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Serra relies on the involvement and generosity of our parents, alumni and friends to assure that each new generation of Padres may reach beyond their grasp to achieve their dreams.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over 200 years ago Father Junipero Serra began a bold journey—from the island of Majorca off the Spanish coast to California. Along the way he grew in faith and wisdom, and became a leader whose service made a difference for good in the lives of all he met. This year marks the 65th year since Serra's founding in 1944 inspired by Father Serra's example of *Faith, Wisdom and Service*.

The journey that began for the Class of 2009 as freshmen was brought to a successful completion on May 30, 2009 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco. Now they begin another chapter in their journey. They join the more than 10,000 Serra alumni who continue to be a vital part of Serra's mission.

Just as Serra graduates in the last century witnessed great achievements and numerous challenges, today's graduates will face a global environment full of new opportunities and challenges for shaping their world. Serra students are uniquely well-prepared to live, work, and compete in the emerging global economy because of the deep commitment of teachers, staff and administrators who partner with parents to help each Padre reach their potential.

The 2008-2009 school year has been one of continued achievement and leadership at Serra. Many of these accomplishments are highlighted in this issue of *Traditions*. Students continue to excel in the classroom, on the playing fields, in the arts, music and extra-curricular programs. Alumni participation in and support of Serra, from Career Day to our increasingly important Fund A Dream Luncheon continues to grow.

Our vision for Serra's future is one where students are prepared for the rigors of college, faculty continue to strive for excellence, our facilities support the changing demands of education in the twenty-first century, and where the person and the gospel of Jesus Christ is the starting point of our mission and programs. Our future is bright thanks to the involvement and support of our parents, alumni, faculty, students and friends who make this a vibrant Padre community.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009.  
In the words of Father Junipero Serra:  
*Siempre Adelante... Always Move Forward.*

Go Padres,



Lars Lund, *President*



FAITH • WISDOM • SERVICE

# Graduation 2009

Valedictorian Speaker,  
Roger Tran, delivers  
compassion and hope



*IT IS A GREAT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE to try and take our Serra experiences and put them into a speech worthy of representing my class as Valedictorian. For this day is also a commemoration of a new beginning, where all Serra students will take these lessons we have learned into the world.*



*Roger Tran, 2009 Class Valedictorian*

THE SERRA COMMUNITY HAS MADE PERMANENT ROOM FOR ITSELF IN OUR HEARTS AND SOULS. The values we have been taught mix freely throughout our still-viscous minds. Serra has broadened us intellectually and philosophically, and while I am not a Catholic as I come from a Buddhist household, Serra has shaped my values of pursuing compassion and a path of empathy, while building a sense of comradeship with my now very *real* brothers—we few, we happy few, we band of brothers.

Our four years at this school have transformed us. Gone—our overly coy qualities. Extinguished—our social fears. Reshaped—our thoughts on academia, on religion, on humanity. And now, I roam the halls in comfort with these brothers of mine with whom I have learned about, learned with, and learned from. But I am still called to ask myself, *Who are my brothers?* And I can answer that question with confidence: **everyone.**

Whether it be the experience of prayer every morning, or the moment where we all join hands during Mass, eating in the cafeteria or laughing in class, I am continuously reminded of not just the Serra Brotherhood in which we hold so much pride, but rather, all human brotherhood. **This high school is not simply an institution; it is a center of moral and spiritual guidance. Instilled in us is the central idea that all of humanity shares kinship. We have**

been taught to not judge, to not be afraid, but to give and to share. These values are evident in the classroom, in the halls and within our athletic teams. We have been shown that the entire world is our community. *Serra has fuzzied-up social boundaries.* And with this newfound perspective, we can show more smiles to strangers and speak briefly to a homeless person rather than passing by heartlessly. These small things, we have learned, create nearly infinite ripples of mutual respect, of care, of love.

One day, outside these very doors, I spoke with a homeless man sitting alongside the road. I was on a photo shoot for the day—my project was to depict life only through images of hands. I saw the blood caked upon his fists; the lines of his palms made deep and dark ravines; his hands were worn, ravaged by time, defined by experience. And I remember clearly, as I focused the lens and his skin's leathery texture morphed into being, I thought to myself: *his hands are every person's hands.* Due to my years at Serra I was not afraid to speak to this man, to shake his hand in thanks. His hands were those that give and anticipate stinging high-fives, that complete the secret handshake, that pat you on the shoulder as you scurry down the hall to class. His name was Chris, he witnessed Jerry Garcia play, he thought the Sex Pistols were OK, his ex-wife lives in San Rafael, and he happens to love Oregon.



Chris Brache, Jared Braun, Sean Brummer, Zachary Burket

Never before have I experienced such a keen awareness of the humanity that binds us together. The Serra experience, the Serra Brotherhood teaches us to embrace *worldly brotherhood*.

After I took six or seven photos, I entered Saint Mary's Cathedral, this sacred space. I stepped into the very core of what Serra High School has instilled within our class. The principles of compassion, of the Catholic faith, of universal brotherhood were fully realized. There

## GRADUATION AWARDS

### 2009 MEDAL WINNERS

FREDERICK MENZEL  
ACTIVITY AWARD

University of Hawaii



CHRISTOPHER MCLINDEN  
CAMPUS MINISTRY AWARD

Pacific University, Oregon



ERIC FOARD  
DRAMATIC ARTS MEDAL

UC Berkeley



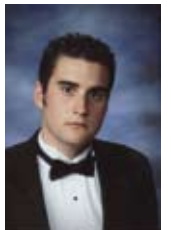
ROGER TRAN  
ENGLISH MEDAL

Stanford University



ANTHONY VASSALLO  
FOREIGN LANGUAGE MEDAL

USC



ALEXANDER KWOK  
MATHEMATICS MEDAL

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo



NICHOLAS TERRY  
MATHEMATICS MEDAL

UCLA







**TAYLOR RANKIN**  
MUSIC MEDAL

SF State University



**CASEY LAWLER**  
SCIENCE MEDAL  
AND THEOLOGY MEDAL

UC Berkeley



**TIMOTHY HAGGARTY**  
SERVICE AWARD

College of San Mateo



**JEAN PHILLIPE RASTRULLO**  
SERVICE AWARD

San Jose State University



**DOUGLAS CALDWELL**  
SHEA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

College of San Mateo



**BRETT MCCOLLUM**  
SOCIAL STUDIES MEDAL

UCLA



**DANIEL SEGROVE**  
VISUAL ARTS MEDAL

Academy of Art University

could be no conclusion to my day more satisfying than appreciating the beauty of this Cathedral for the first time and what it represents to us—the graduating class of 2009.

Today, the principles of this cathedral serve as our emblem. Our last four years together—our struggles and our accomplishments—have all been preparation for the grand future ahead. The Serra community has been the proving grounds of our moral values, of our role as caring human beings. *Through service, through the simple acts of listening, of sharing, of loving one another, we have matured intellectually and spiritually.*

And as you all know, our generation faces obstacles far greater and far more intimidating than the Roommate Project from Senior Theology. The headlines read of pandemic flus, of a deteriorating economy, of war and violence. But as scary as these challenges are, when I look at this graduating class before me and at the principles of this sanctuary, I feel hope. The potential of this class is extraordinary. From football players to Eagle Scouts, from math wizards to passionate writers, there are no boundaries to what we Padres can achieve. I can say this with confidence because I know—I have experienced the guidance of Serra faculty, staff, parents, and students. I know that we are good neighbors, gentle altruists, men with wisdom and forgiving hearts.

Serra has been the training ground for us to try and be loving brothers and good neighbors. For four years we have prepared, have tested the waters. Today this class before me is like a pebble. And our graduation is the very moment we hit the water and change the world with our ripples.



*Each year the faculty chooses three graduates as Valedictorians: one who speaks at graduation (Roger Tran) and two others pictured here with Bishop William Justice '60. Nicholas Terry (left) was the guest speaker at the Senior Awards Ceremony, while Alex Kwok (right) was the featured speaker at the Mother-Son Breakfast.*



## CLASS OF 2009 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LIST



Academy of Art University	Cornell University	Oregon State University	University of California at Santa Cruz
American University	Cuesta College	Pace University, New York City	University of Cambridge
Arizona State University	Curry College	Pacific University	University of Chicago
Babson College	Dartmouth College	Pepperdine University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Boise State University	DePaul University	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Denver
Boston College	Dominican University	Pomona College	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Boston University	Drew University	Portland State University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bowdoin College	Drexel University	Princeton University	University of Kansas
Brown University	Duke University	Purdue University	University of Kentucky
Butte College	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Arizona	Reed College	University of Michigan
California College of the Arts	Emmanuel College	Regis University	University of Nebraska at Lincoln
California Institute of Technology	Fairfield University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
California Lutheran University	Florida Institute of Technology	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Nevada, Reno
California Maritime Academy	Florida State University	Roger Williams University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Fordham University	Saint Joseph's University	University of Notre Dame
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	George Washington University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Oregon
California State University, Channel Islands	Georgetown University	San Diego State University	University of the Pacific
California State University, Chico	Gonzaga University	San Francisco State University	University of Pennsylvania
California State University, East Bay	Hampton University	San Jose State University	University of Portland
California State University, Fresno	Harvard University	Santa Barbara City College	University of Puget Sound
California State University, Fullerton	Harvey Mudd College	Santa Clara University	University of Redlands
California State University, Long Beach	Hofstra University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Richmond
California State University, Los Angeles	Howard University	School of Visual Arts	University of Rochester
California State University, Monterey Bay	Humboldt State University	Seattle University	University of San Diego
California State University, Northridge	Indiana University at Bloomington	Simpson University	University of San Francisco
California State University, Sacramento	Johns Hopkins University	Skyline College	University of Southern California
California State University, San Bernardino	Johnson & Wales University	Sonoma State University	University of Virginia
California State University, San Marcos	Kenyon College	Southern Oregon University	University of Washington
California State University, Stanislaus	La Salle University	St. John's University - Queens Campus	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Cañada College	Lehigh University	Stanford University	Vanderbilt University
Catholic University of America	Lewis & Clark College	Tennessee State University	Villanova University
Chapman University	Loyola Marymount University	The University of Tampa	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
City College of San Francisco	Manhattanville College	Tufts University	Washington State University
Claremont McKenna College	Marquette University	Tuskegee University	Washington University in St. Louis
Clark Atlanta University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States Coast Guard Academy	Western State College of Colorado
Colgate University	Menlo College	United States Military Academy	Whitman College
College of San Mateo	Middlebury College	United States Naval Academy	Whittier College
College of William and Mary	Montana State University, Bozeman	University of Arizona	Whitworth University
Colorado State University	Morehouse College	University of British Columbia	Willamette University
Columbia College	New York University	University of California at Berkeley	Williams College
Columbia University	Niagara University	University of California at Davis	Wittenberg University
Connecticut College	Northeastern University	University of California at Irvine	Woodbury University
	Northern Arizona University	University of California at Los Angeles	Xavier University
	Northwestern University	University of California at Merced	Xavier University of Louisiana
	Notre Dame de Namur University	University of California at Riverside	Yale University
	Oberlin College	University of California at San Diego	
	Occidental College	University of California at Santa Barbara	
	Ohlone College		



## BARRY THORNTON A PROFILE IN LEADERSHIP



IN THE SPRING OF 2008, SAN FRANCISCO ARCHBISHOP GEORGE NIEDERAUER approved the Serra Board of Regents' recommendation to allow the school to adopt the president-principal governance model. He appointed Lars Lund (principal from 2003-2008) as Serra's president and appointed Barry Thornton as Serra's 11th principal.

In this structure, Mr. Lund is responsible for Serra's overall strategic advancement and mission-effectiveness. Mr. Thornton serves as the school's educational leader, overseeing the work of teachers and staff in support of student learning and achievement.

### A Journey of Commitment

In addition to his deep passion for Serra's mission, Barry has the academic and experiential knowledge of educational leadership to assure that students are well-prepared for life beyond Serra.

A San Diego native, Barry joined the Peace Corps after graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in city planning. Stationed in Swaziland, he applied his studies to providing housing and basic services in the smaller areas surrounding the capital city of Mbabane where he lived.

Barry also contemplated a vocation to the priesthood and first came to Serra more than 15 years ago as a second-year seminarian, where he was assigned for his pastoral work in Campus Ministry. "When I left the seminary, my mentors there encouraged me to follow my passion for theology and teaching. I contacted Lars at Serra, who hired me to teach theology. This gave me an opportunity to combine my passion for pastoral work and education. I am particularly excited about the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these young men at, what I consider to be, the most exciting time in their growth and development."

"For the past six years in my role as Dean of Studies, I have worked closely with Lars, the faculty and administrators to assure that Serra remains the best college prep school for the young men of San Mateo County and beyond. The school is at a pivotal point in its history: we are committed to providing an environment of academic excellence, moral formation and spiritual development that enables our graduates to follow in the footsteps of their alumni brothers, making a positive impact everywhere they go in life. This requires that we hire the best and the brightest faculty, staff and administrators, and also ensure that our facilities meet the instructional needs of our faculty and students."

When asked what surprises him most about Serra, Barry says, "I am taken aback by the students' passion and commitment to the concept of the Serra Brotherhood. What

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that means and how they treat each other is taken seriously and is very compelling. They truly have a sense of community with each other—it gives them a sense of place.”

### Reflections on Year One

The transition to the president-principal model has been rewarding. Lars has been a terrific mentor and source of support. One of the greatest challenges has been to balance the school’s immediate priorities, without losing sight of less pressing, but equally important matters.

“This first year as principal I spent a great deal of my time with faculty and administrators preparing for our accreditation visit by The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Education (WCEA). As a result of the school’s stellar educational program, Serra received a full six-year accreditation. The report was incredibly affirming of the work we have done over the last 6 years. The visiting team’s findings noted that: The school has shown vast improvement in all program areas. Academics, the Christian culture of the school, and the school climate have all show dramatic improvements.

“Serra is fortunate to have highly-qualified administrators and faculty who are well-educated in their subject areas; over 67% of our faculty hold Masters Degrees. Our AP and SAT scores have vastly improved and are higher than national, state and local averages. The 2009 senior class has been accepted to top colleges and universities in the U.S. and beyond. In addition, this class was awarded more than \$5.8 million in college scholarships. Their accomplishments are a tribute to our dedicated faculty, staff, coaches, and counselors who have supported their growth at Serra.”

Although becoming Serra’s principal was a highlight for Barry this year, the most important event in his life occurred in November: his marriage to fiancée, Susie Friday. “All my



*Barry Thornton and wife Susie*



### THE THORNTON FAMILY TRADITION

Barry follows in the footsteps of his own father who provided a lifetime example of commitment to secondary education. “My father was a principal in the San Diego public school system during the turbulent 60’s and 70’s. At one point he had to wear a bullet-proof vest in a few of the schools he worked in... it was no easy assignment! There was a time when a militant group took down the American flag in front of his school, throwing it on the ground and replacing it with an offensive banner. As an infantry lieutenant for the 82nd Airborne Division during World War II, my father was wounded in the Marketgarden battle in Belgium where he lost his leg. He was not going to stand for the desecration of the flag, and faced down dozens of angry protesters, walking through their midst, removed the banner, threw it on the ground and hoisted the American flag back to its rightful place.”

Barry’s father maintained his passion and commitment to students, turning down offers to leave the high school environment for central office administration. “He believed that high school was the most exciting time for students. The growth that occurs during these years makes it the best time for educators to make a difference in the lives of these young students. I was fortunate to have such a great example in my life and my dad remains an inspiration to me today.”

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friends enjoy reminding me that I got the better end of the deal! I have married the most wonderful woman in the world and I could not feel more blessed.”

## Moving Forward

“I see my role of principal in a Catholic school as not only an educational leader, but also a pastoral leader. It makes sense in the broader context of educating the whole person—heart, mind, body and soul. We can be explicit in how we articulate that as well as be humble in the face of it. That’s really an important role that Lars and I share with the administrators, faculty, staff and Board.”

“What excites me most about Serra? It’s a passionate community in which parents, alumni, students and friends actively participate in the life of the school. Parents tell us that the school truly cares about their sons. Students talk about how much their teachers care; that students don’t fall through the cracks. We understand where they are in their development; we call them to high standards and provide clear expectations. We often hear that ‘Serra truly understands boys’.

We’ve made tremendous strides over the past six years and I am confident and excited that, over the course of the next six years, we can achieve great things because we are a community that values faith, wisdom, service, leadership and Brotherhood.”

### EDUCATION

Ed.D. Candidate, Catholic Educational Leadership  
University of San Francisco (*est. 2010*)

M.A. Theology (*with Honors*)  
St. Patrick’s Seminary, Menlo Park

B.S. City and Regional Planning (*with Highest Honors*)  
California Polytechnic State University

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Serra High School: Dean of Studies (*2002-2008*)  
Theology Department Chair (*1998-2002*)  
Theology Teacher and Coach (*1995-1997*)

City of Pacifica: Associate Planner (*5 years*)

U. S. Peace Corps: Swaziland, Urban Planner (*2 years*)

Barry is a parishioner at St. Agnes Parish  
in San Francisco.



L to R: Mark Jajeh (*Executive Council Vice President*), Niko Tsiplakos (*Sophomore Class Vice President*), T.J. San Diego (*Junior Class President*), Luke Longinotti (*Sophomore Class President*), Calvin Sellwood (*Senior Class Vice President*)

## Student Council Expands Focus

Faculty and administrators continue to seek improvements for the students, not only in the classroom, but also in areas such as student government. Two new positions were added to the council to help engage the entire student body in the relevant issues of today. As a result of student input, the positions of Environmental Commissioner and Campus Ministry Commissioner were added. In addition, a homeroom rep system was created for the purpose of bringing issues to the student leadership. It has become a dynamic form of student communication and problem solving that has strengthened the bonds among students.



# Sojourning for Civil Rights

A ten-day civil rights  
immersion study trip

by RYAN TANA '10



Ryan Tana '10 with other Sojourn participants

I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. *was the symbolic leader of the historic Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's; but over a span of ten days, I realized that it took more than just one person to fight for equality. It took a whole army of brave men and women, black and white, to fight. The combined efforts and resiliency of this army won voting rights for blacks, ended segregation, and took America to a whole new level of racial consciousness.*

DURING MY SPRING BREAK, I WENT ON A "SOJOURN TO THE PAST" trip with a hundred other juniors and seniors from schools around the Bay Area, Los Angeles and Youngstown, Ohio. The trip was a ten-day civil rights immersion study trip, where we learned how the Movement grew in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Tennessee.

On this eye-opening journey, I was fortunate to not only touch upon history, but literally touch the people that made history. I was able to spend time with Minnijean Brown Trickey and Elizabeth Eckford, who were both part of the famous *Little Rock Nine*—the first black students who integrated into an Arkansas high school under protection of the National Guard. I had the privilege of meeting civil rights pioneers like Congressman John Lewis, a leader in incredible marches such as the one from Selma to Montgomery, in order to gain the right for blacks to vote. I met Rev. Clark Olsen, who responded to a national call to clergy to come out to Selma to fight for black voting rights. We heard from Simeon Wright, a cousin of Emmett Till, the Chicago teenager who was brutally murdered for

whistling at a white woman in Mississippi, whose death ignited the Civil Rights Movement. Also included on the honorable list of speakers was Jimmy Webb, the Dahmer family, the McNair family, and Rev. Billy Kyles.

The person that had the most impact on me was Fred Shuttlesworth. He was part of the Big Three (along with Dr. King and Ralph Abernathy) who dedicated their lives to changing the institutional racism that American blacks faced. Shuttlesworth, the man most feared by southern racists because of his undeniable determination, survived two bombings and countless police beatings. Meeting him was so powerful. He looked at me straight in the eye and even though he couldn't speak after a series of strokes, he didn't have to say anything.

After going on this trip, I am working harder to embody the determination that hundreds of men and women, black and white, exhibited to change the world. These brave men and women are proof that ordinary people can do extraordinary things.

# Fund A Dream Luncheon



## An inspired crowd gather to hear alumni Bill Keller '66 and Edwin Lindo '05, return to speak to the Serra Community

### **BILL KELLER**

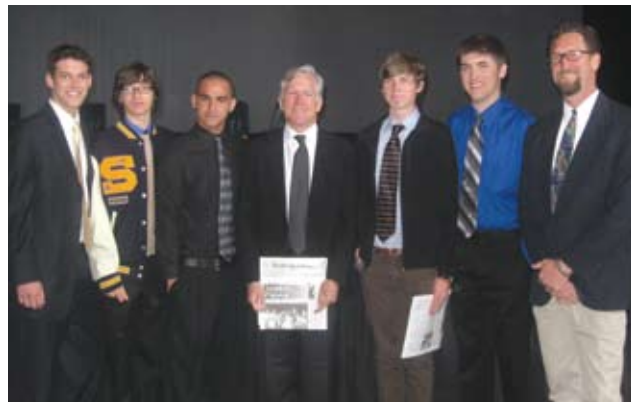
Executive Editor of *The New York Times* since 2003, Bill joined the newspaper in 1984 where he rose through the

ranks to his current position. He served as chief of *The Times* bureau in Johannesburg for three years. Bill was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in March 1989 for his coverage of the Soviet Union, where he served as the bureau chief for three of his five years there.

He made a special trip to Serra to give the keynote address at our Fifth Annual Fund A Dream Luncheon on April 28. His visit was timely as this day marked President Obama's 100th day in office. In his keynote address, Bill gave an overview of President Obama's first 100 days and analyzed the many domestic and international challenges the new president faces. He began by reflecting on his Serra education and how it gave him the broad educational background and critical thinking skills he needed to succeed in journalism.

Prior to the luncheon, Bill met with a group of Serra AP History, Government and English students in an open Q&A forum. He told the students that he never planned to be the editor of a major national newspaper, as he really wanted to be a reporter. Much to the students' delight, he said that his career began as a reporter for the Serra newspaper, *The Friar*.

Speaking about his career with *The Times*, he talked about how fortunate he has been to witness first-hand the fall of the Soviet Union while working there as the Moscow bureau







*Opposite below: L to R: Senior Friar Staff Editors: Jon Eiseman, Eric Shreve, Alex Pineda, Fund A Dream Keynote Speaker Bill Keller '66, Peter Moxley, Chris Issel, Friar Moderator Mr. Ted Morton '85*

*Below: Chick Walsh, Edwin Lindo '05, Varsity Football Coach Patrick Walsh, Janet Abbott*

chief. Before that he was the bureau chief in South Africa and reported first-hand on the end of apartheid. While in South Africa he also had an incredible experience with Nelson Mandela, “who allowed me to spend a day with him when he was president to give me a snapshot of his daily routine.”

“In light of all the places he could have given a speech today,” Serra President Lars Lund remarked, “it’s great to know that Bill flew across the country to speak to the Serra Community.” The luncheon raised over \$140,000 for Serra’s tuition assistance fund.

**EDWIN LINDO** was the student speaker at the first Fund A Dream luncheon in 2005, where he spoke about how the school’s financial aid program made it possible for him to attend Serra. This time he began his speech by telling the audience that he wanted to give them an update on the return on their investment in him when he was a student at Serra.

Despite the fact that his family had many financial difficulties, and the fact that he had to use public transportation for his commute to Serra from San Francisco, he thrived as a student and athlete. After Serra, he earned a scholarship to



the University of the Pacific, and graduated this June. At UOP he served with distinction as the first Latino Student Body President in the school’s history, and has been accepted to the University of Washington Law School.

Most importantly, Edwin has volunteered his time serving as a mentor to minority high school students, some of whom will be the first in their families to attend college. By “paying forward” the investment the Serra community made in him, he is making a difference for the good in the lives of others.

# Career Day

Alumnus Peter Barsocchini '70 delivers message of inspiration and success



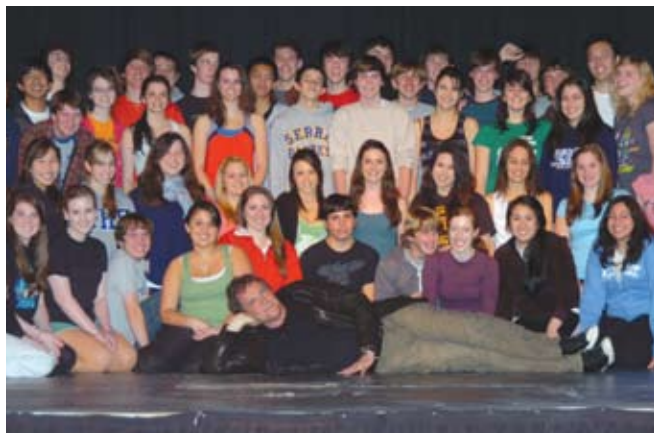
ALUMNUS PETER BARSOCCHINI '70, renowned creator and screenwriter of the Disney *High School Musical* series, returned to Serra last March for the first time since his graduation. He joined more than 50 Serra alumni career day presenters in a variety of fields, including professional photography, biotechnology, secret service work, and even a blimp pilot.

PETER CREDITED SERRA FOR HELPING TO INSTILL IMPORTANT CORE VALUES THAT HE OFTEN CONNECTS WITH IN HIS DAILY LIFE. He credits his positive high school experiences and critical emotional support while at Serra as part of the inspiration behind his *High School Musical* screenplays. "Serra played a central role in the creation of *High School Musical*," said Barsocchini. "I was the jock who was interested in the arts, which is the premise for one of the main characters, Troy Bolton, played by Zach Efron."

He had no idea that the show would turn into the global entertainment and merchandise phenomenon it is today. Currently, the *High School Musical* franchise has grossed over four billion dollars worldwide and reached over 500 million viewers. Peter believes that "...this response just shows that kids want to have fun. It's a dark world right now and we need to remember that there is pure joy in life." During his two-day visit to Serra, Peter met the cast and crew of the student production of the musical *Footloose*. He talked to them about his life in the entertainment world and encouraged them to "Take A Leap...don't be

afraid of failure because, ultimately, failure is more interesting than success. Don't neglect the totality of your life, pursue your passions, but do more...get an education, and seek knowledge of things beyond your passions."

Barsocchini's entertainment career began as a producer for the *Merv Griffin Show*, for which he won several Emmys. His other creative credits include: author of the novel *Ghost*, as well as co-author of *The Look*, *The Jeopardy*, *Mission: Impossible*, and *Drop Zone*.



Peter Barsocchini '70 meets with Tri-school cast of *Footloose*



## MICHAEL PETERSON CELEBRATES RETIREMENT



In June nearly 300 people attended a Mass and reception in honor of Mike Peterson's 31 years at Serra. Guest speakers talked about Mike's commitment and dedication to Serra. Mike's children spoke about their father and his work at Serra. They felt like they 'grew up at Serra' and shared wonderful stories about their father and the impact of Serra on their family.

Mike began his life-long career in education in 1964 at Power Memorial Academy in New York, where he served as the Latin Department Chair for three years. He moved to Montebello, CA in 1967 where he taught Theology and Latin, and then moved to St. Laurence High School in Oaklawn, Illinois where he was the Latin department chair and a teacher. Prior to joining Serra, Mike spent six years at Riordan High School in San Francisco as a teacher and as the Assistant Principal from 1974-1978.

Mike served as Principal of Serra for 24 years and spent the last seven years working on planned giving and special development projects. In addition, Mike served as the moderator of Serra's Fathers Club for 21 years.

Mike's extensive contributions to Serra can be seen all around the campus, from the chapel to the athletic facilities and the science labs. In the past 31 years, he has attended every conceivable activity with students, parents and alumni,

including participating as a model in the annual Mother's Auxiliary Fashion Show. Congratulations, Mike. In honor of Mike's retirement, parents, alumni and friends contributed nearly \$30,000 to the Michael Peterson Endowment Fund, which was established in 2006 by current parents, Lori and David Whitney.

*Top left: Mike Peterson and Clyde Beffa '63*

*Top middle: Mike with Rick and Marchele Bergamaschi*

*Top right: Mike, Richard DeLuna, Dennis Dineen*

*Bottom left: Dennis Dineen and Gerry Heckert*

*Bottom middle: The Peterson Family. Chris Degnan, Carl Peterson '93, Heather Peterson, Kristen Peterson Degnan, with granddaughters: Caitlin, Haley and Clara*

*Bottom right: Joey and Mike Peterson*



For the second year in a row, our dedicated Serra Madre co-chairs Caroline Bottoms, Emily Keyser, Laura Moraros and Pat Zurcher didn't "miss a beat," making the 26th Annual Mothers' Auxiliary Fashion Show "Samba Serra" an afternoon to remember.



Thanks to the wonderful leadership of our Mothers' Auxiliary President Barbara Sabeau, the Fashion Show Committee and the countless volunteers whose imagination and dedication made this event truly extraordinary.

Eighty-four student models representing Serra, Mercy, and Notre Dame High School hit the runway with poise and self-confidence, as over 600 guests enjoyed music, fashion, and a delightful luncheon at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel in Burlingame.

The longstanding tradition of Senior Mothers walking with their sons was truly the highlight of the day, along with a special acknowledgement of former Serra Principal Michael Peterson who celebrated twenty-five years as a participant in the Serra Fashion Show. Mike retired in April after 31 years of distinguished service to Serra High School.



*From top: Jessica Malekos-Smith NDB '09 and Tim Haggerty '09*

*Sarah Rossi NDB '09, Clay Mallory '09*

*Principal Barry Thornton with wife Susie*

*Kristen Peterson Degnan NDB '92 (daughter of former Serra Principal Michael Peterson) and Kristen's daughter Caitlin*





Tri-School Productions, the award-winning performing arts program featuring students and staff from Serra, Mercy and Notre Dame, packed Serra's Gellert Auditorium during each of their spring musical performances of "Footloose."



*Katherine Russell (NDB), Eric Foard '09*

Tri-School Productions' staff members were initially drawn to "Footloose" because of its engaging, retro-80s pop score. But once rehearsals ensued, cast and staff alike quickly connected with the hopeful moral themes of tolerance and trust. "It would have been easy to make 'Footloose' a campy send-up on 80's fashion," remarked Production Manager Tom Sullivan '81, "but Gennine Harrington's vision for the show was so much more than big hair and flashy costumes."

The audience was treated to standout individual performances from Serra junior Owen McInnis, Notre Dame senior Emma Clark, and Mercy junior Catherine Traceski, to name a few.

But the heart and soul of "Footloose" could be measured in the relationship between Reverend Moore (Serra senior Eric Foard), his wife Vi Moore (Mercy senior Chelle Denton), and Bomont newcomer Ren McCormack (Matt Elkins). Their interplay gave "Footloose" an acting depth that carried the performance from the second act "Can You Find It In Your Heart" (sung by Denton), through the finale. Appreciative audiences rewarded the cast, crew, and orchestra with standing ovations nightly.

One hundred students from the three schools participated in the production, making Tri-School Productions the largest of the Tri-School programs.

# Padre Eagles Soar High

12 join the ranks of  
Serra's Eagle Scouts



It is a long and rigorous road to travel in order to reach the top level of scouting known as Eagle, yet twelve Serra students recently completed the journey. These young leaders bring the total number of Padre Eagles to 147.

In order to reach the rank of Eagle, young men must demonstrate their ability to progress through six ranks of scouting, earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, serve in a leadership position, and complete a community service project. More than that, an Eagle Badge stands for a job started and finished, an understanding of one's community and nation, and a willingness to help others. Only 1% of all boys who enter the Scouting program ever achieve the Rank of Eagle Scout.

The community service projects completed by these dedicated Padre Eagle Scouts ranged from building an 8 foot tall patio cover in the Priests' courtyard at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

(Zach Felise '09) to building a foot-bridge at Hidden Villa Farm in Los Altos (Kevin Moore '09). "The new bridge replaced an older bridge that was rotted," said Moore. "I put in over 250 work hours on the project and it took about a month to complete. The bridge is 20 feet long and connects the farm to nearby hiking trails in the surrounding mountains."

Junior Kyle Poland's project consisted of building 21 owl nesting boxes (10 for barn owls and 11 for screech owls) for use in the San Francisco watershed. "The boxes provide homes to the owl population, which in turn is a natural pest management for rats and mice," explained Poland.

Michael Tauskey, also a junior, helped refurbish the wooden benches in St. Mary's courtyard on the Serra campus. "I also helped build additional benches to allow more students to have a place to enjoy their meals and free time," said Tauskey.

Senior James Murphy's project was so successful that the San Mateo City Parks architect wants to rename the trail that Murphy helped restore to Laurelwood Eagle Scout Trail. "I met with the City Parks architect and we agreed that I would refurbish a section of the trail to improve its appearance, safety and drainage features." Many fellow scouts, friends from Serra, and family members helped with the project that took several long weekends to complete.

**Serra High School congratulates and honors each of the following scouts' stellar accomplishments: Seniors: Zachary Felise, Chris McLinden, Kevin Moore, James Murphy, Jade Rey, Sam Schneider, Roy Steiner, Michael Totagrande, Robert Tolleth, and Shane Worthge; Juniors: Kyle Poland and Michael Tauskey**



A large wooden trebuchet is set up on a green football field under a clear blue sky. Several students in white t-shirts are gathered around the structure, which is made of light-colored wood. One student is standing near the base, while others are positioned further back. The trebuchet has a long, angled arm supported by a complex wooden frame. A red running track is visible in the foreground.

## AP Physics Students Design and Test MEDIÉVAL TREBUCHET

What better way for a student to spend their last seven days of physics class than to design and build a medieval trebuchet. The Trebuchet, derived from the old French word to “overthrow,” was a Medieval siege attack weapon used for hurling heavy stones to smash castle or city walls.

After the class watched a NOVA film about medieval use of the trebuchet, Physics teacher, Eric Plett, provided students with very basic instructions and materials to build a small scale trebuchet in the lab. “The students had three days to build it and they understood very quickly what factors they needed to pay attention to. Some of the smallest things are the most difficult—like the throwing pouch; it has to release the projectile at the right time to get the maximum range angle of 45 degrees.”

They then built scale-ups which were used in a competition on the football field. A group of seniors, including Geoffrey Joe, Andrew Galli, Max Kaindl, and Kyle Costanzo, decided to take the project a step further and built a life-size trebuchet—the largest by far of any brought to the hallowed grounds of Serra High School.

Their two farthest launches officially measured 86 yards. The second best group this year included seniors Peter Whitney, Kimmy Ransom, NDB (tri-school), Ian Tolle, and David Motamed whose much smaller trebuchet went nearly the same distance—traveling 81 yards.

“One elderly Serra neighbor said that it was the most exciting thing he had witnessed since the Bay Bridge went up,” commented Plett. “I thought that was a classic comment.”

# Up Close in Washington

## Witnessing History

Several members of the Serra Community traveled to Washington D.C. in January to witness a defining moment in history as Barack Obama became the country's first African-American President.

Academic Resource Director, Gayle Rosenberg, was accompanied by her husband and grown children. Serra alum, Andy Solari '01, a political campaign consultant who lives in North Carolina, and his sister Katie were among the millions who stood on the Washington Mall. Andy is the son of Serra faculty member Rob Solari. Alex Duvivier and Max Kaindl, both class of 2009, made the journey with their respective leadership organizations: Lead America and the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference. The trip was most poignant for Serra campus security officer, Contessa Osborne, who traveled with members of her church group, and senior Jordan Taylor and his family who, as African Americans, never thought they'd see this day.



Even before Barack Obama became the Democratic nominee, Gayle and her son, Steven, had decided that, if Obama was elected, they would make it a point to be part of the historic inauguration. Despite the freezing temperatures, the Rosenbergs bundled up in heavy coats and hand warmers and made their way onto the National

Mall by 4:00 a.m. "Even though it was the coldest I had ever been, the emotions from the mass of humanity who joined together for this historic occasion was enough to warm our hearts and souls," said Gayle.

Both Solari and his sister Katie were fortunate to have access to multiple inaugural events during their time in D.C., as Andy works with the Democratic Party. They also attended the confirmation of Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State. Katie summed up her feelings by saying, "The excitement and energy in the city was unlike anything I had ever seen; everybody was so happy. Even though we were





Twenty Serra students participated in a seven-day “Close Up” trip to Washington D.C. during their 2009 spring break. The Close-Up Foundation is the nation’s leading civic education provider of resources for more than one million students and teachers in 15,000 schools nationwide. The goal of the annual trip is to educate, inspire, and empower Serra’s young men to become active citizens in our democratic society.

As part of the week’s activities, the group met with California Congresswoman Jackie Speier (Mercy High School graduate), along with her Communications Director on the steps of Capitol Hill.



uncomfortable due to the hoards of people, everyone had a smile on their face because we all knew it was worth it to be a part of this incredible moment in history.”

Kaindl was able to sit in the reserved seating area near the front of the inaugural platform. “It was a chance of a lifetime and very empowering,” said Kaindl. “Being in Washington D.C. on January 20th made me realize that people do have a voice and can truly change government.” Duvivier said that it felt “surreal” as he viewed President Obama taking the oath of office, and felt it “defined a generation of young people.”



For Serra’s campus security officer, Contessa Osborne, it was “the second best thing” (next to her son’s college graduation) in her life. As an African American, Contessa never dreamed this day would come. Contessa woke at 3:00 a.m. on that bitter cold morning to travel to the National Mall. “It was so serene and there was such a feeling

of unity and togetherness,” said Contessa. “Never in my lifetime did I think I would see this day. It makes me happy inside.”

By the time the inauguration began, Contessa, along with her elderly mother, had moved inside the Washington Plaza Hotel. “There were TVs in every area of the hotel, and the feeling of unity was so moving—especially when everyone joined in the Lord’s Prayer.”

Taylor and his family members also made their way to the National Mall in the early morning hours. Taylor’s 73 year-old aunt, who had traveled by bus from Detroit, and his Dad, who grew up in a time of racial inequity in Tennessee, thought they would never live to see an African American become President. “I felt proud to be an American and realized that anything is possible,” said Jordan. “This is something that I will remember for the rest of my life and will be able to tell my kids.”



For the fortunate members of our Serra community who witnessed it first-hand, it will be a day that will be forever etched in their memories. To watch as Chief Justice John Roberts administered the Presidential Oath on the same Bible used at President Lincoln’s 1861 inauguration was truly incredible. Each of them expressed feelings of anticipation, optimism and hope for the next four years.



# Bridging the Global Divide

Serra Soccer donates equipment to help others

by PETER MOXLEY '09



**Siiro:** a very small rural village in western Ghana with a population of 100.  
**Junipero Serra High School:** an all-boys Catholic high school in San Mateo with a student body of one thousand.

Thanks to the creative thinking and generous efforts of the Serra Soccer program, Coach Jeff Panos and Head Librarian Susan Cordes, the distance between Siiro and Serra was not an impediment to bringing the two together.

Mrs. Cordes' son, Kevin, is currently serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana and has been living in the village of Siiro as part of an agri-forestry program—an aspect of the Peace Corps. The village is completely based on agriculture; there is no electricity, no running water. "My son collects his water from a well," added Mrs. Cordes. "His job is to teach the villagers more sustainable farming techniques."

Kevin noticed that the teenagers in the village had nothing to do in terms of sports. When the villagers asked him to coach a soccer team, he eagerly agreed; then he learned they had nothing to play the game with: no goals, no nets, no balls. The toys in the town are pieces of wood and their "soccer equipment" was a busted up old ball and a fishing net that served as a goal.

After hearing that a fellow member of the Peace Corps got his former high school's soccer team to donate their equipment to a village, he passed the idea on to his mom. Mrs. Cordes immediately sent the village teens some soccer balls (mail takes almost a month to get to Siiro). "I talked to Mr. Donahue about it and he sent me to Coach Panos. It was really easy to figure out," said Mrs. Cordes. She and Coach Panos created a cultural exchange program between the soccer team and the village's teenagers.

Panos arranged for the donation of soccer equipment to the Siiro team—nets and balls and, best of all, the team's Serra Soccer jerseys. The Serra soccer team, after a fantastic season, has transcended their season and has now helped this soccer team thousands of miles away.

One Serra player in particular who went above and beyond was senior Matt Stryzcek. He was out for most of the season recovering from ACL surgery, but played in the last few crucial





games as a forward. "While I was recovering, Mrs. Cordes informed me about the project." Stryseck compiled all the season's game summaries as well as game photos and different things about soccer and his time as a player. "I wanted them to learn about what kind of community Serra is and what it's like to be on a soccer team," says Stryseck.

When asked about what this cultural exchange has taught him, Matt remarked that "they enjoy soccer just as much as we do" and "this experience got me closer to the game of soccer. I'm hoping that the soccer team can continue this and I hope that other teams can do something like this next year."



2008-09 Serra Soccer Team

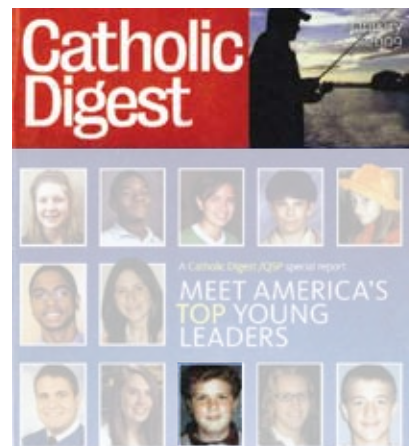


## ANDREW COMSTOCK '10 SERRA AMBASSADOR

Newly elected Executive Student Body President, Andrew Comstock, presented former Philippine President, Fidel V. Ramos, with a Serra Padres sweatshirt at a welcome reception in San Francisco for Ramos, the World Wide Ambassador of Trade and Goodwill. Comstock is the youngest ambassador for the Daly City-Colma Chamber of Commerce, a co-sponsor of the event. He had previously met the President on his two trade missions to the Philippines where he was an accredited delegate.

## SEAN ROBERTSON '12 ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP YOUNG LEADERS

In January 2009, *Catholic Digest* featured Sean as one of twelve "America's Top Young Catholic Leaders" who embody the spirit of leadership, positive attitude, impeccable character, and a deep commitment to their faith. The article praised Sean for conquering his learning disability, volunteering as a tutor, peer counselor, camp counselor and being elected as Serra's freshman Campus Ministry Officer. He was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. Sean can be found volunteering on Saturdays at several local hospitals.





# Pete Jensen Retires

One of the Winningest  
Coaches in Northern  
California History



Coach Pete Jensen with  
Assemblymember Jerry Hill

After 23 years of coaching baseball at Serra, Pete Jensen retired in style this year, finishing his final season with his fourth Central Coast Section Division I championship. Pete's final career record at Serra is impressive: 564-181-5.

In his first season, in 1984, the Padres won their first CCS title, led by future MLB star Gregg Jefferies. Jensen

then guided the school to additional CCS championships in 1991 and 1998. Under Pete's leadership, the Padres also have won fourteen WCAL championships.

"I've had so many memories at this school," explains Jensen, "and to win both of our last two games the way we did and now to end it like this is right at the top. We've always had such great kids at Serra and they work so hard at it."

Pete was chosen to receive the 2009 CalHiSports.com State Coach of the Year award and was also named the *San Mateo County Times* Coach of the Year. In 2008, Pete was inducted into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame.

His program has produced major league players including Gregg Jefferies '85, Scott Chiamparino '84, Joe Kmak '81, and Dan Serafini '92.

In addition to coaching, Pete has been a member of the faculty, teaching Architectural Design, Physical Education and Mathematics and will continue in that role. Pete's wife, Robin has also worked at the school for the past 18 years. She is currently a member of the development department staff where she works as the Development Administrative Assistant, supporting office and database management as well as the alumni and parent special events. Their son, Tyler, is a graduate of the class of 1990.

A dedication honoring Coach Jensen was held at Serra in May to recognize his contributions to Serra and to the lives of the many Padres he coached during his tenure. The diamond on Frisella Field was formally named the Pete Jensen Diamond. State, county and city proclamations were read by dignitaries representing each group, and Principal Barry Thornton presented Pete with a plaque which read:

*Junipero Serra High School Baseball is one of the most respected and successful programs in the state. The success of the program goes beyond wins and losses. You have made a difference in the lives of the athletes you have coached teaching them the values and skills needed to succeed not only on the baseball field but also in life. In honor of your commitment, dedication and service to Junipero Serra High School, the baseball diamond from this date on will be called the "Pete Jensen Diamond."*





## CCS Championship—A Home Run!

Players at Serra all knew what was on the line when they batted in the bottom of the seventh inning of the CIF Central Coast Section Division I championship, with the score tied against league rival Archbishop Mitty of San Jose.

Senior Tony Renda powered a two-run homer in the third inning, giving Serra a 2-1 lead. The game was tied 4-4 in the bottom of the seventh. With one out, junior Luca Ponti singled up the middle, moved to second on a balk, then went to third on a passed ball. With the infield drawn in, teammate Justin Maffei (senior) also singled up the middle to score Ponti and gave the Padres their 5-4 victory.

Renda was named Athlete of the Week and Player of the Year by the *San Mateo County Times* and Player of the Year by the *San Mateo Daily Journal*. The Journal cited Tony as “one of the greatest players in Serra baseball history...A no-nonsense athlete, Renda finished his three-year varsity career with the most hits and runs scored in school history,

and the second most stolen bases... there’s no denying he was the catalyst for a powerhouse team.”

“I don’t think it’s sunk in yet fully that we won CCS,” Tony said when talking with the Journal. “You look up (at all the banners on the fence of the baseball field) and you see all the WCAL titles, but the last CCS title was in 1998, and you think, ‘Man, that needs to change real soon.’ We go after it with a team capable of winning CCS every year, so it was frustrating that we couldn’t get it done the last couple of years. But to be able to finally break that drought was an unbelievable feeling.”

Tony was also named the West Catholic Athletic League’s Most Valuable Player.

This win marks the sixth CCS Championship for the Padres, with previous wins in 1984, 1991, 1993, 1994 and 1998. Congratulations on a job well done! For more baseball season highlights, see page 25.

## 2008-2009 BLANKET AWARD WINNERS

**MITCHELL COUNCIL**  
2008 CROSS COUNTRY

**CODY JACKSON**  
2008 FOOTBALL

**ZACK CHIERICI**  
2008 WATER POLO

**RYAN TANA**  
2009 BASKETBALL

**NICK CARRARA**  
2009 SOCCER

**STEVEN TOUBA**  
2009 WRESTLING

**JAMES SHEFFER-SHERRY**  
2009 CREW

**TONY RENDA**  
**ZACK TURNER**  
2009 BASEBALL

**TIM BYRNE**  
2009 GOLF

**NICK SFARZO**  
2009 LACROSSE

**MASA OTO**  
2009 SWIMMING

**ERIK GORDON**  
2009 TENNIS

**RICKY ROSARIO**  
2009 TRACK

**BRETT MCCOLLUM**  
2009 VOLLEYBALL

# Winter Sports



◀ **BASKETBALL** played a difficult pre-season schedule as preparation for the rugged WCAL league play. The Padres went 8-3 against non-league opponents. Coach Rapp had to overcome a lack of size during the season, which made league play very difficult. The Padres battled hard and were in every game, ending with an 11-16 season record. Serra received a number four seed, but lost in the quarter-finals on a last second shot ending their season. Junior Ryan Tana (*pictured left*) was recognized by the WCAL, receiving 2nd Team All League Honors. Honorable Mention All WCAL went to junior Jordan Reudy, senior Danny Chavez and sophomore Connor McGrath.

The Padres had another successful year in basketball, soccer and wrestling. All three teams competed hard in the WCAL and each qualified for the Central Coast Section playoffs. In addition, all three of the winter sports varsity teams qualified as CCS Scholastic Achievement teams with an overall team GPA of 3.0 or better.



◀ **SOCCER** Coach Jeff Panos guided the Padre soccer team to an overall record of 11-6-4. Soccer had a great run in the sectional playoffs. In the semi-finals, the Padres played league rival Bellarmine. After eighty minutes of regulation play, two ten-minute over-times and two five-minute sudden death overtimes, the match came down to penalty kicks. Junior goalie Matt Grosey was spectacular in the goal, blocking the first two Bellarmine attempts. In the end, the Padres dropped the shoot out 2-1. Senior Nick Carrara was named WCAL Offensive Player of the Year. Carrara and senior Kevin Becker were named to the 1st Team All WCAL, while junior Nick Roberts made second team. Honorable Mention went to Grosey.

➤ **WRESTLING** Coach Dan Vogl led the wrestling team to another excellent year. In the WCAL Championship, Serra took home three first place finishes, two seconds and three thirds. Freshman Travis Roberts (103), JP Rastrullo (119) (*pictured right: JP Rastrullo dominates opponent*) and Steve Touba (152) brought home the gold. Jared Roberts (125) and Joey Lopez (215) were silver medalists and Nick Ochoa (130), Danny DeAlba (189) and James Gonzales (275) wore bronze medals. The Padres sent 12 out of 14 wrestlers on to the CCS Tournament. Travis Roberts, Jared Roberts, DeAlba and Gonzales made it to the second day of CCS competition.





# Spring Sports



◀ **BASEBALL** finished in a three-way tie for first place in the WCAL regular season. WCAL rules do not provide for a round robin champion, if there is a three way tie. The Padres entered the league playoffs as the number one seed and promptly advanced to the semi-finals with a 9-1 win over Archbishop Riordan in a first round contest. Next up for Serra was St. Francis in the semi-finals. The Padres downed the Lancers 12-8 to set up another showdown with Valley Christian for the league championship. Serra scored a come-from-behind 15-11 victory while winning the WCAL Championship. Coach Pete Jensen once again led the Padres to a 26-6 win season against some of the toughest competition in the Bay Area. Serra entered the CCS Playoffs as the number four seed. Senior three-year starter Tony Renda (*pictured left*) was named WCAL Player of the Year.

Baseball, Golf, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field and Volleyball all qualified for CCS Playoffs. Lacrosse qualified for the PAL Playoffs, as CCS does not have a sectional playoff for Lacrosse. Crew (*which rows as an independent*) competed well in the CJ's, qualifying the two-man shell for the national championships, with seniors Chris Chang and Zachary Felise earning the silver medal.

▼ **GOLF** The varsity golf team took fifth place in the WCAL with junior golfer Tim Byrne (*pictured below*) earning All WCAL honors. The Padres qualified for CCS and took seventh in the qualifying round.



◀ **LACROSSE** competes in the Peninsula Athletic League and finished in fifth place, qualifying for the league playoffs. After being road warriors for the first two seasons, the team was able to play all of their home games on campus. Post season honors were awarded to Harrison Morgan who was named 1st Team All Peninsula Athletic League. Receiving Honorable Mention All PAL were goalie Nick Sfarzo and Jack Butler. Next year, the WCAL will begin competition in lacrosse.



# Spring Sports



▲ **SWIMMING** Coach Bob Greene has the swimming program firing on all cylinders. The Padres varsity and frosh-soph teams qualified for 40 individual events at the WCAL Swimming and Diving Championships. Frosh-soph finished second in the league championships. The Padres finished seventeenth out of thirty-nine teams in the CCS Championships. Junior Masa Oto (*pictured above*) received All American Consideration for his eighth place (51.69) finish in the 100 butterfly. The Padre 200 Freestyle Relay Team (Masa Oto, Steven Arms, Zack Chierici and Niko Velazquez) finished twelfth in CCS with a time of 1:29.69.

▼ **CREW** Under Head Coach Cassandra Cunningham, the Padre Crew team had another outstanding year sending two athletes to the National Championships. Seniors Chris Chang and Zachary Felise placed 1st in their heat for the two-man shell at the 2009 U.S. Rowing Southwest Junior Championship Regatta held at Lake Natoma during Mothers' Day weekend. Chang and Felise placed 3rd in the final with a time of 7:12:99, qualifying them to race at the U.S. Rowing Junior Championships in Cincinnati on June 11-14, where they placed second becoming the first Padres ever to medal at the nationals. *Pictured below: Coach Cassandra Cunningham, Zachary Felise '09, and Chris Chang '09*



◀ **TRACK** Seniors Chris Bet and Freddie Menzel (*pictured far left*) battled throughout the entire track season, setting new school records in the pole vault. Menzel was the first to break the old school record, with a new mark of 14'7", which didn't last long as Bet went over the bar at 15' in the Sacramento Meet of Champions. Bet equaled the 15' mark again at the last meet of the season at Serra, becoming the first Padre to clear that height on campus. The WCAL Championship saw new records as well: Bet set a new school record of 15'4"; junior Don Andre Clark (*pictured near left*) took both the 100 and 200 with teammate junior Nate Harvey finishing second in both events. Serra's 4x100 meter took second, setting a new school record of 42.42. Senior Ricky Rosario won the 400 meter race and sophomore Dalyn Pacheco took second in both the triple jump and high jump. Bet, Pacheco and the 4x100 relay team all qualified for the CIF State Championships.





▲ **VOLLEYBALL** finished in fifth place in the WCAL round robin and qualified for the CCS. New head coach Eric Ballelos guided Serra to a 20-13 season record. The Padres made it to the semi-finals of the league playoffs before a hard fought loss to round robin champion St. Francis. The Padres opened CCS Tournament play with a dominating first-round victory over Leland, advancing to the quarter finals. Serra took on number one CCS seed in the quarter-finals losing in three hard fought matches. Brandon Matlock (*pictured above*) was named 1st Team All WCAL and Brett McCollum received honorable mention.



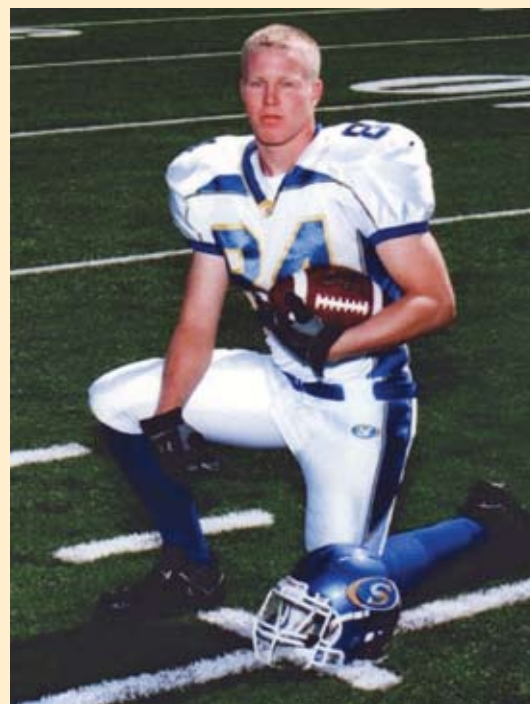
◀ **TENNIS** New tennis coach and Padre alum Mike Esola '00 led the Padres to a fourth place finish and a nine win, eight loss record overall. Senior Spencer Talmadge (*pictured left*) repeated as WCAL tennis singles champion. His back-to-back championships are a first in Serra's tennis history. Talmadge, also the defending CCS individual champion and the number one doubles player in Northern California for the 14's, 16's and 18's division, will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall.

## Shea Award Recipient



The 2009 Shea Award was presented to senior football and baseball player Doug Caldwell. 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. Voted on by

the head coaches, it is the highest honor that Serra confers on a senior athlete. Doug was the mainstay of the Padre defense in football, anchoring the defensive line. On the baseball team, he was on the pitching staff and had several key wins for the Padres. Congratulations Doug.



# Why We Care About Serra

Claudia and Kerry Bach



This spring, Claudia and Kerry Bach, parents of Kyle '05, indicated that they are including Serra High School in their estate planning. Kerry explained that Kyle, who graduated from Loyola Marymount this June, chose Serra on his own and they couldn't be happier.

"He would have gotten lost at another school. The teacher-parent communication was a key factor in Kyle's success. More importantly, the fellowship he felt with his peers was very meaningful. Serra did a great job of 'putting the final polish' on our son. His character and sense of service and community are the things he is most grateful for."

As the newest members of the Father Serra Heritage Society, the Bachs shared their reasons for making Serra a priority in their charitable giving.

"Let me start by saying that we are a pretty typical Serra family in that we are a solidly middle class, hard working family. We live frugally and make enough to live on the Peninsula. We chose to send our son to Serra based on his decision and we never looked back. We continue to give

regularly to charities, including our house of worship and Serra High School. I still believe the money we spent to send our son to Serra was money well spent.

We believe in the Serra mission. The teaching of young men in body, mind and spirit can be approached in a private school and that's what makes a place like Serra so very valuable.

We found and continue to find the Serra community extremely warm and it will always feel like home to us. But what really sets Serra apart is the dedication of the staff. I work in higher education and the devotion and hours given by so many of the staff at Serra are astounding.

When Mike Peterson approached me about including Serra High School in our will, it didn't take us long to realize that it was easy, doable and the right thing to do. Just as we give to our favorite charities while we are living, it only makes sense that we should also contribute a portion of our estate on our passing. I would encourage all Serra supporters to do the same."



## SUPPORTING SERRA WAYS TO GIVE

A Junipero 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 the funds where they are most needed.

### OUTRIGHT GIFTS

Outrights 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% of your adjusted gross income. 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. If you are not sure if your employer provides matching gifts, go to Serra's website for a list of employers who do so.

### MEMORIAL AND HONORARY TRIBUTE GIFTS

A gift to the Memorial Endowment Fund can help perpetuate the values and ideals that guided a loved one's life. Gifts provide a tribute in memory of a loved one's passing or may 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 Junipero 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.



## Help Keep Padre Traditions Strong at Serra

Serra relies on the involvement and generosity of our parents, alumni and friends to assure that each new generation of Padres may reach beyond their grasp to achieve their dreams. Support Serra today by making your donation online at: [www.Serrahs.com](http://www.Serrahs.com). *Gifts to Serra are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.*

*Art teacher Peg Farrell instructs advanced art student*

# BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2009

“Commemorating  
Serra Rockers of the 60’s”



Serra High School has been long known for its great music program and talented musicians. This is as true today as it was during Serra’s early years. The annual Battle of the Bands event held this past April proved no different, with a record number of 10 bands competing for the coveted First Place “Top-Band” trophy. This year’s theme commemorated Serra’s “Rockers of the Sixties,” and each band was required to perform a classic 60’s cover song in a style of their choice. The event was masterfully emceed by Serra’s own classic rock aficionado and music director of over 25 years, Mr. Jay Jordan. Making this year’s “battle” extra special was the rare combination of four alumni musicians from the Class of ’68, who enthusiastically agreed to be judges for the event. We were honored to welcome back Padre alums Vince Hurley, Bruce Massie, Rick Ehrhorn, and Mike Curotto. *(pictured right)*

Our alumni judges were no strangers to the Serra stage. Three of the judges began their musical journey together in 8th grade as classmates at St. Gregory’s during the height of Beatlemania. During their freshman year at Serra in ’65, their musical talents were fostered and inspired by Serra’s music director John Catalano. In addition to performing individually in the various bands and ensembles during their four years at Serra, they also performed together as “The Midnighters,” Serra’s first rock band. They played

at the Serra concerts, as well as school dances and teen club events on the Peninsula and in the Santa Cruz area. They also shared some “Happy Together” memories—opening for “The Turtles” at San Francisco’s Longshoreman’s Hall, and performing at the Cow Palace Battle of the Bands in front of several thousand teens. The Midnighters included: Ehrhorn—vocals/guitar, Massie—vocals/guitar, Hurley—bass, and Scott Morris—drums. Scott became a professional drummer, teaching at the Berkeley Jazz School and regularly performing and recording



“It brought back so many warm memories of San Mateo, my years at Serra, and those wonderful, but too short years with the band.”

—Vince Hurley ‘68

with a very long list of notable jazz musicians. Sadly, Scott passed away several years ago after a courageous battle with cancer. His very close friend, fellow Padre classmate, and renowned bay area drum instructor, Mike Curotto, was our fourth Padre judge.





*Winning Band, The Mongols;  
pictured L to R: RJ Newkirk '10, Josh  
Friedberg (Menlo), Matt Pritchett '10  
and Adam Buncke (Burlingame)*

*Middle Right: Brandon Matlock '09  
(The Smith & The Squire)*

*Bottom Left: Rob King '09  
(Vain & Vengeance)*

Following each band's performance, the judges shared their compliments, musical wisdom and advice. After all the bands performed, a personal note sent to the competing bands from Santana's drummer, Padre alum Michael Shrieve '67, was read on stage by Mr. Jordan.

"Billy the Kid" (Johnny Villar '10, Dante Bertana '10 and Daniel Weiser) took the 3rd Place award with Johnny Villar's powerful vocals and rocker moves and Dante Bertana's hot chops on the drums. Tittleman's Crest (Jon Eiseman '09,

phy went to "The Mongols" (Matt Pritchett '10, RJ Newkirk '10, Adam Buncke, and Josh Friedberg with Pritchett on lead vocals and Newkirk on lead guitar.

For the first time, the judges also rated the drummers individually during their performances. After the band trophies were presented, a special "Scott Morris Top Drum Award" was also presented in honor of Scott's place in Serra's musical history. This year's recipient was Notre Dame's Missy Hoffman of "Serpent Power," who impressed the judges with

"The opportunity to be together again, to share 40 years of past experiences, and to realize the level of Serra's current musicians is unique."

—Bruce Massie '68



Gabe Marx '10, Owen McInnis '10, and Taylor Rankin '09) took 2nd Place with a masterful rendition of the David Bowie hit "Space Oddity." One of the event organizers called their version "better than the original recording... a creative and well-performed arrangement with very artistic drumming by Serra's Taylor Rankin." The coveted 1st Place tro-

phy went to "The Mongols" (Matt Pritchett '10, RJ Newkirk '10, Adam Buncke, and Josh Friedberg with Pritchett on lead vocals and Newkirk on lead guitar.

Each of our alumni judges commented on the terrific talent the Serra students displayed and the fun time they had reminiscing at this year's event. It looks like once again the bar has been set a notch higher for next year's "Battle."



## The Father Serra Heritage Society

Named after our founding father, the Father Serra Heritage Society is a group of generous donors who have designated a gift through their estate plans to Serra High School. Members of the Society have much in common with Father Serra. They believe in quality education, leadership and innovation. They believe that a Serra education is among the best in California and should be preserved for future generations of Padres.

For more information about how you can make a gift to Serra through your estate, please visit our planned giving website pages or contact the Director of Advancement at 650.573.9935, ext. 188.

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*\*Deceased*

## In Memoriam

**SANDRA ASHER**, mother to Kevin '96 and David, passed away on July 4.

**MAGGIE BAY**, mother to Tom '75 and Charlie '79, passed away on September 7th. Maggie was a long-time volunteer at Serra, as well as at St. Bartholomew Church in San Mateo.

**DOLORES BIANCHINA**, mother to Rick '63, passed away on April 8th at the age of 89.

**RENEE BUTTIGNOL**, mother to Mario '53 and Victor '56, passed away on April 17 at the age of 93.

**BILL CAMPBELL, JR. '50**, father of Major William Campbell, III '87 passed away on June 15th.

**ROBERT COOK**, father of incoming freshman Bradley '13 passed away on March 21st.

**MORRIS DALEY**, father to Bill '72 and Tim '77, passed away on January 15th.

**REV. CHARLES F. DOUGHERTY**, retired priest of the Diocese of San Jose and former Serra faculty member (1971-1978), passed away on January 27th.

**EDITH FREGOSI**, mother to Leonard '54 and James '57, passed away on March 4th.

**HANS H. FREY**, father of Serra faculty member Hans Frey, passed away on July 5.

**LILLIAN (LILY) GHIEMMETTI**, mother to Jim '64, passed away on April 7th at the age of 97.

**NICK ISOM '95**, brother of Robert '98, passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer on May 26. Nick was an honor student and member of the wrestling team while at Serra.

**SEAN KEILY '90**, son of Michael '60 passed away on June 13, 2008.

**JOHN METZCUS '88**, brother to Christopher '83, passed away on March 13th. John is survived by his wife Michelle and two children, Santana and Amelia. John's father Mike was a Serra Fathers' Club President.

**RON MUTTI '48** passed away on February 24th.

**HAROLD VARNI '50** passed away on May 4.

**MARVIN (BILL) WARD '62** passed away on June 24.

**KATHRYN WELTE**, mother to Carl '58, passed away on March 14th.





**Hello fellow alumni and friends,** After many years of reading our *Traditions* magazine, it's a pleasure to be able to address all of you in this wonderful forum. For the past four years, I have been privileged to be a part of the Junipero Serra High School Alumni Association and lend a

hand in support of the school and all of our graduates. As we welcome our newest group of Padre Alums from the Serra Class of 2009, I'd like to share with you some insight into what we do and what we have planned in the coming year.

Being a part of the Alumni Association allows our members to stay connected to the school and our friends, while helping with fundraising events such as the Homecoming BBQ and the Alumni Golf Tournament. In May we hosted the very rewarding "Senior Luncheon", where we provided a going-away gift to our newest group of alums who we hope to see back at Serra in the very near future.

On the business side, our fundraising activities bolster the school's scholarship program which provides assistance to

young men who wouldn't otherwise have the resources to realize their dream of attending one of the finest Catholic high schools in the Bay Area.

As successful as we are, these accomplishments would not be possible without the continuing participation and support from the very heart of our family—YOU! This is a very exciting time in our school's history. While Serra is in the midst of a fantastic revitalization program, we are also attempting to locate and reconnect with our Padre family members who we have not heard from in a while. We're extremely pleased with the ever-increasing number of alums who are attending our events and reunions, and we're optimistic that the numbers will only grow.

I welcome you to join me, Alumni Director Bob Greene, and a number of great guys in the Junipero Serra Alumni Association. For more information, please visit the Serra Online Alumni Community at [www.serrahs.com](http://www.serrahs.com), or call Bob Greene '85, in our Alumni Office at 650.573.9935, ext 191.

**Take care and Go Padres!**

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Contact Bob Greene, Alumni Director to learn more  
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# 22nd Serra Annual Golf Classic



June 22 was a perfect day of golf for Serra alumni and friends: great weather, great golf course and great camaraderie. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and the 136 golfers who came out for Serra, the Alumni Scholarship Fund will receive more than \$30,000 from the golf tournament. This important support provides vital financial assistance to deserving young men at Serra.

Special thanks to Mitch Juricich and the Golf Committee who organized this day. Mitch is a television and radio personality, and the creator and Co-Host of "Hooked on Golf" on KNBR radio on Saturday mornings, as well as the internet. Mitch is the founder and President of Tournament Event Enterprises, a successful outsource provider of customized and simplified golf tournaments. His gregarious personality and enthusiasm for Serra solidified the overwhelming success of the day.

Be sure to mark your calendar for June 21, 2010 so you don't miss our 23rd Annual Golf Classic!

Congratulations to the winners and everyone who made this day possible.

## 2009 WINNERS

### A Flight:

PAT SHAUGHNESSY  
CHRIS PEDERSON '89  
MARK HARTLEY  
CHRIS RONAN

### B Flight:

DAVE DOLLINGER  
ALEX JOHNSON  
RICH KELLY '82  
JOHN UHL '81

### Senior Flight:

JOHN COPELAND  
RON GILMORE  
JIM JOHNSON  
RAFAEL TORRES



*Top photo: L to R: Alumni Director Bob Greene '85, Mitch Juricich, Greg Hart '76, Pat Moran '80*

*Top left: Matt Calderon '08*

*Top right: L to R: Chris Ronan, Chris Pederson '89, Mark Hartley, Pat Shaughnessy*

*Bottom left: L to R: Ron Gilmore, Jim Johnson, Rafael Torres*  
*Bottom right: L to R: Rich Kelly '82, John Uhl '81*





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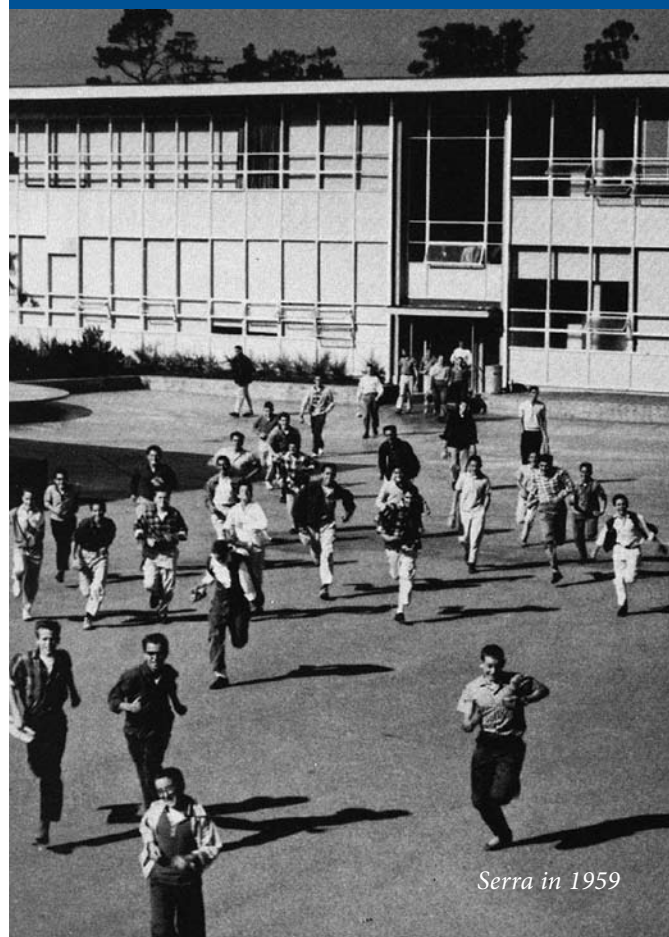
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*Serra in 1959*

## Class Notes

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(1) Father Daniel Cardelli '48

(2) BACK ROW: Mike Marques '84, Jacquie Mellott Marques (NDB '85), Tom Mellott '60, Jenny Mellott, Tom Mellott '83; FRONT ROW: Dominic Marques, Kendall Marques, Bernadette (Bernie) Mellott (NDB '61), Jessica Mellott, T.J. Mellott,

(3) John Lescroart '66

(4) Mark Raffaelli '67

### '48

FATHER DANIEL CARDELLI has received from the Holy See the title of Monsignor. Msgr. Cardelli retired in 2005 from St. Isidore Parish in Danville, where he served as pastor for 27 years. The title of monsignor is given to a diocesan priest by the pope at the request of the local bishop. (photo 1)

### '49

YOUR 60-YEAR REUNION will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at [www.serrahs.com](http://www.serrahs.com) (Click on Alumni).

### '58

DENNIS LUCEY was selected as a Federal 100 Awardee by the Government Information Technology community in Washington, DC on March 25th. The award is presented to the Top 100 agency officials and company executives who have made a significant accomplishment to the Federal IT arena in 2008.

### '59

YOUR 50-YEAR REUNION will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at [www.serrahs.com](http://www.serrahs.com) (Click on Alumni).

### '60

THOMAS MELLOTT'S wife Bernie (NDB '61), was named 2008 San Carlos Citizen of the Year by the city's Chamber of Commerce. Bernie was honored at a recognition gala held at Hotel Sofitel in Redwood Shores, where she was praised for her exceptional volunteer service and community achievement. Bernie also served as Serra's Development Director and Mothers' Auxiliary President. She is currently the Vice President of Development at the Hiller Aviation Museum. (photo 2)

### '64

DENNIS GLENN returned recently from Cambodia as a Board Member of the Christian Foundation. The foundation is involved in supporting several ministries working throughout the Kingdom of Cambodia.

### '66

TOM BOLICH retired in December after serving 38 years with the Santa Cruz County Public Works Department, the last nine as its Director. This past year, he received the County Engineer of the Year award from the County Engineers Association of California. Tom plans to spend more time enjoying Santa Cruz with his wife, Ann, and son, Brett, currently a junior at Monte Vista Christian High in Watsonville.

JOHN LESCROART, *New York Times* best selling author, was featured in the Spring issue of *Narrative Magazine* for his recently released novel, *A Plague of Secrets*. This latest *Dismas Hardy* novel—fifteenth in the series—explores the underside of the marijuana trade. *Narrative's* Executive Editor Pat Gage interviewed John and wrote that he "seeks to entertain, while also offering implicit commentary about America's social and moral values." In addition to writing, Lescroart gives himself to helping disadvantaged students make it through high school in California's Central Valley and to supporting and encouraging younger writers, writing programs, and organizations devoted to quality literature. A hard worker, he has not taken success for granted. (photo 3)

### '67

MARK RAFFAELLI recently retired from the South San Francisco Police Department after 38 years. He served as the Chief of Police for the last 14 years. (photo 4)



## '69

**YOUR 40-YEAR REUNION** will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at [www.serrahs.com](http://www.serrahs.com) (Click on Alumni).

## '73

**GREGORY TULLY'S** book *Nine College Nines*, a close-up view on college baseball, was recently published by McFarland Company. Drawing on the action of nine weekend series, the book includes interviews with players, coaches, and administrators. It covers nine teams from Divisions I, II and III, NAIA, and junior college and includes topics such as recruiting, summer ball, academics and the Major League draft. Gregory is a member of the National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association and a former high school umpire. His articles have been published in Oakland A's Magazine. "Many times during my writing, I would think of the advice that English teacher, Mr. Schaffer, gave me 35 years ago... 'What are you trying to say? Just write it that way,'" wrote Greg in an alumni email update. Greg currently works as a CPA and lives in Alameda. (photo 5)

## '74

**CARLOS ROMAN** was honored in April as a recipient of the 2009 CCS Spring Sports Honor Coaches Award. Carlos has been coaching baseball at El Camino High School in South San Francisco for the past 26 years—one year as the Frosh-Soph coach and 25 years as its head Varsity coach. He has taken the school to six league championships and countless CCS berths.

## '75

**STEVE MAGGI** is the Executive Producer of the documentary film, "*Flunked...a story of failure, a formula for hope.*" The film documents the success stories of schools and teachers who have made a positive difference in America's failing public education system. The main char-

acters of *Flunked* are men and women from all walks of life—parents, teachers, students, principals, business professionals—who have defied the odds, pressed the system, and succeeded in seemingly impossible situations. Maggi holds a master's degree in Intergovernmental Management from the USC. He is the former President/CEO of the Solano County Business and Education Alliance, and has worked as a consultant in the education and emergency preparedness industries. Steven also has over two decades of experience in the field of media. A former broadcaster, he has appeared on numerous radio stations throughout the West.

## '76

**JOHN NYBERG** currently lives in Modesto with his wife Ann and two children, David and Victoria. (photo 6)

## '79

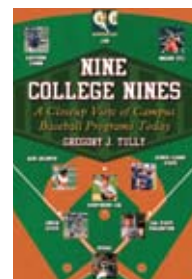
**YOUR 30-YEAR REUNION** will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at [www.serrahs.com](http://www.serrahs.com) (Click on Alumni).

## '81

**VINCE BREEN** and **CHRISTIAN ELBECK** are partners at Guarantee Mortgage Corp., one of the West Coast's leading independent mortgage brokerage companies. Also with the "team" are Padre alums **CHRIS CONWAY '82**, **SCOTT JOWER '87**, **JOHN JOYCE '01**, **AL PANDOLFI '82** (photo 7)

## '83

**ANDY MANTEL**, Managing Director for Pacific Sun Investment Company in Hong Kong, met up with classmate Eric Barrett, President of Barrett Insurance Services in San Mateo, to be part of the capacity crowd at the 2009 Jungle Game. Mantel had flown in from Hong Kong earlier that day and, when given the opportunity to attend the game, did not hesitate. He and Barrett witnessed Serra beating S.I. in the Jungle (54-43) for the eighth year in a row. (photo 8)



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(5) Gregory Tully's book, *Nine College Nines*

(6) John Nyberg '76 Family

(7) Guarantee Mortgage alums '81

(8) Eric Barrett '83, Andy Mantel '83



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(9) Jeff Healy '84, Mike Hohler  
(Fitz and Brooks Producer), Jody Shelley,  
Bob Fitzgerald '84, Pat Marleau,  
Gregg Jefferies '85

(10) Daniel Gomez '84

(11) Mark Campana '85

(12) Scott Igoe '86

(13) William Campbell '87

## '84

**YOUR 25-YEAR REUNION** will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at [www.serrahs.com](http://www.serrahs.com)

(Click on Alumni).

**BOB FITZGERALD** shared a special night out with fellow Padre alums at the Sharks vs. Kings game during the 2009 season. They were there for the Fitz and Brooks Show. "I thought you would get a kick out of the picture," wrote Bob in an email to Admissions Director Randy Vogel. "Gregg rode the Zamboni and the Sharks won 4-2." (photo 9)

**DANIEL GOMES** graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Economics, followed by an MS in Public Policy and Health at Harvard University in Boston. He is currently working for Merck Pharmaceuticals as their Director of Marketing in China. While in Shanghai, Dan met his wife, Lily Shen, and they were married on November 9, 2008. (photo 10)

## '85

**MARK CAMPANA** is a new member on the Board of Directors of the Olympic Club of San Francisco. Mark is the President of Anchor Realty, Inc., a family sales and property management business that was co-founded by his grandfather Angelo Campana. Mark and his wife, Adele, have four children and currently reside in the Bay Area. (photo 11)

## '86

**RICK CORSO, JR.** is now the owner of two automotive dealerships in the Bay Area, Fremont Chevrolet and Hayward Chevrolet.

**SCOTT IGOE** is currently the musical booker/producer for the "Jimmy Kimmel Live" late night show. (photo 12)

**PETER MARTIN** and his wife Jessica welcomed their first child, Aldyn Anne on August 27th.

## '87

Upon returning from active duty in Afghanistan, **WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL, III**, son of the late William Campbell, Jr. '50, was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) of the United States Army. William is currently stationed in Germany. He and his wife, Renee, have three children. (photo 13, and see page 43)

**PATRICK LELAND** earned Allstate Insurance Company's 'Inner Circle' award in his second year as an Allstate agent in Palo Alto. The 'Inner Circle' award is Allstate's highest distinction, and only three percent of agents receive the award countrywide. Patrick would like to thank the numerous fellow Padres that have made this possible.

**TIM MANTOANI'S** latest project "Behind Photographs" was recently on exhibit at the 2009 MOPLA (Month of Photography LA) Event. (See page 41 for full story.) MOPLA is a non-profit charitable foundation dedicated to the celebration of photography.

## '88

**MARK DOMINE** and his wife Shelley are the proud parents of twin girls, Audrey Adeline and Ella Rose, born on February 20th. Just as proud are uncles **JOE '86**, **JOHN '90**, **BRIAN '94**, **KURT '97** and **LANCE '09**, as well as grandparents and current parents Alice and Camille Domine.

## '89

**YOUR 20-YEAR REUNION** will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Burlingame. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at [www.serrahs.com](http://www.serrahs.com) (Click on Alumni).



'90

**PATRICK EARLEY** and his wife Helene welcomed a son, Finn Martin, on September 21. Finn joins his two-year old sister Linnea.

'92

**BRIAN PHILIP** and his wife Bridget welcomed a daughter, Olivia Ruth, on March 31st. Joining in the celebration is big sister Sabrina (3) and great auntie Maryann O'Leary (Serra staff member). *(photo 14)*

'93

**DAN FANNON** and his wife Jennifer welcomed their third child Lewis Daniel on January 28th. Lewis joins older sisters Grace (4) and Maggie (2). Dan currently works as a Senior Equity Analyst for Jefferies & Company, Inc. *(photo 15)*

**JEFF PERRY** and his wife Jessica welcomed a son, Connor Keate, on December 19th. Connor joins his big sister Madeline, age 5. Jeff is currently a Regional Manager at Oracle Corporation. *(photo 16)*

**CARL PETERSON** and his wife Heather welcomed a daughter, Clara Rose, on February 17th. Carl is currently the Vice President of Operations Improvement at Central Garden & Pet. *(photo 17)*

**ERIC RICHARDSON** and his wife Leah welcomed a daughter, Rachel Anne, born on January 16. Eric currently works for Wrapmanager, Inc., an investment management company based in San Francisco. *(photo 18)*

'94

**PAUL STOKES** recently received his MBA with a concentration in management from St. Mary's College. He currently manages Sierra Valley Moving & Storage in Sacramento. Paul and his wife Amy have two daughters, Taylor Reese (3), and Hayden Elizabeth (9 months). Classmate Keith Marshall is Hayden's godfather. *(photo 19)*



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*The deadline for the next publication is October 15, 2009*

(14) Brian Philip '92, daughter Olivia Ruth

(15) Dan Fannon '93, family

(16) Jeff Perry '93, children Madeline and Connor

(17) Carl Peterson '93, daughter Clara

(18) Eric Richardson '93, daughter Rachel Anne

(19) Paul Stokes '94, children Taylor Reese and Hayden Elizabeth



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(20) Gisele Budchen and Tom Brady '95

(21) Greg Magni '96, Educator Award

(22) Melissa Byrne (NDB '97),  
Dena Presotto (NDB '97),  
Mike Becker '97, Jason Allen '97, and  
Jean Sebastian Moustirats, "Sebby"

(23) Patrick Peavey '98, son Jace Michael

'95

Three-time superbowl champion **TOM BRADY** married Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bündchen on Thursday, February 26 in a small, intimate ceremony at St. Monica Catholic Church. (photo 20)

**CHRIS O'CONNOR** and his wife Kellie welcomed a daughter, Katherine Rosemary on June 3rd. Katherine joins her proud big brothers Colin (5) and Patrick (3), both future Padres.

**KURT NEURAUTER** graduated from Regis University in '99 with a degree in Microbiology. Kurt is currently Director of Sales for Lumension Securities, a computer security software company. Although his home is in Phoenix, Kurt is headquartered in Sydney, Australia with responsibilities for the Asia Pacific Region.

'96

**GREG MAGNI** was been named California League of High Schools 2009 Educator of the Year. Magni is an English Teacher and Varsity baseball coach at Central Valley High School in Ceres. Magni graduated from Cal State Stanislaus in 2001, where he was a pitcher on the Warrior baseball team for four years. (photo 21)

'97

**Padres & Tigers Team Up for Special Benefit** To mark their 30th birthdays in a special way, **JASON (JAY) ALLEN** and **MIKE BECKER**, along with NDB '97 grads Dena Presotto and Melissa Byrne, joined forces to organize a benefit "bash" to raise money for those affected by Wiskott Aldrich Syndrome (WAS), an immunodeficiency disorder. The evening took place at the Little Fox Theatre in Redwood City with nearly 200 in attendance. Jay's newly formed band, Undoe (The Undercover Cover Band) kicked off the evening. Party-goers were also treated to an array of delicious homemade cupcakes, thanks to the creative hands of some Notre Dame Tigers and their friends. In the Christian spirit of giving, the event raised funds for a special child whose story touched their hearts. Jean Sebastian Moustirats (nicknamed "Sebby") was diagnosed with WAS, and the only permanent cure was a marrow transplant. Sadly, Sebby did not receive the perfect bone marrow match and passed away on February 21, 2009. (photo 22)

'98

**PATRICK AND ELISHA PEAVEY** welcomed a son, Jace Michael, on August 1, 2008. (photo 23)

**JOSH RAFFAELLI** was recently appointed to Serra High School's Board of Regents.

## The "Brotherhood" Truly Continues

Lance Domine '09, is the sixth and final brother in the Domine family to graduate from Serra. There are two sisters, as well: Michelle and Sabrina. The family moved to San Mateo in 1976 from Burlingame and, ironically, they live directly across the street from Serra on 20th Avenue. The children attended either (or both) St. Catherine of Siena School, Burlingame and St. Gregory School, San Mateo.

From L to R: Joe '86, Mark '88, John '90, Lance '09, Brian '94, Kurt '97





## TIM MANTOANI BEHIND PHOTOGRAPHS

In December of 2006, Mantoani decided to capture historic photographers as they hold their most iconic images in one 20" x 24" print. Utilizing a 20x24 Polaroid Camera—a rare and mammoth view camera that is not easily transported from one place to another—Mantoani has documented over 200 photographers. It is a rare chance for the viewer to be influenced by the original photograph, the interpretation of the artist, as well as the combination of these elements forming the final photograph. These photographs tell a story completely unique in multifaceted layers and are a visual and mental pleasure for the viewers.

*"Behind Photographs* is a historical journey that will continue to capture the faces behind the lens, the personalities and moments

captured by them, and a medium that in time, will no longer exist," says Mantoani.

Tim Mantoani's photograph of Padre alum and acclaimed portrait photographer Michael Collopy '76 shows Collopy holding his famous photograph of Mother Teresa. Collopy has gained worldwide recognition for his portraits of hundreds of public figures, including a vast array of portraits from world leaders such as Pope John Paul II, Mikhail Gorbachev and Margaret Thatcher, to entertainers like Ella Fitzgerald, Mick Jagger, B.B. King and Luciano Pavarotti. In 1996, Collopy released "Works of Love are Works of Peace," with the cooperation of Mother Teresa. This critically acclaimed 15-year photographic documentary profiled the work of her Missionaries of Charity. It

won many international printing awards and was chosen as one of the top coffee table books of 1996 by *USA Today*.

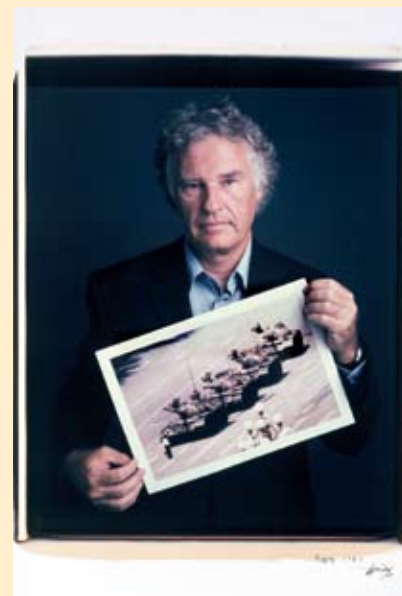
Tim Mantoani's photograph of photographer Jeff Widener shows Widener posing with his world famous "Tankman Photo." This globally circulated photo depicts a lone man confronting a column of tanks in Tiananmen Square during the 1989 Beijing riots. The photo made him a nominated finalist for the 1990 Pulitzer.



*"Behind Photographs* is a testament to the talented men and women who have captured some of the most recognized photographic images of our time," says Mantoani. "Many of these gifted individuals remain anonymous, as there is only a tiny testament for their iconic photo listed below their published photographs. This project is dedicated to the talents who have forged innovative and inspirational ground over the past decades and the images that they have selflessly provided to all of us for generations to come."



Michael Collopy '76



Jeff Widener



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(24) BACK ROW: Jonathan Allen '01, Matthew Ruble '01, Sarah Komaroff Ramirez (NDB '01), Cristobal Ramirez III '01 (Groom), Joshua Romano '01, Fernando Ramirez. FRONT ROW: Natalie Ramirez (Mercy '03), Colleen Byers (NDB '01), Amanda Humphrey, Marcela Ramirez (Mercy '97) Other Padres in attendance included Sean Johnson '00 and Andrew Ruble '03

(25) Peter Borg '02-Nasa

'99

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**WILLIAM MARKWELL**, sound engineer for the popular alternative rock band Death Cab for Cutie, shared in the excitement when the Recording Academy announced that the band had been nominated for a Grammy Award in two categories: Best Rock Song for "I Will Possess Your Heart" and Best Alternative Music Album for "Narrow Stairs."

'00

1st Lieutenant **BEN BOWMAN** is back on U.S. soil from his one-year deployment in Afghanistan. After a few weeks of R&R, Ben returned to work full time at his California army guard unit air base in Stockton.

'01

**CRISTOBAL RAMIREZ III** married Sarah Komaroff (NDB '01) on June 29, 2008 in Santa Clara. (photo 24)

'02

**PETER BORG** is currently employed at NASA Ames Research Center. His latest project involves work on the abort system on NASA's next rocket, the Ares I, which plays a key role in sending humans back to the moon and beginning the exploration of Mars and beyond. Berg graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he majored in Aerospace Engineering and minored in Mathematics and Space Physics. (photo 25)

'03

**STEVE GIBBONS** participated in a Wildlife Biologist Internship with the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area after graduating with a degree in Biology from the University of Washington in 2007. He returned to Serra as an Assistant Crew Coach during the 2008 spring season. Most recently, Steve was hired as a Ranger by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, which manages a network of preserves in Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties. He received the highest overall score from the Ranger Academy at the Public Safety Training Center in Windsor.

## Padre Alum Dave Peruzzaro '90 Receives Medal of Valor



L to R: Pauline Peruzzaro (mother of Dave), Jennifer (wife of Dave), Dave Peruzzaro, Jr. '90 & David Peruzzaro '63

Alumnus Sergeant Dave Peruzzaro '90 was presented with a Medal of Valor for his bravery and heroism in a residential hostage situation that took place this past November in San Mateo. The Medal was presented to Peruzzaro by fellow alum and recently retired Captain of the South San Francisco Police Department Kevin Raffaelli '67. Peruzzaro also received an Award of Valor by the Peninsula Lions Club.

Peruzzaro courageously worked in concert with the San Mateo Police Department SWAT team to rescue a mother and her two children who were being held hostage by a gunman. Dave was able to connect with the

mother through an open bedroom window, where she handed her children out to him while the gunman fired through the locked bedroom door. He was able to move the children out of harms way to safety. Unfortunately, the mother was killed by the gunman before Sgt. Peruzzaro or the SWAT team could help her.

Most recently, Peruzzaro learned that he will receive the 2008 Governor's Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor. The Governor's Medal of Valor Review Board agreed "that the act of Sergeant Peruzzaro epitomized what it means to go in harms' way knowing one's life is at risk for the sake of others."



Former Serra Student Body President **JAMES HECKENBERG**, (stage name Jimmy Heck), starred recently in an eight-week television mini series. Heck graduated from UCSC with a Theater Arts Degree, minoring in legal studies. In addition to acting, auditions, and classes at the Howard Fine Acting Studio in Hollywood, Heck is a personal trainer. Other appearances include Nip Tuck, Days of Our Lives, Mad Men and Million Dollar Match. (photo 26)

'05

**SEAN WILKINSON**, son of Steve '75 and brother of Nick '10 and Stephanie (NDB '07) graduated Magna Cum Laude from Santa Clara University in June earning a Bachelor's Degree in Communications with a minor in Philosophy. He was awarded the Communication Department Prize, which is presented to the graduating senior who best demonstrates the goals of the department: the education of the Mind, the Heart, and the Voice. Sean is also a member of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Association Honor Society. Sean plans on applying to law school in the Fall. (photo 27)

'06

**MATT HEAGY** (three-time All American) was named to the Collegiate Water Polo Association & Collegiate Water Polo Coaches Div. III All American Team. Heagy is the first California Lutheran University athlete to make the 1st team on both All American lists. Matt is now the all time leading scorer with 217 goals and still has one year to go. (photo 28)

'07

**MARCUS POINTER** was named Pitcher of the Year for the 2009 Coast Conference All Conference Team - Pacific Division. Marcus pitched for the Skyline Trojans for two years and will be attending UOP in the fall. (photo 29)

'08

**JARED BRAUN** played in a rugby tournament in South Africa in April, earning a silver medal for the 20 & Under USA Rugby team.

**HANNA MALAK** was elected Student Body President of Menlo College in Atherton. As a sophomore, he is the youngest student to hold the office.



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(26) James Heckenberg '03

(27) Sean Wilkinson '05 with brother Nick '10 and dad Steve '75

(28) Matt Heagy '06

(29) Marcus Pointer '07

## Padre Family Album



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:

(1) Twins Timothy and Ellie Lynne Panos born June 4, to faculty member Jeff Panos and wife Polly

(2) Marta Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Serra faculty member Barb Lewis

(3) Jack MacKenzie, son of Robert MacKenzie '92 and grandson of Serra Faculty member Tom MacKenzie

(4) Lucas Frisella, son of Daniel Frisella '95

(5) Madeline, Genevieve and Florentine Campbell (children of Major William Campbell, III '87; grandchildren of the late Bill Campbell, Jr. '50)

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# Serra Rock of Ages

## Annual Benefit Auction

### November 7, 2009

#### *Auction Chairs*

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### SEPTEMBER 2009

4TH Alumni Father & Son Mass  
7:30 a.m. Serra Chapel

### OCTOBER 2009

15TH Alumni Award of Merit & Reception

16TH Homecoming Football Game vs. Bellarmine  
6:00 p.m. Frisella Field – Alumni Barbeque

17TH Alumni Reunions  
Classes of '49, '59, '69 '79, '84, '89, '99  
6:00 p.m. Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Burlingame

### NOVEMBER 2009

10TH-12TH Alumni Phonathon

25TH Alumni Basketball Game

26TH Alumni Crew & Alumni Water Polo Game

27TH Alumni Soccer Game

### JANUARY 2010

27TH Jungle Game

### FEBRUARY 2010

12TH 50-Year Club Luncheon

### MARCH 2010

24TH Fund A Dream Luncheon

### APRIL 2010

3RD Alumni Volleyball Game

### JUNE 2010

21ST Serra Alumni Golf Classic

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