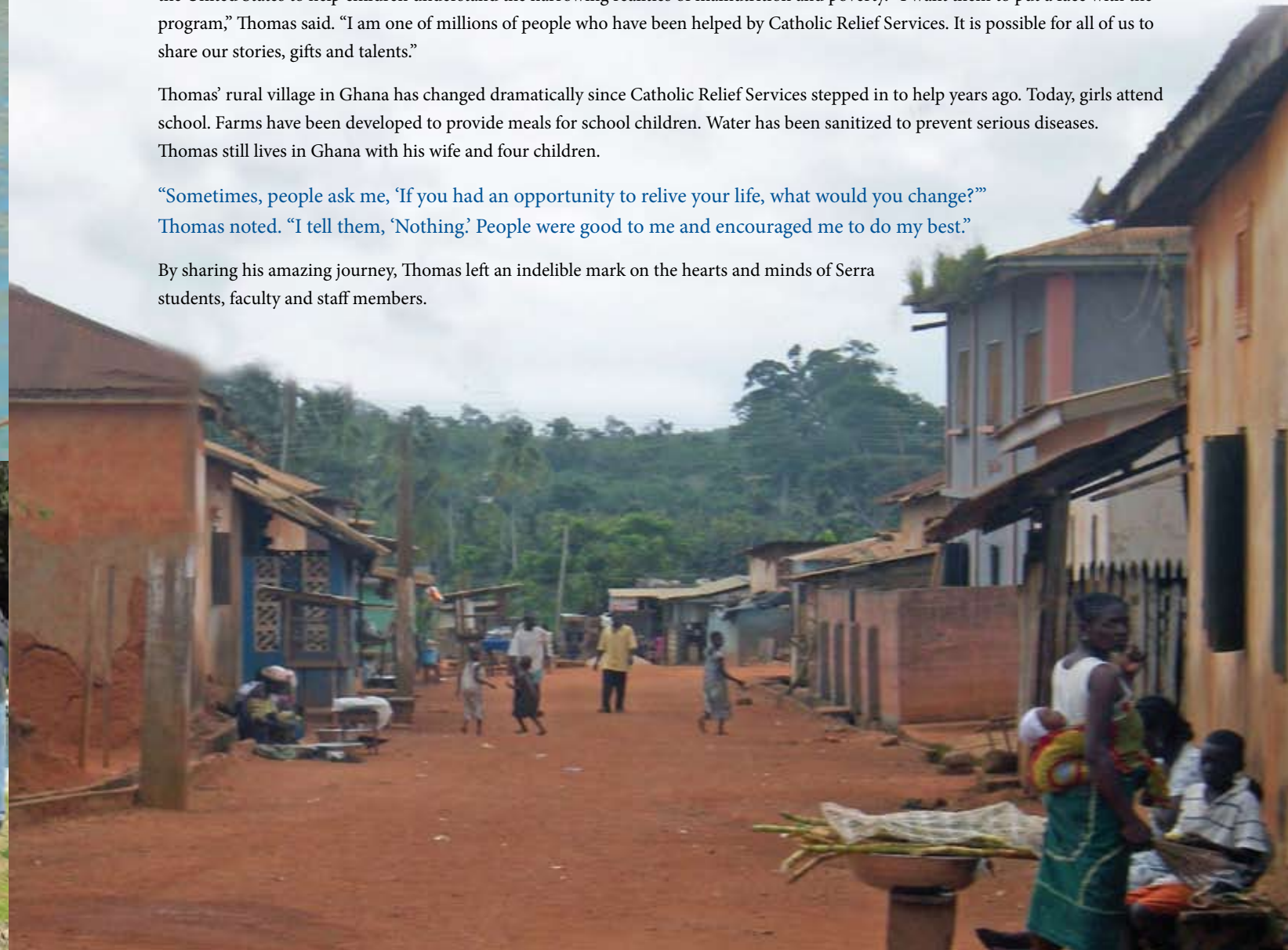
Thomas excelled in school and went on to receive a college scholarship in the United States. Later, he received a master’s degree in Administration from California State University, Hayward.

Today, Thomas works for Catholic Relief Services as a keynote speaker. Each year during Lent, he travels to more than 100 schools in the United States to help children understand the harrowing realities of malnutrition and poverty. “I want them to put a face with the program,” Thomas said. “I am one of millions of people who have been helped by Catholic Relief Services. It is possible for all of us to share our stories, gifts and talents.”

Thomas’ rural village in Ghana has changed dramatically since Catholic Relief Services stepped in to help years ago. Today, girls attend school. Farms have been developed to provide meals for school children. Water has been sanitized to prevent serious diseases. Thomas still lives in Ghana with his wife and four children.

“Sometimes, people ask me, ‘If you had an opportunity to relive your life, what would you change?’” Thomas noted. “I tell them, ‘Nothing.’ People were good to me and encouraged me to do my best.”

By sharing his amazing journey, Thomas left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of Serra students, faculty and staff members.



Padres in Perú

This spring, Senior Joey Lopez was awarded the first Generacion 2020 wrestling scholarship. The \$1,500 stipend enabled Joey to travel to Perú over spring break with Coach Ricardo Garcia and a select group of Serra wrestlers—Kyle Rudolph, Lumière Hayes, T.J. San Diego and Tim Glauninger.

“I was overwhelmed and surprised to receive this award,” Joey said. “It was unbelievable. My experience in Perú gave me a broader understanding of the world—how countries and cultures are different, yet the same in so many ways. I returned with a greater appreciation for what I have here in the Bay Area.”

The trip consisted of eight days of training and competing in Lima at the prestigious Deportivo Nacional de Deporte (Olympic Center), where wrestlers participated in daily training sessions with the Peruvian national high school wrestling team. On the third day, the team competed in Torneo Internacional. A field of 12 competitive teams from Perú participated in the event.

“This year’s trip to the ancient Incan Empire was a remarkable experience,” said Wrestling Head Coach Ricardo Garcia. The competition and hospitality inspired us to work even harder. The trip concluded with a tough dual meet against a local city team from Lima. In addition, our Padres on the American Team developed their wrestling skills and enjoyed the rich Peruvian Cuisine.”

The wrestlers visited the Inca ruins, hiked up Machu Picchu and participated in a community service project at a local school in Cusco. “Machu Picchu was amazing,” said student Lumière Hayes. “It rains in the morning so it was very mystical. It was breathtaking up there.”

The wrestlers also delivered 250 pounds of used athletic clothing to the underprivileged athletes of Perú and brought soccer uniforms, balls and school supplies to a local school. Padres on the U.S. Team donated gently-used wrestling equipment to the Peruvian Wrestling Federation.

Generacion 2020 was founded by Coach Garcia to provide wrestlers with international linguistic, athletic and cultural opportunities to travel the world. “These experiences will help participants develop a sound mind, body and spirit through the education of this international wrestling program,” Coach Garcia noted. “It is the goal and objective of Generacion 2020 to participate in an exchange trip every year until the year 2020.”

Padres traveled to Spain in 2008 and Mexico in 2009. A trip to Argentina is scheduled for 2011. “These trips will ultimately make stronger and better individuals,” Coach Garcia said. “Most important, these experiences will improve our communities and prepare us to make the world a better place.”



Joey Lopez '10 with Serra English teacher and Head Wrestling Coach Ricardo Garcia

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JOEY LOPEZ '10



Peter Whitney '09 Spends Gap Year Helping Others



The inconsolable little girl had a high fever, pain behind her eyes, an angry rash and joint pain. As Peter Whitney '09 calmed the crying 12-year-old in El Salvador, he realized he was spot-on with his diagnosis: She had the dreaded Dengue fever.

Dengue fever—or bone break fever as it is called in El Salvador—is rampant throughout South America. The disease is spread by mosquito bites and fevers can spike to 105 degrees. Peter gently treated the little girl and rushed her to a doctor. Although the situation was grim and worrisome, Peter was fulfilling his dream. He worked for the Foundation for Medical Relief of Children in El Salvador in February and March of this year.

“It was a stark contrast to what I want to do,” said Peter, who plans to major in Natural Sciences next year at Cambridge University in England.

While most of his friends were living the good life in college dorms, Peter awoke at the crack of dawn each day to take patients’ vital signs. The decision to take a gap year enabled Peter to help dozens of patients, most of whom were mothers and children.

“Many of them didn’t have shoes and hadn’t had a bath in some time,” Peter said. “Yet they were very happy and energetic. It made me reevaluate and appreciate what we have here at home. Our life here in the Bay Area is very comfortable. It’s not uncommon for teenagers to be given a car at 16. In El Salvador, the children are hoping for a pair of soccer cleats.”

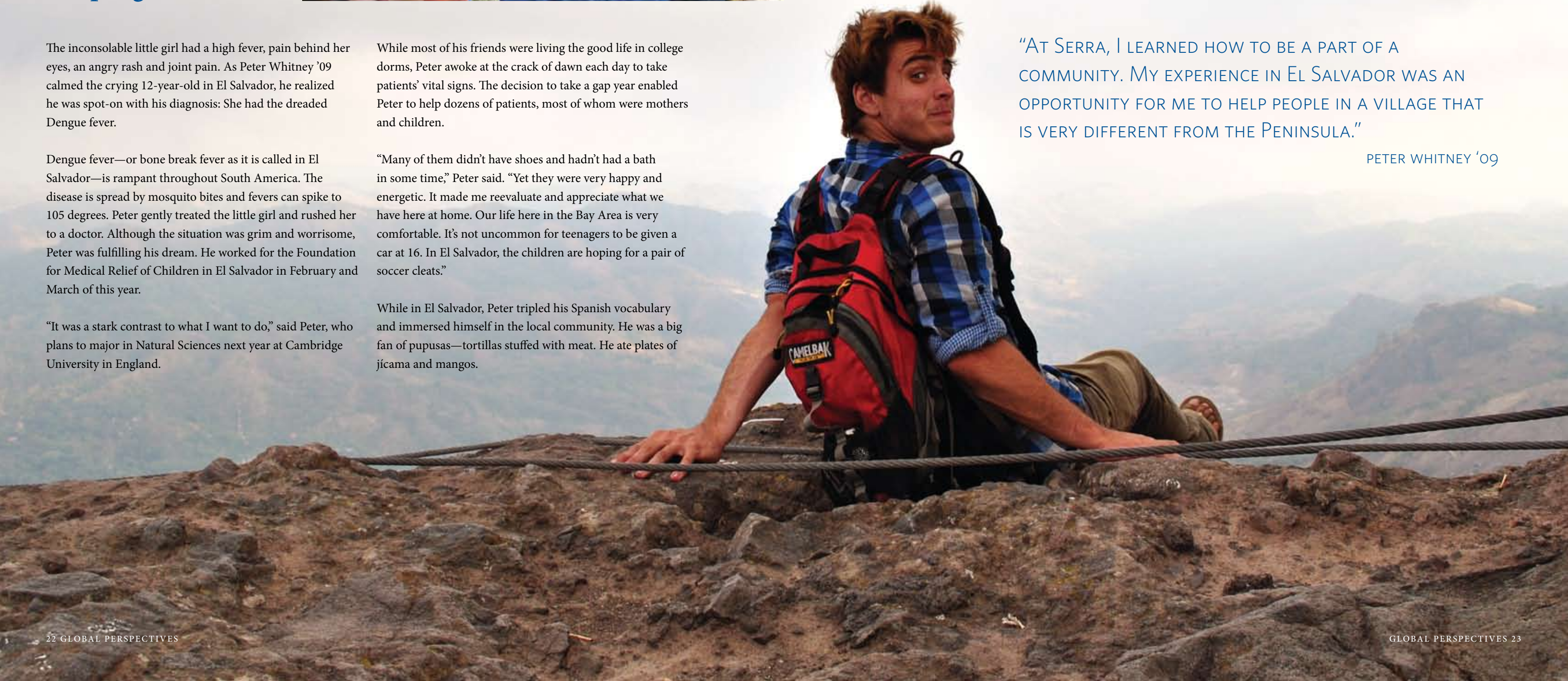
While in El Salvador, Peter tripled his Spanish vocabulary and immersed himself in the local community. He was a big fan of pupusas—tortillas stuffed with meat. He ate plates of jícama and mangos.

After he returned to the Bay Area, Peter switched gears and volunteered at UCSF. He is working with researchers who are trying to determine the genes responsible for a rare genetic disorder (anophthalmia) in babies who are born with the congenital absence of one or both eyes. Even though Peter’s current research project is different from working with patients in El Salvador, it exemplifies the sense of community service he learned as a student at Serra.

“At Serra, I learned how to be a part of a community,” he said. “My experience in El Salvador was an opportunity for me to help people in a village that is very different from the Peninsula. People in El Salvador go without even the most basic amenities and desperately need care. Rather than discourage or overwhelm me, the experience invigorated my spirit to continue to explore any opportunity where I can be of service to the world community.”

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PETER WHITNEY '09



Creating A Legacy

Robin and Bob Fox establish the
Gregory Harrison Rosecrans ’93
Endowed Scholarship Fund



ALUMNUS GREGORY HARRISON ROSECRANS ’93 *lived life to the fullest. He loved his family and friends. He was passionate about baseball. He could talk about the Padre brotherhood for hours. Even though his life was cut short at the young age of 23, his spirit lives on and inspires all who remember his kind heart and magnetic smile.*



“When he was little, Greg was a happy, kind little guy,” said Robin Fox, Greg’s aunt. “He was always into the sport of baseball. He was such a darling, sweet boy.”

Robin and her husband, Bob, recently established the Gregory Harrison Rosecrans ’93 Endowed Scholarship Fund to honor their nephew. Greg lost his courageous battle with brain cancer 11 years ago.

“He was a remarkable person,” Robin said. “At Serra, he flourished. It was important for him to have strong male influences. Ultimately, this scholarship fund will help someone else. Greg would have wanted to help others. Bob and I want this fund to reflect Greg’s values.”

“I was so impressed by the way he made friends,” Bob said. “He had something really special about him.”

Greg’s mother, Becky Rosecrans, expressed her gratitude when she learned that Greg’s aunt and uncle were setting up a scholarship fund in Greg’s name. “This is an incredible gesture you are making in his honor and in his memory,” she said. “I am amazed by the breadth and depth of your love for him. I just know in my heart that going to Serra enriched Greg’s life in ways that would not have been possible had he gone to public high school. It was at Serra that he really came into his own as a young man. Serra High School was one of the best decisions we could have made. Greg clearly took great pride in being a Padre. I would bet that Greg would have found a way to give back to Serra.”

Becky has so many memories of her son’s high school years. While Greg was at Serra, he chose his middle name. Many of his friends had presidential middle names, such as Washington, Jefferson and Adams. One day, Greg and his mom visited the Department of Motor Vehicles to fill out an application for Greg’s driver’s permit. Greg signed the document “Gregory Harrison Rosecrans.”

When Becky asked why he added the “Harrison,” he replied, “Mom, you always told me I could call myself anything I want as long as it wasn’t to defraud anyone or do something illegal. All of my friends have presidential middle names, and you need a great name if you’re going to be famous!”

Greg was a member of the Varsity Football Team at Serra. “During the awards Mass and ceremony for the football team, one of Greg’s coaches said that Greg had more heart than anyone he’d known,” Becky recounted. “At the last home game during his senior year, the parents walked out on the field with their senior football players. Greg took my hand and said, ‘Mom, this is just exactly how it’s supposed to be.’ I have never forgotten how proud he was to be a Serra student-athlete. He lettered in football and I still have his letterman jacket.”

Greg’s best friend, Aaron Katz, remembers hearing Padre tales for years. “Greg was one of the most genuine, loyal, honest and passionate individuals I have ever had the privilege of knowing,” he said. “He was quick-witted, stubborn in all the right ways, and held on to a set of unwavering ideals. He demanded the best from those around him and from himself. He was absolutely magnetic and had a zest for life that came through in everything he did and every interaction he had. It was evident that the time he spent at Serra had an incredible impact on his life.”

While Greg clearly loved Serra and felt blessed to have been a part of the Brotherhood, this scholarship fund will create a lasting memorial that will truly give back to generations of Padres to come—an incredible blessing for Serra from Greg, Robin and Bob.



Alumnus Gregory Harrison Rosecrans ’93

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 include cash, 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 two-fold 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 Development 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 Director of Advancement at 650.573.9935, ext. 188.



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Marquis Jones '08

An inspired crowd of Serra supporters gathered at the Peninsula Golf & Country Club to hear alumni Peter Barsocchini '70 and Marquis Jones '08 return to speak at the 2010 Fund A Dream Scholarship Luncheon.

Over the past six years, the annual Fund A Dream Luncheon has raised more than \$600,000 for the Tuition Assistance Program. This year, the Serra community welcomed alumni Peter Barsocchini '70 and Marquis Jones '08 as special guest speakers.

Peter Barsocchini, creator of Disney's *High School Musical* series, entertained the audience with hilarious stories of his Hollywood escapades and life lessons he learned at Serra. Prior to the luncheon, he met with Serra journalism students and shared his thoughts about writing.

Peter began his professional writing career as a student at Serra. He wrote more than 300 columns about popular music for *The San Mateo Times*. He later worked as a freelance reporter for *The Associated Press*, *The San Francisco Examiner* and *Rolling Stone*. As a young journalist, Peter spent his weekends at the Fillmore West, mingling with musicians including Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton and Elton John.

“High School is more important than it ever was,” Peter said. “Sometimes in high school, the things that impact our life don't show up until much later. It might be a conversation. Or a teacher. Or a book like *Catcher in the Rye*. Sometimes, it's scary when you are in charge of your life. But you have to look for the moments that separate you from the pack. Pay attention and hold on to those moments.”

Peter regaled his audience with stories about the positive influence Serra teachers Nick Carboni and Mike McGinley had on his life. He urged his listeners to support Fund A Dream. “You are the ‘Catcher in the Rye’ when you support Serra's financial aid programs,” he noted.

“The need for financial aid continues to increase,” added Serra President Lars Lund. “This year, Serra awarded more than \$1,457,720 in financial aid to 250 deserving students. Even in these challenging times, our scholarship funds have continued to support families who are unable to afford the full cost of a Serra education.”



Marquis Jones '08 A Padre Success Story

Marquis was faced with many obstacles during his childhood in San Francisco. He vividly remembers the startling sound of police sirens in the middle of the night. Marquis was raised by a single mother, who later moved her two boys to Millbrae while she put herself through nursing school. Marquis transferred to Serra from Mills High School as a junior.

“I knew that I needed to become a man and that Serra would provide that for me,” Marquis recounted. “My life began my very first day at Serra. I knew I should have been there from the get-go. You taught me how to love and how to cry. Serra is where I became a man.

“My dreams came true because of individuals like you,” added Marquis, who benefited from Serra's financial aid program. “I would like to thank you for your generosity. I am the first person in my family to go to college.”

At Serra, Marquis was the Student Body Executive Vice President. He also served as the student representative on the Principal Selection Committee and played varsity football. He currently is attending Sacramento State University, where he is majoring in sociology and playing football. Marquis hopes to become a defense attorney in the future.





Dean Ayoob '92 Named Athletic Director

In 1999, Dean Ayoob '92 wrote a life goal in a notebook: To become Serra's Athletic Director by the time he was 35. Dean just turned 36 and was named Serra's new Athletic Director. Dean replaces Kevin Donahue, who will retire in June after 31 years of service.

"We have such a great group of coaches and I'm excited to surround myself with such outstanding people. Serra is a place where I want to work until I retire.
Once a Padre, Always a Padre!"

Dean has served as Serra's Assistant Athletic Director for the past six years. He graduated from the University of Kansas School of Business with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He received a master's degree in management with an emphasis in sports management from the University of Denver, Daniels College of Business. Dean received his Certified Athletic Administrator certification from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in 2009. Prior to working at Serra, Dean served as the Assistant Athletic Director at Menlo College in Atherton.

"I was ecstatic when I was informed that I would be the new Athletic Director," Dean said. "I felt all sorts of emotions—excitement, humility, and a great sense of pride in being given this opportunity to follow in Kevin's footsteps."

Dean caught the Padre spirit when he was very young. He grew up in Millbrae, where he attended Spring Valley Elementary and Taylor Middle School. He and his brothers—Brian '86, Brett '89 and Derek '99—attended a variety of Serra games together.

"I grew up going to Serra baseball and football games with my brothers and always knew I wanted to be a Padre," he said. "I loved the vibe and energy of the games. I remember watching Barry Bonds play basketball for Serra against Saint Ignatius. I was in awe of how many Serra fans attended an away game."

Dean followed in his brothers' footsteps and quickly settled in at Serra as a member of the baseball and football teams. In 1990, his football team won the CCS championship. Later that spring, the baseball team won the CCS and the WCAL championships.

"Dean's educational background, professional experience and knowledge of Serra make him supremely qualified for the position of Athletic Director," said Serra Principal Barry Thornton. "He has exhibited the requisite skills to take over this very challenging position. We are blessed to have a man of his quality following in Kevin's footsteps."

Dean Ayoob '92, Serra's New Athletic Director

Kevin Donahue Retires

Serra Athletic Director Kevin Donahue retired this spring after three decades of guiding athletic programs at Serra. President Lars Lund pointed out that since 1949, Serra Padres have won close to 100 athletic championships—76 of those championships under the direction of Kevin. The Serra community celebrated with Kevin during a Hawaiian-style luau on May 16, where more than 200 people paid tribute to his great legacy. Kevin also was awarded the prestigious In Via Award this spring. Read more about the award on page 41.



"For 31 years, Kevin has been a tenacious advocate for our student athletes. He has had the hearts, souls and best interests of our Padres in mind at all times."

—Lars Lund, President



Athletic Coaches of the Year



Chuck Rapp ’86 Named Coach of the Year by *The San Jose Mercury News*



Chuck Rapp ’86 is one of the most respected coaches on campus. Students and faculty sported “Rapp Pack” T-shirts during basketball season. This year’s Varsity team did not disappoint— the Rapp Pack was recognized as one of the top teams in the Bay Area, finishing 24-7, two victories shy of the school record. This led Chuck to be recognized as Coach of the Year by *The San Jose Mercury News* for the third time in his career.

On the court, Chuck is animated and in the zone— yelling, jumping and slapping high-fives. Off the court, however, he is humble and prefers to fly under the radar.

“Our players epitomized the word *team*,” Chuck said. “It wouldn’t have happened without coaches Sean Dugoni and Brian Carson.”

Chuck started shooting baskets at a very young age. He remembers riding his bike to the San Bruno Recreation Center when he was in fourth grade.

“I have always loved basketball—the competitiveness of it,” he admitted. “I love the defensive side, engaging in competition and also the offensive side, working selflessly together.”

At Serra, Chuck played basketball for three years and has his own stories to share with his athletes. After majoring in English at UC Berkeley, he realized that becoming a teacher would be a perfect way to combine his love of books with his love of basketball. He was hired by Serra in 1990 as an English teacher and basketball coach. Over the last decade, Chuck has coached all levels of basketball.

“It was necessary for me to visit each step because I learned so much at each level,” he noted. “Being a coach is really about relationships. I still have so many students who come back to visit and who text me after a big game. Those relationships have enriched my life.”

What about Chuck’s enthusiasm for the game? “I don’t think you can manufacture that,” he laughed. “I still get nervous before games, and that’s good because it means you care. You can never take this game for granted because the other guys are just as committed to beating you as you are committed to beating them.”

“Chuck has a unique ability to motivate his athletes to play at a very high level,” said Serra Athletic Director Kevin Donahue.

“We strive at Serra to develop the well-rounded student athlete who excels in all aspects of student life.”

Churck Rapp ’86, Head Varsity Basketball Coach

“He is a master tactician who prepares his teams well for every contest. The success of his team is based on the simple principles of team discipline, fundamentals, intensity, defense and teamwork.”

A vital part of being an outstanding coach at Serra is stressing the importance of academics. “My players are focused, organized and get a lot done,” Chuck said. “I encourage and support that. We strive at Serra to develop the well-rounded student-athlete who excels in all aspects of student life.

Chuck teaches sophomore English, Creative Writing, Computer Literature and Physical Education. He is an avid reader who enjoys authors from F. Scott Fitzgerald to Stephen King.

“To be a good English teacher, you have to be a great salesman who promotes great literature,” Chuck said. “It is important to encourage reading at a time when fewer and fewer young adults are actively reading. We have an obligation to develop lifelong readers for the future.”

Although the basketball team’s competition was fierce, Chuck’s drive and enthusiasm carried the players through an extraordinary season.

“We were so fortunate but I really credit the kids,” he said. “These guys really lived it and played for each other. I always consider the journey, not the destination.”

Jeff Panos Named Coach of the Year by *The San Mateo County Times*

Serra Head Soccer Coach Jeff Panos remembers kicking the soccer ball around with his dad in sunny Long Beach when he was only four. He had butterflies in his stomach the nights before his Pee Wee soccer games in the park.

Today, those memories are distant but he still has a passion for his favorite game. Jeff recently was named 2010 Boys Soccer Coach of the Year by *The San Mateo County Times*.

“Soccer is a passion for me, not just a job,” said Jeff, who teaches math and chemistry at Serra. “With soccer, there are no time outs. You have to improvise every step of the way. We work as a unit and incorporate an art to it. Soccer is the ultimate team game.”

The ultimate team game and the ultimate team – Padre soccer players recently won their first West Catholic Athletic League regular season title in 19 years. They won the WCAL league title for the first time in nine years—finishing at 11-2-1. The win against Bellarmine was Panos’ 100th Varsity career victory.

“We had buy-in from day one, but it’s taken us four years to get here,” Jeff noted. “We are always moving forward.” Jeff works hard with his players to achieve balance—that means plenty of rest, a healthy diet and a strong sense of commitment and leadership. He has devised a structured program – structure the athletes appreciate because the system works well.

“Coach Panos knows his players really well and he works with us on an individual basis,” said senior Tammer Mazid. “He takes time away from his family just to be with us and to create the best possible soccer program here at Serra. We love him—he really

deserves the Coach of the Year award.”

Somehow, Jeff manages to seamlessly juggle coaching with teaching with two beautiful twin babies at home. He and his wife, Polly, are the proud parents of 10-month-old twins Timothy and Ellie.

“Fatherhood has given me tremendous perspective,” Jeff said. “Any sporting season comes with bumps along the road. After a long day of teaching and coaching, any rough spots are forgotten the minute I get home and see those twin smiling faces. It refreshes me, gives a new angle on working with kids from the parent side of things and just makes everything I do that much more enjoyable. I am a very lucky guy.”

Jeff looks forward to continuing the team’s success next year.

“Jeff Panos has the total package of what we look for in a coach,” said Serra Athletic Director Kevin Donahue. “He is an outstanding teacher of the game of soccer and a great motivator. Jeff understands the role of the student-athlete and he incorporates the values of our faith-based education into his program.”



Spring Sports



“As a coaching staff, we are very proud of our athletes for competing well. They closed out the season with many personal bests in the final meets of the year. While we will miss the seniors who competed so well for us, we are excited about having so many returning athletes for next year’s team.

— Head Track & Field Coach Jim Marheineke

▲ TRACK & FIELD

Head Coach: Jim Marheineke;
Assistants: Ed Berry, Ron DiMaggio, Keith Stapleton, Walt Worthge, Maria Worthge, John Nava, Matt O’Connor

The Padre Track and Field Team was led by two WCAL Champions— Ben Parodi in the shot put (49-4.75) and Juan Rodriguez in the 110 high hurdles (15.30).

Nate Harvey finished a close second place in the 100m (10.94) and sophomore Luke Longinotti’s impressive personal best in the shot put (48-2) was good for a second place finish behind Parodi. Harvey (4th place – 10.77), Rodriguez (6th – 15.31) and Parodi (7th place – 51-2) paced the Padres at CCS Finals. The 400m Relay team of Don André Clark, Chad Baur, Rodriguez and Harvey crossed the line 5th at CCS (42.96).

Blanket Award winner, Harvey, finally topped Gavin McClintock’s elusive school record (10.84 in 1992) with his time in the 100m. Sophomore Erich Wilson also broke the school record in the Frosh-Soph 100m (10.91) earlier in the season. In February, Harvey signed a National Letter of Intent and will run for UCSB next year.

Awards:
Blanket Award/MVP: Nate Harvey
Most Valuable Field Event Athlete: Ben Parodi
Most Valuable Track Event Athlete: Erich Wilson
Kevin Ragan Memorial Coaches’ Award: Chad Baur, Kevin Delos Santos



Luca Ponti ‘10 Receives Shea Sportsmanship Award

The 2010 Shea Sportsmanship Award was presented to senior soccer and baseball player Luca Ponti. The Shea Award is given to a senior athlete who participated in two sports during his senior year and who exemplifies what a Padre athlete represents. Shea Award recipients demonstrate good sportsmanship and a positive Christian attitude. Voted by the head coaches, it is the highest honor awarded to a Serra senior athlete.

Luca was a striker on the varsity soccer team. He had nine goals and 10 assists on the season. His biggest goal of the year came in the CCS semifinals against Alisal.



“Luca scored in the last 20 minutes of the game, which sent us into overtime,” said Soccer Head Coach Jeff Panos. “His tireless work ethic and incredible poise in tense moments of competition make others around him better players. His leadership off the field, as well as his ability to motivate and rejuvenate his teammates, were major reasons we persevered through a brutal WCAL schedule and came out as champs.”

Luca played shortstop on the varsity baseball team. “It was a privilege to coach Luca,” said Varsity Head Coach Craig Gianinno. “He has so many intangibles – leadership, poise and confidence. Luca is a top shelf, first-rate student-athlete who will be an asset wherever he goes in the future.” Congratulations, Luca!



▲ SWIMMING

Varsity Head Coach: Bob Greene ‘85
JV Coaches: Josh Oren and Matt Fox

Varsity 2-4 CCS Qualifiers
JV 5-1; Second in WCAL

Awards:
CCS Qualifiers: Ian Williams, Derek Koo, Quinn Curl, R.J. Newkirk, Jake Folan, Brian Gerrity, Niko Velasquez

WCAL Champion 100 IM - Eoin Bloomer

Varsity
MVP: Niko Velasquez and Derek Koo
Most Improved: Jake Folan
Coaches’ Choice: Marco Buljan

JV
MVP: Kyle Centis
Most Improved: Pano Panagiotides
Coaches’ Choice: Sean Mendonca

“This year was extraordinarily successful both with participation (64 athletes) and performance. In the WCAL Championships, we had at least one qualifier in 30 of 32 events. I am proud of the energy and the dedication that my swimmers had this season. They were committed and hardworking. That’s the reason they did so well this year. Hats off to Niko Velasquez, who received a full ride to swim at Soka University in Southern California.”

— Head Swim Coach Bob Greene ‘85

GOLF >

Varsity: 5-8-1
JV: 8-5-1
MVP: Nick Vozikes
Most Improved Player: Zach Harper

Head Varsity Coach: Joe Hession
JV Coach: Ralph Stark

The varsity squad played well at Green Hills Country Club, its home course, including a win over league co-champion Bellarmine. Team MVP and first team all-WCAL player Nick Vozikes had a breakthrough year, averaging 2-over par per round in league matches.

“The WCAL was particularly tough this year,” Coach Joe Hession said. “The best teams in the Central Coast Section were all in the WCAL, so every match was a test. The team worked hard, stayed focused and was competitive throughout the year.”



Spring Sports



◀ BASEBALL

Varsity Head Coach: Craig Gianinno
Varsity Assistants: Jesse Lehane, Ray McDonald

Head JV Coach: Dan Walsh
Assistant JV Coach: Jeff Harper

Head Freshman Coach: Stephen Baccari
Assistant Freshman Coach: John Canepa

Varsity: 25-7; # 3 seed in WCAL Playoff
Tournament; #4 seed in CCS Division I Tournament;
CCS Semi-finals; 9-5 in League (second in
WCAL Tournament); tied school record for most
consecutive wins in the season (17-0).

JV: WCAL Champions 17-4; 12-2 in league
Freshman: WCAL Champions: 15-4 overall;
12-2 in league

1st Team All League:
Infielders: Luca Ponti, Sean McMillan

Outfielders: Andre Mercurio, Tyler Hardeman

2nd Team All League: Catcher: PJ Mallery
Pitcher: Julian Merryweather
DH: Kyle Ferris

Honorable Mention:
Pitcher: Barry Timko
Pitcher: Dario Bortolotto

Varsity MVP: Andre Mercurio
Varsity Pitcher of the Year: Julian Merryweather
Varsity Frisella Award: JJ Kunkel
Varsity Dan Malley Award: Danny Littlejohn

JV MVP: Daniel Strupeni
JV Serra Award: Antonio Freschet

Freshman MVP: Orlando Razo
Freshman Serra Award: Justin Villar



▲ TENNIS

Varsity Head Coach: Marcus A. Charles
JV Coach: Jon George

Varsity: 9-5 (8-5 WCAL)
JV: (6-4 WCAL)

Awards
Varsity
WCAL First Team All League:
Sean Talmadge

WCAL Honorable Mention All League:
Andrew Madlambayan
John Schrup
Gene Cao

MVP: Sean Talmadge
Most Improved: Andrew Madlambayan
Most Inspirational: Joey Simpson

JV
MVP: Treavor Healy
Most Improved: Matt Doherty
Most Inspirational: Patrick Ou

Serra acquired new Head Coach Marcus Charles from New York State. With the full cooperation from his players, he was able to condition them mentally and physically. The singles team consisted of three freshmen and one senior who displayed maturity, along with great shot making. Returning veterans made up the doubles team with two new additional players from the Junior Varsity.

Serra competed with tenacity to the very end, finishing just one point shy of making the CCS playoffs.

2009-2010
BLANKET
AWARD
WINNERS

CARSTEN STANN
2009 CROSS COUNTRY

ERIC TUIPULOTU
2009 FOOTBALL

MATT PRITCHETT
2009 WATER POLO

JORDAN REUDY
RYAN TANA
2010 BASKETBALL

MATT GROSEY
CHRIS MANSFIELD
2010 SOCCER

TRAVIS ROBERTS
2010 WRESTLING

BOBBY VERNAZZA
2010 CREW

ANDRE MERCURIO
2010 BASEBALL

NICK VOZIKES
2010 GOLF

JACK BUTLER
2010 LACROSSE

DEREK KOO
NIKO VELASQUEZ
2009 SWIMMING

SEAN TALMADGE
2010 TENNIS

NATE HARVEY
2009 TRACK AND FIELD

JUSTIN MULLADY
MICHAEL TONG
2010 VOLLEYBALL



◀ LACROSSE

Varsity Head Coach: Paul Crowell, Jr.
JV Head Coach/Assistant Varsity
Coach: Alex Jagielo

Awards
Assistant Coach: Zach Heffner

All WCAL 2nd Team: Jack Butler

Varsity Honorable Mention:
Connor McLeod
Connor Goodin

Varsity MVP: Jack Butler

Varsity Offensive Player of the Year:
Mike Bertoldi

Varsity Defensive Player of the Year:
Connor McLeod

Varsity Most Improved Player:
Dean Garibaldi

JV MVP:
Andrew Eifert

JV Most Improved Player: Weston Gatt

JV Offensive Player of the Year:
James McDermott

JV Defensive Player of the Year:
Gain Hagenau

JV Honorable Mention:
Anthony Nanini

JV 1974 Mohawk:
Mattia Bortolotto

“On behalf of the entire Padre Baseball program, I want to extend warm thanks and congratulations to the athletes, coaches, teachers, students and community who made the 2010 season a great success. I’m looking forward to carrying on the strong tradition of Padre baseball with you in 2011.”

— Craig Gianinno, Head Varsity Baseball Coach

“The next story to be read about this young team should be very exciting.”

— Marcus Charles, Head Tennis Coach

Spring Sports

CREW

Varsity Head Coach: Sam Baum
Freshman Head Coach: Adam Jones

Assitant Coaches:
Kirk Halterman
Rigel Bricke
Rudy Gustafson

Varsity Accomplishments:
MV8 14th place, San Diego Crew Classic
JV8 8th place, San Diego Crew Classic

Southwest Junior Regional Championships:
Varsity Eight: Time: 6:36 Place: 10th
JV Eight: Time: 6:58 Place: 8th

Third Varsity Eight: Time: 7:31 Place: 10th
Men's Lightweight Eight: Time: 6:56 Place: 7th
Lightweight Four: Time: 7:23 Place: 8th
Freshmen Eight: Time: 7:18 Place: 5th
Freshmen Four: Time: 8:22 Place: 11th
Novice Eight: Time: 7:38 Place: 12th
Varsity Four: Time: 7:34 Place: 8th

Honors:
Varsity Leadership Award: Robert Vernazza
Dylan Cappel Award: Marshall Callies
Freshman Leadership Award: Carlo Bruno



“Having the quality of depth and experience was definitely a luxury for us this year. Our nine seniors set the tone for the team and accomplished a lot in their careers here. I am fortunate to have seen them grow from the beginning to the fine, young men they are today.”

— Eric Ballelos, Head Volleyball Coach



VOLLEYBALL

Varsity Head Coach: Eric Ballelos
Varsity Assistant: Don Kou
JV Staff: Stephanie Burbank, Dustyn Woropay

Varsity: 18-14 (6-6 WCAL)
CCS Quarter Finals Division I
Central Coast Section Scholastic Achievement Team

JV: (6-6 WCAL)

WCAL Second Team All League:
Justin Mullady

WCAL Honorable Mention All League:
Paul Mooney,
Michael Tong

Varsity Team Awards

MVP: Justin Mullady
Leadership Award: Paul Mooney
Newcomer of the Year: Andrew Reid

JV Team Awards:

MVP: Bhaven Patel
Coaches Award: Wyatt Richards
Most Improved: Matt Williams

The volleyball team closed the season strong, finishing fourth in the ultra competitive WCAL and tied for 5th in CCS Division I. This senior-laden team improved on all of last year's marks and consistently played at a high level all season.

The Padres took third at the Charger Classic beating Division II power Harker and TCAL champion Monterey. Peaking at the end, the team played their best match versus Mitty—a thrilling five-set victory over the eventual Division II runner up.

Support Padre Athletics Join the Serra Booster Club

Serra's Booster Club consists of parents, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. Money raised from memberships and Booster-sponsored events is used for supplies, equipment, uniforms and capital projects above and beyond what the school budget provides. Each January, the Booster Club sponsors its annual Crab Cioppino Dinner & Dance in the Padre gym. This very popular event draws close to 500 guests, including current families and alums.

Thank you to our community, alumni, parents and local businesses who continue to generously support our Booster Club. We are successful because of your contributions, membership fees and support! Help support Padre Athletics and join the Serra Booster Club today! Log on to: www.serrahs.com and click on *Athletics*.

“The refreshing aspect of this year was the constant progress made. Watching our athletes grow by absorbing what their coaches instilled in them and the hard work they put in every day gave us great satisfaction. With a team filled with young leaders and one of the most successful freshman classes in Serra history, the foundation is now in place to be a front runner for years to come.”

— Sam Baum, Varsity Head Crew Coach



John Esplana '82 Takes Helm of Alumni Board



Alumni Make a Splash at The Last Plunge

Just weeks before the Serra pool was demolished, more than 200 alums attended The Last Plunge on May 23. Swimmers and water polo players from many different decades enjoyed a sand and surf-style luncheon while reminiscing about time spent in the pool.

“We had everyone from Peter Stein—a member of the first swim team in 1964—to alumni from Gus DeGara’s championship team to many of our current college players,” noted Serra Water Polo Coach and Alumni Director Bob Greene ’85.

Guests enjoyed casual water polo games in the pool and a band performance by Uncommon Sense. Several alums took pictures for the last time through the underwater window.



Alumni sightings included Armand Kilijian’85, Michael Crockett ’78, James Fregosi ’78, Richard DeLuna ’01 and Jonathan Deluna ’97, Peter Rauenbuehler ’74, Ben Faoro ’09, Matt Heagy ’06, Grant Dobel ’99 and Bret Dobel ’00. College water polo players Zach Chierici ’09 and John Sims ’07 mingled with the crowd while Chris Butler ’74 and John Powell ’74 manned the Hawaiian barbecue provided by Gabe Esposto ’95 from Esposto’s Deli.

Brian Bell ’83 and teachers Joe Huddelson and Ted Morton ’85 swam with their children. Current Padre parents who enjoyed the day included: Mike and Christine Folan, Tim and Kathy Smallman and Richard Jordon. The Buljan and Olujic families, parents of alumni and current Padres, made a generous family gift to the campaign for the new scoreboard. They are looking forward to the new aquatic facilities that will benefit their current and future family members.

“It was very exciting to see so many alums from all decades and different Serra teams having one last great time together in the pool before it was bulldozed,” Coach Greene said. “The Last Plunge reunion was an incredible celebration and we’re all looking forward to another big party when the new pool opens in 2012!”

Serra English teacher Ted Morton ’85 (former Padre goalie) enjoys pool time with his children, Nina and Joaquin.

Outgoing President, Greg Hart '76, Welcomes New Alumni Association Board President, John Esplana '82

For the past five years, Greg Hart has worked closely with the Alumni Association Board and Bob Greene ’85, Alumni Director, to chart a new direction for the Board. “The Serra community is extremely lucky to have my good friend, John Esplana, as its new Alumni Board President,” Greg said. “John is an intelligent, thoughtful and dedicated person who is a born leader. He will continue to lead the group to a higher level. He also has a freshman son at Serra next year, and he will have the pleasure of watching his son grow while the school continues with the exciting new construction.”

John vividly remembers his time at Serra and still maintains lifelong friendships with his classmates. He said Serra prepared him for life and taught him that one can achieve he works hard and is accountable for his actions.

John is the co-founder of Work Smart Be Smart, a system that helps small business owners and sales professionals to strengthen relationships with their clients using contact management software and social media strategies. He and his wife, Margaret, live in Redwood City with their children, Breanne and John Jr.

“I am excited about serving as the Alumni Board President because I appreciate the strong foundation and moral base Serra High School provided me to be the person, husband and father I am today,” John said. “My experience at Serra taught me the importance of giving back to my community.

John is passionate about providing the Serra brotherhood and community with reasons to come back to the school and

participate in Serra events. His mission is to help Padre alumni to understand the new vision for Serra.

“I want our alums to understand the great things that are happening today, which are supporting the growth of the young men who are attending Serra,” he noted. John also would like to increase the community’s awareness of how Serra alumni are contributing to the community.

Thank you, Greg Hart!

Greg Hart was introduced to the Alumni Association Board in 2005 by fellow alum Pat Moran ’80.

“I have loved being an active member of the Alumni Association, and I was even more honored to do so while all three of my (now Serra Alumni) sons, Steven, Sean and Brendan, attended the events we sponsored,” Greg said. “I have noticed a new intensity in the attitude of the Alumni Association Board. We have a more youthful membership, which has led to a different, refreshing point of view.”

Greg retired from the Colma Police Department and recently accepted an offer to assist the San Carlos Police Department as the Services Division Commander.

“I have been blessed with a great family, caring friends and a great foundation in the education and experiences I have shared at Serra,” Greg said. “Pat Moran’s invitation was a Godsend in allowing me to give back to an institution that has provided so much for me and for my family. My service isn’t over...it’s just another title change!”

Alumni Award of Merit and In Via Award



2010 Alumni Award of Merit Reception: Back row l-r: James Keenan '82; Philip Bona '68; Lars Lund, President; Mary Sanford (sister to Greg Vistica' 72); Michael Genevro '66; Barry Thornton, Principal - Front row l-r: Bob Greene '85, Alumni Director; Greg Hart '76, Alumni Board President.

Four exceptional alumni were honored in March with prestigious Alumni Awards of Merit. The Alumni Award of Merit was established by the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2002. It was created to honor alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professional fields and who have brought honor and distinction to Junípero Serra High School. Awards are given in the areas of the arts, business, science and technology, and public service.

“These men exemplify what it means to be a man of faith, wisdom and service and also what it means to be a leader in the community,” said Serra Principal Barry Thornton.

The 2010 Alumni Awards of Merit were given to Greg Vistica '72, the arts; Philip Bona '68, business; Michael Genevro '66, public service; and James Keenan '82, science and technology.

“Quite simply, these alumni are the example of what it means to be a Padre,” said Alumni Board President Greg Hart '76.

“Their work ethic and dedication to service have enabled them to become leaders in our community. I hope that one day in the future, four students now sitting in this room will be honored with Alumni Merit Awards.”

Philip Bona '68 has been a local, state and national leader in architecture and urban design for more than 35 years. He has planned urban design features for many Bay Area cities, as well as the redevelopment of downtown San Diego.

“At Serra, I learned how to start something that was creative,” Philip remembered. “I did the audio visual work for the Serra theatrical productions. At an early age, I saw the importance of being a team player. I learned about integrity and wearing my Christianity on my sleeve. In business, I have always tried to act with respect and integrity in the boardroom.

In addition to managing a busy career, Philip is active in philanthropy through Serra High School, Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together, the Built Education Program and his Catholic faith community.

“Serra is a place where passion can be felt every day,” said mechanical engineer James Keenan '82. “When you have faith in your values, you are very well equipped to pursue your passion and do what you love for the rest of your life.”

James joked that he “gets to be around airplanes all day.” His passion for planes led United Airlines to achieve the top ranking in 2009 for on-time performance among airlines. For 14 years, he was United’s Vice President of Engineering and

“At Serra, I learned about the importance of family and I learned about pursuing your passion. When you have faith in your values, you are very well equipped to pursue your passion and do what you love for the rest of your life.”

—James Keenan '82

Technical Support. He was named Senior Vice President of United Services in 2009 and has led the remodel of the United fleet.

“It’s important that what you do for a living is a vocation, not just a job,” James said. “So much of the person I am today is because of the time I spent at Serra. It had so much to do with molding me into the person I am today.”

Greg Vistica '72 is a seasoned journalist. He has written for *The Washington Post*, *Newsweek Magazine*, *The New York Times Magazine* and *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. He was selected as a Pulitzer Prize finalist for his investigation of Senator Bob Kerrey’s role in a Vietnam massacre. He won a Peabody award and a George Polk award for exposing the Tailhook scandal that led to historic military reform. Greg was nominated for an Emmy Award by CBS and was a finalist in the International Consortium for Investigative Journalists competition. Although he was unable to attend the awards ceremony, his twin sister, Mary Sanford, accepted it on her brother’s behalf.

“Greg was always writing,” said Mary, who attended the ceremony with her dad, Don, and family friend Mary Hollywood. “He wrote to me while he traveled around the world. We are so proud of him for receiving this award.”

Michael Genevro '66 began his career working with elementary school children in East Palo Alto. After a 20-year career as a project manager at Hewlett-Packard, he returned to teaching in 2004 and currently serves students at Cañada College and the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education program.

Michael was joined by his wife, Joyce, children and grandchildren. He recently founded the nonprofit organization Silicon Valley Center for Education and Change.

“To me, service isn’t a job—it’s a way of living,” Michael said. “My role of life is to give back to others. I try to help people find their dreams and visions, uncover them and transform them into reality. The most important lesson I have learned is that people and causes and values are more important than life itself.”

Kevin Donahue Receives 2010 In Via Award

Athletic Director Kevin Donahue received the In Via Award for 31 years of dedicated service to the young men of Serra. He was joined by his wife, Robin, children and grandchildren at the ceremony.

The prestigious award is given each year to a non-alumnus who has led by Christian example and has shown ongoing support of Serra and the goals of Catholic education.



“I come here to Serra every day with my heart filled with joy,” Kevin said. “It is an honor to accept this award. I still feel shivers go down my spine when I hear the fight song played at our games. I don’t have a job—I have a passion. You guys have never disappointed me on the field. Thank you, students of Serra High School, for filling my life with joy. I will never forget you.”



Padre Athletes Return to Campus for Annual Alumni Games

Volleyballs smacked, baseball bats cracked and the outdoor grill sizzled at the annual Serra Alumni Games held on April 3. Despite blustery winds and muddy fields, 40 alums returned to their alma mater to play volleyball and baseball games against current Padre teams.

“It was great to see such a large number of alumni return to Serra,” said Alumni Director Bob Greene ’85. “Our alums brought their families, friends and future Padres. Although they were from many different decades, they all had similar stories to share about the Padre brotherhood. It was a memorable day.”



Volleyball players participated in a five-team round robin tournament. Belmont attorney Chris O’Connor ’95 showed his Padre spirit with his three children – Colin, 6; Patrick, 4 and Katherine, 2. Chris played on Serra’s first volleyball team in 1994. “I don’t come back enough,” he said. “I wish I could come back more.”

In baseball, Danny Walsh led the alums in a close 14-13 victory. Former Padre pitcher Peter Cocconi ’60 threw out the first pitch of the day. He coached local baseball teams for many years and said it was a wonderful feeling to be back.

“It reminds me how special the Serra experience is,” said John Esplana ’82. “You don’t understand the power of the Brotherhood until you leave. Today is just like coming home.”

Jonathan Allen ’01 Joins Serra as Annual Giving Manager

This spring, alumnus Jonathan Allen ’01 returned to Serra as the new Annual Giving Manager, working in the Advancement Office. In this position, Jonathan manages important programs that provide valuable annual support for Serra. He oversees the Parent Pledge Program and the Padre Annual Fund. He also works closely with Bob Greene ’85, Serra’s Alumni Director, on alumni outreach and communications.

“I’m so happy to be back at Serra —it’s truly a family here,” Jonathan said. “From my very first day, I have felt so welcomed. It’s great working with alumni. I am talking to people I haven’t heard from in 10 years. We have so many successful alums and the Padre Pride is unrivaled. Their passion for Serra is truly inspiring.”

A graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Jonathan brings experience working in Washington, D.C. and, most recently, as a Field Rep for Congresswoman Anna Eshoo.

“Working in a Congressional office was an amazing experience,” Jonathan said. “Writing press releases and handling a portfolio with significant material was both rewarding and exhilarating.”

It didn’t take Jonathan long to put his skills to work for Serra. He quickly set up an alumni Facebook page his first week here. Today, just a few months later, the page already has more than 900 alumni fans.

“My generation checks Facebook every day,” Jonathan noted. “It’s our online hub. It’s important not only for our alumni to have a place where they can find out what’s happening at Serra, but also where they can reconnect with each other.”

“I grew up at Serra. I learned a set a values that I hold on to today and I’m grateful for that. It’s good to be back.”

Jonathan Allen ’01



Join our Serra Padre Facebook fan page, where you will find the latest news, sports scores, alumni events and more. Every decade of alumni is represented.

“It’s fun to see so many generations of Padres connecting,” said Jonathan Allen ’01, Annual Giving Manager. Join Today! For more information, contact Jonathan at jallen@serrahs.com

www.facebook.com/serrapadres



1950

YOUR 60-YEAR REUNION will be held on Saturday, October 23, at the Hilton Hotel (SFO) in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

1958

DENNIS LUCEY '58 and his wife, Pam, are pictured below with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton at the March 16 National American-Ireland Gala held in Washington, DC. The dinner honored Secretary Clinton. Dennis co-chaired the dinner, which annually raises funds to support programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland. Over 800 guests attended this year's dinner with more than \$750,000 being raised.



1960

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You may also contact Padre classmates Michael Calejari at michelcalegari@gmail.com; Pete Cocconi at pcocconi@aol.com; or John Horgan at jhorg@hotmail.com for updates and help with finding lost class members.

1965

JOSEPH A. BRAUN co-authored *A Standards-Based Introduction to Reflective Middle and Secondary Teaching* published by Teachers College Press. Joseph teaches social studies education courses on-line for the University of Missouri and American Public University. He also leads a teacher education institute on “Powerful and Authentic Social Studies” at Santa Clara University and serves as the Coordinator of Professional Development for the National Council for the Social Studies. His wife, Anne Gosch, is the librarian at Palma High School in Salinas and they make their home in Carmel, where Joe also plays music with his band “Doc Ricketts Crickets.”

1970

YOUR 40-YEAR REUNION will be held on Saturday, October 23, at the Hilton Hotel (SFO) in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

1977

TIM DALEY and his wife, Ellen, welcomed baby daughter Patricia Adelaide on March 28. Patricia joins proud big brother Ryan '13.



1980

YOUR 30-YEAR REUNION will be held on Saturday, October 23, at the Hilton Hotel (SFO) in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

1985

YOUR 25-YEAR REUNION will be held on Saturday, October 23, at the Hilton Hotel (SFO) in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

1987

TIM MANTOANI is an accomplished photographer who has shot the cover artwork for the video games Madden 10, 11 and NCAA 11. His work also includes recent spreads in *Sports Illustrated*, *Esquire Magazine* and *New York Magazine*. Throughout the past few years, Tim has worked with many professional athletes, most recently quarterbacks Drew Brees and Tim Tebow.



1988

MICHAEL TRUCCO appeared recently as a guest star on the primetime television series, *Castle*. He lives in Los Angeles with his new wife, Swiss actress Sandra Hess.

1990

YOUR 20-YEAR REUNION will be held on Saturday, October 23, at the Hilton Hotel (SFO) in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

PHIL KILBRIDGE is the Executive Director of the Greater San Francisco Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

1995

MATT RADCHENKO married Cathy Morris On September 12, 2009 in Carmel Valley.

STEPHEN CHESLEY has been a teacher at Graham Middle School in Mountain View for the last 10 years. He earned a master's degree in Education from the University of San Francisco in 2004. Steve was appointed to the position of Assistant Principal at Graham for the 2010-11 school year. He lives in Mountain View with his wife, Susan, also a teacher, and sons Nicholas (5) and William (3).



1997

MANSOUR ELHIHI is an officer and fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force. Mansour recently flew Combat Air Patrol for STS-129, NASA's last shuttle mission to the International Space Station.



JACK GUNTHER and his wife, Ashley (NDB '97), welcomed their second baby boy into the world. Cole Elliott was born on May 24. Big brother TC is very excited.



1998

JOSH BERTA and his wife, Tara, welcomed a son, Brayden Collins, on February 25. Josh, Tara and Brayden live in San Carlos.

1999

MATT FERRETTI recently landed the lead role of Nicholas in the off-Broadway production of *Hot Fudge Sundae*.

DAN BROOKS and his wife, Vivian, welcomed baby Gavin on Easter Sunday, April 3. He joins his dad and Uncle Ron Ortiz '91 in a Padre family legacy.

2000

YOUR 10-YEAR REUNION will be held on Saturday, October 23, at the Hilton Hotel (SFO) in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

MIKE ESOLA co-authored his first book, *You Have A College Degree, Now What?* The book aims to provivde strategies to help today's graduates to be successful. Mike coached varsity tennis at Serra last year.

2001

CASEY BOOME and **COLIN BILLINGS** hosted “Remember Haiti” in San Francisco on April 22 (*Find out more on page 48*).

MATT RUBLE passed his board exam to become a licensed professional engineer in the State of California. Matt received his degree in Civil Engineering from Sacramento State University in 2007. He works for Quincy Engineering in Sacramento and is engaged to be married to Stephanie Schumpelt in October. Matt has chosen four Padre alumni as groomsmen, including his brother Andrew '04. Matt's father, Don '72, is another proud Padre alumnus.



DENNIS WU graduated from the University of Notre Dame Law School and will join the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps next year. Since receiving his B.S. from NYU in 2005, Dennis has worked for the Washington Nationals and on U.S. Senator Evan Bayh's political campaign.

Class Notes

2002

ALEX TOKARCHUK married Sara McNamara (Burlingame '02) on August 22. Several Padres attended the wedding, including best man Marc Ghilarducci '03, deputy marriage commissioner Chris Wood '02, Audel Lashgari '99, Erich Campana '01, Amir Shobeiri '02, Karl Roque '03. Alex currently works for PG&E. He completed his MBA at Santa Clara University.



2004

DANNY BOCANEGRA graduated from the University of Albany and currently lives in New York. Last summer, he traveled to Africa to deliver 1,000 mosquito nets to help impoverished families combat the spread of malaria.



2005

ROSS SILVERMAN was awarded the U.S. Rugby Football Foundation's 2010 High Performance Grant. He was highly recommended by a number of coaches, including United States Eagles head coach, Eddie O'Sullivan, who was impressed with Ross' combination of strength and athleticism. At 6'2", 260 pounds, Ross has recovered from a shoulder injury and is bigger, stronger and faster than ever—he can bench 350 pounds, squat 540 pounds and run 40 meters in 5.2 seconds. As the High Performance Grant recipient, Ross will travel to New Zealand where he will participate in an intensive three-week High Performance Course.

SEAN WILKINSON will begin law school at USC this fall. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in Communications from Santa Clara University.

AVEN WRIGHT won the men's triple jump title with a lead of 51-22 at the Pac-10 Track and Field Championships held in Berkeley in May. Aven became the sixth USC Trojan in the last 10 years to win the event.



2006

JOEY GHIDOSI received a BS degree in Business Administration from the University of Arizona. Also graduating from the U of A are 2006 Padre alums Andrew Banis, Dominic Giovanetti and Travis Wheeler.



EVAN JONES, a senior first baseman at Trinity University, was named SCAC Offensive Player of the Year after leading the league in batting average (.480), slugging percentage (.888) and on-base percentage (.583). Evan was named to the All-SCAC team three times in his career and is the fourth Trinity player in history to win Offensive Player of the Year.

2007

TAYLOR HEON is the starting second baseman for the Southeast Missouri State baseball team. He hit .368 for the Redhawks this season.



2008

STEPHEN LUMPKINS was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 42nd round of the MLB First-Year Player draft. Ironically, Lumpkins, an American University sophomore, had been focusing on his college basketball career!

HANNA MALAK, Menlo College wrestler and Student Government Association President, is one of 13 student-athletes in the country chosen to participate in the 2010 Red Cross/NAIA Collegiate Leadership Program. The initiative aims to inspire and motivate a new generation of American Red Cross volunteers and leaders. Hanna also recently launched the Learn to Invest for Tomorrow (LIFT) program at Menlo.



BRIAN MCKEE and his University of Oregon woodwind quintet won first place in the collegiate division of the 2010 Areon International Chamber Music Competition held on May 1 in Mountain View. Brian received the John Phillip Sousa Band Award and the Senior Music Medal when he was a senior at Serra.

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JADE REY '09 and his UCSD's prestigious a capella choral group, The Tritones, recently performed with Taylor Swift at the 45th Annual Academy of Country Muisc Awards in Las Vegas. (Full story on page 48.)

JOSH RICHARDS just finished his freshman year at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and is majoring in Bio Resource Agricultural Engineering. Josh also is playing on Cal Poly's roller hockey team.



RAY WORLEY plays tennis for Cal Lutheran. He earned an all-league selection as a freshman. Ray went 16-4 in dual play and earned a West regional ranking of No. 27. He also won the deciding point in an upset of #11-ranked University of Redlands on March 1.

TIM QUIERY is a starting outfielder for San Jose State's baseball team. On April 10 against Louisiana Tech, Tim entered San Jose State's record books as one of only 15 players to go five for five in a single game. Overall, he was second on the team this season with a .343 average.



2008 Padre Baseball alums l to r: Zack Turner, Tony Cooper, David DiPaola

TONY COOPER, DAVID DiPAOLA AND ZACK TURNER recently were awarded scholarships to Pepperdine University. All three student-athletes will play Division I baseball next year for the Waves.

The Padres met in Kindergarten in San Carlos and grew up playing baseball together. The trio played at Cañada College last year, where all three were named First Team All-League. Tony set the Cañada record for batting average in a single season, hitting at a clip of .437. Zach was named the 2010 Coast Pacific Conference MVP. According to David, "We are living the dream."

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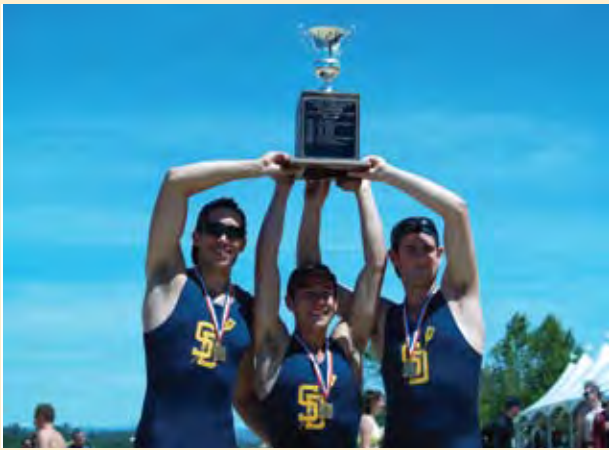
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Alumni Crew
News

Serra was well represented at the NCAA WIRA (Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association) Championships held in May at Lake Natoma.



NCAA WIRA participants include Padre crew alums l-r: Aaron Gonzales '09 (Gonzaga); Billy Scherba (UCSD); Jeremy Lazzara '08 (Gonzaga); Joey Frank '08 (UCSD) ~ All medal winners!



UC San Diego Second Varsity Champions, Western United States. Pictured l-r Joey Frank '08, Mike Verdone '07, Billy Scherba '08.

Young Alums Remember Haiti

2001 Padre grads COLIN BILLINGS and CASEY BOOME are successful young alumni. They graduated from UCSB and UCLA, respectively, and have established themselves prominently in the private sector. They both felt the call to service, however, when they saw the magnitude of the devastation in Haiti following its 7.0 earthquake on January 12. Together they hosted an event entitled “Remember Haiti” in San Francisco on April 22. The event featured music, appetizers and raffle prizes, all of which were donated by individuals and organizations. Casey and Colin hosted 375 people and raised \$15,245 to rebuild a six-classroom school in Port-au-Prince. The school will cost \$60,000 in total and 100 percent of the proceeds from Casey’s and Colin’s event will be used to pay for construction.



Jade Rey '09 Performs With Taylor Swift at Country Music Awards



Jade Rey '09 can sing Taylor Swift's *You Belong With Me* in his sleep. He is a member of UCSD's prestigious a capella choral group, The Tritones. The group sang the number one hit so many times, it prompted Jade to post a Tritones concert on YouTube. Taylor Swift just happened to be looking for an a capella backup group. Her producers scanned the country for the perfect musicians and stumbled across The Tritones.

The UCSD students were invited to perform with Swift at the 45th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas. Jade and his

friends sang *Hallelujah* at the MGM Grand Hotel. In addition to Taylor Swift, Tritones musicians met Tim McGraw, Kristen Bell and Lady Antebellum. “Singing with Taylor Swift in front of thousands of people and on live television was amazing,” Jade said. “We were behind her singing the *Hallelujah* chorus. It was such a rush and so awe inspiring.”

At Serra, Jade performed in numerous musicals, including *Aida*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Once on this Island* and *Footloose*. “We were well recognized as a top production group with amazing vocals, acting and dancing skills,” he noted. “Mr.

Jordan's chorus program helped me so much in college. I would not be where I am without him. Our directors, Gennine Harrington and Emily Queliza also harnessed my dancing skills. The Serra program is really top-notch.”

Jade is majoring in Biochemistry/ Chemistry at UCSD. “Surprisingly, I don't see myself pursuing a music career,” he said. Since I was in Kindergarten, I have wanted to become a pediatrician. My goal hasn't changed. Music for me always has been a stress reliever. I enjoy doing it for fun.”

In Memoriam

RICHARD BARCLAY '58 passed away on March 13. Richard will be remembered for his love of teaching.

PETER BECKER, father of John '07 and Elizabeth (Mercy '08) passed away in June. Peter was a volunteer and strong supporter of Serra's Performing Arts and Athletic programs.

ROBERT BRAUNREITER, the brother of Paul Braunreiter, a former Serra teacher and football coach, passed away on February 6th. Bob made teaching and coaching his life's work.

CHARLES BRENNER passed away in Carmel on March 5. He was the father of Serra alumnus Philip Brenner '03 and the beloved uncle of Serra faculty member John Grosey '79 and Athletic Trainer Laurie Rossie. Chuck was a great family man and a wonderful supporter of Serra.

JULIUS CASERZA '51 passed away on February 17 at his home in Vacaville. Julius was a member of the U.S. Army and ran Monterey Florist in San Francisco with his wife, Angela, for 25 years. He played football at Serra and is a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

TIM CONDON, the father of Padre Tim '82, Terry '84 and Mike '88, passed away on December 25 after a battle with cancer.

DAVID CONSTANTINO '65 passed away on April 8. David served in the U.S. Navy and was a lifelong Burlingame-San Mateo Realtor.

ANTHONY FELIX DIANGELO '50 passed away on January 28 in Bend, Oregon after battling an illness for four years. Tony was a proud Padre alumnus and believed “you must leave this world a better place than you found it.”

LARRY GALVIN '64 passed away in June.6

FRED MORELLO '62 passed away on May 10. He was the great uncle of Vincenzo '10, Gino '11 and Marion '13.

TAYLOR RATTRAY '99 passed away on April 2. Taylor was an honor student, athlete and graduate of the University of Southern California.

ERMINIA RICCI, the mother of Emilio '58 and Enrico '59, passed away on February 9. She owned Ricci's Market in San Francisco with her husband, Angelo, for 39 years. Erminia had seven grandchildren.

EILEEN UHL, the mother of Serra alum Michael Uhl '64, passed away on February 18th. Eileen was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

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20TH Junípero Serra Award Assembly

22ND Homecoming Football Game vs. SI
6:00 p.m. Frisella Field - Alumni Barbecue
7:30 Kick-Off

23RD Alumni Reunions
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6:00 p.m. SF Airport Hilton Hotel

NOVEMBER 2010

13TH Annual Benefit Auction

24TH Alumni Basketball & Alumni Wrestling Event

25TH Alumni Water Polo Game

26TH Alumni Soccer Game

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FEBRUARY 2010

11TH 50-Year Club Luncheon

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