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PERFORMING ARTS SEASON: SI's actors, singers, dancers and instrumentalists performed during the annual **Fine Arts Assembly** in January. **AT TOP** are all those who took part, along with faculty moderators and teachers, including (**LOWER LEFT**) members of the jazz band.

Also pictured (**ABOVE**) are students who danced in the **Cabaret Showcase** and (**NEXT PAGE**) students who performed in the annual **Piano Recital**, organized by Orchestra Director and Fine Arts Chair **Gillian Clements**, on Jan. 31 in the Choral Room. The pianists in the show passed an audition



and are members of the orchestra, jazz band, choir and general student body. A highlight was **Gemma Bouck '20** (seated, second from left) singing and accompanying herself on her original song "Without You." (See p. 32 for more on **Gemma**.) Photos by **Sam** and **Ariel Soto-Suver '02** of Bowerbird Photography.



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BELOW: San Francisco as seen from Bernal Heights. Photo by Michael Totah '10



FIRST WORDS

I've always been fascinated by how cities work — how groups of people can organize themselves and the structures around them both to survive and thrive. Among my favorite books are **Peter Ackroyd's** *Venice: Pure City* and

London: The Biography as well as *Imperial San Francisco* by **Gray Brechin**.

My wife and I spent most of February visiting the Middle East, where we saw relatively new cities, such as Tel Aviv, and ancient ones, from Jerusalem and Cairo to Amman and Ramallah, the latter being the birthplace of my father and the ancestral home of my mother. We also saw Petra, the former home to the Nabataeans and a testament to the impermanence of communities.

Most of these places confront a variety of challenges, from climate change and pollution to fights over ownership and access to resources. Some do better than others.

Just consider San Francisco, SI's ancestral home and a place that holds in its 49 square

miles many of the problems facing cities around the world. We struggle to find ways to help our homeless sisters and brothers; to get from one place to another despite unending gridlock; to walk streets littered with human waste and hypodermic needles; to afford to buy decent homes; and to prepare for waters that threaten to submerge our streets and homes.

Don't get me wrong. I'm a native San Franciscan who loves this town. Just look at the city from the shoreline of Sausalito and it appears as if carved out of a single piece of marble, shining through the fog and rising to reinvent the world. I love touring friends along the city's edges, from Lands End to Fort Point and from Fort Mason to Coit Tower and the nearby Filbert Street Stairs.

The stories in this issue tell of those who are serving our city and our neighboring towns. You'll read about **Sean Elsbernd '93**, chief of staff to **Mayor London Breed**, and **Rick Yuen '74**, executive director of APA Family Support Services, who works to ensure that children and infants have a better life than they might otherwise have.

You'll find stories about city realtors who offer advice about trying to buy a home in one of the world's most expensive markets, and one story about **Eddy Gutierrez '85**, a permanent deacon at St. Ignatius Church, who ministers to the hearts and souls of his parishioners, as the inscape of our spiritual lives is even more important than the cityscape that surrounds us.

SI students also do their part to improve the city, including **Tessa Keane '20**, who traveled weekly to St. Boniface Church as part of her Service Learning Class to help with the Gubbio Project's mission to provide a safe place for homeless men and women.

We go beyond borders, too, to show how SI grads are using lessons learned in high school to shape cities and communities near and far, including San Mateo's new police chief **Ed Barberini '88** and **Gerald Posner '72**, whose new book predicts the current COVID-19 pandemic, one that forced many schools, including SI, to send students home and employ a digital learning protocol just as this magazine was going to press. (Thankfully, SI's teachers have been preparing themselves and their students in these skills for quite some time.)

These men and women are ensuring that San Francisco and other cities care for the most vulnerable, find solutions to new problems and reinvent themselves to meet challenges that otherwise would leave us looking more like the all-but-abandoned city of Petra than the shining city on a hill that **John Winthrop** envisioned when he and the passengers of the *Arbella* landed in this new world back in 1630.

These grads, and the many unsung heroes among the SI family, give me hope that our future communities will learn from the mistakes of the past to rise and shine so that we all may find space to become our best selves. — **Paul Totah '75**



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ON THE COVER: SI alumni have helped San Francisco ever since the first graduates finished their education at the original Market Street campus. Photo by Paul Totah '75.

BELOW: The FATHER SAUER ACADEMY is now fully enrolled. Page 24. Photo by Bowerbird.



COVER STORY: SI HELPING SAN FRANCISCO & BEYOND



Sean Elsbernd '93 serves as Mayor Breed's right hand in solving the City's problems

Sean Elsbernd '93 has had a busy few years serving in two of the most important political jobs in the Bay Area.

Elsbernd was [Senator Dianne Feinstein's](#) state director through her November 2018 reelection. However, just a few months prior, when [London Breed](#) won the June special election to become Mayor of San Francisco, [Elsbernd](#) was named her chief of staff. He moved into his role with [Mayor Breed's](#) administration full time on Nov. 6, 2018.

[Elsbernd](#) is no stranger to San Francisco's City Hall. He served as a senior staffer to [Mayor Gavin Newsom](#) before being appointed supervisor for District 7 in 2004. He won two subsequent elections before leaving that office on Jan. 8, 2013, as one of the longest-serving supervisors in modern city history.



Sean Elsbernd in his office at City Hall, where he displays his SI ball cap and a bust of St. Thomas More.

“I am thrilled to have Sean join my team,” Mayor Breed said after announcing Elsbernd’s appointment. “With his depth of experience, incredible intellect and proven leadership skills, he is just what my administration and our city needs.”

His job involves handling communications between the mayor and the heads of 60 city departments while also managing 75 people on the mayor’s staff. In addition, he coordinates with partners on the state and federal levels and deals with everything from budgets to neighborhood services.

“There’s a reason my duties say ‘as assigned,’” he noted. “I need to be responsive to whatever needs may arise.”

To motivate him to work hard and to remind himself of his Ignatian and Catholic roots, he taped the Prayer of St. Ignatius to his desk just below a statue of St. Thomas More. Behind him, on his bookshelf, is his SI baseball cap. “I look at the prayer card often, as it centers me,” he noted. “It also gives me a little peace and reminds me not to get distracted by all the BS I deal with.”

This January, Elsbernd sat with *Genesis* editor Paul Totah ‘75 to speak about the work the mayor’s office is doing to address many of the problems facing the city, from homelessness and the housing shortage to crime and congestion.

Q. Sean, when the mayor was sworn in, she spoke about “the twin troubles of homelessness and housing affordability.” What can you tell *Genesis* readers about the mayor’s plans to address these important issues?

A. The mayor spoke about compassion in her speech and noted that her efforts “will come with a measure of what my grandmother used to call ‘tough love.’ We are no longer accepting that compassion

means anything goes on our streets.” She added that many people are sick “and we will offer them help. But if they don’t want — or can’t — accept services, then we will bring them into treatment.” This job and my public service career have very much allowed me to constantly chase the Jesuit ideal of being a man for others, and for that I am very grateful.

We link these two issues together along with inappropriate street behavior, such as seeing someone shooting up or going to the bathroom on the street.

Clearly, we need to improve capacity in order to do this. We’ll also need to increase our ability to handle the mental health issues and grow the number of shelter beds. The mayor has committed to adding 1,000 new beds to our existing stock of 2,000 by the end of 2020. That’s a 50 percent increase. Thus far, the mayor has added 200 new shelter beds in the navigation center along the Embarcadero, which has already opened. A recent census showed 37 people housed there, and despite the protests by neighbors, there have been no problems. Instead, those who have been sleeping along the Embarcadero and around Justin Herman Plaza now have a shelter for themselves.

By April, we’ll have two new navigation centers. One will be at 888 Post, the old House of Fans, which will focus on transitional age youth, including kids who are aged out of the foster system. You don’t want to put a 19-year-old person in a shelter with older people. A second one will be at 33 Gough, right behind McRoskey Mattress Company, on a site owned by City College that they no longer use. Soon, we will have added more than the 1,000 beds we promised.

These navigation centers differ from homeless shelters, which kick you out in the morning. At most shelters, if you want a bed for another night, you have to get back in line. At navigation centers,

you have a bed during the day along with a shower, a place to wash your clothes and supportive services to connect you to the continuum of care that you need — wrap-around services that help people deal with everything from addiction to mental health diseases. They also offer job and financial training. The goal is to graduate you from a navigation center to supportive housing, which also offers services to get folks on their feet and ready for the next phase. We announced earlier this week that we will soon open 175 SROs (single room occupancy) thanks to a master lease in the old Abigail Hotel in the Tenderloin, two blocks from City Hall.

Despite all this, the work of helping get people off the streets feels like pushing a snowball up a mountain in the middle of an avalanche. Once you get people off the street, there are others to take their place.

Some people also assume that there's a one-size-fits-all solution to this. That's just not the case. Once a month, I go out with our homeless outreach teams to engage directly with people and ask them what they need to get off the streets, including the offer to send people back to their homes.

As an aside, I took my 10-year-old son, **Michael**, to Larkin Street Youth Services at Thanksgiving to serve lunch and early dinner to people there, mainly in their late teens and early 20s. I was proud of what he said — that we should do this more often. It humanizes the issue of homelessness and helps people appreciate folks who are struggling. Each has his or her individual reason for being on the streets and needs an individual way to get out. I hear all the time from friends that we should just use one giant shed on a pier and house everyone there. The solutions are just not that simple. If they were, they would have been done. It's a herculean task.

You'll hear the mayor talk more about this throughout the year that it's not just a San Francisco problem but a West Coast problem. You can find a YouTube video called "Seattle is Dying" that describes the issues that city faces. Our focus needs to be regional, and to address homelessness in San Francisco, we need help from surrounding counties so that we can address this together. Very simplistically, San Francisco has a lot of money but not a lot of land. Some neighboring counties have land but little money. There has to be a way we can partner those two.

Part of the problem is that it's hard to find locations for navigation centers in San Francisco. We looked at one site near the San Francisco Zoo where there is some vacant land, but it won't work for a variety of reasons, including the lack of infrastructure and the difficulty of going through the California Coastal Commission to get approval. Some members of the Board of Supervisors argue for geographic equity and insist that every district needs to have a navigation center. They see San Francisco through the lens of their district only and see the city as 11 puzzle pieces. The mayor needs to see this as one city, as we're in a crisis that needs to be addressed immediately.

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Q. Can you speak to issues surrounding businesses in the city? I read in the press about the vacant storefronts in North Beach, for example, and the problems posed by these vacancies.

A. The half-full view of the world is that the city's unemployment rate has been and still is at historic lows. That said, are those jobs ones that pay living wages? Do they match up with the high cost of housing? How many of the jobs at lower income levels are paid to those who commute hours to come to work, adding to our congested streets?

One of the concerns that the mayor and I have is that there aren't decisions that she can make today that will fix problems tomorrow, though they may fix problems years down the road.

There's a ballot measure in March — Proposition E — that the mayor believes will hinder small business growth. Its backers see it as a measure to stop office space development until the city meets its affordable housing needs. On the surface, that sounds fantastic, but it will impact the already high demands we have for office space.

If we cap that growth, then the basic laws of supply and

demand will take effect, and only those who can afford existing office space — the Googles, Apples and Facebooks — will lease offices, not the mom-and-pop shops, which will be squeezed out. Prop E backers think we have too many offices and that their measure will create more incentive for affordable housing. But without more offices, we can't pay for the affordable housing we need to build, as we use revenue from office construction for that purpose. It's a great example of what often happens

in government across the country when people think about solving problems quickly rather than seeing issues through the long lens of time. (Editor's note: Prop E passed on the March 3, 2020, ballot.)

There are empty storefronts, and vacancy is a problem. There's a vacancy tax on the ballot that will charge a tax to landlords who are not taking steps to fill their spaces. If they are trying, then they are exempt, but some landlords keep places empty, holding out hope for a massive lease. This has a domino effect of depressing business for neighboring store owners.

We are trying to help by reducing business and inspection fees. We have a nickel-and-dime approach that hurts small businesses. We're looking at more options to help small businesses, but we're also gearing up for a budget season where we will face a \$190 million deficit next year and a \$250 million deficit the following year.

In short, expenses are outpacing our revenue. Even though we're in a good economy where business taxes are growing, they aren't growing at nearly the pace they were four years ago and are expected to lessen in the next few years. Our expenses are climbing faster than revenue, driven by employee wage costs — everything from today's wages to tomorrow's pensions and health care. That's why the mayor has asked every department to reduce its budget by 3.5 percent. This will allow her both to cover the deficit and to grow the budget around homelessness and mental health services.

Q. People I know in the city talk about crime and car break-ins. We are facing an epidemic of auto burglaries. What's being done about this?

A. On the positive side, 2019 saw a 51-year-low in homicides. Violent crimes across the board are also significantly down compared to other major cities. The negative is property crime, which despite being down over the past two years, is still higher than six years ago.

The dangerous thing for any politician to do is to cite a crime statistic. If there's only one crime in the city, and you're the victim, then that statistic means nothing to you. One victim is one victim too many. To his credit, **Police Chief William Scott** has directed his department's resources to address this issue, which is why there has been a decline.

The guy breaking into your car is part of a sophisticated operation, stealing and fencing goods statewide and nationally. The *Los Angeles Times* reported a significant uptick in auto burglaries perpetrated by people coming from the Central Valley into the Bay Area.

Our new district attorney, **Chesa Boudin**, has spoken about his desire to bring down these networks by using decoys with tracking devices and by encouraging dedicated police units at each station. The previous DA, **Suzy Loftus**, also managed to put a dent in these numbers.

It happened to me in front of my house in Miraloma Park a couple of years ago. I received a call from the Daly City Police Department that an officer had pulled someone over and searched his car, which held tons of stuff that he had stolen, including something with my ID in it. I got everything back, though I still had to get my window fixed and had the shock of having a car break-in in front of my house.

Q. Let's move on to traffic and congestion. I'm not sure the mayor's office can do much to alleviate the gridlock that seems ever present.

A. One of the big contributors to congestion in San Francisco over the last five years is Uber and Lyft. They have had a tremendous impact in part because they were able to have state laws passed making it difficult for local governments to regulate them.

We were able to pass a ballot measure to add a surcharge on all Uber and Lyft rides anywhere in San Francisco. This will generate \$35 million a year for transit mitigation, and we're optimistic that this will help.

We'll use part of that money for more bus rapid transit red lanes, though that won't thrill some drivers. We hope it encourages people to use public transportation, as I do to get to work. Earlier this week, I dropped my car off at a garage on



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Mission and Silver to have it serviced. I was happy to help a small business and even happier when MUNI and BART got me to City Hall in 22 minutes.

We're also increasing the number of protected bike lanes because, despite the decrease in homicides, we're seeing more bike and pedestrian fatalities. Anything we can do to help bike commuters be safe, we'll try to do. The solutions have to be balanced to ensure that everyone has a safe route to work and back home.

Q. I live in Pacifica, where talk of managed retreat from climate change has created sharp divisions among my neighbors. How is San Francisco getting ready for rising sea levels and other effects of climate change?

A. The Great Highway south of Sloat Boulevard used to be two lanes. Now it's one lane and soon we'll have to abandon that. It's a perfect example of how erosion and sea level rise are affecting us right now.

In Pacifica, where you live, the city owns and operates Sharp Park Golf Course. The odds are slim to none that it will still be an 18-hole golf course decades from now.

Mission Rock Partners, which is a joint venture between the San Francisco Giants and Tishman Speyer, will soon break ground on a redevelopment of the Port's 28-acre Parking Lot A. They are planning to elevate the land to adjust to what we all know will be a higher sea level by the end of the century.

We also have an aging and crumbling seawall that starts just south of the Bay Bridge and extends to Fisherman's Wharf. If we had another big earthquake, coupled with rising sea levels, we could see some massive flooding in the most expensive property on the West Coast. We're already working

with the Army Corps of Engineers to rebuild those walls thanks to a \$500 million bond approved by voters. Engineers are doing their homework now and starting to draft a plan, but you won't see construction for a couple of years.

Q. It seems as if every major problem winds up on your desk, and that solutions are hard, if not impossible, to come by. Is your job satisfying or frustrating?

A. Despite the enormous challenges, my job is both satisfying and rewarding. I'm reminded every day I walk into City Hall how lucky I am to have this job. There's no question that I'm sometimes frustrated, as this is a difficult job, but I'm in a position where I really can help. This is a pretty cool place to work.

The reality is that this is a continuous effort. You can never rest. You can never stop. It's a big deal to add 1,000 new shelter beds in 18 months. Even if it hasn't translated into an optical difference on the street, it's still monumental. ☺

Policing the Peninsula: Ed Barberini '88 uses compassion as his compass

San Mateo's new chief of police, **Ed Barberini '88**, who was sworn in Feb. 3, has risen through the ranks of law enforcement on the Peninsula.

Along the way, he has gained accolades as chief of police for San Bruno and the de facto chief of Millbrae's law enforcement efforts while he served in the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. He also served as the county's director of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Services when he was part of the team that dealt with the San Bruno pipeline explosion.

Just a few of the high-profile cases that happened under his watch include the shootings at YouTube headquarters and the Tanforan Mall.

Most people would assume **Barberini's** success comes from being tough on crime. However, when you spend time with him, and stop noticing just how tall and imposing a figure he is, you learn something important about **Barberini**: just how compassionate and caring he is for the police who work for him, for victims of crime and even for criminals.

"I try to be compassionate toward criminals as well as victims, because we have to have that approach as we interact with everyone," he noted. "That's the lesson **SI** and my parents taught me — to genuinely care about what you do and care for others. The environment we work in can be so negative, and it's easy to lose sight of the circumstances of the lives of those with whom we work. I tell my officers that they can do their jobs without being jerks. We're not here to judge people but to serve. Sometimes that means having to take away freedom and use force, but more often than not, we're just trying to help by being empathetic and showing a level of care that will make our community stronger."

In his new role in San Mateo, **Barberini** supervises more than double the 49 sworn police officers he worked with in San Bruno as he manages a \$47 million annual budget in a city of nearly 105,000 people. He also stepped into an office with school ties, as his predecessor in San Mateo, **Susan Manheimer**, had sent her children to **SI**.

"**Susan** served in that role for 19 years, and any time you follow a chief with that kind of tenure, you know she has done a great job and is beloved by her community. I'm thankful for the transition she provided me with, and I hope I can bring fresh eyes to help find cost-effective ways of serving the people of San Mateo."

Barberini brings to the job a wealth of experience starting when he was 24 working in the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office in East Palo Alto and then on the coast near Half Moon Bay.

"My first call was a domestic violence case involving two people who had been married for 42 years screaming at each other and throwing things. I knew I couldn't fix their problems, and I felt helpless as do most cops in that situation."

Since then, he has educated himself to become a better cop and problem solver. Before becoming a deputy, he had earned a bachelor's degree from SFSU in political science, thinking he might become a lawyer. Later, he earned a master's degree in public administration from Cal State East Bay and a master's

degree in Homeland Defense and Security from the Naval Postgraduate School. He has also studied at Harvard and Stanford in a State and Local Leaders in Government Program — all of which helped him develop his philosophies and hone his skills.

"My parents taught us never to bully or be cruel and never to say the word 'hate' in the house unless we were talking about the Dodgers. I stress the same need for compassion and empathy with the

law enforcement officers with whom I work. Often, we're called to someone's house who is having a rough day and working through family problems. Our job is to show a level of care and do what good we can in the hopes of making our community stronger."

Barberini has seen the advantage that body-mounted cameras, surveillance cameras and other high-tech innovations have brought to police work. "I have a libertarian streak that runs through me, so I'm sensitive to privacy issues, but we have to look at the benefits to communities, even if it means sacrificing some privacy. Thanks to license-plate readers, cell phones and GPS, you're not as anonymous as you once were driving around the Bay Area. You're never really off the grid. Back when I started, I thought the first pager I had was incredible. Now we have technology becoming more mainstream to help us fight crime."

Those tools come in handy given the new reality of criminals who don't limit themselves to the areas where they live. "The world has gotten smaller, and in San Bruno and San Mateo, we're policing folks from all over the state, country and world. SFO is a stone's throw away from us, and we're connected through Caltrain and BART. I used to know which bad guys were on the street and even knew their families. Now people are coming here to commit crimes and leaving. That's leading us to be more collaborative with cities throughout the Western U.S."

Another challenge police face is responding to changing laws. "We've seen an uptick in property crimes partly as a result of changes in legislation. Violations that would have sent you to jail no longer have that punishment. Those of us in law

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enforcement, instead of throwing our hands up and complaining, need to adapt to what our communities are demanding of us. We need to remind ourselves that it's the voters who tell legislators what laws need to be changed."

He understands the challenges facing law enforcement officers, including the long commute many have, given the high cost of living on the Peninsula. While he was chief in San Bruno, he added a barracks for officers to spend the night after working long shifts. "The work is taxing. Imagine being a 22-year-old police officer going from problem to problem. That takes a mental and physical toll on you. Add to that an extended commute and time away from family, and it makes for a tough situation."

To help those under his command, he stresses wellness and resiliency programs, and he has partnered with the Mindfulness Badge Initiative out of Portland, Ore., to lead retreats for San Bruno's police officers. "My goal is to address these men and women as individuals, not just as cops. The more resilient they are, the more prepared they are to serve their community. I know personally just how stressful this career can be, as it has strained several of my relationships. I wish someone had pulled me aside when I first began my career to tell me to focus on what's important."

Barberini is still close with his SI classmates and with fellow alumni law enforcement officers. "The late **Jim Kerrigan '85**, who was a few years older than me, was key in showing me the right way to do police work, and I owe him for the solid advice he gave me. I also value the strong relationships with other SI alumni and the value of a Catholic school education. I work with grads from many Bay Area Catholic schools, and they have in common a value system instilled in us to be men and women for and with others. That still means a lot to me, as does my faith. If nothing else, it taught me how to be true to myself, not to compromise and to always do the right thing." ∞

RIGHT: Ed Barberini served as San Bruno's police chief before heading San Mateo's police force.



Paul Henderson '85 takes the helm at the Department of Police Accountability

It's easy to look at two jobs held by Paul Henderson '85 and make snap judgments about his relationship to the SFPD.

When he served in the San Francisco District Attorney's office, people assumed he and police officers formed a united front against criminals.

Now that he is executive director of the Department of Police Accountability — a post he has held since July 2017 — some believe that he is biased against those same police officers.

"Both of these assumptions are wrong," said Henderson. "My main concern is justice, not backing any particular group. I'm neither for nor against cops. I hope to encourage appropriate behavior by taking an objective approach so that there is both accountability and transparency in how our police and community interact."

The job is particularly challenging, he added, "because no matter what action we take, people aren't happy. Some community members who feel wronged want police officers jailed, fired or have their pensions revoked. On the other side, some police officers, along with the Police Officers Association, feel that some reprimands or suspensions are too harsh. Both sides can be equally frustrated when we take action. While I support the work our police officers do, I sincerely believe there is room for improvement. They have an enormously difficult job, and most try to be the best they can be. However, the police need to be accountable for their actions to the communities that they serve when their conduct is wrongful, illegal or inappropriate."

Henderson, who manages a staff of 50 and a budget of \$11 million, has seen a 31 percent uptick in complaints and investigations since 2017, a year when his office opened 659 new cases and closed 609. "We closed many of those cases through mediation, which plays a role in helping resolve issues and working toward restorative justice," Henderson added. Under his watch, the number of these mediations has doubled from just two years ago.

He and his investigators wade through complaints that range from "excessive force" to offenses such as rudeness. "Some may technically constitute an offense but may not warrant discipline. More often than not, people who file a complaint just want to be heard and have a chance to tell the department their side of an encounter."

Complaints fall under several categories, including officers failing to take action or follow a rule (commonly known as neglect of duty), taking action not allowed by policies (unwarranted action), behavior inappropriate or making

inappropriate comments (conduct reflecting discredit) and officers using unnecessary force.

Henderson has seen first-hand how police action hasn't been ideal. "When I was a sophomore at SI, I was riding with friends on the 29 bus at Stonestown mall, when police officers pulled

me off the bus and accused me of sneaking on. I had a MUNI Fast Pass, so the charge simply wasn't true. I was the only person of color among my group of friends, and I was the only one pulled off. My mother was a San Francisco Public Defender at the time, and she chose not to take care of the matter on my behalf so that this would become a teachable moment for me. In order to challenge the detention and citation, I had to appear before a magistrate at the Youth Guidance

Center and defend myself against the meritless allegations."

Henderson described two more of his own interactions with law enforcement. As a college student at UCLA, he was detained while running to an ATM to withdraw money. Police alleged that he matched the description of a suspected jewelry thief in the Beverly Hills area. "They detained me in an alley for quite a while. No one explained anything to me, and no action was taken against the police despite my complaints."

Years later, when Henderson was working as a DA in San Francisco, he was detained at gunpoint by police who stopped him while he drove through the Bayview District to visit family. "I was wearing a suit with my prosecutor's badge in my pocket and wondering why guns were pointed at my face. These experiences gave me insight into how law enforcement efforts are seen in certain communities, and we have to be able to address these concerns through community engagement and communication. We can't fix what we don't talk about."

The SFPD is a better force than it was decades ago, Henderson believes, because of civilian oversight agencies like the DPA that can hold officers engaged in misconduct accountable and make policy recommendations based on thorough analysis.

"Recently, the number of complaints against San Francisco's police have been growing. This isn't a reflection that police are doing badly; instead, it may mean that community members who once felt isolated from conversations about accountability now believe they have recourse when they feel wronged. We all want public safety, but communities deserve to define how that takes place."

Henderson gets the word out about the role of his office through partnerships with community groups and at town hall meetings where public safety is part of the conversation. His

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— Paul Henderson '85

office also distributes flyers and accepts anonymous complaints through the department's website.

Body-worn cameras have helped **Henderson** and his team determine the facts of many complaints. "These cameras provide objective evidence of interactions between the police and the community, so we don't have to rely only on interpreted versions of what happened. Cameras aren't always on, however. Police turn them off during breaks, private moments and defined work periods. But when they are on, and there are encounters in question, they clear up ambiguity."

Beginning in 2010, **Henderson** worked as deputy chief of staff for **Mayor Ed Lee** and **Acting Mayor London Breed** before being nominated by the Police Commission in 2017 to take on his new role. He was sworn in by **Mayor Mark Farrell '92** in 2018 when his job became permanent.

Henderson is grateful for broad improvements in law enforcement policies regarding use of force. His office now investigates all officer-involved shootings that occur in the city that result in a death or injury. "Likewise, we're involved in developing better policies, ones that help police know what is and isn't allowed. They can't do better if they don't know better, so guidelines have to be clear."

His hope, he added, "is that my office becomes a model for other cities and states to follow. Public safety has always been an inclusive partnership that only works when all sides are active participants. The way to move forward is for all of us — civilian oversight departments, the SFPD and the people of San Francisco — to work together. Raising these issues, having conversations and negotiating a standard of behavior benefits our police officers as much as it does the public." ∞

RIGHT: **Paul Henderson** previously worked as a deputy district attorney and deputy chief of staff to **Mayor Ed Lee**.



Rick Yuen '74 & APA Family Support Services help the most vulnerable in the city

For the first few years of Rick Yuen's life, daycare meant hanging out near the corner of Clay and Waverly Place by the old Uncle's Cafe, saying hello to neighbors and looking for pennies.

"That curb was my version of preschool until I was 4," he noted.

Now, as executive director of APA Family Support Services on Nottingham Place, just a few blocks from his former Chinatown play space, Yuen '74 works to ensure that children and infants have a better experience than he had.

Founded in 1987, APA (which once stood for Asian Perinatal Advocates) serves around 8,000 people each year in its mission to build healthy families by preventing child abuse and domestic violence, to help families successfully reunite and to create networks and training modules for parents unsure how to care for their children.

The non-profit has since expanded beyond the San Francisco Asian community, and now 40 percent of those who use its services are non-Asian.

Yuen, who retired as a Stanford University administrator in 2015, first joined the board at APA several years ago. Since then, he has seen firsthand the good his agency does.

"These days, many people in the Bay Area envision characters from *Crazy Rich Asians* when they think of people from the Far East. But there are still many Asian refugees and immigrants who live below the poverty line, and we work with them to try to make a difference."

Yuen tells the story of one woman who came to APA terrified of her husband, who was abusing her and her 2-year-old son. "She never reported domestic violence to the police as she was afraid for her life," said Yuen. "Once, when she tried to call 911, her husband yanked the cord from the wall and promised to beat her if she ever did that again. She came to our office to tell her story, and one of our social workers sent her to the emergency room. In the meantime, her husband ran off with her child. APA worked with her and Child Protective Services until her child was found. She divorced her husband and has full custody, and the two now live in an affordable housing unit."

Another one of his case managers worked with a mother and her 15-year-old daughter. "Their relationship was verbally abusive toward each other. The daughter moved out and would come home only for a day or two to get her clothes. Our manager used talk-therapy and listening skills to have each tell the other what they were thinking and feeling. It took a while, but they are now doing better. At one point, when the case manager asked the daughter to draw a picture representing her relationship with her mother, she came up with two hands holding each other. That may seem small, but it represented a breakthrough in their relationship and an end to their estrangement."

APA also teaches expectant mothers and new mothers how to breastfeed and care for their newborns, and it provides clothing, diapers and food supplies for those in need thanks to a network of funders and partner organizations throughout the city.

The agency has seven offices in five neighborhoods throughout San Francisco and offers services in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai and Spanish. In addition to parent support, which includes early literacy and economic self-sufficiency, APA offers home visits for crisis intervention and focuses on community development, especially in the southeast section of the city through its Visitacion Valley Strong Families program.

"It's also the small things that mean much to me," Yuen added. "I attended a baby shower we hosted for all of the moms in our maternity workshop. That event also featured a seminar on breastfeeding. The main gift those dozen expectant mothers received, however, was the network and community they formed. They didn't know each other before they came to APA, but now they have a strong bond and the ability to find information and community that they need."

His own mother, Nancy, lacked that kind of network. "After my grandmother died, a victim of cancer, my mother had few relatives in the city. She married my father, whom she met at the reception desk at Stanford Hospital, then located in San Francisco, where her mother was being treated, and at 17, she had my sister, Sandy. I wish my mother had access to the kind of community we nurture at APA."

Yuen did have a community at St. Mary's Chinese School and Mission in the heart of Chinatown, but when he came to SI, he had to find his own place in a predominantly white school. He and others formed the first Asian Students Coalition and found mentors in teachers such as Steve Phelps, who taught him sociology and who helped him understand the value of context in understanding those different from him.

At Cal, Yuen earned bachelor's degrees in sociology and Asian American Studies and, from SFSU, a master's degree in social work. In 1989, he found a home at Stanford, where he served as director of the Asian American Activities Center, the dean of the freshman class and the school's judicial officer. That latter role, he noted "was a lot like what Brother Draper did when I was a student at SI."

Even after retiring in 2015 from those jobs, he continued to work part-time at Stanford, helping to determine Knight-Hennessy Scholar awards for graduate students in all fields. He also volunteered to serve on the Stanford Historical Society, and he began his term as president of that group in June 2019.

He has also served on a handful of other nonprofit boards, including the Buchanan YMCA, and he tutors kindergarten students at Sherman School.

Yuen credits his success at working with diverse communities to his time at SI "where the majority of students were white, and many questioned why we needed the BSU, the ASC and ALAS. Those debates prepared me for my jobs at Stanford, as they taught me how to negotiate with others and work side-by-side with well-intentioned folks who thought differently from me."

To find out more about APA, visit the organization's website at apafss.org.

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Aaron '04 and Michael Bellings '07 offer advice on how to survive SF's home prices

Aaron Bellings '04 and Michael Bellings '07, the founders of the Bellings Brothers Real Estate Team, may not be identical twins, but they are the closest thing to HGTV's *Property Brothers* San Francisco has, especially given their passion for selling homes.

They come from a long line of realtors, starting with their grandmother Marilyn Bellings, who was among an elite group of realtors in New Jersey, as was her son, David Bellings, who is a top producer in San Francisco.

Rather than join their father's brokerage — as many children of realtors do — Aaron and Michael chose to blaze their own trail. "We just didn't want to be handed our success," said Michael. "That's how our parents raised us."

Both men worked for Fortune 500 companies right out of college, and both found their jobs unfulfilling. They decided in 2012 to become partners in their own real estate team and were open for business the following year. In their first year out of the gate, they finished in the top 20 percent of all San Francisco realtors and are now among the top 1 percent. In 2017, they were named among the "Rising Stars" in their industry by *San Francisco Magazine* and *Silicon Valley Magazine*, and Michael was honored as a National Association of Realtors "30 Under 30" Realtor in 2018.

They cut their teeth early in the business helping their father, who would bring them along on weekend open houses and brokers' tours. "I was the little kid shaking hands as people entered and telling them to meet my father in the kitchen," said Michael.

Aaron had another job. "We both learned to love meeting new people and hearing their stories, but I would also hang out on the top floors of houses to make sure people didn't steal things or mess things up. I was 10 and doing secret security work."

They both loved working as entrepreneurs as kids, first by starting their own lemonade stands and then by cashing in on the Beanie Baby craze. "That's how I bought my first car," said Aaron. "I started at 10 negotiating with adults over the prices. I sold one for \$60 that I later found for \$5 and have kept as a souvenir of our entrepreneurial spirit ever since."

The two early on dreamt of starting their own business together, "though not necessarily real estate," said Michael. "We tossed around a lot of ideas before landing on the obvious choice."

"Real estate is the pinnacle of sales, and the pinnacle of real estate is San Francisco," added Aaron. "We love every block of the city and love selling what is typically our client's most expensive asset."

After simultaneously leaving their jobs to go into business together, they started out of the family home by drawing neighborhood lines on a map of San Francisco. "My father saw what we were doing and told us that we could buy maps like this," said Michael.

They joined their first brokerage, Vanguard Properties, on Mission Street and spent their first five years there before joining Compass and moving their headquarters to Beach Street. What hasn't changed is their competitiveness with each

other and with other realtors. "Every time we close a deal, we run our numbers against every other agent in the city to see how we stack up. After our third year, we finished 15th in the city. Only 14 other realtors in San Francisco did more volume than we did and that was a huge and humbling accomplishment for us."

As their business continues to grow, so is their team. In 2019, they brought on Teryssa Pineda '14 as their director of operations.

Their greatest joy, they say, comes from helping first-time buyers and older people ready to sell. "When I call someone with good news, I love hearing them scream or cry," said Michael. "That's when I choke up too."

He tells the story of one seller in his 70s who grew up in his Richmond District home and who was offered \$1.6 million for his property by a developer. "We told him not to sign the deal and to spend \$50,000 to fix his place up a bit. We ultimately helped him sell his home for \$2.1 million, all cash. When he thanked us, he was in tears. It was bittersweet for him, but it set him up for retirement."

They both know, too, how hard it is for anyone wanting to purchase a home in one of the most expensive markets in the world. "We try to demystify the buying process," said Michael. "People have unrealistic ideas about what's out there, and we try to come up with creative solutions for folks to buy their first home, including exploring FHA or less-than-20-percent-down loans. We try to work within the means of our buyers, who have both lifestyle and budget needs, and we try to match the two. For people who want to live in NoPa or Hayes Valley but who can't afford homes there, we'll ask them to think about Glen Park, Sunnyside and the Ocean Avenue corridor."

"More than half our transactions aren't for the uber-rich," added Aaron. "Most people, even those in their 40s, get help from their parents. We also hear stories about homes that sell far over the asking price for all cash, but most of the homes we sell are within 5 to 10 percent of asking and involve financing. Our job is to educate people and help them adjust their expectations. The key is to be honest and transparent and not sugarcoat the reality."

They also mourn some of what they see. "We love the city because we grew up here," said Michael. "We're seeing some of the fabric of each neighborhood disappear. A lot of neighborhoods around the city used to have vibrant and distinct cultures at one point, and now it's becoming very vanilla. That's sad, as we're losing the melting pot flavor that made this place amazing. It's a bit like an Apple Store now."

They predict that for 2020, home prices will continue to plateau. "We're not headed for a bust, but a flattening," said Aaron. "Companies like Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, Salesforce and Twitter are driving the bus. People who work for these companies need to live somewhere, and people working in Silicon Valley want to live in the city, not in the boring valley."

The reality is that San Francisco has always been expensive, added Michael. "The numbers are just getting larger. The story hasn't changed." ∞

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FROM LEFT: Michael and Aaron Bellings are now part the Compass network of realtors.

The Salma siblings help buyers become their own real estate experts

Salma & Company, a real estate firm started by **Yasin (Sal) Salma**, has grown into a true family business now that it's run by three of his four children — **Ryan '00** and his twin sisters, **Laila '95** and **Rhanda '95**.

The three take the idea of family to heart, too, with their clients. “Perhaps because we’re siblings, we treat our clients as if they are part of our family,” said **Laila**.

The three work well together, added **Rhanda**, “because we all know the strengths each of us has. We’re able to come together as a team, too, because we share the same values of service and integrity that help us put our clients first.”

Laila's expertise is with multifamily and mixed-used units. **Ryan**, with a background in construction, focuses on new developments, while **Rhanda** is the go-to sibling for residential sales. “We started our real estate careers focusing on these areas, but now we all sell residential and commercial properties as well as provide residential leasing services,” added **Laila**.

Even their sister **Mona '94**, while not a part of the company, lent her husband, **Mark Hoffman**, to the firm to serve as architect for the company's new headquarters on Fillmore Street in Cow Hollow, and **Laila's** husband, **Mikael Jakobson**, was the general contractor for the remodel.

The company was founded by their Palestinian father in 1969. He and his wife also ran the Marina Café between 1980 and 1995, and the two were involved with the Marina Merchants Association. **Sal**, whose first realty company was on Castro Street, was appointed to various commissions by several San Francisco mayors.

“Stepping into his shoes in the realty business wasn't hard for us,” added **Laila**. “We've always worked in the family businesses, including the café, and we grew used to talking about real estate at the kitchen table. That's where we learned our craft.”

The siblings are also rooted in their community and were neighborhood supporters of Shake Shack moving into its new digs on the corner of Fillmore and Union, just next to their office.

Deepening those roots were their experiences at their primary schools — Convent Elementary and Stuart Hall for Boys — and at SI, where each excelled as athletes. **Laila** and **Rhanda** played soccer and tennis, and **Ryan** rowed crew. They did well in college, too — **Ryan** at Cal, and **Laila** and **Rhanda** at Cal Poly. **Laila** went on to earn her master's degree in social work from Columbia, and now uses her background in psychology to help her understand the needs of those looking to buy homes in one of the most expensive markets in the world.

“Real estate is a people business that involves service to others,” she noted. “For first-time home buyers, this can be an emotional time, and I love helping them through this.”

Ryan relies on “the strong work ethic I learned as a rower at Cal and at SI, where I found a community with my teammates. Learning how to deal with pressure-cooker stress has helped me in this job.”

Rhanda, who majored in economics and business, found lifelong lessons in her Mergers and Acquisitions course. “That's where I learned about business strategy, which helps me see the big picture and determine a path to help clients achieve their goals.”

“There are days when we may disagree with each other, but we always come together to find solutions,” added **Rhanda**.

They tell the story of clients who had just signed a contract to buy a home in Eureka Valley. “After one night of heavy rains, water began pouring into the basement,” said **Laila**. “This wasn't a problem anyone knew about beforehand. The buyers were under a great deal of stress. I gathered with **Rhanda** and **Ryan**, and thanks to our network of vendors, we were able to pull a structural engineer off a job to assess the problem and come up with a solution, and we were able to negotiate a sizable credit on behalf of our buyers.”

The **Salmas** also offer common-sense advice to people looking to buy a home. “It's important to be a saver,” said **Laila**. “A down payment of 30 percent may give you an edge over other bidders.”

Rhanda noted that “when you're ready to buy and can't make a cash offer, be fully credit-approved with a local lender who has a great reputation. That matters for sellers. Buyers should also be ready to live in a home for seven to 10 years in order to negate any weird market fluctuations.”

“It takes a village to get into a winning-offer position,” added **Ryan**. “For that, buyers need a team who knows the city well and who is willing to do due-diligence. We want our buyers to learn by working with us so that they can become their own real estate experts. As an example, they need to pay attention to staging choices that may make rooms look bigger than they actually are.”

“We also hope to help clients see how they can improve their property over time to capture value,” added **Rhanda**. “For that, we need to be sure they know all the codes that may apply to them, including height restrictions. We also want them to consider neighborhoods that may not be on their radar. San Francisco is a city of wonderful neighborhoods, and they may be surprised how much they like Miraloma Park or the Excelsior District.”

Laila added that “thanks to the education that happens during the buying process, we love it when clients tell us that they are convinced they have found the right property and say, ‘This is my home. I'm ready to go at this price and at these terms.’”

The best realtors, **Ryan** added, “don't forget buyers after a sale. We stay on as consultants and offer tips and vendor recommendations. I recently visited friends in Berkeley who had purchased a one-bedroom home five years ago. They had just added two more bedrooms to accommodate their growing family. It's lovely to see how their family and home have evolved over the years.”

The real satisfaction, added **Laila**, “is that we get to feel good helping people achieve their dreams and guiding them along the way.” ∞

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FROM LEFT: Rhanda, Laila and Ryan Salma atop the San Francisco Art Institute. Photo by Alison Hoffman.

AMDG Revisited: Tony del Zompo '84 reflects on the value of community & reunions

BY TONY DEL ZOMPO '84

I'm always a little ambivalent about high school reunions. Although I enjoyed my four years at SI, I affected a personality that allowed me to navigate a difficult time in my life. I became "Delz," a pseudo-jock party animal who somehow managed to perform well enough academically to avoid any real trouble. I played football, made a few friends and went to the dances, but I always felt like a blue-collar kid at a white-collar school.

My father graduated from SH in 1947, and he was not at all pleased by my decision to attend SI. He was a sergeant in the SFPD, and his drinking had been escalating since my mother divorced him when I was in the second grade at St. Cecilia's. He hit bottom hard my freshman year, but as his alcoholism was coming to an end, mine was picking up speed. I had no idea that the choices I was making at the time would have long-term implications.

Our last reunion was set to take place Sept. 21, 2019. Although the class of '84 meets annually for a holiday luncheon, this was a big one, as 35 years have passed since our commencement ceremony. Along with the time, so have a number of our classmates. **Jim Maloney** was the latest member of our class to pass away, and many of us gathered at his memorial Mass at St. Ignatius Church one week before our reunion dinner.

Although I learned of **Jim's** illness in the final few weeks of his life, I made a decision not to see him before he died. It's not that I'm uncomfortable with death; I've worked with the elderly for most of my career and have been a hospice volunteer for the last two years. I've come to believe that the final moments of a person's life can be the most precious and that the space around them should be held by close friends and family. I couldn't count myself among those dearest to **Jim**, but his death and memorial service juxtaposed with our class reunion was a stark reminder that I'm on the downhill slope of life's bell curve.

After the service ended, I bumped into **Tim Stretch** outside the church. I didn't recognize him at first because I hadn't seen him since our 25-year reunion. **Tim** was our class president and valedictorian, and during his commencement address, he challenged us to pursue excellence in the years ahead. When I reminded **Tim** about

his speech, he cocked his head and raised his eyebrows.

"You remember that?" he asked.

"I do, but not for reasons you might think."

I admitted to **Tim** that I had been angered at the time by his mandate, but I didn't possess the emotional intelligence at 18 to comprehend my feelings. It's almost embarrassing that it took this long to realize why his words had struck a nerve.

By the time I finished high school, I had already made a lifetime commitment to mediocrity.

Without football to tether me, I lost all ambition. I chose to attend U.C. Santa Barbara, an infamous party school, rather than U.C. Berkeley. That was only the beginning. By the time I was 21, what little character I still possessed was deeply flawed, and it would take the better part of my 40s to amend the consequences of many of my choices. While I've minimized most of my regrets, there remain outcomes that simply cannot be undone. When I finally realized a few years ago that I had wasted more opportunities than many people will have in their entire lives, I stopped taking things for granted.

"Well," **Tim** said, "we're still young enough. We have plenty of time."

Given the context, his words seemed tinged by denial. I laughed and turned my head toward the church.

"How can you be so sure?" I asked.

We walked back to our cars and caught up on our lives. We both planned to attend the reunion the following week, and I was grateful for a chance to reconvene under happier circumstances.

I can understand why people don't attend reunions. Some of us are busy, many have moved, and not everybody had a good time in high school. I'm not one for small talk, and it's not always easy to find things to talk about with men I haven't seen in decades. Although it's tempting to behave as if I'm reprising my role in a coming-of-age comedy, the truth is that I'd rather have authentic conversations with men I hardly knew in high school than talk about my glory days with the guys I once considered friends but with whom I now have little left in common.

When we gathered again at the Elks Lodge on Post street, **Mike Silvestri '67**, **Bob Drucker '58**, and **Shel Zatkin** delighted us with a surprise appearance. **Bob** coached our basketball team to the CCS

playoffs at the Oakland Coliseum, and **Mike** was our varsity baseball coach and accounting teacher. **Shel** taught history my senior year, and he had been my junior varsity football coach when he was 33 and I was 15. It's amazing how much the 18-year span between us has narrowed. He seemed like an old man to me back then. Now 71, **Shel** looks better than some of my former classmates.

After dinner, when most of the men moved to the bar, I fell into a conversation with classmates **Craig Law**, **Chris Gulli** and **Dan Jew**. I hadn't been close with any of them during high school, and when I finally admitted to **Dan** that I need a prompt by which I would remember him, he told me that he had been a "theatre geek" and that he spent most of his time involved in productions put on by the drama department. He was able to convert his love of theatre into what sounded like a very cool career with Disney. **Dan** is responsible for the staging and layout of some of the rides that many of us have enjoyed, most notably, the Indiana Jones Adventure. It became obvious to me that his time at SI was time well spent.

I admitted to **Dan** that when **Peter Devine '66** asked me to join the Theatre Department during our senior year, I declined.

When he asked why, I said, "At that time, I told myself that theatre was for dorks, but the truth is that I was afraid because I didn't think I had any talent."

"Wow," **Craig** told me. "The **Delz** I remember would never have said anything like that."

"**Craig**, I certainly hope I'm not the 'Delz' you remember."

I know that I'm not. The two hip replacements I endured this year and my 13 and a half years of sobriety remind me that I am not the young maniac I was when I started at nose guard and busted wedges on the special teams unit for the varsity football team my senior year.

Even though 24 hours remain between today and tomorrow, time seems to move more quickly when the days shorten as summer comes to an end. By the time we reach the winter solstice, I feel as if I'm on a freefall without a net. Suddenly another year has passed as a new one begins.

I'm certain that 2024 will be here before I know it, and, God willing, many of us will return once again for our 40-year reunion. In the meantime, I'll remember **Tim's** call to excel. If not now, when? ∞

The author, TOP PHOTO, second from right, at his 35-year reunion last year at the Elks Lodge #3. Photo by Marc Dioso '84. BELOW: more from that reunion. CENTER: Classmates gathered for their 30-year reunion at Alioto's.



Eddy Gutierrez '85, a deacon at St. Ignatius Church, shares life lessons with the faithful

Twice a month, **Eddy Gutierrez '85**, a permanent deacon, offers the homily at St. Ignatius Church on Parker Street. Unlike the priests who also preach on Sundays, he is a father in the literal sense of the word, as he and his wife, **Diane Cattolica Gutierrez**, have four children, ranging in age from 10 to 23, and stories of his family often enter his homilies.

In the 105-year history of the church, **Gutierrez** is the only permanent deacon to serve there.

He sometimes brings to his ministry a few of his struggles, including discovering late in life that he was dyslexic. "That's one reason why I wasn't a great student at SI. The other was that I struggled with alcohol, a problem that started in grammar school. It was tough growing up as there were a lot of problems at home, and I got into a lot of nonsense."

Gutierrez has been sober for 15 years, and when he stopped drinking, he began looking inward and found help from his former principal, **Mario Prietto, S.J.** "He introduced me to a psychology professor at USF and later encouraged me to apply to become a deacon."

Gutierrez had found help earlier from **Fr. Prietto**. "He helped me when I struggled with grades at SI, but when he pulled me aside, it wasn't to scold me but to give me a pep talk."

He also found mentors in **Charlie Gagan, S.J. '55**, a former pastor at St. Ignatius Church, and in **John Coleman, S.J. '54**, who is an associate pastor there. "**Fr. Coleman** served as my spiritual director. He intimidated the hell out of me at first, as he's so smart, and **Fr. Gagan** was always there to talk things out with me." In **Greg Bonfiglio, S.J.**, the former chair of SI's Board of Trustees and the current pastor of St. Ignatius, he found "an older brother. He nurtures my ministry at the church."

For his day job, **Gutierrez** has worked for 30 years in the private wealth management business, first for Lehman Brothers and now for Oppenheimer & Company in San Francisco.

His journey toward the diaconate began when he saw himself "just going through the motions of being a Catholic. I told myself that I needed to be more committed to my faith since I wanted to pass it on to my kids, and I began a multiyear exploration of Catholicism and other religions."

One day, he read an article written by a permanent deacon that moved him. "I didn't know what a permanent deacon was and thought it was an interesting ministry. Throughout the following years, the diaconate would come up, and the thought of being a deacon would stay with me longer. Years later, while

celebrating our 15-year anniversary with my wife at the Cliff House, I mentioned to her that I was interested in applying."

He and his wife attended an information night in 2008, "and **Diane** asked more questions than I did. That's when I learned I needed a letter from my pastor, who at the time was **Fr. Gagan**. I was grateful that he recommended me."

He started his formation for the diaconate in 2009, the year his youngest child was born. "I attended meetings with 21 other guys, and as I listened to each of them speak, they all mentioned that friends of theirs had told them they would be perfect for the diaconate. No one had ever told me that, so I asked **Fr. Coleman**, who said that 'the difference between your experience and theirs is that you were called. In times of prayer, it's just you and this longing to hear the word of God and the stirrings you feel. After a while, you realize you're on the right path.'"

In addition to preaching twice a month, **Gutierrez** teaches an RCIA class every Sunday to 20 to 25 adults and helps out with marriage preparation. "I do these on my own, but my wife's hand is in all that I do, as she accompanied me during my formation, and I value her

wisdom and insights."

Initially, he added, "I asked how being a deacon would fit into my life. By the time I finished formation, I realized that I had it backwards. I started to ask how I could live up to my new role of being a deacon."

Having a family and a career helps him as a deacon, he added. "I can offer a perspective as a father and husband, as a guy who pays a mortgage and tuition and as a coach of a Little League team. I find God in all things, especially in the relationships I have, and I bring those insights into my homilies as I pray over the Gospels. I find a message that speaks to me, and parishioners tell me they can relate to what I have to say."

He gathers with other deacons every month or so for dinner. "We discuss our family and friends, and then we always talk about our ministry. We lift each other up and support each other. If one of us comes up with a dumb idea, we'll tell him it's dumb. That's what brothers are for."

Gutierrez plans on serving as a deacon "until the day I die. I haven't walked away from an RCIA meeting, a marriage prep class or a liturgy not feeling fulfilled. They all energize me so much that I can't imagine not doing this. It's a lot like marriage — the more you give, the more you get." ☞

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Eddy Gutierrez, pictured in St. Ignatius' Orradre Chapel, is the only permanent deacon at St. Ignatius Church, where St Ignatius grads now celebrate their Baccalaureate Mass. **INSET:** At the 2018 Easter liturgy at St. Ignatius Church. Photo courtesy of St. Ignatius Parish.

Theresa Bayze, veteran teacher and administrator, leads the Father Sauer Academy

The Father Sauer Academy began when **SI President Eddie Reese, S.J.**, came to SI with the dream of doing in San Francisco what he did so well at Brophy High School in Phoenix — create a free middle school to help deserving scholars prepare for a rigorous college preparatory program.

This year, the Academy fully realized that dream when a new group of scholars entered in August, bringing the sixth, seventh and eighth grade enrollment to 71. The school is now running on all cylinders, thanks, too, to four full-time and three part-time teachers, one athletic director, two Alumni Volunteer Corps workers and an office assistant.

Most of the credit belongs to **Karen Hammen**, the academy's former director, who orchestrated the school's growth and success for the past three years, and **Theresa Bayze**, who became FSA's new director in January. **Hammen** is working with **Bayze** throughout this spring to help with a successful leadership transition, and she looks forward to continuing to serve the SI community next year.

A 27-year veteran teacher and administrator at SI, **Bayze** brings a wealth of experience to her new post. She has taught Spanish and served as Language Department chair. She has also managed SI's Financial Assistance Program and Arrupe Assistance Program, coordinated all the school's clubs and served as chair of the Faculty Development Board.

Bayze sang **Hammen's** praises, noting that “**Karen** was able to get a new school, with all its clubs and teams, up and running in three years. SI owes much to her leadership.”

Both **Hammen** and **Bayze** cited all FSA's successes, especially the introduction of new student body officers this year, including president **Cameron Jones**, an eighth grader who came to the Academy two years ago. “In that time, he has learned to organize himself and become a great scholar,” said **Hammen**.

“Now **Cameron** shines as a leader. He is extremely well spoken and respected by his peers. He has developed clear goals for himself on his pathway to and through college and his career, where he hopes to become a therapist and use his gifts to help others.”

Jones' growth is reflected by all of the Academy scholars, she added. “On average, their test scores reveal that they acquire 1.8 years of skill in math and language arts each academic year. That is close to double the national average of growth based on standardized testing.”

The Academy's scholars have also excelled in athletics. Scholars compete in soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball, cross country and track and field, with the 7th grade girls' volleyball team taking the CYO championship against a host of 8th grade opponents, while the 8th grade boys' soccer team finished second in its division.

The school now uses four dedicated classrooms and an office area and shares the Choral Room and Innovation Lab with high school students.

Scholars also take advantage of opportunities beyond the classroom. Their robotics team — the Sauer Bots — has competed at Lowell High School, led by SI Robotics Team moderators **Pedro Cafasso** and **Brian Murphy** and team members **Yamil Leon '22** and **Anthony O'Neil '22**. They also learn coding from SI's Director of Educational Technology and Innovation **Jennifer Gaspar-Santos**.

Seventh graders this year will repeat what last year's seventh grade class did — take a week to explore their path through high school to college and careers. They shadow for a day in the high school and visit Stanford, Santa Clara University and Cal in Berkeley while also listening to career talks by professionals.

Sixth graders will continue their tradition of spending a week at the CYO environmental education camp in Occidental, where they will continue to collaborate in the care for our

common home, one of the four callings of all Jesuit schools. Towards that end, scholars also work with SI's Green Team, led by counselor **Sarah Merrell**.

Actors from the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival also come to the Academy each year to help scholars learn about Shakespeare and perform plays. They also partner with Hip Hop for Change to bring in spoken word and hip-hop artists to show how those art forms can be tools for social change. Students from SI's Dance and Drill Team also work with the scholars, as does SI

photography teacher **Carlos Gazulla**, who teaches scholars each Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m.

Mothers of SI students also come during that time to lead art classes and workshops for scholars, who have the opportunity to work on their own yearbook and take part in a running club.

Bayze has already built on the good work done by **Hammen**. She hired longtime SI coach **Jamal Baugh** as the FSA athletic director and Outreach Program director, and “he is using his years of experience in the community to forge new relationships and partner with schools to bring awareness about our admissions program. He is critical in our quest to find deserving students in the community to matriculate into the FSA program.”

Her hope is to ensure that “when FSA scholars graduate from our school, they enter SI as student leaders in every area. They are just as funny and quirky as kids their age should be, and I've already seen just how great these kids are, as they crave consistency and high expectations. I want to raise their expectations even more, because I know they can reach them. They are proud of being FSA scholars, and next year, they will be proud of being high school students.”

Bayze also thanked “all of the volunteers who work with the FSA scholars, including SI students, alumni and parents, including those in the Ignatian Guild, Fathers' Club, SIPAC and AALPA. The list just goes on and on for how many people come in and out of the school to tutor and support our wonderful scholars.” ∞

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Theresa Bayze (RIGHT) is the new director of the Father Sauer Academy, SI's middle school program, which is now fully enrolled. Inset photo by Bowerbird.





Students learn by serving thanks to Patrick Lannan’s innovative religious studies course

Seniors in Patrick Lannan’s religious studies course learn the importance of service the old-fashioned way — by serving others directly and not merely talking about it in class.

The semester-long Community Engagement and Social Justice Spirituality class asks students to “explore how community service promotes solidarity and spiritual development within the context of Christian faith and commitment to social justice,” said Lannan.

While the course started formally in 2016, “this isn’t the first time SI has offered courses that incorporate direct service. The Ministry class taught by Mike Shaughnessy ’67 and Jim McGarry also asked students to volunteer with nonprofits throughout the city.”

Lannan added that “students first learn how an organization expresses its mission and builds support through publicity. They then learn about the organization’s internal culture and how other SI students can support their work. Finally, students develop a community engagement project so fellow students can get involved. Ultimately, they learn how community service can reproduce Christian virtues of generosity, mercy and solidarity.”

Lannan’s students help in places such as The Gubbio Project, The Pomeroy

Recreation and Rehabilitation Center, San Bruno Mountain Watch, Alemany Farm, Magic Impact, Shanti’s PAWS Program and SI’s Father Sauer Academy.

Last semester, for example, Tessa Keane ’20 and Jared Rodi ’20 would leave SI each Monday at the start of lunch to attend to the 225 homeless men and women sleeping in the back two-thirds of the pews at St. Boniface Church, one of The Gubbio Project’s homes, which welcomes them each weekday from 6 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Both would help guests wake up and clean the pews after they leave.

They learned how to share the gifts of “welcome, understanding and patience,” added Lannan. “After Tessa and Jared discovered that Gubbio needed blankets, they reached out to their basketball and lacrosse teammates, made announcements on SITV and convinced student government to award spirit points for every blanket donated. In all, they gathered 50 blankets.”

“This class has given me the unique opportunity to get hands-on experience,” Keane added. “I’ve taken many religious studies courses over the years that highlight the importance of service, but I haven’t had opportunities to serve directly through my classes. I’ve learned through Mr. Lannan, too, the importance of the work we’re doing.”

The ministry, she added, is “unique because we’re not having conversations with the people who are sleeping. It’s a quiet environment because we all know how important sleep is for those who need a safe place to get off the streets, where they face the stigma of being homeless.”

Ashley Tam ’20 chose to volunteer at the Pomeroy Recreation and Rehabilitation Center in part because she has worked there for the past three years and completed her community service requirement there.

“She took on the project with confidence, at times even offering to do tasks that the Pomeroy Center happily offered to cover, like providing transportation for their teens,” Lannan added.

Tam worked at SI to raise money to fund a field trip to the California Academy of Sciences for the developmentally disabled people who come to the center. For the field trip, she recruited 15 teachers and students to serve as chaperones for the 10 Pomeroy Center clients who went. “As a result, we all were able to get out of our comfort zones,” she said.

Once at the Academy of Sciences, she was impressed by how excited everyone was at the variety and beauty of the fish in the Steinhart Aquarium. “Everyone talked about the fish for an hour, and some of the new

volunteers spoke about their desire to return to do more at Pomeroy.”

Tam appreciated the ability to volunteer at the center during the school year, as her previous work had happened during summer. Her commitment to the center is so strong that she has already landed a paying job there after she graduates from SI in June.

Gio Burgos '20 and Gemma Bouck '20 didn't have to travel far for their service work, as they helped students at SI's Father Sauer Academy by assisting with their choir. Bouck, a talented singer (who is featured on page 32), helped the students find the right notes, while Burgos accompanied them on guitar and piano. All were under the direction of Ryan Dilag of SI's Campus Ministry team as he prepared students to sing Christmas songs at a tree-lighting ceremony.

“At first, they thought they would get to hide behind the piano and play accompaniment as the teacher did the hard work of teaching the students how to work together as a choir,” said Lannan. “Ryan had other ideas and asked Gio and Gemma to take turns directing, as Gio has led the FML choir at times, and Gemma has been active in the music ministry at Congregation Beth Israel Judea.”

They rehearsed with students every Tuesday for an hour and a half. “At first, it wasn't the easiest job for me,” said Burgos. “During rehearsals, I knew which students took the choir elective because they genuinely enjoyed expressing themselves musically. Others, however, were there because they needed to take an elective. During the actual performance, however, I saw their energy shift, and they really got into it.”

Burgos had to learn how to get along with the middle school students. “At first, I viewed myself as an authoritative presence and as a professional. It never felt authentic to me or to the students, and it made it hard to connect with them. Later, I learned to just sit with the scholars and sing with them. I also joked around and danced for them despite my inability to dance just to see them laugh and smile. This helped them respect us more, and it helped us welcome the FSA scholars into the SI community and allow them to find a home here with me and Gemma.”

OPPOSITE PAGE FROM LEFT: Ashley Tam, Gio Burgos and Tessa Keane were among the students in Patrick Lannan's Service Learning Class last semester.



FROM LEFT, Kimberly (Bohnert) Cody '93 and Mona Dunne help all teachers find new ways to teach STEM and network with alumni in STEM fields.

Science teachers advance STEM themes across curriculum

Mona Dunne and Kimberly (Bohnert) Cody '93 do more than teach science to their students; they also help the entire school community look for innovative ways to talk about science, technology, engineering and math.

As the school's first STEM coordinators, Dunne and Cody helped organize a gathering of alumni who met at the Salesforce Tower last semester, and they look for ways teachers in non-science disciplines can incorporate STEM subjects into their classes.

Jennifer Gaspar Santos, SI's director of educational technology and innovation, “saw the need for this role and asked for teachers to take on this job,” noted Dunne. “both Carole Nickolai and Danielle Devencenzi '97, last year's and this year's assistant principals for academics, jumped on board.”

Thus far, the two women have created a database of alumni who work in the STEM field and who might be willing to serve as guest speakers or hire student interns.

Given Cody's role as a member of SI's Alumni Board, her job is to work with alumni, while Dunne helps fellow teachers.

Both women hope that their efforts “will equalize the playing field, and that internships and information will be available to students whose parents aren't involved in STEM careers,” added Cody. “That's one reason we want to hold larger mentorship events, where anyone who wants an internship or the chance to do independent research can connect with alumni mentors.”

Dunne has already helped colleagues, including math teacher Katie O'Reilly '05. “Mona helped me find the Geogebra Augmented Reality app, which helps

students visualize 3-dimensional volume problems,” added O'Reilly.

Both women hope to see more STEM courses taught at SI. “Future jobs will require different skill sets and ways of thinking, and we need to respond to these changing requirements,” Dunne added.

“In the coming years we know we are going to need creative engineering solutions to modern issues like climate change. Our teachers may have a strong desire to give their students creative STEM projects, but may not always have the time or resources to implement them. I hope to help teachers gain access to quality resources and assist in practical classroom provisioning and implementation.”

Dunne is committed to learning even more about the maker's workshop movement and has already taught herself how to code. She has also discovered that some teachers are using STEM ideas in innovative ways. “Students studying psychology are using Arduino boards to collect data about brainwaves, and students taking Latin are coding a translation app. This has opened my eyes as to how creative teachers are right now.”

To ensure that she discovers even more about the array of STEM skills already being taught, she sent out a link to a calendar for teachers to note any time they are teaching STEM concepts, and Cody has sent a survey to alumni. “The key thing is to learn that we're not doing this in isolation and that we can work to make it all come together.”

For those who want to get involved with supporting these STEM efforts, go to bit.ly/2Le5dU1.

FROM LEFT, Nick O'Shea '04 and Christina Wenger.



AMP Program helps students who need a helping hand with academics

Despite SI's reputation as an academic powerhouse and one of the best college preps on the West Coast, not every student finds it easy to excel.

To help those who come to SI needing a boost, Nick O'Shea '04, an academic support advisor at SI, and Christina Wenger, a former English teacher and head of library services, created the Academic Mentorship Program, known as AMP.

Carole Nickolai, the former assistant principal for academics, gave the class her blessing, and Danielle Devencenzi '97, Nickolai's successor, loved the program so much she made it the topic of her first podcast at the start of the school year.

O'Shea and Wenger team-teach 16 freshmen in a yearlong course that gives them the foundation they need to succeed throughout their four years. "Our different experiences and skill-sets equally inform and support it," noted Wenger.

O'Shea can relate to his students as he struggled academically at SI. "That's why this program means a lot to me personally. The fast-paced rigors of a college prep environment tend to benefit certain types of learners and skill sets. It wasn't until college that I figured out how to succeed academically with my learning differences. Our mission is to help our incoming freshmen start to build and refine those proficiencies right off the bat."

He added that "AMP has also been essential in helping our students ease some of the stress that may come with starting at a new school. It's a team mentality, and the generosity of our mentors helps us create that culture, both in and out of the classroom."

AMP students make room in their schedule for the course by postponing biology or their language class for one year. Students then have several options, including taking a summer biology class, so that they may then take four years of science or language at SI.

"Most AMP students have gaps in their education," noted Wenger, who based the course on her previous experience teaching in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program on the public-school side.

"Nick and I love the class as we have seen our students grow and become each other's team," said Wenger. "These students are no longer isolated, and they cheer each other on."

Students learn how to manage their time, organize materials and set goals. "We teach them to take notes as well as the unstated rules of the college prep culture," Wenger added.

She and O'Shea also rely on juniors and seniors "with similar backgrounds who care for this community because they know what it's like not having needs met. The class works so well thanks to the magic of peer mentors, who are generous volunteers and who take their jobs seriously. Each mentor works with one or two students at most on studying and homework for an hour each week. Students from last year tell us something they miss this year is the help from their mentors, who are also model students."

AMP students also hear from alumni, including Magis Program grads, and faculty "who help them dream their futures and help them make decisions and commitments that will change their lives," said Wenger. "These speakers help them form their identity as they share stories about how others found support and discovered who they were. They talk about what they did to challenge themselves and the key decisions that led to their success. AMP students love this, and they ask many questions."

Wenger told the story of a current sophomore who was in the AMP class last year. "She formed relationships with adults who cared about her. She found resources through her mentors and built strategies for success. She told us that AMP was the hand she needed to hold onto after middle school to guide her into high school. She now has a B+ average after a tough freshman year."

Students also find friends after stressful times. "One student who lost a family member last year was embraced by the circle of classmates who supported him. Others learn to advocate for themselves and to ask for help when they need it or simply build the confidence they need."

Nickolai is pleased that "students in the first two years of AMP have reported that they feel the program has helped them communicate with their teachers effectively and form great relationships in the community. It's one of the ways that SI tries to make a large high school feel like a close-knit family." ∞



In February, the Quach brothers — Tom '20 (RIGHT) and Jack '23 (LEFT) presented a check to Australia Consul General Nick Nichles (CENTER). Also pictured are music teacher Gillian Clements and her children, Zander and Stella, Fr. Reese and counselor Sarah Merrell. Photo by Sean Lawhon '87.

The Quach brothers — Tom '20 and Jack '23 — fundraise to rescue Australia wildlife

Tom Quach '20, who was featured in the previous issue of this magazine for starting SI's Pet Nation club, has extended his love for caring for animals to another continent.

He and his brother, Jack '23, founded Operation Kare-ola to raise money to help wildlife affected by the firestorms raging through Australia this past fire season.

Thanks to their efforts, they inspired SI's students, parents and faculty to donate \$2,500 toward wildlife relief. The first fundraising drive alone, during a 15-minute break period, brought in \$500.

Also helping in the efforts were members of the Stand By Me Club, started by Jack, as well as members of Pet Nation.

"Since founding Pet Nation in my freshman year, I have always felt the importance of helping our pets and animals," noted Tom. "Our mission of love extends beyond the SI community. When Jack and I learned that more than a billion animals were killed, displaced or injured by the fires in Australia, we felt compelled to do something to help."

Jack added that he "wanted to invite the entire SI community to join in and share in this cause to extend our hand to Australia and its wildlife."

They named their efforts on behalf of koalas affected by the fires and came up with the idea of a paper eucalyptus giving tree posted on the first floor of the school to inspire giving. Students committed themselves to donating by adding their names to green, orange, red and gold leaves and posting them onto the tree.

"This symbolized our hope that Australia would recover from the fires and was a message of unity that we shared with our friends in Australia — something more powerful than the money we raised," Tom added.

"One of the most amazing aspects of Operation Kare-ola to me, a freshman, was watching my peers gather together to donate," added Jack. "They wanted to make an impact with their own leaves on the Giving Tree."

Operation Kare-ola's success also inspired others beyond SI, including Stella, 5, and Zander Clements-Popescul, 4, who had heard about the fundraiser from their mother, Gillian Clements, who teaches music and leads the SI orchestra. "They were so captivated by Operation Kare-ola that they knocked on neighbors' doors, raising even more funds," said Tom.

Both brothers were featured on Yahoo's news website and CBS5 for their efforts, and Nick Nichles, the Australian consul general and senior trade and investment commissioner in San Francisco, came to SI to receive a check on behalf of WIRES Wildlife Rescue.

"We had the honor of introducing him to the SI community and to SI's administration," said Tom. "At the ceremony, we also recognized Stella and Zander for their efforts and had them pin the final golden leaves to our giving tree."

The brothers praised SI counselor Sarah Merrell "as she played an integral part of Operation Kare-ola," added Tom. "She encouraged us with her support and guidance. She was also touched by the Australian fires, and she inspired us to invite the Australian consul-general to SI. Right before his visit, she told us that she had just heard the news that the fires had been contained earlier that day. This perfect timing seemed symbolic of our efforts and filled us with positivity and relief."

Go to studentlinx.org for more information and photos about Operation Kare-ola. ☺



FROM LEFT:
Juniors **Jason Chiu** and **Maanit Sharma** used mathematical modeling to show what would happen to waterways if all plastic bottles were banned.

Students test the (clean) waters by competing in mathematical modeling contest

If you want to know what our waterways would be like if cities, large and small across the U.S., banned plastic water bottles, just ask **Jason Chiu '21** and **Maanit Sharma '21**.

The two students, who both take AP Calculus BC with **Katie O'Reilly '05**, entered the High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling, which gives students around the world two weeks to do their research and present their findings, which were due last November.

In that time, the boys wrote a 20-plus page paper in two weeks, including a stylized newspaper article and derivations of calculus equations that they had yet to study in class.

At the end of January, the two learned that they had won an honorable mention, finishing in the top third of all contestants.

Chiu, who entered his first modeling competition with the help of math teacher **Carol Quattrin**, heard about this new contest from **Sharma**.

Both boys tried to predict the future “putting numbers to events that haven’t happened yet,” said **Sharma**.

“We chose this over the other challenge, which asked for ways to conserve electric voltage in homes, because San Francisco had just passed a ban on single-use plastic water bottles at SFO, and we were more passionate about finding ways to reduce plastics in oceans, lakes and rivers,” he added.

The boys did online research to predict what would happen 20 years from now both in San Francisco and in Concord, Mass., as the competition asked them to choose one large and one small city.

“We looked into the pros and cons,” added **Chiu**. “We think the ban is a good thing in that it reduces the use of fossil fuels and will minimize the amount of microplastics ingested by fish, birds and marine mammals. We could also save money by drinking tap water rather than purchasing water at stores. The amount of money is small for any one person, but it adds up if the ban were nationwide.”

The boys found that the ban would increase the population of sea otters, which ingest microplastics that shorten their lifespans.

They relied on data they found online, starting with the number of water bottles sold in the U.S. “We modeled the data using logistic growth equations and used calculus to derive those equations to determine the sea otter population numbers and not simply a growth rate,” added **Chiu**. The graphs they charted revealed that once the ban went into place, the sea otter population would reach 100 percent of its former peak in 20 years and then fluctuate, assuming ideal conditions.

Their study also revealed possible negative effects of the ban, noting that some people might choose sugary drinks if they couldn’t find plastic water bottles. “That’s less likely in Concord than in San Francisco, which has more stores and more options to buy sodas,” said **Sharma**.

The project was fun, he added, “especially as we had to come up with ideas to replace plastic water bottles. We thought using milk cartons might work or other alternative biodegradable materials, as they take less energy than plastic to make. We also hope to encourage more water fountains near vending machines to give people an easy way to choose wisely.”

Both boys enjoyed applying what they learned in class to a real-life scenario. “We didn’t have a lot of experience with modeling going into this competition, so we learned as we went along,” said **Chiu**. “The whole process was cool, except for the last night before we finished, which was stressful.”

He plans to enter the STEM field after college and pursue data science, either on the mathematical or medical side, while **Sharma** plans to study programming to apply to robotics, finance or investing. ∞

Daniel Gaffney '20 has volunteered more than 800 hours at the Pomeroy Center



Daniel Gaffney '20 may not have the SI all-time record for hours spent doing community service, but he sure is close.

He has volunteered more than 800 hours at the Pomeroy Center for Recreation and Rehabilitation and at the National Junior Tennis Learning League in his three-and-a-half years at SI, and is on track to break the 900-hour mark.

He does this not for recognition but for “genuine interaction with others,” he said. “I don’t expect anything in return. I just like helping others, including young children, and teaching them a sport that I learned when I was growing up.”

Gaffney also enjoys working with adults with physical and learning differences at the

Pomeroy Center. “Most people don’t get to interact with adults who cope with these sorts of challenges. These men and women provide insight into so much. Despite their challenges, which sometimes leads them to outbursts, they function well and generally don’t worry what others think about them. They live in the moment. I keep returning because working with them helps me find relaxation in my busy life.”

Volunteering, he added “never feels like actual work, especially as I do what I love. I also learn just as much from the people I interact with as they may learn from me. I’m never bored, as there’s always something new and exciting.”

He tells the story of one adult at the Pomeroy Center who isn’t able to speak in complex sentences. “He mumbles and can only say simple words. He has so much excitement about everything we do, that he picks me up when I’m having a bad day. Mostly, he feels pure joy despite his challenges. He teaches me not to take everything so seriously and to see the positive side of life.”

At the National Junior Tennis Learning Center, which gathers at the Golden Gate Park Tennis Complex, Gaffney also works with children and adolescents with disabilities or who are economically disadvantaged. “Teaching these children tennis has taught me how passionate I am about serving those on the margins of society,” he noted.

He also offers art instruction and peer tutoring, checking homework and offering “customized ways to make sure that each child feels his or her voice is being heard. I try to teach them tennis in the way they learn best. Some kids in my group do better if I point out their mistakes by adjusting their grip on their racket or swing flightpath, while others benefit from receiving a demonstration from a peer who has developed the skill needed to hit a certain shot.”

His passion for volunteer work, he added, “comes from what I’ve learned studying at a Jesuit school, which inspires me to be a person with and for others.”

In his junior-year religious studies class, taught by Michael Shaughnessy '67, Gaffney read about Greg Boyle, S.J., the founder of Homeboy Industries “who spoke about the need for second chances. I think about Fr. Boyle, who stands up for people whose voices aren’t typically heard and who helps them have a second chance. That message inspires me to continue doing what I do.”

Gaffney hopes to translate his desire to help others by majoring in political science next year and focusing on “social justice work, perhaps as an attorney. From what I’ve seen at the Pomeroy Center, people on the margins need all the help they can get and the space to be themselves.” ∞

SF Youth Commissioner Ariana Arana '21 advocates for voting rights for 16 year olds

Ariana Arana '21, who is 16, may not be old enough to vote, but she is already using her government office to fight for the rights of those her age to make their mark in local elections.

Arana is one of 17 teenagers on the San Francisco Youth Commission,



which works on issues surrounding transformative justice, housing and land use and civic engagement.

She and others on the commission are promoting an initiative that would include those who are 16 and 17 in local elections.

“We are just as informed as those who are 21,” she noted. “We can drive and pay taxes and hold jobs. Because there are many laws, ordinances and regulations that affect our age group, we also should have a voice in forming these policies.”

Arana already has proven herself a leader at SI. She serves as ALAS secretary and is a member of the Arrupe Council and Dance Workshop.

Outside of SI, she performs folkloric dance with the non-profit Chavalos Danzas Por Nicaragua, which raises money for donations of school supplies and other items for children in Nicaragua, where her parents were born.

Arana, who was born in the U.S., lived in Nicaragua for most of her young life. “I returned to the U.S. when I was 5 not knowing any English and had to learn quickly.

Over the years, her family has helped many family members immigrate to the U.S. “It seems that every year, we have someone new living in our home. They come here because they want a better life and want to make the U.S. a better place. Immigrants do many jobs that others don’t want to do. Even some of my fellow youth commissioners might be undocumented, and they work hard to improve conditions for the youth of San Francisco.”

After college, Arana hopes to study law and work as an immigration attorney. For the immediate future, she hopes to reapply for a second term on the Youth Commission to continue her service and advocate for the rights of teens. ∞

Gemma Bouck '20 makes her musical mark at SI at FMLs and the Fine Arts Assembly

Gemma Bouck '20 learned early on just how much she loves performing her songs in front of an audience.

This talented singer-songwriter, who has already committed to majoring in songwriting at NYU, had her debut at 8 singing at her grandfather's wedding.

She started playing piano at 7, "but singing before a live audience felt great and led me to ask to take piano classes two years later."

Since then, she has wowed audiences as part of the San Francisco Girls Chorus, at Temple Beth Israel, where she is a member of the congregation, and at SI, where she sings at Friday Morning Liturgies and at prayer services.

"It doesn't matter to me that I'm Jewish singing at a Catholic Mass," she noted. "For me, religion is a way to bring people together, not to divide them. I've always felt welcomed at FMLs, as we are all there to deepen our appreciation for our religions and pray to a higher power. And I get to sing, so it's a win-win."

A leader of the school's Jewish Affinity Group, Bouck is working to recruit lowerclassmen and help them better understand their own faith. She loved her own Bat Mitzvah "as it gave me a chance to sing and have people listen to me for four hours. I learned way more of the Torah than I had to, as I like being on stage."

As part of her religious studies course at SI, she helped teach Christmas songs to Father Sauer Academy scholars after school, and she also works with a club at SI to raise money to fund tuition for one student at Kenya's Daraja Academy.

She has studied musical theory and vocal technique, all of which "made me appreciate even more the power of music." Her talent led the Berklee College of Music to choose her as one of 10 young songwriters in the U.S. to spend part of the summer in Boston, where she wrote and performed a song, accompanying herself on her guitar. School officials thought so highly of her that they offered her entry into their freshman class, "but I chose NYU as it will offer me a strong liberal arts education in a city that values music."



Bouck has already worked with a Manhattan music producer, who is helping her record five songs for an EP due out this spring. "It took us a week to record two songs, each of which took about 50 hours," she said. "I would leave my hotel at 8 a.m. and return at 2 a.m., but the songs turned out great."

She also played at the Bazaar Café in the Presidio before a large crowd after impressing the owner at an open mic night. "I felt that was a bigger deal than my performance at Berklee College," she said. "I even used that event to come out to my parents, as my last song was about being gay. I felt I had to go big or go home. That was a cool moment for me and a time where I could truly be myself and have music be a part of that. My parents, thankfully, loved the show."

One reason Bouck writes songs, she noted, "is that I have a hard time expressing myself simply by talking. When I write a song, I have three minutes to tell people something that matters to me, that is authentic and that has a purpose."

Even though many see her as a confident young woman, "when I'm on stage, I'm terrified. My greatest fear, aside from sharks and spiders, is performing. At the same time, I can't see myself doing anything else. I don't expect to be the next Beyoncé, but I can't do anything else, and I just can't waste what I'm good at." ∞

LEFT: Senior Gemma Bouck wowed audiences at the Fine Arts Assembly in January and is known for performing her original songs. Photos by Paul Totah '75 and Bowerbird.



Logan Lehnert '22 a veteran of medical missions to Namibia and Vietnam

Logan Lehnert '22, who hopes to practice medicine one day, already has taken a step in that direction by helping others who have a hard time taking steps.

As part of the International Extremity Project, he has traveled to Vietnam and Namibia with his parents — Dr. Bruce Lehnert and Jenni Lehnert, RN — and with his younger brother Lex, an 8th grader at Holy Name School.

There, a team of podiatrists, including Dr. Lehnert, operate on people with lower-extremity deformities such as clubfoot. They also gather medical equipment for hospitals in both countries and train local doctors.

Logan has gone on five trips starting when he was 10, with each trip lasting about two weeks. He packs and unpacks supplies and helps the doctors with medical charting while they examine patients.

He has also seen the long-term benefits of the work done by the 25 people who go on each trip. “One woman came in several years ago with a foot deformity,” he recalled. “She couldn’t wear the shoes she wanted, and she couldn’t find a job. We operated on her, and now she is employed, happy and living like everyone else. On our latest trip last December, she told us her stories with tears of joy.”

Logan also takes videos and photos used on extremityproject.com, and he has found himself at times in the operating room watching procedures that involve bone saws and drills.

“I was reluctant to go on these trips at first,” he noted. “After a while, I realized what a great experience it is to see the world and help people who aren’t as fortunate as we are. So many



problems in these nations could be prevented by vaccines and by corrective measures when children are still in their infancy. Now I look forward to these trips, as each one offers new experiences.”

He and his brother are the youngest members of the team, which includes podiatrists from Israel as well as the U.S.

For his community service work at SI, he has volunteered at Medshare, which gathers medical supplies for missions such as his. “There’s a lot of waste in the medical industry, and Medshare helps to send supplies to developing nations rather than see them thrown away.”

Logan recommends these trips to fellow students both because “they open your eyes and help you to feel good about helping others.” ∞

ABOVE: Sophomore Logan Lehnert treats a patient in Vietnam. He accompanies his parents, Dr. Bruce Lehnert, a podiatrist, and Jenni Lehnert, RN, on trips along with others with the International Extremity Project, to treat conditions such as clubfoot.



DR. CORNEL WEST AND BAKARI KITWANA gave a sold-out keynote address Jan. 21 at SI on “The Beloved Community: King, Jr’s Vision, Democracy and Contemporary Challenges,” followed by an audience Q&A. **Dr. West** is a professor, philosopher, theologian, social justice activist and one of the country’s leading scholars on race. A prominent democratic intellectual emphasizing the legacy of **Dr. Martin Luther King**, **Dr. West** is a *New York Times*’ best-selling author of more than 20 books and is a professor at Harvard. Pictured above are **Dr. West**, **Aku Ammah-Tagoe** (Urban School’s Dean of Equity and Inclusion), **Ms. Maricel Hernandez** (SI’s director of the Magis Center for Equity and Inclusion) and **Mr. Kitwana**. Photo by Bowerbird.



The SI community of students, teachers, parents, and families joined the **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** March in downtown San Francisco to celebrate **Dr. King’s** legacy of social justice and diversity and inclusion. Photo by Bowerbird.



The Black Student Union celebrated **BLACK EXCELLENCE AND BLACK HISTORY** in their annual showcase with the theme of “Royalty Inside My DNA” in February in the Carlin Commons. Photo by Bowerbird.



SI's Asian Students Coalition affinity group, now in its sixth decade, took part in the 162nd **SAN FRANCISCO CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE** last February. Students wore dragon emblems on their sweatshirts and rode aboard a trolley to bring in the Year of the Rat. Moderators are **Ray Orque '03** and **Stephanie Wong**, and student co-presidents are **Starlette Khim '20** and **Hannah Tenney '20**.

SPORTS WRAP

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BOYS' SOCCER

Coaches: V: Alan Downey assisted by Daire O'Connor; JV: Nick Harb, assisted by Jack Casey '08 and Matt Favela; F: John Stiegeler '74 assisted by Patrick Cody '96.
Records: V: O: 9-7-4; L: 6-7-1; JV: L: 10-3-1; O: 11-4-3 (2nd place); F: L: 6-2-2; O: 7-5-2 (2nd place).
Awards: All League First Team: Declan Pantankar; Second Team: Luca Ornstil and Joseph Patino; HM: Reid Pollino.
Graduating Seniors: Declan Pantankar, Joseph Patino, Luca Ornstil, Reid Pollino, Jack Shelley, Cormac Lyons, Mike Harrison, Kambron Fillabi, Stuart Dyos, Sam Corvi, Tim Powell, Zach Rich, Lucca Galletti.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Coaches: V: Tom Atencio, assisted by Jackie Kurtela '06; JV: Sebastian Carrasco assisted by Ileana Mecado; F: Tommy Alioto assisted by Jan Mullen.
Records: V: L: 5-2-3; O: 9-3-6; JV: L: (1st place) 8-0-2; O: 13-1-2; F: L: 2-3-1; O: 5-4-1.
Awards: All League First Team: Caeley Goldstein, Elle Van Giesen; Second Team: Maddie Kjeldgaard, Katrina Avila; HM: Chloe Hudson.
Graduating Seniors: Caeley Goldstein, Jocelyn Wong, Kelly Wall, Megan Mulkerrins, Sophia Eggert, Michaela Mulkerrins, Elle Van Giesen, Olivia Carroll, Maddie Kjeldgaard, Madeline Woo, Izzy Goodrow, Katrina Avila.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Coaches: V: Mike Mulkerrins '91 assisted by Bill Kelly; JV: Donnisha Taylor; F: Maggie McCarthy '08.
Records: V: L: 5-5; O: 16-11; JV: L: 6-4; O: 11-6; F/S: L: 6-2; O: 16-3.
Awards: All League First Team: Rachel Harvey; Second Team: Sabrina Ma; HM: Angie McAdams, Claire Untalan, Soon Ja Elzey.
Graduating Seniors: Angie McAdams, Rachel Harvey, Jalene Gee, Tessa Keane, Kaylee Sobrepeña, Diary Khin.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Coaches: V: Rob Marcaletti '96 assisted by Jamal Baugh, Paul Bourke and Ali Thomas '97; JV: Kareem Guilbeaux '01 assisted by Steve Murphy '78; Frosh Blue: Stevie Joo; Frosh Red: Tim Egan.
Records: V: L: 3-11; O: 12-17; JV: L: 11-3; O: 18-3; F Blue: L: 3-11; O: 3-18; F Red: L: 7-7; O: 12-8.
Highlights: At home, SI beat Mitty, which ended up claiming the WCAL title and the CCS Open Division #1 seed. SI won the CCS DIII title with a come-from-behind win over SHC.
Awards: All League Second Team: King Wilhite; HM: GianCarlo Toledo.
Graduating Seniors: Malcolm McCray-Hill, Daniel Webster, Kourosh Kahn-Adle, Zach Taylor-Smith, Jackson Canady, Stephen Austria. ☺



Sam Nelsen '06 & Katie Girlich '11 lead SI's crew program

For the first time in SI history, both the boys' and girls' rowing teams have alumni coaches at the helm — respectively, **Sam Nelsen '06** and **Katie Girlich '11**.

They each bring something fresh and new to the sport, and they are also bringing back former boys' head coach **Tom O'Connell**, who led the Wildcats to their first international championship at the Henley Royal Regatta in England in 2006. **O'Connell** will serve as rigger, helping ensure that all the boats in the program are in the best shape they can be.

Nelsen, who will serve as director of rowing, was part of the Henley boat, as was **Richie Gordon '07**, who is serving as an assistant coach along with **Mike Bonpin '90**, **John Strizich '10**, **Ryan Santos '19** and **Collin Evans**. **Girlich** has as her assistants **Georgia Davey '15** (who also works with the Father Sauer Academy as

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Crew photos by Paul Ghiglieri.

part of the Alumni Volunteer Corps), **Greg Davis '12** (who is training to be part of the U.S. Olympic rowing team) and **Sarah Siegel**.

Nelsen, who started coaching at SI five years ago under **Dan McDonnell '02**, works as a registered nurse and is finishing his master's degree in nonprofit administration from USF this May.

He first gained experience operating a nonprofit while serving as president of the club rowing team at Seattle University. "We had to hire our own coaches and buy our own equipment," he noted. "We got so good at fund-raising that we could squeeze water out of rocks. We even started a booster group of alumni rowers to support the team and petitioned the university to elevate the women's team to varsity status."

He enjoys coaching at SI "as I get to teach life lessons through a sport that I love. Crew helps young people become self-sufficient, generous and kind emerging adults in a challenging world. It helped me as I faced challenges in my own life as a student and made me feel welcomed. I want to create a place where young people are accepted for who they are, regardless of their socio-economic background, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation. When my athletes step into the boathouse, I want them to have a sense of home."

As a gay freshman in the closet, **Nelsen** says he "saw no future for myself, and crew gave me a way to set that aside and let go of an incredible weight on my shoulders. Later, I found the strength to come out on Kairos, first to an old friend, **Matt Jones '06**, and then to others on the retreat. Eventually, I was able to come out to my team during the season. I had spent so much energy holding myself back and building walls that it kept me from giving my all. After I came out, I felt the peace I needed to fully engage and work hard to help our team to an undefeated season and a world championship."

Nelsen fights the notion that crew is an elitist sport for rich, white kids. "West Coast boats seem to be more diverse than those on the East Coast, though everyone has room for improvement, and I hope to do what I can here and beyond SI's borders to increase representation for those traditionally underrepresented and who don't see crew as a sport for them."

It matters to him that he is an alumnus, "as it is second-nature for me to represent

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— Sam Nelsen '06

the mission of the school and speak the language of an Ignatian educator. I get to collaborate with SI's teachers to create leaders for a just and humane world who are for and with others."

He also hopes to honor SI's former head coaches "and continue their legacy. **Dan** and **Tom** taught their crews the value of hard work, grit, self-reliance and humble pride in helping teams achieve their goals."

As **Nelsen** leaves the nursing profession behind to prepare himself to work as a nonprofit leader, **Girlich** is returning to school to become a nurse.

"Fitness has been such a big part of my life, and now I want to take my passion for health and wellness to the next level," she noted. She continues to work in the fitness industry, leading cycling classes, and as a private tutor.

She started her career as an English major at SCU, already having written a book about

the San Francisco Zoo while at SI, and she is now working on a novel.

At SI, she signed up for crew but never rowed. "My coach took one look at how small I was and said 'coxswain.'" She trained under **Rich Tsang '93** and coxed for four years in all — three at SI and one at SCU.

Five years ago, she served as an assistant coach for the girls' freshman team. "Six weeks later, the head frosh coach had to step down after getting a new job, and I was made the head freshman coach overnight. It was sink or swim, and I had to figure it out on my own. Luckily, I'm good at that."

She left for two years to coach for the Pacific Rowing Club but returned to SI last year to help coach the freshmen girls. Last summer, she also coached four rowers and one coxswain and took them to Bethel, Ohio, to compete at Club Nationals.

"Last year was the most successful frosh girls' season in SI history," she added, pointing to the team's bronze medal performance on Lake Natoma at the regional competition. "I look forward to continuing this momentum with the varsity program this season."

She praised her predecessor, former girls' head coach **Ashton Richards**, who left to spend more time with his family, and she looks forward to working with **Nelsen**. "He is a mentor to me, as is **Greg**, and I'm happy to be working closely with them."

Girlich knows it is unusual for a former coxswain to serve as head coach, "but every coxswain is a mini-coach in many ways, and in a sense I feel I've been preparing for this role for many years. When people tell me something is impossible, that just pushes me harder to get it done, and that's the lesson I want to teach the girls who row. This kind of success is a gift you give yourself." ∞

PREVIOUS PAGE: Sam Nelsen and his rowers.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Katie Girlich '11 and Greg Davis '12.



Longtime political consultant Tom Hsieh '83 to serve as alumni director

When **Joe Vollert '84**, SI's vice president for development, heard that Alumni Director **Alexa Contreras '05** was stepping down from her job, he didn't have to think too long about who to tap for the position.

His only call went to **Tom Hsieh '83**, one of the first recipients of the Alumni of the Year Award, named for two of his deceased schoolmates — **Dan Linehan '83** and **Bill Callanan '81**.

Hsieh, who started his new role at SI on March 1, is a political consultant and former publisher who serves as the general partner for Gleneagles Golf Course.

In that role, he has co-organized for almost a decade the **Dan Linehan**-Tommy Bahama Golf Tournament, which has supported the **Dan Linehan '83** Scholarship and which reminds him of the importance of his SI classmates, especially **Linehan**.

"**Danny** was Mr. SI," said **Hsieh**. "He has always been on my mind since he passed in 2009."

His experience at **Dan's** funeral, in part, led **Hsieh** to become SI's alumni director. "At the funeral, **Joe McCarthy '83** eulogized his best friend and asked the grieving crowd of 2,000 to consider how they could go forward without **Dan**, as he had connected so many of us. **Joe** challenged us to get involved and continue to build community. That was **Dan Linehan's** gift to us."

A six-year veteran of the SI Alumni Board and its current vice president, **Hsieh** is also an SI dad and an active Fathers' Club member. He and his wife, **Nicole**, are parents of **Emma '22** and **Jack '23**, and he chaired the online portion of the latest auction.

"I've only been enhanced by my association with the Prep," he added. "As much as I've done for SI, I've received twice as much back."

While most SI grads associate **Hsieh** with Gleneagles, far more San Franciscans know him thanks to his nearly three decades as founder and principal of **Hsieh and Associates**, which has worked to shape San Francisco through elections.

Hsieh cut his teeth by volunteering in the 1991 San Francisco mayoral race to help his father, **Thomas Hsieh Sr.**, who had immigrated to the U.S. from Shanghai in 1949, fleeing the Communist takeover of his country. Once in San Francisco, he enrolled at City College, where he struggled for the first year while trying to learn English.

He eventually earned his master's degree at Cal and worked as an architect for 35 years. Along the way, **Mayor Dianne Feinstein** appointed him to fill a vacancy in the Board of Supervisors in 1986, and he won two elections after that to serve on the board until 1997.

The 1992 supervisor election proved different, said **Hsieh**, "as my father had to win re-election in a changing city. It became my full-time job to build one of the first field operations dedicated to getting the growing number of Asian American voters to the polls."

Along the way, he gained the respect of other politicians and soon found a long line of clients, including **Mayors Frank Jordan, Willie Brown, Gavin Newsom** and **Ed Lee**, as well as



Supervisors **Barbara Kaufman**, **Fiona Ma**, **Sean Elsbernd** and many others.

He worked on campaigns with budgets as low as \$100,000 and as high as \$12 million, and he learned how to assemble 100-person phone banks and 500 field organizers when the need arose.

At the heart of his efforts was his desire “to make San Francisco stronger and more vibrant for families like ours. I’m proud of the women and men I helped, especially given who their opponents were.”

He has worked with citywide coalitions to rebuild Laguna Honda Hospital, the California Academy of Sciences, city schools, fire houses and emergency water systems. “Improving our most important cultural institutions was at the heart of my work in politics. I’m also proud to have worked with all of the diverse communities in San Francisco while giving voice for those who too often have been left out of the political process.”

Hsieh knows the city well, having grown up in both the Sunset District and Forest Hill and having lived in the Haight and Russian Hill. After attending public school, he came to SI, where he found academics challenging at first. “We had six novels for summer reading, and I had to be ready on day one. It took me a year to get my legs under me academically, but my time at SI prepared me so well for everything else in my life.”

After finishing SI, he delayed college to start *International Snowboard Magazine*, which helped launch the nascent sport. He traveled the world as its publisher and editor for eight years, helping it grow in revenue from \$7,000 in its first year to \$700,000 in its third. “It was exciting to have a tiger by its tail and help evangelize a new winter sport while building a company. I was also snowboarding in some really cool places.”

He switched gears in 1991 to attend SFSU, where he majored in journalism and minored in business. “I always wanted to finish my education. It was perfect, coming back as an older student, to earn my degree.”

He later worked for IDG Publications on *PC World* and helped launch *Multimedia World* magazine before leaving publishing to become a political consultant.

In 2004, he added another title to his resume when he became the general partner in a group that manages Gleneagles Golf Course after the city chose his winning bid. “It’s a special property, as it’s a tough course in a neighborhood that some people consider equally tough,” he noted.

Alexa Contreras is opening an art gallery in Jackson Square.



The annual golf tournament there, he added, “has brought together some of the most unusual characters of our alumni,” said **Hsieh**. “The groups tee off with 10 or more players per group, so it’s not so much a golf tournament as a rolling parade of

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merry pranksters. Another couple of dozen encamp at the clubhouse playing Pedro. To outsiders, it may look strange, but on the inside, it’s all smiles.”

In his new role at SI, he is excited about serving alongside new administrators, such as Principal **Michelle Nevin Levine**, Assistant Principal for Academics **Danielle Devencenzi '97** and Assistant Principal for Student Affairs **Jeff Glosser '83**. “These people have flipped a switch in terms of excitement. It takes me back to my days at SI. The atmosphere around the school feels like the first time the 49ers won the Super Bowl, and that’s reflected through the enthusiasm in my children and their friends.”

Hsieh feels fortunate to continue the work done by **Contreras** and former Alumni Directors **Jim Dekker '68**, **John Ring '86** and **Tim Reardon '86**. “These leaders have created the greatest high school alumni association in the country and perhaps the world, run by one of the greatest departments. I want to continue the community service focus of past leaders and create more outlets for engagement. I also want to turn up the volume, and create more

space for smiles. SI is a lifelong experience, and we might as well have fun while we can.”

Hsieh praised his predecessor, noting that **Contreras** “was brought in to change the Alumni Association, and she has done just that,” **Hsieh** noted. “She has expanded the young alumni base and supported the growth of the Alumnae group. She brought back the Spring Training baseball trip and also launched the Stanyan Street Chapter. She planned and executed two Downtown Business Lunches with younger but equally impressive guest speakers, the first featuring **Gianna Toboni '06** of VICE News Tonight and the second this past February with **Darren Criss '05**, who helped her launch the Creative Council.”

Contreras will serve as the lead on the Creative Council, which is a new chapter of the Alumni Association, from her continuing role as an emerita member of the Alumni Board, and she will be supporting donations for the Scholarship for the Arts at SI, which

helps students interested in pursuing careers in performing and fine arts fields. Anyone interested in joining the Creative Council can email thsieh@siprep.org or creativecouncil.alex@gmail.com.

Contreras, **Hsieh** added, “has also brought alumni in through social media with a great Instagram page — @AlumniCats — that shows great promise, and has promoted a wellness retreat and a STEM gathering atop the Salesforce Tower. We will continue her efforts of trying to find new ways to engage alumni who have yet to be engaged with the Prep.”

Contreras will be opening her first art gallery in the Jackson Square neighborhood of San Francisco and looks forward to co-sponsoring an alumni event there in the future.

For her part, **Contreras** said she feels “as if I’m not leaving at all because my love for SI is long term, and I am committed to support our historic legacy for future generations. It is an honor to have served as the first female alumni director, and I am deeply happy to welcome my dear friend **Tom Hsieh** as my successor. He has some incredible ideas, and I am ecstatic to support his work through my continued efforts on the Alumnae Group committee and as lead of the Creative Council.”

Vollert praised **Hsieh** for his years of experience “with the inner workings of the City and his broad connections to the philanthropic community, which will help us tremendously as we move forward with the New Learning Complex. **Tom** will bring a creative and energetic spirit to our Alumni Association.” ∞

Gerald Posner '72 and his book *Pharma* expose the poisoning of America

Gerald Posner '72 shouldn't be surprised if people mention his name along with **Upton Sinclair**, the author of *The Jungle*, or **Eric Schlosser** of *Fast Food Nation* fame when they talk about writers of ground-breaking exposés of corporate corruption.

Posner's latest work — *Pharma: Greed, Lies, and the Poisoning of America* — hit stores March 10 to widespread acclaim. His book, which he wrote with the help of his wife, **Trisha Posner**, reveals the connection between Purdue Pharma's Sackler family and the opioid epidemic. It also offers an eye-opening history lesson of decades of deception in the pharmaceutical industry that has led to deaths counted in the hundreds of thousands and even more addicted to painkillers.

Beth Macy, author of *Dopesick*, praised *Pharma* for unearthing "important new material that illuminates our national tragedy" as Posner crafts "a meticulously reported page-turner that is as juicy as it is clear-eyed."

LitHub called the book "a medical leviathan for our times," and Kirkus praised it as a "shocking, rousing condemnation of an industry clearly in need of better policing."

This isn't the first major work by Posner, whose *Case Closed* was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The New Yorker* and the *New York Times* regularly request commentary by him, as does CNN, CBS, MSNBC and FOX News for revelations made in his dozen previous books that cover everything from the assassination of JFK to shady dealings by the Vatican Bank.

Pharma took Posner five years to write and research, an idea that had been percolating with him for nearly 20 years after fellow investigative reporter **James Phelan** suggested he tackle the topic. "Nobody before me has had the chutzpah, the ambition or the stupidity to try to put into one volume the history of the American pharmaceutical industry, the **Sackler** family and the opioid epidemic," said Posner from his home in Miami Beach. "Despite so much that has already been published, even people who have written about any of these topics will be surprised by new disclosures in the book."

Posner started his research with a "contrarian point of view. I thought I'd focus on the breakthroughs in pharmaceutical labs as well as the excesses, as so much has been written about the opioid epidemic and the greed behind it. However, the research tells you where the book will go, and I discovered how **Arthur Sackler** and his two brothers were the thread that connected so much industry corruption going back to the 1940s."

He learned how the family went from being investigated by the FBI for their ties to the American Communist Party "to what made the **Sacklers** the **Sacklers**, including how they used advertising and their ties with medical journals to promote the first drug to earn \$100 million and then the first to hit the \$1 billion mark."

Though none of the key family members agreed to be interviewed, Posner was able to speak with **Michael Sonnenreich**, an attorney for **Arthur Sackler**, the eldest of three brothers behind Purdue Pharma. "Some of our discussion was off the record, and when I showed him a draft of quotes I wanted to use from him, he asked me



to take some out. But he did give me considerable insight into the industry, which is something you can't get from documents alone."

One of those insights was "that many people think that the rules of capitalism shouldn't apply to medicine and drugs, because if they aren't marketed correctly, they can devastate our lives. I learned that the pharmaceutical industry is no different from other American companies. Some corporate executives look for profits at the expense of anything, including what would sometimes seem to be the well-being

of those taking their drugs. Acthar Gel, for example, climbed from \$40 a dose in 2001 to \$43,000 because the company applied the rule of capitalism to this drug, which is the gold standard for treating infantile spasms. Then its sales force encouraged doctors to dispense it for conditions for which it did not have FDA approval and was not proven effective. I'm usually a free market advocate, but not when it comes to the topic of restricting drug prices. The U.S. is the only country in the world that allows drug companies

"Some corporate executives look for profits at the expense of anything, including what would sometimes seem to be the well-being of those taking their drugs." — Gerald Posner '72

unfettered power to set their own prices, and Americans are literally paying the price for this."

Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family aren't the only ones that come under Posner's scrutiny. The villains in his book include doctors who overprescribe opioids and other drugs, Food and Drug Administration officials who should have reined in drug companies, and nearly every other pharmacy company, "each of which is guilty to some degree of deception and blaming addiction and deaths on their customers. The Sacklers had many accomplices. Purdue got the bulk of the blame because it was the most successful, but many others share the blame."

Posner also analyzed the various ways women were targeted by drug companies and treated by doctors. "In the 1960s, when the great majority of doctors were male, women were thought to be hysterical, high-strung and neurotic and in need of drugs to be happy and fulfilled. Women with menopause were sold hormone replacement drugs that promised to restore their femininity, vitality and beauty. Drug companies, such as Wyeth, paid doctors to publish books extolling the virtues of these drugs, and when adverse effects started piling up, they put a lid on it until it became public and they couldn't control it. It's one of the more infuriating stories of the book."

Posner does name a few heroes, including Marianne Skolek, whose daughter, Jill, died after taking OxyContin, Purdue's most profitable pill. "Marianne fought on behalf of others who had lost loved ones. She encouraged journalists to investigate and state U.S. Attorneys to prosecute, and she organized efforts to have Purdue label OxyContin as addictive. So many have suffered silently, but those such as Marianne put their anger into activism. They are the real heroes, and I have so much respect for them."

Throughout writing his book, Posner and his wife reminded themselves of the seriousness of their venture. "People continue to die because of actions taken by the drug industry. We don't know when the next crisis will come — an epidemic fueled by a new drug — but we know that one day it will."

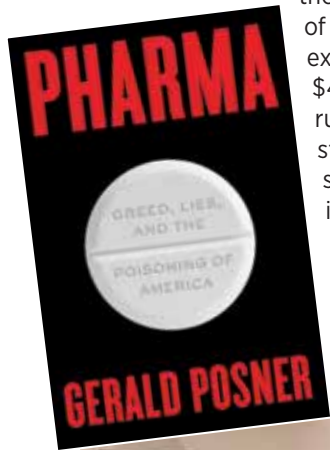
For those leery of taking any medication after reading his book, Posner noted that wasn't his goal. "Many drugs are life-saving, and it's possible to trust the pills you're ingesting."

He hopes, however, that people become educated consumers and ask about the price of the drugs they are prescribed. "Nine times out of 10, your doctor doesn't know the list price or how much your insurance will cover. If your medication is expensive, ask if there are less expensive alternatives that are just as good. Also, there's a gag rule that prohibits pharmacists from telling you if it's cheaper to pay cash up front rather than pay through your health plan. They will only tell you if you ask."

The bottom line, he added, "is that millions of lives have been saved thanks to pharmaceutical breakthroughs, and we still have to use drugs when we need them. We just cross our fingers that they work." ∞

LEFT: Gerald Posner used a whiteboard in his home to keep track of all the companies and addresses used by the Sackler families and Purdue Pharmacies. His book also predicts the spread of contagion, such as the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Posner, given his book's timeliness, has advocated on TV and in print to urge pharmaceutical companies to sell a coronavirus vaccine at cost. Photo by Dale Stine.



Fathers' Club auction returns to college to benefit students receiving tuition assistance

In many ways, **Stephen Wynne '90**, chair of the Feb. 29 Fathers' Club Auction, is a man ahead of his time.

In other ways, he's definitely old school.

The auction, which grossed north of \$1 million for the school's Scholarship Fund, was led by one of the youngest men in the history of that event, and one who rose to that position more quickly than those who had come before him.

That happened, in part, because his brother **Ed Wynne '84** brought **Steve** on as a volunteer even before **Steve's** oldest child, **Hunter '22**, had enrolled at SI. "My brother **Garrett '88** and I served as spotters for **Ed's** auction, and that gave me my first taste of the whole production and how amazing the party is."

The following year, **Dave Hollister** asked **Steve** to join the auction committee when **Hunter** was still an eighth grader. Last year, for **Matt Niehaus's** auction, **Steve** signed on as vice-chair.

"**Ed, Dave** and **Matt** all gave me guidance throughout the process of this auction," **Steve** added.

The idea for the theme, however — College — was all due to **Steve**, who came dressed as the octogenarian character Blue from *Old School*, complete with long johns, ear protectors and his beard dyed white.

"**Brother Draper** let me into the Jesuit residence to dye my beard right before the auction started," he noted. "That felt a little unusual!"

Steve chose the theme because he wanted to emulate what **Niehaus** had achieved with his Strictly, Hardly Red and Bluegrass auction last year. "People didn't have to go all-out with costumes last year. They came dressed in jeans and tee-shirts or sundresses. For my auction, they could dress as if they were returning to their college days for one night."

The sold-out show did feature its share of college jerseys, as well as guests dressed in giant red solo cups and as characters from *Animal House*. Guests were greeted by tailgate booths featuring regional food from college towns across the nation, and, once the auction began, by a 95-foot projection screen and comfy sofas in the new gym, reminiscent of a skybox overlooking a college football game. At the end of the evening, they returned to the Cowell Pavilion to dance to the music of Mustache Harbor, recreating a college party following a big game.

That big game was the auction itself, which funded a scholarship in honor of SI's Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach **Chris Packard**



thanks, in large part, to former and current lacrosse parents, including **Bruce Bligh**, who brought **Packard** on stage and spoke about his success in making the team a national powerhouse.

The auction also honored the late **Curtis Mallegni '67**, former chair of SI's Board of Trustees and Board of Regents and a former Fathers' Club president.

"**Curtis** was able to afford SI thanks to support from generous donors," said **Steve**. "He came back to serve in a variety of roles and wrote an outgoing letter to future Fathers' Club presidents and members, reminding them to leave their egos at the door and always keep the kids in mind. His example reflects the reason we do the auction — to be men and women for and with others and realize the Jesuit educational mission."

Steve praised those who came to the auction for doing just that as they raised their paddles all night. One of the most sought-after items was a visit with Warriors' Coach **Steve Kerr** and his wife, **Margo**, in their new Presidio Heights home, along with **Joe** and **Jennifer Montana** as special guests.

The second part of that item included a walk up the street to the home of **Michael** and **Marissa Brandon** for a 20-person Italian feast, cooked by **Lori Puccinelli's** parents, where SI Assistant Principal **Jeff Glosser '83** will lead a question-and-answer session with **Kerr** and **Montana**.

Phil Malouf '90 put together a group of friends that won this item with a bid of \$47,500. "**Phil** was super psyched to win this and did a full body flex after snagging this

amazing night. It will be a story he will tell his grandkids."

Steve praised the many volunteers, including vice chairs **Marty Murphy '84** and **Brian Heafey '86**, the latter of whom will chair next year's auction. He also praised SI Events Coordinator **Tricia Brown**, **Gary Brickley '71** for production work, **Ted Curry '82** for organizing the event and **Rick Yang** for preparing the food, as well as wine chairs **Brett Bonthron** and **Victor Jimenez** and online auction chair **Tom Hsieh '83**, who is now serving as SI's new alumni director.

He also thanked parents who held the kick-off gift-giving parties hosted by the **Shanks**, the **Tribolets** and the **Elders** and organized by **Kipp Kjeldgaard** and **Doug Couden**.

Steve thanked his wife, **Jessica**, who created the centerpieces at the auction based on food college students would eat. "The irony is that she went to college and grad school in Europe, and had no idea what American college parties are like."

Steve reflected on the advice given to him by prior chairmen. "They told me that heading the auction might add a few years to me. No one told me, however, that I'd look like a 95-year-old man. I think that had more to do with my costume, though."

The auction will conclude this summer with the Chairman's Circle thank you party for major donors at the Chase Center SkyBar. "It will be quite special as we will be among the first group to use the SkyBar in the Warriors' new home," he added. ∞



OPPOSITE PAGE: Auction Chair Stephen Wynne '90, center along with Kipp Kjeldgaard (left) and Mike Wall.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Auctioneer Franco Finn helped guests bid big; former San Francisco Mayor Mark Farrell '92, SI Dean Tasia Davis, and Student Activities Director Michelle Finn; Dave and Rachel Hollister; Lacrosse Coach Chris Packard and parent Bruce Bligh; Eddie Reese, S.J., and Ginger; auction guests wore their college jerseys to relive their school days. Photos by Bowerbird.

MAKE AN IMPACT ON FUTURE IGNATIANS



We thank those alumni, parents and friends who have joined the Father Harry Carlin Heritage Society by remembering SI in their estate plans. Anyone who has made a legacy gift to SI, such as naming SI as a beneficiary in a will or trust or of a retirement plan or other account (regardless of the size of the gift), is welcome to join this special group. We especially welcome our newest members whose names are bolded.

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Lida Lalanne's gift helped her in her life and funded scholarships after her death

Lida Lalanne, when she was alive, became one of the most active supporters of SI thanks to her involvement in the Ignatian Guild.

Though she passed away late last year, she made sure her support continued, thanks to a trust that her son, former SI Board of Regents Chair Bob Lalanne '73, called a win-win for both the school and his mother.

In the 1960s, Mrs. Lalanne joined the Ignatian Guild and supported it when her sons Bob, Ken '72 and Jim '81 were at SI. As Guild president, she also organized fashion shows and helped launch a Guild cookbook to raise money for the Scholarship Fund.

In that time, she developed close friendships with Harry Carlin, S.J. '35, SI's president in the 1960s, and with Steve Lovette '63, the school's vice president for development for two decades.

"Mom was really close to and admired Fr. Carlin and everything that the Jesuits have done over the years," said Bob. "So, too, did my father, Cal '45, who served as president of the Fathers' Club. Mom also found in Steve an astute leader of the school, especially in the way he set up investments that supported donors as well as SI."

Based on Lovette's advice, Mrs. Lalanne created a charitable remainder unitrust, one that provided SI with more than \$300,000 upon her death, but which also provided her with nearly \$500,000 over a 22-year period — money that helped her retire.

The process began when Mrs. Lalanne sold her family home in 1997. Prior to the sale, she put more than a third of its value

into the charitable remainder trust she established, designating SI as a beneficiary.

"That meant she didn't pay capital gains tax on that portion, which would have been taxed at 40 percent of its value," said Bob.

She also received a charitable contribution deduction on her taxes thanks to the gift, and she received 7 percent of the value of



the assets in the trust each year for the next 22 years, averaging around \$21,000 a year.

"That's why this is a win-win," said Bob. "The only other options in her day were low-interest-rate CDs and reverse mortgages, and this was by far the best choice. All of us, my brothers and my sister, Susan, were happy for our mom and happy for SI, especially as she preferred to deal with SI than with Wall Street or insurance companies. She got a great return and, in return, was well cared for by the school."

In addition to her volunteer work, Mrs. Lalanne taught kindergarten at San

Domenico School after her children moved out of their family house.

Bob learned from his mother the lesson of service. A developer and president of the Lalanne Group, Bob has served a number of schools and organizations throughout the Bay Area for decades.

He is a trustee of the UC Berkeley Foundation and was chair of Cal's Real Estate Advisory Board and Vice Chancellor of Real Estate at Cal; he also served as a director of the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation and was a member of the Finance Council of the San Francisco Archdiocese.

He also proved instrumental in forming Mission Dolores Academy, serving as its long-standing board chair. He continues to serve on its board and to chair fundraisers, such as the school's Top Chefs benefit.

"It has been a lot of fun to help at Cal and at Mission Dolores Academy," said Bob. "Fr. Carlin taught us that giving

thanks means giving back. The four of us had parents who emulated this lesson, and it's one my wife, Millicent, and I stress to our daughters, Jacqueline '09 and Michaela '10."

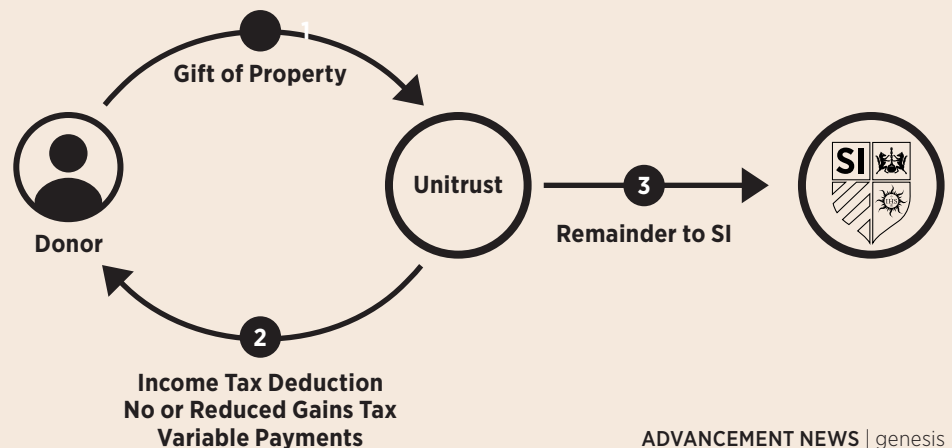
Bob believes in the importance of planned giving and tools such as charitable remainder unitrusts. "I recommend this to people looking to retire and who want to give back to SI. Planned giving helps schools just when they need it the most, providing revenue to support tuition assistance." ∞

TOP FROM LEFT: Bob, Lida, Jim, Susan and Ken Lalanne.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST: A WIN-WIN WAY TO SUPPORT SI

You can establish a charitable remainder unitrust by irrevocably transferring assets to a trustee, who will invest the trust's assets and pay you and/or other beneficiaries annual income. At the end of the trust's term, the remaining balance goes to SI. A unitrust is a great vehicle for gifts of appreciated stock or property because the trust does not pay capital gains tax when it sells the asset. Also, upon establishing the trust, you can receive a current income tax deduction for a portion of the gift's value. The table below summarizes just how beneficial the charitable remainder unitrust that Lida established was for both Lida and SI.

Initial Gift to Trust	\$304,000
Average Annual Payment to Lida	\$21,000
Capital Gains Tax Savings	\$87,400
Total Payments to Lida	Over \$470,000
Gift to SI	\$326,100
Total Benefit	Over \$790,000

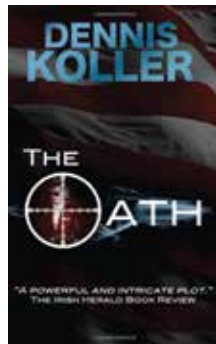


KEEPING IN TOUCH

1952 Donald German, M.D. retired (fifth try) in 2019 after 59 years of medical practice in the Bay Area. He served as chief of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at Kaiser in San Francisco for 30 years, president of the California Society of Allergy and Immunology, president of the Northern California Allergy Society and president of the Allergy Foundation of Northern California. He helped establish a Pediatric Asthma and Allergy Clinic at Zuckerberg SF General Hospital and last year received a special teaching award at a UCSF ceremony acknowledging his 45 years as a clinical professor of pediatrics. He and his wife of 59 years, Marilyn, have traveled extensively throughout the globe and now divide their time between homes in Marin and Sea Ranch. They are blessed with three children and four grandchildren.

1958 Dudley Poston retired in May, 2019 as a sociology professor at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. In his 49-plus years as a sociology faculty member at three universities, including the University of Texas at Austin and Cornell, he chaired the doctoral committees of 65 graduate students, taught demography and statistics classes to around 1,000 graduate students and approximately 5,000 undergrads. He published, often with former students, 21 books and more than 360 journal articles, book chapters and related reports. He keeps busy in retirement writing a textbook on applied regression models. He and Patricia (Mercy HS '60) live in San Antonio to be near their daughter, Nancy, and son-in-law, Rick Espey. Their son, Dudley III, lives in London with his wife Dana, and Dudley and his wife visit them as often as they can. The Postons have six grandchildren, three with Nancy and Rick, and three with Dana and Dudley.

1962 Dennis Koller's book, *The Oath*, published by Pen Books, is now for sale. The Vietnam Veterans of America reviewed the book and called it "an exciting and fast-moving mystery thriller. In November of 1966, Tom McGuire was shot down over North Vietnam and spent the next seven years as a prisoner of war, returning home in 1973 as part of the first group of POWs released. In 2000 McGuire is a homicide detective in San Francisco when an award-winning columnist for the city's largest newspaper, Ruth Wasserman, is murdered in an unusual manner. After being shot and killed at close-range, her arms were trussed behind her in a way that McGuire immediately realized was the manner used by the guards in that long-ago Hanoi prison." The book is available through Amazon.



1963 George Magill has a new book out titled *I'm Finally Here*, a detailed account of baby's first year, written by Baby himself and published by Newman Springs.



1964 Robert DePrato went on to graduate from San Francisco State and acquired a masters' degrees in psychology and sociology with an emphasis on community college education. After 45 years of teaching, grant writing and chair of the Behavioral Sciences Department, he retired in 2016 and decided to give back to the community as a director in the Solano College Educational and Scholarship Foundation. In



addition, he still enjoys playing competitive tennis with the USTA, which he has done since 1987. He is a lifetime member of the Napa Valley Tennis Association and contributor to their events. He also enjoys sailing his Islander 36 sloop *Bella Luna* around the San Francisco Bay. Since he served in the USMCR during the Vietnam era, he was able to join the Presidio Yacht Club and support veterans who like to sail in the volunteer "Rent a Skipper" program. He is pictured here with his wife, Professor Maria Santiago.

/ **Al Saunders** was recently ranked by ESPN as the number one offensive coordinator of the past 25 years in the NFL. He will start his 38th consecutive season in the league as the Cleveland Browns' senior assistant of special projects.



1969 Alumni from the last graduating class of the Stanyan Street campus enjoyed their annual hike in the Presidio to celebrate the holidays. From left are **John O'Connor, Jim Buick, Rick Murphy, Dick Dumont, Steve Laveroni, Mike Mitchell** and **Frank Charlton**. / **Dan Fouts '69**, who played for the University of Oregon before gaining fame with the San Diego Chargers, was inducted into the Pac 12 Hall of Honor March 13 in Las Vegas.

1972 Jeremiah Motak owns Standard Termite & Pest Solutions, which has been in business for 67 years and is a noted pest control company in Berkeley.

1975 Peter Radsloff has a new enhanced eBook out called *Me and MyConnie*, about his journey to rekindle life's adventure. The book, which includes three videos, can be read on an eBook reader, tablet or smartphone. The book won the QED Award for quality, excellence and design. You can purchase via Apple or via www.blurb.com. / Four members of the class — **Mike Russo, Dan Lavelle, Dan Kelleher**



and **Tom Stack** (pictured left) — met at the Dexter Lake Club House near Eugene, Ore., for dinner in January. The club was featured in *Animal House* as the venue where Otis Day and the Knights performed.

1976 Bob Borbeck is singing the praises of **Rev. John McShane '61** (left). “Like all good priests, he would not write about himself, so I will. I have had the pleasure of meeting this giant of a priest who gives of himself every day and takes care of the homeless here in Nevada. I am grateful to the SI Alumni Office allowing me to start our Las Vegas Chapter as that led me to Fr. McShane. It has been an honor to be in his presence and also give him one of our SI Alum hats. He was truly excited about it and even introduced me to his congregation that night. Thanks Fr. John. You are a classic!” Read more about Fr. McShane online in the Nov. 28, 2019, edition of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. Bob also wishes to thank **Francesca Flaherty '05** (left) who managed and coordinated his mother-in-law’s 80th birthday event at The Gold Mirror on Taraval. “Bravo young lady to you and your staff as Mom had a great time with many memories. You truly



embody the Jesuit motto. Thanks from The Borbeck Familia.”

1977 Bartlett Sher saw his production of *To Kill a Mockingbird* performed at Madison Square Garden before 18,000 New York City school children — a theatrical experience that received high praise in *The Washington Post*. Bart’s new production is *Intimate Apparel*, a new opera

1981 Francis Jue starred in Lauren Yee’s *Cambodian Rock Band* at New York’s Pershing Square Signature Center following hit productions at a string of prominent regional theaters. Comedy, mystery and racial identity drama meet rock concert in this deep dive into family secrets as a father and daughter are pulled into the dark past of a notorious Khmer Rouge war criminal.

1989 Al Madrigal is co-starring with Ben Affleck in *The Way Back*.

1990 After 21 years of working at Hanna Boys Center teaching high school social science classes, **Mario Alioto** left the school in August 2019 to accept a job as the director of the Academic Support Center at Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa. He lives in Sonoma with his wife and son.

1999 Drew Virk has been inducted into the inaugural class of Stanford Men’s Lacrosse Hall of Fame for his work as head coach from 2006 to 2016. He was honored at a Jan. 25 ceremony at the Stanford Golf Course Clubhouse.

2000 Leah (Taylor) Pimentel has been appointed to the 1a District Agricultural Association, Grand National Rodeo, Cow Palace Fair Board of Directors by Governor Gavin Newsom. / Photographers Sam (pictured at top of next column) and **Ariel Soto-Suver’s** exhibition



“Disrupting Fatherhood: A Movement Toward Gender Equity” opened in New York City on Feb. 27 at the photography museum Fotografiska. The exhibition challenges conceptions of gender around fatherhood on a personal and social level, with half of the show depicting images and stories of the photographers’ family, and the other half bearing witness to other fathers. They also hosted a panel event while the show was up, to discuss the politics and power of the home. They plan to bring the show to the Bay Area and continue to have it travel to keep this important conversation around fatherhood and masculinity growing.

2002 Rosana Sullivan’s Kitbull was nominated for an Oscar for best animated short. *Kitbull* was produced through Pixar’s SparkShorts. You can read about her in the spring 2019 edition of *Genesis* at siprep.org/genesis and watch the video online.

2005 Agnes Lee wrote in the *New York Times* about her illustrations that appear in the newspaper’s Metropolitan Diary, “which features stories from all five boroughs told by New Yorkers past and present.” Check out more of her work at ahjlee.com.

2009 Nathan Baker’s wedding to Ariel Figueroa was featured in the *New York Times*. They met at a wedding which Ariel had crashed. Nathan is a former BSU president as well as a former member of ALAS.

2015 USF baseball senior catcher **Robert Emery** has been named to the Buster Posey Award Watch List for the second year in a row, an honor given to the top NCAA Division I catcher in the nation.

2018 Alex Enos and Delaney Peranich competed at the New Mexico Collegiate Indoor Meet. Alex is a long jumper for UCLA and Delaney is a high jumper for Cal Poly SLO. / Hoops star **Darrion Trammell** announced his commitment to Seattle University.



2019 During the NCAA tournament, hosted by University of the Pacific last December, several former SI water polo teammates gathered for a photo. From left are **Gianluca Caltigirone**



(UOP), **Paul Gouchon** (UC, Davis) their former SI water polo coach Stephen Lacy, **Colby Paine** (Bucknell) and **Alexander Lansill '18** (USC).

2020 SI quarterback and linebacker **Teddye Buchanan** was named one of six *San Francisco Chronicle's* Regional Players of the Year. He helped lead the Wildcats to a WCAL co-championship and was named the league's Player of the Year. / **Danny Ryan**, a wide receiver record-holder for the WCAL, will be playing football at USC this fall.

IN MEMORIAM

- 1933 Salvadore Ignoffo
- 1946 Gerald "Jerry" O'Connor
- 1949 Peter D. Ashe
- 1950 Albert F. Nuti
- 1955 Jerrold C. Bocci
- 1956 Donald V. Doub, Jr.
- 1956 Eugene E. Keller
- 1956 Edward M. O'Reilly
- 1956 John "Jack" G. Ramage
- 1967 Curtis J. Mallegni
- 1972 Jeffrey J. Gotelli
- 1982 Gunnar Brekke



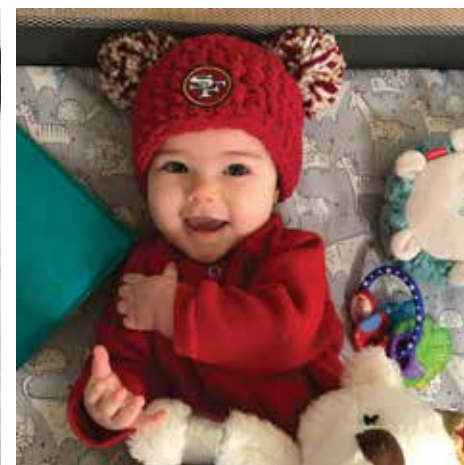
BIRTHS

1995 **Meg Sablinsky**, a son, Harrison Charlie (LEFT), born Aug. 18, 2019.

2004 **Matt Suhr** and his wife, Ashley, a daughter, Penelope "Pepper" Rose (BELOW RIGHT), born July 9, 2019.

2005 **Allison Pheatt**

and husband, Brian, a son, Carson Edward (BELOW LEFT), born Aug. 30, 2019.



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DARREN CRISS '05 HELPS TO LAUNCH SI CREATIVE COUNCIL AT THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS LUNCH

The annual SI Business Lunch featured Emmy, Golden Globe, and Screen Actors Guild award winner **Darren Criss '05**. The Feb. 21 event was held at the Fairmont Hotel, where SI also launched the start of the Creative Council, designed to help SI grads network in the creative arts. **Darren** was joined on stage by **Finn Rollings '20**, and the two sang a tune from *The Music Man*. Photo by Bowerbird.

Be part of the SI family by joining the pack and supporting Giving Day

On Thursday, April 30, SI will hold Giving Day — a fun-filled 24 hours to celebrate everything that makes SI so special. This year, we are reaching out to our SI family around the globe and asking students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends to work together to help us reach our goal of 1,855 donors.

The morning will begin with a kickoff breakfast in the Carlin Commons for donors, who will be greeted by students cheering them on.

As the day continues, the entire school will get into the action by sharing through social media ways in which they support the

mission of the school. “Giving Day isn’t just about donations to SI’s Scholarship Fund,” said SI Alumni Director **Tom Hsieh '83**. “There are so many ways we can support our students and the mission of the school. I like to quote the African proverb that if you want to run fast, you run alone, but if you want to run far, you run together.”

Going hand-in-hand with Giving Day is the message from Communications Director **Tom Murphy**, who came up with the tagline “Join the Pack,” to encourage the growth of the SI family. “We’ve expanded SI Giving Day to our entire community to

remind people to give in any way they can to support the remarkable mission of SI. We are so lucky to be part of something so meaningful. Let’s show people our level of commitment by giving on April 30.”

Both **Tom H.** and **Tom M.** invite those eager to help to contact them at alumni@siprep.org and to look into matching gift opportunities that employers may offer.

On April 30, stay connected via Facebook, Twitter and your email for more ways that you, too, can join the pack and support SI. Every gift, large and small, will make a difference and positively impact our students!



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BATTING CAGE DEDICATION: Alumni from the Class of 1993 joined together at Fairmont Field Jan. 11 to celebrate the naming of the batting cage after their late classmate **Adam Powers '93**. Family members and friends gathered for brunch at Puerto 27 after the ceremony. Pictured is **Mark Powers '88**, Adam's brother, and some of **Adam's** classmates.

GABLE HEART BEATS OFFERS FREE SCREENINGS: Medical professionals came to SI Jan. 31 for a free annual cardiac screening for SI students in the Cowell Pavilion. In all, 196 students and teachers had free Echocardiogram and EKG screenings thanks to the Gable Heart Beats Foundation with sponsorship by the Peter Patrick Madigan Antonini Foundation (the latter named in honor of



the late **Peter Antonini '00**, who died from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, and the former named for **Michael Gable**, **Michelle Gable's** late husband and a friend of the class of 1989, who died from the same condition). Gable Heart Beats also partners with **Holly Morrell** at Heartfelt. Nearly all of the Gable Heart Beats board and team members are SI alumni, including **Ralph Barsi '89**, **Stefan Mayo '89**, **Bill Taylor '82**, **Joaby Deal '92**, **Dan Burke '89**, **Graham Burke '89**, **Brent Deal '87**, **Mark Fassler '91** and **John Pasha '89**. Pictured from left are **Solia Mayo '20**, **Keaton Mayo '23**, **Jackie Marsh**, **Linda Antonini**, **Holly Morrell** (Heartfelt founder), **Aidan Deal '20** and **Amy Gervasi Mayo** (Gable Heart Beats founder). The screening found six individuals with borderline results and four outside normal limits, including one person with a congenital heart defect.



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SPRING TRAINING TRIP: Alumni, family and friends were joined by former SI President *Tony Sauer, S.J.*, and San Francisco Giants' *Chris Shaw* in Scottsdale in March.



The **2019-2020 ANNUAL FUND** ends June 30. Please consider a gift to this important program and help support SI's students in the classroom, on the field, on stage and beyond! Every gift will make a difference and will also boost the alumni participation rate. **THANK YOU!**

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Curtis Mallegni '67, chair of SI's Board of Trustees and Regents, leaves a legacy of service

Curtis Mallegni '67, a former chair of SI's Board of Trustees and Board of Regents and one of the school's most fervent supporters and trusted advisers, died Jan. 28 after a short illness. He was 70.

Most people don't know just how hard Mr. Mallegni's life became when, at age 10, he saw his 41-year-old father die after a long illness.

"We had no health insurance and were suddenly destitute," he recalled in a *Genesis* interview shortly after he was named chair of the Board of Regents. "My mother worked at a variety of jobs, including swing shifts to make ends meet. I'd often come home to find a few dollars on the table with a note telling me to buy a burger at the diner down the street. Fortunately, I grew up next to great families in Cow Hollow who knew I did not have a father and who reached out to me."

He followed his friends to SI, and his mother managed to scrape together enough money to pay his tuition for the first year. "After that, we hit a wall. My mother told the Jesuits that we were broke. Somehow, guardian angels materialized. I never had to worry about tuition as long as I was at SI."

He owed his success, he noted, in large part to SI. "It gave me my friends and enriched my life. SI gave me the best educational experience I had and made me feel part of a family that included the Jesuits and my teachers. They lived out the philosophy of *cura personalis* — of care for the whole person. That was just what I needed. I'm most grateful, and, in what ways I could, I tried to repay some of that debt."

While in high school, he played drums for the Vandals at various teen clubs, and he wrote about his experiences in *Genesis* magazine, including going to school just blocks from the corner of Haight and Ashbury right before the Summer of Love.

"We did this, ironically, in the context of our Jesuit influence. While my opinions and perceptions changed, I remained moored to the steady dock of Discipline, Order and Tradition that was SI. Many of my friends fought for social justice and many who sought fulfillment as artists did so influenced by the iconography and culture of their faith as well as these heady times."

In *Spiritus Magis: 150 Years of St. Ignatius College Preparatory*, he wrote of his experience being taught by Anthony P. Sauer, S.J., who would later become his friend and confidant. "He called me either 'Chief,' or 'Big Curt,' or 'Curt babes.' He



humored himself with our names as well as our own adolescent attempts to be cool. Little did we realize that we were in the midst of such a formidable wit and intellect who would become the intellectual beacon of SI. He was way ahead of us, and we rarely got 'his drift' as hard as we tried. Yet he endured as one of the truly great friends of our class, then and now. If only we could go back and take it all in anew with a slightly better chance of understanding what he was talking about."

After graduating from SI, Mr. Mallegni attended USF and UC Berkeley for his bachelor's degree and studied at night for law and MBA degrees while working full time, graduating from the San Francisco Law School in 1975 and earning an MBA in 1984 from Golden Gate University.

He worked as an attorney in private practice before joining Wells Fargo, where he worked in several divisions of the bank before retiring in 2008 as a senior vice president in the Commercial Mortgage Servicing Division.

He was active in St. Cecilia's parish, where he chaired the parish council and was one of the founding members and presidents of the

Men of St. Cecilia. He served as a basketball coach there for 30 years and was honored by the CYO for his dedication to his athletes.

Mr. Mallegni renewed his relationship with SI when his children enrolled at his alma mater. He later served as president of the Fathers' Club and, together with the Ignatian Guild, worked to ensure that students in financial straits enjoyed the same safety net of scholarship aid that had helped him in the 1960s. He also served as chair of the search committees for a new principal and president.

When he stepped down as Fathers' Club president, he left behind advice for those coming after him. He wrote in his letter to future presidents "never forget we do all this for our kids. We lose our way when we become wrapped up in the politics and efficiencies of the process. The kids are our top priority. Make sure that everything we do has a connection to the kids, the school and the school's goals. If you do, the work will always be relevant and enjoyable. You'll never need to ask yourself why you are doing something."

"He was the heart of our class and beloved by all," said former SI religious studies teacher Michael Shaughnessy '67. "He loved SI more than anybody I know. I am honored to have been his friend. There is less joy and humor in the world now that he is gone."

"As board president, Curtis went on retreats, visited classes and came to activities because he believed SI should always celebrate students," added his friend Peter Devine '66. "When their children attended, Curtis and Kathy lovingly hosted cast parties and team dinners in their home because they believed in the value of the Ignatian family. His life has been a blessing to the Stanyan Street grads."

Mike Silvestri '67, his classmate and close friend and the former business manager at SI, added that he had "visited Curtis a few days before we left for a vacation. We shared our good times, laughed and were emotional as well. We have lost a good and loving man, the heart of the class of 1967."

Mr. Mallegni is survived by his wife, Kathy, and their two children — Dan '99 (Alexandra Tredinnick '99) and Francesca '02 (Gregory Ohanessian '02) — by grandchildren Colette, Jack, Matthew and Joseph, and by many relatives.

The family asks that donations in Curtis' memory should be made to ICA-Cristo Rey, SI, the Father Sauer Academy or to your favorite educational charity. Or simply raise a glass of good wine and think of him. ☞

Ernest Go: Founder of the Bank of the Orient and one of SI's most generous supporters

Ernest L. Go, one of SI's most generous supporters and a major figure in the banking world, died Jan. 23. He was 85.

Mr. Go and his wife, **Jenny**, and their family left their mark on SI in many ways. They created the **Jenny & Ernest Go** Scholarship, and both **Mrs. Go** (who received SI's President's Award in 1997) and her daughter **Yvonne** were past members of SI's Board of Regents.

The south entrance of the school is named for **Mr. & Mrs. Go**; the Painting Studio is named for the **Ernest Go Family**; and the Choral Director's Office is named for **Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Lee Go**.

Born Jan. 18, 1935, **Mr. Go** attended Fordham University before returning home to the Philippines to work with his father, **Go Kim Pah**, at Equitable Banking Corporation, where he oversaw the opening of numerous branches.

In 1969, he returned to San Francisco, and in 1971, he founded Bank of the Orient, where he held the office of chairman and CEO until his retirement in 2011.

Mr. Go was a visionary who saw the potential in China before anyone else did, and he used all his prodigious skill and diplomacy to establish the first branch of a U.S. bank approved to operate in China. In 1984, he also founded Orient First Capital Corporation, a finance company in Hong Kong.

In addition to his support of SI, he was a major benefactor to the Society of Jesus. He assisted the Jesuits West Province, including a donation to the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos for retired Jesuits, where a chapel they helped fund was dedicated several years ago.

Through his many contacts in China, **Mr. Go** assisted in sending countless Jesuit priests and scholastics from all over the world to teach English in China. In 1984, he also facilitated Philippine Cardinal **Jaime Sin's** visit to China and served on the Finance Committee of the Archdiocese of San Francisco under three archbishops.

For his service to the Catholic Church, **Mr. Go** was made a papal Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

He also served for more than three decades as a trustee on the board of the Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center, now the California Pacific Medical Center.

He was also on the board of Golden Gate University and the advisory board of USF's Center for the Pacific Rim, now known as the Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History.



He served under **Mayors Dianne Feinstein** and **Art Agnos** on the Save the Cable Car, San Francisco-Manila Sister City and the San Francisco-Shanghai Sister City committees.

He is survived by his wife, **Jenny**; by their children **Edwin (Helen)**, **Yvonne (Neil)** and **Monique (Clarence)**; and grandchildren **Greg '10**, **Maddy '13**, **Megan '18**, **Alexandra**, **Ben** and **Ryan**.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jesuits West or to the CPMC Foundation. ∞

ABOVE: Mr. & Mrs. Go at the St. Ignatius Chapel in the Sacred Heart Center in Los Gatos, a retirement home for Jesuits.

This year's SI Live students concluded their annual show with a nod to SI President Eddie Reese, S.J., and his Mass of the Holy Spirit homily, in which he noted that "a school with no kids is like a pub with no beer." The club is moderated by Annelise Morris and Mike Santos. Photo by Bowerbird.



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