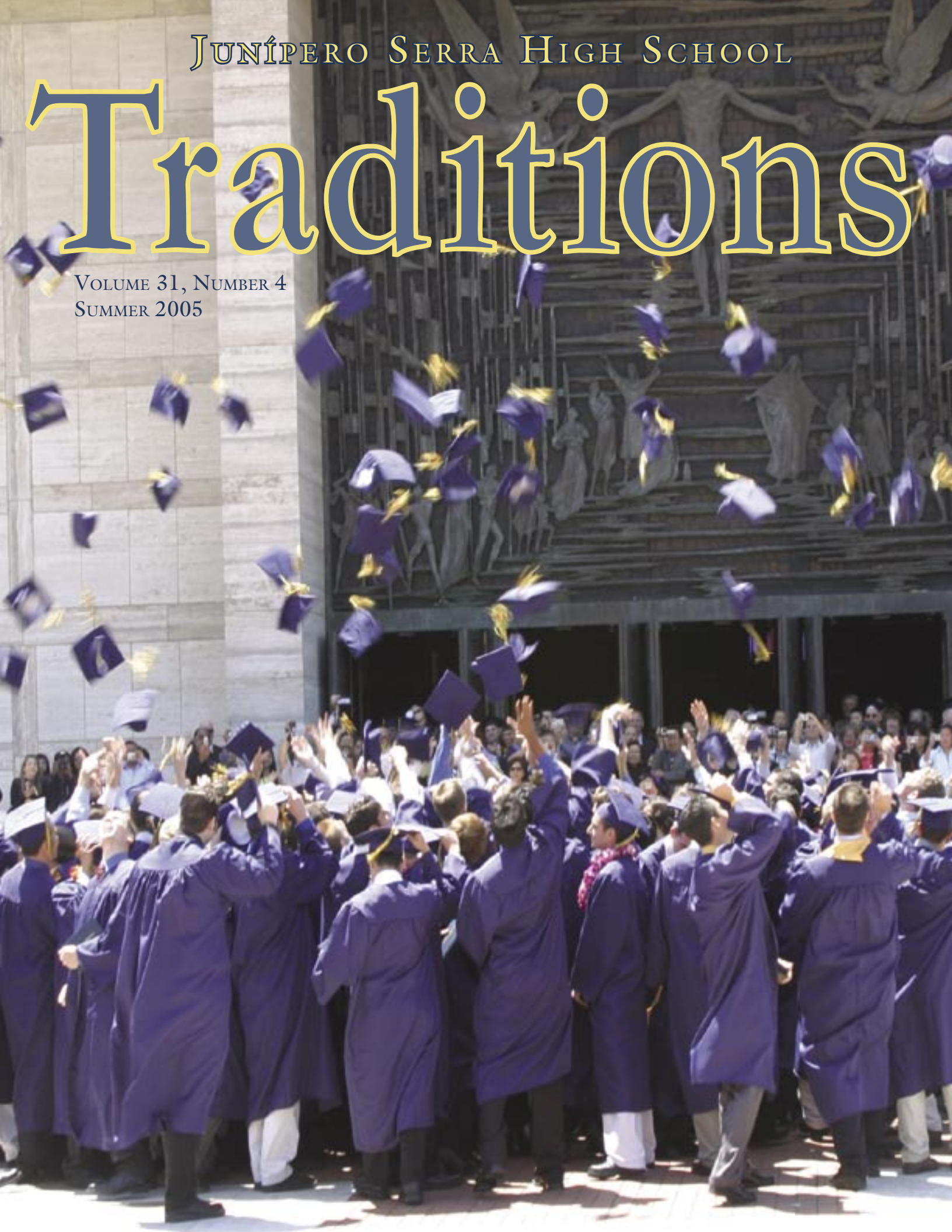
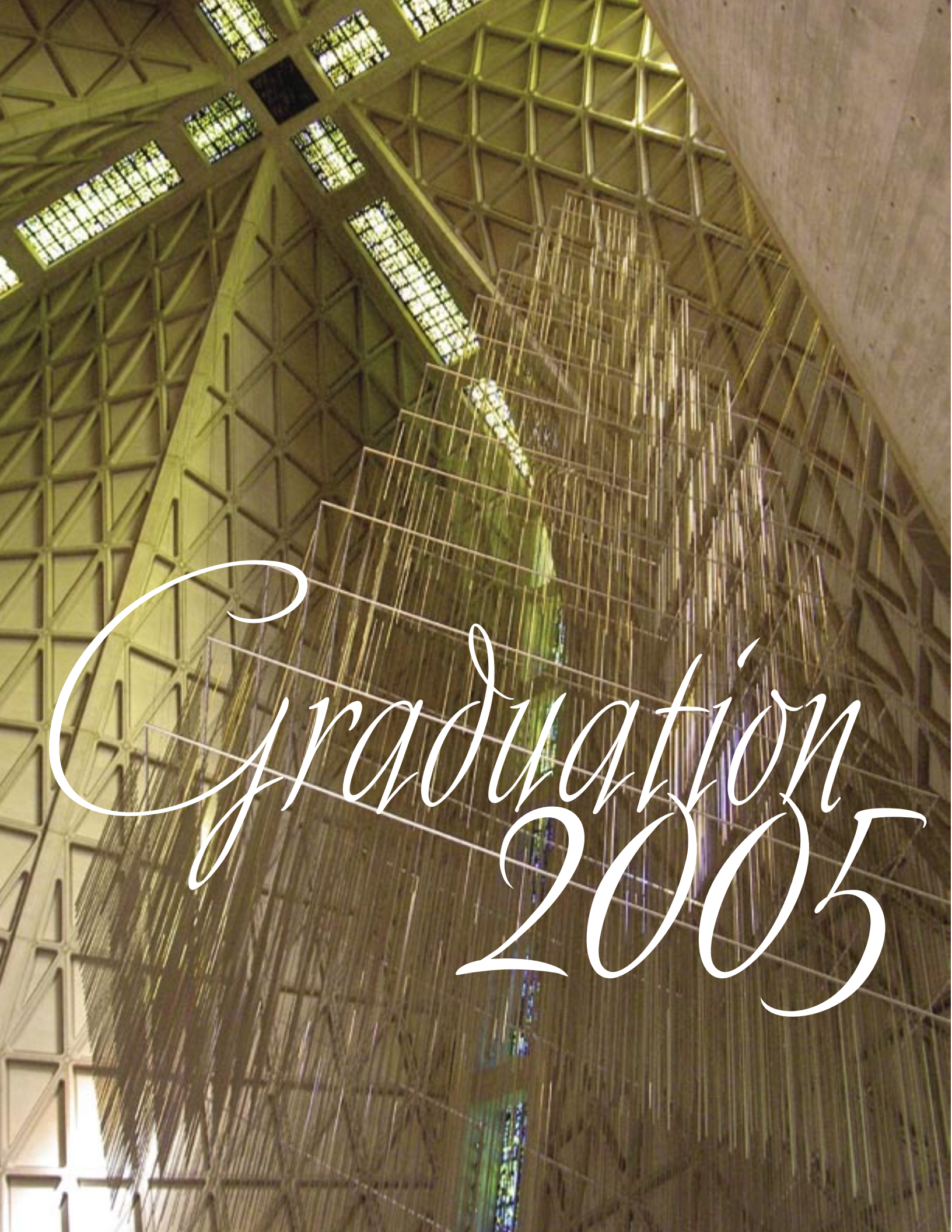


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FROM THE PRINCIPAL MR. LARS LUND

Principal's Graduation Address to the Class of 2005

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, San Francisco

June 4, 2005

On occasion, I have the privilege of accompanying freshmen on their annual field trip to Carmel Mission. On these trips we learn about Father Serra's life, his mission and his ministry.

At the end of the day we have a prayer service in the chapel where Fr. Serra is buried. In my presentation to them, I motion to his burial site and tell them that although his body was laid to rest almost 200 years ago, his spirit must live on in them. That a true Serra Padre is one who is called to bring God's love to a world marked by injustice, hatred and violence. That a Serra Padre is one who bases his life on the virtues of faith, hope, love and service. You seniors have lived out what it means to be a Padre. You have done a great job at Serra and we are all justifiably proud of you!

In today's second reading, St. Paul said, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."* He was reflecting on a life lived in service to God and to others. His journey was not an easy one -- for every joy he experienced, he could remember great sorrow; for every success, he could also remember significant setbacks. Nevertheless, in faith, he kept moving forward.

Today is a similar day of reflection for the Class of 2005. It marks the end of an important chapter in your lives and the beginning of a new one. As John Coleman said in his valedictory address, the last four years have been eventful ones at Serra. On the world stage it has been even more eventful -- the world you face today as young adults is far different from the one which we adults experienced when we graduated from high school. As we send you forth to the next stage of your life -- whether it be the university, travel, service in our nation's armed forces, or the workforce, we are confident that, with God's grace, you are ready to take your place in a world that is increasingly complex and conflicted.

As you now become adults in our ever-changing society, I want you to know that your teachers and I have been privileged to work with you. It is our prayer that the core values by which we live our life together at Serra will remain with you and help you as you take the next step in your life. Our world needs men like you, men of faith and service who have the knowledge, wisdom and courage needed to make a difference for the greater good.

I also want to say a word of gratitude to those who sit on either side of you this morning: your parents, guardians and families. This cathedral is filled with the people who love you, who have stood beside you and supported you in good times and bad throughout your high school years. They have worked hard and have sacrificed much so that you could enjoy the blessings of a Catholic education.

To you parents, guardians and families I say a special word of thanks. Thank you for entrusting these young men into our care. Over the course of their four years here, they have excelled in the classroom, on the fields of athletic competition, on the performance stages, and in countless acts of service. They would be the first to tell you that they couldn't have done this without you.

I also want to recognize your teachers who are here with you today and have "been there" for you during your years at Serra. The teaching profession is a noble one and it takes a special person to answer the call to live out his or her life in service as a teacher. You have been blessed to have such dedicated and talented teachers working with you and for you during your time at Serra. As you enter college, it is my prayer that you will continue to experience such commitment and care from the teachers you will have in your future as you did at Serra.

Father Junipero Serra's favorite saying was *"Siempre Adelante"* which means, "always move forward." As you graduates move forward from one stage of life to the next, please be assured of our prayers and know that you will always be welcome here at your soon-to-be alma mater. Wherever you go, whatever you do, I hope you carry in your hearts the community, the brotherhood of Serra with you forever. You have been an outstanding class. We are all very proud of you and we will miss you.

Congratulations, men. Good luck and may God bless you.

Lars Lund
Principal

FROM THE
DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT
MR. MICHAEL PETERSON



It is hard to believe that another year is finished, that the school year 2004-2005 is complete, and that we are putting the final touches on 2005-2006. Where does the time go? It has been said that the days go slowly and the years quickly. Personally, I think they both go quickly. It seems like just the other day our seniors were freshmen, arriving from elementary schools and junior high schools throughout the county and beyond. Now they have graduated. Now our 227 graduates are Serra Alumni, going to colleges and universities throughout the country.

It continues to amaze me how our students grow up to be such good people; how our parents raise such outstanding young men. Most of us will not be on the front lines of war, but all of us deal with everyday stresses as we attempt to manage the demands of family, work, school involvement, and raising teenagers. It is not easy to raise a young man today. How often do we sit up late at night waiting for him to open that front door, or listen for the garage door to go up, signaling that he is safely home? How often do we trust that he is behaving himself when he is out with his friends, that he is making the right decisions? Indeed, many of us still deal with our infant's sudden fit of screaming as we are walking out the door to an important meeting or the phone call from a friend who just heard he/she may lose their job. More families now have both parents working, which means more children are on their own at the end of a school day or in daycare. We worry about health care, salary, possible layoffs, and social security. There is no doubt that stress takes its toll on the individual, but even more so on the family. Many of the burdens and strains on family life are really a reflection of today's society.

Yet, through these past four years, you (parents, friends, alumni and benefactors) have been there for our boys. Without you and your support, we would not have had such an outstanding class graduating from St. Mary's Cathedral on June 4th. If the class of '05 is any indication of the future, then we are in good shape. I look forward to the day when members of this class will take their place in society, when *they* will be the ones teaching our young people, editing our papers, running our health care centers, taking care of elders of our society and performing all the tasks necessary to have a caring world.

And, as much hope I have for the future, I especially want to thank you for all you have done for these young men. With you and your support this has been a truly outstanding year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Peterson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Peterson



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FROM THE EDITOR

Michelle Wilkinson

GRADUATION DAY

A Message To Our Newest Serra Alumni

Graduation Day represents a significant rite of passage for America's youth. It symbolizes the closing chapter of the "*Growing Up*" years and is a time filled with joy and recognition that life is moving on. To our newest Serra Alumni, you've made it this far. You've finished this phase of your life and all that came with it—good and bad. Now, you're moving on to everything that's left to come. Graduation is an end ... but it is also a beginning. Will it get better, or just tougher? What's next? Knowing that people you have spent years of your life with are leaving to do different things will have a profound affect on you. When September comes around and Serra High School starts without you, there will be a little tug at your heart. There is a little mystery, too, and the mystery is this: How can your high school possibly go on without you?

No matter where one goes, what one does, how successful one becomes, no matter how OLD one gets, the one experience everyone "harkens" back to is their own high school graduation. It is the first, and probably most poignant, stepping-stone of life. Wherever you go, whatever college you attend, and whatever job you take, whatever your accomplishments are in those places, or whatever you accomplish in your life, a point you will always go back to is your high school graduation. It may not be the most important event that will ever happen in your life, but it is the one by which you will *measure* your whole life. You will measure how old you are, what you've accomplished, how much you have changed, how much money you have -- how life has treated you. The point you always go back to and then look forward from in life is your high school graduation.

To our newest alumni, this next year will be an important year in your life for learning about yourself. As you go out into the wider world, you will meet different people, with different values than you and different philosophies of life. You will learn much about yourself. You will have conversations with your parents that you never thought you would have, and some of your questions will be answered by your parents, clearly and will even make sense!

The next thing you know you will have been out of high school five years, then ten years, then twenty-five years, then forty years, and then FIFTY years! Remember to learn about life in terms of what is really essential, what is truly important. Learn the things you can control in your life, and forget the rest.

Finally, to our newest Serra Alumni, stay true to your values and stay close to those you love.

*"Try not to become a man of success,
but rather try to become a man of value."
~Albert Einstein*

*Graduation Day
O God, give to the graduate
a portion of Your wisdom
so that the future may be met
with confidence,
with anticipation
with eagerness,
and with the assurance
that all is well.*

*"What we are is God's gift to us.
What we become is our gift to God."
~ Eleanor Powell*

Excerpts were taken from an article
written by Fr. Larry Betrozoff, retired
priest of the Diocese of Monterey.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"I always enjoy reading the Traditions publication. The Spring 2005 issue was very timely for me due to the "Christian Service Mexico Trip" article written by Alex Tartaglia '05. On June 27, I will be leaving for the Tijuana area with a group of 65 teens and adults, to continue our mission of "Building Hope" in Mexico. This will be my 12th year making this journey. The immediate results of this trip are the homes we build, and the families' lives we affect. We also hope that during this trip our participants are shown gifts that God has given them that they never knew they had, and how easy it is to use them. Those results take longer to see. Thank you, Alex, for sharing your thoughts of your experience on our trip and being a living example of how "Community Service" can help change the face of our World Community. Thank you Serra High School for continuing to teach those values to your students, past, present, and future Padres."

Kevin Holden '77
Mexico Mission Trip leader
St. Charles Church, San Carlos

Humanitarian & Alum GIL LOESCHER '63 Inspires Student Body



Alum Gil Loescher '63 gives a motivational speech to a packed gymnasium.

Two years ago, the Serra Alumni Association instituted the Alumni Award of Merit to recognize alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professional lives and brought honor to Serra High School. This award is normally given during Homecoming Week in October; however, because this year's recipient, Gil Loescher '63, lives in England (and was in the Bay Area to speak at St. Mary's College graduation), he was honored during a student body assembly in May.

Professor and humanitarian, Gil Loescher '63 was selected as this year's recipient of the Alumni Award of Merit in Public Affairs. Gil Loescher is Professor emeritus at Notre Dame University and senior research fellow at the Oxford Institute for Strategic Studies. He is a world renowned expert on refugee issues and has authored 14 books and hundred of articles about migration and human rights issues.

After graduating from Serra in 1963, Gil Loescher attended St. Mary's College. From there, he received his Masters Degree in Politics and Asian Studies from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. In 1975, Gil earned his doctorate in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Gil's life changed dramatically, however, in August of 2003 when a suicide bomber attacked the United Nations Baghdad headquarters where Gil was working. The bombing killed 23 people, with Gil being the sole



Aven Wright (Class of 2005 Student Body President) presents Gil with a Serra Padre Sweatshirt

survivor. Tragically, he was seriously injured losing both of his legs.

"I left for Baghdad from my home in Oxford on August 18, 2003. I remember waving and smiling at Annie, my wife, from the window of the bus to London's Heathrow airport. The last words I shouted to her from inside the bus were "I'll see you in a week!" In a little over 24 hours I was crushed, covered in dust and fighting for my life in the rubble that had been the United Nations headquarters in Iraq."

Gil was in Iraq to assess the human cost of the war and occupation and was planning to report his findings and recommendations to the United Nations, the Coalition Provisional Authority and NGOs (nongovernmental organizations). Being an expert on refugees and humanitarian issues, Gil had traveled around the world for decades to meet with others who cared passionately about refugees and other vulnerable people. He spent long days and nights in refugee camps throughout Africa, South and Southeast Asia, and Central America, sometimes in precarious and dangerous situations.

"I had always returned home safely and relatively unscathed. This time, however, things would be different."

While in the U.N. headquarters in central Baghdad where Gil was meeting Sergio Vieira de Mello, the U.N. envoy to Iraq, a cement truck driven by a suicide bomber and loaded with explosives circled the compound and detonated a bomb directly under the office Gil was in.

"The deafening explosion collapsed the ceiling of the third floor upon us and crushed to death several of the people in the room. Others were killed or severely injured when the bomb shattered the windows of the building, sending fragments flying everywhere. The bomb killed 23 people and left 150 people wounded. I was the only survivor in the most devastated part of the building. I lost both my legs above the knees, severely damaged my right hand and suffered numerous shrapnel wounds. I am incredibly



JOHN R. COLEMAN
2005 CLASS VALEDICTORIAN

Junipero Serra High School

Class of 2005

Junipero Serra High School's Class of 2005 graduated during the school's 59th commencement ceremony on June 4 at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. The graduation Mass was led by Father Jim Livingstone and graduation diplomas were presented by Principal Lars Lund.

John R. Coleman, elected Valedictorian by his classmates, presented a thoughtful and poignant valedictory address which celebrated the "commencement, not the end," of an important time in the "*evolution*" of his fellow classmates. Several selections of his address follow:

... "And as we look forward to what Providence has in store, we should reflect on the institution that—with the help of our parents, friends, colleagues, and ideas—has fostered this glorious evolution.

"Serra High School has taught us the radiance of knowledge, the enthusiasm of competition, and the sometimes measured thrill of introspection. It has literally bridged the gap between our youthful aspirations and solemn reality. Serra is predicated on the common exchange of ideas and virtues among uncommon people, an intellectual and spiritual boiling pot if you will, where thousands of dissimilar parts steep and eventually emerge enlightened. Whereas Serra owes us its service, we owe it our gratitude and devotion.

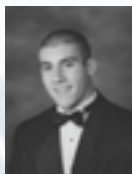
Still, Serra is only the beginning of our evolution as students and adults. It is almost disarming to reflect upon the full scope of change over these four years—physically, emotionally, intellectually. Again, we need only reminisce over our stunning progression of student body cards to evoke that familiar nostalgic feeling.

We have experienced so little compared to what lies ahead. The lectures to come. The people to meet. Opportunity waving its optimistic arms in the air. Though all the words are still unspoken, and our biggest dreams remain as of yet unfulfilled, success and failure are waiting eagerly just beyond the bend, sure to instill a greater appreciation of this world we call home.

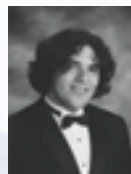
Let us always remember the power of friendship that has been part of our lives in such a decisive time. So with a final, peremptory bow, I salute you, the class of 2005."

Junipero Serra 2005 Medal Winners

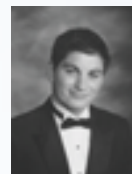
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Music Medal
TYLER J. LEON



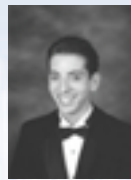
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General Scholastic
Excellence Medal
DONG YANG LIU



Science Medal
RICARDO ROQUE



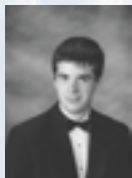
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PHILLIP J. GOLDING



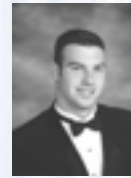
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PHILLIP J. GOLDING

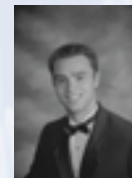
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SAMUEL WALSH



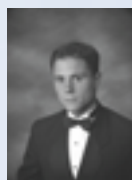
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WILLIAM C. POWERS



Social Studies Medal
GREGORY D. BACH

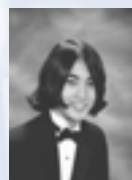


Activity Medal
KAREEM S. BARGHOUTI &
AVEN Q. WRIGHT



Foreign Language Medal
EUGENE A. STOLBOUSHKIN

Visual Arts Medal
JASON N. HANDARDY &
ARIEL-JOEL V. JAPITANA



Background Photo: St. Mary's Cathedral Organ
Courtesy of St. Mary's Cathedral Music Department

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO OUR NEWEST SERRA ALUMNI



THE FOLLOWING PADRES NOW JOIN THE ALMOST 10,000 SERRA ALUMNI.

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Dustin Adamson
Carlos Aldanese
Carlos Alfaro
Kyle Alvarado
Christopher Andrews
Ryan Anson
Bardia Arbab
Anthony Armanino
Francis Aurellano
Kyle Bach
Gregorio Back
Kareem Barghouti
Fernando Barreto
Michael Barrett
Roberto Bartoli
Scott Bassett
Gino Bautista
Brian Belli
James Berkvam
John Bertram
Brett Bocci
Charles Bonnici, III
Kamal Boparai
Christopher Boschetto
Constantine Boubalos
Ben Bowles
Barry Brillantes
Dominick Brugato
Alexandre Buljan
Steven Buller
Ross Buran
Dominic Busalacchi
William Busch
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Joseph Calcaterra
Nicholas Calderon
Ernesto Campos
Robert Castillo
Adam Chan
Alexander Child
Michael Cho
Stephen Christensen
Anthony Cihak
David Cittadini
Matthew Coccellato

John Coleman
Marcus Collazo
Carson Conner
Theodore Cordery
Andrew Crighton
Mark Cunanan
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John Daly
Nicholas Daniele
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Christian DeGuzman
Christopher De La Rosa
Sean DeFries
Alexander deMonet
Neal DeNardi
Zackary DiMaggio
Kevin Dobiles
Bryce Doherty
Marco Echandi
Gregory Egan
Jeremy Empey
Edward Esperante
Kent Eubanks
Christopher Evangelista
David Falk
Cody Fergusson
Daniel Fermi
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Vincent Guglielmina
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Greg Hoskin
Alexander Hu
Brian Inouye
Ariel-Joel Japitana
Henry Jara
Keith Juricich
Tyler Kaher
Vinod Kamath
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Takashi Kawasaki
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Alumni Teachers

"Back To The Future"

Each fall marks an important time of reflection and contemplation for Serra High School seniors as they decide which colleges and universities to apply to and which areas of study they'd like to pursue. However, even when high school is just a fond memory and academic degrees have been earned, the age-long question of *"What do I want to do when I grow up?"* still creeps into one's mind. For the following alumni Padres, they've answered their call to teach and have come *"back to the future"* they were destined for. Read on to find out why these Padres have returned to their high school alma mater.

"The reason I came back to Serra is right in front of you. You are holding a part of it in your hands. Those of you who get this magazine, the people represented throughout its pages, and the community that has evolved over the past decades have become a part of my life. It started with fight nights, jungle games, kickin' back in the court yard and the friends I made throughout the years. It hasn't ended.

Now that I am on staff I try to pass on to the students the same things that I got from Serra and its teachers. Don't tell me you didn't get anything from the teachers.

I still talk about the times in Mr. Stark's class as he played the guitar and sang Bob Dylan songs. I still have the project from

Mr. Jensen's class. Finally, surviving double days with Mr. Carboni. These and many others come back to mind. Now maybe the stories include me in them but they will remember it for years to come. It is something that gets better and better as you live through it. The people are there for you when you need them and the doors are always open."

Perry Carter '84)

Pre-Algebra, Honors Algebra II Trig

"I came back to Serra High School because I enjoyed my experience here, and I wanted to give back to this fine institution. I wanted to be a part of the continued growth of the school.

I really enjoy teaching here because each year a new crop of freshmen enter the school, and you can't help but get caught up in their enthusiasm.

I've always felt comfortable here at Serra High School, and I treasure my many rich and varied experiences."

Chuck Rapp '86

English, Study Skills, PE Strength Training, Varsity Basketball Coach



(Pictured from L to R): Chris Houle '92, Chuck Rapp '86, Dean Ayoob '92, Christian Clifford '86, Russ Bertetta '67, Joe Kmak '81, Joel Ferrando '90, Patrick Duggan '71, Ron DiMaggio '97, Sean Dugoni '89, Perry Carter '84, Ted Morton '85, Kevin Carey '93, Tom Sullivan '81, Bob Christensen '86, Ivan Hrga '91

"In college, I never thought of a possible career in education. But, after graduation, while trying to figure out what to do with my life, I had been in contact with a number of my former teachers and coaches. They were very encouraging to me and felt that I was the type of person who would fit in well working at Serra. I was so familiar and comfortable with everything about Serra, that it just seemed like a natural fit. So, I took the plunge and decided to try a career in education, both teaching and coaching here. I was immediately hooked, earned my education credentials and have now made a life of it. I can't imagine doing anything else. I am able to wake up each morning and honestly say that I feel great about going to work. And, to know that there are other professionals around me that feel the same way I do makes this such a wonderful working environment. In addition, it provides me with an opportunity to help give back to the current students, the values and ideals that I was taught here as a student."

Chris Houle ('92)

Geometry, Algebra 1, Advanced Computer Programming and Computer Literacy

“As a student, I loved the life balance that Serra provided. Academics were important, but not anymore important than spiritual and social growth and awareness. Much was expected of us and yet we weren’t allowed to forget we were teenagers. Whether we were in a classroom, the chapel, on the field or court, we were allowed to fail and succeed, to challenge and question, to explore and expand. I took this into my college years and succeeded. At the same time, I realized that despite my excellent Serra experience, I could have been exposed to even more. I wanted to share with my students what I experienced as a Serra Padre, and I wanted to do my part to enhance an already strong educational community.”

Joel Ferrando (‘90)
Literature and Composition, Honors English



“I am thrilled to be back at Serra teaching. I never in my dreams would have thought that I would be occupying a desk once used by one of the many teachers who inspired me when I was a student. After teaching at St. Robert’s Catholic School for a number of years, I felt I needed a change and applied at Serra. In my heart I always knew I wanted to come back here to teach. The community atmosphere here at Serra has always been one of the school’s finest attributes. I guess it was always pulling me back.”

Kevin Carey (‘93)
US History, AP US History

“I had been teaching in a public school for 9 years mostly 8th grade and I felt I needed a change of scenery. I knew I wanted to move on to high school and felt Serra offered me the best opportunity to work with young men who I could relate to. I have always been part of Serra and Serra has always been a part of me. Attending school here as a young man and coaching basketball here as an adult, truly reemphasized that the atmosphere and the community were too good to pass up. I just hope I can give back to Serra, what I gained from it.”

Sean Dugoni (‘89)
Modern World History, California History,
US History, Honors American Studies

“When contemplating why I returned to Serra to begin a career in education, two things kept coming up . . . the fact that I really never left Serra and Pete Jensen. Throughout my career as a baseball player, Pete provided me the opportunity to work out at the school and with the team. Over the years, I have developed many great friendships with our baseball alumni and truly enjoyed working with these kids. As my career was winding down, Pete encouraged me to get into teaching and ,with the approval of Fr. Howell, Mike Peterson, and John Grosey, I was offered a job in the Math Department. Over the past six years, I feel like I have been blessed with this opportunity to work with and learn from my fellow faculty members and the great coaching staff we have here at Serra. Serra High School truly is a special place and I will forever be grateful for all it has done for me. There is no truer statement, *“Once a Padre, always a Padre”*.

Joe Kmak (‘81)
Pre-Calculus, Economics, Statistics, Geometry

“Every teacher that I had while at Serra would have never believed I would become a teacher. I wouldn’t have believed it when I went here. Most of my friends, who are also Padres, were surprised when I told them I got hired at Serra. Their amazement soon turned to pride. The main reason I returned to Serra to teach, however, was because my mom always dreamed that one of her six sons who graduated from Serra would return to teach. I’m glad that I returned to give something back to a place that had such an influence on my life. Serra was and continues to be a special place filled with positive role models.”

Christian Clifford (‘89)
US History, Christology, Church History

“Serra High School made a huge impact on my life, both growing up and as I ventured into becoming an adult. I knew that I wanted to give back to such a great place, and impact the lives of the students, much like my life was impacted by all of the great teachers and coaches that I had while attending Serra.”

Dean Ayooob (‘92)
Assistant Athletic Director

“There is something special about this place that always seems to be tugging at you and calling you back. When I first started teaching, I did not come to Serra. But, in the back of my mind and deep in my heart, I knew that I would come back to these halls one day. Don’t ask me how, but I knew. Once I stepped foot back at Serra, it was as if I had never left. The only thing different now is that I’m a little older and on the other side of the podium. No matter where I go, Serra High School will always have a huge place in my heart and soul that now one can ever take away. Once a Padre...”

Ivan Hrga (‘91)
Literature and Composition, English

AROUND THE HALLS

“My freshman English teacher, Leo Mize, was someone whom I would call influential. He had a kind of style that invited the class to participate in the reading in a very special way. I particularly recall one time in class when we were reading *“The Merchant of Venice”* by William Shakespeare. He wasn’t really happy with our participation, so he began to read all of the parts himself, completely animated with character voices! At first the class was amused, but then we became more engrossed in the story. I learned to be less inhibited in class discussions and reading, and to give more of myself to whatever I was doing. Though I wouldn’t say that Leo’s influence helped me choose teaching (rather, I think teaching chose me), I do think about him and his style often. I hope that I have some of his passion and drive in the classroom, even still after 20 years of teaching here at Serra.”

Tom Sullivan (‘81)
AP English Literature, Films, Teacher Development
Coordinator



“I guess I knew I wanted to teach when I was a senior at Serra. I earned my credential from USF in 1972 and started to look for a job. I always wanted to come back to Serra, but there were no jobs available at that time. Then the strike took place and things got a little crazy here for a while. In 1973, I got a job teaching at St. Albert the Great, a grammar school in Palo Alto, but I never stopped thinking of working at Serra. After four years at St. Albert, I knew it was time to make a move and applied once again to Serra. I was a little nervous about the interview because I’d had a little too much fun in college and my grades showed it. The interview went well, luckily for me, and Fr. Shipper hired me on the spot.

Driving to San Mateo on my first day teaching at Serra, the song *“Welcome Back”* from the TV show, *“Welcome Back, Kotter”* came on the radio just as I made the turn on to Highway 92. Talk about an omen! Now, twenty eight years later, I still look forward to going to work every day just as much as I did on that September day in 1977.

Why did I want to come back to Serra? It’s hard to quantify exactly. One factor was the people. Teachers like Jim Monahan, Dave Stevens, Frank Nolan, Craig Brown, Fr. Duggan, Fr. Zoph, Mike McGinley, John Kelly, Larry Hennes were definite influences on me and so many of my classmates and were always there for us in so many ways. I wanted to emulate them. Then there was the school itself. I was a cheerleader for two years and was a living, breathing embodiment of the “Be True to Your School” spirit that existed at the time. Going to games, dances, writing for the Friar, running for student body office (and losing), just hanging out with my friends was a blast. Serra had given me so much and I wanted to give some of that back.

My experiences here have been fantastic. I made so many friends-colleagues and former students. I met my wife because I coached her younger brother! One of the things of which I am most proud of is working with so many of my former students. I think I’ve taught or coached nearly every alumni teacher that is currently on staff (except for Pat Duggan-who’s just a few years younger than me). I hope that part of the reason they are at Serra is because in some small way I had an influence on them. Hopefully, some of our current students will want to come back to teach at Serra because people like Chuck Rapp, Chris Houle, Ted Morton, Tom Sullivan, and all the rest will have influenced them and the cycle will continue as long as we continue to produce men of great character and dedication.”

Russ Bertetta (‘67) Director of Development & Alumni Relations
Previous History Teacher

“My reason for returning to Serra is to repay an old debt. My teachers – priests and laymen – mentored and supported me through a very challenging time in my life. Some presented me with difficult situations; others helped me to navigate through those situations. All in all, they were a tremendous influence on me and the directions I would take in my life. My service here at Serra is an attempt to give back for what I received, and, hopefully, provide a similar experience to the young men with whom I come in contact. “

Patrick Duggan (‘71)
Government, Economics, AP Government, California History

“Upon entering the teaching and coaching profession, there was only one place where I wanted to teach and coach -- and that was Junipero Serra High School. Serra was an important part of my life when I was a student here and it had a huge influence in the person I’ve become. I wanted to pass on to the youth of today the values and morals that were instilled in me while at Serra. “

Ron DiMaggio (‘97)
History, Math, Track Team Distance Coach

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lucky to still be alive. The massive explosion had catapulted us all down to the first floor, and everyone but me was buried in the rubble. I lay trapped, hanging by my ruined legs that were caught between the floor and the collapsed ceiling of Sergio's office.

Somehow I regained consciousness and one thought dominated my mind: I was determined not to die in the rubble; I would survive and return home to my family."

Within hours of the blast, Gil was flown to a U.S. military hospital in Germany where his condition was stabilized and he was reunited with his frantic family.

"These were pretty scary days for Annie and our two daughters. I was in critical condition, and doctors gave me only a 25 percent chance of survival. But my family remained determined to see me through this crisis. They felt sustained by the hundreds of messages of support and prayers sent by family and friends over the weeks that followed.

It was a miracle Gil lived, according to a paramedic interviewed later by his daughter, Margaret Loescher, who has made a documentary about her father's work and his recovery. The documentary, which was nominated for an Emmy, aired on ABC television and was shown to the entire Serra student body.

"Despite the injuries I sustained, I do not dwell on the past but remain focused on the future. I also draw upon the courage and example of others. During my career, I have had the great privilege of visiting refugees and displaced people all over the world. I have learned a lot from their resilience and optimism in the face of seemingly insuperable difficulties. In my own recovery, I try to draw upon my special experience of knowing these people and appreciating their incredible inner strengths."

Gil's presence and powerful speech was a true inspiration for all of us. Serra prides

itself on its tradition of community service and the students saw that value personified when Gil discussed his work and the 2003 Iraqi suicide bombing that changed his life, but not his spirit.



Alumni Director Russ Bertetta '67 presents Award of Merit Award to Gil Loescher '63



Family Service Agency of San Mateo Presents Breakfast Award to SERRA SENIOR DANIEL GIDDINGS

Serra Senior Daniel Giddings was selected by The Family Service Agency of San Mateo County as a 2005 "Breakfast Award Winner." Daniel was honored at the agency's 10th Annual Winners Breakfast held on Thursday, April 7, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency in Burlingame.

The Winners Breakfast is an annual event that brings together local businesses, school districts and community leaders to honor high school seniors who have overcome severe personal obstacles to graduate. Family Service is taking the lead in recognizing the achievements of these quiet heroes.

The criteria for the award includes being a graduating senior who has succeeded in school in spite of difficult



Daniel Giddings '05
2005 Breakfast Award Winner

circumstances; one who works hard to become an independent, productive member of the community; and one who is recognized as a role model by his/her peers. In addition, the recipient must represent positive values and achievements.

Daniel Giddings certainly "fit the bill!"

Ryan Svendsen '06 Receives Micheletti Award

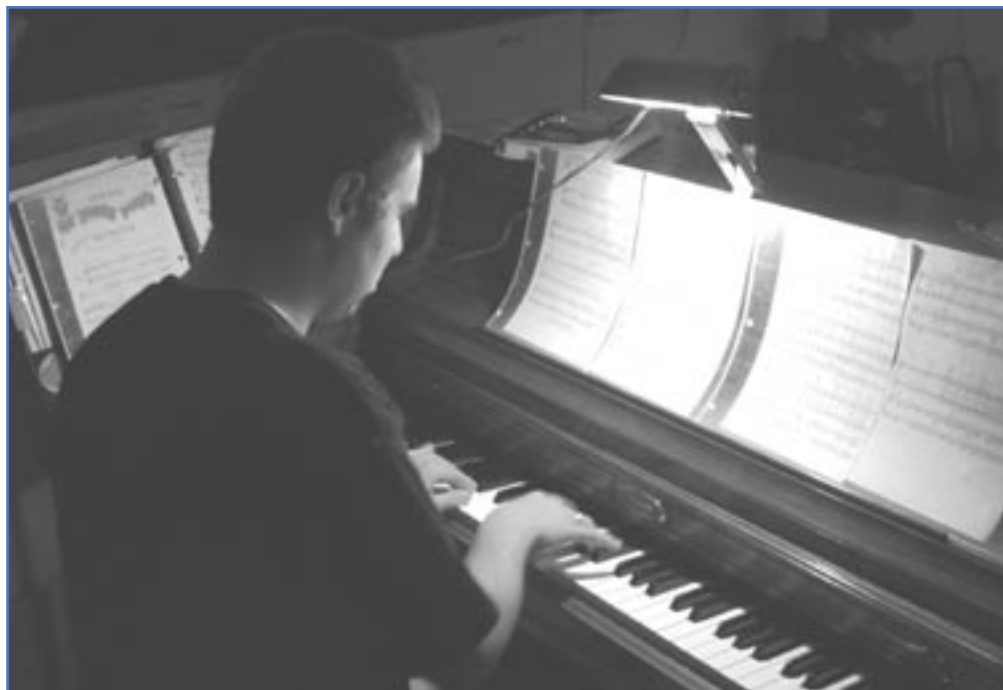


Pictured L to R:
Elmer Micheletti, Ryan Svendsen '05, Shirley Micheletti

Ryan Svendsen '06, a top junior member of the Serra Symphonic Band, was presented with the Michele Micheletti Music Award. The scholarship award was established in 2002 in memory of Michele Micheletti who was a 1996 graduate of Notre Dame High School, a four-year member of the Junipero Serra Symphonic Band and the first Tri-school student to win the John Phillip Sousa Band Award.

The recipient of the award must be a student who demonstrates excellence in instrumental music, possesses exceptional leadership skills, and has a grade point average of at least 3.0. The award can be given to any student at Serra, Mercy, or Notre Dame High School.

Visual & Performing Arts



BORN TO PERFORM

by

Spencer Blank '06

Since Spencer Blank '06 started at Serra as a Freshman, he has involved himself in the the Visual and Performing Arts Department. He has performed in every possible production and concert, and can be heard playing the piano during our many masses throughout the year. We asked Spencer to provide us with a little background . . .

"They say that the apple never falls too far from the tree . . . Well, then I am a Golden Delicious. Both of my parents are involved in theatre and have been since their college days at USF (where they met). My mom was a world-traveling choreographer and my dad was an actor, performing once in a Broadway show with Meryl Streep and John Lithgow! Currently, my parents are working on a production of Sondheim's musical, *"Into the Woods"* at Ohlone College in Fremont. My sister is a very driven, world class, NCAA Division One soccer player at the University of Richmond majoring in Accounting.

I started playing the piano about seven years ago and percussion about six years ago; however, I was involved in theatre from a time even earlier than that. When I came to Serra, I immediately immersed myself in the Visual and Performing Arts Department. I received several small parts in my first production, *"Our Town,"* and I have been in every production and concert since. The apex of my theatre career at Serra (well there were two) was Thenardier in *"Les Miserables"* in spring of 2004 and Oberon in *"A Midsummer Night's Dream"* in fall of 2004. Although I do enjoy theatre, one field that has never let me down and always provides me with enjoyment is music. Mr. Jay Jordan has provided me with opportunities to perform and to improve (i.e., Jazz Band and Symphonic Band since the time I was a freshman). I still practice often and take lessons - one can always improve no matter how good one gets. I feel extremely blessed that I have opportunities to "gig out" as they say (which means to get jobs in the music field) through my exposure at Serra."

Alumni Song-Writing Family Honored

“In A Child’s Eyes”

The Alumni song writing family of Ron, Maryann and Chris (‘91) Sfarzo presented their newest song, *“In A Child’s Eyes”* during a ceremony in Washington D.C. recently in observance of National Missing Children’s Day.

Alumni Dad, Ron Sfarzo (also a Menlo Park police officer), is an accomplished arranger, composer and keyboardist. He and his wife, Maryann, perform together throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Maryann has been writing lyrics to Ron’s music for over 20 years.

“I went into police work to help people. In music, I help people indirectly.” Ron Sfarzo was quoted as saying.

Every once in a while, Ron’s two careers touch. One night a man came up to him after a performance and shook his hand. *“I expected him to say something about the music,”* said Mr. Sfarzo. *“Instead he says, ‘I want to thank you for arresting me three years ago. Because of that, I straightened my act out.’ Once in a while, a person learns from their mistakes, and you feel so good.”*

Chris Sfarzo ‘92, an accomplished percussionist, inherited his parent’s musical talents and has written and produced several of their songs.

In the traditional Padre spirit of “giving something back,” Chris encouraged his parents to create the song in support of finding lost and missing children.



Pictured from L to R: Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Ron Sfarzo, Chris Sfarzo ‘91, Maryann Sfarzo



Rodney VerBrugge ‘86 First Runner Up in *Guitar Player Magazine’s* “Guitar Hero Contest”



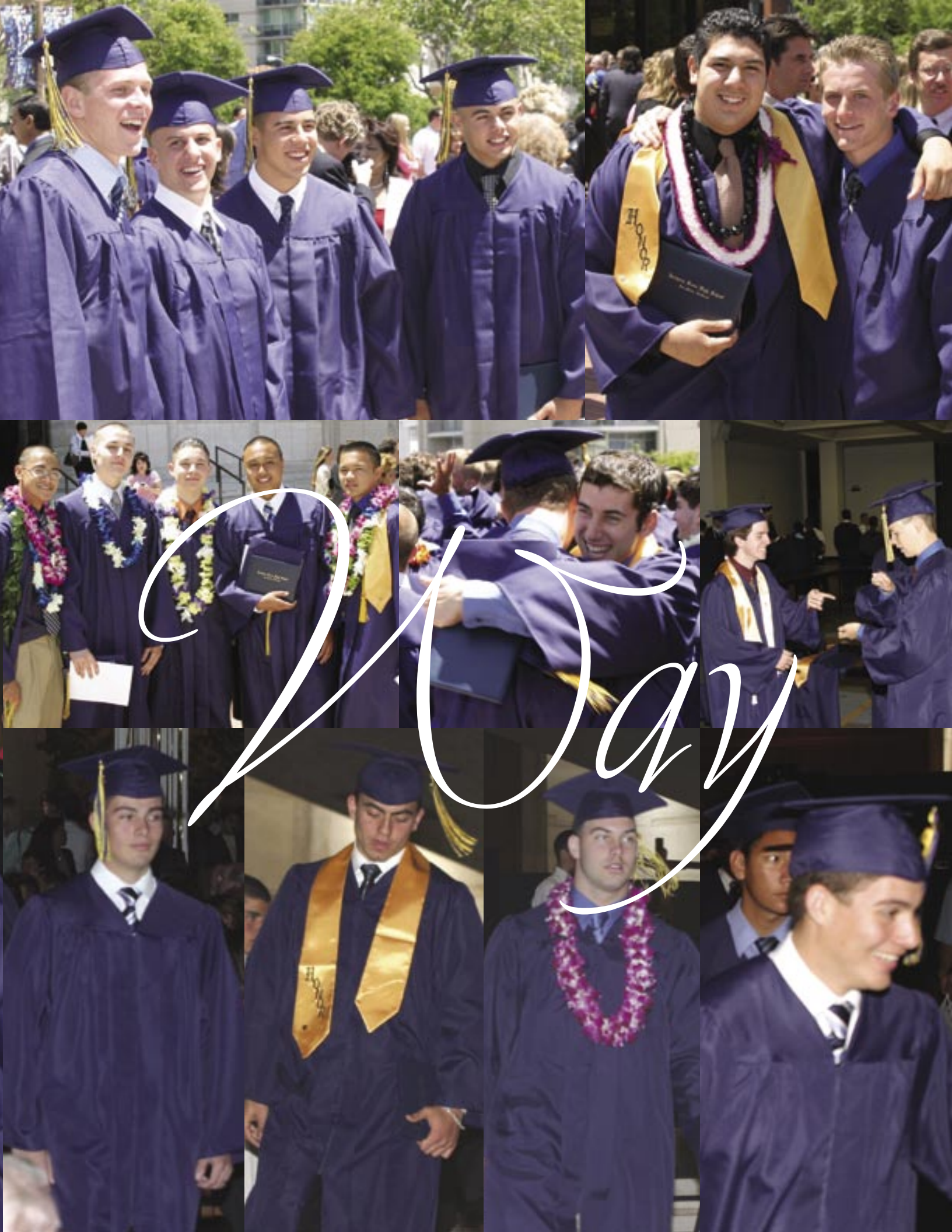
Rodney VerBrugge ‘86

Rodney VerBrugge ‘86 was the first-runner up in *Guitar Player’s Guitar Hero 2005 Contest* held at Cleveland’s Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on June 10. Hopefuls from across the U.S. and abroad sent thousands of CD and mp3 demos to the *Guitar Player* office for a chance to be the next guitar hero. Ten inspiring talents were then chosen to battle it out in Cleveland in front of a live audience and world-wide Webcast viewers. Judges included Joe Satriani, Steve Lukather (Toto, Michael Jackson’s “Thriller”) and others.

“Rodney was the fastest, most amazing guitarist ever to attend Serra,” said Jay Jordan, Serra’s Visual and Performing Arts Director. “He did not pursue music as a career, but kept up his chops writing music and recording demos.”

In a recent e-mail to Jay, Rodney reported that the editors of *Guitar Player* were so amazed by his playing that they thought he must have sped up the tape. Once he convinced them that there was no trickery involved, Rodney made the finals.





Senior Day

A BANNER YEAR FOR SERRA GOLFERS WCAL & CCS CHAMPIONS!



(Pictured from L to R following their round at Poppy Hills) Jordan Cox '06, Dennis Carson '08
Bryan Moquin '06, Coach Joe Hession, Brett Bocci '05, Michael Minto '06, Kaivon Talai '07

Serra's golf program finished an unprecedented 2005 Season with both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams going undefeated in league play. The Varsity Golf team captured the WCAL and Central Coast Section titles, while finishing third at the California State Championship Tournament. The JV team also won the WCAL title.

The varsity golfers posted a 13-0-1 mark to share WCAL championship honors with Bellarmine. It was the fourth WCAL championship and third CCS title for the Padre linksters in the past eight years! In addition, the Padres finished second at the North Shore Invitational Tournament held at Turtle Bay, Oahu. They also tied for first at the De La Salle Invitational, but were defeated in a two-hole playoff.

Junior, Jordon Cox, established himself as one of the top high school players in the state. He set a Serra school record with a 6-under par 65 at the De La Salle Invitational, winning by six strokes. The 65, at Diablo Country Club, was also a tournament record and two shots off the course record. Cox won the blanket award for the second straight year as the Team's Most Valuable Player and was named to the all-WCAL golf team.

Cox just missed an opportunity to play as an amateur at the US Open Golf Championship, recently held in Pinchurst, North Carolina. After going through two qualifying rounds and beating numerous professional players, Jordan shot a 69-73 on the final day of qualifying, but was edged out for one of the final U.S. Open shots. After the qualifier, held in Columbus, Ohio, Jordan caught a late flight home to join his teammates for the State Championship Tournament at Poppy Hills Golf Course in Pebble Beach.

At Poppy Hills, Serra posted the best score of any Northern California team, but finished third in the state behind St. Augustine of San Diego and Murietta Valley. Cox finished the day with a 73 while freshman, Dennis Carson, carded a 76 and senior, Brett Bocci, had a 77.

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PADRE BENCH

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"We had a great run," Varsity Golf Coach, Joe Hession, said. "Poppy Hills is a tough enough course as it is, but the pins were really in difficult spots for the state finals. There were a lot of missed putts. Our kids put in a great effort, though. I was kind of sad to watch Brett Bocci play his last tournament for us. He was a four-year starter on the varsity and our team captain. He will be missed."

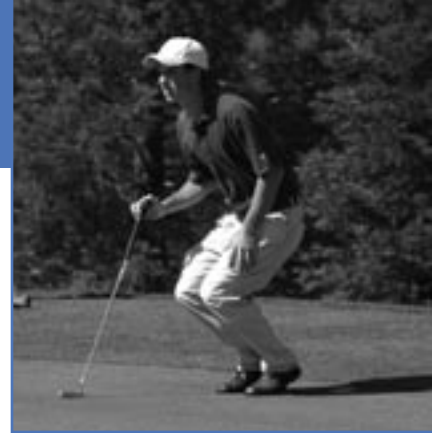
Bocci made the all-WCAL golf team and will play at UC Santa Barbara next year. He is the only graduating senior among the starting six. Freshman, Dennis Carson, is one of a group of youngsters returning to next year's team, which includes juniors, Bryan Moquin, Mike Minto, and Jordan Cox, and sophomore, Kaivon Talai. Carson averaged just 1.5 shots over par throughout the season and saved his best round for the CCS finals, where he fired a three-under par 68 at Rancho Canada in Carmel. Talai added an even par 72, and Moquin had a three-over 74 at the CCS championship. Moquin was the team's most improved player.

"This was a very eclectic and entertaining group off the golf course, Coach Hession added. "During our trips to matches, these guys argued about everything from cars to calculus. And, I probably have the only golf team in the country with one guy who speaks Japanese and another guy who speaks Farsi. Once they got on the course, though, they were all business."

"We've been fortunate to have a lot of support from the local golf community," Hession said. "All of the local courses, Poplar Creek, Burlingame Country Club, Crystal Springs, Green Hills, Peninsula, and Mariners Point have been nice enough to provide starting times for our team when we've needed them for matches or practice."

"The administration and Boosters' Club should be commended for their support as well. The administration has gone out of its way to rearrange student schedules and has supported our golf trips to places like Hawaii, Pebble Beach and Carmel. We've done our best to make this one of the top golf programs in the state and to play at all the best tournaments, and the administration has fully supported us."

"In return, our golfers have been great ambassadors for the school. They have maintained a team GPA over 3.0 and have conducted themselves as gentlemen and interact well with people where ever they go. They have made a lot of friends for Serra High School."



Padre Track Trio

RUNS *in the Family*



Zack DiMaggio '05

The competition certainly didn't prevent the DiMaggio track trio from smiling for the camera after the Top 7 Invitational Track Meet hosted by Serra in April.

Alumni Dad, Ron DiMaggio, Sr., is a teacher and track coach at Westmoor High School in Daly City. He has been teaching at Westmoor for 18 years and coaching for 26.

Ron, Jr., graduated from Serra in 1997, having participated in three varsity sports. After a brief stop at CSM, Ron, Jr. received a track scholarship to UCSB where he graduated in 2002. He spent a year coaching at both UCSB and CSM before he joined Serra as an assistant coach for the Cross Country Team. Currently, he is the distance coach for Serra's track team, in addition to teaching history and math.

Zack DiMaggio '05, also a three-sport athlete, participated in both track and baseball during the same season! Zack ran the 100 and 200 during the Top 7 invitational and then sped off for batting practice! He'll be attending the University of Arizona in the Fall.



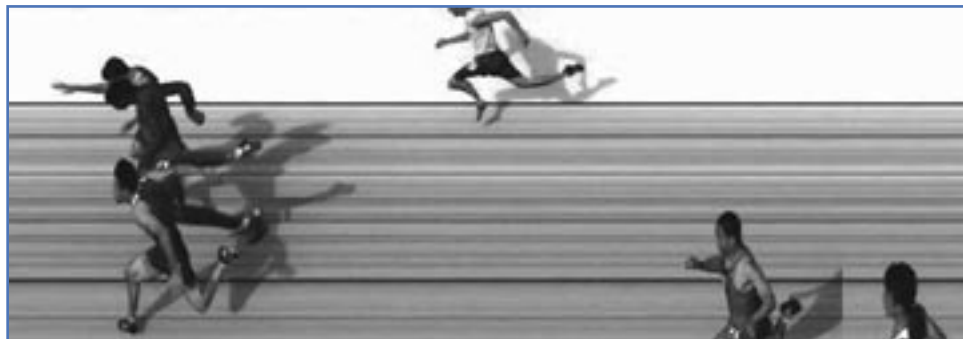
(L to R) Zack DiMaggio '05, Ron DiMaggio, Sr., Ron DiMaggio, Jr. '97

"I have ran against my father's teams in the past, but there has never been a situation where I was coaching against my dad and my brother, Zack, was running in the meet as well."

Ron DiMaggio, Jr.

PHOTO FINISH!

Varisty Boys 100m with Patrick Maier '07 (top of picture), Zack DiMaggio '05 (bottom) and the SI runner in between. Can you guess who took 1st, 2nd or 3rd places? Hint: The result is the way *it should be*.



Varsity Athletic Teams Continue Their Streak Qualifying as CCS Scholastic Achievement Teams

Once again, all of the spring Padre varsity athletic teams have qualified as CCS Scholastic Achievement Teams.

In order to qualify, the team must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. All 12 CIF sponsored sports have received this honor. This is the 3rd consecutive year that all of our sports teams have had this distinction!

Way To Go!



Varsity Volleyball Players
Blanket Award Winner Pat McKenna '05 (#27)
& Dan Wilson '05 (#53)



Blanket Award Winner, Alex Targaglia '05



Varsity Baseball Team Pitchers (L to R): Scott Sobczak '05, Edwin Lindo '05, Evan Jones '04, Taylor Larson '05, Brian Belli '05

Blanket Award Winners 2005

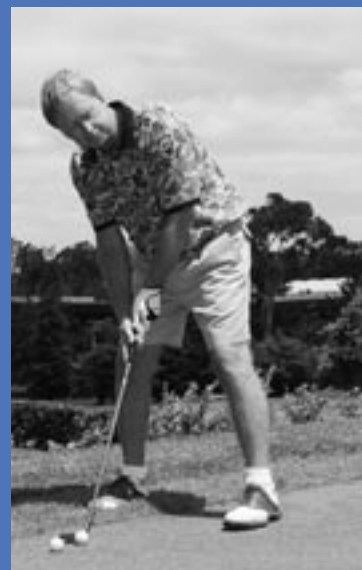
Baseball	BRIAN BELL '05	Tennis	ALEX TARTAGLIA '05
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Golf	JORDAN COX '06		
Soccer	DANIELE PROANO '05		
Swimming	AARON CHHOKAR '05		

Congratulations!



JUNIPERO SERRA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

18th annual SERRA GOLF CLASSIC



June 27, 2005 saw 120 golfers tee off at Peninsula Golf and Country Club for the 18th Annual Serra Golf Classic hosted by the Alumni Association. Although the skies were threatening in the morning, it turned out to be another beautiful day on the golf course. It was also another day of stiff competition for the titles in the three divisions. The team of Brian Morton '83, Mark Massey '83, Mark Taylor '83 and Tony King edged the Giacomini brothers, John '83 and Tim '87, and their friends Scott Haslam and Bader Behbehani for the "A flight" crown. The teams actually tied at a net 56, but abiding by the rules of golf, the winner was determined by using the scores on the last nine holes. A net 53 was good enough for Pete Doherty '77 and Tom Kmak '79 and current dads Larry Lumpkins and Dan McCarthy to capture the "B flight" championship over the always contending McGlennon family-Mike '66, Pat '68, Eric '95 and Patrick '04. Serra friends Jim Johnson, Art Wilson, Ron Gilmore, and John Copeland once again captured the "Senior flight" title. J.B. Orecchia had the day's long drive.

Back at school for dinner, cooked by the Booster Club, we were able to raise some more money for the Building Fund with a silent and live auction featuring rounds of golf, hotel stays and an autographed Tom Brady football. New alumni dad Mitch Juricich did a fantastic job (as always) as our auctioneer. A highlight of the night was Booster Club co-president Mary Goll presenting a birthday cake to Alumni Director Russ Bertetta '67 while he was being serenaded with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday."

Special thanks go out to all of our MVP sponsors as well as tee sponsors who helped make this year's tournament such a great success. Another round of thanks is extended to Alumni Board President Chris Bankovitch and his board for all the hard work they put in to make the 2005 Serra Golf Classic one of the best ever!



Serra Coaches Patrick Walsh, Pete Jensen and Chuck Rapp '86 enjoy post tourney dinner.



"A" Flight Winners: Tony King, Mark Massey '83, Brian Morton '83 and Mark Taylor '83

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"B" Flight Winners: Larry Lumpkins and Dan McCarthy with emcee Mitch Jurich



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Mark Massey '83



Rodrigo Galindo and son Pablo '96

Larry Moyer '61 *"Shoots"* for the Stars When It Comes To Helping Children



Larry & Judy Moyer's Clan

Back Row: Bernie, Brady, Scott, Tiffany (with Blake) and Mike (with Brittany)

Middle Row: Grandma Judy Moyer and Lisa (with Sierra)

Front Row: Grandpa Larry Moyer '61 (with Brandon, Alison (with Mason), Mark (with Madison) and Julie

When Larry Moyer '61 and his wife, Judy, volunteered fourteen years ago to organize an adult basketball tournament, they never dreamed they would still be involved today.

Every Spring, Larry and Judy spend countless hours organizing the *"Hoops for Children"* tournament in an effort to raise money for abused and neglected children. Hundreds of volunteers and basketball players gather for the tournament which is held in Marin County. Players sign up individually or as part of a company team. The tournament lasts all weekend with a total of 28 games being played. Teams are seeded according to the players' level of skill and everyone is welcome. The Hoops Tournament is Marin County's largest annual benefit basketball tournament. Good competition and fun are the main themes of this tournament, which never forgets the heart of the matter: the children who depend on them.

Although many of the players are no longer in their prime, there is always a great deal of energy and enthusiasm which makes the event happen for such an important cause. The tournament is quality basketball, focused on family, fun and community.

Larry played varsity basketball for Serra and went on to attend the University of San Diego on a full basketball scholarship. He played for Coach Phil Woopert as a varsity starter for four years. Larry graduated with a BS in Business and then attended graduate school as USF, where he received a MA in Counseling, High School Teaching, Administration and counseling credentials. He is currently in the insurance business focusing on commercial insurance and benefits.

Basketball has always been a part of Larry's life. He coached at USF and has been officiating bay area games at the college and junior college level since 1973. One of his most memorable games was right here in the Serra gym this year, where he officiated his first *"Jungle Game."* When asked why he continues to chair the *"Hoops for Children"* tournament, Larry says quite simply . . .

"Judy and I feel very blessed to have six healthy grandchildren and five children out of college (USD, Santa Clara, Cal Poly, Sacramento State and one from law school!). My entire family gets involved and it feels good to give something back to our community."

This year's tournament held in April raised nearly \$25,000.



Serra Alum Craig Newgard '88 Makes Guest Appearance on the "Today Show" with Katie Couric & Matt Lauer



"Today Show" Host
Katie Couric



"Today Show" Host
Matt Lauer



Craig Newgard '88, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine
Oregon Health & Science University

"I have very fond memories of Serra and still periodically reminisce about those days. In fact, I have frequently reminded myself of the often repeated line . . . in the spirit of Junipero Serra, I will never give up . . . Although I haven't lived in the area for some time, I still appreciate tracking Serra events through the newsletter and feel that Serra played a major role in my academic and life development."

Craig Newgard '88 appeared on the "Today Show" with Katie Couric and Matt Lauer in June to discuss his research on the effects of child age and body size as it relates to serious injury from passenger air-bag presence in motor vehicle crashes.

The objective of Craig's study was to evaluate specific cutoff points for age, height, and weight and the association between the presence of a passenger air bag and serious injury among children involved in crashes. The involved subjects were children 0-18 years of age who were involved in motor vehicle crashes and seated in the right front passenger seat.

Craig's study concluded that children up to 14 years of age may be at risk for serious preventable injury when seated in front of a passenger air bag, and children 15 to 18 years of age seem to experience protective effects of air-bag presence and deployment. He further

concluded that age may be a better marker than age or weight for risk assessment regarding children and air bags. The results of the study were published in a report by the American Academy of Pediatrics and discussed on the "Today Show."

After graduating from Serra, Craig attended UC Davis where he majored in Nutrition Science/Pre-Med. Prior to leaving for medical school in Chicago, he worked at Mammoth Lake Ski Resort for several months.

"When starting college, I had no intention of going into medicine, but after getting credentialed as an Emergency Medical Technician and working on an ambulance (San Francisco) during college, my perspective changed."

While in medical school, Craig became involved in emergency medicine research and decided it was a perfect fit for him. Following residency at an emergency medicine program (Harbor - UCLA

Medical), Craig pursued a two-year fellowship in emergency medicine research, during which time he also obtained a Master's in Public Health (Epidemiology) at UCLA.

"I was (and continued to be) very interested in injury prevention, trauma, emergency medical services (i.e. pre-hospital management of patients by paramedics and fire fighters), and biostatistical methods."

Following completion of his fellowship, Craig accepted a faculty position in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland Oregon, where he's been for the past three years. OHSU is one of only two major trauma centers serving the entire state.

Craig married while in medical school and currently lives in Portland with his wife, Holly, and two children, Harrison and Josie (ages 5 and 3).



(L to R) Mike Lombardi '51, Vince Kennedy '51, Jess Jones '51

50 CELEBRATING Years or More!



(L to R) Ron LaPointe '49, Dave Stronck '49,
Brandon Fitzgerald '51

Serra alumni celebrating 50 years or more joined the classes of 1947 to 1953 at the 2nd Annual Luncheon for Members of our “50 Year Club”.

They reminisced in style at the Marriott Hotel in San Mateo, sharing Padre memories and catching up on the last 50 years.



(L to R) Andy Ferrari '49, Dan Miller, '48, Gil Guerin '49, Clem Schablaske '48, George Mutto '47, Brandon Fitzgerald '49, Gerry Harnett '48, William Murphy '48, Dave Stronck '49, Gene Giannotti '48



(L to R) Fred Furrer '50, Gerry Harnett '48, Clem Schablaske '48, George Mutto '47, William Murphy '48



(L to R) Frank Mullaney '51, Bob Ughe '51, Brian Bennett '51, Vince Kennedy '51, Mike Lombardi '51, Jess Jones '51, Don Garibaldi '51, Buck Schott '51, Lou Geenan '51



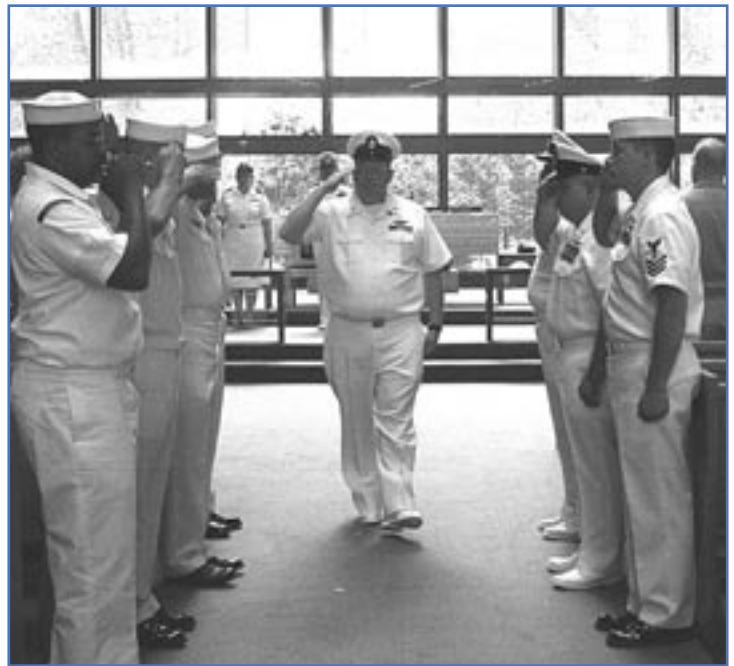
(L to R) Vince Kennedy '51, Mike Lombardi '51, Buck Schott '51, Jess Jones '51, Lou Geenan '51

Mark Davies '82

"Piped Over the Side"

After 20 years of faithful service to the US Navy, Mark Davies '82 recently retired as a Fire Control chief (submarines). Pictured (right) is Mark being "*pipied over the side*" at the end of his retirement ceremony. For those unfamiliar with the term, "*pipied over the side*" is a Navy tradition where all the crew lines up and salutes a departing crew member while the ship's Boatswain's mate pipes him ashore for the last time. This is only done when you leave the Navy via retirement, or if you are an officer that has command of a vessel when you are relieved by another officer.

Mark's awards and insignia include: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 Gold Stars), Good Conduct Medal (4 Bronze Stars), Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Medal (1 Bronze Star), Global War on Terrorism Medal, Arctic Sea Service Ribbon, Sea Service Ribbon (2 Bronze Stars).



Mark Davies '82 being "Piped Over the Side" at the end of his retirement ceremony.



Family heritage and traditions came alive at the wedding of Patrick Earley '90 and Helene Svensson. Pictured from (L to R) are: Brian Earley '85 (brother and groomsman); Patrick Earley '90 (groom), Claire Earley (proud alumni mom); Kevin Earley '82 (brother and groomsman) and Tim Earley '89 (brother and bestman).

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'55

It's your 50-year reunion!
Look for more news in
upcoming mailings for
specific date and time!

'65

It's your 40-year reunion!
Look for more news in
upcoming mailings and
save the date of Saturday,
October 8, 2005.

'69

Dan McVeigh is an attorney and partner with Downey, Brand, and Seymore in Sacramento. Dan graduated from Berkeley with a BA in Rhetoric, then on to Hastings Law School.

'72

Tom McVeigh is an electrical tech at Lawrence Labs in Berkeley. He graduated from Berkeley with a BS in Environmental design. Tom plays the guitar in a band, featuring mostly blues and popular rock music.

'74

Ken LaHonta was recently appointed CFO of "*Design With Reach*." Ken brings 20 years of corporate finance, accounting, operations and retail sector experience to his new position. Previously, Ken served as both a CFO and controller of Levi Strauss.

75

It's your 30-year reunion!
Look for more news in
upcoming mailings and
save the date of Saturday,
October 8, 2005.

Marty McVeigh is currently an Engineering Manager at National Semiconductor in Santa Clara. After graduating from Serra, he received a BSEE from UC San Diego and a MSEE from SJ State University. In Marty's spare time, he enjoys playing the guitar, composing and recording songs from his home recording studio.

'80

It's your 25-year reunion!
Look for more news in
upcoming mailings and
save the date of Saturday,
October 8, 2005.

'82

Dr. Jeff Campodonico lives with his wife, Hilary, and two boys (ages 9 and 6) in Baltimore, Maryland. Jeff earned a doctoral degree in neuropsychology in 1992, which included an internship at Harvard and post-doctoral fellowship at John Hopkins and the University of Rochester. He is currently in private practice and enjoys old memories of Padre Football with "the King."

Michael Dees and his wife, Kristi, welcomed a son, Jonathan Franklin, on January 26, 2005.

'85

It's your 20-year reunion!
Look for more news in
upcoming mailings and
save the date of Saturday,
October 8, 2005.

'86

J. Dominic "Nick" Campodonico was recently named partner of Gordon & Rees LLP, a full-service law firm based in San Francisco. In addition to practicing law, Dominic, an avid cyclist, is currently training for his fourth bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles to raise money for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

'88

Roy Malatesta and his wife, Steph, welcomed a new baby daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, on March 12, 2005. Morgan joins her "big sister," Amanda.

'89

Tom Kelley and his wife, Liz (Campodonico) live in Littleton, Colorado. They have two boys, James Thomas and John Patrick. Tom is a regional Operations Manager for Pulte Mortgage.

KEEP US POSTED!

Your fellow Padres want to know what you've been up to! If you've recently married, just celebrated the birth of a baby, started a new job, or recently retired, please let us know! Also, feel free to include a snapshot with your news or just for fun to add to our new "Padre Family Album" section of Traditions!

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mwilkinson@serrahs.com

'89 continued . .

Peter Campodonico currently resides in New York after eight years in Europe. He works as a Brand Manager for Bvlgari. His responsibilities include sales and marketing of retail, wholesale, and duty-free distribution of jewelry, watches and accessories.

'92

Tom Arvetis married Dana Cruz on June 12, 2005 in Chicago, Illinois. Serving as Best Man was his brother, **Dan McDonagh '04**.

'93

Christopher DeLuna and his wife, Elena, welcomed their first son, Matthew John DeLuna, in Hermosa Beach California on October 2, 2004.

'95

It's your 10-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of Saturday, **October 8, 2005**.

'96

Chris Tigri married Becky Bruckner on August 28, 2004 at St. Gregory's Church in San Mateo. Groomsmen included brothers, Eric '01, Matt '99; cousin, John Perry '02, and classmate Joe Murphy '96.

'97

Nick Cardenas married Nikki Rivera on October 16, 2004 in Belmont, California.

Christian Montgomery recently graduated from the Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, California.

'98

Sean Keenan Mahoney graduated from SF State. Following graduation from Serra, Sean spent one year at Cal Poly then transferred his credits to SF State where he majored in Corporate Finance.

Scott Phelps recently joined a new show called "*ESPN Hollywood*," a daily "*Access Hollywood/Entertainment Tonight*" sports program. It's scheduled to come out in August on ESPN 2.

'99

Jesse Campillo operates Broke Neck Kustoms in South San Francisco, a custom hot rod, motorcycle and auto paint shop.

Ryan Howard recently graduated with a Masters of Music Degree from Yale University. Ryan did his undergraduate work at Indiana University and plans to pursue a Doctorate in composition.

'01

Adam Montgomery recently graduated from American University in Washington, D.C.

Andy Solari was elected as IFC (Inter-fraternity Council) President, which oversees the 35 fraternities at Cal -- the largest student group on campus. Previously, he served three terms as President of Zeta Psi Fraternity at Cal.

'02

Matt Rodgers recently completed "boot camp" at the US Navy at Great Lakes Academy near Chicago. He has been assigned for air crew training in Pensacola, Florida and hopes to be assigned to his permanent base either in San Diego or Bermerton, Washington by next year.

In Memoriam

John Caselli, Sr., father of **Joe '66, Tom '69, John '75** and grandfather of **Christopher '06** passed away on June 29, 2005. John was one of the original founders of Serra's Boosters' Club.

Pamela Gail Furnari, mother of **Chris Furnari '04**, passed away on May 12, 2005 after her battle with cancer.

Stephen McGuire '89 passed away suddenly on May 30, 2005 in a Memorial Day traffic accident.

John Monaghan, father of **Tom Monaghan**, Serra Faculty Member, passed away on May 29, 2005

Pat Moran '53, father of **Patrick '80** and grandfather of **Kiernan '08**, passed away on June 13, 2005.

Kaitlyn Nicole Turner, eight-year old daughter of **Doug Turner '79**, passed away on June 9, 2005. "*Katie is now in a place where she will have no more seizures, no more headaches, and she can run free with all the other Angels in Heaven.*" Doug lives with his wife and two other children in Parker, Colorado.

David Joseph Vinal '01, son of Dan and Robyn Vinal, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2005 at his home in San Diego.



THE JUNIPERO SERRA Alumni Award of Merit

The Alumni Award of Merit was established to honor Serra alumni who have made outstanding accomplishments in their professional fields and have brought honor and distinction to their alma mater. Join us as we celebrate "Serra Greats" in the professional world! The following distinguished alumni will be recognized for their accomplishments in public service, arts and letters, business and science and technology:

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THOMAS O'HALLORAN '48
MALCOLM MCHENRY, MD '51
KEN STINSON '60
GIL LOESCHER '63
PAUL STEPHENS '63
JOHN LESCROART '66
MIKE COLLOPY '76

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Student Body Assembly, Serra Gymnasium
10:00 AM

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Classes of '55, '65, '75, '80 '85, & 95
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PADRE FAMILY

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Chris Tigri '96 Wedding
(L to R) Matt Tigri '99, Arlene Tigri, Chris Tigri '96, Becky
(Bruckner), Bob Tigri, Eric Tigri '01



Clyde E. Beffa, Jr. '63, Grandson Tyler,
Clyde E. Beffa III, '92



Mather Twins, Ben & Aidan
Jeff mather '84



Marty McVeigh '75, Elsa Dinis-McVeigh & Shawn



Baby Sister Morgan Elizabeth
with Big Sister Amanda (Roy Malatesta '88)



Sean Keenan Mahoney '98
Graduation - SF State University



John Dominic Bankovitch
(Chris Bankovitch '85 - President of Serra's Alumni Association)



Christian Montgomery '01 (graduation from Western
States School of Law), Proud Mom Joyce Montgomery
& Adam Montgomery '01 (graduated from American
University in May



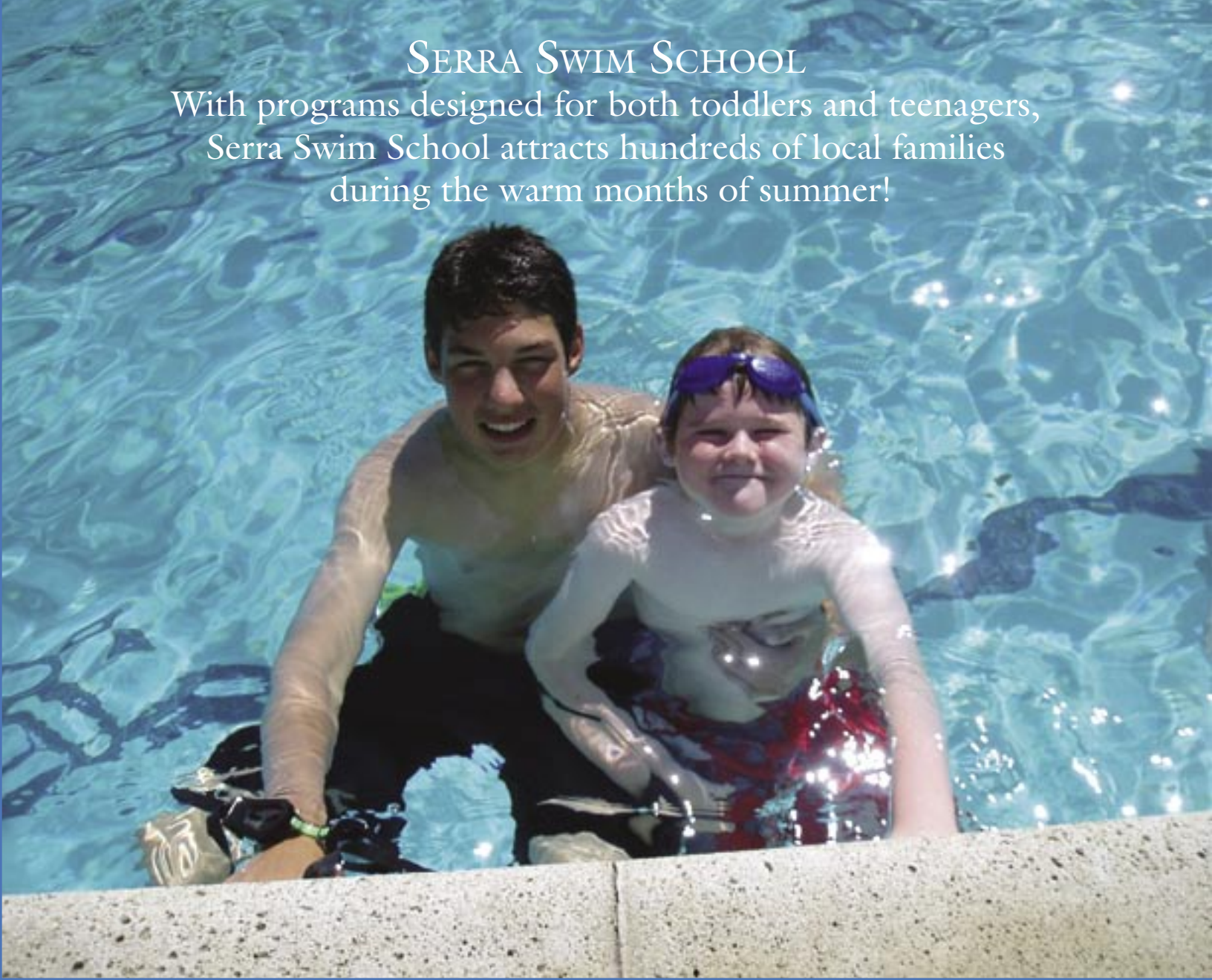
Matt Rogers '02 - Graduation from
Great Lakes Naval Academy

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