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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Serra,

Recently, I have been struck by the irony that I end my *Traditions* magazine letters with Fr. Serra's motto, *Siempre Adelante*, which means "always forward." It points to a wonderful reality that, while our school is rooted in unchanging core values, we continue to move forward anticipating and adapting to the changing times in which today's students are growing up. The following are just some of the core values upon which Serra's traditions are based:

- Serra is a Catholic school. Everything here begins with and finds its ultimate destination in the Gospel of Jesus. His life, message, suffering, death and resurrection give meaning and purpose to all of our endeavors. It guides our hopes, aspirations and dreams; it consoles us during times of loss, difficulty and grief; it unites us as a community and inspires us to see the presence of God in all its members.
- Serra is a college preparatory school. It not only readies students for the rigors of university life, but, more important, helps them to discover the greatness to which God has called each of them.
- Serra is a single-gender school for young men. Alumni and parents know that the environment here inspires brotherhood, achievement and pride in our students. It also creates in them a sense of what it means to be a true friend, and inspires them to become loving husbands and fathers one day. To this, I quickly add that it is no accident that Serra has produced a good number of holy and faithful priests, and one bishop!
- Serra hires and retains faculty and staff members who make a powerful difference in the lives of our students. Not only are they exceptional instructors across all academic areas and extracurricular programs, they are also important role models who help students to develop the wisdom and virtues they need to become men of justice and service.

Serra has lived out these core values in every decade since 1944. Those of us of a certain age (and younger ones who read their history books) know that our world has changed over the past 68 years. In every era, Serra has changed with the times in a way faithful to its traditions.

This fall, our newest Padres arrived—the Class of 2016. These freshmen were born in the year 1998. The life expectancy of these students, God willing, will allow them to live until the 2070s and 2080s. We cannot even begin to imagine the challenges they will face. We do know that amazing technological advances will continue to occur at an astonishing rate. We know that students will become adults in an increasingly competitive global economy. We know that things will become more, and not less, complex for them and their children.

In the pages that follow, you will see evidence of how Serra continues to uphold its cherished traditions, while moving forward as a school that prepares students for life in the 21st century.

As always, thank you for all that you do to make a Serra education possible for today's and tomorrow's Padres.

Siempre Adelante!

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.

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Graduation 2012

It was an unforgettable moment for members of the Class of 2012 on June 2, as they filed into St. Mary's Cathedral and reflected on their high school years at Serra. Surrounded by their families and friends, the 225 graduates celebrated four years of hard work, dedication and brotherhood. Serra Chaplain Fr. Joe Bradley '73 celebrated the Mass with Fr. Dave Giorso, the pastor of St. Charles (San Carlos) and a member of Serra's Advisory Board of Regents. This year's valedictorians were Luke Longinotti, Bhaven Patel and Rohan Acharya.

"Rohan, Luke and Bhaven epitomize excellence in all areas of a Serra education," said Serra Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D., who presented diplomas to the graduating seniors. "These areas include academics, faith and service. Our valedictorians exemplify what it means to be a Serra Padre, who we are as a community, our values and what we are striving to be. They are role models to the rest of the student body and to the community."

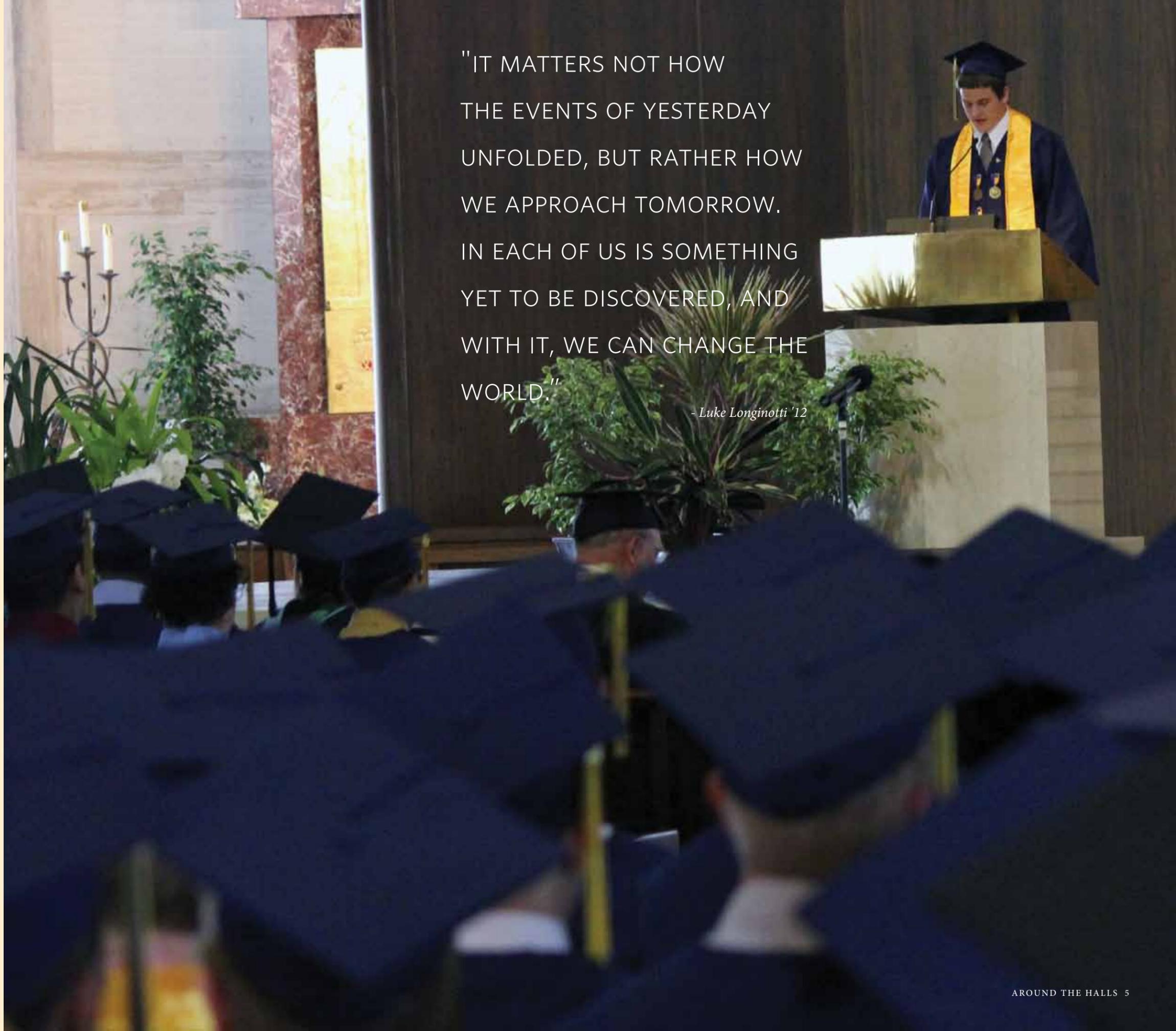
The valedictory address was delivered by Executive Student Body President Luke Longinotti. "I would like to leave you with a message of hope—hope that we will all succeed," Longinotti said. "Hope that all our dreams will come true. Hope that the foundation instilled in us at Serra will continue to guide us through the rest of our lives. And hope that we may all see each other again. It matters not how the events of yesterday unfolded, but rather how we approach tomorrow. In each of us is something yet to be discovered, and with it, we can change the world."

Serra President and senior parent Lars Lund (Kevin Lund '12) acknowledged the teachers' commitment to the students, as well as the school's partnership with parents. He asked parents to stand while he led them in a moving blessing of their sons.

"Serra graduation captures the spirit of our school and allows us to see how seniors have grown in heart, mind, body and soul," Lund said.

After receiving their diplomas, members of the Class of 2012 moved their tassels to the right and became official graduates of Junípero Serra High School. As they made their way out to the cathedral courtyard, Executive Spirit Commissioner Nick Runco led the seniors in a final Padre Whisper. Members of the Class of 2012 join nearly 12,000 alumni.

"Once a Padre, always a Padre!"



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- Luke Longinotti '12



CLASS OF 2012 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LIST

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

UC Berkeley
 UC Davis
 UC Irvine
 UC Los Angeles
 UC Merced
 UC Riverside
 UC San Diego
 UC Santa Barbara
 UC Santa Cruz

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

California Maritime
 Cal Poly Pomona
 Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
 CSU, Channel Islands
 CSU, Chico
 CSU, East Bay
 CSU, Fresno
 CSU, Fullerton

CSU, Long Beach
 CSU, Los Angeles
 CSU, Monterey Bay
 CSU, Northridge
 CSU, Sacramento
 CSU, San Bernadino
 CSU, San Marcos
 CSU, Stanislaus
 Humboldt State
 San Diego State
 San Francisco State
 San Jose State
 Sonoma State

CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Academy of Art
 Azusa Pacific
 California Lutheran University
 Chapman University

Dominican University of California
 Loyola Marymount University
 Menlo College
 Notre Dame de Namur University
 Occidental College
 Saint Mary's College of California
 Santa Clara University
 Stanford University
 University of the Pacific
 University of Redlands
 University of San Diego
 University of San Francisco
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 Whittier College

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Butte College
 Canada College
 College of San Mateo

Foothill College
 Kapiolani Community College
 Santa Barbara City College
 Sierra College
 Skyline College

OUT OF STATE COLLEGES

Albright College
 Anderson University
 Arizona State University
 Ball State University
 Baylor University
 Binghamton University (SUNY)
 Boise State University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Carroll College
 Chaminade University
 Clarkson University
 Clemson University
 College of the Holy Cross
 Colorado State University
 Cornell University
 Creighton University
 DePaul University
 DePauw University
 Drexel University
 Earlham College
 Eastern New Mexico University
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 Fordham University
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 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gonzaga University
 Hillsdale College
 Holy Cross College, IN
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 Lake Forest College
 Lehigh University
 Lewis and Clark College

Limestone College
 Linfield College
 Loyola University, Chicago
 Loyola University, Maryland
 Manhattan College
 Miami University, Oxford
 Montana State University, Bozeman
 New York University
 Northern Arizona University
 Northern State University
 Northwestern University
 Oberlin College
 Ohio Wesleyan University
 Oregon State University
 Pacific University
 Pennsylvania State University, University Park
 Purdue University
 Regis University
 Saint Michael's College
 Seattle Pacific University
 Seattle University
 Sewanee: The University of the South
 Sierra Nevada College
 South Carolina State University
 Southern Illinois University
 Southern Oregon University
 St. Francis College
 St. John's University
 St. Lawrence University
 Susquehanna University
 Syracuse University
 Texas Christian University
 The Catholic University
 Trinity College
 Trinity University
 Tufts University
 University of Alabama
 University of Arizona
 University of Colorado at Boulder
 University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
 University of Denver
 University of Hawaii at Hilo
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Idaho

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 University of Kansas
 University of Maryland, College Park
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Massachusetts, Boston
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 University of Montana, Missoula
 University of Nebraska at Lincoln
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 University of Nevada, Reno
 University of New Mexico
 University of Northern Iowa
 University of North Dakota
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 University of Pittsburgh
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 University of Puget Sound
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Rochester
 University of Texas, Austin
 University of Utah
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 University of Wyoming
 Villanova University
 Waldorf College
 Washington State University
 Washington University in St. Louis
 West Virginia University
 Wichita State University
 Willamette University
 William Penn University
 Yale University

**GRADUATION AWARDS
2012 MEDAL WINNERS**

CHRISTOPHER ROMEO
ACTIVITY MEDAL
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo



SEAN-PATRICK ZURCHER
ACTIVITY MEDAL AND
THEOLOGY MEDAL
Northwestern University



CHRISTIAN JAJEH
CAMPUS MINISTRY MEDAL
Santa Clara University



NICHOLAS NEWMAN
DRAMATIC ARTS MEDAL
Williamette University



BHAVENKUMAR PATEL
ENGLISH MEDAL AND
SCIENCE MEDAL
Stanford University



SEAN MAHBOD
MATHEMATICS MEDAL
UC San Diego



ZACHARY AGUSTIN
MUSIC MEDAL
Santa Clara University



MICHAEL VEIZADES
MUSIC MEDAL
UC Merced



NATHAN ZIMMERER
SOCIAL STUDIES MEDAL
University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign



WILLIAM LUKE LONGINOTTI
SERVICE MEDAL AND
SHEA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Yale University



SEAN ROBERTSON
SERVICE MEDAL
Santa Barbara City College



**JACK EASTLING (MISSING PHOTO)
AND NICHOLAS TOTAGRANDE,**
EX AEQUO
VISUAL ARTS MEDAL
Cañada College (Eastling)
University of San Diego
(Totagrande)



DANIEL SHEA
WORLD LANGUAGES MEDAL
Villanova University



EDUCATING MEN OF FAITH, WISDOM,
SERVICE, COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP

Tri-School International Exchange Program

Preparing Serra students for
challenges and opportunities
in the 21st Century



Director of International Students and Homestay Coordinator Raena Mullan, Jacky Wong, Mitch Coughlin '15, Lori and Mitch Coughlin

IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT AND THE COUGHLIN HOUSEHOLD IS BUZZING WITH ENERGY. Five Serra Padres finish their dinner, then move into the family room to play video games. Mitch Coughlin '15, the host, teases his Chinese "brother," Jacky Wong. Even though they were raised thousands of miles apart across the globe, they aren't really that different after all. Turns out they all text, play video games and are interested in social media, sports and social activities. They have day-to-day responsibilities including homework and household chores.

FIVE SERRA HOST FAMILIES—including the Coughlins—are participating in the Tri-School International Exchange Program. There are currently five international students at Serra, three at Mercy and three at Notre Dame. They will stay in California for one year.

Serra President Lars Lund is excited about the possibilities that an international program at Serra will offer students. "To be competitive in the 21st century, our students need to have a deep understanding of how to do business in the global economy, as well as a deep understanding of and respect for other cultures," he explained. "They are going to make friends with and do business with people from other countries. It's imperative that they understand the complexities of our modern society, in which all nations are interacting more closely."

At the helm of the new program is Director of International Students and Homestay Coordinator Raena Mullan. She is an expert in the field with years of experience overseeing homestay programs. Mullan has welcomed international students from Korea and China into her own home—experiences that enriched her three sons' lives and broadened their perspectives.

"International programs enable both sides to experience other cultures and appreciate each other's differences," Mullan explained. "These families form lifelong friendships and most stay in touch. Our Tri-School host families have been so incredibly gracious."

Mitch Coughlin is thrilled to have another teenager in the house. "Jacky and I have a lot of long talks about classes and social stuff," he said. "It's

great for me because I've been an only child all my life. Now I have a 'brother.' We've been playing basketball and I've been introducing him to people. He also helps me in math, because he's really good at it!" Wong's fall plans include visiting Great America, rooting for the San Francisco Giants, attending the Mercy Halloween dance and hanging out with Serra Padres. The one thing lacking in California?

"Not enough badminton," Wong laughed. "In China, badminton is our national sport. I like it here though. People are very friendly."

Host mom Lori Coughlin is impressed by Wong's open-mindedness, especially when it comes to food. "He's a great kid," she said. "He likes everything American—steak, pasta, lamb chops—I haven't had to change anything. Jacky fits in so well with our family."

The relaxing evening at the Coughlin home ended with a Rubik's Cube standoff. Wong mastered the near-impossible feat in just . . . two minutes! Mitch Coughlin could barely stand it—he and his parents laughed as he moved squares and rows and attempted complex patterns. Laughter aside, the Rubik's Cube standoff was a grand testament to the bonding that occurs by hosting an international student.

"The Padres are getting to know international friends for life," said host dad Mike Coughlin '88. "Serra is a community that's not just about school, but about fantastic bonds and community. I would recommend being a host family to others because we are all getting to learn about another culture while building international relationships."

Tri-School Success

Tri-School Productions and TRISTARS stand the test of time



Long after Tri-School Productions students graduate from Serra, Mercy and Notre Dame, they stay in contact through the Tri-School Productions Facebook page and support current students in the fall plays and spring musicals. What makes this group so cohesive?

"Each cast becomes a family and the students form very close bonds," said Serra Music Director Jay Jordan. "When we have our cast parties after a show, the seniors have a hard time saying 'good-bye.'"

Tri-School Productions was a significant part of Taylor Sanders' (Mercy '11) high school experience. She enjoyed performing in *The Who's Tommy*, *Philadelphia Story* and *Into the Woods*. Today, she is an accomplished actress who is enrolled in the Foothill Theatre Conservatory. She can be spotted in the current Bus Barn Stage production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.

"Tri-School Productions felt like one big community," Sanders remembered. "It was a nice way to bond and make friends with students from all three schools. We were unified. Performing on



the stage is exciting. You never know who's going to be in the audience. It's rewarding to be able to tell a story and inspire people."

Kevin Kopjak '97 found his niche in Tri-School Productions—a lifelong passion that he has turned into a flourishing career. As a theater publicist at Charles Zukow Associates, he represents shows including *Beach Blanket Babylon* and *Cirque de Soleil*.

"Tri-School Productions made me the person I am today," Kopjak explained. "It gave me confidence to be outgoing and speak in public. It also enabled me to do the job I do today. The arts truly change people. Facebook has made it so easy for us to keep in touch, even though we have very busy lives. I have visited my Tri-School friends in New York to see some shows and meet for dinner. I know I could call anyone up at any moment and things would be just the same as they were in 1997."

Tri-School Productions Director and Choreographer Gennine Harrington called the program "a home away from home." Harrington was pleasantly surprised a few years ago when her husband threw her a surprise birthday party. Guests included past Tri-School Productions performers, now in their 20s and 30s.

"They are some of the dearest people in the world to me," Harrington noted. "Even though many of them currently live in New York, Los Angeles and the Midwest, they all hold Tri-School Productions in such high regard as the place where they got their start. They come back to support our program. We are a family and that makes us very unique."

Taylor Sanders (#47) is pictured with the Bus Barn cast of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Photo credit: Joyce Goldschmid Photography

"One of my favorite things about being a part of Tri-School Productions was the friendships that I made," said Morgan Khoury (NDB '12). "It was a great way to meet people from all three schools and also people in grades above and below me. [What made the experience even better was that we all bonded over something each of us was passionate about. I made lifelong friendships with people through Tri-School Productions.](#)"

Morgan's mom, Jenny Clarke Khoury (NDB '86) has fond memories of Tri-School theater performances.

"Watching my daughter perform with Tri-School Productions was such a great experience that took me right back to my own days performing on the Serra stage," she recounted. "As a Notre Dame student, I always looked forward to the next musical or play and reconnecting with friends that shared a common interest and passion for music, dance and theater. I am proud to have been a part of the Tri-School Productions legacy and to have shared these experiences with Morgan."



Jenny Clarke Khoury (NDB '86) with daughter Morgan Khoury (NDB '12)

TRISTARS

Another strong organization is TRISTARS (Tri-School Theater Arts Recognition and Support), a committed group of Tri-School Productions alumni and parents of past and present Tri-School Productions students. More than 500 alumni and parents belong to TRISTARS. Jordan and his wife, June, have made lasting friendships over the years through TRISTARS. Their son, Alex '08, and daughter, Maddie (NDB '04), participated in productions and stage crew.

June Jordan continues to work on costumes and organizes students backstage. "Tri-School Productions is wonderful for kids because they are accepted 100 percent for who they are, and what their gifts are," she said. "Whether they are on the stage as actors, singers and dancers or have really good technical theater skills, there are so many ways for them to get involved. My daughter feels like a Padre because she spent so much time at Serra working on the productions. Many alumni from Serra, Notre Dame and Mercy come back to help with the shows."

Padre parents Mark Bowles and Bob Sullivan worked together to develop TRISTARS in 2005. For Sullivan, supporting Tri-School arts programs was a family affair. He is a wizard set designer and his wife, Juliane, coils hairdos and scours for show props. Their son, Sterling '07 was a member of stage crew in high school and eventually became a stage manager. He still assists with current productions. Sterling's sister, Andrea (NDB '10), also was a stage manager and enjoyed building sets. The Sullivans' other daughter, Becky (NDB '04) was a loyal Tri-School Productions fan in the audience.

"The TRISTARS program was inspired by Mark, who promoted the notion that we needed to create continuity," Sullivan said. "He wanted to find a way to engage parents and bring everybody together. The nature of theater is extremely social. TRISTARS is an open platform that builds on the social nature of theater. It takes a lot of hands to make a production work."

Mark Bowles became a set designer for Tri-School Productions when his daughter, Sarah (NDB '01), was cast in a lead role in *Anything Goes*. Even after Sarah graduated, Bowles assisted Tri-School Productions and TRISTARS. Today, Sarah lives in New York City and is a member of Actors' Equity. She is a member of Shakespeare and Company in Massachusetts and also teaches theater to high school students.

"It takes legions of volunteers to run these shows," Bowles noted. "TRISTARS ensures the continued success of Tri-School Productions. The last few productions have been really spectacular, and the fact that TRISTARS exists is one of the reasons why they have been so successful."



Battle of the Bands Ignites Padre Spirit

The Serra Gellert Auditorium was electrified on May 4, as musicians rocked the stage. For the past six years, Serra has hosted the Battle of the Bands competition, which is open to student musicians who are members of local bands. This year's battle theme was *Beatlemania*, a tribute to the Fab Four.

Serra's own Fab Four—known as Exit 11 (Zach Agustin '12, Matt DeScala '13, Matt Pritchett '10 and Michael Veizadas



Nick Newman '12

'12)—stole the show by claiming first place. The solo act winner was Nick Newman '12. Second place in the band category went to Sketch Republic (Daniel Alcantara '08, Raul Castillo '12, Aaron Apple and Alex Rushka), with third place winners Ice Burns Fire (Justin Perez '12, Evan Conklin '13, Kenny Ravelo '13 and Joey Ruggiero '13) trailing close behind. Joey Ruggiero also placed second in the solo act category. Serra's Eleven Dollar Singers entertained the crowd between sets.

"Battle of the Bands gives Serra students and their friends from other schools a chance to perform on a big stage with a professional sound system," noted Serra Director of Music Jay Jordan. "It can be a little overwhelming for some of the beginner bands, but they all get that special rush from playing live. It was really cool to have a performance by the Eleven Dollar Singers, Serra's own contemporary a capella group."

Each band was asked to perform at least one Beatles cover song. Members of the audience were in for a treat, as they

imagined *Sgt. Pepper* running through *Strawberry Fields* after *A Hard Day's Night*. The competition was judged by Kill the Messenger alums Brent Rockwell '08, Danny Haddad '09, Adam Rupp '08 and Mike Valle '08. The band has played at the legendary Whisky A Go Go in Hollywood, the DNA Lounge in San Francisco, and at the Shoreline Amphitheater in Mountain View with acts such as Avenged Sevenfold, All Shall Perish, Seether, 3 Days Grace and many more. Kill the Messenger has won two Battle of the Bands competitions.

The group has produced an *EP*, *A New Beginning*, as well as posters and T-shirts. According to Kill the Messenger musicians, "The journey has been epic so far, and we hope there will be much more adventures for us in the future."

"The talent in our school goes far beyond the classroom, fields or on the courts," said Serra Student Activities Director Patti Ferretti. "When I sit in the Battle of the Bands audience, it never ceases to amaze me how gifted our musicians and singers are. They continue to display that talent on our stage, and it makes me so proud to be a part of this community. The 'battle' gives our musicians a chance to shine on the stage and it shows how instrumental music is in their lives."



Pictured (l-r): Battle of the Band judges Danny Haddad '09, Adam Rupp '08, Brent Rockwell '08

KEVIN MCGEE '14 HONES LEADERSHIP SKILLS AT HOBY

What makes a great leader?

According to John Quincy Adams, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." "I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people," noted peacemaker Mahatma Gandhi. Colin Powell added, "Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand."

In June, Kevin McGee '14 joined dozens of future leaders at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) conference. The three-day seminar was held at St. Mary's College in Moraga. Founded in 1958, HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop a global community of youth dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. Nearly 9,000 students participate in HOBY programs each year. They are selected by members of their schools' administrations.

"Kevin is an amazing young man," said Serra Assistant Vice Principal of Student Life Marybeth Ortiz. "He excels on the field, in the classroom, in the band room and as a leader. He is a hard worker and a friend to all of his peers. Kevin has the potential to do anything and everything he sets his mind to. He is a true Padre and we are lucky to have him in our community."

The HOBY conference focused on three different phases: personal leadership, group leadership and society leadership. Topics included "Taking Charge of your Future," "Team Leadership Principles" and "Nonprofits and Entrepreneurs in the Digital Age." As a service project, participants sorted eyeglasses that were later donated to local outreach programs.

"These students are the leaders of tomorrow," said HOBY Finance and Program Associate Judith Martinez. "There was a great emphasis on community service. We saw the students grow throughout the weekend. They spoke their minds and expressed their ideas. All of the students who participated have exceptional leadership skills."

HOBY seminars are conducted annually throughout the United States, serving local and international high school students. HOBY programs enable teens to participate in unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences.

"I was very excited to participate in the HOBY conference," McGee said. "Everyone supported each other and there was a lot of camaraderie. The conference was energetic. It inspired me to be a better person and to help out more with the little things. This could be as simple as helping a friend in need or doing more community service projects. I also learned how to work well with other people. If there are differences, you have to learn how to put them aside to make your community better."

At Serra, McGee was a sophomore homeroom rep last year. He also is a member of the football, track and field, and wrestling teams. McGee will most likely major in engineering or architecture in college. He was particularly impressed by HOBY guest speakers, who spoke about building strong communities.

"A good leader is someone who is compatible with everyone—someone who inspires others to do better," McGee said.

McGee enjoys local community service projects, which have included serving others at St. Vincent de Paul in South San Francisco and working in an orphanage in Peru this past summer. While in Lima, McGee won first place in an international wrestling tournament between California, Peru and Ecuador.

"Kevin is simply an outstanding young man," said Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D. "He approaches everything with tremendous effort and dedication. Whether it's studying for his honors classes, singing in the chorus or darting through the line as a running back, he pursues excellence. Kevin has a positive attitude and an infectious enthusiasm for life and learning."



Serra Principal Barry Thornton, Ed.D. and Kevin McGee '14

Wishing them Well

Pete Jensen, Tom MacKenzie and Ralph Stark retire



This summer, three of Serra's most beloved faculty members retired after working at Serra for a combined total of 105 years. The Serra community wishes Pete Jensen, Tom MacKenzie and Ralph Stark happy retirement years, as they begin new journeys and pursue their various interests. On behalf of Serra High School, thank you for inspiring our Padres and for your wonderful decades of service.

What year were you hired and how long did you work at Serra?

P.J.: I was hired in 1976 and worked at Serra for 36 years.

T.M.: I started at Serra in 1979 and worked there for 33 years.

R.S.: I was hired in 1976 and worked there for 36 years.

What did you teach and coach?

P.J.: I taught algebra, history and typing. Later, I started and developed the architectural design program. I was the athletic director for three years and taught P.E. for 30 years. In addition, I coached JV and varsity football and baseball.

T.M.: I was the dean of men/assistant principal for 11 years; a guidance counselor for 21 years; a football coach for 22 years; the head coach for 11 years; and the summer camp director for 18 years. I also worked in Campus Ministry for a year and was a Sacristan for seven years.

R.S.: I taught all levels of English and summer school algebra. I also coached tennis for three years, baseball for one year (the darkest year in Serra baseball history, but no one else would do it) and 23 years of golf.

What are your fondest memories of Serra?

P.J.: Teaching and coaching my son, Ty. The relationships that developed with my players and coaches. Also, being named National Coach of the Year in 2009.

T.M.: Coaching football at Serra for 22 years. The player relationships and the privilege of coaching all of those student athletes. The 1990 CCS football championship team. My son's (Robert) graduation in 1992.

R.S.: The Christmas parties at the faculty house. Everyone was there. First of all, you wanted to go to it, but if you did not, many people would bug you the next day asking why you were not at the party listening to Jim Monahan reciting poetry and Pete Jensen arguing with Pat McGlennon over something that turned out to be trivial.

What does the Serra community mean to you?

P.J.: Camaraderie, pride and dedication.

T.M.: The Serra community was an integral part of my life for more than half my life. Aside from my family, the Serra community has been my major support system.

R.S.: Serra literally gave me everything. It not only provided me with an opportunity to make a living, it gave me my wife, Michelle (Nick Carboni's niece), and our children. It educated our son and daughters at Notre Dame. Most important, Serra provided me with my Catholic faith. I cannot imagine teaching in a public school and not being afforded the opportunity to make God the center of my life. In the last 36 years, I never once thought of leaving Serra to teach at another school. I made long-lasting friendships with my co-workers that are priceless. From trading western novels with Jeff Wellemeyer to joking with Jan and Linda in the office when they called my room, to begging Susan Cordes for help, to getting a Snickers bar on Friday during sixth period supervision from Laura Pratkser, to all my English teacher friends, to fellow coaches (Chuck Rapp is the best ever!) and more and more. Barry and Lars have been good to me.

What lessons did you learn along the way?

P.J.: Be yourself. Be open to learning and improving. No matter how hard you work or how much success you have, never take anything for granted.

T.M.: Listen carefully, follow directions, cooperate, work hard and be punctual. In other words, do your job, don't make excuses, be patient and don't complain.

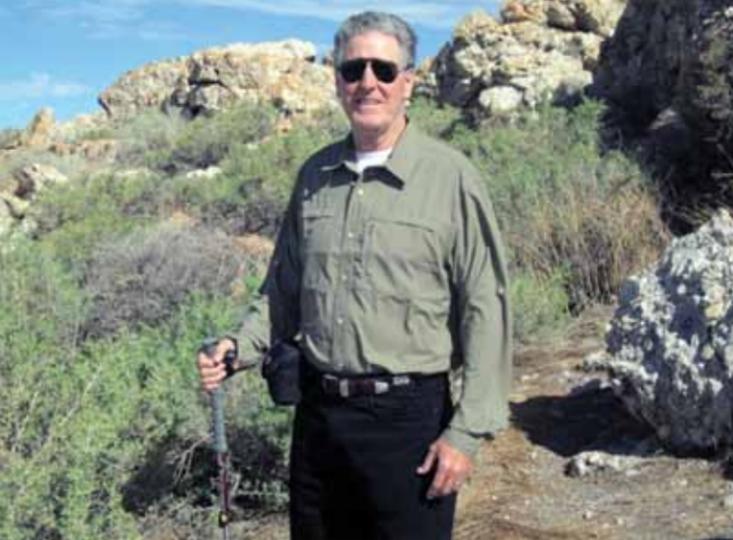
R.S.: When I started, I felt that I should know everything and was embarrassed when a student asked me something that put a "deer in the headlights" look on my face. Now I relish the moments when I say, "Guys, I have no idea what the poem is about, so let's try to figure it out together." They love an honest person.

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"I play bluegrass music every day on my guitar, tie flies and fly fish, and hang out at our ranch in Northern California."

Ralph Stark



Tom MacKenzie hiking . . .

What will do now that you have retired?

P.J.: I'll continue to work as a handyman. I'll also be spending a lot of time boating with my family and enjoying my new granddaughter, Parker.

T.M.: I will be traveling, spending more time with my children and grandchildren, doing volunteer work in my parish (St. Gregory's), and in the local community through CERT and possibly some football coaching.



Pete Jensen enjoying retirement on his boat at Lake Hogan

R.S.: I play bluegrass music on my guitar every day, tie flies and fly fish, hang out at our ranch in Northern California (I even cut up and split four cords of wood for the winter!), listen to my daughters complain about each other, travel with my wife and fend off the telemarketers. I ride my road bike, read the books I couldn't get to, read the jokes my brothers send me and experiment with new recipes for chili.



A CLEAN BREAK: BILL MOFFETT RETIRES

It takes a lot for Serra's halls to look spic-and-span, and Bill Moffett knows just how to keep the school pristine. He retired this summer after working at the school for more than two decades.

"We are so grateful to Bill for his 22 years of service," said Serra President Lars Lund. "Day in and day out, he made sure that our classrooms and our library were safe, clean environments that allowed our teachers and students to do their best work."

Moffett said the secret to keeping Serra shipshape is to "keep ahead of everything." "I enjoyed my job at Serra," he added. "People are caring in a faith-based community. It was great to work with Dave Kidd, Bob Larsen, Jeff Wellemeyer, Gary Walter and Greg Gump. The kids at Serra were fun to be around as well—they keep you young."

As a new retiree, Moffett is looking forward to working in his garden and traveling to Ireland, Italy and New York. He also plans to volunteer at local charities.

Moffett, who enjoys spending time at his family's home near the Russian River, will be able to spend more time with his family. His nephews, Michael Ellingson '80 and Steven Ellingson '93, are Serra Padres. His nieces, Julie Gory '85 and Diann Kelly '83, graduated from NDB.

"Bill has a wonderful work ethic and a great sense of humor," Lund added. "His obvious love of our school made all the difference in the world, and we will miss him."

Competition and Compassion Padre Wrestlers Make a Difference

"These children have been faced with issues ranging from drug addiction to physical abuse. Many of them were abandoned and lived on the streets at an early age. When you hear a kid explain what it's like to survive at night without food and shelter, it makes you so grateful. The orphanage is special because the kids surf, and surfing is very healing. Thanks to a generous donation by Padre parent Jason Clarke, M.D., we were able to provide them surf T-shirts from Half Moon Bay and surfing magazines from California. Spending time with them changed us for the better. Working at the orphanage was a remarkable experience. It helped our students to appreciate what they have at home and to do better in their lives."

— Head Wrestling Coach and Spanish teacher Ricardo Garcia



Padre wrestlers made a significant difference this summer by participating in an outreach trip to Perú and three wrestling trips to México. The trips were sponsored by Generación 2020, a pre-Olympic international exchange program. The aim of the exchange program is threefold: To develop athletes, provide public service and expand the knowledge of other cultures.

In Perú, Padres donated equipment and basic supplies to a tiny school in the Andes Mountains. They also replanted a vegetable garden at the school, installed an audio-visual stereo system and donated 300 T-shirts to children living in rustic conditions. Closer to the coast, the students worked in an orphanage by the beach. Most of the orphans surf, and some are even considered to be pro status.

When they weren't doing community service, the Padres wrestled against a championship team from Ecuador. Kevin McGee '14 finished first and Rees Parker '14 came in a close third in an international competition that included wrestlers from California, Perú and Ecuador.

"The trip inspired me to never give up and to try harder," said Parker, who participated in the Perú trip and two of the México trips. "It was fantastic to meet the people and to live with them. I am very grateful for the way we live in the United States."

Serra wrestlers also spent several weeks in Guadalajara, México. They trained with the national championship team from Jalisco and had the opportunity to hone their skills with the best from México.

"The wrestling styles are different," noted Elias Hernandez '13, who participated in all three of the México trips. "They do Freestyle and Greco Roman, while we do Folk Style. I'm hoping to wrestle in college. This trip changed my life. I realized how hard I'll have to work and train for it to pay off"

Hernandez was invited by the Mexican Wrestling Federation to compete in the National Wrestling Championships in Puebla, México in June. A first-generation Mexican-American, Hernandez was the varsity team captain who finished fifth this year in the CCS Championship and second in WCAL.

"Elias is one of the most dedicated, hardworking wrestlers on this year's team," Garcia said. "He is very focused and determined. I was so proud of all of our wrestlers who made a commitment to travel this summer with the team. The training, competition, the public service that we provided and the cultural experiences we gained will truly help the formation of our program this year."



Local Roots

Padres assist Watsonville community



Six Serra Padres participated in the summer immersion trip to Watsonville. This year's group included Kevin Afiesh '14, Jon Albero '13, Dane Archer '14, Justin Chow '13, Miguel Puzon '14 and Nick Toomey '13. The volunteers stayed at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Watsonville. They were chaperoned by Serra Annual Giving Manager Jonathan Allen '01, biology teacher Kim Bohnert, theology teacher Patrick Cody and Immersion Trip Coordinator Carlo Fiatarone. Students rose at dawn and worked long days in the sweltering, dusty raspberry fields.

"Our Watsonville immersion trip gave our Padres an opportunity to learn about real work from working people," Fiatarone said. "They learned firsthand what it means to become young men of faith, wisdom and service. No one has a romanticized picture of migrant farm work, but it's not until you're out in the fields that you realize how much work actually goes into it. The workers start at dawn and work up to 16 hours a day during the height of the harvest—all so we can have fresh raspberries on our plate. After going through this experience, our boys will never look at a raspberry the same way again. They explored issues of justice in immigration and the rights of workers as they spoke with migrant farm workers, undocumented workers and local farmers."

Kim Bohnert said her goal as a leader was to be a positive role model and to make each challenging situation a "learning moment."

"I knew going into this immersion it was going to be filled with challenging and difficult times pushing us to work hard in the

fields with the sun beating down on us, but nothing could really prepare us for the work we were about to begin," she explained.

Volunteers dug ditches, pitched tents that were a football field in length, cut blackberry vines, moved heavy equipment, built workstations and packed thousands of berries.

"We did all of this work in long sleeves and jeans under the relentless sun, among thousands of bees," Bohnert noted. "There were many learning moments. Together, we realized how hard these migrant farmers work every single day for minimum wage. To have these guys open their eyes to local workers and local poverty, and to understand the work that is behind the food we eat was invaluable. I am so proud of the Serra students who participated and supported each other with a positive attitude."

Nick Toomey called the immersion "a powerful experience," and said it changed his perception of the fruit industry.

"I have gained so much respect for the farm workers," he said. "We also met a lot of people at Loaves and Fishes, where we helped those in need. There is a lot of poverty in Watsonville. During the winter, they have an unemployment rate of 30 percent. Yet we met people who were so compassionate and caring. The owners of the farm, the Suarez family, welcomed us with open arms. They have a very close-knit, wonderful community. We learned such a lot about the people in Watsonville and about ourselves. I used those two weeks to help my relationship with God and the people in Watsonville. I'll never forget the time I spent there. Our immersion trip program is definitely one of the best programs that Serra has to offer."

Reflecting on Immersion

By Jonathan Allen '01

As the sun beat down on the Watsonville raspberry fields, the workers toiled below. They worked in unison to build tent-like structures to increase the temperature of the berries' environment and increase growth. They were focused. They partnered to carry long, metal semicircles out of the rows of raspberries. The metal was heavy, and the workers' muscles burned as they reached the ends of the rows. They had worked since 8 a.m. on the Suarez family farm, with a few breaks in between for water and lunch from a taco truck. **But these were not migrant farm workers laboring in the Watsonville heat. These were six Serra students, along with their adult leaders, who had volunteered to spend part of their summer on a campus ministry immersion trip to learn what it's like to work on a raspberry farm in the Pajaro Valley.**

I looked down at my clothing after day one in the fields. My shirt had absorbed a mix of raspberry juice, sweat and muddy water. It was torn; likely the handiwork of a stray thorn. My pants and shoes were both caked with dirt. I couldn't wait to enjoy a cold shower in the homemade apparatus we built from PVC pipe, garbage bags and a hose. I reflected on how starkly different this was from my everyday life.

We stayed in the Parish Hall of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church and slept on the floor in sleeping bags each night. Our Serra students cooked dinner with food they

purchased at the grocery store. After work, there were no TVs or computers. Just fellowship and camaraderie with the group that slowly became a second family.

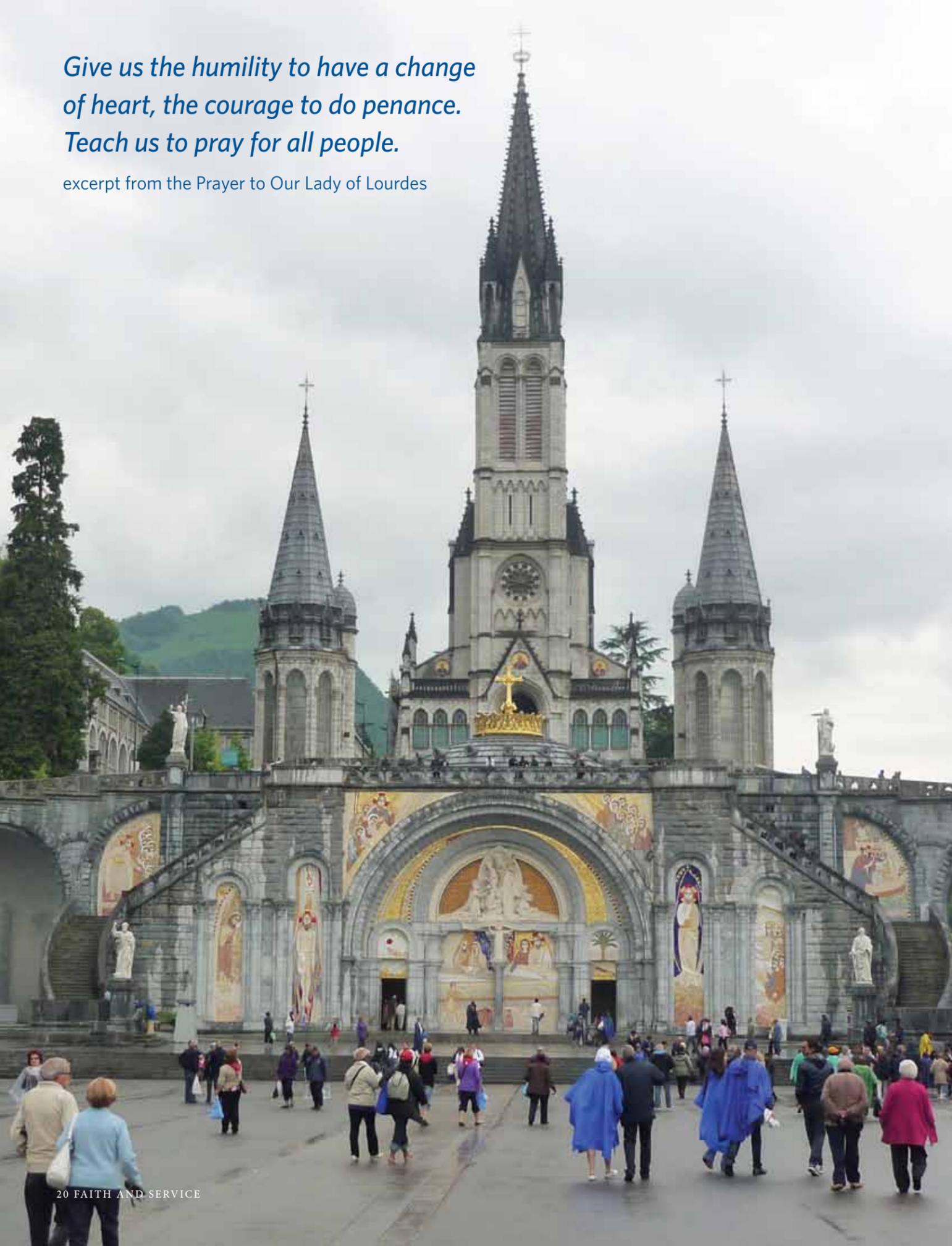
Earlier in the week, our group worked at Pajaro Valley Loaves and Fishes, a local charity organization that serves the poor. Serra students painted a house on the organization's property, packed food bags, helped in the kitchen and served lunch to those in need. They worked directly with those who did this on an everyday basis and immersed themselves in the community.

Throughout the two weeks in Watsonville, our group bonded and discerned why it was important that we were there. Solidarity, social justice and the dignity of workers were major Catholic social teaching themes that arose during nightly, candlelight reflections.

By the end, this group of Serra students learned not only about the intense labor that goes into agriculture, but about how faith is intertwined in everything we do as a Catholic community. They also learned that they can depend on each other when times get tough and that our faith community is not just limited to the Serra campus, but extends throughout California and around the world. This group will always be connected by the summer they spent in Watsonville learning about faith, community, hard work, and most important, about themselves.

Give us the humility to have a change
of heart, the courage to do penance.
Teach us to pray for all people.

excerpt from the Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

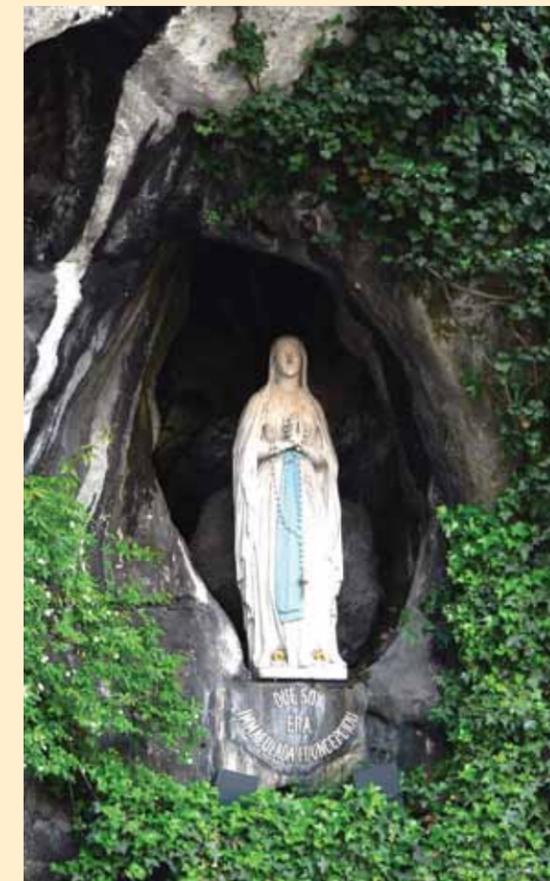


The Power of Prayer Padres visit Lourdes



At the foot of the Pyrenees Mountains in the South of France is the picturesque town of Lourdes. In 1858, the Blessed Mother made the first of 19 apparitions to St. Bernadette in a grotto next to the Gave-Pau River. The impact of Mary's message at Lourdes was powerful. Since that time, 67 miracles have been reported and more than seven million people visit Lourdes each year to pray for physical and spiritual healing.

This summer, Serra President Lars Lund and five Serra Padres joined the Knights of Malta on a 10-day service immersion trip to Lourdes. They served as hosts to pilgrims and their loved ones suffering from illnesses—many of them terminal. The Serra



group—Jeffrey Dalli '15, Ben Kusber '14, Tommy Petrini '14, Ron Trabanino '14 and Sean Zurcher '12—joined 40 Catholic high school students from the Bay Area on the trip.

"Lourdes is a place where we could experience the depth and beauty of our Catholic faith," Lund noted. "Words can't express the grace God gives to us at Lourdes. It was so powerful for us to reflect on the role that the Blessed Mother plays in our lives. As a group, we learned to pray more slowly and intentionally. Our role was to help those who were sick and suffering to feel welcome, safe and comforted during their time there. We witnessed one blessing after another—the faith of the pilgrims and the infirmed had a wonderful impact on all of us. It makes you want to be a better person."

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The infant cried incessantly until he saw a statue of Jesus. At that point, he suddenly stopped crying and didn't take his eyes off the statue. The teen leaders said the Rosary for the baby and consoled his father.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime trip," Kusber added. "My grandma went to Lourdes before she passed away, so that was special for me. At times, it was overwhelming. It was a very spiritual trip and it deepened my faith. You learn so much about yourself. I plan to submit an application to go again next year."

"We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Kevin White for making this trip possible for our students," Lund said. "Every time the students and I walk by the statue of Mary in Serra's courtyard, we are reminded of the wonderful experience we shared at Lourdes."

Jeff Dalli '15 shares a special moment with a "malade."



Imagine these surroundings: A medieval castle overlooking the valley; the shrine where Mary appeared, lit from within by hundreds of candles. Ten-thousand people united in an underground basilica celebrating Mass in five different languages. Dedicated volunteers, caring for those in need. Wheelchair-bound "malades," hoping for miracles.

Serra alumnus Kevin White '70 is a member of the Knights of Malta, a Catholic outreach organization that organizes service trips to Lourdes each year. White invited the Padres to participate in this year's summer trip.

White was impressed by the way in which the Padres interacted with others at Lourdes.

"Before the trip, I told them, 'Your presence in Lourdes is much bigger than just being there. It is a reflection not only of your parents and your school, but also as representatives of America,'" he noted. "The Serra students presented themselves in such a professional way. I was so proud of their personal growth and maturity."

Padres with compassion

According to Sean Zurcher '12, "Mother Theresa once said, 'It doesn't matter that I'm only helping one person at a time because that is the person who matters.' That's what this trip was like. Everything we did mattered a whole lot to the people we helped. It didn't matter if we spoke their language. If we helped them along or smiled at them, they smiled back. Even when we were wheeling people or lifting people on or off trains, it was incredibly enjoyable."

Zurcher still can't forget an autistic man in a wheelchair who was noticeably upset when he arrived at the famous baths, where pilgrims and malades immerse in the spring waters that St. Bernadette discovered. "It was a miracle because he was very agitated until he saw the statue of the Virgin Mary," Zurcher recounted. "He didn't take his eyes off her; it was so powerful. The statue of Mary had such a calming effect on him."

Ben Kusber '14 shared a similar story. His most memorable moment in Lourdes was when he held a terminally ill baby boy.

KEVIN WHITE '70 BUILDS COMMUNITY



When Kevin White '70 was a cross country athlete at Serra, he ran through the tree-lined streets of San Mateo and Hillsborough. Every once in a while, he stopped to chat with land developers who subdivided old estates into new neighborhoods. White was so intrigued by the creative process that he was inspired to follow in their footsteps. A pipe dream? Not for White, who has accomplished all that he envisioned and much more.

As President of White Land Company (founded by his great-grandfather during the late 1800s), White has made a name for himself as a prominent Bay Area real estate developer. He and his team were involved in the redevelopment of the Market Street corridor in San Francisco. In later years, he purchased estates in Hillsborough, Atherton and Woodside and transformed them into exclusive new neighborhoods. Among these historical landmarks were the Hobart estate in Hillsborough and the most prestigious address in Atherton—Faxon Forest, the former estate of Alfred Heller. White also developed major condominium projects in Menlo Park.

Interestingly, when White was a junior at Serra, he drove past the Heller estate and vowed, "One day I'll buy this estate." He also visited Hillsborough's Carolands Mansion when he was a teenager, a property he eventually owned in the 1990s and later sold to a private family. White credits his successful career to staying focused and setting goals. And, most important of all, he learned to never give up. "It takes patience and persistence to achieve a positive outcome," he explained. "I believe that you make your own luck."

White and his wife, Mary, have a busy life with four grown children. His secret to remaining down-to-earth and balanced is community service. White was invested into the Order of Malta in 1995 as a Knight of Majestral Grace in Obedience. He has participated in the Order's annual pilgrimage to Lourdes for the past 17 years.

"I have been blessed by the opportunity to serve the less fortunate in a meaningful fashion," White explained. "In Lourdes, we serve with people from all over the world, from all walks of life. The Knights of

Malta is a lay, religious Order dedicated to serving the needs of the sick and the poor. I am in the Western Association, which has about 700 members. The men are referred to as Knights and the women are the Dames of Malta."

After serving as the Western Association director of the Lourdes Pilgrimage from 2007 to 2011, White came up with a wonderful idea—why not invite teens to participate? He established the Western Association Lourdes Summer Pilgrimage for young adults four years ago. The pilgrimage group consists of 45 young adults and 10 chaperones.

"Lourdes provides a unique opportunity for young people to subordinate their personal needs to the interest of serving others," he noted. "It's a pure, black and white existence. You're there to help people. More than seven million pilgrims travel to Lourdes each year and more than a quarter of them are seriously ill. Almost all of the services provided in Lourdes are run by volunteers. Try to imagine an operation the size of Disneyland functioning without employees—just volunteers. The work that our kids and the thousands of volunteers do in Lourdes is critical."

Volunteers who return for five years and who are willing to commit to serving each year for the rest of their lives are invested into the Hospitalite Notre-Dame de Lourdes, the volunteer service that operates Lourdes. White was invested in the HNDL in 2000. His wife and son, Chasen, will be invested next year. In March, White was honored by the American Ireland Fund as their 2012 Distinguished Leader. In addition to his work with the Knights of Malta, White and his family, along with Knights and Dames of Malta, host an annual Christmas party for 76 residents at a Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. The shelter serves as a safe haven for the most desperately needy.

"Everyone is busy and there is a lot of pressure living in the Bay Area," White said. "It's easy to lose perspective. I've been blessed in many ways and have achieved most of my dreams. However, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve because it acts as a constant reminder that the world is much bigger than any one of us. The volunteer work I am involved in grants me total peace and serenity. In the end, it really doesn't matter how much you have achieved or accumulated. We are ultimately defined by how we glorify God."



Pictured (l-r): Serra President Lars Lund, Sean Zurcher '12, Ron Trabantino '14, Ben Kusber '14, Tommy Petrini '14, Jeff Dalli '15

Spreading Padre Spirit

Summer immersion in Phat Diem, Vietnam



Under humid skies in Phat Diem, Vietnam, 11 Serra Padres spent two weeks in June sharing their Padre spirit with Vietnamese children and priests. They rose at the crack of dawn and prepared for a full day of tilling soil, cleaning rice and teaching English.

The group consisted of Serra chaperones Gary Meegan, Kyle Lierk and Peggy Farrell; and students Andrew Bourque '13, Alex Ptasnik-Wong '11, Michael Podesta '14, Eddie Garcia '13, Robertino del Rosario '14, Evan Conklin '13, Carlo Bruno '13, Michael Valdes '13, Cooper Cavers '13, Chris Chen '13 and Nam Tran '12.

"Vietnam is a country bursting with life . . . vibrant green landscapes, exuberant children and brimming city center markets," said Serra Director of Campus Ministry Kyle Lierk. "Perhaps most impressive is the hospitality and joy of the people. Beyond barriers of language and history, we were welcomed with abundant food, laughter and love. The deep Catholic faith that we witnessed moved all of us to deepen our own faith. The 11 Padres who participated in this immersion trip were incredible. Not once did they hesitate in taking the initiative in their service. They carried the Padre spirit of compassion, courage and faith to Vietnam."

This was Serra theology teacher Gary Meegan's sixth summer teaching English to priests in Phat Diem. Because of his extraordinary experiences, the Campus Ministry team was excited to offer the first immersion trip to Vietnam.

"Gary is spectacular—he's magical," said Visual and Performing Arts Chair Peggy Farrell. "Gary has forged so many important relationships in Vietnam. He is an ambassador and it was incredibly giving of him to take us to a place he holds so dear."

The weather was scorching hot—98 degrees with intense humidity. Yet the Padres endured hard work every day, which included working in the fields husking and drying rice, performing skits, teaching English, and playing sports with the children of the village.

"It was hilarious to watch our boys teaching English to the seminarians," Meegan recounted. "They had to come up with a skit and made sure that the seminarians said words the right way. They all cheered each other on, applauded for each other and had contests. They got along famously!"

In the name of art

The immersion group worked with children who belong to a Catholic church, who only see their parents some of the time due to family hardships. Farrell enjoyed working with the little girls, helping them to make colorful necklaces, bracelets and rings from vibrant beads. She also enjoyed flipping through the pages of "Where's Waldo" with them.

"They were super loving and very grateful," Farrell said. "The kids in Vietnam are so happy with less. They were delighted with every single thing we gave them and had huge smiles all the time."

Farrell shared her art expertise by providing the children with watercolors and brushes. The supplies were donated by Padres in Farrell's and Sister Celeste Nuttman's art classes. The Vietnamese children enjoyed drawing pictures with crayons and painting over their images with watercolor paint.

According to Farrell, "Art is a huge release; it helps you to escape from things that are hard in your life. Our art projects enabled the children to be incredibly creative—art opens doors to the imagination. Our boys were such good examples, and watching them work were golden moments."

A simple life

One of the highlights of the trip was having a Vietnamese Padre host—Serra international student Nam Tran '12. The chaperones said it was delightful to have Tran on board to translate and answer questions.

"Nam was very proud to show off his country to us, just as our boys showed him America," Meegan noted. "He can be in any situation and can talk to anyone."

"It was an honor for me to be the translator and to be able to connect the two cultures," Tran shared. "I was very happy to show the Padres another part of the world."

The immersion trip students slept on bamboo mats covered by mosquito nets. They also learned how to wash their clothes the old fashioned way—in a wash tub with a brush.

"Life in Vietnam is the polar opposite of what life is like in California," Meegan said. "You have to learn how to take care of yourself. There were no in-between meals. When they taught art to the children, it was about 105 degrees in the room with just a few fans. Our boys had to just let themselves go. They said, 'OK—if the kids can do it, so can we.' The immersion students grew so much stronger by the end, and they came back with a gentle spirit."

"I came back with more patience," agreed Evan Conklin '13. "Having to work in such intense heat with a language barrier was really hard to handle sometimes. I had to take a step back and center myself. It was the hardest experience, but enjoyable at the same time. It made me appreciate my life in the Bay Area."

Robertino del Rosario '14 said the immersion trip changed his perspective on traveling to foreign countries.

"Whenever I've traveled before, we have visited the nice tourist spots," he explained. "This trip was so different because we were serving others. We learned about the people and the customs of Vietnam. It felt good to work hard. Standing in someone else's shoes really opens your eyes to how other people live."



SWIMMING >

Varsity Head Coach: Bob Greene '85
 Varsity Assistant: Joe Plume
 Diving Coach: Kim Cazale
 Frosh/Soph Coach: Matt Fox

Varsity: 3-3
 Frosh/Soph: 3-3
 CCS - 12th

Swimming Awards:

Varsity MVP: Joe Kmak
 Varsity MVP Diver: Ross Poms
 Varsity Most Improved: Chris Northway
 Frosh/Soph MVP: Skip Breen

Joe Kmak broke the Serra F/S 100 Breaststroke with a 57.38. This mark was also good enough for *All American* status.



"I really enjoyed this season. The athletes and the coaches worked very hard. It all paid off with a great showing at both WCAL and CCS events. It's great to have diving back as part of our aquatics program."

- Head Swimming Coach Bob Greene '85



< TRACK & FIELD

Varsity: 4-3
 3rd place WCAL

Frosh/Soph: 6-1
 2nd place WCAL

Varsity Head Coach:
 Jim Marheineke

Assistants:
 Ed Berry
 Ron DiMaggio '97
 Justin Lewis
 John Nava '96
 Matt O'Connor '04
 Keith Stapleton

Johnathan Worthge '08
 Maria Worthge
 Walt Worthge

"Witnessing the first two Padre throwers to ever make the state meet was amazing! Luke and Jon had an impressive run through WCAL, CCS and the state championships. The entire coaching staff was proud of each and every member of this year's team and the commitment they gave to the program."

Head Track & Field Coach Jim Marheineke

Track & Field Awards

Varsity Team Awards:
 Blanket Award: Luke Longinotti
 Most Valuable Track Athlete: Chad Baur, Joey Berriatua
 Most Valuable Field Athlete: Jonathan Beering
 Kevin Ragan Memorial Coaches' Award: Griffin Herr, Branden Quezada, Zachary Mitchell, Ryan Ellis

Frosh/Soph Team Awards
 Most Valuable Athlete: Kyle Orloff
 Most Valuable Track Athlete: Sami Alsamman, Jason Lower
 Most Valuable Field Athlete: Albert Hurrell, Billy Sapp
 Coaches' Award: Kevin McGee, Nick Jones

CCS Placers:
 Jonathan Beering: Shot Put (2nd place, 56-9.5) Finished 14th in State Championships

Luke Longinotti: Shot Put (3rd place, 55-10.25)
 Finished 17th in State Championships

CCS Qualifiers:
 Chad Baur (100m, 200m)
 Joey Berriatua (1600m)

2nd place WCAL:
 Jonathan Beering: Shot Put (52-7)

3rd place WCAL
 Luke Longinotti: Shot Put (51-8.5)
 4th place WCAL

Chad Baur: 100m (11.14)
 Joey Berriatua: 800m (2:01.13)
 Chad Baur, Joey Berriatua, Alex Gudino, Avery Turzanski: 1600m Relay (3:36.25)
 Brodin Plett: Triple Jump (41-6.5)

5th place WCAL
 Chad Baur: 200m (22.75)
 Joey Berriatua: 1600m (4:23.75)
 Luke Longinotti: Discus (135-9)

6th place WCAL
 Angelo Arco: Pole Vault (11-9)

WCAL Frosh/Soph Champions
 Sami Alsamman: 1600m
 Kyle Orloff: 100m, 1200m, Long Jump



< LACROSSE >

Varsity Head Coach: Bubba Sandford
 Varsity Assistant: Jack Silva '04, J. Troy Dinkel
 JV Head Coach: J. Troy Dinkel

Varsity: 8-11 (6-4 WCAL)
 JV: 9-9 (4-8 WCAL)

Lacrosse Awards:

Co-MVPs: Conor McLeod and Matt McGloin
 Most Improved Player: Garrett Vichot
 Coaches' Award: Matt McGloin
 1st Team All WCAL: Conor McLeod and Matt McGloin
 2nd Team All WCAL: Aidan Goyette
 Honorable Mention All WCAL:
 Gain Hageneu, Jackson Shales, Sam Oliver

"Another great year to be a Serra Padre lacrosse player. We finished third in WCAL and will be reloaded and ready to go with 19 seniors to lead our 2013 season. Prepare for greatness; 2013 will be our year!"

Varsity Assistant Lacrosse Coach J. Troy Dinkel



< VOLLEYBALL >

Varsity Head Coach: Dustyn Woropay '04
 Varsity Assistant: Samantha Wickstrom
 JV Coach: Dhruv Patel '06
 JV Assistant: Samantha Wickstrom

Varsity: 3-20 (0-10 WCAL)

Volleyball Awards:

MVP: Danny Shea
 Most Improved: Ben Kusber
 Coaches' Award: Pavin Mathew
 Second Team All WCAL; Honorable Mention All South Bay (San Jose Mercury); 3-year varsity starter: Danny Shea
 Captains: Danny Shea, Pavin Mathew, Haree Dahya

"I have never had a group of players that I enjoyed spending time with as much as the guys we had this season. Although we had a rough year, we made strides and overcame adversity. The team never quit and I never once questioned their dedication and work ethic. We have a young team, but there are a lot of pieces that our coaching staff feel great about moving forward."

Head Volleyball Coach Dustyn Woropay

CREW >

Varsity Head Coach: Adam Jones
 Varsity Assistant Coach: Kirk Halterman '06
 Freshman Coach: Patrick Geddes '07

Men's Lightweight 4+ 5th Place at Regional Championships
 (JT Kearney, Bobby Vernazza, Sam Kekuewa, Torin Kingshill, Nick Totagrande)

Men's Single Scull - 1st Place at Regional Championships (Bobby Vernazza)

Men's Single Scull - 2nd place at National Championships (Bobby Vernazza)

Crew Awards:

Varsity MVPs:
 JT Kearney and Bobby Vernazza
 Frosh MVPS:
 Seth Bartlett and Derek Jow



"It was thrilling to see Serra crew on the podium at Nationals. A number of rowers really broke out of their shells this year and separated themselves from the pack. They will be the foundation of next year's success."

Head Crew Coach Adam Jones

Bobby Vernazza '12 Places Second in the Nation

Bobby Vernazza '12 placed second in the nation at the prestigious Junior National Rowing Championship in Tennessee June 9-11.

"I felt relieved knowing that all of the work I've put in during the past four years finally paid off," he said. "The competition was fierce. The time difference between second and fourth place was about a second."

Vernazza rowed a single boat and competed against 18 of the top junior rowers in the nation. After several heats and elimination, he advanced to the finals. Vernazza placed second overall with a fast time of 7:34, beating the third

place winner by less than a second. He is ranked as the second fastest junior sculler in the nation.

"I knew that once I passed third and fourth place, my adrenaline would carry me through to the finish line," Vernazza said. "My heart was pounding and my legs were in so much pain, but I kept telling myself to push through the pain and accomplish what I went there to do."

Vernazza, a resident of Redwood City, has competed since his freshman year on the Serra crew team. He will attend Oregon State University in the fall, where he plans to row for the Beavers and major in biology.





Varsity Tennis Team Aces Season

The Serra varsity tennis team exceeded all expectations this year, placing second in the WCAL Tournament—the most extraordinary season since the mid-1990s. The “Wolf Pack” finished 15-3 overall and 11-3 in WCAL league play.

Serra Head Tennis Coach Marcus Charles is extremely proud of his team’s success. “Our team had a great deal of talent, but it’s not the talent that brought us so far,” he noted. “Our players are beginning to understand that making effort a habit, and putting in hard work, will lead to skill and ability. I have high expectations for next year.”

Doubles teams Alex Frank and Brenden Barrows; Eric Dennis and Gordon Barrows; and Gene Cao and Aidan Tribble

advanced to the quarter finals. Singles players Sean Talmadge and Matt Campana advanced to the WCAL semifinals.

In February, Serra varsity head coaches were asked to participate in a two-hour Positive Coaching Alliance workshop. The message of developing triple-impact competitors was the focus of the workshop.

Upon completing the workshop, Charles asked his players to read *Elevating Your Game: Becoming a Triple-Impact Competitor* by Jim Thompson. He credited the book with helping athletes to overcome mental blocks and focus on positive outcomes. The mental component of a sport is equally as important as physical strength and ability.

“The book really helped and I would recommend it to other coaches,” Charles added. “These athletes are very knowledgeable young men, and thinking positively goes a long way.”

“Coach Charles works with us personally and he motivates us,” said Matt Campana ‘14. “This season, he really helped us to elevate our game. The book helped with the mental part of it. We had good chemistry on the team and we were pretty happy with second place.”

“Everyone on the team looks up to Coach Charles,” agreed Alex Frank ‘13. “He is a good leader who inspires us. We had a great season with a couple of big wins. I’m looking forward to next season.”

Head Tennis Coach Marcus Charles



2012 WCAL Baseball Champions

It was a proud morning for Serra varsity baseball players on June 1, when a brand new WCAL banner was hung in the Serra gymnasium. Emotions were high, as players remembered how hard they worked to triumph after a slow start and end the season as WCAL champions.

“This banner isn’t unprecedented, but it isn’t simply one more title hanging from the gym ceiling,” said Serra Head Coach Craig Gianinno. “Rather, it represents a new volume in an epic story of excellence. It is a demonstration that even in the face of desperation and defeat, no obstacle, no failure, no challenge is insurmountable with perseverance, teamwork and the support of a cohesive community.”

Serra varsity players were fired up and even a bit emotional when the banner dropped from the gym ceiling. Colin Theroux, who will be a catcher at the University of Nevada next year, said the moment felt surreal.

When asked about the remarkable turnaround, Chris Romeo said it all had to do with the players’ respect for each other and the belief of Serra coaches that they could do it in the end.

“When we talked to Coach G at our lowest point, he told us not to give up and that we had to rely on each other,” recounted Romeo, who will attend Cal Poly in the fall. “That was the biggest thing for us. We didn’t give up on each other.”

“If there are two messages we take from this moment, I hope they are these,” Gianinno noted. “First, I want to express on behalf of this program our gratitude for the unwavering support from the student body and Padre Community. The second point is this: long after you’ve left Serra, when you’ve become the young men you are destined to become, remember this moment as an experiment in not giving up.”

Gianinno acknowledged his exceptional varsity coaches, whom he described as “committed, tireless and selfless.” He also thanked the players for allowing his staff to be a part of an extraordinary journey this season.

“I am incredibly proud of our 2012 Padres and their commitment and belief in each other,” Gianinno said. “This is a true testament to the brotherhood and what it means to be a Padre.”

Varsity Baseball Coach Craig Gianinno celebrates with varsity assistant baseball coach Jesse Lehane ‘05.





< BASEBALL

Varsity Head Coach:
Craig Giannino

Varsity Assistants:
Jesse Lehane '05
Sean Riley
Al Orozco '03

JV Coach: Dan Walsh '92
JV Assistant: Jeff Harper

Freshman Coach: John Canepa
Assistant: Alex Weeks

Overall: 19-13
WCAL: 8-6 4th Place
CCS: 1-1

2012 WCAL Tournament Champions
2012 JV WCAL Champions

Baseball Awards:

1st Team All League:
Colin Theroux
Paul Murray
Thomas Cox
Mickey McDonald
Jordan Paroubeck

2nd Team All League:
Daniel Strupeni



< TENNIS

Varsity Head Coach:
Marcus A. Charles

JV Coach: Jon George

Varsity Record: 15-3
(11-3 WCAL)
WCAL 2nd place
CCS Quarter Finals

JV Record: 9-5
WCAL: 3rd place
(with Mitty)

Tennis Awards:

All WCAL 1st Team:
Sean Talmadge and
Matt Campana

All WCAL 2nd Team:
Joey Simpson

All WCAL Honorable
Mention:
Peter Campana,
Alex Frank, Brenden
Barrows

Varsity Co MVPs:
Sean Talmadge and
Matt Campana

CCS 3rd Place Singles:
Matt Campana

Most Improved Player:
Matt Campana

Most Inspirational
Player: Alex Frank

JV MVP: Ryan Acbay

Most Improved Player:
Ryan Cahners

Most Inspirational
Player: Darren Chang

"Qualifying for the CCS Playoffs once again was a rewarding experience. Advancing to the Quarters was a lesson learned, which energized the players for another run at both the WCAL and CCS titles. It wasn't an individual mindset that formed the team. The team had to put aside selfishness and piece together a puzzle. This puzzle built the chemistry."

- Head Tennis Coach Marcus A. Charles

GOLF >

Head Varsity Coach:
Joe Hession

JV Coach:
Ralph Stark (retired after 25
years as a Serra golf coach by
guiding his team to a WCAL JV
championship).

Varsity WCAL: 6-8
Varsity Overall: 7-8

Finished 1st - Salinas Invitational
Tournament

Qualified for CCS - Finished 6th
at CCS Regional Tournament

Golf Awards:

Team MVP: Isaiah Salinda
All-WCAL: Jack Ryan



"We will never forget this season—the memories, friendships and lessons learned will last a lifetime. This team will never be forgotten for its efforts, accomplishments, and, most important, for how it continued the tradition of Padre baseball."

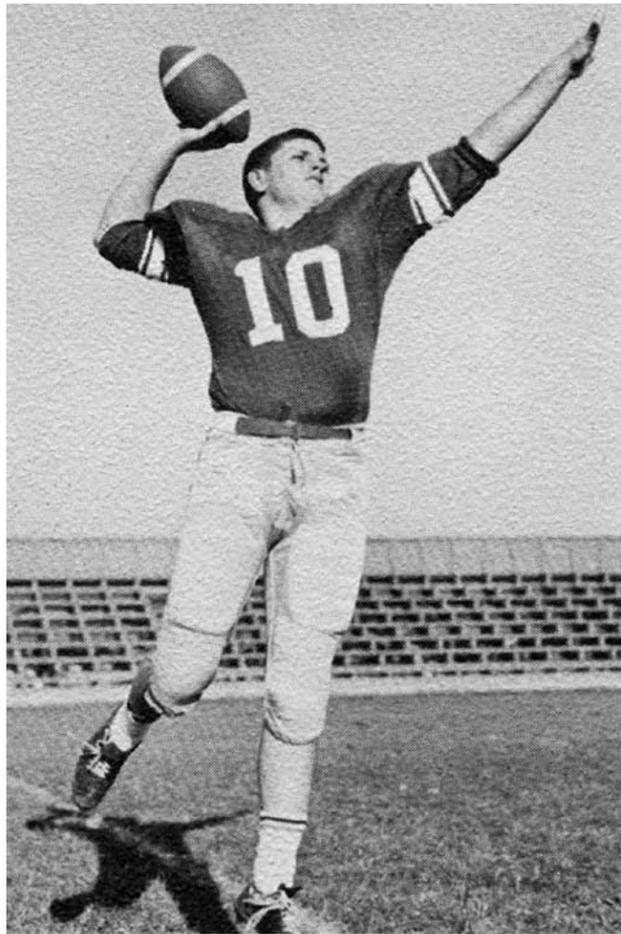
- Head Baseball Coach Craig Gianinno

"This was a very young team with two freshmen and three sophomores among our top six players, yet they still advanced to the CCS playoffs. Isaiah Salinda developed into one of the league's dominant players and became the first freshman ever to win the Blanket Award. These guys were a pleasure to be around. They worked hard and were dedicated to one another."

- Head Golf Coach Joe Hession

Serra's Dramatic 21-16 Win vs. Bellarmine Resonates on 50th Anniversary

By John Horgan '60



Rick Bianchina '63

The meeting with the Bells, the fifth game of the Padres' 1962 season, turned out to be a riveting and memorable affair witnessed by a capacity gathering in excess of 6,000 souls, one of the largest crowds to view a Serra football game up to that point.

Although Serra took a 14-0 lead in the first period, the Bells came storming back. They led 16-14 with under two minutes left in the game. With savvy quarterback Rick Bianchina '63 directing Gagliardi's offense, the Padres moved down the field to the Bellarmine 33-yard-line where it was fourth-and-three with the ballgame on the line.

We'll let Steve Johnson '71, writing in *Pride, Passion and Padres: A History of Serra Sports*, recall what transpired from that point on: "The call went to rugged fullback Lee Wilson who responded by crashing ahead for five yards and a first down . . . Bianchina and Gagliardi decided it was time for a special play that would feature reserve end Jack Coyne . . . Coyne would head to the end zone from the Padre left side while Paul Stephens and speedy back Greg O'Neill would run patterns to the right to clear out the Bellarmine defenders. "The strategy worked perfectly as Coyne got behind his defender and Bianchina, rolling to his right behind superb protection, threw back the other way to Coyne at the goal line for the go-ahead touchdown.

"There were 58 seconds left, time enough for Bellarmine to launch a desperation comeback. But the veteran Padre defense, led by Wilson, Stephens, Mike Miller and Bianchina stuffed the Bells in four plays to end the game."

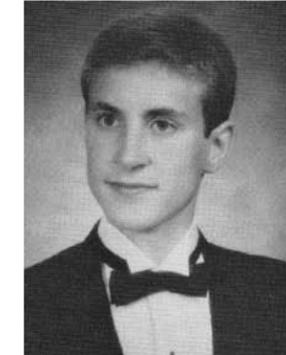
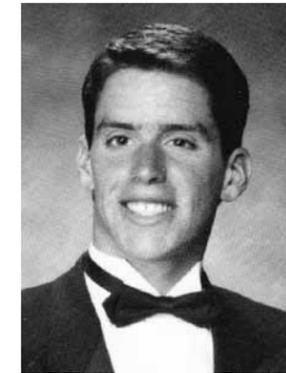
Serra had a number of other key performers on that sterling unit. Among them were: John Francis, Pat Edens, Lou Chelone and Mike McConneloug. The Padres' unyielding defense was a 1962 hallmark. It permitted a measly 8.1 points per game, a grand total of 73.

In retrospect, in the long and heated history of the Serra-Bellarmino football rivalry, which began in 1946, a year after the conclusion of World War II, and currently totals 68 games heading into the 2012 season, that 1962 matchup continues to stand out a full 50 years later.

Who knew? At the time, few perceived any hint of the historic magnitude of Serra's 21-16 Catholic Athletic League football win over Bellarmine Prep in 1962. But that would turn out to be the only occasion in four years that anyone, in or out of CAL action, would defeat the powerhouse Bells of San Jose who captured 36 of 37 contests between 1962 and 1965. Still, a half-century ago, that dramatic Serra triumph at Townsend Field in Santa Clara was not necessarily an upset by any means. After all, the Padres had beaten or tied Bellarmine three times during the prior four seasons. Serra was the CAL's defending champion as well. What's more, the Padres of first-year Coach Gene Gagliardi wound up 8-1 themselves in 1962. And they again grabbed a share of the CAL championship along with St. Francis and Bellarmine in the process.

2012 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner Friday, October 12, 2012

San Mateo Elks Club
6 p.m. ~ No-host Cocktails
7 p.m. ~ Dinner/\$60 per person



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2012 Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees:

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Erick Vera '92: Wrestling & Football

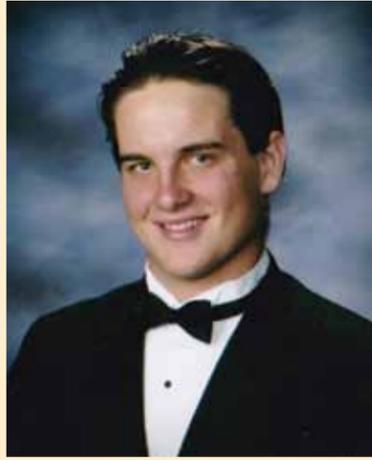
Dustin Delucchi '96: Baseball, Basketball, Football

Dave Tafoou '99: Football

Rich Jefferies: Special Category - Coach

Luke Longinotti '12

Receives 2012 Shea Award *By Pam Robbins*



Luke Longinotti '12 is the recipient of the prestigious 2012 Shea Award, a sportsmanship award given each year to an outstanding senior athlete.

In 1966, the award was named for Serra alumnus James P. Shea '58, who is still

classified as "missing in action" while serving in the Vietnam War. The Shea Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Serra graduating student-athlete.

"Luke is the most impressive student-athlete I have seen during my time at Serra," said Athletic Director Dean Ayoob '92. "His dedication in the classroom and in athletics is unmatched. Luke is also a great teammate and a true leader in every sense of the word."

Longinotti was a rare three-sport athlete who participated in football, basketball, and track and field. In addition to delivering the graduation valedictory address at St. Mary's Cathedral, he was the Blanket Award winner for football and track and field. He will attend Yale University this fall, where he will play football.

"Luke Longinotti is one of the most special and impactful players I have ever coached," said Serra Head Football Coach Patrick Walsh. "Luke has defined what it means to be a Serra Padre—fiercely competitive in all areas of his life, committed to greatness on a daily basis and loyal to the Serra brotherhood. It's no wonder that he was student body president, a member of three Padre athletic teams and a stellar student. Luke is destined for great things at Yale."

Longinotti was a member of the CCS Division 1 football team, playing on both the offensive and defensive lines. He was a forward on the basketball team and a shot putter in track and field, where he competed at the state meet in Sacramento.

According to Serra Head Track and Field Coach Jim Marheineke, "Luke was a quiet leader who was respected by his peers both on and off the field. He led by example and his hard work paid off when he made it to the state finals. Luke embodies what the Shea Award means and it is well deserved."

Longinotti comes from a family legacy of Serra Padres, including his father, Ron Longinotti '72; his uncle, Richard Longinotti '70; and his brother, James Longinotti '06.

Serra Athletic Director Dean Ayoob '92 Recognized for Outstanding Leadership

By Pam Robbins

Serra Athletic Director Dean Ayoob '92, CAA received the 2012 Norm Mackenzie "Rookie" Athletic Director of the Year Award in April at the California State Athletic Directors Association Conference in San Diego. Ayoob was one of 12 athletic directors from throughout the state to receive the award, which is presented to "rookie" athletic directors who display superior leadership skills and are in their first one to four years in the role.

"It's an honor to be recognized by my peers for this award," said Ayoob. "I've received tremendous support from everyone here at Serra during my first two years as athletic director, so this recognition is a reflection of the Serra community."

Attending the conference and ceremony with Ayoob were Assistant Principal of Student Life Marybeth Ortiz, Assistant Athletic Director John Kirby, and retired Serra Athletic Director Kevin Donahue. "It was amazing to be among a group of talented athletic administrators," Ortiz observed. "We are so lucky to have an athletic director who is so dedicated to our student athletes and sports programs."



It's "App" ening at Serra

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We are proud to announce the release of two new free apps. The Athletic Department app is available on the iPhone and Android phones. To download the app, visit the Apple store and search "Junipero Serra." The app is free and has loads of stats, information, news and directions.

The Serra School app—which will encompass all elements of Padre life—will be released in late September. The app will be available on the iPhone and iPad and will feature daily announcements, calendar events, latest news events, school directory information, photos, videos and more!

It's all "app-ening" at Serra High School—stay tuned!

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 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 proceeds support all 15 teams at Serra.

Please join today by logging on to the Serra website at: www.serrahs.com (click on **Athletics**).

2011-2012 BLANKET AWARD WINNERS

JOEY BERRIATUA
2011 CROSS COUNTRY

LUKE LONGINOTTI
ERICH WILSON
2011 FOOTBALL

PAUL SMALLMAN
2011 WATER POLO

HENRY CARUSO
2012 BASKETBALL

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TRAVIS ROBERTS
TIM GLAUNINGER
2012 WRESTLING

THOMAS COX
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2012 BASEBALL

J.T. KEARNEY
BOBBY VERNAZZA
2012 CREW

ISAIAH SALINDA
2012 GOLF

MATT MCGLOIN
CONNOR MCLEOD
2012 LACROSSE

JOSEPH KMAK
2012 SWIMMING

MATT CAMPANA
SEAN TALMADGE
2012 TENNIS

LUKE LONGINOTTI
2012 TRACK AND FIELD

DANNY SHEA
2012 VOLLEYBALL

Serra's New Advancement Director

Perry Carter '84



Members of the Serra Advancement Office are delighted to welcome Advancement Director Perry Carter '84. A graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and San Jose State University, Carter is excited about his position and shared his vision with the *Traditions* staff during an interesting Q&A.

Q: What are your fondest memories of being a Serra Padre?

A: Hanging out with my friends in high school. Going to the outdoor dance, the Jungle Game, the prom and all those fun things you do in high school. I was involved in football, baseball, rallies and clubs. The friendships we made will last a lifetime.

Q: Why did you decide to take the leap to advancement director?

A: I wanted a new challenge and to try something other than teaching. I have been a teacher at Serra for 22 years, and thought now would be the perfect time for a change.

Q: What are your goals for the 2012-2013 school year?

A: Right now, I'm adjusting to a new environment. I am in an office, and have a new group of people to be involved with on a daily basis. I also have to make sure that goals of the Advancement Office are met and hopefully exceeded.

Q: What do you think you'll enjoy most about your new position?

A: I have always enjoyed challenges. As the advancement director, I have been introduced to an entirely new way of thinking and working at Serra. I am dealing with a whole new side of the school. Learning something different is always good!

Q: Why did you decide to become a teacher?

A: Both my parents were teachers. We always had quality family time. My parents were always around for our sports and special occasions. During the summer, we always went somewhere fun.

Q: What will you miss most about teaching?

A: I will miss my fellow teachers. It was fun working in the math department because they made it fun. I will miss the everyday interaction with the students. They made every day different and enjoyable.

Q: What lessons did you try to instill in your students?

A: It's really about being a good person. I wanted my students to laugh every day, to learn math and to be good, responsible young men.

Q: What do you love about coaching football?

A: I love working with the student-athletes to develop a great football team. Our coaches are top notch, and they make you better just by being around them. It's an awesome feeling when your hard work pays off with an outstanding football game. Being able to strategize about the game—plays, players, offense, defense—fits right into my thought process as a math teacher.

Q: What has Serra done for you and your family for the past two decades?

A: Serra has supported me through good times and bad. Serra rallies behind people whether they are in a time of need or a time of joy.

Q: Please tell us about your family.

A: I live in San Mateo with my wife, Meronig (who is also a teacher), and my children, Perry and Camille, who attend St. Timothy Catholic School in San Mateo.

Q: What's something that people might not know about you?

A: I love to camp and to take my family into the woods to get away from the daily grind. It's fun having no cell phones, computers or technology for a while.

Q: What makes Serra a special place?

A: That's easy. It is the people who make this place special. It is the teachers, staff, students, alumni, parents—the whole community. The people in this community love the school, and it shows every day.

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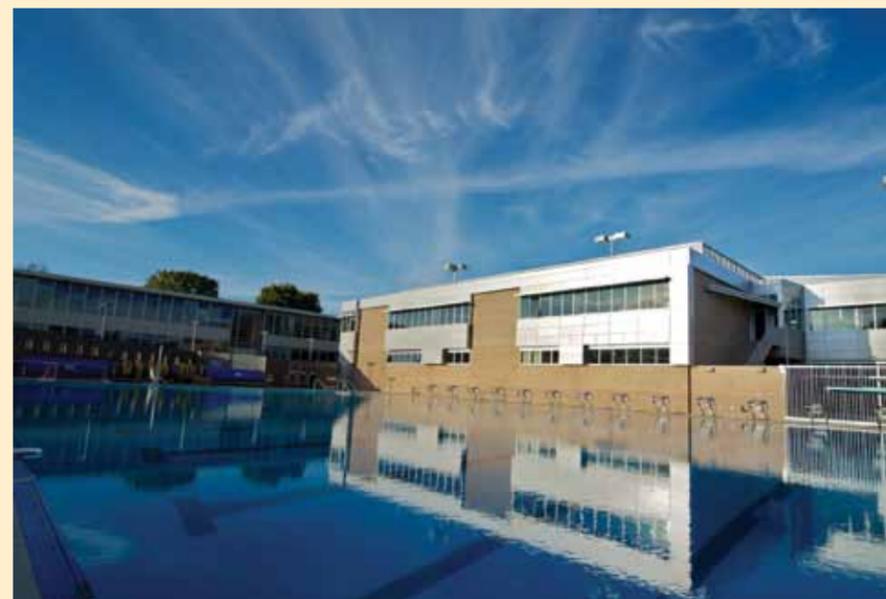
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Annual Serra Golf Classic

Celebrating 25 years of
Padre support



Bruce Furukawa '83

It was a blustery day on June 18, but that didn't deter more than 100 Padre alumni, parents and friends from participating in the 25th annual Alumni Golf Classic. This year's event at Peninsula Golf and Country Club raised more than \$25,000. Since 1988, the golf tournament has raised close to \$300,000 for the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

"The golf tournament is a fantastic event because our alumni spend the day with current parents and friends of Serra," said Alumni Director Bob Greene '85.

Golfers were divided into three flights—blue for those with handicaps below 14, gold for handicaps above 15 and senior for above 50.

Serra Advancement Director Perry Carter '84 and theology teacher Ed Taylor were spotted cruising around the course serving beverages and snacks.

As Padres caught up with one another and remembered days gone by, the action-packed day ended with cocktails and dinner at the club. Golfers bid on silent auction items and enjoyed a raffle. Padre dad Mitch Juricich, co-host of *Hooked on Golf*, was the energetic auctioneer.

"We are especially grateful to Padre dad Jon Handlery, who was our platinum sponsor once again," Greene said. "This year's golf tournament was an overall great day."

Congratulations to the winners and all of the Padre supporters who helped to make this day possible.

2012 WINNERS

Longest drive:

**SERRA HEAD FOOTBALL COACH
PATRICK WALSH**

Closest to the hole:

**BADER BEHBEHANI
DON CALLAGHAN '68
DAN MURRAY '88**

Blue Flight:

**PAUL KARSON
DANIEL MURRAY '88
CHRIS PEDERSEN '89
CHRIS RONAN**

Senior Flight:

**JOHN BROWNING
GEORGE TUCK '67
ROBERT TUCK '68
WILLIAM TUCK '57**



Picture (l-r): Michael Chall, Mario Buljan, Bob Greene, Sr., Bob Greene, Jr. '85



Pictured (l-r): Mike McGuigan, Steve Fletcher, Bruce Bulkin, John Crosby



Pictured (l-r): Bob Caviglia '66, Jonathan Hogg, Jason Frisella '91, Bob Grassili '66



Pictured (l-r): Mark Massey '83, Scott Morton '08, Brendan Morton '11, Brian Morton '83, Bruce Furukawa '83

Court Vision

Dan Mavraides '06

scores amazing contract



Surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Mediterranean Sea, Dan Mavraides '06 is living his dream—playing professional basketball in Greece. Mavraides, a graduate of Princeton University, lives in the second largest city in Greece, Thessaloniki. Terracotta roofs add splashes of color to ancient buildings. Byzantine architecture evokes a step back in time. When he's not on the court, Mavraides enjoys sipping coffee in coastal cafés and learning how to play the guitar.

"Living in Greece for the year has been an eye-opening experience," Mavraides said. "What I enjoy most about living in a foreign country is immersing myself in the culture. Being Greek drove me to learn the language and meet the locals. I have a great appreciation for the country."

Mavraides began his professional basketball career in 2011, when he signed a three-year contract with the Greek championship club Aris Thessaloniki.

"I love the basketball atmosphere in Thessaloniki," said the 6-foot-4-inch point guard. "Aris supporters are fanatical, cheering and chanting for entire games and always seeking us in public to applaud our efforts."

Of course, living away from home has its challenges.

"I was overseas for nine straight months and it was sometimes difficult to find comfort when everything was so foreign,"

Mavraides admitted. "However, my teammates, coaches and fans were so welcoming. I became very close with them throughout the season. Whenever the other Americans and I were feeling homesick, we ate at Friday's or Bennigan's to get the food we missed from back home."

According to Mavraides, playing basketball in Greece is very different from playing basketball in the United States.

"The style of the European game in general is noticeably different from the American game, and I found some adjustments to be challenging," he explained. "I have always been a very physical player. The European style is more of a finesse game. The game is also refereed slightly differently with more emphasis on proper footwork and fundamentals. But at the end of the day, it was still basketball. Learning a different style of play has made me a much better player."

After he graduated from Serra, Mavraides majored in economics and played basketball at Princeton University for four years. He was voted most valuable player during his junior and senior years, and became co-captain of the varsity team when he was a senior.

"During our senior year, we won the league," Mavraides recounted. "We shared the Ivy League title with Harvard but beat them in a one-game playoff to see who would go to the NCAA tournament. We won on a buzzer-beating shot.

Although we lost in the end to Kentucky, we went 25-7 that season, which was the most wins in Princeton basketball history."

Mavraides visited Serra a few months ago, where he was spotted shooting hoops with Head Basketball Coach Chuck Rapp. Both have fond memories of winning the league during the 2004-2005 basketball season—the best year in Serra's history. The varsity basketball team won both the WCAL and CCS championships and went to the state finals. The next year was almost as good, when the varsity team won the CCS championship again.

"Dan was one of the hardest working players whom I have ever had the privilege of coaching," Rapp said. "He was an inspiration to his teammates, coaching staff and the entire Padre Nation. I have nothing but respect and fond memories of Dan, and I wish him the best in his professional career in Greece."

Mavraides is dedicated to his career as a professional athlete. This summer, most of his time has been spent working out and trying to improve his game.

"How long I will play is uncertain, but I feel very fortunate to have an opportunity to live out my dream of playing professional basketball," he said. "What I do after basketball is somewhat dependent on how long my career lasts, but I

do plan on being a part of corporate America and utilizing my economics degree in the future."

When he thinks about his time at Serra, Mavraides has fond memories and said that he learned life lessons during his high school years.

"One lesson that comes up very often is how important it is to take advantage of the support and opportunities you are given," he noted. "Nobody makes it as a professional athlete or as a leader in any profession without help. In every successful person's career, there was a person or an institution or some form of guidance that provided the support and motivation necessary to push that person to



Dan Mavraides '06 and Serra Head Basketball Coach Chuck Rapp '86

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Dan Mavraides '06 - continued from previous page

reach his potential. Serra was a cornerstone of my success, and I feel very fortunate to have had the chance to attend a high school that provided so much support and love for its students.”

What advice would Mavraides give to current Serra student-athletes who dream of becoming pro players?

“My advice is to work as hard as you possibly can...and then work harder than that,” he said. “Getting to where you want to be in a sport—and in any facet of life—is all about how willing you are to work at it. How much you are willing to sacrifice to make it happen. That being said, it is by no means insurmountable to become a professional athlete, so stay positive and believe in yourself and your abilities.”



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Dan Mavraides '06

From Stage to Page

Johnny Villar '10
soars in the arts



SINGER. SONGWRITER. FILMMAKER. FICTION WRITER. *All of these words describe Johnny Villar '10, the epitome of a true artist.*

From his high school days at Serra singing Rat Pack favorites in downtown San Mateo to an award-winning film career at CSM to winning Foster City's International Writers' Contest last year, Villar is a modern day Renaissance man.

"An artist is a person who will do anything that comes to mind for the sake of expressing what he or she really feels," Villar explained. "It's constant output. I work because I love the creative process."

Villar won first place in the 2011 CSM Film Festival for *The Bicycle*, a short silent film. He won first place again in the 2012 CSM Film Festival for *The Raven*, an adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's famous poem. He was a finalist in the International Youth Silent Film Festival for *The Box Vanishes*, a short, three-minute film about a mad pursuit related to a mysterious stolen box.

Stretching his imagination

Villar always has been fascinated by tales from the dark side. His short story, *The Door Beside the Stairs*, won first place in the Foster City International Writers' Contest. It is a mystery horror story that Villar penned in just two days.

"I wait for ideas to come to me, and then I write," Villar explained. "If you think too hard, you'll get writer's block. It's better for the creative process to happen organically."

Not too far from home, the setting of the story takes place at Ralston Hall on the Notre Dame de Namur campus.

"I've always been intrigued by Ralston Hall," Villar admitted. "It has so much history. It's a place I go when I need to be tranquil."

Villar was presented with his award in May by members of the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club Board of Directors. According to the judges, Villar's tale of terror is "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."

Setting the stage

At Serra, Villar traveled to Australia with the Men's Chorus. In *The Who's Tommy*, he was cast as the Hawker—a shady, sinister character.

"I'm prone to playing bad boys," Villar admitted. "Those roles are over the top but they're more interesting. It must be my alter ego!"

This year, Villar received a large scholarship to NDNU, where he is enjoying the theater arts program. His most recent theatrical performances include *Our Town* and *A Christmas Carol*. Villar was the musical director of Crystal Springs Players rendition of *Harvey*. In June, he was a finalist in Burlingame Idol, when he dazzled local judges with Bobby Darrin's "Once in a Lifetime."

"I guess I'm trying to be a new breed of artist," noted Villar, who can be spotted strumming the guitar at the North Beach Farmer's Market. "I enjoy working on all of these different areas simultaneously. They are multiple facets of creativity. I am extremely lucky to have found what I love to do so early in life."

Homes With Heart

Phillip Kilbridge '90

lends a helping hand



Seven years ago, Esther was a single mother with a dismal future. She was raising four children on her own, one with special needs, all sharing a tiny bedroom. Esther slept on a tattered couch in the main room of the cluttered, one-bedroom apartment. She had lost hope until she learned

about Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco. Even though she was working two jobs, Esther agreed to commit 500 hours to help build her own home. Today, Esther and her children are achieving extraordinary feats. Her twins are attending college in Chicago, majoring in film and creative writing. Her daughter is a college freshman in South Carolina. And Esther's son with special needs won a silver medal for basketball in the California Special Olympics.

Stories like Esther's are what fuel Phillip Kilbridge's passion for his job. As executive director of Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco, he witnesses many life-changing moments for families in need. Some have hit hard times. Others, like Esther, have lost hope and just need someone to give them a chance.

"Esther's story is amazing," Kilbridge said. "Her children are doing incredible things because they have been inspired to give back."

Kilbridge was inspired to give back when he was at Serra. "I became involved in volunteering not because it was required, but because I wanted to make a difference," he remembered. As a high school student, he was an altar boy at St. Catherine's and a Special Olympics volunteer. As a senior, he was recognized for outstanding community service. At U.C. Davis, Kilbridge continued to volunteer by becoming a youth minister at St. James Catholic Church.

"I always knew that for me, making a dollar wasn't nearly as important as making a difference," he admitted. "I went into politics for a while but it wasn't what I really wanted to do."

Kilbridge soon figured out that the nonprofit world was his calling. After participating in the Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs, he decided to pursue a career that would enable him to affect change in the nonprofit sector. Today, Kilbridge manages an annual budget of \$11.5 million while working closely with the Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco Board of Directors, strategizing fundraising opportunities and managing 30 staff members and 12 AmeriCorps volunteers.

"In addition to our core team, we have about 6,000 volunteers who work with us throughout the year," Kilbridge noted. "My job is to make sure that we are on track, building the homes we want to build, finding the right families and staying on budget."

Senior Director of Development and Communications Kris Leja called Kilbridge "a visionary leader of Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco."

"Phil has grown the organization tremendously during the past seven years," she added. "He ensures that Habitat Greater San Francisco is meeting the needs of the community at large by providing homeownership solutions for working families."

Although Habitat for Humanity assists people in 90 different countries, Kilbridge has unique challenges as the executive director of the Greater San Francisco chapter. For starters, the cost of land is so much more expensive in the Bay Area.

"The perception of many people is that we're building small, single-family homes in the rural south," Kilbridge claimed. "Here in the Bay Area, it's very different because the land is so expensive. Right now, we are building the most innovative Habitat for Humanity complex in Daly City. It's a 36-home condominium with green and sustainable features. We are making the most of the space, and it's going to be so cool."

The site is located on Mission Street. Volunteers are energetic and excited. They are like family—joking with one another and swapping stories while hammering wood, painting walls and framing windows. The units are spacious, bright and airy.

Former Burlingame Fire Captain Jim Edwards is on site most days of the week. After retiring in 2003, he joined the core team and finds his work extremely rewarding.

"I like the idea of giving back to the community," he said. "This 'job' gives me an opportunity to build the house I always wanted to build, but for other people. From being able to work on all phases of building a house to the great group of volunteers I work with, my Habitat work is very satisfying."

In 2012, Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco will provide homes for 43 families. However, Kilbridge recognizes that the issue of homelessness is growing and the need for safe, decent and affordable shelter continues.

"In Menlo Park, for example, there are families living in shacks in abhorrent living conditions," he noted. "You can often find 14 people in a three-bedroom home, splitting the \$2000-per-month rent. It doesn't take more than a couple of bad breaks for people to be living in precarious living situations."

What makes Habitat unique is that its clients must be accountable. By agreeing to donate 500 hours of their own time to build their residences, they learn to appreciate all that building a home entails.

"Our motto is 'We provide a hand up, not a hand out,'" Kilbridge noted. "Our clients are required to meet minimum financial qualifications. They must make between 40 and 60 percent of the area medium income. They have to make enough money so that they can pay a zero-percent mortgage."

Kilbridge, who lives in San Francisco with his wife, Kelley, and their two little boys, is particularly excited about the grand opening of a ReStore this fall in San Carlos.

"It will be like Home Depot meets Goodwill," he explained. "We are excited to provide extra assistance to families in need. I have always been inspired by the opportunity to engage in social justice work. My family and Serra High School provided inspiration and a springboard for me to engage deeply in changing our Bay Area community for the better."



Father Tommy King '74

Comforts parishioners in the Tenderloin



"HUMILITY IS A GOOD THING IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. WHEN I'M CONNECTED WITH THE POOR, I FEEL CONNECTED TO JESUS."

Fr. Tommy King, OFM, '74

"One of the mysteries of our Christian faith is that we encounter Jesus Christ in a very deep and powerful way when we are with people who are suffering," Fr. Tommy added. "At St. Boniface, what you see is what you get with these parishioners. There's clarity—no superficiality. Humility is a good thing in the Christian life. When I'm connected with the poor, I feel connected to Jesus."

Later, he spent four years in Guatemala as the co-director of the mission immersion experience for younger Franciscan friars during their formation years. He also spent seven years in the Peruvian Amazon doing pastoral work and training lay ministers in a parish that served 61 villages. During that time, Fr. Tommy lived with people in a humid, rustic village that provided only three telephones for 5,000 people. He returned to Bay Area from Peru in May of 2010 to be closer to his aging parents, who currently live in Sacramento.

"I don't have anything to offer anybody if I don't have a sense of joy," Fr. Tommy said. "The Gospels are clear about offering a sense of joy, respect and honor to those who suffer. As a Franciscan priest, I thrive on working with people on the margins. Although my life has been full of surprises, I believe I am exactly where God wants me now."

On the oak pews of St. Boniface Church in San Francisco, people from all walks of life find solace. Some are homeless, curled up on wooden benches to escape the wind. Others live in the neighborhood, popping in for a few minutes to say their prayers. Although each story is unique—from the woman struggling with mental illness to

the ex-dot-commer who lost everything to the out-of-state transplant with cost-of-living sticker shock—one thing is certain at St. Boniface Parish: All are welcome.

Father Tommy King, OFM, '74, comforts and counsels St. Boniface parishioners every day. He listens to their problems, prays with them, and, most important of all, offers them a sense of hope.

"The process of service is the deepest joy God offers us," Fr. Tommy said. "Reaching out to people who are sick and poor—especially those who have mental illness or addiction—is a profound encounter with Christ. It is an incredible joy to be able to experience this love of God. The Tenderloin is the poorest and most violent neighborhood in city, but there's a wonderful sense of community here."

Although the parish is only about 25 square blocks, approximately 20,000 people live in the Tenderloin. The area is culturally diverse, with about 25 languages spoken in the neighborhood.

"The population is dense, and it is a high-crime area," Fr. Tommy noted. "There are families living in single SROs. The Tenderloin has the biggest concentration of homeless people in San Francisco. It's normal to see people sleeping on the street. Yet St. Boniface Parish offers a traditional program—First Communion preparation, Bible study, Confirmation and parish functions. Our Masses are said in four different languages.

Fr. Tommy was raised in a devout Catholic family, where service was a top priority. His Dad was quite involved with St. Anthony's Dining Room. Copies of *Maryknoll* magazine were always scattered on the coffee table.

"We grew up with a great concept of what it meant to be Catholic," Fr. Tommy remembered. "It was all about making a commitment to serve the poor."

Fr. Tommy has fond memories of his time at Serra, where he served as student body president, played on the soccer and tennis teams, and played clarinet and saxophone in the band. The best advice he would pass on to today's Padres would be "to find a career that brings you joy."

"I know a lot of people who hate their jobs," Fr. Tommy explained. "Nobody is going to pay attention to Christians if we're not joyful. If you're not finding joy in your career, it's time for a change."

Fr. Tommy has found joy in his career as a Franciscan friar and priest. After graduating from UC Davis with a degree in economics, he dabbled in the corporate world before joining the Franciscans in 1980. After completing master's degrees at the Franciscan School of Theology and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, he was ordained in 1993. Fr. Tommy later earned a doctor of ministry degree from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.



Big Screen Appearance

Johnathan Robinson '10 talks films



"Lights...camera...action!" Johnathan Robinson '10 hears those three words almost every day as a screenwriting major at Loyola Marymount University.

"I love my major—it's absolutely amazing," he said. "I enjoy movies and making films. There is a lot of collaboration involved. I don't compete with my peers. We are encouraged to create the best possible product through teamwork. It's not just one person who makes the decisions—it's everyone on the creative side."

At Loyola, Robinson co-wrote a script that was produced into a musical, *Film Studies: The Musical*. The script pokes fun at clichés in musicals. So far, he has worked as a production assistant, editor, cinematographer and boom mic operator.

"I like to keep my options open," Robinson said. "I want to pursue a career in the film industry, but I need to be exposed to both the business and creative aspects of film. My dream job would be to work for Walt Disney Imagineering, creating and developing theme parks. All principles of film apply to Disney theme parks."

Last spring, Robinson worked at Endgame Entertainment in Beverly Hills. As an intern, he worked on the upcoming film called *Looper*, which stars Bruce Willis and Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

"I got to type the ending credits," he shared. "It was very high energy. It was exciting to see things from another perspective—the business angle. There often is a misconception that making a Hollywood movie is very glamorous. In reality, so much more is involved—insurance, deadlines, guild regulations, and so much more. It layers the process of making a film so thick, that it becomes impossible to create a product without a huge team working together for the common goal of making a successful movie."

Robinson worked during the summer in San Francisco for Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., an insurance firm that assists clients ranging from schools to performing arts centers to film studios.

Tri-School Productions Training

Robinson credits Tri-School Productions with enhancing his high school years and shaping his future career.

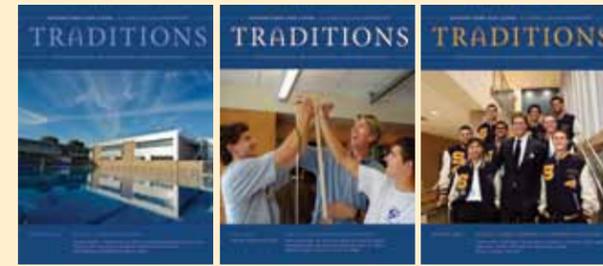
"Whenever I'm home, I stop by to see Jay Jordan," he noted. "He taught all of us how to develop a creative story. Tri-School Productions is unique because of the camaraderie. People from all generations stay in touch and we even have a Facebook group. I think the reason that people stay in touch is because we work a long time together on productions. We spend hours, days, weeks, months and years with these people. I remember being a freshman and feeling overwhelmed by the talent of the seniors. But they always included us. With Tri-School, you develop relationships with girls and boys. You learn patience, camaraderie, love and respect."

Robinson has fond memories of Serra musicals, particularly *Bye Bye Birdie* and *The Who's Tommy*.

"The Who was my first concert, so to being able to play Uncle Ernie in *The Who's Tommy* was so exciting," he remembered. "I've had such adulation for *The Who* since I was in middle school. It was beyond an honor to be in that show. Working on a musical is thrilling. It's all about choreography, timing and putting all of the pieces together. Theater productions and films are also about entertaining and serving people; who knows what kind of day they've had. **If we can capture their attention and take them somewhere they never dreamed they'd go, or if we can get them to forget about their problems and see the good in the world, then we've served our purpose.**"

TRADITIONS

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Traditions magazine won eight awards in May at the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club's 35th Annual Greater Bay Area Journalism Awards

Bay Area print and online journalists, photographers, radio and television personnel and public relations professionals were presented with 201 awards of excellence in nine divisions and 41 categories. Each division was judged separately by the Press Clubs of Bakersfield, Cleveland, Florida, Milwaukee, New Orleans and San Diego.

"Traditions certainly impressed our panel of independent judges who found the magazine lively, fun and informative," said San Francisco/Peninsula Press Club Board President Marshall Wilson.

Traditions won second place for overall excellence in the magazine/trade publications category, trailing behind first place winner Foundation for Health, which is written by reporters from Palo Alto Medical Foundation. Mills-Peninsula Health Services came in third for Peninsula Health Magazine.

In addition, Antonia Ehlers and Michelle Wilkinson won top awards for five other news story awards and two graphic design awards.

The event was sponsored by the San Francisco/Peninsula Press Club and was held at the Crowne Plaza in Foster City. The keynote speaker was Manny Fernandez, Houston bureau chief of the New York Times. The San Jose Mercury News was the big winner of the evening—its staff going home with a total of 26 plaques, including Overall Excellence.

"For 35 years, the San Francisco/Peninsula Press Club has recognized excellence in an awards competition open to journalists throughout the Bay Area," Wilson noted. "For Traditions to rise to the top speaks to the outstanding professionalism and expertise of its staff."

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1964

DENNIS LUCEY visited Serra in July and said, "The campus is fantastic!" Lucey also took the time to visit Archbishop Frank Hurley, who was recovering in Pacifica from a broken shoulder. Hurley taught at Serra from 1954-57. He is the retired Archbishop of Alaska and the former Bishop of Juneau. He also was the Associated General Secretary of the United States Bishops' Conference based in Washington, D.C.



1962

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1964

DENNIS GLENN recently returned from a two-week mission trip to Kenya and Uganda as part of the Christian non-profit organization, Help The Least of These. The group, located in Ft. Myers, Florida, works with schools, orphanages and churches in troubled areas in Africa. While there, Dennis helped to feed, clothe and educate children. He will return next year to work with high school-aged students to help prepare them for college.

1972

YOUR 40-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 6. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit Serra at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

1980

GREG TERRY and Ahna DuPont became the proud parents of Grace Jane Terry on July 30.



1982

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LIAM COLLOPY is president of the Beverly Hills-based entertainment PR firm LCO. Clients have included more than 58 Academy Award winners, 35 Grammy winners and 44 New York Times best-sellers. LCO has also represented Newt Gingrich, the rock groups KISS and Guns N' Roses, and boxers Manny Pacquiao, George Foreman and Laila Ali. Collopy was awarded with the highest achievement in public relations—the Bulldog Award for Excellence in Media Relations and Publicity, two out of the last three years.

1983

ERIC BARRETT will coach football at Sequoia High School this fall. He has been hired as an assistant JV coach to coach the defensive line. Eric's son, Jackson '16, is a freshman at Serra. Eric and his family live in Redwood City.

1986

JON RESTANI coached his U14 boys' soccer team to the California Youth Soccer Association Cup State Championship. Jon's son, Joseph, scored all three goals in the final. Jon lives in Sacramento with his family.



1987

YOUR 25-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 6. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

1988

JASON MINSKY accepted a new job as the executive director of *Christmas in the Park* in San Jose. Jason is the first executive director in the 33-year history of this traditionally volunteer-only organization. *Christmas in the Park* is a 40-day Christmas event in Downtown San Jose that draws more than 500,000 people each year.

1989

THOMAS SHIMER started teaching Information Systems 101 at the College of Southern Nevada last fall.

BRIAN PERRY works as an assistant editor at PDI/Dreamworks Animation in Redwood City. He recently worked on the movie Madagascar 3, which opened in June and has grossed more than \$500 million worldwide.



1992

YOUR 20-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 6. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

1993

MATTHEW COLE and his wife, Tracy, welcomed their son, Samuel Kingston, on April 14. Samuel has a 3-year-old sister, Rachel Elizabeth.



1995

GABE ESPOSTO and his wife, Courtney, welcomed their first son, Charlie "Meatball" on August 7, 2011. Charlie is pictured here "bulking up" for his next water polo match.



DAN TICHY is the President of the Barristers' Club of Sacramento. He was sworn in as president by the chief justice of the California Supreme Court. Dan was also selected by Super Lawyer magazine as a "Rising Star," a category for outstanding lawyers under the age of 40. He is an attorney with Timmons, Owen and Owen in Sacramento. He and his wife, Casey, have two daughters, Kaitlyn and Reagan.

1997

JASON ALLEN is the co-founder and owner of Performance Self Storage Group in Redwood City. He also plays drums for his band, The New Antiques. They play at the Grant and Green Saloon in San Francisco's North Beach.



1998

JOSH BERTA and his wife, Tara, welcomed Makenzie Ann on July 24. They also have a son, Brayden.

2000

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

2002

YOUR 10-YEAR REUNION will be held on October 6. Look for more news in upcoming mailings, or visit the Serra website at www.serrahs.com (Click on Alumni).

2004

CHUCK LOFGREN is pitching for the Amarillo Sox in Amarillo, Texas. In 2011, Lofgren made the move to the San Francisco Giants organization, splitting his time between single-A San Jose, double-AA Richmond and triple-AAA Fresno, before being released in the offseason. He was used almost exclusively as a starter, opening 154 games of the 188 he pitched. He has a career 57-46 record with a 4.19 ERA.



Class Notes

2006

SPENCER BLANK is a freelance opera pianist/coach/conductor in Manhattan. Earlier this year, he played and conducted for the Castleton Opera Festival in Virginia under the artistic direction of world-famous Maestro Lorin Maazel. He also co-music directed Humperdinck's *Hansel & Gretel* and Puccini's *La Boheme* with Opera Manhattan, and did a production of Phillip Glass' *Les*



Enfants Terribles at Opera North Carolina. This fall, he will debut with Kentucky Opera as a studio coach/pianist for Massenet's *Cendrillon*, Puccini's *Tosca*, and Britten's *The Prodigal Son*.

2007

MICHAEL DOUGHERTY graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in computer science. Upon graduation, Michael was offered a position with Western Digital developing an iPhone app for the company. He also develops his own iPhone apps that can be found on iTunes in the App Store. Michael married Julia Erle (NDB '07) in April.



2008

HANNA MALAK was recently recognized for his outstanding service to the American Red Cross. His name was displayed on a Nascar Ford Fusion racecar on May 19 in Charlotte, North Carolina in honor of his collecting 206 units of blood in three drives this past year at Menlo College. Hanna is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross Northern California Blood Region.



BRAD WILSON recently graduated from Marquette University and is now a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

2009

TONY RENDA was drafted in the second round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the Washington Nationals. As a college junior, Tony started at second base and hit .342 with 27 RBI for the Cal Bears. He is currently playing for the Auburn Doubledays in the Nationals' minor league system.



2011

ANDY MCALINDON played quarterback for American River College last fall and set the all-time and single-season school records in passing yards with 2,875 and in passing touchdowns with 36. Andy has accepted an offer to transfer to Louisiana Tech this year.



JAKE FOLAN was named Water Polo MVP and First Team All Coast Conference at Cabrillo College last fall. He also was named MVP of the Cabrillo swim team in the spring and was recently hired as Serra's JV water polo coach. Jake is pictured with Serra Head Water Polo Coach and Alumni Manager Bob Greene '85.



2012

DYLAN SIEVERS is the co-founder of Bulldog-Lighting.com and has designed a Dual LED light bar for aftermarket placement in cars and trucks. As a result, Dylan has been nominated for SEMA's (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Young Executive of the Year Award.

In Memoriam

JEAN ANTHONY, the mother of Serra math teacher and Assistant Admissions Director Bruce Anthony, passed away on July 7. She was the grandmother of Trevor '98, Tyler '07 and Heather (NDB '07).

DENNIS BENNETT '57 passed away on June 19. He was the father of Christopher '81.

DEBORAH CULLIGAN, the wife of Tom Culligan '60 and the mother of the James, passed away on May 27.

BRIAN DUNLEVY '61 passed away on August 2.

JAMES FLANNERY '63 passed away on January 12.

JOSE M. FRANCO passed away on June 20, 2011. He was the father of Michael '79 and John '77.

THOMAS FROST, the father of Stephen '75 and Kevin '79, passed away on July 31.

JOHN "JACK" GADDIS '55 passed away on July 29. After serving 20 years in the United States Marine Corp, he retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1978.

VERA GERMANO passed away on April 27. "A kind and true friend to everyone she met," Mrs. Germano was the mother of Serra Systems Administrator Mike Germano and alumnus Gary '70.

ALBERT GROSSMANN passed away on June 16. He was the father of Michael '87 and Tim '90, and the husband of Grace, who was Serra's receptionist for many years.

LARRY JORDAN, the father of Serra Music Director Jay Jordan and the grandfather of Alex '10 and Maddie (NDB '04), passed away on August 17.

WILLIAM J. MAHER '56 passed away on June 23.

MIKE MASON '88 passed away on February 15.

ROBERT MCADOO, the father of Mike '68, passed away on August 14, 2011.

DR. RICHARD PENNA '53 passed away on August 16, 2011. He was the brother of Albert '55, Larry '57 and Peter '61.

MARGARET POMETTA, the wife of Serra Spanish teacher Alan Pometta, passed away on July 16 as the result of the heart attack that she suffered while competing in a triathlon. She was mother of Ben '10, Andrew '13, and Nancy (Mercy '12).

FRANK PUCCINI '57 passed away on July 25.

FATHER LARRY RYAN, M.A., PH.D. passed away on January 19. He taught English at Serra and Marin Catholic High School from 1946 to 1951.

LARRY SHEEHAN '50 passed away on June 27. He was the brother of Bob '51 and Jack '58, and Diane Key.

LISA STRANGE passed away on February 19. Lisa is survived by her husband, Serra Asst. Vice Principal of Academics Keith Strange, her daughter and granddaughter, Erin and Keeva Clark, her brother Bob Benedetti and a large extended family.

JAMES TITUS '58 passed away on May 25.

JANOR TUCK, the mother of King '57, Hugh '64, George '67 and Bobby '68, passed away on January 24.

JANE WACKERMAN, former Serra secretary and registrar, passed away on March 3. She was the mother of Bob '70 and the late David '73.

ROBERT WATKINS '51 passed away on December 10, 2010.

EDWIN WITTER, the father of Serra theology teacher Laura Ramey, died on September 1.

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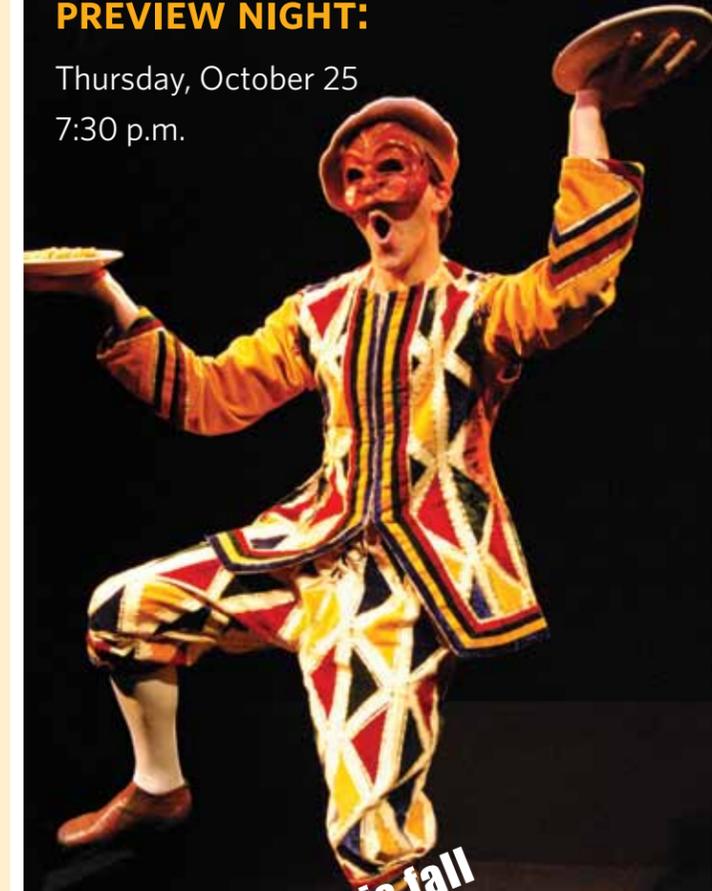
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PREVIEW NIGHT:

Thursday, October 25
7:30 p.m.



Coming this fall
to the
Serra Gellert Auditorium!

SHOWTIMES:

7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 26
Saturday, October 27
Friday, November 2
Saturday, November 3

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SUPPORTING SERRA WAYS TO GIVE

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

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MATCHING GIFTS

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

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

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OCTOBER 2012

- 5TH Homecoming & BBQ - Football vs. Riordan
6TH Alumni Reunions '52, '62, '72, '82, '87, '92, '02
12TH Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

NOVEMBER 2012

- 10TH Annual Benefit Auction
21ST Alumni Basketball & Wrestling Games
22ND Alumni Water Polo Game
23RD Alumni Soccer Game

DECEMBER 2012

- 26TH Alumni Crew Competition

JANUARY 2013

- 25TH Alumni 50-Year Luncheon

FEBRUARY 2013

- 21ST Fund a Dream Benefit

MARCH 2013

- 6TH Alumni Career Day
30TH Alumni Baseball & Volleyball

APRIL 2013

- 27TH Mothers' Auxiliary Fashion Show

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