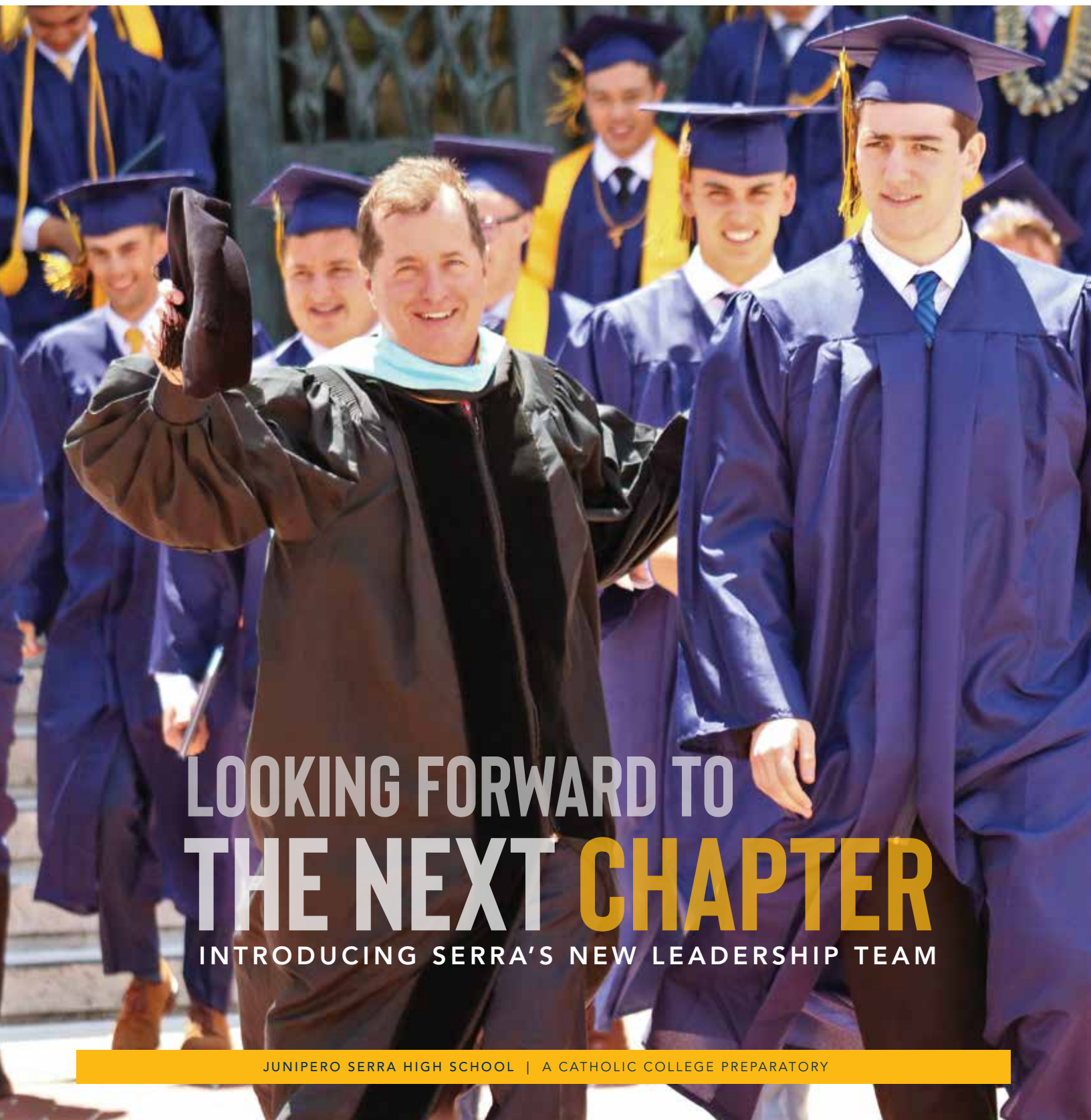




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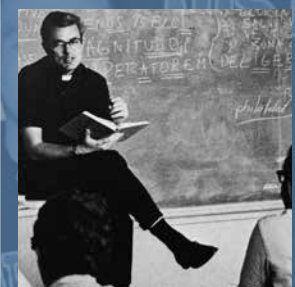


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## Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Serra,

One by one, the 200 graduates of the class of 2019 exited their pews and walked up the altar stairs of St. Mary's Cathedral to receive their diplomas. Their faces bore the satisfaction of challenges embraced, hardships endured and success achieved—and achieve they did, at a truly remarkable level! The class boasts 100 percent college acceptance, \$29.5 million in college scholarships and a stunning array of college destinations.

Serra's awe-inspiring ceremony has been held at St. Mary's for many years. The liturgy is followed by the commencement ceremony, and this tradition makes a statement. Serra has always prepared its students for college. But, more important, it prepares our boys to become men; it prepares our Padres for life, steeped in the values of our faith.

Our three valedictorians returned to this theme continuously as they shared the stories of their Padre education at the end-of-the-year ceremonies. Parents, faculty members and friends listened with quiet admiration as the students reflected on their friendships, faith, service and the meaning of brotherhood. Clearly, their lives have been forever impacted by the faith community of Serra.

This year's graduation marked the last time that I will hand the diplomas to our graduates. After 11 years as principal, I am humbled and excited to assume the position as Serra's next president. Joining me in the leadership of Serra will be Charlie McGrath M.Ed., our new principal. His notable experience, skill and vision for Catholic education gives me great confidence in his ability to inspire and lead our students in partnership with the entire Serra community.

This exciting change is occurring as we celebrate the school's 75th anniversary. What a year it will be, acknowledging 75 years of tradition that encouraged more than 13,000 alumni to make a profound difference in the world.

Of course, our story always evolves; that is "*Siempre adelante.*" Always forward, undaunted courage, embracing change and engaging the world! Stay tuned, as we make plans for a future that will keep Serra relevant and meaningful in the midst of dramatic societal change. Our tradition is vast. Our future is incredibly bright. *Siempre adelante!*

Barry Thornton, Ed.D.  
President



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**—BARRY THORNTON, ED.D.  
PRESIDENT**

*Siempre Adelante  
Always Forward*



# MEET THE NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM AT SERRA

## President Barry Thornton, Ed.D.

According to Serra President Barry Thornton, Ed.D., “We do something profoundly special and unique here at Serra. It’s amazing to watch our boys grow into young men of integrity who are spiritually, emotionally and academically ready to go out into the world.”

Thornton assumed office earlier this month. He accepted the position after a six-month, nationwide search.

“I can’t wait to tell our story,” said Thornton, the former principal of Serra who has worked at the school since 1996. “I am honored and humbled . . . I have a passion for this incredible community.”

“Dr. Thornton brings an unbridled passion for Serra that is contagious,” said Pamela Lyons, Archdiocese of San Francisco superintendent of schools. “After his many years of service to Serra, he knows the school community intimately, yet will bring a fresh perspective to his new role.”

Thornton started at Serra as a theology teacher in 1996, eventually becoming the dean of studies in 2002 and principal in 2008. He has been a tireless advocate for Serra’s outstanding college-prep program and describes himself as having “a global view of the world.” His natural curiosity and thirst for learning inspired him to earn an Ed.D. in Catholic Educational Leadership from the University of San Francisco. His thesis was titled, “Choices and Values in Catholic High School Education: A Study of Parent Decision Making in the San Francisco Bay Area.”

Working with Serra’s Academic Leadership Team, Thornton developed a robust and systematic professional development program for teachers that facilitates students’ academic success and college access.

“I am proud of our teachers’ ability to incorporate critical thought, innovative



technology and engagement strategies geared to teaching boys,” Thornton said.

In addition to being proud of Serra’s strong academics, Thornton stressed the importance of the school’s values-based program for young Padres. This includes leadership opportunities, student-led liturgies, a life-changing service immersion program, Kairos retreats and the implementation of the Mission and Brotherhood Program, which examines teen

issues and stresses the importance of becoming young men of respect, inclusion, integrity and compassion.

**“We want our Padres to know what it means to be a man of compassion, someone who uses his gifts to serve others,” explained Thornton, a former Peace Corps volunteer. “Our teachers, counselors, coaches and staff members mentor our boys in a faith-based community. High school can be a confusing time.”**

As the new president, Thornton has his sights set on continuing to enhance Serra’s campus facilities to provide an engaging learning environment. He was a key member of the planning committee in the design and implementation of Serra’s beautiful Center for the Arts and Sciences, a \$21 million facility. Thornton’s background as a Pacifica associate city planner during the late 1980s provided him with a solid grasp of zoning laws, permits, commercial development proposals and all that is required for new construction and building renovations.

Thornton and his wife, Susie, are residents of San Mateo who enjoy the local community. Susie is an English teacher at Borel Middle School.

## Principal Charlie McGrath, M.Ed.

**“I am more convinced than ever than an inclusive mission that embraces diversity and supports a natural curiosity allows the space and time for students to develop and grow into the next generation of community innovators and leaders.”**

These are the wise words of Charlie McGrath, Serra’s new principal. McGrath was the assistant superintendent of the Catholic Diocese of Madison, WI, before accepting the position at Serra. The energy of Serra’s student community drew him back to the high school environment.

“I’m excited to join the Serra community to continue its tradition of excellence and work with the boys throughout their high school experience,” said McGrath, who has relatives in the San Francisco Bay Area. “I look forward to being part of the great things happening at Serra, as it continues to meet the needs of families who want their boys to be educated in an exemplary school environment.”

McGrath began his career as a campus minister and theology teacher at St. Michael’s Catholic Academy in Austin, TX. He later moved into administration as an assistant principal and principal at John Carroll Catholic High School in Birmingham.

“Charlie brings exceptional leadership skills to Serra,” said President Barry Thornton, Ed.D. “His tenure at John Carroll High School was marked by innovative academic programs, cutting-edge technology changes and student success in accessing a wide range of college choices.”

Growing up on the East Coast of Canada in Newfoundland, McGrath’s small-town roots taught him the importance of a welcoming environment and an open-door policy. He grew up near the ocean, and he is looking forward to living near the water once again. McGrath described himself as an active listener who wants to get to know his students and parents.

“I’m a hands-on leader,” he said. “Everyone I deal with should feel valued and welcomed. My goal as principal is to be sure that every student will grow to become a successful young man while feeling valued, safe and respected. We have to give our boys space to figure things out and the parameters to explore their own hearts, minds and souls. It’s not easy trying to navigate through today’s world. The question is, ‘How can we continue to be faith filled and faithful to our work in Catholic education?’



It’s a time in history when we are experiencing a certain amount of instability.”

“Charlie’s colleagues praised his ability to listen deeply to the needs of the students and skillfully guide the community to respond,” Thornton noted. “Through this process, he was able to implement changes that met the needs of the students at John Carroll, including a revised schedule and academic programs in STEM, performing arts and social justice.”

Noting the critical importance of supporting the faculty and staff, McGrath said he has a responsibility to provide the resources and skills necessary for his colleagues to thrive in a college-prep environment.

“Ongoing professional development for faculty and staff members

supports their ability to accommodate the individual learner, to affirm the gifts and talents of students and to measure student progress,” he explained “Highly qualified teachers support a learning environment that nurtures creativity and imaginative thinking.”

Also important to McGrath is the concept of reflective practice. He explained, “In a high-speed world with so many pressures to respond in 140 characters to what you think and feel, it’s important to discover who we are, where we are going and where God is in all of this. Where is he leading us?”

McGrath particularly admires the Padre brotherhood and said it’s important for Padres to walk with each other on their life paths.

“You’re only as strong as your weakest brother,” said McGrath, who has a master’s degree in educational administration and a bachelor’s degree in religious studies and philosophy. “We are all responsible for caring for our brothers. That’s the added value of a Serra education. Catholic schools, in cooperation with families as the primary educators, educate the whole child—body, mind and spirit—by providing an excellent education rooted in Gospel values. Serra brings faith, culture and life together in harmony.”

“I am excited about our partnership to lead Serra forward as a preeminent Catholic college preparatory school in the Bay Area,” Thornton said. “Charlie’s deep experience and educational background have prepared him for his new role at Serra—to guide boys as they grow into young men of integrity, respect, inclusion and compassion.”



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—CHARLIE MCGRATH





# CONGRATULATIONS TO SERRA'S CLASS OF 2019

## ON THEIR WAY

Under sunny San Francisco skies on June 1, members of the Class of 2019 graduated at St Mary's Cathedral. This year's graduates received \$29.5 million in college scholarships and completed 30,813 hours of community service.

Valedictorian Juliano Rodriguez gave the valedictory address. The Class of 2019 was a special class, and the brotherhood was particularly strong due to the loss of their beloved classmate, Blake Bottarini.

"Our faith in the phrase, '*Siempre adelante*' has been tested, as we struggle to adjust to the loss of a classmate and friend who will always be with us in spirit," Rodriguez said. "In coming together to mourn this sudden loss, our class bond was solidified. We will go forward and live our lives in a way that honors Blake."

Father Joe Bradley '73 delivered the homily. "My brothers, the night we lost Blake, I needed your help to plan the services," he said. "I did not need your GPA or SAT score, I needed your love. You responded with a love that was selflessly focused on his family. You became young men, true to our mission."

Father Joe also referenced the late John Kelly, a former Serra teacher who made a difference through his extraordinary work at Samaritan House. According to Father Joe, "The credo of a Serra student is to become a man of faith, wisdom and service. Before you graduate, you should know of a man who lived it every day of his life—John Kelly, a man dedicated to the service of those on the edges of comfortable society. Please bring John's spirit with you, and you will live a life of joy and peace."

"Happiness is only real when shared. That same principle is also true of brotherhood—brotherhood is only real when shared."

—Juliano Rodriguez '19





# CLASS OF '19 GRADUATION AWARDS

**MICHAEL “LEE” MOYER**  
GENERAL SCHOLASTIC  
EXCELLENCE MEDAL,  
SCIENCE MEDAL



UCLA

**LELAND BOVE**  
GENERAL SCHOLASTIC  
EXCELLENCE MEDAL



UC San Diego

**MATTHEW CONRY**  
ACTIVITY MEDAL  
MUSIC MEDAL



Loyola Marymount University

**ALBERTO FARIAS-PINTOR**  
CAMPUS MINISTRY MEDAL



University of San Diego

**AIDAN HERRERA**  
DRAMATIC ARTS MEDAL  
WORLD LANGUAGES MEDAL



Creighton University

**PADRAIG FOURNIER**  
ENGLISH MEDAL



Saint Mary's College  
of California

**CHARLES CODY**  
MATHEMATICS

College of San Mateo



**ARMAN POPLI**  
SERVICE MEDAL

Northwestern University



**BRENDAN CALLAGY**  
SHEA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

San Diego State University



**PATRICK TAKLA**  
SOCIAL STUDIES MEDAL

UC Berkeley



**THOMAS MERCURIO**  
THEOLOGY MEDAL

CSU Chico



**KENNETH VIRRUETA**  
VISUAL ARTS MEDAL

University of San Francisco



## Class Valedictorians



Three exceptional seniors represented the Class of 2019 as class valedictorians. They worked hard in many areas and enjoyed serving their Padre brothers.

Juliano Rodriguez '19, who gave the valedictory address on graduation day, will attend UCLA. An outstanding pitcher on the baseball team, he also had an offer to play baseball at Santa Clara University. He was a member of

Serra's Executive Student Council, the Campus Ministry Leadership Team and the Big Brothers program. In addition, Rodriguez participated in immersion trips to Puerto Rico and East Los Angeles.

Nick Lochrie '19 spoke at the Senior Academic Awards Night. A political aficionado, Lochrie will study international affairs at George Washington University while participating in the Politics and Values Program. This selective program covers political theory, American politics, comparative politics and international relations at an accelerated pace. Lochrie also earned the university's \$25,000 per year Presidential Academic Scholarship. An active member of Serra's student body, Lochrie served as president of the Democracy Club, National Honor Society and Trivia Club.

Lee Moyer '19 will study aerospace engineering at UCLA. He balanced a tough academic course load that included four AP classes. He also was a member of the varsity soccer team, Mock Trial Team and Robotics Club. Moyer took an astronomy class at the College of San Mateo and earned the Harvard Book Award as an underclassman. Moyer spoke at the Senior Mother-Son Mass.

## 2019 SHEA AWARD RECIPIENT BRENDAN CALLAGY



Serra's Shea Award was established in 1966 in honor of James P. Shea '58, who fought in the Vietnam War and was killed in action.

The annual award goes to a senior athlete who displays outstanding sportsmanship, athletic ability and excellence in the classroom.

Brendan Callagy '19 embodies the Serra spirit. Callagy is an excellent student and a three-sport

athlete. He served as senior class president, a yell leader, and was an active member of the Democracy Club, Art Club, Green Club, International Student Mentors and Business Innovation Club. He is heading to San Diego State University this fall—a school rich in opportunities and school spirit. It's a perfect match for this energetic and ambitious young man.

Athletically, Callagy competed in three sports throughout his four years at Serra. He was a cross country team captain, member of the basketball team and the Blanket Award-winner for the lacrosse team. He was also named All-League in lacrosse.

Callagy is an enthusiastic Padre with a deep love for Serra. As he reflected on graduation, he offered these words of advice to incoming freshmen, "Make every day count. Do everything you can. Try new things, reach out to meet new people and get to know your teachers and coaches."

A kind soul always looking to help others, Callagy shared the 2019 Kirk Peterson Good Samaritan Award with Andrew Abbey '19 in recognition of their heroic, life-saving efforts on the Half Moon Bay coastline earlier this year. Brendan comes from a big family of Serra and Tri-School alumni, but he has made his own distinct mark during his four years at Serra.





# THE STORY OF THREE PADRES

## Oh, the places they'll go!



### Galvin Yuan '19

Galvin Yuan '19 will pack his bags for New York this fall to attend the Manhattan School of Music, a world-renowned music and theatre conservatory. An excellent student, Yuan earned MSM's President's Scholarship—a prestigious distinction awarded to a small number of incoming students. He will study in MSM's musical theatre program, which boasts Tony Award-winning faculty members.

Yuan has been a regular on the Tri-School Productions stage at Serra, performing in eight plays and musicals that tested and developed his acting skills. He also was one of the first Serra students to take Serra's new Drama 2 course.

"In class, Galvin was driven by his absolute love of this art," said Visual and Performing Arts Chair Lawrence Long. "He was the first to recognize when that drive wasn't enough, and his discipline and self awareness helped him to make major breakthroughs. Galvin was a model to his peers."



Offstage, Yuan took advantage of Serra's extracurricular activities. He was a member of the executive student council, president of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, president of Serra's chapter of the International Thespian Society, manager of the swim team and a member of the Men's Chorus. Through Campus Ministry, he served as a

Kairos Leader and a member of the Encounter student leadership team.

"Going on Kairos was transformative," Yuan said. "That was when I realized we all share common experiences in life and we are more similar than different. I was inspired to come back senior year as a Kairos leader, and I found it even more rewarding the second time around."

Yuan also has impressive skills in an unusual sport that requires focus, form, consistency and attention to detail. An exceptional archer, he was a member of Team USA's Junior Dream Team. Yuan trains in San Diego four to five times per year, and he was ranked 10th in the country last year.

"Attending Serra helped me to become the person and artist I am today," Yuan said. "Through Tri-School Productions, I realized my love for theatre and that inspired me to apply to MSM and pursue my passion in New York. I am incredibly grateful for the support and opportunities I had at Serra, and I can't wait for my Padre brothers to see me on Broadway!"



### Arman Popli '19

A cappella singer, mock trial lawyer, wrestling co-captain, student body president and standout student—to say that Arman Popli made the most of his four years at Serra is an understatement. Popli also performed in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, played four years of JV and varsity tennis, and carried four AP classes and an advanced math course at Skyline College.

One of Popli's proudest moments was receiving the Graduation Service Medal, which is given to the senior who has shown exceptional service to the Serra community and who has demonstrated the ideals expressed in the school's mission statement and philosophy.

"Arman showed outstanding leadership as the student body president," said Student Activities Director Mike Langridge '91. "He led his classmates through some stressful times this year, while also developing consensus on the executive council when there were often strong differences of opinion. There was no doubt that he deserved the Graduation Service Medal."



Popli will attend Northwestern University in the fall, where he plans to study political science and eventually get into politics. Inspired by history teachers Kevin Carey '93 and Patrick Duggan '71 to ask questions, delve deeper into thorny issues and back up positions with evidence, Popli developed a love for learning about current events, economics and politics. He supplemented his classroom education with real-world experience as an intern for Assemblyman Kevin Mullin '88 and Congresswoman Jackie Speier (Mercy '68). He also hopes to hone his quantitative skills in college. Brian Wilbur's AP Stats class showed him how valuable statistics can be in understanding economics, polling data and political predictions.

In addition to outstanding teachers, Popli credits the Serra brotherhood and his mock trial coach, Dominic Campodonico '86, for asking him to try new things and teaching him the value of humility and teamwork. It was Campodonico who pushed Popli to take on an attorney role in mock trial and later encouraged him to run for student body president. As Popli became an upperclassman, he was eager to pass along words of advice and encouragement to younger Padres.

**"The opportunities are here at Serra," he noted. "Young Padres should seek out anything they might be interested in and give it a try."**

How do all of Popli's varied interests fit into his long-range plan? Well, any successful politician needs a wide range of experiences to be relatable, likable and effective. Who wouldn't vote for a smart guy who can sing, wrestle and argue while playing tennis?



### Aidan Herrera '19

Aidan Herrera '19 had an amazing journey at Serra—one that was, in many ways, unexpected. He took risks, tried a new language, pushed himself to take AP courses and threw himself into all of the behind-the-scenes work of putting on theatrical productions. Herrera graduated with two graduation medals (dramatic arts and world languages) and a number of commendations. He will attend Creighton University in the fall as one of just 40 incoming freshmen named a Dean's Fellow.

Herrera, who hopes to become a pediatrician, will study medical anthropology in college. His inspiration to pursue this major began in Dr. Tara Mann's AP biology class—the hardest class he took at Serra. Herrera loved the study of diseases, such as sickle cell anemia and malaria, and how they interact with culture and geography. Medical anthropology draws upon social, cultural and biological factors to understand illnesses and their healing processes.

Herrera found more than his major at Serra. He also enjoyed working on sets, lights and sound for Tri-School Productions. He worked on the stage crew for four years and was the stage manager for three years. Herrera's proficiency and interest in electronics propelled him to become president of the Audio/Visual Club, where he served as an on-site sound and technology expert during school rallies, Masses and events. At the end of the year, Herrera was awarded the Graduation Dramatic Arts Medal for his outstanding work.

He recently spoke to incoming Serra freshmen and urged them to make the most of their Serra experiences. "Serra can be whatever you want it to be," he said. "I discovered theatre, a future college major and German. I traveled to Washington, D.C. and met U.S. representatives on the steps of the Capitol. I found role models and met friends I will have for the rest of my life. I was challenged. I failed. I succeeded. My fellow Padres, make the most of your time at Serra."







## An Artful Exit: Sister Celeste Pursues a New Path

She's known for her passion for art and her compassion for others. She is a Sister of Mercy, a gifted artist and a loving spiritual director. Sister Celeste Nuttman, R.S.M., retired from teaching in June after 12 years of service to the Serra community. She will be missed.

"It's a time in my life for change," Sister Celeste said. "I'm going to focus on spiritual direction, so I'll be using my gifts in a different way. I really enjoy companioning people on their spiritual journeys, helping them to discover the spirit of God in their lives. God loves us so much and it's a privilege for me to stand on that holy ground with my spiritual direction clients."

Sister Celeste also will be able to focus more on her artwork and take on more commissions for St. Thomas Apostle Church (and others). She said she will miss the energy of the Serra community.

"I loved teaching art at Serra—I enjoyed seeing the students look at the world in a different way through art. I encouraged our Padres to notice more intensely what was around them. They have wonderful imaginations, and I used a method of teaching that helped my students to recognize their value, the value of others and of all creation."

"Sister Celeste has been an integral part of shaping the Art Department for the past 12 years," said Serra ceramics teacher Clara Lonardo. "She is an immensely talented artist and an inspiration to all around her. We will miss her luminous presence and wish her all the best."

This year marks Sister Celeste's 55th year as a Sister of Mercy. She entered the convent in 1964, just after she graduated from Mercy High School, Burlingame. Sister Celeste's art has been exhibited all over the country, and she has won many awards for her colorful stained glass and vesture designs. A particularly memorable moment was when she designed the transformation of Candlestick Park in 1987 for the Papal visit of John Paul II. She also helped to establish the Burlingame Sisters of Mercy as a public sanctuary community for Guatemalan and El Salvadoran refugees.

"Creating art enables me to visualize and express my sentiments," said Sister Celeste, the author of two books,

*Mandala Meditations* and *Reflections with Rumi and Hafiz*.

"It helps people to hone their creative spirit and energies. Over the years, I have witnessed the importance of a deep prayer life. The Mercy sisters have challenged me to think critically, to act with loving kindness and justice, to be open to change, to trust the gifts of God in me and in others, to deepen my love of creation, to pray and act with energy and passion, and to give with all my heart. They have been the face of God for me."

"Sister Celeste is a true grace to the Serra community," said Director of Campus Ministry Billy Byrnes. "She has such a pastoral presence about her that makes one feel welcomed, worthy and loved. Sister is a gifted artist and a wonderful teacher, but I would argue that one of her greatest gifts to Serra has been her spirituality and commitment to the faith lives of our students. She was a regular on Kairos retreats and assisted in all of our Campus Ministry programs. I will miss her passion for justice, her willingness to share her faith with our community, her ability to affirm those around her and her deep love of Christ. Sister Celeste embodies the beauty of the Mercy charism in all that she does, and Serra is a better place because of it."



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## Bay Scholars Club Spreads Messages of Goodwill

For many, the adage "pay it forward" reminds them of a Hollywood blockbuster from 2000, in which a wave of human kindness was created through a middle school student's assignment to discover a way to better the world. Random acts of kindness without reactive expectations were the way the main character created this altruistic phenomenon in the feel-good movie.

To a growing group of nearly 30 Serra Padres, the "pay it forward" concept means more. It is the essence of the Bay Scholars Club, which unites students who are Bay Scholars scholarship recipients. According to Bay Scholars Club Moderator Maryann O'Leary, Serra's director of tuition and financial aid, the service club's goal is clear.

**"Our goal is to make sure students recognize that someone is investing in their education and doesn't want to be paid back for it," she explained. "They simply want to pay it forward."**

The club helps students to understand that receiving aid is a positive thing they should take pride in, rather than being embarrassed. "We have to overcome the stigma that this is anything shy of being positive," O'Leary said.

The club meets quarterly. A recent service project was on April 28, global Pay It Forward Day. Students plastered messages of goodwill around Serra's campus in the form of handmade posters. Dotting the walls in between class composites and spring concert advertisements were messages of spreading kindness and inspiring others.

"My goal as co-president is to provide more awareness of what our group is," said Devante Guel '21. "I would also like to set up a week of 'pay it forward,' where Padres do nice things for people. Mrs. O'Leary has helped us to respect Bay Scholars, and she has given us a safe space where labels from outside the group don't affect us and we can be ourselves."

A nonprofit established by philanthropists Clint and Janet Reilly in 2007, Bay Scholars' impetus is on providing students with a comprehensive, faith-based education. The program works by selecting engaged scholars who shine academically and show a willingness to give back to their communities. These promising low-income students are awarded four-year scholarships.

According to Bay Scholars Executive Director Caitlin Curran Kavanagh, the formula for the successful endeavor is simple: "Recruit great students, connect them with great schools and remove the greatest barrier to education: Cost."



Bay Scholars Club members recently had an opportunity to attend a fundraising event in San Francisco. Pictured (l-r): Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, Bay Scholars Founder Clint Reilly, Mikey El-Badry '22, Dominic Antelo '21 and Serra President Barry Thornton, Ed.D.

Serra's partnership with Bay Scholars began in 2017. During the past school year, 29 Serra students received the scholarship. Next year, 12 incoming freshmen will benefit from this extraordinary opportunity. Each scholar receives a \$14,000 scholarship paid over four years of high school. To date, Bay Scholars has awarded \$5,516,750 in scholarships to nearly 900 students across the Bay Area.

"I am grateful to Bay Scholars for their ability to bridge the gap for these students who, even after financial aid, still have trouble affording tuition," O'Leary said. "The Bay Scholars scholarship was the deciding factor for a significant number of families."

Just as the Hollywood movie created a wave of human kindness, it appears the Bay Scholars Club at Serra is beginning to as well.

"This club has made me value brotherhood even more," said Mikey El-Badry '22, Bay Scholars Club co-president. "I've learned that I always have to help my fellow Padres, just as they help me. 'Pay it forward' is a way to carry out our lives for the better."





## Serra President Lars Lund Bids Farewell

For almost four decades, Lars Lund mentored thousands of young Padres on their faith journeys. As a teacher, campus minister and administrator, his north star always has been the students' spiritual, emotional and intellectual wellness.

This month, the former Serra president will start his next chapter as the director of advancement of the Bay Scholars Foundation. Bay Scholars enables promising scholars to flourish at 12 college preparatory, Catholic high schools.

"I am very happy that my new job will allow me to continue to support Serra, as we currently have 45 Padres who benefit from the foundation's support," Lund said. "During the last decade, the foundation has provided \$3.25 million in scholarships to students, with 1,355 scholarships awarded."



Lund's love for Catholic education began in sixth grade, and it has stayed with him through the years. Raised by a single mother, Lund transferred to Catholic school after he endured numerous academic and disciplinary challenges in public school.

"Sister Mary Salud, the principal at St. Jeanne Catholic School, ran a tight ship," Lund recounted. "However, she had mercy on me even though I didn't deserve it. She believed in me, and I have tried my best to live up to her example. I needed the structure of a Catholic school, as well as the sense of joy and purpose the community gave me. My classmates and I learned that we are loved by God, and that the Lord has given us talents and abilities to make a difference in the world. Sister's actions sparked my vocation to Catholic school teaching and leadership."

Lund began his career at Serra in 1983 as a theology teacher. During his teaching tenure, he served as the religious studies chair, as well as a wrestling and tennis coach. He also moderated the Justice and Peace Club and the Ski Club, and was the assistant faculty advisor of the National Honor Society.

Lund became the principal of Serra in 2003. During his time as principal, he oversaw the completion of Phase I of Serra's Campus Master Plan, which included a new football stadium, weight training center, baseball stadium, all-weather track and field, and parking structure. Lund also was responsible for the design, funding and construction of the Phase II Master Plan, a \$21 million campaign for the Center for the Arts and Sciences and Aquatics Center.

Lund is especially proud of the renovation of the courtyard in front of the school, the centerpiece of which is a statue of the Blessed Mother.

"Mary was there for her son in all the major stages of Jesus' life," he noted. "It is entirely fitting that our Padres enter and leave Serra every day under Mary's loving presence. It's a reminder of the irreplaceable role their parents play in their lives."

In 2008, Lund was appointed president. He developed the school's first strategic plan, which increased Serra's endowment from \$4 million to \$10 million. With the help of several friends of Serra, Lund established the Fund a Dream Scholarship Program in 2005, which has raised more than \$5 million since its inception for Padres who dream of a Serra education.

"Lars was passionate about bringing the Fund a Dream Scholarship Program to Serra," said new Serra President Barry Thornton, Ed.D. "This fund has enabled many students who dreamed of a Serra education to become Padres. It is difficult to put into words the impact that Lars has had on the Serra community. So much of what you see on campus—from the Center for the Arts and Science to the vibrant academic and campus ministry programs—can be traced to Lars' leadership and dedication to establishing Serra as one of the finest Catholic preparatory schools in the Bay Area."

"After 30-plus years, we must thank Lars for his countless hours of devoted service to Serra High School," said Serra Board of Regents Chairman Shawn DeLuna '86. "His dedication to the mission of the school has prepared us for the future. The work that Lars has done as president has equipped the school for continual expansion and development. He exemplifies a true Padre—a man of faith, wisdom, service, community and leadership. Although he will be missed, his work and devotion will not be forgotten."

Lund's wife, Mary, is the director of advancement at Mercy, Burlingame. Their daughters, Kathleen and Theresa, are Mercy alumnae. Particularly memorable for Lund were the years that his son, Kevin '12 attended Serra.

"One of my proudest Serra moments was watching my son graduate from Serra," he said. "Kevin was inspired by wise, caring teachers. My wife and I saw him develop his innate passion for learning, his character and his compassion for others. I'd like to thank Kevin Carey, Rick Boesen, Mark Goyette, Tom Monaghan, Ralph Stark, Ted Morton, Bob and Patti Ferretti, and Kyle Lierk for that."

Lund remains committed to Catholic education and said his new role will enable him to make a difference in the lives of students from myriad backgrounds.

"Lars is an inspiring and visionary leader who worked countless hours to keep Serra moving forward," said Board of Regents Vice Chairman Jeff Silk, who worked with Lund for nine years. "Lars' influence during the past 30-plus years has benefited so many people in our Serra family and community. Most important, Lars was always laser focused on ensuring our students' success. His legacy will live on."



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75TH ANNIVERSARY  
ALUMNI TRIVIA  
CHALLENGE  
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## Turning the Page

IT'S A BOOK HUNTER'S HOLIDAY  
FOR CHRIS LOWENSTEIN

Step into Chris Lowenstein's living room and it's a feast for the eyes—beautiful rare books line the shelves. Intricate, decorative covers are exquisite works of art.

In addition to being a beloved Honors and AP English teacher at Serra, Lowenstein has a niche antiquarian book business. Founded in 2007, Book Hunter's Holiday specializes in Dante Alighieri, specifically Dante's *Divine Comedy*. Lowenstein also collects Western Americana, particularly books written by or about pioneer and frontier women.

"My love of books comes from my two grandmothers, both of whom loved to read," Lowenstein noted. "I remember loving it as a young child when my paternal grandmother read my father's old *Peter Rabbit* books to me. Because of her, I love to listen to and read stories. My maternal grandmother also was a book lover and a voracious reader who loved to discuss big ideas. Although she wasn't able to continue her formal education after high school, she read books instead and exemplified intellectual curiosity."

When Lowenstein was teaching Dante in her AP English class at Notre Dame, she began collecting various editions of *Divine Comedy*. "I followed the investing advice of Warren Buffett—'Invest in what

you know,'" she recounted. "What I knew was Dante. I now have about 200 editions of Dante. My favorite one is an illustrated edition from the 1880s by Gustave Doré, one of the most famous illustrators of the 19th century."

In January, Lowenstein was the keynote speaker at a special event for the Roxburghe Club, a bibliophilic society in San Francisco. Her talk, "The Collection from Hell," described how she created, catalogued and sold a collection of undervalued editions of Dante's works.

Lowenstein enjoys the hunt for overlooked treasures. A few years ago, she stumbled across a rare book with a beautiful hand-painted cover, *Life West of the West* by C.S. Capp. The book was made by hand and contained stories of life in the California gold mines. Although *Life West of the West* had been copyrighted in the early years of California's statehood, it was never published. After careful research, Lowenstein later sold this firsthand account of the Gold Rush to the Bancroft Library at U.C. Berkeley.

Another unusual find was a World War I foot locker, which belonged to a French San Francisco resident who returned to France to fight in the French army.



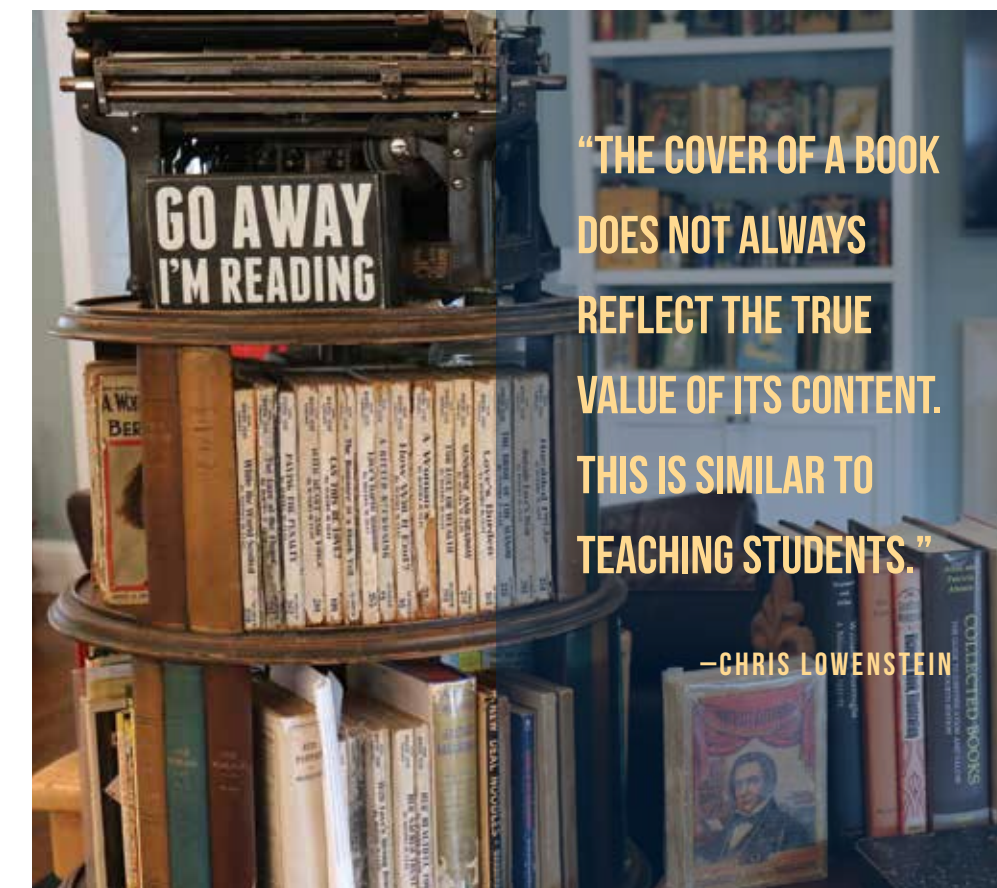
"In addition to books, I collect ephemera, which is anything in print that's not a book," Lowenstein explained. "The foot locker contains all of the correspondence he sent during his time on the Western Front, including Verdun, the Somme and the first battle of Ypres. It also contained his complete uniform, canteen, gas mask, shrapnel and battlefield trophies. It's very rare to come across something that can tell a complete story."

Lowenstein's passion for books matches her passion for teaching. Her students are intrigued when she brings in rare books and special artifacts to share with her classes, such as a miniature *Emancipation Proclamation* from 1863.

"I hope that when I bring these antique treasures to school, it will spark my students' interest and make history real," Lowenstein said. "The joy of teaching is not always reflected in students' grades and test scores. In the rare book trade, there is a general belief that often a book that 'looks like nothing' can have the most value. A good bookseller trains her eye to recognize the value in what is overlooked. The cover of

a book does not always reflect the true value of its content. This is similar to teaching students. Sometimes, people dismiss teenagers. But, if you learn to train your eye to spot their value and talents, you will help them to recognize their full potential."

Lowenstein grew up in the Tri-School community. She is an alumna of Notre Dame ('86). Her brother, John Bunje '97, and her husband, Jeff Lowenstein '86, are Serra alumni. The Lowensteins' sons, Ryan '16 and Matt '19, are also Serra Padres.



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# Totally '80s Tri-School Productions Students Present **the wedding singer**

Ray-Bans, parachute pants and shoulder pads—who could ever forget the fun, flair and questionable wardrobe choices of the '80s? Not to mention the colorful MTV music scene that exploded with one-hit wonders and big hair bands! Tri-School Productions students from Serra, Notre Dame and Mercy lit up the stage this spring when they brought *The Wedding Singer* to life.

"*The Wedding Singer* is just plain fun," said Director Gennine Harrington.

"It brings a lot of laughter to a world that really needs it right now."

Based on the hit movie starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, *The Wedding Singer* is a musical comedy that takes us back to a time when greed was good, neon colors were hip, and a wedding singer just might be the coolest guy in the room. It's 1985, and

Robbie Hart is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer. He's the life of the party until his fiancée leaves him at the altar. Heartbroken, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own as he questions his purpose and place in the world. Enter Julia, a winsome waitress who wins his affection. However, Julia is about to marry a Wall Street shark. Unless Robbie can pull himself together, the girl of his dreams will be lost forever.

Mercy junior Klara La Guardia played the effervescent Julia. "She's selfless and quirky," La Guardia said. "She doesn't care what other people think and she puts other people's feelings before her own."

Serra junior Max Leiningner said playing the leading role of Robbie was simultaneously demanding and lots of fun.

"This show was a blast back to the '80s," Leiningner added, "and it really was a special experience. We bonded as a cast and now the seniors are leaving. At the cast party, they all said their 'good-byes' and made speeches. It was beautiful yet bittersweet. I'm sure we'll keep in touch with the seniors who are graduating; we all made lifelong friendships."

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—GENNINE HARRINGTON







## Fund a Dream 2019 raises more

Fund a Dream 2019 was a record-breaking evening to remember—we are excited to report that this year's scholarship benefit raised more than \$1 million in financial aid for our Padres!

"Our financial aid program is critical to Serra's mission of offering a Catholic, college-prep education to qualified students," said Serra Chief Advancement Officer Mike Fadelli '88. "Without the support of our generous benefactors, deserving students would not be able to attend our school and benefit from the transformational experience that Serra provides. Over the years, alumni from all generations have spoken about how Serra's financial aid program changed their lives. They are paying it forward by becoming role models and compassionate leaders in their communities."



Let the bidding begin . . . Tom Brady, Sr. gives the shirt off his back to reveal a Tom Brady Patriots jersey for the live auction.

More than 600 people attended the event on March 16, which was a warm celebration of the Serra community.

San Mateo County Manager Mike Callagy '80 emceed Fund a Dream. Keynote speaker Tom Brady, Sr. shared his experience as a Serra parent and how the school influenced his son's life and built character. Longtime family friend, Father Joe Bradley '73, said a few heartfelt words about the Brady family and shared how Tom, Sr. continues to give back to today's Padres by attending football chapel services and mentoring students such as Luke Bottari '19.

Serra's new president, Barry Thornton Ed.D., gave a brief history of Fund a Dream and thanked the original committee for establishing the important event in 2005. Fund a Dream has changed many lives and has enabled Padres from diverse backgrounds to attend Serra. One could have heard a pin drop when guests watched a touching video highlighting the impact that Serra had on 'Atonio '18 and Tita '16 Mafi.

In a surprise video, Tom Brady, Jr. '95 introduced his dad during a memorable tribute.

"I've always learned so much from my dad about giving back," he said. "He has given back to everyone who has ever been part of his life. He was always welcoming people into our home. My dad has always felt that people deserve your best—that's what you should give them every day. I've always taken that to heart because my dad has lived it. He is so accepting, so loving. I grew up watching him pour his heart out to his family, his friends and our entire community. Going to high school at Serra was a privilege—I am incredibly proud of it and the bond that I have with the school and all of my fellow classmates. We are all a family and I love the Padre community."



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# SHARING THE SOCIAL STORY



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Jonathan Allen '01 has an exciting job that keeps him engaged 24/7. As Serra's assistant director of advancement: communications, digital media and grants, Allen is on the go at all times. Often, that means nights and weekends. As the social media guru of the school, Allen enjoys telling a good story on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

"I enjoy writing about the achievement, fun and service to others that occurs in the Serra community every day," he said. "Social media is engaging because you can communicate messages to a broad audience in a succinct way. I love to incorporate photos and videos with the written word."

What is Allen's favorite social media platform?

"I am able to embrace creativity with Instagram because it's so photo-centric," he explained. "They say, 'visual is the new headline.' You can communicate so many ideas through a single photo."

Allen has worked hard to achieve one of the highest engagement rates of all high schools in the state. Serra's engagement rates frequently average five times industry standard.

"My goal and vision is to have the premier high school social media program in the state and nation," he said. "Some stories have had an incredible number of views—particularly stories of people overcoming obstacles. That always resonates with people because life is full of ups and downs. When we posted Tom Brady's first interview in 1994 on Throwback Thursday, it garnered more than one million views across Facebook and Twitter. Sportsillustrated.com and patriots.com shared it, too."

One of the secrets to social media success, Allen believes, is patience. "It's so tempting to post, post post," he explained. "Spending the time to find the best photo

with good lighting and engaging facial expressions is always worth the time. Sometimes, I try to post something lighthearted and witty, but I don't want to overdo it. Varying the humor, the pop culture references and the angles of the photos makes the posts more interesting and draws the reader back to see what's next."

In the fall, Allen was asked to be a speaker at the Finals West Coast Social Media Workshop in Los Angeles. His talk, "Engaging all Generations," resulted in him being asked to speak last month at the Finals National Conference in Chicago.

"It was an honor to represent Serra on a national level," he said. "I listen to a lot of podcasts on the future of social media and try to keep everything as fresh as possible. I'm simultaneously a promoter and a reporter, and it was wonderful to share what I do with other communications professionals."

In addition to managing social media, Allen assists with middle school marketing and writes articles for *Traditions* magazine and the Serra website. He has fond memories of his high school days.

**"Serra is a special place to me because it's where I found my faith," Allen said. "My Catholic faith has shaped me as a husband and father. I'm the person I am today because of my Serra experience."**

Now that life has come full circle by working for his alma mater, Allen has found his perfect fit.

"Humanity has connected with storytelling for thousands of years," he noted. "This is just a different form of storytelling. My job allows me to be creative in new ways. This aspect of my job has made me a better communications professional."



# WHAT IS THE ANNUAL PADRE FUND

When Father Junípero Serra, approached the site of Mission San Diego de Alcalá in 1769, he knew his vision could not be fulfilled without the support of his believers. They rallied behind Father Serra and erected the first of 21 missions that are the foundation of our Catholic faith in California.

Much is the same with Serra today. Just like Father Serra, we see our greatest achievements through the support of our believers—our current and past parents and alumni who make generous and annual pledges to our Padre Fund.

The annual Padre Fund is the most significant fundraising effort at Serra. It is the money relied on to introduce new programs and support campus upgrades.

**"The Padre Fund bridges the gap between the real cost of educating a student at Serra High School and the revenue raised through tuition, and there is a difference," said Chief Advancement Officer Mike Fadelli '88.**

The benefits of the Padre Fund can be seen all over campus. For example, Charlie Thrift '20 created an alternative to chemical fire extinguishers for airplanes in his Creative Solutions class, which was paid for in part by the Serra Padre Fund.

Serra teachers, coaches and staff members strive to maintain engaging academics and innovative classroom programs for students that foster life-changing experiences, including service learning and retreats. They work hard to create a diverse campus climate reflective of our multicultural global community. However, the price of tuition alone cannot sustain the school's ability to pay for

the programs that are needed to graduate an entire class of well-rounded and prepared young men each year.

"The Padre Fund allows us to constantly improve our school in all areas," said outgoing Serra President Lars Lund. "It's necessary to have a steady stream of contributors, so that we can continue to provide safe, clean and modern facilities for our teachers and our students to grow and thrive."

The Padre Fund is used for building upkeep as well.

"There is a lot of maintenance involved with keeping our building in good shape," Lund noted. "Just imagine the wear and tear of 840 teenagers—it's intense."

The fund enhances offerings in technology and innovation. The money also is used to improve our athletics program and add student activities, all of which build the Padre virtues of integrity, respect and compassion.

Participation matters, too, according to Fadelli. "Having 100 percent parent participation is crucial for us," he said. "When we seek grants and alternative forms of funding, foundations ask about our parent participation level. These institutions want to know that parents and alumni are already supporting our school."

Fadelli cited one gift from a family with a student on tuition assistance.

"His parents were able to give \$40 to the Padre Fund," he noted. "This sentiment meant so much to all of us. The spirit of giving sometimes holds more value than the dollar amount, because it is the people in the Serra community and their need and desire to participate."

**For more information on the Padre Fund, please email Annual Fund Director Lisa Callagy at [lcallagy@serrahs.com](mailto:lcallagy@serrahs.com).**





# 75th Anniversary Alumni Trivia Challenge



**Q: How many years has Randy Vogel been leading the Serra High School Trivia Club? A: 40 years!**

As Serra reaches its 75-year milestone of educating young men on the Peninsula, the Trivia Club celebrates its 40th anniversary as one of the school's oldest and most popular clubs on campus.

The club's roots go back to early 1979, when a team of Padres, led by math teachers Randy Vogel and Bruce Anthony, entered the Millard Fillmore Trivia Contest sponsored by Carlmont High School. Under the direction of Carlmont's vice principal, the late Bob Hunter '50, San Mateo County high schools spent a weekend in February answering obscure questions and honoring Millard Fillmore, one of our least known U.S. presidents. During the 16 years that Serra competed in the Fillmore contest, the Padres took home the championship trophy three times.

Four years later, in October 1983, Vogel held the first lunchtime trivia challenge at Serra. Since then, the contest has become one of the school's most competitive and lively activities each fall and spring. Vogel uses a television game show format, similar to the popular Quiz Bowl Competition, to ask simple questions where anticipation and speed are the ingredients to success.

**"You'd be surprised how popular and intense the Trivia Club challenges are," said Dominic Love '19. "The gym floods with students and faculty members yelling and shouting. It rivals the Jungle Game!"**

"I've always been a big fan of television game shows," Vogel said, "so I ordered lockout buzzers and put a format together that involves as many participants as possible."

Today, the Trivia Contest packs 150 spectators, students and faculty members into the gym, where teams of 10 people send representatives to the buzzer rounds, huddle together to earn extra points on the bonus rounds and shout, heckle and encourage each other. The energy is high and the enthusiasm is magnetic. Winning teams are honored with a cellophane bag of candy—a crowd favorite!



The questions usually are simple enough to give everyone a chance to compete.

"The teams are always spirited and competitive," Vogel added. "The challenges provides an opportunity for students and faculty members to socialize in a friendly setting."

Over the years, the Trivia Club has hosted contests for middle schools. Trivia Club members also have participated in quiz bowl competitions at other high schools and have hosted special game days for the faculty and staff members.

"The trivia challenges are popular because they bring together a diverse group of students," Vogel noted. "Anyone can participate and have fun. It's a team-building competition and all members contribute."

**In honor of Serra's 75th Anniversary, Vogel created a special Serra trivia competition for *Traditions*. Take a look and test your Serra trivia IQ. You might be a winner!**

## TAKE THE CHALLENGE!



Visit [www.serrahs.com/trivia75](http://www.serrahs.com/trivia75) to enter and win!

The deadline for entry is midnight September 30, 2019. Winners and prizes will be announced online in our alumni network ([alumni.serrahs.com](http://alumni.serrahs.com)) and in the next issue of *Traditions*.

- Which graduating class produced an Olympic medalist in swimming, the creator of *Disney's High School Musical* series and an NFL Hall of Famer?
- Name the current Serra faculty/staff member who was a Serra valedictorian.
- Individual swimmers were the first to win CCS titles for Serra in the 1970s. What sport took home the first CCS team title and which one won the most recent CCS team title?
- Name the popular Broadway musical that has been presented as Serra's spring musical three times during the past 50 years.
- Name the two Serra coaches who reached 300 or more wins at the varsity level in their sports.
- Name the Serra graduate who got a "shout-out" during a 2017 academy awards show acceptance speech for his musical work on *La La Land*.
- In 1947, Clem Schablaske was the first Serra student to receive this award. Who was the most recent recipient?
- Name the recently retired faculty/staff member and the current faculty/staff member who were born in London, England.
- Which graduating class produced a college and NFL football coach, along with an award-winning professor of journalism at UC Berkeley?
- For what product did Lynn Swann '70 return to campus during the 1980s to film a commercial with Serra freshman football players?
- What were the last names of the five full-time music directors in Serra's 75-year history?
- Which graduating class produced a major league baseball all-star, a superior court judge and a baseball executive with multiple World Series rings?
- What part-time job did Serra graduates Justin Crowley '98, Nick Conte '00, James Uroz '10 and Matt Dooling '81 have in common when they were Serra students?
- Which current Serra faculty member has had more brothers graduate from Serra than any other faculty member?
- In 1951, Jack Peterson, a Serra sophomore from Burlingame, competed in a national championship in Columbus, Ohio. In what activity did he compete?
- What is the name of the South American red-footed tortoise who resided in Rob Solari's science classroom for more than 30 years before retiring with Rob in 2017?
- What is the most common last name of our Serra alumni?
- Which Serra academic department currently includes teachers who have graduated from UC Berkeley, Santa Clara University and University of Nebraska?
- What is the most popular world language class at Serra? What would have been the answer to this question for students in Serra's first four graduating classes (1947- 1950)?
- Name the only two Serra graduates who can claim that both their grandfathers are Serra alumni.
- Name the current faculty/staff member whose son once served as Stanford's tree mascot.
- Which graduating class produced a *New York Times* best-selling author, a local city councilman/mayor and a Pulitzer Prize winner?
- Who scored the winning touchdown for the Padres in the last seconds to beat St. Francis in 2006 when Serra finally broke its 34-year-long curse?
- What major motion picture used the Serra swimming pool in the 1980s to film underwater scenes with models of whales?
- Against what team did Barry Bonds '82 hit his first major league home run?

**Tie breaker: What is the total number of Padres who have graduated from Serra High School?**



# Nurturing the Whole Padre

Serra's new state-of-the-art weight room is just one part of a greater plan that's been set in motion to educate Serra students on how nutrition, sleep and proper weight training can increase performance in the classroom and on the field.

The cornerstone of a long-term initiative to lead our students to be healthy teens and adults, the brand new performance center in the caverns of Brady Family Stadium will serve athletes from every sport. The Mark L. Vorsatz '72 Athletics Performance Center, named in honor of our lead donor, features the most cutting-edge equipment and innovative technology. This floor-to-ceiling remodel has created a strength and conditioning space that is recognized by equipment company Sorinex as one of the best in Northern California.

Serra partnered with Sorinex for this venture after reviewing its successful weight room projects for the Atlanta Braves, New England Patriots, Oregon Ducks and Cal Bears, among others. The goal was to create a facility that serves the needs of the 81 percent of Serra students who participate in athletics.

**"Our vision was to build a total performance center, which will help students in all facets of life," said Athletic Director Justin Ferdinand. "It starts with a first-class weight room, but what will follow is a plan to educate our student-athletes about the importance of proper nutrition and sleep that will improve their performance on the field and in the classroom. Pressures exist from a multitude of sources for teens today, and proper nutrition and sleep can be a big help. A lot can be gained from being a healthier person."**

In addition, every athlete will have a customized workout at his fingertips. Ten new iPads will be fixed to each weight rack and use Bridge Athletic software to track the performance and gains of each student-athlete.

"The idea is to optimize every aspect of sports training for peak performance," Strength and Conditioning Coach Brian Carson said. "We can design our program more intelligently and allow more students access to our facility. We hope to see fewer injuries on the playing fields as a result of this new venture."

Head Athletic Trainer Duke Meek concurred, "We are committed to educating our athletes about everything that can affect their performance—from hydration, nutrition and sleep to stretching, agility and proper fitting equipment. We know engaging students in all aspects of their training can help avoid injury and improve their overall physical and emotional well-being. Weight training is an important element, and having top-of-the-line equipment is an advantage for all of our athletes."



## 2019 VOLLEYBALL WRAP

HEAD COACH  
HEATHER ANTHONY

VARSITY  
WCAL: 10-2  
(2ND PLACE)

CCS  
DIVISION II  
CHAMPIONS

CIF NORCAL  
OPEN DIVISION  
FINALISTS

MVP: NEERAJ KESHAV

JR. VARSITY  
WCAL: 5-6  
(4TH PLACE)

MOST RELIABLE PLAYER:  
KYLE CHAMBERLAIN

ALL-WCAL

BRIAN RONAN  
NEERAJ KESHAV  
MATT CONRY  
CADE REES  
KEVIN RAMOS-GARZON



Serra's volleyball program reached new heights in 2019, earning the first CCS volleyball championship in school history. Led by standouts Brian Ronan '19, Neeraj Keshav '19, Cade Rees '19, Matthew Conry '19, Kevin Ramos-Garzon '20 and Nick Disco '20, the Padres finished 10-2 in the WCAL and 32-9 overall. Ronan was named *The San Mateo Daily Journal* Player of the Year after setting a new school record for kills in a season—483. The outside hitter was named First Team All-WCAL and ended his four-year varsity career with 1,119 total kills. A complete player, Ronan also led the Padres with 47 aces and added 241 digs.

Senior setter Keshav was named team MVP, with Ronan earning the Coaches' Award and Conry earning the Spirit Award. Kenny Chun was honored as Most Improved. This season's success was truly a team effort, with five players generating four kills or more in the CCS championship game.

"Everyone is so versatile and selfless," Head Coach Heather Anthony told *The Mercury News*. "They play with so much heart. This is the team that can do anything."

Volleyball games in Serra's Jungle were electric, especially towards the end of spring when the Padres began their playoff run. The 6'7" Rees, also an All-League basketball player, gave the Padres noticeable size along with Conry and Disco. The springy Ronan played well above his height, soaring above the net to generate whip-like action on his spikes. Team MVP Keshav excelled in setting up his teammates with exceptional vision, anticipation and accuracy. It was a phenomenal year for a special group of student-athletes leading Serra's volleyball program to unprecedented success.



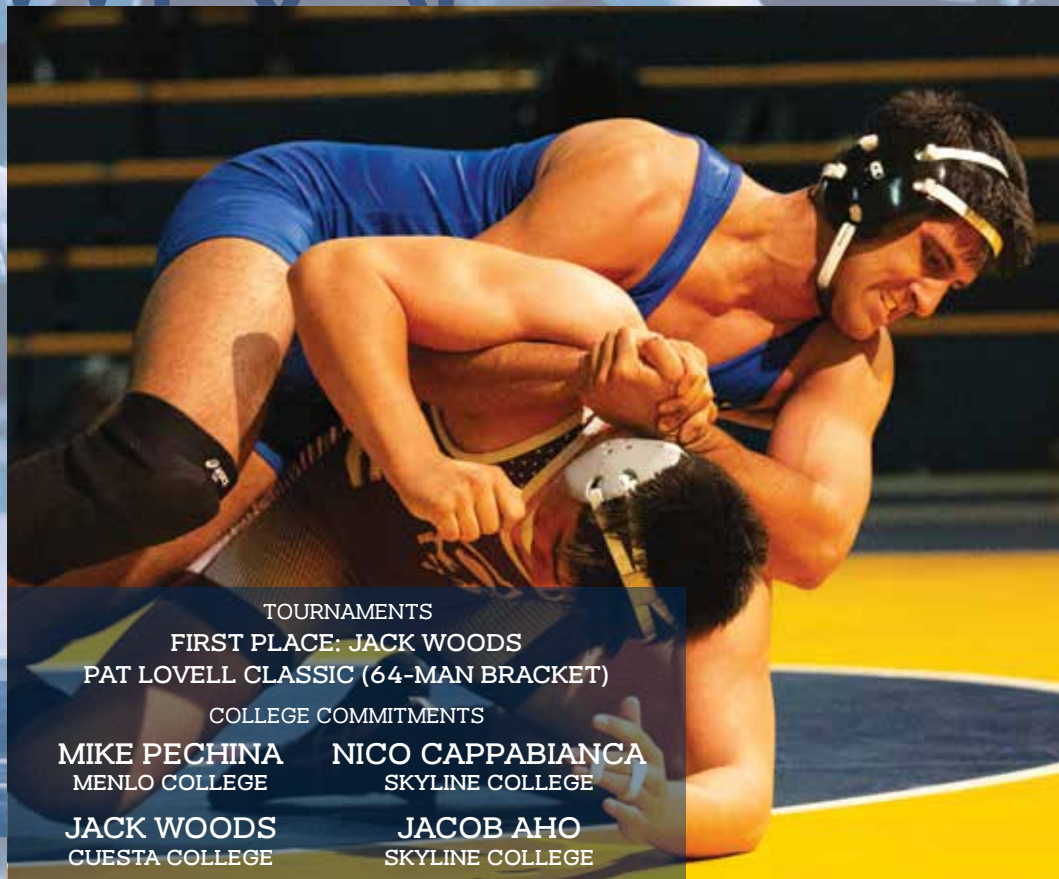
# 2018-19 WRESTLING WRAP

HEAD COACH  
MIKE KLOBUCHAR '90

VARSITY  
WCAL: 3-3  
MVPS:  
CHARLES MATTHEWS  
JACK WOODS  
JR. VARSITY  
WCAL: 3-3  
MVP: RYAN OHLFS  
FRESHMAN  
WCAL: 2-4  
MVP: ENZO CAPPABIANCA

WCAL CHAMPIONS  
CHARLES MATTHEWS  
MIKEY PECHINA,  
MARCELLUS EISON  
JACK WOODS

ALL-WCAL  
NICO CAPPABIANCA  
MARCELLUS EISON  
CHARLES MATTHEWS  
MIKE PECHINA  
ARMAN POPLI  
JACK WOODS



TOURNAMENTS  
FIRST PLACE: JACK WOODS  
PAT LOVELL CLASSIC (64-MAN BRACKET)

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS	
MIKE PECHINA MENLO COLLEGE	NICO CAPPABIANCA SKYLINE COLLEGE
JACK WOODS CUESTA COLLEGE	JACOB AHO SKYLINE COLLEGE

# 2018-19 SOCCER WRAP

HEAD COACH  
MIKE KELLER '97

VARSITY  
WCAL: 4-9-1  
OVERALL: 7-10-2  
MVP: RAMI MUHAWIEH

JR. VARSITY  
WCAL: 4-6-4  
OVERALL: 6-8-6  
MVP: CARLOS SALAZAR

FRESHMAN  
WCAL: 5-4-1  
OVERALL: 9-6-2  
MVP: LEONARDO GIANOLI

ALL-WCAL  
RAMI MUHAWIEH  
IVAN TORRES



# 2018-19 BASKETBALL WRAP

HEAD COACH  
CHUCK RAPP '86

VARSITY  
WCAL: 9-5  
OVERALL: 20-10  
MVPS:  
PARKER MCDONALD  
CADE REES  
JR. VARSITY  
WCAL: 7-7  
OVERALL: 11-11  
MVP: LUKE BIDINOST

FRESHMAN BLUE  
WCAL: 6-8  
OVERALL: 11-12  
MVP: BRADY SMITH

FRESHMAN GOLD  
WCAL: 5-9  
OVERALL: 6-14  
MVP: NIC SHIPMAN

ALL-WCAL  
PARKER MCDONALD  
(DAILY JOURNAL  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR)  
CADE REES



# 2019 TENNIS WRAP

HEAD COACH  
BEEYONG SISON

VARSITY  
WCAL: 4-10  
VARSITY SINGLES MVP:  
SRI ERRA  
VARSITY DOUBLES MVPS:  
NICO MEISWINKEL  
HAYDEN FARSAID

JR. VARSITY  
WCAL: 4-6  
JV SINGLES MVP:  
VARUN POPLI  
JV DOUBLES MVPS:  
DYLAN FLIEDER  
ETHAN SINGER

ALL-WCAL  
SRI ERRA  
ETHAN VIRAY  
ARMAN POPLI  
JEVON JESUS





# 2019 BASEBALL WRAP

HEAD COACH  
CHRIS HOULE '92

VARSITY  
WCAL: 10-4  
(2ND PLACE)

CCS  
OPEN DIVISION  
SEMIFINALIST

MVP: JEREMY VILLAR  
MVP: KANNON CLAYTON

JR. VARSITY  
WCAL: 12-2  
(CO-CHAMPIONS)

FRESHMAN  
WCAL: 5-7-2  
(5TH PLACE)



## ALL-WCAL

JEREMY VILLAR BENITO VALLE-JHANDA  
KANNON CLAYTON TIM GHIORSO  
THOMAS GOULD CHRISTIAN FALK  
DOMINIC MEZA

## COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

ZACH KENISON TRINITY COLLEGE  
DOMINIC MEZA CAL STATE SAN MARCOS  
TIM GHIORSO SONOMA STATE  
JEREMY VILLAR LOYOLA MARYMOUNT  
KANNON CLAYTON LOYOLA MARYMOUNT  
OMAR BARRAZA UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS

# 2019 TRACK AND FIELD WRAP

HEAD COACH  
JIM MARHEINEKE

VARSITY  
WCAL: 4-2  
(3RD PLACE)

MVP: AIDAN MENDOZA  
MOST VALUABLE TRACK  
ATHLETE: NATE SANCHEZ  
MOST VALUABLE FIELD  
ATHLETE: KEELAN  
O'RIORDAN

FROSH/SOPH  
WCAL: 5-2  
(3RD PLACE)

MOST VALUABLE TRACK  
ATHLETE: VINCE PONI  
MOST VALUABLE FIELD  
ATHLETE: WILL DENNING



## WCAL CHAMPIONS

1ST PLACE: 400M - AIDAN MENDOZA (50.43)  
1ST PLACE: 1600M RELAY (3.24.65)  
TERENCE LOVILLE, AIDAN MENDOZA,  
LIAM PEARL, NATE SANCHEZ

## CIF-STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

8TH PLACE: 1600M RELAY (3.23.44)  
RAN 3:18.55 IN TRIALS  
TERENCE LOVILLE, AIDAN MENDOZA,  
LIAM PEARL, NATE SANCHEZ  
LIAM KILBRIDGE (TRIALS),

## COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

ANDREW ABBEY  
MENLO COLLEGE  
NOEL MIRANDA  
CHAPMAN COLLEGE

# 2019 SWIMMING WRAP

HEAD COACH  
UGUR TANER

VARSITY  
WCAL: 1-5  
(6TH PLACE)

MVP: BROOKS TANER

FROSH/SOPH  
WCAL: 1-5  
(6TH PLACE)

MVP: COOPER HIRD

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS  
BROOKS TANER  
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



VARSITY RECORDS SET  
BY BROOKS TANER '19

200 FREESTYLE  
1:37.94

100 BUTTERFLY  
47.59

100 FREESTYLE  
44.89

100 BACKSTROKE  
51.82

200 MEDLEY RELAY  
1:32.32 AND 400 FREE  
RELAY 3:05.68

ALEC CULLEN, DANIEL  
GILMARTIN, RILEY  
SCANLAN, BROOKS TANER

# 2019 CREW WRAP

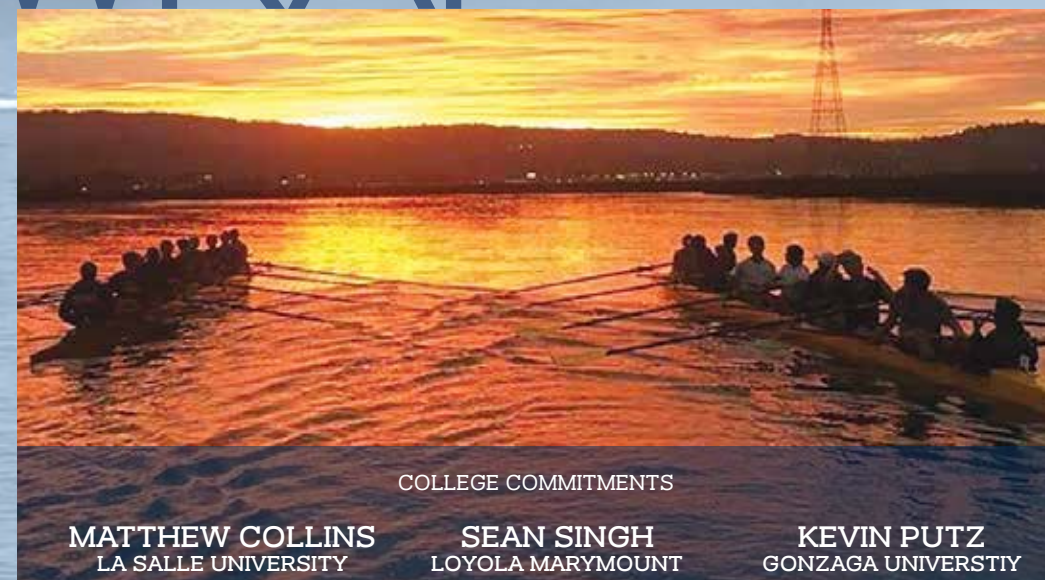
HEAD COACH  
MIKE VERDONE '06

VARSITY MVP:  
MASON PERA

DYLAN CAPPEL  
AWARD:  
KEVIN PUTZ

FASTEST 2K:  
SAMIR ABIEZZI

NOVICE MVP:  
LARS ERICKSON



## COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

MATTHEW COLLINS  
LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

SEAN SINGH  
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT

KEVIN PUTZ  
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY



# 2019 LACROSSE WRAP

HEAD COACH  
TYLER KREITZ

VARSITY  
WCAL 0-7  
OVERALL: 5-8  
MVP: BRENDAN CALLAGY

JR. VARSITY  
WCAL 0-7  
OVERALL: 3-10  
MVP: BODIE MOREY

DEFENSIVE PLAYER  
OF THE YEAR:  
RANDY LEWIS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER  
OF THE YEAR:  
BROGAN REED

ALL-WCAL  
BRENDAN CALLAGY  
ALEX LOVELAND



# 2019 GOLF WRAP

HEAD COACH  
MIKE LANGRIDGE '91

VARSITY  
WCAL 6-8  
(5TH PLACE)  
MVP: RALPH KHO

JR. VARSITY  
WCAL 7-4-1  
(2ND PLACE)  
MVP: SHANE CAROLAN

TOURNAMENT WINS  
2ND PLACE (OF 25 TEAMS)  
COWBOY CLASSIC

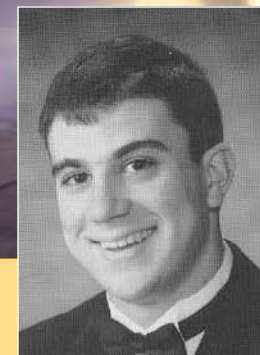
1ST PLACE (OF 22 TEAMS)  
GARY ROVIG INVITATIONAL

3RD PLACE (OF 16 TEAMS)  
APTOS INVITATIONAL

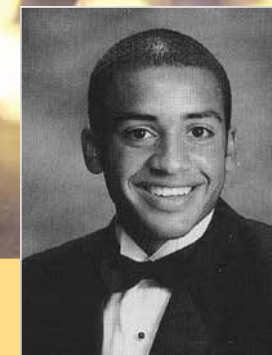


COLLEGE COMMITMENTS  
IAN SCARBOROUGH  
WHITMAN UNIVERSITY

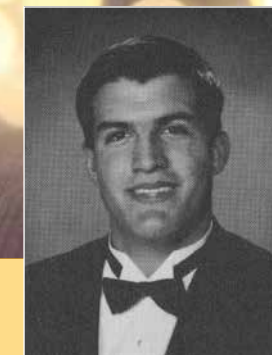
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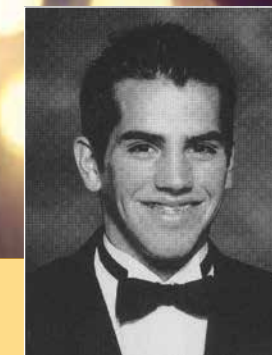
Geoff Comfort '98  
Baseball



Kelechi Igwe '02  
Soccer



Bill Peavey '97  
Baseball  
Basketball



Dominic Vogl '04  
Cross Country  
Wrestling, Track



Jeff Wellemeyer  
Staff

## 2018-2019 Blanket Award Winners

**Andrew Abbey**  
2018 Cross Country

**Tyler Martin**  
**James Mirt**  
2018 Water Polo

**Luke Bottari**  
2018 Football

**Parker McDonald**  
**Cade Rees**  
2019 Basketball

**Rami Muhawieh**  
2019 Soccer

**Charles Matthews**  
**Jack Woods**  
2019 Wrestling

**Ralph Kho**  
2019 Golf

**Sri Erra**  
2019 Tennis

**Brendan Callagy**  
2019 Lacrosse

**Mason Pera**  
2019 Crew

**Neeraj Keshav**  
2019 Volleyball

**Aidan Mendoza**  
2019 Track

**Brooks Taner**  
2019 Swimming

**Jeremy Villar**  
**Kannon Clayton**  
2019 Baseball





# TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

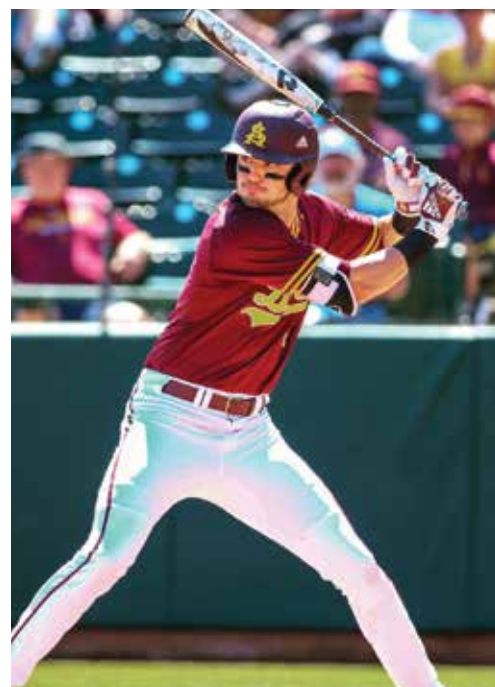


## THREE SERRA ALUMNI SELECTED IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DRAFT

Three Serra alumni were selected in June's 2019 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Two of the three Padres are power-hitting, left-handed batters who patrol the outfield, and one is a top-of-the-order spark plug.

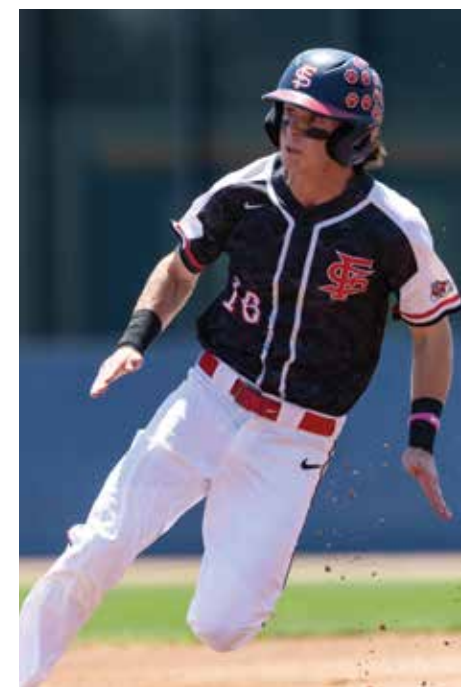
**Hunter Bishop '16**, a Golden Spikes Award semifinalist, completed a transcendent junior season for Arizona State University at the Baton Rouge NCAA Regional. Bishop showed off his elite power this season, hitting 22 home runs with a .748 slugging percentage. He was named First Team All-Pac-12 and was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the first round with the 10th overall pick. Bishop was also named an Academic All-American. From NBC Sports:

*MLB Pipeline ranked Bishop as the seventh best player in the draft, and the Giants landed him despite a historic run on position players in the top 10. The MLB Pipeline scouting report noted Bishop has "tremendous raw power" and has "shown bat speed, strength and loft consistently, with majestic home run power to his pull side, but also the ability to drive the ball to all fields."*



### Nolan Dempsey '14

was the second Serra pick by the Giants in the 2019 MLB Draft. The Fresno State University infielder hit .332 and had eight home runs this year for the Bulldogs. Dempsey was also named Academic All-District with a 3.78 college GPA.



**Scott Ota '15** had an outstanding senior year for the University of Illinois-Chicago. He hit .357 and added 20 home runs, breaking UIC's school record. He joined Bishop in the NCAA top 10 for slugging percentage with .746. Ota led the Flames to a Horizon League championship and an NCAA Regional berth in Louisville. He was selected by the New York Mets in the 10th round and was a Horizon League All-Academic honoree.







**"I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT REFUGEES WANT TO STAY IN LEBANON. THERE IS NOTHING BACK HOME FOR THEM IN SYRIA."**  
—SAMIR ABIEZZI '20



# SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT

## CHALLENGES STUDENTS TO EXPLORE CATHOLIC AND PHILOSOPHICAL TEACHINGS

**Serra's dynamic theology teachers work hard to keep the theology curriculum fresh and relevant for teenagers living in a frenetic and distracting world.**

The senior capstone project is an excellent example of the creative coursework that challenges students to explore Catholic and philosophical teachings while delving into today's social justice issues.

Working in pairs, seniors are challenged to find a social justice issue that tugs at their heartstrings. Examples include abuse in the military, dog fighting, plastics in the ocean and food insecurity.

**"The students' challenge is to convince others that this issue is something we should all care about," said theology/philosophy teacher Chris Buckels.**

After researching facts and figures, students analyze data to understand the scope of their social justice problems and reflect on the seven principles of Catholic social teaching. Using design thinking principles, students find possible solutions, make prototypes and create comprehensive websites that educate the next generation of Padres.

Dominic Ulrich and Sunia Tuitavake examined high school bullying in their project, "No Bullies Allowed." Through extensive research and interviews, they discovered how prevalent bullying is across the country as they examined the wide range of emotional, social and psychiatric disorders resulting from bullying. Ulrich and Tuitavake have witnessed the damaging effects of bullying, and they are committed to uplifting vulnerable adolescents and increasing awareness about this issue.

"We believe the problem of bullying can be best solved by the younger generation," Ulrich said.

Tuitavake added, "Our proposed solution includes student-led groups responsible for proactive prevention, as well as strong advocacy and support of victims who have been bullied."

In "This Mine Ain't Mine," Matthew Collins and James Mirt told the story of Alaskan native Michelle Ravenmoon, who is fighting to preserve her ancestors' way of life against the proposed construction of the Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska.

According to Collins and Mirt, this is an example of environmental racism—a large corporation is using its financial strength to assert its will over a low-income community populated by minorities. Introducing Pebble Mine into Bristol Bay would not only affect the fish population and wildlife habitats, but also the people who live there and depend on fishing for food.

"Our hope is to create more national attention," Collins said.

"Many people we talked to know bits and pieces about Pebble Mine," added Mirt, "but it's a story that's hidden and doesn't have the broad audience it needs."

The passionate creativity illustrated by each of the students' projects continues to inspire.

"Every year, I am impressed by how thoughtful and creative our students are with these assignments," said Theology Department Chair Gary Meegan. "They pour their hearts into the research and come up with really compelling ideas. For many students, their interest and commitment to social justice issues extends beyond high school. Students often use these projects as the basis for continued research in college. **We love it when they become true men of faith who advocate for justice long after they graduate.**"



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—Theology Department Chair Gary Meegan





# Samir Abiezzi '20

## Documents Daily Struggles of Syrian Refugees

The Lebanese topography blurred as the searing heat enveloped a sprawling landscape. A tent city emerged on the horizon—an image of hope and despair for the displaced Syrians confined to its quarters. It was July of 2018, and Samir Abiezzi '20 was traveling to a Syrian refugee camp in the Middle Eastern nation of Lebanon. Samir was joined by his sister, Charlie, as well as their mother and a camera crew.

Both of Samir's parents are Lebanese immigrants who have lived the American Dream. The Abiezzi family frequently travels to Lebanon, but this year Samir and Charlie were

inspired to document the harrowing stories of refugee families scarred from the horrors of the Syrian Civil War. Samir and Charlie shared their documentary with Serra Padres during the school year. A family friend who works for the United Nations secured them a pass to enter the camp and film the struggles of displaced Syrians.

Once inside, Samir and Charlie found abysmal conditions. Tents lined the dirt streets from end to end. Tarps hung lifelessly, forming makeshift walls for each family's living space. A formerly pristine river that runs through the camp exhibited a brownish hue and was overflowing with trash.

A noxious smell arose from the rushing water. Children appeared malnourished and skinny. Their clothes were torn and tattered, worn down from years of conflict with the extreme Middle Eastern climate.

Abiezzi was particularly disturbed by the number of children who are affected by the use of chemical weapons. His goal in producing the documentary was to show the human side of tragedy, while simultaneously addressing the misperception people have of how refugees are affecting smaller countries such as Lebanon.

"I was surprised to learn that refugees want to stay in Lebanon," Abiezzi said. "There is nothing back home for them in Syria, so even though they are struggling to make a new life for themselves in their new country, they don't want to go back."

Public education in the camp is dismal, a sharp contrast to the Bay Area educational experiences of Samir and Charlie. Once children turn 16, they are expected to work throughout the day. A mother explained to the group that "there is nowhere for the children to go outside the camp, so they never leave."

Since the beginning of the Syrian Civil War in 2011, 2.4 million Syrians have fled to Lebanon, increasing Lebanon's population by 33 percent. The refugee camps typically have a central hub operated by the United Nations. There, refugees can secure medical and dental care, as well as assistance with PTSD.

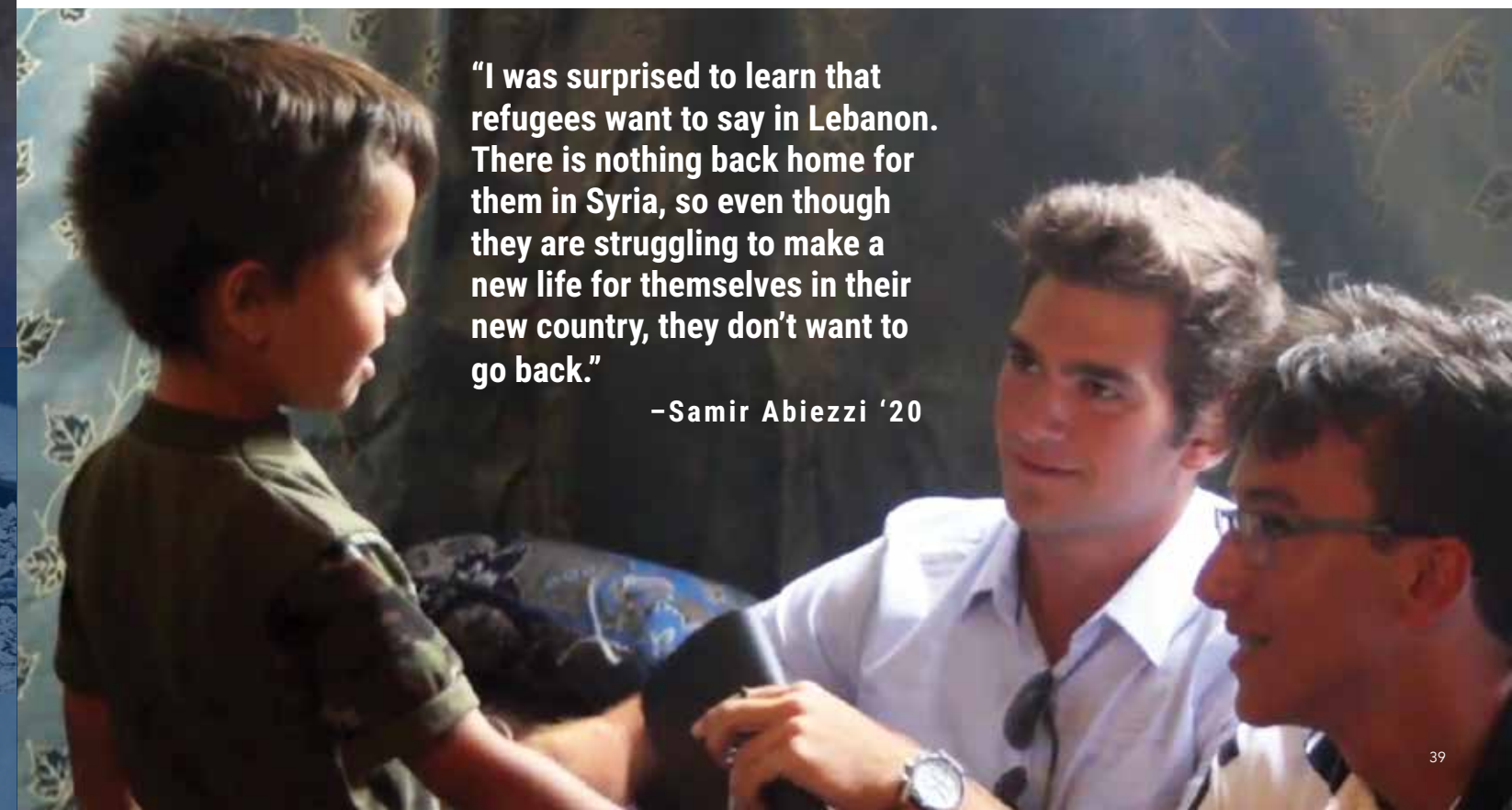
The scars of a war-torn nation are readily apparent within the camp. Chemical weapons caused growth problems for many children. Organ deformities, especially involving the lungs, are common. A 9-year-old boy, whom the Abiezzi family interviewed, had an arm deformity. His father was arrested by the Syrian government and imprisoned for six months before being allowed to join his wife and children in Lebanon. Throughout their struggles, the parents have one desire—for their children to have a future. There is little hope and little education.

The glaring disparity of opportunity for children in America versus those in the refugee camp was apparent to Samir, an honor student at Serra with a bright future ahead of him. His sister, Charlie, is a recent graduate of UC Berkeley. Samir and Charlie sat with the family for hours inside their tent home. All were human beings, no better or worse than the others, but with starkly different futures ahead of them.



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**—Samir Abiezzi '20**







## Padre Alumni Return Home for Career Day and the Junípero Serra Award Presentation



Teresa. In the fall of 2001, he released his second book, *Architects of Peace*. In 2008, Collopy formed the Architects of Peace Foundation, which is involved with peace education. The Architects of Peace project is permanently exhibited at the National Civil Rights Museum, Santa Clara University, Marquette

Chris Colgin '89 is a chiropractor who has a passion for helping people. Tushar Zalpuri '11 is a financial advisor. Sam Walsh '05 is a project manager at Facebook, and Tim Kirby '00 manages new technology and product business development for Apple. These distinguished alumni joined 40 more Padres and friends of Serra who participated in Alumni Career Day.

The day began with the presentation of The Junípero Serra Award, which recognizes an alumnus who has shared his gifts and talents with the community, making a difference in the lives of others. World-renowned photographer Michael Collopy '76 is this year's recipient. He was joined by his wife, Alma, and son, Paul.

"Michael Collopy could not be a more perfect example of the spirit of the Junípero Serra Award," said Alumni Director Bob Greene '85. "Michael uses his artistry to tell the stories of peacemakers. Since the 9/11 tragedy, Michael has dedicated himself, through his photography and his foundation, to inspiring students across the country to get involved and find ways to create a more peaceful world."

Collopy shared the important qualities he learned at Serra—a sense of curiosity, recognizing humility, and developing compassion and empathy. He is known for his wonderful ability to spread peace throughout the world.

Referencing a quote from Mahatma Gandhi, he said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

In 1996, Collopy released *Works of Love are Works of Peace* with the cooperation of Mother

University, Anaahuac University in Mexico City and the Hoover Institute at Stanford University. In 2009, Collopy was honored with Stanford University's Martin Luther King Peace Award.

After a special Junípero Serra Award ceremony in the Morton Family Gymnasium, students broke off into small groups to attend workshops that highlighted all sorts of interesting professions.

"I really liked Calvin Sid's workshop," said Liam Ehlers '19. "He graduated from Serra in 1987 and is a certified financial planner. He gave an interesting and compelling presentation on how to plan for the future and use a diversified portfolio."

Chief Exploration Officer of Playground Global Ralph Ho '89 talked to the Padres about start-ups and shared how exciting that world can be.

"Pursue your passion and get really good at what you do," he added, "Learn to think logically and communicate clearly. Demonstrate a skill that will be useful to a company, and don't be afraid of failure."

Serra Assistant Director of Advancement Jonathan Allen '01 talked to students about digital media and explained how to shoot creative and interesting photos and videos. The Padres asked lots of questions about photo selection and wondered what Allen likes best about telling stories through videography and photography.

"Career day is a microcosm of our outstanding school community," Allen said. "It's a chance for our alumni to share the knowledge they have acquired over decades of life experience with our Padres. Today, Serra graduates from myriad decades came back to campus for this mentorship event."

## Kareem Barghouti '05 Mines Human Bacteria in Quest for Optimum Health

"WE ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING THE ROLE OF THE GUT MICROBIOME IN RESPECT TO CANCER, AND WHETHER A PATIENT WILL RESPOND TO TREATMENT."

—KAREEM BARGHOUTI '05

Imagine being on the cutting edge of the biotech world, identifying possible new ways to cure diseases and promote optimum health. Kareem Barghouti '05 is doing just that as the CEO and co-founder of VastBiome, a biotech company that mines the gut microbiome for potential drugs. He visited his alma mater on Career Day to share his advances in medical research with today's Padres.

"The microbiome is a rich ecosystem composed of bacteria that live in and on the human body," Barghouti explained. "We depend on microbes to stay healthy and protect us against diseases."

Barghouti received his bachelor's degree in biological sciences from UC Irvine and his MBA from Duke University with a concentration in healthcare sector management. At 21 years old, he experienced his first venture in the tech sector when he cofounded an online marketplace called StingyCampus.com. He later joined a fast-growing social media software company, Wildfire Interactive, as an account executive, which was acquired by Google in 2012.

"I spent six years at Google working in sales, marketing, strategy and operations across multiple regions including the UK, India and the United States," Barghouti noted. "With a passion for entrepreneurship and healthcare, I left Google in July 2017 and moved to Houston to participate in the Texas Medical Center's BioDesign Fellowship. My colleagues and I spent a year identifying unmet needs throughout the healthcare ecosystem."

In January 2018, Barghouti and his peers founded VastBiome, a drug discovery company that mines the gut microbiome for novel therapeutic molecules. The team is based in San Carlos. In addition to Barghouti, the VastBiome crew includes Peter McCaffrey, M.D., a board certified pathologist and former chief resident of Harvard Medical School; Kovi Bessoff, M.D., Ph.D., who was trained in drug discovery and microbiology at the University of Vermont; and Ayin Vala, M.S., who was trained in data science and artificial intelligence at Harvard.

Barghouti's team has developed a machine learning platform called VBx1, which analyzes the bacteria in the human gut to understand the roles that microbes play in controlling human health.

"We are able to source data from patients' microbiome that can help identify key genetic components of one's

bacterial DNA and how they might influence the immune system. We are currently studying the role of the gut microbiome in respect to cancer, and whether a patient will respond to treatment. It's early for the field, but it's also very exciting with a lot of opportunity ahead for discovery. We are actively seeking introductions to investors, clinical researchers and pharmaceutical connections."



Pictured (l-r): Kovi Bessoff, Kareem Barghouti and Ayin Vala are three of the four team members of VastBiome. (Photographer: Brittany Hosea-Small/Silicon Valley Business Journal)

### It all began at Serra

As a high school student, Barghouti was extremely involved in extracurricular activities. He was the school vice president and had 400 hours of community service when he graduated. He particularly enjoyed assisting with developing homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Barghouti also participated in cross country, wrestling and track and field. He was the MVP of the cross country team and was the fifth all-time fastest runner in Serra's history.

Barghouti was encouraged by his Serra teachers and coaches, and he is proud to be a Padre.

"The brotherhood is real, and I made deep connections with people I could depend on," he said. "As a Muslim student at a Catholic high school, I can say that I was completely accepted. When I was a freshman, 9-11 happened. I was nervous, but people at Serra were very respectful. I even read an Islamic prayer during Mass. When I went back this year to Career Day, it was still the welcoming family I remember. That's pretty incredible!"





## 1949

DAVID STRONCK, PH.D. is featured in the book *Introduction to Teaching* by Gene E. Hall, Linda F. Quinn and Donna M. Gollnick. David shared how he often used lighthearted discussion and humor to connect with his students. "Perhaps, emphasizing fun facts with my students and giving them some freedom to 'argue' with the teacher over interpretations have been effective strategies," said David, who taught at Serra from 1958-65 and 1967-68 before he became a university professor of science.

## 1956

BEN PERALTA was invited to Washington, D.C. with the group Nevada Honor Flight, which hosts veterans at the state capital for a four-day tour of our country's war memorials, as well as Marines and U.S. Navy museums. The airport fire departments greeted them with a congratulatory water spray from the big monitors mounted on the fire engines. It was certainly an experience of a lifetime for Ben!



## 1957

CHARLES LEYES is taking another trip to Italy, and he's hoping it's not his last one!



## 1958

DENNIS LUCEY and his wife, Pam, stopped for a picture with the Prime Minister of Ireland, Leo Varadkar, at the National American-Ireland Gala Dinner in Washington, D.C. on March 13. Dennis co-chaired the dinner, which raised funds to support programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development in Ireland. More than 750 guests attended this year's dinner, and more than \$750,000 was raised at the event.



## 1959

GLENN ALFORD received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the College Sports Information Directors of America for his 31 years as sports information director at Idaho State University, from 1967 to 1998. He worked at ISU for a total of 40 years from 1967-2007. Glenn spent 60-70 hours a week most of the year, producing information about athletes overcoming adversity as well as ISU's most historic sports moments.



ROBERT CATTICH is enjoying family dinners with 30 members at the table. This year, the Cattich Family welcomed two great-grandsons, who joined their two great-granddaughters. Robert downsized from a large home to a small condo in the Anaheim Hills, where he has been selling real estate over the past seven years following a career in the furniture industry. Last year, Robert visited Greece and Hawaii and then stopped in Croatia to look up family. He actually found them on a tombstone! On his way home, he traveled through Italy and France.

## 1960

JOHN HORGAN is proud to announce that his granddaughter, Megan Nieto, a senior at Esperanza High School in Orange County, has accepted a basketball scholarship from Cal State Fullerton. She is projected to be a center/forward for the Titans in 2019-20.

JOHN (JACK) MURRAY is enjoying retirement as a golf duffer, Rotarian, lector at Saint Mark Catholic Church and grandpa of three girls, whom he and his wife, Marie, visit frequently. After a busy career as a trial attorney, Jack is spending his time celebrating what he calls "the good things in life." John and Marie are picture below in Petra, Jordan. He keeps tabs on Serra in *Traditions*, and at the 50-Year Club Luncheon, Serra Golf Classic and Fund a Dream.



## 1963

JOHN COSGRAVE has spent a lot of time visiting the sick and helping friends. He loves to write poetry and is spending some time revising and writing screenplays and three non-fictional short stories of his youth.

BOB CULLEN spent Good Friday this year at the Peninsula Social Club with his classmates from the Class of '63. The group convened for a Baccala Lunch. Pictured (l-r) are Bob Ferrario, Deke Griffin, Bob Cullen, Dave Peruzzaro, Bob Fernandez, Jim Smith, Mike Price, Bill Curley and Tom Zuchelli.



## 1964

PAT LANTHIER and his wife, Laura, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family in Hillsborough. Padres from the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and 2018 and 2019 were in attendance. Some of the Serra grads were in the original wedding party in 1969. Attendees included family members of the Ammiro, Bertetta, Damelio, DeLuna, Dupont, Lanthier and Podesta families.



## 1965

JOSEPH BRAUN and his wife recently completed docent training for Point Lobos Reserve. Joseph also volunteers as an instructor for Guitars not Guns, and as an interpreter at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. He and his wife live in Carmel, where he recently retired from his position as a social studies education consultant/professor. His last workshop was in Singapore.



KEVIN BELTON retired from Justin-Siena High School in 2015. He returned to teach Spanish full time this spring at St. Helena High School in Napa Valley. This fall, he will fill in at Vintage High School. Kevin said he has been blessed with six wonderful years with his lovely South American bride, Margarita, and has been able to visit family in Ecuador several times. They have also visited family roots in Ireland and England. Their eight children enjoy singing and acting in Los Angeles, the Bay Area and even on Broadway. Kevin said he is a proud Padre!



## 1968

JOHN FAVALESSA and several of his classmates from 1968 met some of the Padres from the Class of '16 in Calaveras Big Trees State Park. Pictured (l-r): Patrick Stack, Robert Sabbatini, Najeeb Dababneh, Jim Moll, John Favalessa, Carl Swirsding, Jim Walsh, Dominic Zolezzi and Aiden Cronin.



ROBERT SABBATINI and his wife, Bonnie Loyd, are spending seven months traveling throughout Italy, absorbing its culture, history, great food and wine! Robert's recent recognition as an Italian citizen was feted by the mayor of the town of his ancestors—Serra Sant'Abbondio in Le Marche.





1970

MAX HOBERG is a marine biology consultant for the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and several environmental firms. Last fall, he and his wife, Molly, traveled to Iceland to view many geothermal sites and continued to Scotland for an amazing rail journey through the Highlands.

1972

MICHAEL VERDONE was honored by the San Mateo County Association of Realtors as the Realtor of the Year for his dedication to the industry. Michael is government finance chair of the California Association of Realtors and is a director at the National Association of Realtors for Public Policy.



1973

WILLIAM HILDEBRAND is living in El Paso, Texas.

1974

GARY GORDEN is enjoying retirement in Tempe, Arizona.

1975

MARTIN MCVEIGH and his wife, Elsa, are continuing to dance many nights away. They are enjoying life with their family in the Bay Area.



1979

ROBERT DUGONI recently published his 17th novel, *The Eighth Sister*, a No. 1 Amazon best-seller. He also proudly watched his son graduate from Washington State University this year.



MARK CARRILO was recently promoted to director of food operations for Newport Diversified Inc. He is in charge of all food and beverage operations in Nevada and California.

1985

TIM MURPHY retired from the Paso Robles Police Department after 29 years as a police commander. Tim has since been hired as the Mass Victimization Advocate for the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office. Tim and his wife, Diane, keep busy raising their two daughters and camping in their free time. They are thoroughly enjoying the beautiful San Luis Obispo County life.



1986

DAVID MARTIN received the Coldwell Banker International President's Circle Award for 2018 production. He received the award alongside friends and co-workers at a private gala at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. In May, he and his wife, Nicole, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their favorite restaurant, Stella Alpina in Burlingame.



SEAN O'DONNELL recently retired after more than 30 years of service in San Mateo County law enforcement. As a detective sergeant with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, Sean, and his FBI Task Force squad were recognized as the 2018 Law Enforcement, National Fusion Center's (NFCA) Meritorious Service Award recipients. This award was for their investigation involving the identification, disruption and prevention of a likely domestic terrorism attack. The award ceremony took place on Nov. 7 in Washington, D.C. This case was also presented before a closed session of U.S. Congress, Homeland Security Committee, as the best case scenario involving local law enforcement working with its Federal partners. Sean was assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force at the time of his retirement, serving with distinction. Sean is pictured (above, left) with Don O'Keefe, US Marshal SF.



1987

JEFF DOWNS retired from the Burlingame Police Department as a sergeant in 2012. He is working with an explosive detection K9. Jeff's daughter, a sophomore at the University of Redlands, was an all-league basketball player during her freshman year and set a new, three-point record during the season.

PATRICK LELAND was the big winner in the annual Padre Panther poker game. Fellow Padre players not necessarily in order of their success or lack thereof were: Terry "Turtle" Cody '87, Bill "Goat" Ayoob '88, Rob "Got a Hankering for a" Hanke '88, Greg "Lieutenant" Kane '88 and Bryan "The Lion" Conneely '88.

1988

RIC TUREK married Paige MacDonald (NDB '89) on June 7. The Tureks reside in Foster City with their three children, Austin '22, Luke and Ashley.



1989

CHRISTIAN CLIFFORD was invited by Father Larry Goode '56 to speak about Saint Junipero Serra at the Saint Patrick's Day celebration at Saint Francis of Assisi parish in East Palo Alto. Christian is a Serra theology teacher and the author of three books about California mission history. Goode is a pastor at Saint Francis of Assisi. Jim and Peggy Clifford's other five sons also graduated from Serra, including Jim '80, Mark and Paul '83, Steve '85 and Andrew '99. Pictured (l-r): Peggy Clifford, Christian Clifford, Father Goode, Jim Clifford and Iris Clifford.



1994

BYRON WERNER is the director of photography in *The Last Full Measure*, a movie starting Samuel L. Jackson, Ed Harris, William Hurt and Christopher Plummer. The movie hits theaters on October 25.



DANIEL ROMANSKI was recruited by Arthur J Gallagher & Co. to be its nonprofit practice group area vice president in San Francisco.

1996

HORACE GREELEY is a PO1 in the United States Navy who is stationed in Maryland.



1998

TREVOR ANTHONY and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their first child, Theodore Douglas Anthony, on December 9. Theodore was baptized in the Serra chapel by Father Paul Rossi on April 28, 39 years after his father, Trevor, was baptized by the same priest in the same chapel, wearing the same baptismal gown. Many of the same family members and friends were present for both sacraments. Pictured (l-r): Serra Volleyball Coach Heather Anthony (NDB '07), Tyler Anthony '07, Bruce Anthony (Serra faculty member, 1977-2018), Father Paul Rossi, future Padre Theodore Anthony, Trevor Anthony, '98, Trevor's godfather, Randy Vogel, and Brandon Arnold '99.



2003

DAVID GIANNINI married Lynn Garaventa on November 3 at the Church of Santa Maria in Orinda. Padres in attendance included the best man, his brother Eric Giannini '06, his father Richard Giannini '78, his uncle Ed Horn '81, Greg Fava '78, and fellow '03 alumni Gino Lavezzo, Chris O'Leary, Matt Olson, Dan Puts and T.J. Serafini.





2007

**BENJAMIN WOHLFORD** graduated from Santa Clara University Law School in May. Ben played guitar in the Jazz Band and was on the rowing team during his years at Serra. After Serra, he graduated from NYU with a bachelor's degree in political science. Ben is forever grateful to Serra for being such a huge part of his successful journey.



2008

**AARON TIRAZONA** married Julia Marchette in Lake Tahoe on September 9, 2018. In attendance were many friends, family members and several Serra alumni, including groomsmen Tyler Morehead '08, Justin Maffei '09 and brother-in-law Danny Marchette '09. Aaron and Julia live in San Francisco.



2010

**BRADLEY BOTTOMS** was recently promoted to Chief of Staff for Congressman John Garamendi. Bradley graduated from U.C. Davis in 2014, where he studied sociology organizational studies and political science public service. Bradley began his political career as an intern with Congressman Garamendi after graduating from college, and he was offered a full-time position soon after. His primary focus is working on the congressman's domestic policy agenda. Bradley also serves on the board of the UC Davis Alumni Chapter, Shakespeare Theater Company's Hill Advisory Board and participates in the District of Columbia Dems.



**MATT PRITCHETT** is an enterprise account executive for Skedulo, an Australian start-up in San Francisco. Matt is the youngest enterprise account executive in company history, a promotion he received after working his way up from an entry-level business development position in 2017. In his free time, Matt plays in two successful Bay Area-based bands that were formed while Matt was a student at Serra. Exit 11 recently released its sophomore album "Summer's End." The Mongols currently are recording their first full-length studio album, which will feature former Music Director Jay Jordan on trumpet and his son, Alex Jordan '08, on trombone, organ and piano. Matt also performed at SXSW this year with an Austin-based hip hop artist and rapper Deezie Brown.



2013

**MICAH SANCHEZ** became a certified flight instructor at Barbers Point Flight School in Hawaii.



**AUSTIN GILLIS** Graduated from Colorado University at Boulder with a bachelor's degree in environmental design, design studies, a leadership minor, and a U.S. Air Force Commission. Austin completed his pilot training in Columbus, Mississippi, flying the T-6 Texan II and T-38 Taylor prior to being selected for the F-16 Viper. He is now training in New Mexico for the next year in the F-16.



**BRENDEN HISAO** is proud to announce that he and his team have opened a financial planning business. His office is just five blocks from Serra. Brenden is dedicated to financial planning and helping people to retire tax-free. Brenden's company is the result of a recent merger, which welcomed investors and endorsers including Kevin Hart, Oscar Dela Hoya and Mark Cuban, to name a few. Clients include family members from many Peninsula police and fire departments, Kaiser Hospital, Stanford and many athletes in the NFL, MLB and MLS.



2014

**KEVIN MCGEE** received his bachelor's of science degree in physics with a minor in mathematics from Pacific University in Oregon in May 2018. He lives in Oregon and works for Tokyo Electron Limited. In the fall, he will attend Portland State University to pursue a second bachelor's degree in material and mechanical engineering.



2015

**SCOTT OTA** dedicated his college baseball career to his friend and Padre brother, Calvin Riley, who was killed in August 2016. When Scott returned to the University of Chicago that summer, he asked his coaches to change his uniform to No. 9—Calvin's number—and the UIC Flames coaching staff obliged. Scott said that playing for Calvin has been a motivating force ever since. Calvin's father, Sean Riley, joined Scott's family in Chicago for the Flames senior-day celebration in May. "Calvin is looking down on his best buddy, and it's a true honor for me that he's wearing No. 9 in memory of Cal," Sean said. In June, Scott was selected by the New York Mets in the 10th round of the MLB draft.



**ISIAH SALINDA** led Stanford University to NCAA and Pac-12 golf championships this spring. The senior captain was one of 28 collegiate golfers named to the Ben Hogan Award Watch List in February. The Ben Hogan Award is awarded every year to the top golfer in college ranks. Isaiah is the reigning champion on the Pacific Coast Amateur Championship, which was held last July at the Olympic Club.

2016

**NICHOLAS BALESTRINO** is studying computer engineering at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and is planning to graduate in the fall of 2020. His summer plans include an internship at Twitter in San Francisco.



**PATRICK DRISCOLL** is a junior at Creighton University who is majoring in environmental science, global and environmental systems. He is researching the zebra mussel, a small European freshwater mussel that has become an archetypal invasive species in the U.S. His project explores how scientists and policymakers transformed the zebra mussel from a localized economic nuisance into a critique of globalization.

2018

**IVAN GERAGHTY** is playing soccer for Carroll College, a private, Catholic, liberal arts college in Helena, Montana.



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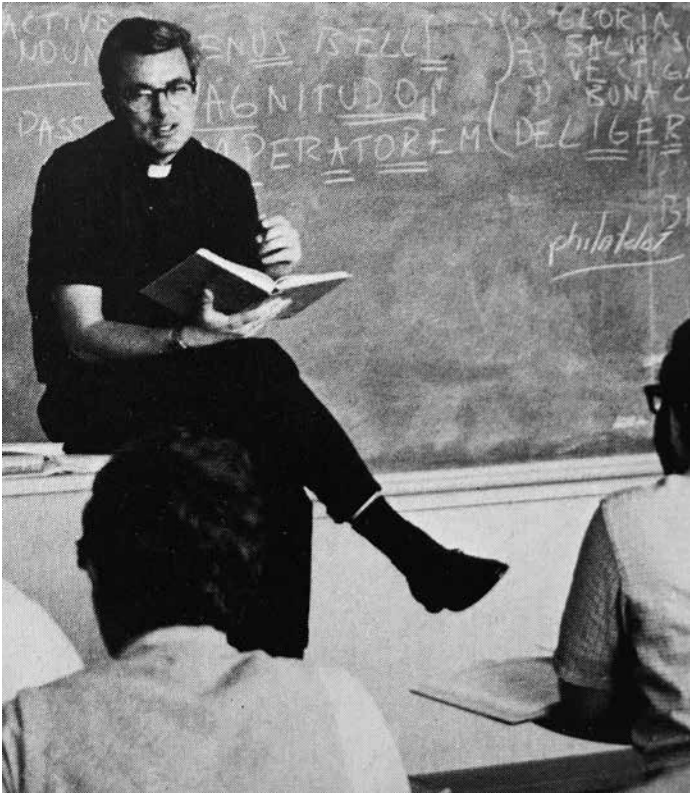
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REMEMBERING A BELOVED PADRE  
JOHN KELLY PASSES AWAY AT 90



by John Horgan '60

John Kelly touched the lives of thousands of young men during his two-decade tenure at Serra. As a teacher, coach, counselor and director of athletics, his influence was felt far and wide. It was more of the same when he took on the task of overseeing and growing Samaritan House, a San Mateo charitable organization that serves people in need. Still, no matter what his occupation might have been post-Serra, Kelly was always a Padre at heart. For Kelly (and the army of Serra alumni, former teachers/administrators, family members and others), the school's Dec. 15, 2017 state football bowl game in Sacramento was a signature event. The vast majority of those folks, however, could not attend the contest in person. Kelly, who passed away May 20, 2019 at the age of 90 during Serra's 75th academic year, was one of them.

John Kelly views Serra's CIF grid title from afar

On a mild mid-December afternoon in 2017, John Kelly lay on his bed in Room 6C5 on the sixth floor of the Lesley Towers in San Mateo, welcomed a visitor and waited for the scheduled 4 p.m. kickoff. Serra was about to face off with Cajon High School in the CIF state Division 2-AA bowl championship game in Sacramento.

Kelly had suffered a stroke some years prior, and his mobility had been seriously impaired ever since. He required a caregiver and he had not seen the Padres play all season. This was about to change via TV. But a seemingly endless barrage of commercials intruded and he was getting restless.

"I can't believe how many ads they have for a high school football game," he said. "It's ridiculous." As the sun slowly went down and the lights of San Mateo began to come on below his room at the high-rise retirement facility, the ballgame commenced.

Kelly (he was Father John Kelly during his Serra days) was riveted to his high-definition TV set. When Serra scored its first touchdown by running back Isiah Kendrick midway in the first period, the ex-Latin teacher noted, "We're going to need more of those." True.

After a second Serra TD by the fleet Kendrick, the clock ticked toward the close of the first half and Kelly was feeling somewhat optimistic (although he was definitely not thrilled about an earlier missed Serra field goal attempt). Then, with no time remaining in the half, Cajon scored on a long pass and Kelly moaned, "Oh, brother. I can't believe it." The Padres still led, 14-7, at the intermission.

During his career at Serra, which began in the fall of 1956 and ended in the mid-1970s, Kelly had seen more than his share of ups and downs in the Serra athletic program. So the state bowl game was special for him.

The second half vs. Cajon did not begin well for the Padres, as Cajon tied things up at 14-14. Kelly was not pleased. Then, an electrifying kickoff return by Malakai Rango gave Serra great red-zone field position and Kelly excitedly uttered one loud phrase as the spectacular junior motored through the Cajon defenders: "Get to the outside, get to the outside!" The Padres scored shortly after that and dominated Cajon for the rest of the contest, winning their first state bowl game, 38-14.

Although he was physically compromised and 110 miles from the prep action, Kelly had been able to view his favorite team capture its most important victory since the varsity football program was created in 1946. Finally, it was time for him to have his soup. Besides, he grouched one more time, the post-game CIF show included too many commercials. Again. Kelly had seen enough. His visitor said goodbye and headed for the elevator. Room 6C5 was quiet once again.

REMEMBERING JOHN KELLY

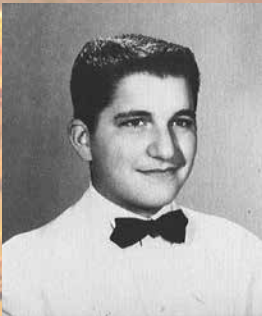
*"John's simple, no-frills life set an example for many and attracted others to join him in his work at Samaritan House. He just was very, very respected and loved by everybody because he never had an agenda to help anybody except those in need."*

Former Foster City Mayor Pam Frisella  
(quoted in the *San Mateo Daily Journal*)

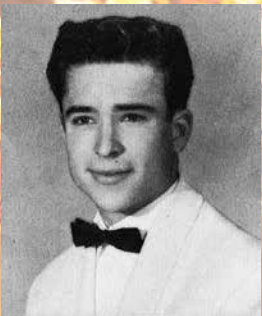
*"John was my religion teacher. He always found a way to make us aware of those who were less fortunate, and he certainly influenced my decision to become a priest. The person you saw in the classroom was the same person on the sidelines, was the same person walking around school. He was just very real and very humble and he made us think . . . I always respected him for that."*

Father Joe Bradley '73 (quoted in the *San Mateo Daily Journal*)

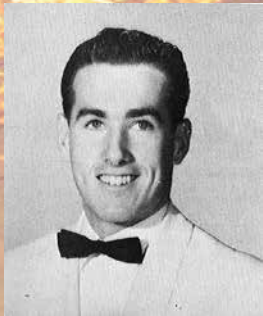
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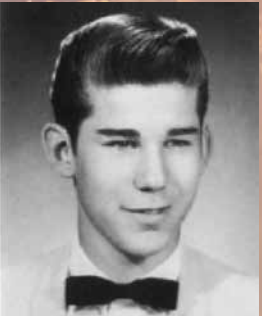
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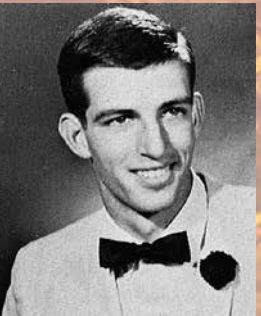
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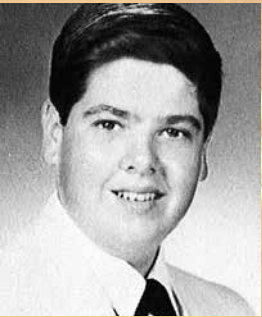
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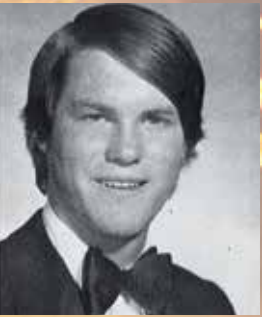
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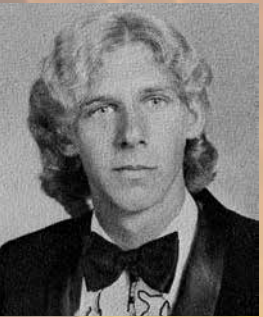
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February 9, 2019



JOSEPH A. LO SCHIAVO, SR. '68  
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- TUE. 20 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES  
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### SEPTEMBER 2019

- FRI. 20 ALUMNI FATHER-SON MASS  
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FRI. 25 OPENING NIGHT FALL PLAY

### NOVEMBER 2019

- THU. 14 THANKSGIVING  
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