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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear alumni, parents and friends of Serra,

A new chapter in Serra's proud history was written on August 20, 2011. On that day, we celebrated the grand opening of the new Center for the Arts and Sciences and the new Aquatics Facility. More than 400 people convened in the new Alumni Plaza to witness Bishop William Justice '60 bless these new facilities. Before sprinkling the building with holy water, Bishop Justice said the following prayer, which captures Serra's spirit and mission:

Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon all who will study in this new Center for the Arts and Sciences. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.

Look upon all who will teach in this new center. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

May all who will exercise and compete in this new Aquatics Center do so in safety, ever thankful for their strength and health.

Grant that students and teachers, athletes and coaches alike may heed the Spirit of Christ and excel in perseverance and mutual respect.

We ask this through the same Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and in the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



Let us never forget the reason why we built these facilities in the first place: To provide the best education for the Padres who attend Serra today and for the thousands more who will follow in future generations. All of our programs and facilities exist to help the boys who enter Serra as freshmen leave as “Men of Faith, Wisdom and Service—Leaders who build Community and who seek to make a difference for the good in the lives of others.”

These new facilities build upon Serra's proud history, celebrate our dynamic present and herald our school's exciting future. Let us all take a moment to thank God for all that he is doing, through us, to advance the mission of Junípero Serra High School.

Siempre Adelante!

Sincerely,

Lars Lund, *President*



Help Keep Padre Traditions Strong at Serra

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

GRADUATION AWARDS
2011 MEDAL WINNERS

THOMAS BARRI
ACTIVITY AWARD

Sonoma State University



BRADLEY ROBBINS
CAMPUS MINISTRY AWARD

Boise State University



LUCAS GUST
DRAMATIC ARTS MEDAL

Chapman University



ERIC PERKINS
ENGLISH MEDAL AND
FOREIGN LANGUAGE MEDAL

Stanford University



VASANTH MOHAN
MATHEMATICS MEDAL

Stanford University



ALEXANDER POMS
MATHEMATICS MEDAL

UC Davis



XIANG XU
MATHEMATICS MEDAL

Georgia Tech



JORDAN GINSBERG
MUSIC MEDAL

UC Davis



DANIEL JANOK
SCIENCE MEDAL AND
SOCIAL STUDIES MEDAL

Santa Clara University



CHRISTOPHER REDBURN
THEOLOGY MEDAL

Sonoma State University



JONATHAN MAURINO
SERVICE MEDAL

San Jose State University



BEN PARODI
SHEA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

UC Davis



MICHAEL BOLAND
VISUAL ARTS MEDAL

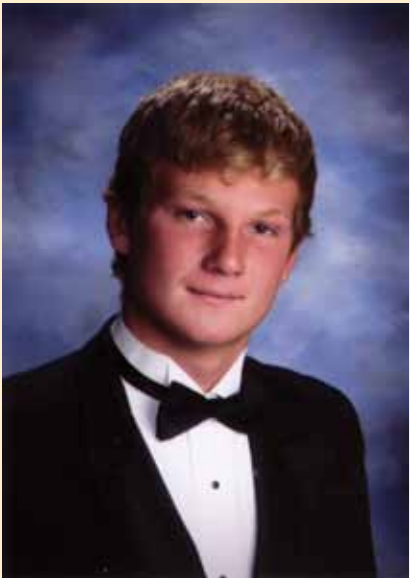
Rhode Island School of Design



Congratulations!

Graduation 2011
Serra Seniors Prepare for Bright Futures

Serra's Class of 2011 celebrated in traditional Padre spirit on May 28 at St. Mary's Cathedral. The day began at 10 a.m. with Mass, followed by a moving graduation ceremony. Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D., presented 226 seniors with their high school diplomas. The Most Reverend Bishop John Wester of Salt Lake City presided at the school's 65th annual commencement.



Max Murphy '11 delivered a powerful valedictory address and was given a standing ovation from his classmates.

“High school is a time of growth—physically, mentally and spiritually—to prepare us for the rest of our lives,” said Murphy, who will attend Harvard University in the fall. “I can proudly say that every graduate has

thrived and become a true man. *As we move on and go our separate ways, it would be impossible not to recall our fond memories of Serra:* the smell of hot cookie dough on Cookie Tuesday, winning the Jungle Game four years in a row with the loudest cheering section in the state, making that sacrifice for the team at early morning practices, getting a solo in band or performing on stage and, finally, discovering that our classmates were more than just that— they are our brothers.”

Members of the Class of 2011 are attending colleges both near and far, with scholarship awards of \$7.5 million.

"Once a Padre, Always a Padre!"



CLASS OF 2011 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LIST

Academy of Art University
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Augustana College
Azusa Pacific University
Babson College
Boise State University
Boston College
Boston University
Canada College
California College of the Arts
California Maritime Academy
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Chico
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Northridge
California State University, Sacramento
Chapman University
City College of San Francisco
Cleveland Institute of Art
College of San Mateo
College of the Holy Cross
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dominican University of California
Drexel University
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Flagler College
Florida Institute of Technology
Foothill College
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Harvard University
Hofstra University
Humboldt State University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Ithaca College
Lesley University
Lewis & Clark College
London Contemporary Dance School
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University New Orleans
Manhattan College
Marietta College
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Art & Design
Menlo College
Montana State University, Bozeman
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon State University
Pace University, New York City
Pacific University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Philadelphia University
Purdue University
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design

Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
at New Brunswick
Saint Louis University (College of Engineering
& Aviation)
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Sierra Nevada College
Skyline College
Sonoma State University
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
The George Washington University
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Scranton
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of California at Berkeley
University of California at Davis
University of California at Irvine
University of California at Los Angeles
University of California at Merced
University of California at Riverside
University of California at San Diego
University of California at Santa Barbara
University of California at Santa Cruz
University of Cincinnati

University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
University of Denver
University of Idaho
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Miami
University of Missouri Columbia
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Dakota
University of Northern Colorado
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Wyoming
Villanova University
Wagner College
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
West Virginia University
Westminster College
Westmont College
Whitman College
Whitworth University
Willamette University
Yale University

WHAT IS A PADRE?

by Jonathan Maurino, 2011 Student Body President



Serra Padres have a rich tradition that runs deep in their veins. It is one of pride, talent, confidence and faith tied together as one. We live our lives according to the idea that Serra students are men of “Faith, Wisdom, Service, Community and Leadership,” in order to form a perfect brotherhood.

Padres are everywhere—from professional sports icons to nationally-acclaimed authors to public servants. Every Padre shares this pride in what we have accomplished, and in what continues to be possible.

The quality that stands out the most to me is that Padres are not afraid of challenges. As we all know, adversity is a part of life in today’s world. As Padres, we are taught not to run from our challenges, but to embrace them and meet them head on. When we fight for what we believe in, we do not sit in silence watching life pass us by. We fight, no matter what the cost. We work as Father Serra did, remembering his words: “*Even though I should die on the way, I shall not turn back.*”

Throughout my four years at Serra, I have been a member of several athletic teams. The Padres are notorious for battling every second to the bitter end. We keep our belief in each other and in the adage that “*Failure is not losing; failure is never trying at all.*”

In our community, we reach out to each other as we try to understand each other’s struggles. This past year, some of our Padres have had life-threatening, major surgeries. When I see a Padre who needs help, I realize that he is never alone. A student probably is carrying his book bag and a teacher might be pushing his wheelchair. He receives smiles, “hellos” and quick jokes from his fellow Padres. When a Padre hurts at Serra, we all hurt. When a Padre succeeds, we all succeed.

Even after graduation, we will remain friends for years because there will be times in our lives when another Padre will pick us up when we need it most. We Padres have an ability to endure struggle to achieve greatness. As Padres, we play, learn and act as a whole. We are expected to live as Father Serra did, and to understand that no matter what, we will build a brighter future. As Padres, we will continue to search for hope in our lives and see with our hearts.

New Mandarin Program at Serra

Serra students welcome
Cynthia Chiu



Soon after the doors opened to the Center for the Arts and Sciences, the Serra High School community welcomed Mandarin teacher Cynthia Chiu. For the first time in Serra history, an innovative Mandarin program will prepare Serra students for global careers.

“Serra students are growing up in a region that is not only a center for internet and biotech innovation—key 21st century industries—but is also a major hub on the Pacific Rim,” said Serra President Lars Lund. “Their adult lives will be marked by increasing trade, dialogue and competition with rising Asian economies, most notably China. For this reason, we are very excited about improvements we have made to our curriculum, especially in science and languages. The new Mandarin classes will enrich our curriculum, in addition to new science classes including pre-engineering, genetics and environmental science.”

Chiu has taught Mandarin at Bellarmine and Fremont High School in Sunnyvale. This year, she will teach Mandarin at San Mateo Union High School District schools in addition to Serra. Born and raised in Taiwan, Chiu moved to the U.S. in 1985. She graduated from the University of West Florida with a bachelor’s degree and went on to receive a master’s in telecommunications from New York University. After raising her family, she taught

Mandarin at Chinese schools in Cupertino. Chiu found that teaching was her true passion, and that inspired to obtain her teaching credential from National University in San Jose.

Chiu has designed a Mandarin program that not only teaches students the intricacies of the Mandarin language, it exposes them to the beauty of the Chinese culture. Through music, art, food and other cultural wonders, students will experience hands-on learning. They will listen to Chinese music, explore Chinese art and learn about the colorful Chinese holidays such as the Moon Festival, the Dragon Boat Festival and Chinese New Year.

“I have high expectations for my Mandarin classes at Serra,” Chiu added. “I hope to bring a dynamic, positive energy to the program. I want students to know that this is a very modern, useful language. China is emerging as a global leader in the world economy. If students have this language skill, they will be more competitive in the job market.”

“The new Mandarin program will pay tremendous dividends in the lives of its students,” Lund agreed. “The insights they will gain will be put to good use as their generation will be doing a tremendous amount of business with their counterparts in China.”

Cynthia Chiu lives in San Jose with her husband, Mark, and two boys, Francis and Sean. When she’s not teaching Mandarin, she enjoys camping, watching movies and attending Lakers games with her family.

SERRA MAKES BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH WITH NEW CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND SCIENCES AND AQUATICS FACILITIES GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION DRAWS HUGE CROWD

The energy was high at Serra on August 20, as hundreds of people from the local community gathered to celebrate the Grand Opening of the innovative Center for the Arts & Sciences and Aquatics Facilities. The ceremony began with a blessing from Auxiliary Bishop William Justice '60.

After opening remarks from President Lars Lund, Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D. and Serra Chairman of the Board Kevin Flynn '82, student Nick Newman wowed the crowd with his rendition of *The National Anthem*. Student Body Executive Vice President Chris Romeo recited the school prayer, followed by Executive President Luke Longinotti who shared his excitement about the new building.



“When I took a tour of the building, many thoughts came to mind,” Longinotti noted. “I felt incredibly proud of my school. I was excited for our current Padres, who will have the latest and greatest technology in science and the arts. Just a few years ago, our graduating seniors received approximately \$2 million in college scholarships. This year, the Class of 2011 received a whopping \$7.5 million in college scholarships. I realized that as the world is changing, our school is also evolving to meet today’s challenging academic requirements.”

The extraordinary new building is Phase II of the Serra High School Master Plan for campus improvements, which also includes a full renovation and major expansion of the aquatics facilities.

“This marks the start of a new chapter for Serra High School,” said Serra President Lars Lund. “This building reflects our proud history, our dynamic present and our very exciting future. This, along with our existing facilities, will help our boys not only prepare for the rigors of college, but for the challenges of adulthood in the 21st century.”

More information and photos will be included in our 2010-11 Annual Report.



TRADITIONS MAGAZINE WINS FIRST PLACE

Traditions magazine received top honors last spring at the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club’s 34th annual Journalism Awards Dinner.

Bay Area print and online journalists, photographers, radio and television personnel and public relations professionals were presented with 204 awards of excellence in nine divisions and 37 categories.

Traditions won first place for general excellence in the Magazines/Trade Publications category. In addition, Michelle Wilkinson and Antonia Ehlers won second place in the Best Feature Story category for their joint article on Serra alumnus Bob Dugoni '79: “*Living his Dream in the Pacific Northwest*.”

The winners were selected from 523 entries from media professionals in the 11 Greater Bay Area counties. Entries were judged by the Press Clubs of Bakersfield, Florida, Houston, New Orleans, San Diego and Southeast Texas.

“It was an honor for us to be recognized among such a prestigious group of journalists,” said Serra Graphics Design and Website Manager Michelle Wilkinson. “Creating *Traditions* is truly a labor of love. It was a rewarding evening for Antonia and me.”





Padre Water Polo Players Make a Splash in Croatia

More than 100 water polo courses dot the beautiful Adriatic Sea

THE MINI-LOUVRE AT PHAT DIEM

During the summer, Serra Theology teacher Gary Meegan returned to Phat Diem, Vietnam.

For the past five years, he has spent a month teaching English to Vietnamese Catholic seminarians and sisters. This year, he encouraged young artists to unleash their creativity by participating in hands-on art activities. Meegan delighted children of all ages with an array of art supplies donated by Serra art teacher Peggy Farrell.



“Little did I know that these supplies would be the number one hit of the year,” Meegan noted. “We are so grateful to Peggy for her generous donations. It was amazing to watch

some children become quite accomplished, while others love to write beautifully or just see what colors do on paper. There was so much concentration and laughter.”

Meegan and his friends transformed sidewalks into amazing galleries of color and creativity, which they called the Mini-Louvre at Phat Diem. Each day, stunning works of art were carefully laid out on the ground for public display. The budding artists were proud of their work, which they displayed at the Mini-Louvre every Saturday.

“We were lucky enough to have sidewalks for our gallery and a ready-made audience of critics and supporters,” Meegan said. “The students took a long time to wander up and down the walkways, admiring and applauding the budding young artists. It was such an incredible experience.

Although life in Phat Diem is drastically different from his life in California, Meegan finds a deep sense of contentment, spirituality and peace in Vietnam.

“Each year I visit is a gift to me, which I treasure,” he explained. “I return home with this gift and do my best to share it with others. I left Phat Diem a few weeks ago with a heavy heart, but I am so thankful that I was able to visit and see my good friends again.”

Imagine being able to play your favorite sport surrounded by medieval forts, Baroque palaces and the dazzling Adriatic Sea. That’s exactly what eight members of the Serra water polo team did this summer while visiting Croatia.

“Water polo is the national sport in Croatia,” explained Head Water Polo Coach Bob Greene ’85. “They live for soccer and water polo there. Everybody plays. You see guys walking down the street with water polo balls 12 months of the year.”

From June 30 to July 12, Padres explored charming villages in Croatia. The trip was sponsored by Serra parents and siblings Maria Olujic, Ante Buljan and Mario Buljan, who have a family home in Split, Croatia. They graciously shared their culture with Serra Padres, who learned about the country’s history, lifestyle, food, music and art. Highlights included visiting the Island of Brac, the City of Bol and attending Sunday Mass at St. Jacob Church in Medjugorje, Bosnia.

“It was overwhelming because it’s very different from the United States,” said Kyle Sims ’12. “The towns have a combination of very old and modern architecture. I was awestruck; it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

Croatia has more than 100 water polo courses on the Adriatic Sea. Although the Padres were a bit apprehensive about playing the skilled Club Jadran Croatian teams, they made a seamless transition into Croatian waters and even taught the Croatian players some new techniques.

“Our players really held their own,” Greene pointed out. “They had scrimmages in the morning and conditioning in the afternoon. In Croatia, the water polo style focuses on physical strength, while ours

is more about speed and finesse—so they learned a lot from each other.”

According to Greene, he and his players were pleasantly surprised by the lush countryside and quaint, bustling towns. “We expected it to be somewhat of a war-torn country,” he said. “However, it’s not that way at all. You see the greenest of green rolling hills and the most beautiful water I’ve ever seen. Split was very safe and the people were so friendly.”

Greene added that taking students to Medjugorje was an experience he will never forget. “Croatia is predominantly Catholic,” he noted. “The Masses are said in Latin, English and Croatian every hour. At Serra, we are developing young men of faith. Taking these students to Medjugorje was an important religious experience for them. People come from all over the world to be healed. They saw real people with real problems. It was so enlightening.”

Anthony Buljan ’13 grew up in a Croatian family. He visits Croatia almost every summer and enjoys the vibrant culture immensely. “It was a lot of fun to share my Croatian heritage with my team,” Buljan said. “I’m always talking about Croatia. It was so nice to introduce my friends to Croatian food and the culture. My friends had a great time and wanted to see even more of the country because it’s so beautiful. When they told me that, it made me very proud to be Croatian.”





Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Padres Explore the Heart of Europe

Serra students visited Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Prague and Berlin April 13-24. As participants in Serra's Heart of Europe Tour, 19 students and five adults swam at the Olympic swim center in Munich, visited a salt mine in Salzburg and walked through the medieval streets of Prague.

“It’s very important for this generation to embrace the notion that they’re world citizens and to look at their educational formation partly through the travel experience,” said Serra English teacher Tom Sullivan '81. “It’s a classroom without walls.”

Serra German teacher Hans Frey enjoyed watching his students discover the vast history of Europe.



“Here, teenagers don’t have an appreciation of things that are old,” he noted. “Over there, they saw things that were hundreds, if not thousands of years old. If you look at the current economic and political situation and crisis, you can see that Germany is the strongest country in Europe. German is a useful language

for students to learn. It’s a language for the future.” Frey added that the students loved sampling new cuisine—particularly viener schnitzel, bratwurst and spaetzle (a homemade noodle dish).

“I always like going back to Germany to see how things have changed,” said Frey, who has visited the country at least 12 times. “I learn something new every time I go there. I love the food and understand the people. They might be hard to get to know, but once you make friends with them you have friends for a lifetime. The Germans are very loyal.”

Christian Sheppy '12 said the best part about the trip was getting to know the culture. A memorable highlight was riding a bike through breathtaking Berlin. “Trips like this enable students to see the world,” he said. “When you travel, you notice how events affect others. Ideas flow.”

“It was a great experience to learn about other cultures in the world,” added Zach Neuner '13. “I really noticed their hospitality. Everyone at the hotels was nice and made sure that we felt comfortable. It was different from the United States in that they talk to each other more – it’s a community-driven society. We all had such a great time.”

Next year’s Iberian Voyage will explore the wonders of Spain and Portugal. This exciting trip will be held during spring break, April 4-13, 2012. Highlights will include the extraordinary Prado Museum, a Flamenco lesson and show in Seville, the Giralda Tower, the charming town of Toledo, sparkling views of the Portuguese coast and much more. Visit the Serra website for more details.



Vive la Vie Française

Could there be anything more picturesque than a charming village nestled at the foot of the breathtaking Alps? Six Padres visited Grenoble, France April 14-26. Located in the Rhône-Alpes region, Grenoble is the capital of the department of Isère. Due to its proximity to the mountains, Grenoble is known as the “Capital of the Alps.”

“Our goal was to see, taste and experience the life, culture and history of France,” noted Serra French teacher Mary Dowden. “We saw many famous cities—Paris, Normandy, St. Malo, Tours, Lyon and Nice—as well as the wonderful home stay in Grenoble. This trip is a complete immersion in the language and lifestyle of the French. It’s a different pace of life. I wanted our students to experience the warmth and energy of French family life. Some students didn’t speak French, but went into the home stay with an open mind and heart. I was so proud of them and their ability to truly step outside their comfort zone.”

Trip highlights included perusing Paris, swimming in the glistening Bay of St. Malo, running along the Mediterranean Sea and visiting the American Cemetery in Normandy.

“We are citizens of the world,” Dowden said. “We talk about global awareness and how important it is to respect other cultures. It’s through travel and making personal connections that we establish peace and goodwill in the world. We don’t know who we are until we see ourselves from another’s perspective.”

Dante Kibblewhite '13 said the experience taught him to be more open-minded. “It shrank the world for me,” he explained. “It sparked my curiosity and made me want to see other parts of Europe. Our French classes at Serra with Mme. Dowden prepared us well.”

In addition to worksheets and classroom dialogue, Dowden immerses her students in French culture. They listen to French music, watch French movies and even cook French cuisine.

“When I’m in Grenoble, I feel free,” said Michael Tragoutsis '11. “It’s so green with trees everywhere. The town has a lot of little cafes.” According to Tragoutsis, teenagers in France have a lot in common with American teens.

“We all keep in touch on Facebook,” Tragoutsis noted. “They’re a lot like us—they listen to American music. They have iPhones and iPods. The guys dress up a little bit more—they wear collared shirts and their hair slicked back. The teenagers in Grenoble are outgoing and you can be yourself around them.”

Tragoutsis was surprised to learn that he liked escargot and tomatoes with cheese. “In France, dinner is time spent with the family,” he noted. “You talk and eat three or four different courses. I can’t put into words how much I love France. When I’m there, I’m in heaven!”

The adventure will continue in October, when another group of Grenoble students will visit Serra. Host families are needed from October 23 through November 2. Visit the Serra website for more details.



¡Luchadores ganan en Lima!

Serra Wrestling Team Wins
Championship Cup in Peru



Members of the Serra wrestling team competing as Generación 2020 made history in April when they took home the first place championship cup at the Torneo Internacional USA-Peru 2011. The event was held in Lima, Peru. During a whirlwind eight-day stay, 12 freshmen and sophomores learned a new style of wrestling, visited majestic Machu Picchu and immersed themselves in the lively Peruvian culture.

“We experienced the culture through wrestling,” said Andre La Rosa '13. “We went there with no expectations, but the experience was great. The endurance was harder because of the higher elevation. Although we weren’t used to their learning styles, we learned a lot and made new friends. In fact, we still keep in touch.”

Serra Head Wrestling Coach Ricardo Garcia established Generación 2020 a year ago to provide wrestlers with athletic, linguistic and cultural opportunities to travel the world.



“Since most of us in this country are used to modern day amenities, going to a third-world country like Peru can be a culture shock,” Garcia pointed out. “Traveling and experiencing the unknown is a bit like a sailor lost at sea, looking for the shore. However, this unbelievable experience enabled our students to grow. Besides becoming skilled wrestlers, this trip developed our students’ philosophies of life through sport. Being a cultured person exposed to different languages and cultures is an incredible formation for a young person.”

This year’s trip involved training and competing in Lima at the Deportivo Nacional de Deporte (Olympic Center). Padres participated in daily training sessions with the Peruvian national high school wrestling team. On the third day, the team competed in Torneo USA-Peru Internacional 2011 in a field of eight Peruvian teams from Lima.

“Finishing first is truly a testament to the hard work these Serra wrestlers have been putting in the off season,” Garcia said. “This strong finish would not have been possible without the leadership and talent of the Sacramento area wrestlers, who joined us this year.”

According to Garcia, learning Freestyle wrestling was an invaluable perk for the Padres this year. Freestyle wrestling is an intense style of wrestling practiced in the Olympics. Serra wrestlers practice Folk-style wrestling, the preferred style in the United States.

Serra Wrestling Coach Ricardo Garcia with Connor McElroy '14

“We gained so much more respect for their type of wrestling,” said Philip Becerra '13. “Freestyle and Greco are just as hard and as demanding as Folk-style wrestling. We found dedicated athletes who care just as much about wrestling as we do. Our workouts were hard and taught us to have more discipline.”

“I had heard many stories about Machu Picchu and its beauty, but not one of those stories could compare to the actual beauty I saw,” he added. “It made me feel close to God and appreciate his creation. I was also impressed by how technologically advanced the Incans were to create what they did. This was my first trip traveling outside of the United States and one I truly will never forget.”

Ryan Rudolph '14 said Machu Picchu was “probably the most beautiful thing I’ve ever seen.” The trip opened his eyes to global poverty and made him appreciate what he has at home.

In addition to participating in their favorite sport, Padres donated several hundred pounds of equipment to underprivileged athletes and taught English to Peruvian children.

“To see the poverty up close and firsthand humbled me,” said Chad Thodos '13. “To be in Peru to wrestle was the ultimate high. I would wake up, eat, work out, wrestle and repeat that all day long. Doing what I am most passionate about made this even more special for me. The memories will live in my heart forever.”



Making a Difference, One Smile at a Time

Justin Perry '99
Mentors Burn Survivors



irons, gasoline and fireworks. The harrowing effects of a burn can result in excruciating pain, both physically and emotionally.

Serra Baseball Equipment Manager Justin Perry '99 spent two weeks this summer at the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation's Champ Camp in the rustic town of Sanger, CA. There, he mentored pediatric burn survivors and shared his positive, gentle spirit.

"It's a week-long camp for kids who have minor to severe injuries," Perry noted. "The best part for me is knowing that these kids understand that we are there for them. They participate in so many fun activities—horseback riding, swimming, kayaking, riding mini-bikes and jumping on

trampolines. They're not different, they're human beings. "The Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation (AARBF) is a California-based nonprofit organization that provides services to people who have suffered from burn injuries. AARBF unites health care providers, firefighters, emergency workers, burn survivors and volunteers to enhance the quality of life for burn survivors. The foundation was established in 1971 in the memory of 8-year-old Alisa Ann Ruch, who was fatally injured in a backyard barbecue accident in Southern California. Bravely using their tragedy as a catalyst for change, her parents joined together with firefighters and medical professionals to prevent burn injuries by teaching "Stop, drop and roll."

Today, the organization addresses the needs of burn survivors through all stages of recovery. Located at the base of the Yosemite foothills, Champ Camp serves 130 to 160 children each year. 2011 marked the camp's 26th anniversary.

"On one hand, the camp is about having fun and giving young people an opportunity to not think about doctors' appointments," noted AARBF Director of Programs Sarah Burton. "This camp is life-changing for them. It helps them to build their confidence not only with their looks, but about what they can do in the future. There really are no limits. One of the things we notice each year is that some kids come to camp wearing long sleeves and long pants. But by the end of the week,

they are at the pool and playing without long sweaters and pants. This year, we had about 14 former campers who came back as counselors. They were such positive role models."

Perry was inspired this year by watching campers step outside of their comfort zones by climbing a rock wall, jumping off a telephone pole and swinging on a trapeze during a supervised R.O.P.E.S. course designed to build self-esteem.

"We have a lot of the same kids every year and I look forward to reconnecting with them," he said. "We do all that we can to make sure they have a great time."

"When I came here, I met kids who are survivors of the same tragedy that I was faced with," 14-year-old Wyatt shared during camp. "When I'm here, I feel like I can relate and talk about what happened to me and not be harassed by other people. It gives me a chance to do and learn things about myself that I never knew or have done before."

"Camp lets us hang out with friends and actually be who we are and not who our scars make us be," added 14-year-old Roy.

Perry is the liaison between Wonder Valley Ranch and the Champ Camp staff. According to Burton, "Justin is an extreme help. He's super friendly and he always has a smile on his face. The camp couldn't run as smoothly as it does without Justin. He's an invaluable help to us."

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- Justin Perry '99



PATRICK CODY APPOINTED CHAIR OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Serra theology teacher Patrick Cody was appointed chair of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council in April. His duties will include setting meeting agendas, running meetings and serving as a liaison to Archbishop George H. Niederauer.

"I'm humbled and honored—it's a weighty responsibility," Cody said. "The purpose of this committee is to be a consultative body for the Archbishop with the faithful of the San Francisco Archdiocese. We help him to stay connected to the people he needs to shepherd. An integral part of that dialogue is to make sure that our bishops are attuned to the experience of the people in the pews."

The Council was created during the tenure of the former San Francisco Archbishop, Cardinal William Levada. Its lay membership represents the diversity of three counties in the archdiocese. People are asked to serve by priests who serve as deans. Cody has served on the Council since 2005.

"I find it very fulfilling," he said. "Our local Catholic community is a vitally important voice, and I value that so much. Communities everywhere have been fractured as social values have changed. That's why it's so important for the Archbishop to remain intimately connected to the faithful of the Archdiocese. Ultimately, the stronger the bonds are within the Church, the more effective we will be with our mission. The Council is one great place for this to happen."

Renewing Their Faith

Kairos Retreats Encourage
Students to Slow Down



Surrounded by the lush, tranquil gardens at Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park, Serra Padres participated in two Kairos retreats during the 2010-11 school year.

“Kairos” is Greek for “God’s time,” where students are encouraged to live in the present moment and spend time in silence reflecting on their relationship with God. The student-led retreats were supported by parents and Serra faculty members.

“The overall goal is to ignite a relationship with God and to deepen that relationship,” explained Kim Bohnert, Kairos retreat coordinator.

Kairos retreats were led by seven seniors, each of whom participated in a 40-hour leadership training program. Nine adult leaders joined juniors and seniors on each retreat. Students wrote in journals, participated in small-group time and attended Mass every day.

“Kairos is a life-changing experience,” said Tommy Pastorino '11. “It helped me to form a better relationship with God. After four days, I felt like I had known the people in my group my whole life. People opened up and shared a lot with each other.”

Student leader Greg Grogan '11 said the Kairos retreat exceeded his expectations.

“I didn’t think that everyone would get as involved as they did,” he explained. “As leaders, we told them to trust it, put your heart into it and don’t have a negative attitude. It was great to see people trusting the Kairos experience. It raised my spiritual awareness of what I have in my life and how grateful I am.”

Serra alum Kevin Dunleavy '80 was impressed by the Kairos program. He said his son, Ryan, experienced significant personal and spiritual growth from the retreat.

“Ryan came back with a deeper insight about himself and his faith,” Dunleavy noted. “There was a great cross section of kids who participated. Serra has done a great job of getting a buy-in from all sorts of different students. As Ryan is going into his senior year, he is looking forward to being a Kairos leader at an upcoming retreat.”

“This type of retreat is different because it allows students to hear about faith from the perspective of their peers,” explained Director of Campus Ministry Kyle Lierk. “Kairos allows our boys to slow down, unwind and listen to their hearts.”

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Kairos Retreat Invites Students into the Silence

by Director of Campus Ministry Kyle Lierk

I recently read an article that reported there are now as many cell phones as there are people on the planet. I had a hard time wrapping my mind around how this could be possible. Then I remembered that my wife and I have at least six “outdated” cell phones in our home. My shock quickly turned into guilt. As we rapidly evolve into a culture that is more connected and advanced than ever, we need to unplug and retreat...lest we become deaf to the sound of our heart and the voice of God.

The newly implemented Kairos Retreat at Serra has quickly become a sacred space for upper classmen to stay attuned to their hearts, explore their faith and examine their relationships. During the 2010-11 school year, the Campus Ministry Department facilitated Kairos in November and Kairos 2 in March for 90 juniors and seniors, 14 student leaders and a cadre of adult leaders. Perhaps one of the greatest keys to the success of Kairos is that the retreat involves the entire community—students, faculty, staff and families—in various capacities. Many details of the retreat are not discussed with those who have not participated in Kairos, which allows the retreat to unfold uniquely for new retreatants and encourages them to let go of anticipating the next activity.

An Old Testament lesson that is explored on Kairos is that of Elijah in the cave (1 Kings 19:3-13). While waiting to find God there, Elijah witnessed a fierce wind, splitting earthquake and raging fire. Unfortunately, the Lord was not found in any of these mighty events. Then, after the noise settled, there was “a tiny whispering sound.” It was at this point that Elijah encountered the Divine. Cell phones (all 7 billion of them!), iPads, iPods and laptops are great pieces of technology, but they interfere with the silence in our lives. Those who participate in Kairos have unique opportunities to step into the silence, prayer and their hearts in order to meet God face to face.

Summer Immersion

As dusk falls on lush raspberry fields in Watsonville, tired migrant farmworkers shuffle home on dusty roads after a hard day's work. Each morning, they rise at the crack of dawn and spend hours harvesting berries under the hot California sun. It is back-breaking manual labor, day in and day out.

From July 23 through August 6, a dedicated group of Serra students traveled to Watsonville to participate in this year's Summer Immersion Program through the Campus Ministry Department. They spent their days working alongside migrant farmworkers, picking and harvesting berries. Students transported, set up and took down giant canopies that cover the crops. They rose early for daily Mass and went to bed late. The trip was led by Christian Service and Immersion Coordinator Carlo Fiatarone and Annual Giving Manager Jonathan Allen '01.



"It was truly a life-altering experience," Allen said. "Working in the fields changes your perspective on a day's work. We take a lot for granted in life, but this trip showed us the intense manual labor that allows our agricultural system to function. I will never look at a raspberry the same way again."

"The immersion program is focused around a two week service trip," Fiatarone explained. "The experience also includes weekly training and education for three months leading up to the trip, as well as reflection and sharing with the Serra community upon their return." In addition to physical labor, students learned firsthand about issues facing those who live in California migrant farmworker communities—justice in immigration and labor practices, the migrant workforce and sustainability in local community-supported agriculture. The group also spent a week helping to run Camp St. Francis, a Catholic boys' summer camp that serves children in the migrant farming community. They shared their Padre spirit by teaching and leading games, prayers, sports, songs and skits.

"Our Padres explored their own talents and attributes as they had the chance to share these gifts with the young boys at this summer camp," Fiatarone noted. "From cooking and sharing meals, to mentoring children and working in the



fields, to praying with and for each other, our group of Padres not only learned a lot, but grew close to one another. They established a real sense of community that will last throughout their high school years here at Serra."



Justin Perez '12 said volunteering in Watsonville was an invaluable experience, and it made him appreciate all that he has at home.

"The immersion trip was the best experience that I have had at Serra by far," said Daniel Bagley '12. "The work was so meaningful. Discovering what it takes to put the fruits and vegetables we eat on our tables was an enlightening experience. The immersion trip deepened my respect for the farmers in our state and in our nation. It brought me closer to not only my friends, but also to God. Daily Mass was an enlightening experience, and I learned to see God in everything I do and everywhere I go."



"I'm proud of our students," Allen said. "They displayed tremendous determination, ingenuity and intelligence. They slept on the floor of a parish library in sleeping bags, built their own shower out of PVC pipe and garbage bags and cooked outstanding meals together. We grew together as a faith community, something that is so central to Serra's mission. Many times, education takes place outside of the classroom. This experience is something we will never forget."



NEW LEADERS EMERGE IN OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



The Campus Ministry team welcomes two dynamic men this year—Christian Service and Immersion Coordinator Carlo Fiatarone and Liturgy Coordinator Patrick Vallez-Kelly.

Carlo Fiatarone is a familiar face on campus. Last year, he worked part-time in Campus Ministry. In addition to teaching a freshman theology class, Fiatarone will supervise service hours and will expand the Immersion Program. One of his goals is to establish a Tri-School immersion trip. “I’m really happy to be here,” Fiatarone said. “I’m glad to be a part of this community. The students have so much energy and optimism. It renews you spiritually.”

After graduation from De La Salle High School, Fiatarone attended UC Davis, where he majored in development economics and Italian. After college, he moved to Africa to pursue his interest in micro-financing and economic development. He lived at a Salesian mission, which housed and taught boys who had been formerly living on the streets. It was there that Fiatarone’s career plans changed, as he discovered his passion for missionary work and teaching. “I fell in love with teaching, especially the religious and moral education classes,” he recounted. “I realized from that experience that God was calling me to shift my efforts from economic development to spiritual development. I decided that I would continue this ministry back home.”

In 2008, Fiatarone completed his master’s degree in theological studies at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley. He became a youth minister, serving the De La Salle/Carondelet high school community in Concord.

Fiatarone is not only celebrating his new job at Serra, he is also celebrating his recent engagement. His fiancée, Thea Ricchiuto, got the surprise of her life while doing missionary work at an orphanage in Bolivia. Fiatarone showed up unannounced, dropped to one knee and popped the question while little girls from the orphanage held up the letters of “Will You Marry Me?” in English and Spanish. What an amazing moment! The couple met at a youth ministry conference and plan to marry next summer.

Patrick Vallez-Kelly obtained a master’s degree in liturgical music from Santa Clara University in 2003. He spent the last few years working as the director of the Office of Worship for the San Francisco Archdiocese. There, he was in charge of preparation of Archdiocesan liturgies and advising liturgical policy. Recently, he helped to prepare the diocese for changes in text of the new Roman Missal.

As Liturgy Coordinator at Serra, Vallez-Kelly will be responsible for preparing liturgies and coordinating retreats for freshmen and sophomores. “There is an artistic creativeness to this position as well as a spiritual component,” he noted. “My goal is to empower the students.”

Vallez-Kelly is no stranger to the Tri-School community—his wife, Theresa, is the director of student activities at Notre Dame High School. The Vallez-Kellys live in Redwood City with their 9-year-old son, Anthony.

“I’m excited to work at Serra,” Vallez-Kelly said. “Kyle and the rest of the Campus Ministry team are wonderful to work with, and our students are amazing. Everyone is very passionate and enthusiastic. There’s a great energy here at Serra.”



Into the Woods

Tri-School Productions Puts New Spin on Classic Tales



Above: Lucas Gust '11



Justin Robinson '14 and Taylor Sanders (Mercy) '11

An ambivalent Cinderella? A blood-thirsty Little Red Riding Hood? A Prince Charming with a roving eye? A witch who raps? They all were colorful characters in Tri-School Productions’ spring musical, *Into the Woods*.

The fractured fairytale by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim featured students from Serra, Mercy and Notre Dame. The unforgettable musical was directed by Gennine Harrington and starred an ensemble cast including Chelle Denton (Mercy) as the Baker’s Wife; Matt Elkins '11 as the Baker; James Giusti '11 as the Farmer; and Danielle Philapil (Mercy) as Cinderella.

Into the Woods debuted on March 31 at Hillbarn Theatre in Foster City. The Serra Gellert Auditorium was closed last spring as construction crews prepared for the grand opening of the Center for the Arts and Sciences in August. The high-energy show had a winning combination of wit, comedic timing and serious drama.

“It was a pleasant surprise to work at Hillbarn Theatre,” said Production Manager Tom Sullivan '81. “Although it was a much smaller cast and crew, everyone got a lot out of working at a smaller, more intimate theater. It was a positive experience for everyone.”

Tri School Productions presents

PREVIEW NIGHT:

Thursday, October 27
7:30 p.m.



Coming this fall to the
Serra Gellert Auditorium

SHOWTIMES:

7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 28
Saturday, October 29
Friday, November 4
Saturday, November 5

What a Deal

Padre Alums Thrive
at LivingSocial



A relaxing stay in the sizzling Sedona desert for \$99. Fencing lessons for half price. A gold rush white water rafting trip for \$60. Who doesn't appreciate an impressive deal? Serra alums Chris Darmanin '99 and Tony Ancelj '00 know all about two-for-one offers and deep discounts as employees of the rapidly growing LivingSocial.

"LivingSocial adds surprise to every calendar with hand-picked daily deals you can share with discounts of at least 50 percent off at local restaurants, spas, theaters and getaways," noted Darmanin, LivingSocial's business operations manager. "We offer these deals to 30 million subscribers and have saved them more than half a billion dollars."

LivingSocial offers all sorts of interesting deals to its subscribers—two-for-one Fandango tickets, ceramics classes with wine and hors d'oeuvres, a Giants yacht party on the San Francisco Bay and discounted teeth whitening for those pearly whites, to name a few.

Here's how it works: Each day, one deeply discounted deal is sent to subscribers. If you purchase the deal, you will be sent a voucher the next day. If three of your friends buy the deal using your link, your deal is free.

Darmanin and Ancelj joined LivingSocial when there were fewer than 30 employees in September of 2009. Both were living in Washington D.C.

"Tony and I started on the same day and recognized each other from Serra," recounted Darmanin, who graduated from George Washington University in 2003. "Back then, LivingSocial was a small company. Our main product had to do with social networking applications. We had about 300,000 subscribers signed up for deals."

Ancelj graduated from Catholic University in 2009 with a law degree. He began as an intern at LivingSocial and quickly transitioned into recruitment of the sales organization. "We were tasked with hiring 100 people in 100 days, and we ended up doing it in 86 days," Ancelj recalled. "I later moved to the legal department as counsel, where I currently work closely with sales operations."

Today, business is booming and LivingSocial is thriving in 12 countries spanning seven continents. With its headquarters just a block from the White House and regional offices in San Francisco, Seattle, New York, Los Angeles and London, LivingSocial is poised to grow even more in 2011.

The company has received recognition not only for its business model, but also for its unique company culture where the average age is 28.

"We cultivate offers we think our consumers would like," Ancelj explained. "Our Amazon gift card deal became the biggest selling one-day item in online history, with 1.3 million sold. It's really about providing customers with the great experiences that local businesses are eager to deliver. That's what makes this special."

"I got my work ethic from Serra High School," he added. "We learned to work hard. I remember Mr. (Ralph) Stark telling us, 'Whatever you do, just be happy.' That really stuck—the idea of being happy in your career. I am really happy here at LivingSocial. It's great to be working with so many different people on innovative issues. It's a fun atmosphere and it's exciting to help a company grow and take it to the next level."



Canyoneering in Zion National Park, Utah—just one of the many discounted adventures offered on the LivingSocial website.

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Tony Ancelj '00

Finding his Passion from Fires to Fashion

John Robblee '96 unveils successful clothing line



John and Laura Robblee first laid eyes on each other in the sixth grade at Borel Middle School in San Mateo. They instantly became sixth grade sweethearts, maintained a friendship but eventually lost touch in high school.



After graduating from Serra in 1996, John moved to San Diego and later returned home to become a Burlingame firefighter/paramedic. Laura moved to Colorado, Chicago and Toronto. In 2006, a mutual middle school friend established a MySpace account and reconnected some of her childhood pals. John and Laura exchanged emails and decided to meet for a date when Laura moved home later that year.

“The restaurant where we first saw each other after all those years is called Destino, which means ‘destiny,’” Laura pointed out. “We’ve been together ever since.”

The meant-to-be love story unfolded seamlessly. The Robblees were married last November and they currently reside in Noe Valley. Together, they have created a thriving men’s clothing business, Alley Collection. Named after their Rottweiler, Alley, the collection features hip, stylish fashions that are easy to wear and are not intimidating to the average guy.

“Even back in middle school, John was fashion-forward,” Laura remembered. “He always wore hats. The guys made fun of it but the girls loved it!”

One evening, while chatting on the porch, John expressed an interest in men’s apparel. At the time, he was frustrated by a lack of men’s stylish, athletic-fitting clothing. Laura, an experienced executive coach, asked him to put pen to paper.

“Within 15 minutes, he had 30 incredible designs,” she recounted. “There were beautiful shirts and jackets with remarkable detail. We both have a passion for figuring things out, so we decided to pursue it as a business. Our good family friends, Josh and Lauren Podoll, were instrumental in helping us to build a business from A to Z. They have a successful women’s clothing business and were incredibly helpful.”



Alley Collection launched in September of 2009. “We’re always changing things up,” John noted. “We started out doing collared shirts, jackets and blazers using rugged materials. Guys can wear our clothing to work, but can go out after work or take their kids to the park. The vision is to help guys to become more fashion directed, but not to look like a mannequin from a department store. It’s completely different from firefighting. I enjoy the creative side of making something in the fashion community—the art and design of it. It’s the exact opposite of what I ever thought I would be doing.”

“He’s done a beautiful job intertwining the two careers,” Laura pointed out. “You can see that many of our fashions have some sort of firefighter, paramedic, police officer or EMT influence. For example, the collared shirts have zippers on the front like firefighters’ uniform shirts. We use similar buttons. The stripes on the sleeves of our jackets are just like the Class A uniforms.”

Combining his experience as a firefighter with his passion for sports, John features function and durability in every piece. Alley Collection’s urban work wear is tailored for the athletic male.

“A lot of men are scared that they’re going to look bigger if a shirt is snug at the waist, but it’s actually the opposite,” John claimed. “You don’t want to be wearing a blanket. Most guys I know aren’t wearing shirts that fit them properly. They go for the XXL because it’s comfortable, but it really doesn’t fit them. We can help them with finding the right size.”

Despite their busy “day jobs,” John and Laura make Alley Collection work. Although they rarely take a day off, they are as passionate about working together as they are about fashion. They design, cut, sew and finish their creations at a San Francisco studio. Due to the couple’s love of animals, the Robblees donate a portion of Alley Collection proceeds to Rocket Dog Rescue’s Urban Sanctuary. In addition, firefighters, police officers, military personnel, teachers, nurses and other public servants receive a discount on all merchandise. When he’s not imagining new styles, John can be found at Central County Fire Department Station #34 in Burlingame.

“I always knew that I wanted to help people,” he said. “I love my job as a firefighter. Every time you



go to work, it’s something new. You never know what to expect. It was at Serra that I took a career test that directed me to this profession.”

Among John’s favorite Serra memories are the outdoor dance, lunchtime with his friends and religion class with Lars Lund.

“At Serra, I learned to make good decisions,” he added. “I was raised not only by my family, but by the entire Serra community. We learned to make the right decisions and to do what’s best. At Serra, you’re molded to become a good person. Of course I received a great education, but the experience molded me as a man more than anything else. When you tell people you’re a Padre, their eyes brighten and it really takes you a long way. People know they can trust you. Being a Padre has definitely opened doors for me because the school is so respected.”

Speed Racer

Michael Trucco '88
Places Third in Toyota
Pro/Celebrity Race



Hollywood actor Michael Trucco '88 won third place in the 35th annual Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race on April 16. Joining a star-studded cast of celebrities from TV, film, sports and music, Trucco had a blast supporting Racing for Kids, a national nonprofit program that benefits children's hospitals in Long Beach and Orange County.

"For me, it was a childhood dream come true," Trucco admitted. "Racing has been something that I have been passionate about since I was a kid. There aren't many outlets for an amateur to race a car. I became aware of this race years and years ago. Back in the '80s, somewhere in the back of my mind, I set a goal for myself to be in this race one day."



Young and the Restless star Daniel Goddard and Michael Trucco '88

In 1998, Trucco enrolled in the Jim Russell Racing School. He has been an avid racer ever since and was thrilled to be invited this year to the Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race. Although he placed third overall, he was actually the second place winner in the celebrity category.

William Fichtner was the overall first place winner in the intense competition. Japanese drift racer Ken Gushi finished closely behind Fichtner, followed seconds later by Trucco. Other racers included pop star Kevin Jonas, CSI's AJ Buckley, *Malcolm in the Middle's* Frankie Muniz and *True Blood's* Stephen Moyer. Fichtner, who has appeared in big-screen blockbusters including *The Perfect Storm* and *Black Hawk Down*, inched ahead of Trucco in the first few laps. In the end, Gushi pushed past Trucco, although the top three contenders were neck and neck all the way to the finish line.

Although the Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race draws a large crowd, even more important than the competition itself are the children who benefit from it. A few days before the race, Trucco and his fellow celebrities spent a day visiting children at local hospitals.

"What a powerful experience," Trucco said. "It really puts things into perspective. These kids had everything from broken arms to terminal illnesses. We're just a bunch of actors, musicians and racers who have been very fortunate. It's important to understand that what we're doing is for a greater cause. At times, we choked

back tears. You can see the joy in these children's eyes. Their support team gives these kids hope, care and love. I hope to continue to do what I do, but it's also important to channel that luck toward something good. I have a moral obligation to give back."

Living the Dream

Trucco currently stars in the new USA Network series *Fairly Legal*. He is best known for his portrayal of Samuel Anders in *Battlestar Galactica*. Last year, he guest starred as Detective Tom Demming on *Castle*. While on hiatus this summer, Trucco enjoyed playing the lead role in the stage production of *Trigger* by playwright Kyle Jarrow. The play touches on morality, fate, religion and narcissism. Playing the lead role of Ryan Jackson was challenging, as the protagonist believes natural disasters are the result of his poor moral choices.

"The play is funny in a dark way," Trucco explained. "He becomes obsessed with the idea that he can alter fate because of his actions. Whether it's an earthquake in California or a tsunami in Japan, it's his fault."

In addition to the play, Trucco is doing a cartoon voice over for the Cartoon Network series *Young Justice*. "It's

unbelievable to work on an animated series, he said. "It's actually every actor's dream to do this. You can really let yourself go and have a lot of fun."

Trucco and his wife, Swiss actress Sandra Hess, celebrated their two-year wedding anniversary in July. Hess, who was Trucco's co-star on *Pensacola Wings of Gold*, has worked on numerous TV series and also starred in *Mortal Combat II*. The Truccos recently moved to Studio City in the Hollywood Hills.



"I seem to be in a good place right now," said Trucco, who recently learned that a second season of *Fairly Legal* will be filmed this fall. "I love what I do. It is a tough industry, but I absolutely love the business."

Trucco's nephew, Keenan Flynn, is currently a freshman at Serra.

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- MICHAEL TRUCCO '88

Behind the Scenes

Scott Igoe '86



Scott Igoe '86 is a busy music executive for *Jimmy Kimmel Live*. Whether he's mingling with celebrities at an awards after-party or convincing rock royalty to appear on his show, this Padre's life is anything but dull. We caught up with him this summer when he shared snippets of life in the entertainment business in the following Q&A:

Q: What do you like best about your profession?

A: I am the show's music booker. I enjoy interacting with different music artists on a daily basis, the excitement of producing TV segments and working with creative people.

Q: Please describe your typical work day.

A: I work 10- to 12-hour days, Monday through Thursday. Usually it's 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. I begin the day with a morning meeting with the senior staff and then go on to a producers' meeting with Jimmy to brief him on the show's rundown and guests. After that, we have a rehearsal and camera blocking in the afternoon and then the show starts at 7 p.m. In between, I'm on the phone or email with managers and publicists hearing pitches, watching videos on YouTube and discussing booking possibilities with my staff and the show's executive producers.

Q: Who was your most memorable guest?

A: I think it's a tie between Sting and Coldplay. Sting because I grew up idolizing him. To have him come on the show to play Police songs was a surreal moment for me. Coldplay was

the first band I booked in 2003. It was Superbowl Sunday and we shut down Hollywood Boulevard for the performance. Ten thousand people showed up to see the band play! To this day, whenever I see the guys in the band, we reminisce about that day.

Q: What was your craziest moment on the show?

A: I remember having to convince Beck that the sponsorship signage on our outdoor stage (Bud Light) was for the show and not for him. He thought he was promoting beer but it was really *Jimmy Kimmel Live* that was doing the promoting—he was just a guest. The guy refused to go on. There were more than 1,000 people there waiting to see him play. Finally, after a half-hour delay, he figured out that he actually liked Bud Light and that it was OK to play. As this was all happening, a pretty teenager was asking to speak to the music booker, trying to get a chance to play on the show. Because I was dealing with Beck, I told her she couldn't and that she would have to come back. I remember catching her name—it was Taylor Swift! Today my daughters are big fans.

Q: What is it really like to be living the glamorous Hollywood lifestyle?

A: I wouldn't really call it glamorous, but I do enjoy it. The old saying probably rings true: 'The worst day in the entertainment business is still better than the best day working anywhere else.' Television continues to be a powerful force in entertainment. The ratings on *Jimmy Kimmel Live*

have continued to grow over the past nine seasons. I'm thrilled to still be doing what I love.

Q: Will you tell us a little bit about your family?

A: I am married to Shanna Igoe, who is manager of production for GRB Entertainment. She oversees budgets and talent placement for a variety of shows. We have two daughters, Ruby (9), and Roxanne (6). They all play the piano. They are into Adele, Taylor Swift and a lot of British bands.

Q: What do you like to do as a family in your free time?

A: We enjoy seeing movies, going to the beach, visiting museums and spending time with friends.

Q: What are your goals for the next couple of years?

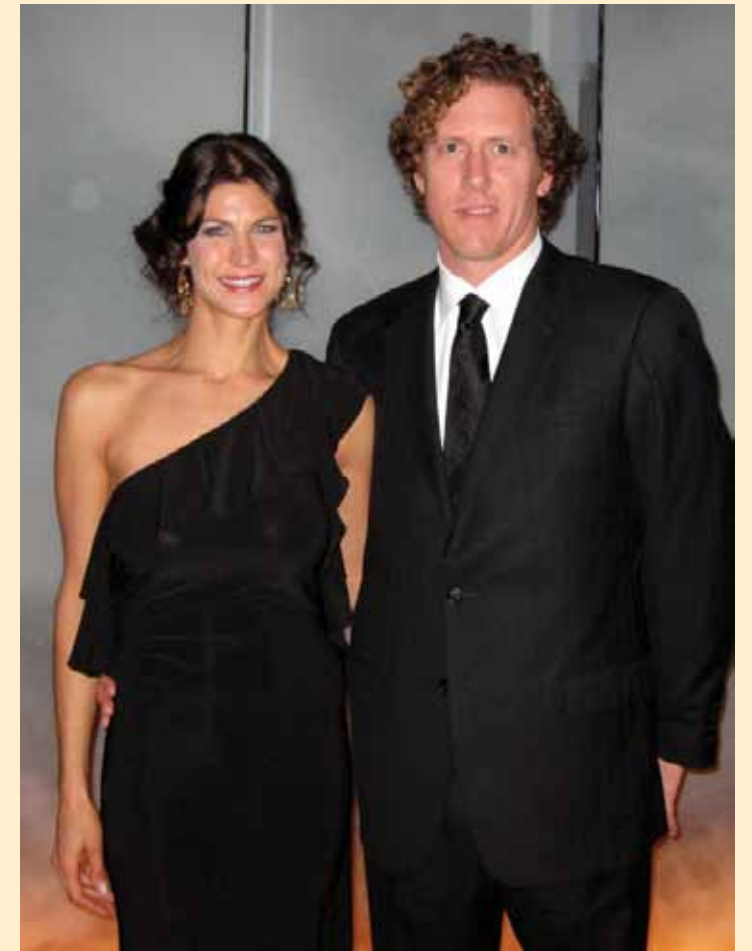
A: I would like to be working with Jimmy Kimmel for as long as he'll have me. I'd also like to branch out and develop my own music-based TV shows—some reality-based and another in a musical variety form.

Q: How do the lessons and values that you learned at Serra apply to your current job and family life?

A: High school can be a difficult place for some, but Serra taught me to respect my fellow classmates and work toward a better life for myself. Working hard brings rewards. Serra gave me the opportunity to progress in life as a husband and father.

Q: What do you remember most about being a Serra Padre?

A: The sense of belonging. Not just to my close group of friends, but to the entire Class of '86. In high school, I was in a band called *The Seen* with fellow Padres Mike Callan '86, Earl Otsuka '86, Pat Gaffney '85, Jeff Salazar '86 and Kevin Tentler '86. We were an '80s cover band. We played a lot of music by The Ramones, U2 and The Jam. It was such a rush to play in front of a bunch of kids who danced to our music. I also remember the Serra faculty members who took an interest in us, helped us to mature and guided us to the next step in life.



Photos: Top left (l-r): Scott Igoe '86, Sting, Shanna Igoe, Roxanne Igoe, Ruby Igoe; Bottom left: Scott Igoe with Kanye West; Right: Scott and Shanna Igoe



Brian Kelley '06 Receives CINE Golden Eagle Award

ON THE FENCE

What happens when you combine an avid interest in environmental studies with a passion for filmmaking? You get a winning documentary worthy of a prestigious CINE Golden Eagle Award. Brian Kelley '06 received a CINE Golden Eagle last November for his first feature documentary, *On the Fence*. The film takes an in-depth look at the construction of a 480-kilometer electric fence along Makgadikgadi Pans National Park in Botswana.

“While this film is based on an issue in Africa, the underlying message can be applied to communities everywhere on a local level,” Kelley said. “The title ‘*On the Fence*’ is both literal and psychological—many people view the environment as a place separate from where they live. It was great to see that people not only enjoyed the film, it changed their perceptions. Ultimately, that’s the goal—to get people who wouldn’t usually be interested to take an interest.”

On the Fence is a portrait of three people who work at the eco-tourist site Meno A Kwena. These characters—a villager, a wildlife guide and an eco-tourist owner—offer contrasting perspectives on why it is important to dissolve the mental barrier that divides humans and the environment.

“I wanted to look at how humans view wildlife,” Kelley explained. “The electric fence physically separates wildlife from

humans, but it strongly contributes to mental barriers that are harder to take down. However, when the eco-tourist site took steps to incorporate locals, many people changed their opinions about wilderness and home. The fence still exists to protect cattle, but the community members no longer see a separation between themselves and the national park.”

CINE Golden Eagle Awards are given for excellence in professional, independent and student filmmaking. They are internationally recognized as symbols of the highest standards in film and television production. Other recipients include Steven Spielberg, Ken Burns and Ron Howard. Kelley was one of seven student winners chosen from hundreds of entries. His film premiered at the Magestic Theater in Gettysburg, PA.

“When I watched films like *An Inconvenient Truth* and *King Korn*, I kept asking myself, ‘How would the average person watching this movie see themselves fitting into these huge global issues?’” Kelley remembered. “How do you get someone to feel vested enough in an issue to make a change? I realized that films have a huge influence on both positive and negative environmental protection.”

After enrolling in an environmental film class at Gettysburg College, Kelley was inspired to make a difference by telling stories through the camera lens. Following his graduation



in 2010, he enrolled in a three-year master’s of fine arts program in film and electronic media at American University. AU is one of two schools in the nation that focus on producing environmental media.

“Environmental films are at an exciting point right now,” Kelley said. “They are popping up all over the place. Film has a huge impact on how people think about these issues—how they make decisions and how they treat the environment. I want to produce films, both fiction and nonfiction, that reach out to people who are not interested in environmental issues. It is very easy to get someone who cares about the environment to watch a film, but it’s very hard to attract those who are skeptical. I am focused on that audience. Education through entertainment is the key.”



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Brian Kelley '06

Kelley is thinking about the theme of his thesis project, which will be either a fiction film or documentary. Last fall, he completed an internship with National Geographic in Washington D.C. There, he produced micro-documentaries for the crittercam department. Kelley looks forward to a career that will enable him to travel the globe while making a profound impact on environmental issues.

“Traveling around the world is one of the best perspectives a person can have,” he claimed. “Once you step out of the United States and your comfort zone, it’s rewarding because you meet so many interesting people. The best part is that you have a chance to share your own culture with others. A lot of people have preconceived notions about what it means to be American. By visiting these other countries, you have a chance to redefine their perceptions of what America is, often in a positive way. At the end of my travels, I seem to come home with a better sense of how the world works and how to change it for the better.”

24th Annual Serra Golf Classic



Above photo: Seniors Casey Curl and Jesse Clay

Under sunny skies on June 22, 125 Padres and friends from all generations swung their clubs at the annual Alumni Golf Classic. This year's event at Peninsula Golf & Country Club raised more than \$25,000 for the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

"There were golfers of all levels and generations," noted Alumni Director Bob Greene '85. "We had everyone from King Tuck '57 to Jesse Clay '12. There were even six female golfers this year. Pam Frisella won the long drive for women."

Golfers were divided into three flights—blue for those with handicaps below 14, gold for handicaps above 15 and senior for above 50. An exciting highlight was a chance to win a convertible Porsche. John Caselli '75 came close—at a foot short. Troy McKinley from the Hathaway Dinwiddie foursome surprised the crowd when he defeated three-time blue flight winner Chris Pederson '89 and his foursome.

As Padres joked back and forth with each other and chatted about life, the action-packed day turned into an enjoyable evening for all. Over cocktails and dinner, golfers bid on silent auction items and enjoyed a raffle. Padre dad Mitch Jurisich, co-host of *Hooked on Golf*, was the animated auctioneer.

"We are especially grateful to Padre dad Jon Handlery, who was the platinum sponsor of this year's golf tournament," Greene said. "It was an overall great day for everyone—something Padres of all ages look forward to every year."

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

2011 WINNERS

Blue Flight:	Gold Flight:	Senior Flight:
TROY MCKINLEY	KEVIN CARDOZA	DAVID AMOROSO
CLINTON COSKO '11	LANCE GIDEL	WILLIAM TUCK
JASON BOYB	SCOTT PRITCHETT	ROBERT TUCK
PAUL DOMMES	JOHN YEGGE	



Top left: Robert Caviglia '66, Frank Canniella, Jason Frisella '91, Bob Grassilli '66
 Top right: l-r: Chris Pedersen '89, Chris Ronan, Paul Karson, Dan Murray '89
 Bottom left: l-r: Lance Gidel, Kevin Cardoza, John Yegge, Scott Pritchett
 Bottom right: l-r: Troy McKinley, Clinton Cosko '11, Hathaway Dinwiddie rep



Above: Alumni dad Jon Handlery (colorful golf attire) pictured with two Handlery Hotel golf foursomes.

DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S HOMECOMING & REUNION GALA



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 REUNION GALA
 Classes of '51, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91, '01
 Serra High School, 6 p.m.
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 The Class of '51—Celebrating 60 years!
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Questions? Contact:
 Alumni Director Bob Greene '85
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< SWIMMING

Varsity Head Coach: Bob Greene '85
JV Coach: Matt Fox
Freshman Coach: Melissa Choa

Varsity: 3-4
Frosh/Soph: 5-2
7 varsity athletes qualified for CCS

Swimming Awards:
Varsity MVP: Derek Koo
Frosh/Soph MVP: Robert O'Leary
All League: Jake Folan & Derek Koo

GOLF >

Head Varsity Coach:
Joe Hession

JV Coach:
Ralph Stark

Varsity WCAL: 5-9
Varsity Overall: 6-9
JV WCAL: 8-6

Golf Awards:
CCS Qualifier: Jack Ryan
MVP: Brendan Morton

1st Team All League:
Brendan Morton

Coaches' Award: Kyle Sacher
Most Improved: Jack Ryan



"This was an incredible season for Serra swimming. We had 68 swimmers involved in the program and more than 75% of them qualified for WCAL finals. "

- Head Swimming Coach Bob Greene '85

"The varsity golf team had a number of strong individual performances. Brendan Morton and Jack Ryan both won medalist honors in league matches. The Padres received a spark from younger players Jackson Rapaich '14 and Jon Albero '13. The team played well at its home course, Green Hills Country Club, but struggled a bit on the road."

- Head Golf Coach Joe Hession

TENNIS >

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

Varsity Record: 13-5 (9-5 WCAL)
WCAL 3rd place/CCS 2nd Round
(Lost to #1 Bellarmine)

Junior Varsity Record: 9-5 WCAL
3rd place (WCAL)

Tennis Awards:
All WCAL 1st Team:
Sean Talmadge and Joey Simpson

All WCAL Honorable Mention:
Brenden Barrows, Gene Cao,
Matt Campana, Sumeet Dogra, John
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Varsity MVP: Sean Talmadge

CCS 3rd Place Singles:
Sean Talmadge

Most Improved Player:
Gene Cao

Most Inspirational:
Alex Frank

JV MVP: Aidan Tribble

Most Improved Player:
Ryan Dunleavy

Most Inspirational Player:
Joey Nouaux



"With such an impressive season, the team was rewarded by being able to compete at CCS for the first time in more than a decade. A strong work ethic and passion brought out the confidence of this young team to compete with such enthusiasm. Perseverance is a virtue that enabled them to never quit. They share a brotherhood which inspires them morally and spiritually on and off the court."

- Head Tennis Coach Marcus Charles

BASEBALL >

Varsity Head Coach: Craig Giannino
Assistants: Jessie Lehane '05
and Ray MacDonald '82

JV Coach: Dan Walsh '92
Assistant: Jeff Harper

Freshman Coach: Steve Baccari
Assistant: John Canepa

Overall: 17-12
WCAL 4th Place Finish
11th seed in CCS

Baseball Awards:
1st Team All League Outfield:
Andre Mercurio

1st Team All League Utility: Barry Timko
2nd Team All League Pitcher: Orlando Razo

All League Mention:
Thomas Cox
Austin March
Michael McEntee
Matt Michelini
Ryan Strombom

MVP/Blanket Award: Andre Mercurio
Most Valuable Pitcher: Ryan Strombom
Frisella Award: Daniel Strupeni
Dan Malley Award: Ricky Rolfes



"Our players worked tirelessly this season and I'm proud of their collaborative efforts. It was wonderful to watch our student-athletes set goals as they refined their skills. Six of our players are going on to play NCAA baseball, which is truly remarkable. I wish them all the best as we look forward to an exciting season next year."

- Head Baseball Coach Craig Gianinno



< LACROSSE

Varsity Head Coach: Bubba Sandford
Varsity Assistant: Jack Silva '04

JV Head Coach: Troy Dinkel

Varsity: 11-8 (4-4 WCAL, 3rd Place)
JV: 7-9 (2-8 WCAL, 4th Place)

Lacrosse Awards:

- MVP: Mike Bertoldi
- Most Improved Player: Clinton Cosko, Jackson Shales
- 1st Team All WCAL: Mike Bertoldi, Connor Goodin
- 2nd Team All WCAL: Connor McLeon, Alex Mills
- Honorable Mention All WCAL: Clinton Cosko, Callan Fisher

"Showing remarkable improvement over last year, the Padres finished with an 11-8 record, taking third place in the WCAL and making the league playoffs. Highlights of the season included: beating Mitty and St. Francis (four times), a double-overtime win against Jesuit, Sacramento and a come-from-behind win over Mitty with three minutes left. The Padres will be returning several players next year, which promises a bright future for the lacrosse program."

Head Lacrosse Coach Bubba Sandford



< VOLLEYBALL

Varsity Head Coach: Eric Ballelos
Varsity Assistant: Dustyn Woropay

JV Coach: Stephanie Burbank
JV Assistant: Dustyn Woropay

Varsity: 7-9 (3-7 WCAL)
JV: 2-12 (1-9 WCAL)

Volleyball Awards:

- MVP: Tyler Woropay
- Most Improved: Matt Williams
- Leadership Award: Michael Timko

CREW >

Varsity Head Coach: Sam Baum
Varsity Assistant Coach: Adam Jones
Freshman Coach: Tyler Williamson
Freshman Assistant: Rigel Bricken

5th Place Lightweight 4+
Southwest Junior Rowing Championship

Crew Awards:

- Dylan Cappel Award: James Joly
- Pete and Loretta Callies No Excuses Award: David Kekuewa
- Attitude Award: Paul Jiminez
- Varsity Leadership Award: Robert Vernazza



"A physically small team with grit and ambition . . . With nine returning seniors, the 2012 season looks promising."

Head Crew Coach Sam Baum



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whirlpools and
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◀ TRACK & FIELD

Varsity: 6-4-1
3rd place WCAL

CCS Playoffs
(8 out of 10 years)

JV: 5-4-1
(3-3-1 WCAL)

Frosh: 8-1 (7-0 WCAL)
Varsity Head Coach:
Jim Marheineke

Assistants:
Ed Berry
Ron DiMaggio '97
Justin Lewis

Matt O'Connor '04
John Nava '96
Keith Stapleton
Maria Worthge
Walt Worthge



Track & Field Awards

Varsity Team Awards:
Blanket Award: Ben Parodi
Most Valuable Track Athlete: Andrew Menzel

Kevin Ragan Memorial/Coaches' Award: Juan Rodriguez, Kevin Delos Santos, Danny Godfrey, Cameron Ciano

CCS Placers:
Dalyn Pacheco: High Jump (2nd Place, 6' 5"); Triple Jump (8th Place, 42' 7.5")
Ben Parodi: Shot put (4th Place, 54-7.25)
400m Relay Team: Mark Celentano, Erich Wilson, Angelo Arco, Chad Baur (4th Place, 42.64)
Jonathan Beering: Shot put (8th Place, 48' 11.5")
1st Team WCAL: WCAL Varsity Champions
Zachary Mitchell: 300m IH (41.42)
Ben Parodi: Shot put (56-4)
Dalyn Pacheco: Triple Jump (44-5 ½)

3rd place WCAL:
Jonathan Beering: Shot Put (49-10 ¾)
400m Relay team 43.46: Andrew Nunes, Erich Wilson, Zachary Mitchell, Chad Baur
Zachary Mitchell: 110 HH (16.86)
Dalyn Pacheco: High Jump (6-2)

2nd Team WCAL: 4th place WCAL
Devin Murphy: Long Jump (20-8 ¾)
Cameron Ciano: Shot put (48-10 ½)
Andrew Menzel: 1600m (4:29.84)

5th place WCAL
Ben Parodi: Discus (141-6)
Luke Longinotti: Shot put (48-10)
Andrew Nunes: 110 HH (17.16)
1600m Relay team 3:30.73: Chad Baur, Danny Colom, Zachary Mitchell, Avery Turzanski

WCAL Honorable Mention:
6th place WCAL
Danny Colom: 800m (2:01.36)
Carsten Stann: 3200m (10:07.19)

WCAL Frosh/Soph Champions
Patrick Cook – 800m
Michael Rutledge – Long Jump
Mark Celentano – Triple Jump

Serra Frosh/Soph School Record
Zachary Mitchell: 300 Hurdles (41.34)

Shea Award Recipient

The 2011 Shea Sportsmanship Award was presented to senior football player and track and field athlete Ben Parodi. The Shea Award is given to a senior athlete who participated in two sports during his senior year and who exemplifies what a Padre athlete represents. Shea Award recipients demonstrate good sportsmanship and a positive Christian attitude. Voted by the head coaches, it is the highest honor awarded to a Serra senior athlete.

Parodi had the top mark in the shot put among all CCS throwers this year at 57' 1/2". That mark is the #2 throw of all-time at Serra.

"Ben's achievements were outstanding," said Head Track and Field Coach Jim Marheineke. "He is the best thrower we have had at Serra in a very long time."

At the Sacramento Meet of Champions, Parodi finished in the top 20 of the state with his 57' 1/2" throw. He finished in fourth place at the CCS Finals after winning his second straight WCAL shot put title, and had the eighth best discus mark in the CCS with his throw of 149' 6".

Parodi was this year's Blanket Award winner for the track team and received recognition at the Pacifica Sports Club Breakfast of Champions. He will attend UC Davis in the fall, where he will major in viticulture and compete for the Aggies in track and field.

"To say that Ben's hard work has paid off is an understatement," Marheineke noted. "He has embraced both the intrinsic motivation needed in this sport and the responsibility of being a true team leader for the other 130 members of our team. UC Davis will be a great place for Ben to continue his career while earning a degree from one of the top viticulture programs."

Support the Serra Booster Club!



Comprised of alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends, the Serra Booster Club supports Padre Athletics. The money raised from memberships, sales of merchandise and Booster-sponsored events is used to purchase

supplies, equipment, uniforms and capital projects above and beyond what the school budget provides. Each January, the the Booster Club sponsors its annual Crab Cioppino Dinner and Dance in the Padre Gym. This is the social event of the year, and it draws close to 500 guests.

The Booster Club takes great pride in the fact that the monies raised support all 14 teams at Serra. Please join today by loggin gon to the Serra website at: www.serrahs.com (click on **Athletics**).

2010-2011
BLANKET
AWARD
WINNERS

CARSTEN STANN
2010 CROSS COUNTRY

MICHAEL TATOLA
2010 FOOTBALL

MAX MURPHY
2010 WATER POLO

CONNOR MCGRATH
2011 BASKETBALL

SPENCER HALL
2011 SOCCER

TRAVIS ROBERTS
2011 WRESTLING

BOBBY VERNAZZA
2011 CREW

ANDRE MERCURIO
2011 BASEBALL

BRENDAN MORTON
2011 GOLF

MIKE BERTOLDI
2011 LACROSSE

DEREK KOO
2011 SWIMMING

SEAN TALMADGE
2011 TENNIS

BEN PARODI
2011 TRACK AND FIELD

TYLER WOROPAY
2011 VOLLEYBALL

"The team was led by the shot put and discus throwers, having at least two WCAL finalists in each event for both varsity and frosh/soph (the only WCAL school to do so). The highlight was the Varsity shot put where the Padres were led by back-to-back WCAL shot put champ Ben Parodi and finished 3rd, 4th and 5th places as well. As a whole, both teams had many key contributors. Despite losing several key seniors, the future looks great for Serra Track and Field."

Head Track & Field Coach Jim Marheineke

Class Notes

1951

YOUR 60-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 15. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit Serra at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

1961

YOUR 50-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 15. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit Serra at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

1963

FR. STEPHEN HOWELL is currently serving as pastor of IHM Church in Belmont and as chaplain of Notre Dame High School.

1971

YOUR 40-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 15. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit Serra at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

1972

DON STEVENS lives in San Mateo and is the Vice President of Technology and Consumer/Retail for DHL.

Several members from the Class of '72 held an informal Padre reunion in June. Pictured below are (back row l-r): Bill Steach, Joe Daly, Don Stevens, Jack Trainor and George Carr. (Front row l-r): Dick Jordan, Kevin Fahey, Matt O'Brien and Ron Barri. Missing from photo: Chris Ryan.



1976

GREG HART (former Serra Alumni Board president and recently retired police commander) was spotted fishing in South Lake Tahoe this spring. Greg has 30 years of combined service to the departments of Colma and South San Francisco.



1977

KEVIN HOLDEN'S daughter, Emma (NDB '08), was named All-American and NAIA Pitcher of the Year after an outstanding junior season for the Cal Baptist softball team.



1980

JEFF LEVERONI has been appointed director of information technology/CIO for the City of San Diego.

JEFF TALLERICO was promoted to sergeant with the Daly City Police Department in January.

1981

YOUR 30-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 15. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

JOHN SPANEK has been a licensed real estate broker for 25 years. He currently works for General Electric's commercial real estate division as tenant service manager for the San Francisco Bay Area and Pacific Northwest. John is responsible for GE's tenant retention program, which encompasses almost 4 million square feet of commercial real estate.



1986

YOUR 25-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 15. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

1989

FRANCIS SISON married Denise Villegas on July 8 in South Lake Tahoe. Six Padres were present at the wedding. Pictured below (l-r): Ron Avenida '86, Noel Sy '83, bride Denise Villegas, groom Francis Sison '89, Noel Sison '97 and Tony Sy '81. Missing from photo: David Opiana '91.



1990

FRANK RISSO was named Assistant City Treasurer for the City of South San Francisco on June 8. Frank will serve under fellow Serra grad, and current South San Francisco mayor, Kevin Mullin '88.

1991

YOUR 20-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 15. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

PAT MURPHY shares a laugh with fellow Firefighter/Paramedic John Robblee '96 at Central County Fire Department. Both are stationed at Firehouse #34 on California Drive in Burlingame.



Class Notes

1992

BRIAN SOLON married Ashley Bryan on May 21 in Oxford, Mississippi.

1993

JOEY FIGONE and his wife, Rhonda, welcomed their first child, Lucas Joseph, on February 2.



1997

CHRISTIAN MONTGOMERY opened a law practice in Sacramento named Montgomery and Wetenkamp. After graduating from law school, Christian served as a law clerk with the Orange County Public Defender's office. Christian is specializing in tax law and workers' compensation cases.

1998

SCOTT PHELPS and his wife, Helena, welcomed their son, Brandon, on Saturday, August 22.



2000

WILLIAM BOENIG married Rebecca Idiart on August 14, 2010 in Menlo Park.

2001

YOUR 10-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 15. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (*Click on Alumni*).

PETE MUSCAT graduated from UCLA in 2005 with a degree in molecular biology. Pete worked for First Republic Bank for two years before moving to Goldman Sachs in 2007. He has been working at their San Francisco office as an associate for four years.

2002

EDWARD BOENIG married Margo Liptsin on June 24, 2010 in Switzerland.

2004

LANCE "DAMON" BAILEY completed Officer Candidate School (OCS)—a grueling 10-week program to train, evaluate and screen officer candidates. Of the five candidates sent from Moffet Field, Lance was the only one who passed. He is now a 2nd Lt. with high aspirations to succeed in the USMC program. Pictured right are Lance and his sister, Dawn (Mercy '06).



Class Notes

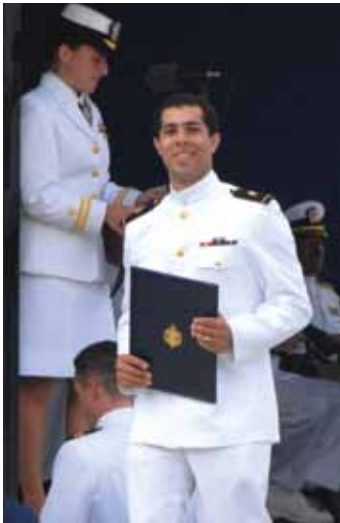
TOM SCHWARZ married Tira Tredway on February 19, 2011 in Scotts Valley/Santa Cruz. Tom's best man was fellow classmate Andy Rhineberger '04. His sister, Sara Schwarz (NDB '06), was the maid of honor. The couple now reside in Burlingame.



2007

RICHIE MIROWSKI was drafted and signed by the Washington Nationals in the 45th Round. Richie pitched for Oklahoma Baptist last season and went 11-2 with a 3.54 ERA.

GAVIN CALLIES graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June. Last year, Gavin was at the Academy with Padre alums John Minahan '08, Cameron Woods '09, Chris Chang '09 and M.H. Tauskey '10. Cameron gave Gavin his first official salute after graduation. Gavin received his degree in engineering and economics and will be assigned to Pensacola, Florida for flight school. He is looking forward to becoming a Naval Flight Officer.



2008

STEPHEN LUMPKINS was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 13th Round. Lumpkins has played basketball for American University the last three years and decided to forgo his senior season to sign with the Royals. At 6'8", 225 lbs., Lumpkins has been playing power forward and would have been the Eagles' top returning scorer and rebounder.



2009

SAM RUNCO was elected president of the Theta Chi Fraternity at Chico State University. Runco is supported by fellow Padres Marcus Bergamaschi '08, fraternity vice president; and Andy DeLuca '09, who is house manager. Other Chico State Theta Chi members are Jared Roberts '09 and Ricky Rosario '09. Theta Chi Fraternity was founded in 1856 in Vermont. It now has 219 chapters across the nation. Runco's chapter "inspires brotherhood, leadership and friendship." The fraternity supports the university through social and sporting events, as well as providing community service to the area. The Serra brotherhood and Padre pride continues at Chico State University.



2010

JOHNNY VILLAR won first place in the category of best parody at the First Annual 2011 CSM Film Festival. Johnny received a \$500 cash prize for his five-minute, silent film, *The Bicycle*. Johnny wrote, shot, edited and appeared in the film. In another contest, Johnny won first place in the fiction category for his story, *The Door Beside the Stairs*, in the 35th Annual Foster City International Writer's Contest. The contest judges, representing the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club Board of Directors, commented on Johnny's story: "A classic mystery-horror story that grabs you from the first paragraph. You identify with the young victim and are caught up in the description of the Victorian Ralston Hall. The conclusion is as thrilling as the opening."



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 Serra Advancement Office at 650.573.9935.

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- Anonymous '63
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- Mr. Ben Reichmuth '53
- Mr. and Mrs. Ferencz Sipos*
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sullivan
- Mr. Randy Vogel
- Mr. and Mrs. David Whitney
- Mrs. Clare Carey Willard

*Deceased

CORRECTIONS AND OMISSIONS:

We apologize for printing the incorrect first name of Paul Goodman '57 in our Spring 2011 class notes.

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Lumière Hayes '11 Appointed to U.S. Naval Academy

Receives Certificate of Congressional Recognition



Above: l-r: Tom Teshara (U.S. Naval Academy), Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Lumière Hayes '11, Frank Verducci (U.S. Naval Academy), Serra Admissions Director Randy Vogel

In early June, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo of the 14th Congressional District hosted a U.S. Service Academies Reception at Moffett Field. She presented Lumière Hayes '11 with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition for his appoinment to the U.S. Naval Academy. Hayes was accompanied by his parents and three members of the Serra staff—Admissions Director Randy Vogel, Spanish teacher Ricardo Garcia and Annual Giving Manager Jonathan Allen '01. Eshoo selected Hayes for nomination to the Naval Academy

from a large pool of applicants. She said Hayes was selected because he has excelled academically and athletically. In addition, he has demonstrated the strong leadership characteristics necessary to lead the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Garcia, who also was Hayes' wrestling coach, said he was extremely proud of his student and was choked up during the ceremony. "Lu is interested in international politics," Garcia noted. "We are so proud of him, but it's also bittersweet because we will miss him. The nest gets smaller."

Jonathan Allen '01, a field representative for Eshoo before he came to work for Serra, was in attendance to congratulate Hayes on his appointment. Allen oversaw the Academy nomination process while on staff for Eshoo. "The Naval Academy is one of the most highly-selective and rigorous institutions in the country," he pointed out. "There are very few spots open for only the best of the best. Lumière is exactly what the Naval Academy is looking for. Only people with tremendous drive, work ethic and intelligence can get through Annapolis. That's Lumière."

Island Reunion

Jim Monahan reconnects with Padre alum and golf pro Kevin Bresnahan '91

On a recent trip to Hawaii, former Serra teacher/coach Jim Monahan and his wife, Jane, visited the famous *Challenge at Manele* golf course on the beautiful island of Lana'i.



"Behold!" wrote Jim. "The assistant golf pro at the *Challenge* was none other than Padre alum Kevin Bresnahan '91. We had a great visit with him."

Challenge at Manele, rated among the top 100 courses in the world, is a Jack Nicklaus signature layout set on the cliffs high above Manele Bay.

The Road to Omaha

This spring, the Cal baseball team lived a fairytale season, coming back from the brink of program elimination all the way to the College World Series. Led by second baseman Tony Renda '09 and standout pitcher Logan Scott '08, the Bears excelled in the regular season and rolled through their playoff bracket, winning their Regional and Super Regional Tournaments.

They advanced to the College World Series, the prestigious final tournament of the college baseball playoffs that is held annually in Omaha. Although they didn't win the championship, the Bears relished being named one of the top eight teams in the nation after nearly being cut by UC Berkeley due to budget woes. This was Cal's first appearance in the College World Series since 1992.

"Playing in the College World Series was absolutely a dream come true for me," Scott shared. "Each year, every team starts out the year saying 'Let's go to Omaha,' but only eight teams get to do it every year. It beat every expectation that we had. As a pitcher, I had pitched in front of 3,000 people. When I stepped out on the mound in Omaha, 26,000 people were in the stands. It was awesome!"

In May, Renda was named the Pac-10 Baseball Player of the Year. He led the Bears in average (.332), hits (88) and RBI (44). Renda also owns the record for most career hits at Serra (139) after breaking Gregg Jefferies' record that had stood for 24 years. In their two years as teammates at Serra, Renda and Scott led the varsity baseball team to a record of 50-13, while claiming two WCAL titles.

Look for the two Padres to return next year as the Bears look to once again reach the hallowed grounds of Omaha.



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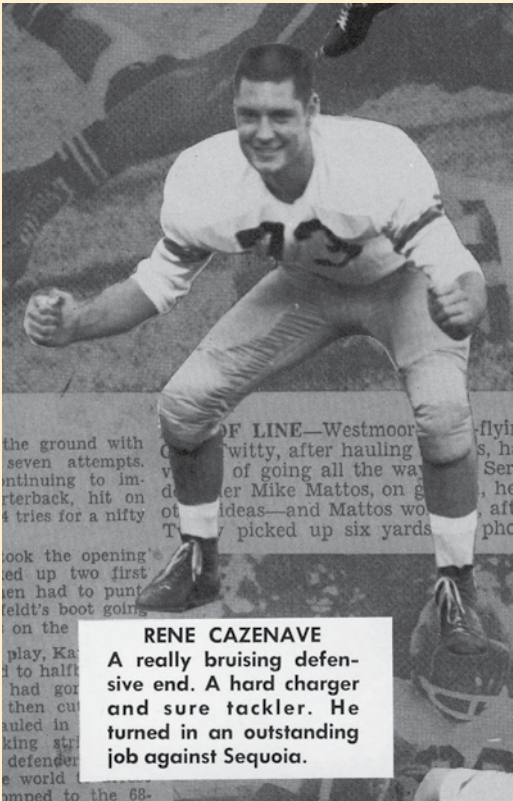
Remembering Rene Cazenave '59

Making a Difference . . .

Members of the Class of '59 were deeply saddened by the loss of their friend, Rene Cazenave, on June 27, 2010. A native San Franciscan, Rene was an active member of the San Francisco community, where he will always be remembered for his tireless efforts as an advocate for affordable housing and community development. He was an extraordinary mentor and leader who inspired generations of activists. Rene is survived by his wife, Sylvie; his sister, Denise; his son, Lucien; and his granddaughter, Drew.

As a key member of Citizens for Representative Government, Rene pushed hard for the passage of Proposition T in 1976, which established district elections of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. This enhanced the role of community-based organizations in the production of affordable housing facilities for low-income and minority communities.

“Rene was a fully integrated political being,” said his longtime friend and business partner Calvin Welch, who worked with Rene on many community development and affordable housing advocacy issues. “He held a deep and unshakable belief in socialism and humanism. Although he was heartsick over the decline of working class San Francisco, his disappointment over political events never caused him to give up or give in. He loved the fight, he loved the action, and he worked harder than most to the very end. We all know that we stand on the shoulders of giants. But every now and then we are lucky enough to actually stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them. Those of us who knew Rene were that lucky.”



Rene was a founder of the Council of Community Housing Organizations, a coalition of faith-based and community nonprofit housing organizations. Over the past 30 years, members of the council developed and rehabilitated more than 25,000 units of affordable housing in one of the most expensive housing markets in the United States. Rene used his skills and persistence to secure the funding needed to support countless housing developments from the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and the Community Development Block Grant program.

Classmate Robert F. Garratt '59 was impressed by his friend’s dedication to affordable housing.

“I caught up with Rene at our 50th reunion,” he shared. “His story was so inspiring. We spoke about his career in public housing. I was impressed by how committed he was to his work and how he dedicated a good part of it to making a better life for those less fortunate than he was. Our time together at Serra was when we were all young men developing our ideas, attitudes, personalities and characters. That time in high school gave us very strong impressions of each other. We were unaware of how this potent brew would eventually mature in each of our adult lives. Rene was affable, intelligent, witty and at the same time a regular guy who enjoyed life with his classmates.”

“Rene played defense fearlessly on Padre football teams,” noted Gary Hughes '59. “He went on to live his life fearlessly, while advocating for the little guy. Rene was a perfect example of what you’d want a Serra man to be.”

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In Memoriam

GORDON ANTHONY, father of longtime Serra faculty member Bruce Anthony, died at the age of 87 on Easter Sunday. He was the grandfather of Tyler '07 and Trevor '98.

EUGENIA "GENE" CARTER passed away on July 18. Mrs. Carter was the mother of Serra math teacher **PERRY CARTER '84** and the first grade teacher at St. Timothy Catholic School for many years.

RENE CAZENAVE '59 passed away on June 27, 2010. Rene dedicated his life to affordable housing, equality, and social justice in San Francisco.

DAN ENGLISH '66, father of **PARKER '04** and **CONNOR '07** and brother of **DENNIS '69** passed away on August 3. Dan remained close to his Serra classmates and attended all of his sons games during their time here. After their graduation, Dan came to a number of our home games as he was “always a Padre.”

EDA FADELLI, mother of **MICHAEL '88** and grandmother of **CHRIS HOULE '92** and **BRIAN HOULE '97** passed away on May 1.

DICK FINN, father of **STEPHEN '65** and **JEFFREY '71 FINN**, passed away on April 19 at the age of 93.

RICHARD FORNESI '59 passed away on June 15. A resident of South San Francisco all his life, he is survived by his wife, brother, three children and seven grandchildren who he loved so much.

BILL GIGUIERE '62 passed away on February 23. Bill played defensive end for the Serra 1961 CAL champion football team and coached varsity football at Serra for many years. He also taught science at St. Pius Catholic School.

JOSEPH HARTMAN '53 passed away on February 26.

JEFF ISBE '71 passed away on April 12.

VINCENT DENNIS KENNEDY '51 passed away on July 31, 2010.

PAUL MACY '62 passed away on May 17. After receiving a Masters in Construction Management from Stanford, Paul traveled the world building pipelines, finally settling in Walnut Creek. He is survived by his wife Wendy, children Kim and Mark, and four grandchildren.

JAMES MCCARTHY '64 passed away on March 1. He was a graduate of Santa Clara and Princeton and was the brother of **KEVIN '67** and **BRIAN '70**. Their mother, Jennie, taught at Notre Dame Belmont for 22 years and passed away in 2010.

WILLIAM MURPHY '48 passed away in July. Bill was a family man with six children, eight grandchildren and a wife of 53 years. He was part of the first freshman class in Serra’s history.

JOHN “SKIP” POWERS '62 passed away. He was the captain and Blanket Award winner for the Serra 1962 CAL Champion baseball team.

TAYLOR RATTRAY '99 passed away on April 2, 2010.

MARTIN J. SWEENEY, JR. '51 passed away on June 15.

PAULINE TOLARI, great grandmother of Matthew Pastore '12, grandmother of Paul '86 and Anthony Tolari '88, Jim Gitas '86, and Frankie '97 and Daniel Sisca '05, passed away on July 18 at the age of 91.

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Alumni Barbecue with Notre Dame and Mercy
- 15TH Alumni Reunions
(Classes of '51, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91, '01)

NOVEMBER 2011

- 12TH Annual Benefit Auction
- 23RD Alumni Basketball Game
Alumni Wrestling Casino Night
- 24TH Alumni Waterpolo Game
- 26TH Alumni Soccer Game
Alumni ARC/ Music & Art Day

DECEMBER 2011

- 6TH - 8TH Alumni Phon-A-Thon
- 23RD Alumni Crew Row

FEBRUARY 2012

- 9TH Jungle Game
- 24TH Alumni 50 Year Club Luncheon
- 29TH Annual Fund A Dream Scholarship Luncheon

APRIL 2012

- 7TH Alumni Volleyball Game
Alumni Baseball Game

JUNE 2012

- 18TH Alumni Golf Classic

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