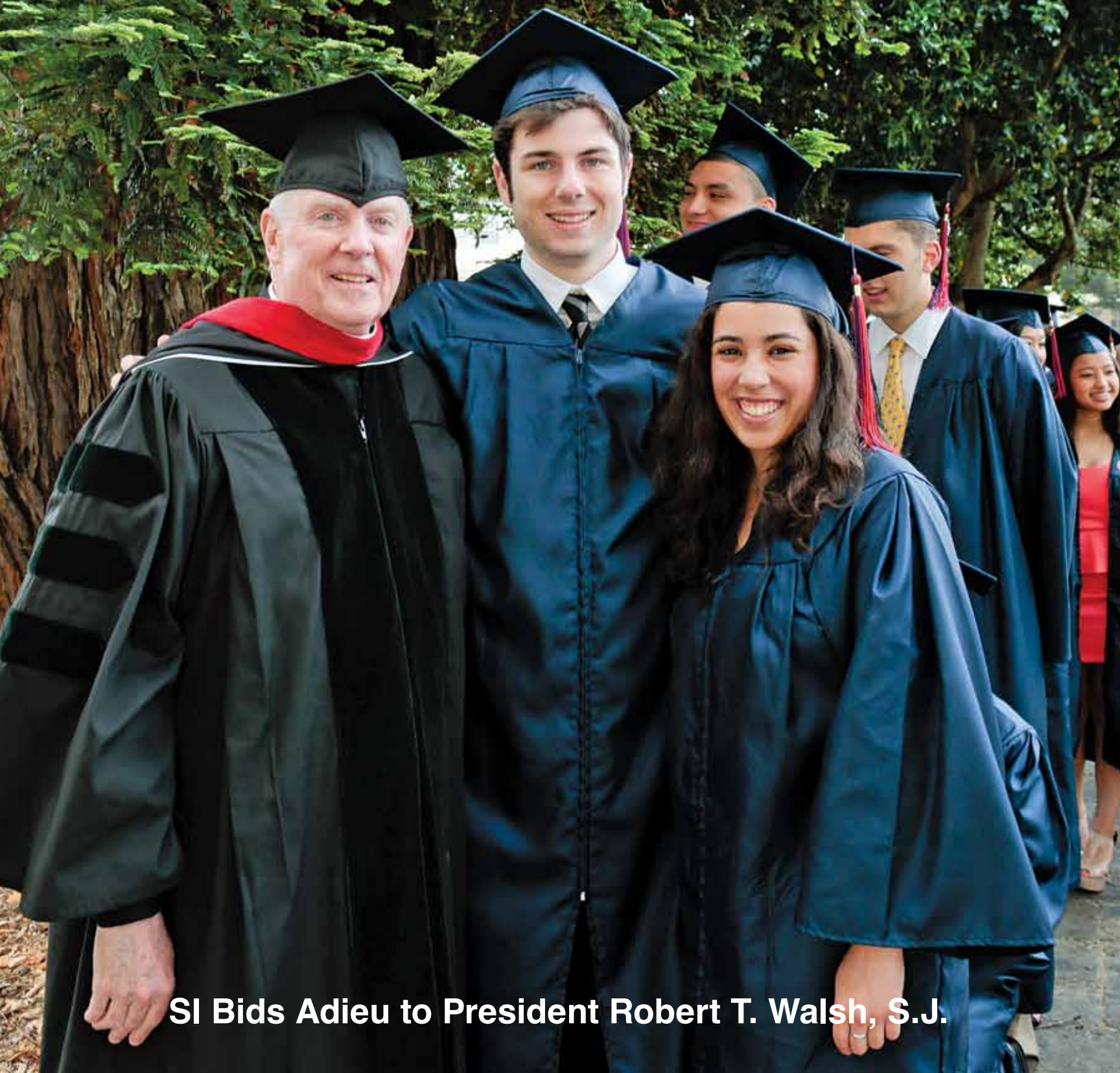


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Left: Justin Eggleston '12 and Rebecca Ware '13 attend the Magis graduation. Center: the Young Alumni Social. Right: Rev. John LoSchiavo, S.J. '42, and Jim & Gerry Sangiacomo at the Guild luncheon.

First Words

Most of you have seen photo books that capture events as they unfold over 24 hours. This May, the SI community had one such action-packed period, one that speaks to the binding theme of the feature stories you'll find in this issue. It won't take you long to figure out what cable connects these events.

May 16: 6 p.m. Magis Graduation in the SI Choral Room. I took a handful of photos of the wonderful seniors who began their SI career while still in elementary school, when they took summer classes in the Magis Program. Rev. Robert Walsh, S.J. '68, SI's president, was on hand to celebrate their success stories.

May 16: 6 p.m. Alfred's Steakhouse, owned by Albert Petri '60. The Alumni Association gathered here to deliberate on their choice for the person to receive the Christ the King Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a graduate of SI. Afterwards, the members joined the crowd at Taverna Aventine.

May 16: 7 p.m. Taverna Aventine, owned by Gian-Paolo Veronese '94 with Marcel Neal '98 providing gourmet fare from his food truck right outside. The SI Alumni Association holds regular young alumni socials here for grads in their 20s and 30s. They come to unwind, network, gather with friends and make new ones.

May 17: 10 a.m. SI sent out a press release regarding the new one-to-one iPad program. Read the story on page 39 to see how students will use this innovative tool next year in nearly all their classes.

May 17: 11 a.m. Orradre Chapel. Fr. Walsh celebrated Mass for the Ignatian Guild, officially installing the new officers for the year and honoring the achievements of this year's board, led by Gerry Sangiacomo. Past Guild presidents also returned to join new and current board members in the festivities. Highlighting this year's lunch was a video featuring Guild members singing "My Guy" as a farewell to Fr. Walsh to thank him for his years of service to the school.

May 17: 1:45 p.m. McCullough Gymnasium. Each year, SI faculty and students show up to play basketball with the Wildcats of the Janet Pomeroy Center, which has served people with disabilities since 1952 and where hundreds of SI students have volunteered their time over the past three decades. Math teacher John Debenedetti '83 organizes the event, and religious studies teacher Mike Shaughnessy '67 leads the crowd in the "Hokey Pokey" to warm them up.

May 17: 2 p.m. Bannan Theatre. SI traditionally held a Winter Pops Concert for years organized by Nick '64 and Janet Sablinsky. This year, orchestra and jazz band leader Gillian Clements and choral director Chad Zullinger held the first Spring Pops Concert, featuring instrumental and vocal music, ranging from the Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby" to Toto's "Africa" and Foreigner's "I Want to Know What Love Is." The kids blew the roof off the place.

May 17: 3 p.m. Marchbank Park. The boys' baseball team took on Westmont, beating them 8-6 in the opening game of the CCS tournament, which ended with the first CCS baseball championship in school history.

May 17: 6 p.m. St Mary's Cathedral. Martin D. "Pete" Murphy '52 and his wife, Joanne, were honored with the Assumpta Award for years of loving service to the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Pete is a former chair of SI's Board of Regents and a former SI Trustee, and the athletic pavilion, built in 1994, is named for him in honor of the great work he has done for SI in spearheading Genesis III. Both are also members of the Father Carlin Heritage Society. Master of Ceremonies was Rev. John Talesfore '78, rector of the Cathedral, who both praised the Murphys and kidded Pete about his notorious sense of humor.

While all of these events were happening, life at SI continued with the usual classes, clubs, practices, games and meetings. We readied for the May 18 Fathers' Club End-of-Year barbecue, where Fr. Walsh was honored again, and for the last class of Chuck Murphy '61, who would soon retire after 47 years of service to SI.

One cable ties all of these events together: the call of Christ to love one another just as God loves us. This ancient tie that binds links us to the divine and to generations of Ignatians who have gone before us, who will come after us, and who are here right now. This year, they shone in the classroom, on the field and stage and in their service work, where they reflected God's glory.

The challenge of my job is keeping up with all that's going on. That's also a great joy. I'm blessed to be able to tell the stories of the many members of the SI family who strive to live AMDG in so many creative and wonderful ways. Sometimes, I just wish I had a few more hours in the day to do so!

— Paul Totah '75

Left: SI students at the Janet Pomeroy Center game. Center: The Spring Pops Concert. Right: Collin Monsour leads SI to CCS glory.



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On the Cover: Rev. Robert T. Walsh, S.J. '68, SI's president, presided over his final graduation ceremony at St. Ignatius Church in June. Pictured with him are seniors Ester Abarca and Max Abochar. Photo by Paul Totah.

Above left: Denis Mulligan '78 in the new Golden Gate Pavilion, holding a model of the Golden Gate Bridge showing the paint color recommended by the Navy: yellow and black, so planes would not crash into it. Below left: Alan Chern explores a cave in Guatemala. Photo by Gilly Elor.

Father Harry V. Carlin, S.J., Heritage Society

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Rev. Robert Walsh, S.J., ends successful term as President



Fr. Walsh at the Baccalaureate Mass in May.

Three themes define the six-year presidential tenure of Rev. Robert T. Walsh, S.J. '68. One overarching theme, however, defines his 30 years as a high school administrator and his 44 years as a member of the Society of Jesus: priestly service.

Fr. Walsh assumed office on July 1, 2006, and devoted his time at SI to redefining the role and structure of the governing board, to ensuring SI's continued excellence as the school replaced 20 of the 24 top administrators, and to raising funds to meet the growing need for tuition assistance. During Fr. Walsh's tenure, SI increased annual financial aid funding from \$1.7 million to a record \$2.8 million, helping SI keep its promise to be a school for everyone.

Under his leadership, SI successfully completed the Genesis V campaign, adding much-needed new buildings to the campus and adding 8.5 acres of athletic fields with the addition of Fairmont Field in Pacifica.

He also gave his support to the school's Adult Ministry Program, ensuring that SI's faculty and staff will continue to be Ignatian and grow in their spirituality even as the number of Jesuits at SI declines.

A fifth-generation Californian, Fr. Walsh was born in San Francisco on Aug. 30, 1950, and reared in Westlake, where he attended Our Lady of Mercy School. He joined the Society of Jesus after graduating from SI in 1968. Since his ordination in 1980, he has served as a priest, teacher, novice director, campus minister and

administrator, including key leadership roles at SI, where he served as campus minister in the 1980s; at Bellarmine, where he worked as assistant principal in the 1990s; and at Loyola High School in Los Angeles, where he served as principal and president before returning to SI.

In his first two years at SI, Fr. Walsh sought to finish the work begun by his predecessor, Rev. Anthony P. Sauer, S.J., who had earlier launched the Genesis V campaign to bring new facilities on the south end of the campus.

Fr. Walsh saw to completion the construction of the Columbus Piazza, the Doris Duke Wall Choral Room, the Gibbons Hall of Music, the Jane and James Ryan Weight Training Facility, the Dana Family Batting Center and a five-classroom wing. He also presided over the building of Fairmont Field, a state-of-the-art facility featuring the Carter Field, used for field hockey and soccer, and space for SI's baseball and softball teams, all located on a beautiful bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Under Fr. Walsh's leadership, SI's kitchen and Orradre courtyard saw major renovations, while over at J.B. Murphy Field, the press box was rebuilt and the bleacher stands were completely redone.

He also began the first of the three key themes of his tenure: restructuring the Board of Regents. Rev. Harry V. Carlin, S.J. '35, convened the first board in 1966 when he was overseeing the school's move to the Sunset District; in those years, the role of the regents was strictly advisory.

"After the move, Fr. Carlin and his successors understood that we needed ongoing advice from experts in fields of law, finance, real estate and investments," Fr. Walsh noted. Today, the Board of Trustees are the primary owners of the school and the Board of Regents governs broad institutional policies and provides strategic direction and resources for the school's future.

The second theme of Fr. Walsh's time in office emerged as more and more veteran administrators reached retirement age or returned to the classroom. "These men and women had served SI faithfully and effectively, making it easier to find good people to step into their positions. But the job of hiring new administrators is different today than when I was a student at SI in the 1960s, when the provincial appointed both the president and principal. Back in those days, parents, for the most part, left the job of education to the schools. Today, they are partners with us, and new leaders needed to be professional, communicative, transparent and effective at working with parents as well as with young people."

To ensure that new faculty and new leaders keep true to the school's Jesuit roots, he gave his full support to the Adult Spirituality Program. "We all need to understand Jesuit educational goals, Ignatian charism and our Catholic nature. If we are not dedicated to

living out our Jesuit heritage and to being a Catholic school, then we are missing the boat.”

The third theme was one that affected the entire country. The economic downturn, one of the worst since the Great Depression, hit the SI community hard as well. Parents lost their jobs as well as their ability to leverage their homes to finance high school or college tuition.

Fr. Walsh credited SI's investment committee, chaired by Greg Vaughan '74, as well as those who came before him, including Fr. Sauer and former Vice President for Development Steve Lovette '63, with creating a substantial endowment fund that was able to recover quickly from the downturn and assist SI in distributing aid to 375 students for the 2011–12 academic year, up from the 250 recipients served when Fr. Walsh first took office.

Fr. Walsh also thanked the many donors who created named scholarships. Between 2007 and 2012, the number of perpetually endowed scholarships has grown by 34 percent. He also praised school leadership, which kept expenditures down to help the school finish in the black for the past six years.

Under Fr. Walsh's supervision, both the Arrupe Fund and Messina Scholarships were created to help students with costs over and above tuition.

His greatest joys, he noted, come from his collaboration with Principal Patrick Ruff, Vice President Joe Vollert '84, CFO Terry Dillon, his secretary Shirley Minger and the many parents, benefactors, board members and students whom he has served so well.

First and foremost, Fr. Walsh has lived out his role as a priest at SI and at all of his former posts in his 30 years as a Jesuit administrator. “When I became president, I endeavored to be priest and pastor, educator and administrator, but being a priestly president was most important.”

He doesn't know where he will be working at the end of his yearlong sabbatical, which begins this summer, but he looks forward to doing “more pastoral rather than administrative work. I have missed teaching, and if the future holds out that possibility again, I'd love to be in the classroom. I also find joy in Ignatian spirituality, having worked as a spiritual director.”

Whatever the future holds for him, the SI community offers him our profound thanks for the all the great good he has done in his years of service to the school. ∞

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Scholarship honors both Fr. McFadden '41 and Chuck Murphy '61

Bob McFadden '43, a longtime SFUSD and Poly High School art instructor, wanted to do something special to honor his wife, Geraldine, who had died June 5, 2011, and his brother, Rev. Edward McFadden, S.J. '41, SI's principal from 1964 to 1976, who passed away in 2002. The result was the Fr. Edward McFadden, S.J. '41, Scholarship.

This spring, former SI teachers, alumni and the Alumni Association added more than \$25,000 to the scholarship in recognition of Chuck Murphy '61, one of SI's greatest teachers and one of Fr. McFadden's first hires back in 1965. Murphy retired last June after his 47-year career. (See the story on Chuck on page 31.)

Among the other hires in 1965 were Mr. Anthony P. Sauer, S.J., (who would serve as SI's president), Leo La Rocca '53 (who would become athletic director the following year), Bob Drucker '58 (the famed Wizard of Westlake basketball coach) and Riley Sutthoff '60 (who introduced French instruction at SI and whose sudden death in a car accident led to the founding of the track award named in his honor).

"I didn't realize until his funeral in San Jose what a profound influence my brother had on Bay Area education," said Bob McFadden, himself a former teacher. "So many principals and presidents all over the Bay Area told me how much he had helped them in their jobs. He always put children first, especially those whose families couldn't afford an SI education."

In his tenure as principal, Fr. McFadden turned SI from a good city school into a great regional

school and ushered in the modern era of high school administration. He gained a reputation as a blunt but loving teacher and administrator who intimidated freshmen but who gained the love and respect of his students as they became upperclassmen.

A Jesuit for 60 years, Fr. McFadden entered the Society of Jesus after graduating from SI in 1941. As a student at SI, he wrote a column for *The Red and Blue* called "Doings from Other Campi," filled with topical jokes, puns and witty comments. Later, as principal of SI, that sense of humor would surface whenever he signed notes to coaches as "The Owner." Later, as a teacher at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, he signed his notes with "Edward the Professor."

Among the first to appreciate the value of the McFadden Scholarship was Lou Carella '76, who had Fr. McFadden as a principal. Carella credits McFadden for his entrance into SCU's engineering program.

"He called me out of class one day and asked where I had applied to college," said Carella. "I told him St. Mary's and Santa Clara. He told me, 'You're not going to St. Mary's. Do you have a car? Take the rest of the day off and drive this note to the admissions office.'"

Carella took the note and saw that it read, in green ink: "Louie Carella. Take him."

"That note changed my life," said Carella. "Had I not gone to SCU, I would not have majored in engineering or re-met my wife and ended up where I am today. Who knows how my life would have turned out." ∞



Rev. Edward McFadden, S.J. (right), hired Chuck Murphy in 1965 along with other young teachers who would go on to become SI legends. The scholarship in Fr. McFadden's name also honors Chuck Murphy's 47-year teaching career, thanks to the generosity of Fr. McFadden's brother and to donors who wish to honor both men. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, contact Joe Vollert '84, SI's vice president for development, at jvollert@siprep.org.

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The **Father Carlin Heritage Society** held its annual spring luncheon at The Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito in May. Members attended along with guests, including Pamela and John Casaudoumeqc (at right). Above, from left, are Martin D. "Pete" Murphy '52, Cathy Worner, Bert Keane '68 and Rich Worner '68. If you are interested in joining the society, contact Development Director Marielle Murphy '93 at mmurphy@siprep.org.

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The Fathers' Club held its installation luncheon at Alioto's in June. From left are Events Chairman Sherman Yee, Past President Patrick Goudy, Auction Vice Chairman Steve Sirianni '84, Sergeant-at-Arms Glenn Fama, Vice President Tim McInerney '79, Frosh/Soph Outreach David Churton '77, Vice President Dr. Carl Otto, Treasurer Jim Dobberstein '78, President Ed McGovern '75, Concessions Chairman Will Bischoff, Communications Chairman Harris Holzberg, Auction Chairman David Fleming, Bruce-Mahoney Chairman Tom O'Malley, Secretary Don Sullivan '79 and Lifetime Membership Chairman Glenn Lobo.

Kevin Starr, the state historian and a former SI student, attended a special **Grandparents Day** gathering that featured a performance of **Damn Yankees** followed by a tea, all organized by Ann Kauffman and Sarah Ryan of the Ignatian Guild. Pictured with Starr are his wife, Sheila, and their granddaughter, Raquel Gueits '15.





Mayor Ed Lee came to SI in May to speak with the senior class and answer questions from students. At the end of his talk, Mayor Lee surprised Fr. Walsh by proclaiming May 30 to be “Rev. Robert T. Walsh, S.J., Day” in San Francisco, in honor of Fr. Walsh’s years of service.



On April 27, **Rap Sessions**, a panel of prominent authors, professors and activists, held a lively discussion at SI titled, “Rebirth of a Nation: Race and Gender Politics in Today’s Media.” SI was the only high school scheduled on Rap Sessions’ national college tour. Present were Bakari Kitwana (author, *The Hip Hop Generation*), Mark Anthony Neal (author and professor, Duke University), Elizabeth Mendez Berry (journalist, adjunct professor, NYU), Adam Mansbach (professor, Rutgers and author, *Angry Black White Boy*), and Malkia Cyril (executive director, Center for Media Justice, not pictured).



From left to right: juniors Katie Craft, Grace Matthews, Moderator Michelle Finn, Maya Sommer, Sam Granville and Kathleen Robbins attended the May 14 **Young Women’s Summit**, sponsored by the Professional Business Women of California at the Moscone Center. The annual summit focuses on teaching young women the importance of aspiring to be leaders in their chosen fields.



Cables to the Ace: Creating Innovative Communities

Shortly before he died in 1968, Thomas Merton saw the publication of his penultimate collection of poems. He called it *Cables to the Ace* because, for the Trappist monk, prayers were cables in both senses of the word. They were long strands that connected us to God (the Ace) as well as telegram-like messages, part of the two-way street conversation between humanity and the divine.

We borrow Merton's title for this section to showcase the good work done by SI grads, men and women who are weaving cables of their own, cables that link us to form community, that inspire conversation and that connect us to all that lies beyond ourselves.

Denis Mulligan '78, the CEO of the Golden Gate Bridge District, provides the most apt connection to the title, as the cables that hold up the iconic bridge connect cities on two sides of the bay and represent San Francisco's connection to the Pacific Rim and to a far-flung world of commerce and cultural exchange.

Chris Seiwald '80, CEO of Alameda-based Perforce, sells a product that allows teams of software engineers to create and upgrade everything from Google to Photoshop. His software allows experts the ability to fashion magic in a way that creates order out of potential chaos.

Jim Houghton '76 creates a different kind of community in his new Pershing Square Signature Center, a 75,000 square foot complex on 42nd Street in New York City. Designed by acclaimed architect Frank Gehry, Houghton's new home allows for conversation and collaboration among Broadway playwrights, directors, actors, audience, management and students.

Alan Chern '01 also would appreciate the *Cables to the Ace* title, given the ropes that have lowered him deep into pit caves in the U.S. and in Guatemala. He has found both beauty in these underworld caverns and in the community of friends who have become his extended family.

Five other grads write about creating community regarding a variety of social justice opportunities: Shane Fallon '06 is helping students plan service work for their gap years; Andrew Dudum '07 has built a microfinance non-profit to help people lend money to Palestinian women looking to start or expand their businesses; Jessica Morse '05 helps place students in African villages, where they collaborate with locals on innovative solutions; John Harrington '83 worked with his church in St. Helena to create a program for dads and kids to volunteer together to help seniors and spruce up neighborhood parks; and John Tastor '64 found a community of volunteers when he traveled to Haiti with President Jimmy Carter to build homes for earthquake victims.

These grads have sent out their own cables, ones anchored in the bedrock of SI, that have carried them around the world sending the message of hope, community and creativity to those who need it most. Enjoy their stories. ∞

Managing one of the wonders of the world and helping celebrate its 75th birthday bash

Denis Mulligan '78 can't quite believe he gets paid to manage one of the modern engineering wonders of the world.

As general manager and CEO of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, he is the ninth person to oversee one of the most beautiful man-made structures in the world. He was also charged with helming its 75th anniversary celebration, which featured more than a million party-goers and a spectacular fireworks show over Memorial Day weekend.

On Mulligan's watch, most of the improvements that San Franciscans have talked about for years have been green-lighted, including a moveable median, automated tollbooths and a suicide-prevention barrier.

He also oversaw the opening of a new visitor's center and gift shop, built an interpretive center to showcase the science and engineering of the bridge and converted the roundhouse to a green-screen room so tourists and city natives alike can show off photos of themselves standing atop one of the iconic towers or climbing a cable.

As chief engineer for the bridge from 2001 to his appointment as general manager on March 1, 2010, Mulligan managed the construction of the public safety railing to keep bikers and walkers from falling into traffic.

He also managed the ongoing seismic retrofit design of the bridge – work that he continues to supervise in his new job – while also helping people cross the Golden Gate by bus and ferry. He has been so successful in this latter effort that traffic on the bridge has decreased over the past decade, resulting in much-improved commute times.

To accomplish this, Mulligan's reach goes well beyond the Golden Gate Bridge. He runs 200 buses and seven ferries, four of which are high-speed catamarans that have cut commute time between Larkspur and San Francisco by 15 minutes.

He has help doing all of this, with 825 employees, an annual budget of \$175 million and an oversight board that includes two fellow SI grads – San Francisco Supervisor Sean Elsbernd '93 and Mulligan's classmate David Rabbitt '78. (Former bridge directors include Al Boro '53, Jack W. Cavanaugh '50, Richard Spotswood '65 and Peter Arrigoni, Jr. '49.)

In many ways, Mulligan was fated to be an engineer. The son of Irish immigrants, Mulligan grew up in San Francisco watching his father work as a carpenter. Growing up on 28th near Rivera, he often played at the nearby reservoir with a commanding view of the bridge. "It has always been so much a part of my life, from riding my bike across it as a kid to fishing at nearby piers."

While at SI, Mulligan worked after school at a company making mechanical parts, cutting gaskets and manufacturing mechanical packing in a Mission District warehouse. In school, he found inspirational mentors in his math teachers, who included Col. Vern Gilbert, Mike Silvestri '67, Michael Patterson '59 and Brother Charlie Jackson, S.J. '60.

He graduated from Cal with his degree in civil engineering and worked for Caltrans for 18 years, rising through the ranks. He left as the manager

of the state's Toll Bridge Program and supervised the construction of the new Carquinez Bridge and work on the Benicia Bridge. His staff had just finished the environmental study of the new Bay Bridge construction when he left to serve as chief engineer of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Early in the job, he learned some of the bridge's history and gained respect for the vision and courage of residents of the six counties who came together in the 1930s to buy bonds to fund the construction of the bridge. He learned some of that history from fellow SI grad John van der Zee '53, whose book *The Gate* tells the story of Charles Ellis, the engineering genius behind the bridge. (On May 25, van der Zee joined Mulligan for a formal dedication of a plaque recognizing Ellis for his accomplishments.)

Later, Mulligan learned even more history thanks to another SI alumnus: Kevin Starr, the California state historian who had attended SI in his freshman year in 1954 and 1955 and whose granddaughter is part of the class of 2015. Starr's book, titled *Golden Gate: The Life and Times of America's Greatest Bridge*, Mulligan notes, "is filled with great stories, including all those men who earned entry into the 'Halfway to Hell' club by falling into the safety net and surviving while building the bridge."

Mulligan also learned why the Golden Gate Bridge is International Orange. "The Navy wanted the bridge painted in yellow and black stripes so that planes wouldn't fly into it. Others wanted it green or battleship gray, like the Bay Bridge. But when the steel arrived from Pennsylvania, shipped through the Panama Canal, it had a lead-based red primer. People who saw it said that was the right color."

The bridge district no longer uses lead paint, and, despite urban legend, the bridge isn't constantly repainted from one end to the other in a never-ending cycle. "Some parts of the bridge haven't been repainted in 30 years, while other sections painted 15 years ago look beat up. Regardless, we keep our 3 dozen painters and 18 iron workers busy Monday through Friday thanks to the salt in the air."

When the bridge opened in 1937, it killed the ferry business between Marin and San Francisco, but with bridge traffic climbing at 7 percent annually, the bridge district brought back the ferries in 1971 and increased the number of buses crossing the bridge, with 45 percent of those costs subsidized by tolls.

"We now take thousands of cars off the street of San Francisco every day thanks to buses and boats. Imagine how bad traffic would be without them."

Mulligan enjoys his job not only because he has one of the best views of the bridge from his office but also because his co-workers "are the happiest people I know. They get to work with something so iconic and beautiful that it is featured in dozens of movies. It's even next to Star Fleet Command in all the *Star Trek* movies. And if I ever have a bad day at the office, I put on my jeans and harness and climb the bridge to inspect it. It's the largest jungle gym I know."



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Mulligan has had his share of bridge climbing, as construction on the bridge never ends, from replacing the towers below the ends of the bridge to installing the safety rails along the walkways. One testament to the success of Mulligan's tenure as CEO is that none of this work has ever stopped traffic, and the new parts of the bridge look as if they have always been there. "We even put up a new concrete wall and recreated the lumber lines that were on the old wall left from the planks used for concrete forms back in the 1930s."

After his crew put in the safety rails in 2002, Mulligan heard from a couple who were regular commuters to San Francisco from Tiburon. "The wife swore that the rails were new, and the husband argued that they had always been there. They wrote to us to resolve the dispute. When we have to change the structure, we try to do so in a way that is respectful of those who have gone on before us. That the husband thought they had always been there made my day."

That respect for the bridge design will also govern the look of the new suicide-prevention netting, which will only be seen from the far ends of the bridge. And though the toll takers will be phased out in February 2013, the tollbooths will remain to hold the cameras that will record license plates.

(Mulligan has already found jobs in his organization for six of the 28 toll takers. Another six are retiring, and he hopes to find work for the others by next February.)

Even the new 3,500-square-foot Golden Gate Pavilion gift shop and interpretive center emulates architectural details of the bridge, from its International Orange color to the fluting and rivets on the towers.

That new building, which opened May 8, also tells the stories of those who built the bridge and showcases a 1/56th scale model of one of the towers, built in Princeton in 1933 to measure the effect of wind and weight. For years, that model had been lost, only to resurface lying against the wall of an electrical shop in the bridge maintenance complex.

"We wanted to change the visitor experience at the toll plaza," said Mulligan. "For years, all we offered was a chunk of cable and a statue of Joseph Strauss and called it a day."

The experience most tourists crave is crossing the bridge one way or another. On a typical summer's day, 10,000 people will walk across and 6,000 will bike the 8,980-foot bridge. Mulligan and his crew need to deal with the mixed expectations of those travelers. "Some want to cross in a hurry and others want to stroll leisurely. That's when conflicts arise."

His staff is also trained to deal with people who may want to join the 1,300 men and women who have committed suicide by jumping off the bridge. "We train our staff to look for anyone suspicious," said Mulligan. "Thus far, we have stopped 100 people from ending their lives by jumping." One of those who did jump last year lived to tell about it, a rare occurrence, as only 26 have survived the leap since 2006. The new suicide prevention barrier will, Mulligan hopes, put an end to that sad chapter of the bridge's history. Construction can begin as soon as 2013 but won't start until advocates for the barrier can raise \$45 million from private and public funds. Funds for the median barrier have been secured, and Mulligan hopes it will be in place by mid 2013.

Mulligan's main concern as bridge CEO is to respect those who have an emotional connection to the imposing structure. "There are soldiers and sailors who saw the bridge as they returned to the mainland after fighting overseas, and it was their first glimpse of home. Others have fond memories of running marathon courses that crossed the bridge. We even have a video of a Japanese sailor on a container ship standing atop a crane on his ship, leaping and trying to touch the bridge. Everyone is excited just to touch the structure. That's part of what makes this job so fun." ∞



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A Denis Mulligan stands next to a scale model of one of the bridge's towers, built in Princeton to test the bridge's design for wind and weight. For years, the model was misplaced and it now stands as the centerpiece to the new Golden Gate Pavilion visitor's center.

B Denis Mulligan and *Genesis* editor Paul Totah '75 pose for a faux photo atop the Golden Gate Bridge tower thanks to the new green-screen facility in the roundhouse. Now anyone can send a photo to their friends pretending to climb one of the cables or stand on top of the world.

Chris Seiwald's Perforce transforms both local communities and global software companies

Chris Seiwald '80 sits atop the most important software company you have never heard of. And you're not alone. As Seiwald tells it, Adobe's chief information officer realized not that long ago that Perforce was at the core of the company's most important assets. "Before that, he had no idea who we were."

As co-founder and CEO of Alameda-based Perforce, Seiwald's products have helped teams of developers create products you use every day, from Google's search engines and the entire Adobe Creative Suite to the codes used by Bank of America, Amazon, EA and Research in Motion.

Perforce's products allow teams of developers to work on parts of complex software, keeping track of the various versions and improvements made as computer coders work to ready a new program or an important upgrade.

Even Pixar uses Perforce to keep track of all the various versions of each of its animated characters. If Pixar artists want to see Little Nemo's evolution into the fish he finally became, they can do that using Seiwald's product.

The more you learn about Perforce's software, the more you discover several versions of Seiwald, as well.

Seiwald is a dedicated husband and father of six as well as an East Bay community leader who believes in the importance of religion and philanthropy.

He is also a world-traveler, both with his family and on his own. He recently finished a three-month motorcycle tour of South America that took him to the southernmost city of Tierra del Fuego.

He points to a few seminal events that shaped these many versions, including his time as a sixth grader at St. Thomas More School.

"Our teacher asked us to read an article in a science magazine that predicted how the future would turn out," said Seiwald.

"As soon as the teacher mentioned the article, everyone looked at me. My classmates thought of me as the nerdy guy who would be on the cutting edge of transforming society."

Not wanting to be pigeonholed, Seiwald began looking outward to the adventures that travel promised as well as inward to the hermetic life of a computer programmer. "I subscribed to Popular Electronics in the 8th grade and wrote the names of all the rivers in China on the back cover," he noted.

He also began programming computers starting at 12, first at USF, where his father worked as a chemistry professor, and later through SI's Computer Club. Seiwald, along with classmate Greg Doherty '80, now a vice president at Oracle, and Caedmon Irias '80, who works with Seiwald at Perforce, wrote programs in

BASIC and communicated between the computer at SI and those at USF through dial-up machines.

He continued to program as a computer science major at Cal, where he met Bill Joy, a recent Berkeley graduate who would go on to found Sun Computers. Seiwald and his classmates were on hand to see Joy and his partners demonstrate their first Sun prototype. Seiwald also landed a job writing programs for teachers at San Francisco's Woodrow Wilson High School, helping them with computer-aided instruction, and that job helped him pay his Cal tuition.

Later, he and Doherty worked for Clint Reilly, analyzing data they collected to help pass the No Fault Insurance Initiative. "We're the ones who spent \$70 million and lost," said Seiwald.

He also worked at Ingres, an Alameda-based database software firm, where he met Trudi Quinn, whom he married in 1989. He worked on and off for the company until Computer Associates purchased it in 1994. He left the company to launch Perforce (which incorporated two years later), basing his product on a version management tool he had developed earlier.

"A product like Photoshop has hundreds of people writing thousands of source code files, with each programmer changing collections of files," said Seiwald. "It's a complicated process keeping track of those changes in relationship with each other. That's just what our software does."

His product did so well, thanks to word-of-mouth praise from Silicon Valley programmers, that Seiwald has been able to keep his company private and self-funded while showing a profit every month since its founding, as well as steady growth, with the company now grossing \$50 million annually.

Still, Seiwald hired his first sales force in 2011 not out of necessity but to improve his customer service. "As our customers grow in size, they expect more hand-holding and more contact from us." Some of that hand-holding comes from support centers in Sydney and London, so that Perforce's support "can follow the sun."

That support also happens within the company, as Seiwald takes great pride both in the success and well-being of his 250 employees. In the early days of the company, he and his coworkers even drafted 13 commandments entitled "Values We Work By." Number 13 on the list is, "These are the best years of our lives."

"Some private companies exist to support the lavish lifestyle of their founders," said Seiwald. "We view our work as our lifestyle. This is what we do for fun. I don't want my employees working 80 hours a week, hating their jobs in hopes of hitting it big after 10 years. We want people to enjoy the life they are





having right now, working regular hours and returning to their families at the end of the day. When I come to work, I want to be surrounded by happy people.”

Seiwald has also gone beyond thinking about the well-being of his employees. He donates 10 percent of Perforce’s profits towards a company foundation, which he calls a “corporate tithing program,” because he finds value in the religious language and ethical codes he learned in grammar school and at SI.

“I enjoyed going to a school that included students ranging from kindergarten to eighth grade. The eighth graders learn to become leaders of the school and act like adults in a corporation. That ‘rising to responsibility’ is also one of our company’s commandments.”

Towards that end, employees are able to donate \$750 twice a year to charities of their choice. Because most of those charities are local, Perforce has a tremendous impact on the East Bay’s many non-profits. “When one of my employees donates to the Berkeley SPCA, he knows that 99.9 percent of that money is benefiting dogs and cats in the area. We try to be good citizens where we live and improve our neighborhoods.”

Some of Perforce’s charitable ventures are on a grander scale. Last winter, the company built an ice rink a few blocks from its headquarters for Alamedans to enjoy. He also made major gifts to the Boys and Girls Club, to St. Joseph Notre Dame High School Science Center, and to SI for a perpetually endowed scholarship.

“Andrew Carnegie said he spent the first half of his life accumulating wealth and the second half giving it away, and that he waited too long. We’ve always had the desire to share, and we’ve been able to do that because of our success.”

Seiwald also shares his time as well as his treasure. He leads the Jack London Youth Soccer League and serves on an advisory board for St. Joseph Notre Dame High School.

He also values time with his wife and children – Elsa, 22; Mado, 21; Forrest, 19; Michelle, 16; Eleanor, 13; and Sophia, 10. The family’s travels have taken them to Europe and Africa, where Seiwald finds a balance between the “inside-your-head” work of coding and the experience of meeting peoples and seeing a variety of cultures. “When you travel, you see the human side of life. That may be the antidote for what I do in the office.” ∞

A Chris Seiwald, in addition to founding Perforce and supporting a host of non-profits and community organizations, is also an avid traveler and photographer. Photos from his many trips decorate his office in the company’s Alameda headquarters.

Broadway's newest theatre showpiece is Jim Houghton's Signature Center

Just how important is the Signature Theatre Company to New York City? In 2004, Mayor Michael Bloomberg approached founder James Houghton '76 with a proposal to build at Ground Zero.

Renowned architect Frank Gehry designed a spectacular home for Houghton's company, one that has showcased America's best playwrights since its founding. But after three years, the project was stalled, due to construction delays and mounting cost estimates.

Then Mayor Bloomberg offered Houghton another site: an entire city block on West 42nd Street between 9th and 10th Avenues in the heart of the theatre district, making Houghton's Signature Center the first theatre complex to be built in the Big Apple in 40 years.

Thanks to Houghton's vision, city funding and the generosity of private donors, including the Pershing Square Foundation, this past January saw the opening of the Pershing Square Signature Center, featuring three theatres, two studios, a bookstore and a cafe, all beautifully designed by Gehry.

The complex also reflects Houghton's vision of theatre as a place for storytelling and for creating and nurturing a community that includes audiences, playwrights, directors, actors, students and all those behind the scenes.

To make the experience more affordable, Houghton is offering accessible tickets to the Signature Center's shows for the next 20 years, thanks to a pledge by Pershing Square Foundation and its founders, William and Karen Ackman. For the first 10 years, all tickets are being offered for \$25.

The \$70 million, 75,000-square-foot complex, which occupies the majority of the four-story base building of two high rises, including a luxury 60-story residential tower and a 25-story hotel, also offers offices for back-of-house services, an expansive lobby and a dynamic design that is at once



soaring and modest. "Even though we sit on a full city block, every single experience has a human scale and intimacy. The theatres all feel intimate, but you also experience the scale, ambition and mission of the company."

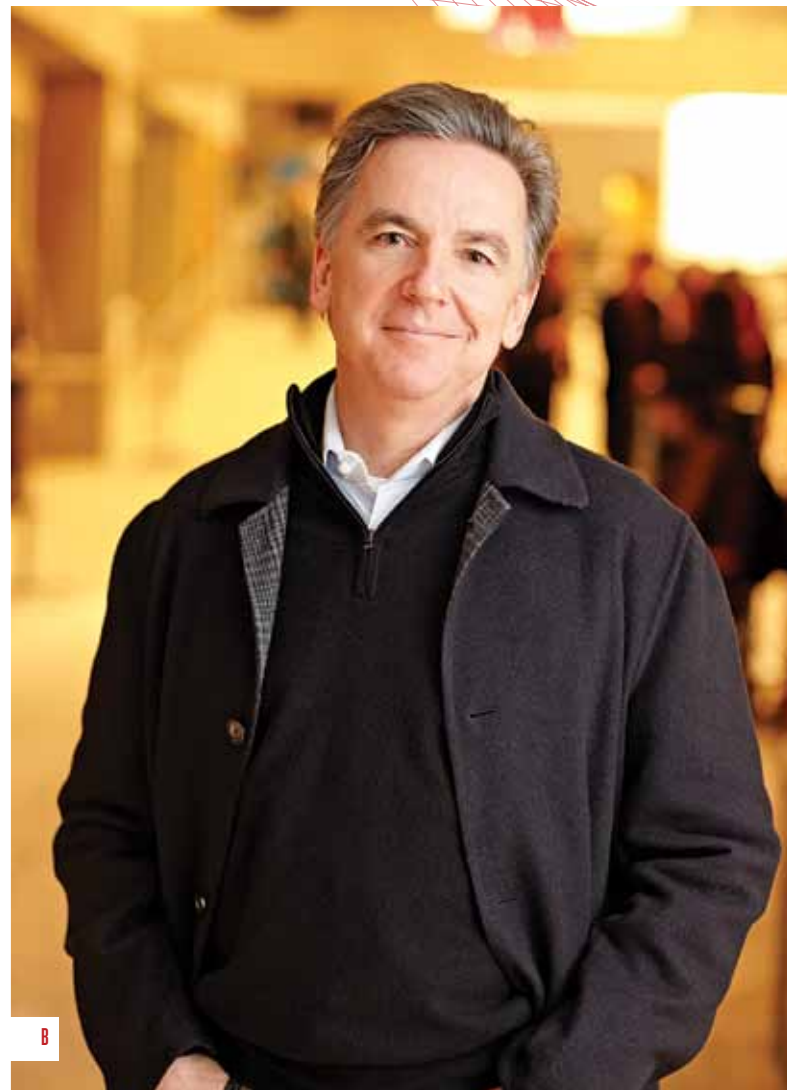
Houghton launched the Signature Theatre Company in 1991 with a unique idea: Invite the best American playwrights to stay in residence and collaborate with Houghton's production company on a full season of plays. Playwrights have included August Wilson, Arthur Miller, Sam Shepard, Edward Albee, Lee Blessing, Horton Foote, Maria Irene Fornes, Adrienne Kennedy, Romulus Linney, Chuck Mee, Paula Vogel and Lanford Wilson.

The Signature Theatre Company's first home was in the East Village; the company then opened in the Public Theatre a few blocks away before building and moving to the Peter Norton Space on 42nd Street. Houghton made his home at the Norton Space for 14 years, thanks to generous support from the man who created Norton Utilities.

For its 20th season, the theatre featured works by Tony Kushner, who also offered the invocation at the new theatre's dedication. Also present at the ceremony were New York's theatre luminaries, including Albee, South African playwright Athol Fugard, Kevin Spacey, Laura Linney and Houghton's friend and Signature Theatre Trustee Edward Norton.

Shortly after the opening, the complex offered three plays simultaneously: *Blood Knot* by Fugard, *Hurt Village* by Katori Hall, and *The Lady from Dubuque* by Edward Albee.

"These writers are, respectively, 79, 30 and 84," said Houghton. "They represent the various residencies we hope to offer: for playwrights in their early or mid-stage of their careers, for those at the height of their careers, and one called Legacy for veteran writers to return and explore new works with us."



The recent opening feels “like an out-of-body experience,” said Houghton. “The first time I mentioned building a new theatre was 12 years ago. Since then, we have gone from imagining it to designing it and now we’re sitting in it. It’s very strange and wonderfully surreal to see it come to life.”

The collaborative nature of Houghton’s theatre also extends to students at The Juilliard School, where Houghton serves as the director of the drama division.

“The work we’re doing at Juilliard is based on core ideas of service, context of community and serving community through arts. Our students take arts to disadvantaged places around the world, from New Orleans to Tanzania, where they also work to build homes. We remind our students that all this is part of the storytelling of theatre.”

Storytelling, Houghton adds, happens when “you collect audiences and actors into one center. There you have an orchestrated collision of artists and audiences, whether in the lobby, café, bookstore, concierge desk or the theatre. Together we discover a sense of purpose and context to our lives.”

To that end, Houghton has his students spend part of their final year of training at his theatre where they rub elbows with Broadway veterans. “We’ll bring Edward Albee into a room where Juilliard students are rehearsing. This creates organic, spontaneous moments, where everyone mingles in the same social space. Even in the café, you’ll find a creative team from one play chatting with another team. Audience members will have lunch or dinner sitting near Edward Albee and a host of Juilliard students. We aren’t creating a precious boundary between audience, artists and staff. These experiences level the playing field of how we interact.”

Houghton also pointed to another community that has formed on Broadway: SI grads who have made their mark. From time to time,

Houghton will run into Bart Sher ’77, the Tony Award-winning director of *South Pacific* who now serves as the Lincoln Center’s artistic director. Also, just down the street from Houghton’s new digs, Adam Jacobs ’97 stars in *The Lion King* and *Glee* cast member Darren Criss ’05 had the lead role for three weeks in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. (Jacobs is now back in *The Lion King* after a six-week departure to star in the Papermill Playhouse production of *Once On This Island*.)

“It’s not that surprising to see so many talented SI grads making a go of it here in NYC and beyond,” said Houghton. “The education at SI is so profound in terms of academics, community and mission. That mission resonates and creates a synergy much like you’ll find in theatre. If you look at my SI classmates from 1976 and see all the great work they are doing, from Greg Suhr to Loren Toolajian [a composer and owner of Sandblast Productions], you find people who have excelled because of the lifelong values nurtured at SI. Bart, Darren, Adam, Loren and Greg are still reaching for those heights of community instilled in us at SI.”

A Two shots of the the Alice Griffin Jewel Box Theatre, just one of the new spaces in the Pershing Square Signature Center. © David Sundberg / Esto

B Jim Houghton founded the Signature Theatre in 1991 showcasing works by a single playwright over the course of a year. Past writers have included Edward Albee, Sam Shepherd and Arthur Miller. Photo by Steve and Anita Shevett

The world beyond the mouth of the cave

By Alan Chern '01

Imagine darkness – not a dark night of shimmering stars and comforting moonlight or the darkness of a bedroom lit by the glow of digital clocks, cell phone screens, power strips and light from below a door.

Imagine a darkness that is true, absolute and stunning; so dark that you don't know if your eyes are open or closed; so dark that you can't even tell how close your hand is to your face.

Imagine an impenetrable darkness that sucks up even the most powerful flashlight beam and returns nothing but misty, invisible fog from your own breath, the kind of black that puts even outer space to shame.

This was the kind of darkness I experienced as I stepped over the 600-foot void and peered below me.

I was strapped into a harness on rope and looking down into Fantastic Pit, a hole in Georgia so deep it made my headlamp worthless. It would take me several minutes to rappel to the cave floor; a freefall would take only 10 seconds.

Fantastic Pit, the deepest freefall pit in the lower 48 states, can hold the Statue of Liberty two times, one atop the other. I first saw a picture of it in the June 2009 issue of *National Geographic*, though it took me three years to get there.

Entering the world of caving meant breaking all the rules I learned growing up – rules about playing safe and being wary of strangers. Because I broke those rules, I discovered a secret society:

As undergraduate students at UC Santa Cruz, my housemate and I often heard about a nearby cave system that only a few people knew how to find. But they weren't telling. Shortly after I graduated, I found pictures of the cave online including one with a man named Matt. I emailed him to seek the location and to explore the cave. By doing so, I broke a fundamental parental rule: Be cautious of strangers, especially the ones you meet over the Internet.

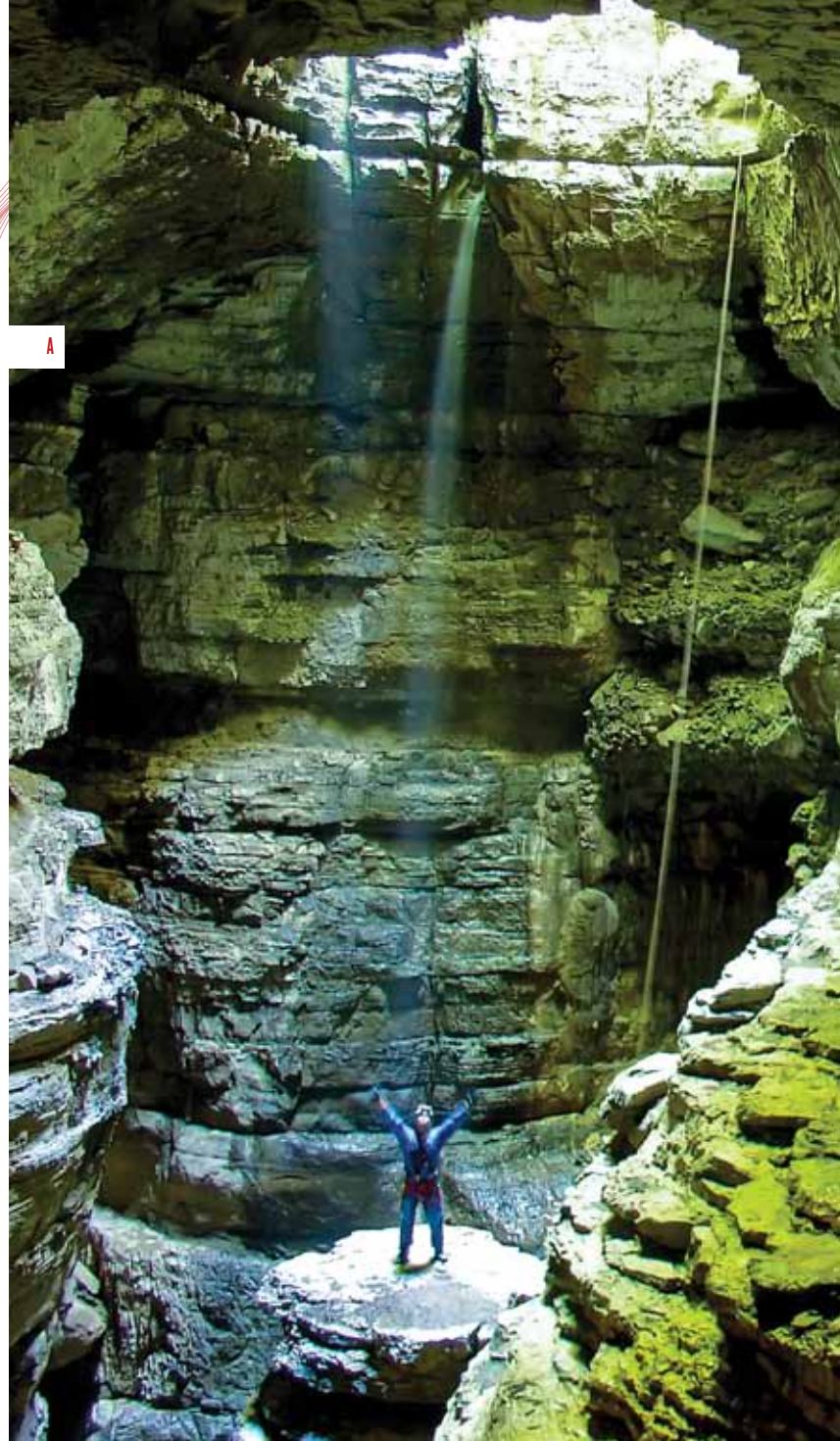
Matt and I agreed to meet at the parking lot of UC Santa Cruz on a Monday evening. A lanky doctoral student, Matt was accompanied by two friends. After we shook hands, Matt popped open his trunk and handed out helmets labeled SFBC with attached headlamps.

We then drove and hiked to the hidden cave. It lived up to the hype with its large rooms, tight passages and a 25-foot-deep pit in the back. With Matt leading the way, we explored the cave and exited well past midnight. I could not have been happier.

Matt invited me to join him the following Tuesday at the San Francisco Bay Chapter Grotto (SFBC) meeting in Menlo Park for the group's monthly gathering.

The SFBC's website notes that it "is an internal organization of the National Speleological Society known as a grotto. Grottos are local groups of cavers who like to get together monthly and chat about caves and caving, watch videos and presentations about caving and go on trips to caves. Besides organizing trips, the SFBC is also very involved in local cave conservation, speleology (the study of caves), geology, cave surveying and cave photography. We are also involved in cave rescue training (including self-rescue)."

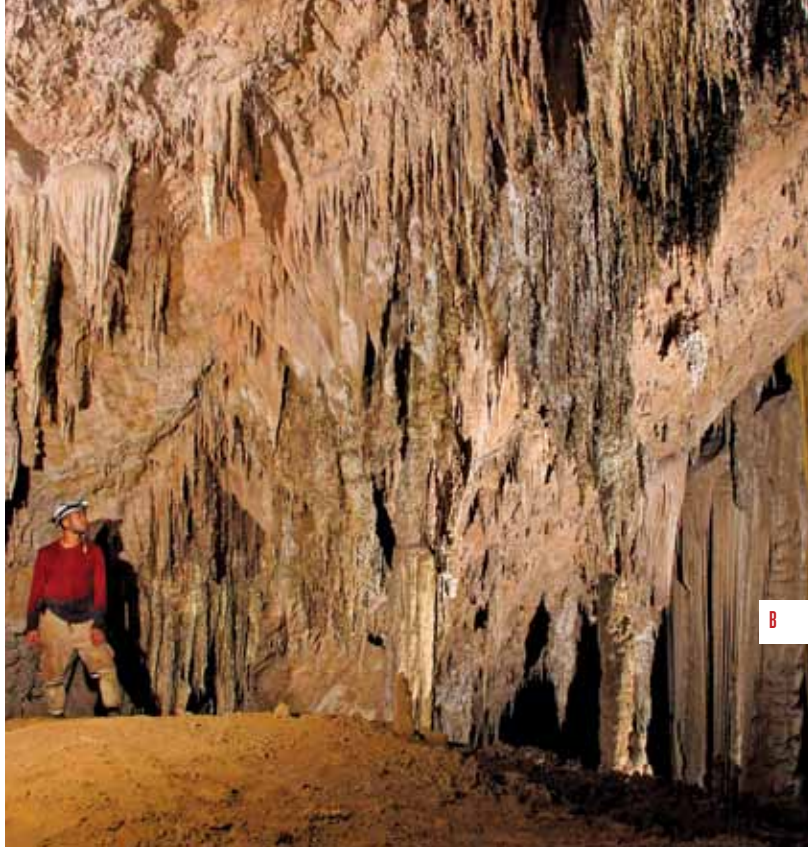
At my first meeting, Matt, the grotto's vice chairman, introduced me to fellow cavers including Will, the grotto chairman, who later invited me to a weekend trip to California's longest cave system, one with more than 13 miles of mapped passages.



Matt vouched for my psychological and physical abilities, as he saw how I held my own on our last cave trip in Santa Cruz. That following weekend I broke another parental rule when I hopped into a car full of strangers, literally people whom I had just met. The journey required 2 miles of off-road driving and a 5-mile night hike through the snow to the log-cabin cave entrance. That kind of shared hardship led us to become fast friends, and we kept in close touch, even when Matt completed his doctorate and moved to Slovenia with his wife to pursue post-doctoral work.

I soon became more active in the Grotto, attending events, acting as newsletter editor and eventually serving as chairman. We raised money to form scholarships for members to attend cave rescue seminars and leadership training, and I eventually led cave trips of my own, welcoming newcomers to join us, just as others had welcomed me.

Will moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in rocket engine design, and our friendship remained despite the distance, just as Matt and I had stayed close. Before Will went to Tennessee for a family Christmas, he invited me to go with him. He handed me that copy of *National Geographic* with a dog-eared page showcasing a magnificent image of a 26-acre cave called Stupendous Pit. "Come to Tennessee," he said. "We'll see this cave. It'll blow your mind."



It was tough choosing to leave my own family for Christmas. I grew up in a traditional home that celebrated Christmas with great festivity. Little did I know I would meet a group of people who would become a new family for me.

In Tennessee, I met Will's loving family, including his father, who picked us up at the airport, and his mother, who prepared meals for us throughout the week that brought us together at the dining room table to chat, laugh and reminisce about our day's experience.

We took over the family's guest room and slept under blankets quilted by Will's family. As a guest at this home, I realized that I had stumbled across something special that I never dreamed I would find when I first sent that email to Matt asking him to show me the secret Santa Cruz cave.

The trip to Tennessee taught me that caving involves more than crawling into the earth, rappelling down a rope and descending into blackness. It comes with a community of friends, made in less than a day, who share an unfathomable passion.

When I speak about this to my non-caver friends, they wonder if I'm just lucky, and they continue to caution me regarding my recklessness in breaking fundamental rules (don't accept rides from strangers) or in rappelling down cracks in the earth.

At first I thought they were right: I was one of the lucky ones. However, as I met more cavers, I realized that my experiences were the norm, especially as my devotion to the SFBC Grotto continues. I'm becoming more like Matt and Will, who didn't hesitate to befriend a stranger interested in caving. Now I'm in their shoes, and have taken several newcomers to the Grotto on caving trips.

I had the chance, over a three-month period, to accompany one Alabama caver to some California locations. Later, I took him up on his invitation to travel to Alabama, and we took several new friends on a 10-day trip to the South, where we experienced the same hospitality I had earlier enjoyed in Tennessee. We even had a chance to visit Fantastic Pit, the deepest freefall pit in the lower 48 United States. We were led by a man I had met only three days prior.

A few months later, I joined another group of cavers on an expedition to Guatemala, to Chiquibul Cave System's Xibalba Cave, one of the largest cave systems in Central America and home of many Mayan artifacts. Here I traveled with strangers from all over the world on a five-day journey that involved two nights sleeping in the cave, putting us to the test physically and psychologically.

Xibalba Cave proved the most demanding cave I have explored thus far. The reward was an amazing experience meeting locals, helping document and explore the cave, assisting famous photographers in taking 3D pictures and, most of all, bonding as a group.

My love of caving was happenstance. I did not grow up announcing to classmates that I would one day be a caver. As a Silicon Valley engineer, I never expected to meet strangers at monthly Grotto meetings to practice vertical techniques on ropes tied to trees, to look for caves while wandering beaches or to descend into dark holes in the earth.

I felt free to do all of these things because I was blessed to attend SI, where I learned to be passionate about life and to explore my passions without fear. One class that nurtured me was Nature/Nexus – an interdisciplinary course that blended the study of nature literature, ecology and spirituality. It was the wellspring both of my love for the community and the sport of caving, as the class helped us explore our connections with the natural world. Our weekly field trips taught us about issues surrounding food, water, consumerism, energy, pollution and climate change. We were taught to keep a field notebook and record our thoughts, feelings and observations as we immersed ourselves in our surroundings and internalized the external world.

Ultimately, the class taught us to become stewards of the earth, putting into practice the lessons we learned. I loved this class and continue to credit it when asked what initiated me into caving. Nature/Nexus taught me that loving nature goes hand in hand with ending the fear of the dark unknown. Once you stop being afraid, your world opens up.

For more information, go to www.sfbcgrotto.org or www.caves.org/grotto/sfbc/ and consider joining us. Cavers welcome everyone. For those who stay, you will find a family formed around a shared passion, one that leads us to love nature, our neighbor and ourselves. ☺

A The author after his descent into Stephen's Cap Cave in Alabama. Photo by Theral Mackey.

B Alan Chern in Guatemala's Chiquibul Cave System's Xibalba Cave. Photo by Peter Bosted.

C Chern, floats in an innertube through an underwater river. Photo by Jef Levin.

Andrew Dudum hopes to bring peace to the Middle East one loan at a time

In his freshman year at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, Andrew Dudum '07 skipped more than a few classes to hang out with sophomore Sam Adelsberg.

They weren't playing beer pong in a darkened dorm room but working to launch a microfinance institution called LendforPeace to help women in Palestine's West Bank.

They would eventually receive major funding from the Clinton Global Initiative and find a partner in the Palestinian Business Women's Association (ASALA) to approve and distribute the loans and supervise repayment.

Since its founding in February 2008, LendforPeace has funded more than 40 business loans in Palestine. "Despite the political turmoil in the West Bank, repayment is almost 100 percent," said Dudum.

The loans average \$2,000, and most are paid back within a year. They have helped women succeed in agriculture and crafts, allowing them to buy seeds for small gardens or clay for pottery. "Thanks to these loans, women raise chicken or cattle, open shops to sell fruits and vegetables from their yards or become successful seamstresses with new sewing machines."

Dudum and Adelsberg learned from Kiva Microfunds, the online platform that connects lenders to entrepreneurs and that is a household name in the microfinancing world. "When we began building LendforPeace, Kiva was not lending to entrepreneurs in the West Bank as a result of the significant human capital necessary to guarantee near perfect repayment rates. We saw an opportunity to focus resources on that area, and Kiva was tremendously supportive in mentoring us as we got started. Applying for 501(c)3 status was a particular area they helped us navigate. It's not easy to establish a corporation whose single mission is to send money to places like the West Bank."

Dudum, a Palestinian American whose grandfather immigrated from Ramallah, and Adelsberg, an American Jew who had studied in a yeshiva in Israel, partnered with both Palestinian and Jewish classmates at the University of Pennsylvania to launch LendforPeace. In order to establish credibility in the U.S., they assured their users that money would never go to those who might choose violence to fight the Israeli occupation. "Our partner, ASALA, checks its borrowers against international terror lists and is highly praised by the likes of USAID. The loans are audited through Price Waterhouse Cooper to guarantee that every dollar goes where it is supposed to go."

Dudum's collaboration with Jewish classmates started in grammar school and continued at SI, where he served as president of the Dialogue Club, which brings together Palestinian and Jewish students to share their stories and to raise funds for charities in the Middle East. After

Dudum graduated from SI, the club has devoted its fundraisers towards LendforPeace, and thanks to successful bake sales, the club has lent nearly \$1,000 to a dozen West Bank women seeking to better their lives.

Dudum learned about Kiva in his senior religion class at SI, taught by Chad Evans, one of Dudum's mentors. "When Mr. Evans showed us Kiva's website, I thought it was a tremendously unique way to allow individuals to fund, with complete transparency, entrepreneurs and businesses they find half a world away. It's a powerful thing to empower women so that they might work hard and see tangible opportunities come from their labors. Kiva is doing this in a sustainable way. There's no charity in micro-lending, only a temporary helping hand."

Dudum praises Adelsberg for his dedication to co-founding LendforPeace. "He and his parents are Orthodox Jews who come from a very traditional community. To this day, I think he struggles getting his family and friends on board with the idea of lending money to Palestinians."

Shortly after they partnered, Dudum traveled to the West Bank along with his father, Rick Dudum, to search out a partner for LendforPeace. They met with several microfinance institutions and members of the Palestinian Authority "to make sure we were partnering with the right organizations."

Dudum and Adelsberg also decided to limit their operations to the West Bank. "Israel has sanctions that restrict goods and individuals coming in or leaving Gaza, making it a virtual prison. It makes building even the smallest businesses impossible."

The two men then pursued grants from the Clinton Global Initiative, ASHOKA (a leading non-profit that helps fund social entrepreneurship) and the Craigslist Foundation. Craig Newmark, the founder of Craigslist, was an early advisor and contributor. "His support was tremendously helpful," said Dudum. "After watching him speak regarding microfinance in Palestine, we cold-called him, and he bought in."

All of this happened during Dudum's freshmen and sophomore years at Wharton. "When we went to classes, Sam and I would have our laptops open to check on our loans while still paying attention to our lectures on macroeconomics. Learning the theories in class was great, but getting calls from ASALA telling us about repayments that had been made was so much more rewarding. I have a bias towards action. I'm not one to spend too much time debating economic theory."

Before launching in February of 2008, Dudum and Adelsberg made 10 test loans to solidify the process of transferring and verifying the monetary transactions. Partnering with ASALA was crucial, "as that group has a team of people on the ground who know the community. Women in the West Bank, like most women around the world, are primary caregivers





for their children. But these women often are also the breadwinners, as their husbands are prevented from leaving the West Bank to find work, are in Israeli jails or have been deported or killed. Before we partnered with ASALA, the group could fund only 20 percent of the loans requested. Now they have more opportunities to maximize their reach.”

To show the success of their combined efforts, Adelsberg returned to Palestine in 2009 to document stories of women who have been helped by the loans. “He met one woman who had married in her early 20s and who is now rearing four children on her own. She supports her family by making pots, dishware and painted tiles and selling them from a tiny storefront in Ramallah. That was the only source of income for her entire family. With no means to promote her shop and no tourist trade, she relies on word-of-mouth from those in town. The loan allowed her to hire another woman to double her output, and that made all the difference, allowing her to pay her bills and feed her family. This is typical of the loans we provide. They aren’t about building huge businesses but about helping people realize a sense of hope for the future.”

Dudum and Adelsberg hope that the economic stability their loans create will lead to political stability. “My dad always told me desperate people do desperate things. If a family can feed itself, send their children to school and have confidence in their future, then they will see there is a positive alternative to conflict. My Jewish classmates understood this, and that is why so many of them came on board.”

Those classmates include David Fraga, a Jewish American, and Allam Taj, a Palestinian Muslim. “Allam, who is now senior counsel at Citigroup, helped us navigate running a 501(c)3. And David, now director of corporate development at Shutterstock, served as a great operations officer.”

Support also came from students at other colleges thanks to interns hired by Dudum and Adelsberg. “Our team reached out to college students by organizing fundraisers and seminars and involving Jewish

and Palestinian student organizations. We had better luck with these groups than with established Arab and Jewish organizations, which were hesitant to support something founded by both Jews and Arabs. From the very start, we sought to avoid confrontation by never commenting on politics – on whether there should be two states or one state or who should control water rights.”

While both Dudum and Adelsberg expected opposition from Jewish groups, the biggest hurdle they faced was from the government in Palestine. “We had to suspend operations for six months after landing on a government-mandated boycott list as a result of support we had received from U.S. Jewish groups. As an Arab, I found that particularly frustrating, given the amount of tangible help we were providing.”

Adelsberg now attends law school at Yale, and Dudum manages product development at TokBox, a startup in San Francisco funded by Sequoia Capital and Brain Capital.

Dudum hopes to announce soon a new partnership between LendforPeace and Kiva that will allow his group to spend more time on outreach and less on the transaction flow.

“Kiva has perfected the details of the microlending model, and by utilizing their API platform, we hope to focus less on the day-to-day struggles and more on getting people motivated to lend. It’s really come full circle and we couldn’t be more excited.”

A Haneen, 54, lives in the town of Ajah with her husband and seven children. She has paid back her most recent loan of \$1,000 after successfully cultivating the land outside her home for crops. This is Haneen’s fourth successfully repaid loan.

B Andrew Dudum, a Palestinian-American, started LendforPeace with Jewish and Arab friends while studying at the Wharton School of Business.

Seeking education beyond the classroom

By Shane Fallon '06

Like many of my college peers, I felt a bit lost after graduation.

That feeling of loss helped me find my path, one that has led me halfway around the world. The journey was, at once, a pilgrimage to honor the memory of my late sister, Kendra '09, and a chance to help classmates in a new social network startup – GiveYourGap (GYG).

Last October, more than a year following the death of my sister in a plane crash in Nepal, I felt ill-prepared to commit to a career or return to school.

That's when I joined an effort to promote "voluntourism" as the best way to fill my gap year – a break traditionally taken between the end of high school and the start of college. Some students travel; others work at an internship. But the gap between receiving a bachelor's degree and a career or advanced degree is also one that deserves attention.

My friends and I thought about volunteering overseas, but were surprised by the challenge of finding organizations that did not require substantial placement fees. This led us to create a website to help high school and college grads find international volunteer organizations, ones that were both sustainable and transparent. Thus was born GYG.

Through our online network and volunteer profiles, we connect past volunteers with prospective volunteers. We also encourage young adults to participate in volunteer projects where they want, for as long as they want and in their fields of interest.

At GYG, we believe that everyone has something to give and that there is a program that suits everyone's needs and time commitment. Also, before volunteers commit to a group like the Peace Corps or Jesuit Volunteers International, they should know the following:

What is expected of the volunteers?

What does life as a volunteer at the organization look like?

Are there any fees, and, if so, what does that money pay for?

We began our field research last January when the GYG Travel Team set out for Asia to meet with non-governmental organizations in 10 countries. We all left the security of home in order to commit ourselves to our self-funded passion project. While traveling together, we documented NGOs with video and still cameras and interviewed both volunteers and volunteer coordinators. We blogged about our experiences along the way to inspire other young adults to use our site and to take advantage of their gap year.

My sister, Kendra, did her own variation of a gap year in the summer following her freshman year at UCSD. She knew that she wanted to do something meaningful with her three-month break, so she volunteered at the Asna orphanage in Nepal. Committed to social justice at SI, Kendra served as president of the Amnesty International Club and the Environmental Club, and she participated in the Dialogue Club, which brought together Jewish and Arab-American students to share their stories.

While volunteering in Nepal, Kendra fell in love with adventure, traveling, and her work as a social justice advocate.

After volunteering for the summer, and just before returning to the U.S., Kendra wanted to do one last trek to the base camp of Mount Everest. On the flight to Lukla, the starting point for the trek, bad weather and engine failure caused her plane to crash, killing everyone on board.

The night before the crash, I spoke to Kendra by phone for the first time all summer. She sounded very alive, full of excitement and energy. It was clear to me that during her time in Nepal, she had learned much about herself and about the world around her. In line with GYG's philosophy, Kendra sought to inspire other young adults to devote their time to social justice projects, and she encouraged those who knew her to go abroad and experience new cultures.

After having visited 10 countries, three non-profits have left distinct marks on me. Having been a premed student at UCSD, I feel particularly passionate about our medical mission trip to Occidental Mindoro in the Philippines. We joined a team of 150 health care professionals and other pre-health students from the Philippine Medical Society of Northern California and gave critical medical attention to 11,500 Filipinos over the course of a week.

The PMSNC provided a host of free services ranging from general medicine and prosthetics to major surgeries. The people treated could pay for none of this needed medical care. One 18-year-old boy came in with no arms and only one leg. After his appointment with the specialist, he walked out with three new prosthetic limbs. Looking at his new set of hands, the young man told us that he was excited to go back to school to study computer science using an academic scholarship he had been awarded. When given a pen and paper, the first words he wrote since his motorcycle accident were, "Thank you."

My visit to Suryapur – a center that housed 132 blind, deaf and mute girls – also greatly resonated with me. Ramakrishna Vivekananda (RKVM) in Kolkata, India, is an organization whose many schools welcome children from all castes, religions and learning abilities so that anyone, regardless of disability or financial status, may receive a quality education and live independent and fulfilling lives.

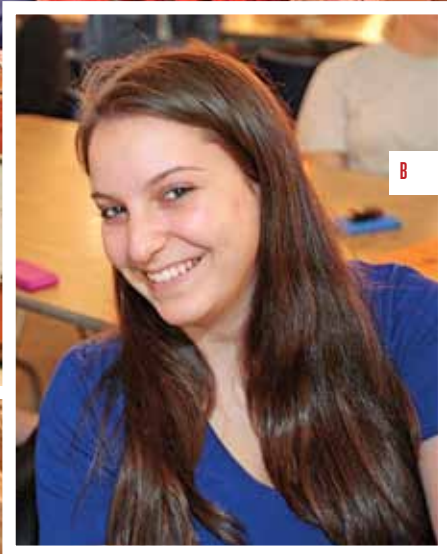
During our stay at the center, we learned basic sign language to communicate with those who were deaf and mute. In the evenings after classes we danced together, watched TV in silence, received henna tattoos and learned about each other's families by sharing photographs.

One of the most touching moments came when the students put on a recital. Some girls danced to the beat of traditional Hindi music even though they could not hear, and some girls sang and played instruments even though they could not see. It moved me to see how eager these girls were to learn and express themselves creatively, despite their physical limitations. It served as a gentle reminder of how fortunate I am to be healthy, to have had access to a quality education, and to have had extracurricular activities at my disposal that allowed me to express myself creatively and grow into the person I am today.

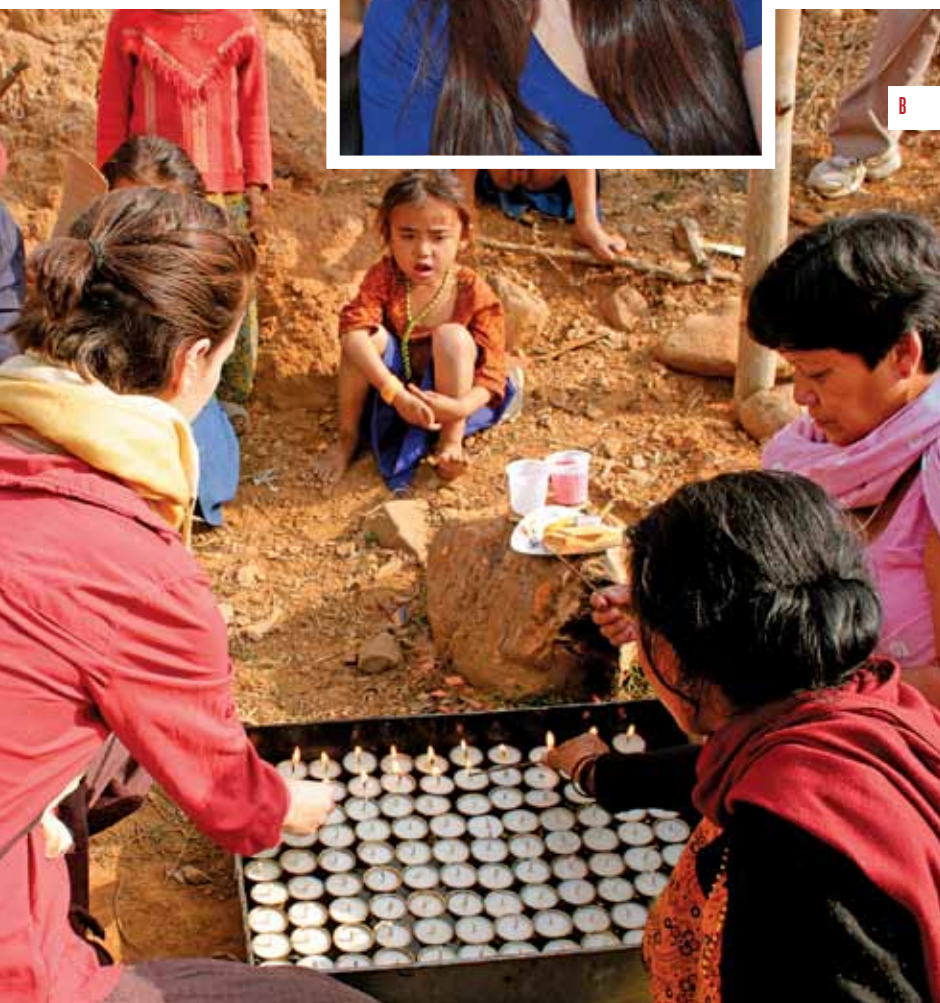




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The most emotionally challenging visit on the trip for me was to the SKY Memorial Foundation. We traveled to the rural town of Shikharpur, outside of Nepal’s Kathmandu Valley, to reach the SKY school, which is also situated at the crash site of the plane Kendra had boarded.

The K–8 school at the site was in dire need of new infrastructure and administrative help. In the aftermath of the accident, the surviving family members of Sarah Sherpa, Kendra Fallon and Yuki Hayashi (all those who had died aboard the same plane) founded the SKY Memorial Foundation. The fundraising efforts of the foundation led to a new school wing and the erection of a stupa at the site of the plane crash to commemorate those who had lost their lives.

My journey to the crash site just over a year after the accident reminded me of how raw my emotions still are, especially seeing fragments from the plane surfacing on the hard dirt on which I stood. However, when I saw how SKY’s work improved the lives of the entire community, my feelings of anger and pain lessened.

During our visit to the site, the GYG Travel Team played with the kids, taught English classes and cooked and served simple meals of beaten rice and curry to the children. We distributed scholarships to encourage young girls to stay in school, despite the pressures families exert to keep their daughters at home to tend to chores.

The SKY Foundation hopes to improve standards of education for these villagers, especially for girls. I will continue to work with this organization, and I am hopeful that those who feel connected to Kendra will do the same.

Whenever I encountered the challenges of traveling in a foreign country, from lost luggage to sickness, I thought of my sister, who inspired me to take on such a journey. When visiting the NGOs, I was reminded that had Kendra survived, she would also still be traveling and finding ways to transmit her energy and enthusiasm into new projects and continuing to “give her gap.”

At GYG we understand that a lot of help is needed domestically, and we encourage people to work in their grassroots communities as well. However, I believe we all should have the opportunity to travel to new countries and be exposed to new cultures that challenge us to think not only as Americans but also as global citizens. This is an important part of our continuing education. Learning does not need to be limited to a classroom and textbook.

To find an organization that best suits your interests, visit our website – www.giveyourgap.org – to discover how you can give your gap. You can also read my blog at www.sfblogsf.wordpress.com. ☺

A Shane Fallon and her GYG traveling team visited a school in India, where they enjoyed a recital by visually-impaired students.

B Shane lit a candle and said a prayer at the site of the plane crash that killed her sister, Kendra '09 (inset). That site now holds the SKY School, dedicated to Kendra and two others who died in the crash.

Jessica Morse '05 sends college students to Africa to change the world

Imagine a program for college students that combines study abroad, SI's immersion experience and the Peace Corps. That's one way to describe ThinkImpact, a social enterprise based in Washington, D.C., that sends college students to Africa to partner with villagers to devise innovative business ideas aimed at lifting people out of poverty.

Jessica Morse '05, a community manager with ThinkImpact since the fall of 2010, helps connect college students who are eager to save the world even before they have their diplomas in hand.

Morse had her first taste of saving the world as part of SI's Immersion Program. She lived in the Mission and worked in the Tenderloin, mainly at St. Anthony's, where one of the homeless men she met told her that she should be a social worker.

"I can't stress enough how Jesuit education put me on this path," said Morse. "It influenced me and led me to pursue a career in an alternative field in international education. I hope some of my fellow Wildcats in college who are looking for interesting summer work consider ThinkImpact."

This summer, Morse and ThinkImpact worked with 70 students from USC's Marshall School of Business, Dartmouth's Dickey Center for International Understanding, Northwestern's GESI Program, the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and Georgetown's GU Impact.

They went to remote villages in Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda and South Africa. "There they live in the community, much like SI's Immersion experience," said Morse. "They get to know what it's like to live on less than \$2 a day, and they learn as much about the community as they can to see what innovative solutions to poverty they can devise."

Last year, for example, two students devised a backpack to help women carry water long distances. "Then they learned that women in the region are used to carrying heavy loads on their heads. So they designed low-cost backpacks for school children to bring home books at night to do their homework, as teachers didn't allow students to bring home books without bags. The college students then partnered with community members who had degrees in textile from the local polytechnic school. By the time they left, those backpacks were in production."

Even though Morse spends most of her time working in ThinkImpact's D.C. headquarters, she did spend 10 weeks with a student group in Kenya



last summer. Those students helped villagers figure out another use for the liquor they made from coconuts. "The students realized that with a little more work, the moonshine could be boiled down to create sugar for coffee and tea. It's amazing how much sugar is imported to Africa, given all the sugar cane that is grown and exported."

Students who take part in ThinkImpact don't have to be business majors, said Morse. "Students from multiple disciplines have excelled in the program. Gathering people with different backgrounds is important. It's helpful to have students with architecture, design, international affairs and language skills. They all come into play when teams look for solutions to poverty."

Morse understands the life of the students with whom she works, as she was a student herself until her May graduation from George Washington University with a master's in international education. Earlier, she had earned her bachelor's degree from UC Davis in international relations, which she put to practice by spending six months in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil and Chile, which was still reeling from a devastating earthquake.

"I wanted to find my own way at first and not work for some organization that would tell me what to do. I saw how some groups did more harm than good. They would bring students to a place, do some work, promise to do more, but never follow through. Some NGOs in the past did the same thing and created a dependency in Africa on foreign aid and Western help. ThinkImpact is all about helping people help themselves."

Morse has met many people who have inspired her to commit herself to her work. While staying in Kenya, she lived with Regina, a mother of three who had left an abusive husband.

"Married women in Kenya are considered property of their husbands' families," said Morse. "Regina is the most incredible fighter and the most resilient woman I have ever met. She had the courage to leave her husband and his family and live with her own parents. She doesn't have a chicken to her name, but she is entrepreneurial and feisty. I'll never forget her hospitality and love. She reminds me of what we're all about." ∞

A Jessica Morse tried carrying water atop her head the same way women in Kenya have done for centuries. One team of students hoped to create backpacks to help women carry water, but diverted their plans when they realized women preferred their traditional ways. Those backpacks now help schoolchildren carry their books home when classes end.



John Harrington helps dads and kids bond through service work

Those who know John Harrington '83 would not be surprised at the way he started an innovative program in St. Helena, one that serves to create community among dads, teach altruism to children and help senior citizens in need.

Harrington was worried that his three children, like most kids, were growing a little self-centered. He asked his parish priest at St. Helena Catholic Church if any service programs existed for young children. "He told me no, but that it was a fine idea. Then he nominated me to run it," said Harrington.

Two months later, the Dads And Kids Program began in earnest. Since September 2011, groups varying from a dozen to three dozen dads and children have gathered for a variety of service projects. They have washed cars to raise money for needy families and have set up Christmas lights and done yard work for senior citizens. They also collected food for a church-run food pantry and painted all the picnic benches in the town park.


Harrington, a former history teacher at SI, moved to St. Helena with his wife, Eleanor, another former SI teacher. There, he landed a job with the St. Helena School District teaching computer and video skills to middle school and high school students in St. Helena.

As rewarding as the work was, Harrington missed the close-knit communities of his alma maters, St. Cecilia's School and SI. "Growing up, my life revolved around church and school. At St. Helena, I'd show up for Mass and not know anyone. I imagined other dads were in the same boat."

Thanks to Dads And Kids, Harrington has formed a close-knit community that has fun working and then gathering afterwards to share burgers. "The moms are big supporters of this program, both because they know it's good for their children and because they end up with some free time. We also have some single moms who join in. We're open to anyone who wants to help."

Before leaving for these projects, Harrington's children complain "for about a minute, but then they have the time of their lives because of the other kids involved."

Being a computer and video guru, Harrington has promoted the program with an online video showcasing past projects. "The whole thing is very Jesuit," said Harrington. "All my years attending and teaching at SI has taught me to think beyond myself and to try to make a difference. My father, John F. Harrington graduated from SI in 1946 and was also influenced by his Jesuit education. I've become so much like him. What a huge effect the Jesuits had in all of us as we grew up."

Harrington is happy to offer advice and support to others interested in starting similar programs in their communities. Email him at harringtonfamilysite@me.com for information. 

A John Harrington, third from left, started the Dads and Kids Program through his church in St. Helena to create a way for dads to get to know each other and to encourage altruism in their children.

Working with President Carter and Habitat for Humanity to rebuild Haiti

By John Tastor '64

Haiti, already hard-hit by centuries of poverty and oppression, was devastated once again Jan. 12, 2010, when a 7.0 earthquake killed more than 300,000 and leveled cities and towns.

Along with a host of agencies, Habitat for Humanity has been working to help the survivors by providing permanent shelter.

Last November, I had the privilege of serving for a week in Haiti with Habitat, where we built basic homes for displaced families. I was one of 400 volunteers who participated in the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project. This annual event, which has built homes in the Gulf after Katrina and in Southeast Asia after the Tsunami, focused on Haiti in 2011 and will return there in November 2012.

Long before the opportunity to go to Haiti came about, I have been motivated by these words from the prophet Isaiah:

“If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.... Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.” (Isaiah 58:10-12)

As a professional insurance broker, I have specialized in providing insurance services to the housing industry. I have helped repair broken walls and restore streets with dwellings. The affordable housing industry is a major part of my practice and a contributor to my success, including insurance placements for two recent Habitat condominium projects.

As a team leader for my church, I have worked on and have organized volunteer crews for rehab projects and for Habitat's 36-unit condominium development in Daly City. I knew that going to Haiti was a tangible way to give back. As a housing advocate, I know the value of quality affordable housing in our own community. Headed for Haiti, I understood the need, but not until I arrived did I grasp the magnitude of the problem.

We gathered Saturday, Nov. 5, in Atlanta, where we prepared to travel to Haiti the next day. At the opening ceremony, we were inspired by civil-

rights-era anthems and spirituals by the Freedom Singers and by talks given by Habitat leaders and by President and Mrs. Carter.

It was an upbeat evening, but the excitement was tempered by a warning of the sobering reality of what we would see in Haiti. That warning came to brutal fruition when we landed in Port-au-Prince and rode by bus through the slums to Leogane, where we would be based. That night I wrote to my family and friends:

“I cannot adequately describe in a short email what we saw on the route from the airport to the camp in Christianville. This country was devastated by the EQ, but it already was so. This is not ‘Third World,’ as there is no degree or number to describe how far away Haiti is from our ‘First World’ – uncleared rubble, lean-to and cardboard shelters, garbage, stagnant water, people bathing from basins with that same water that runs through drainage ditches and the streets, aimless stares at the bus, no waving, a few raised fingers, burning garbage, on and on. We were a pretty animated bunch when we started, but the bus ride was marked by the sounds of silence. Last night the Habitat CEO prayed in a blessing that God would ‘disturb’ us on this trip. He certainly did this afternoon.”

By evening, we were lifted by the energy that comes to people of common purpose and team spirit, stoked by the leadership and the expectation of getting to work the next day. We were there to build hope, and there was much of that going around when the evening ended.

We had been primed to expect very primitive conditions, but were surprised by the orderly tent city, the air-conditioned mess hall and the running (barely) water for our cold showers. A group called Haven, an Irish nonprofit, provided our meals and logistical support, and, true to Irish form, the group had even set up a pub.





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On Monday morning, two days after leaving Atlanta, we finally went to work. Early in the morning, we were on the buses for about a 30-minute ride to the worksite. Leogane is in an essentially agricultural area, and while we didn't see the desperation of Sunday's slums, we did find poverty everywhere. We were met with sights of pancaked buildings, uncleared debris, roadside stands, people bathing in drainage canals and vacant stares. Children waved to us along the road; this happy sight was undercut by the reality that these children were out on the road because their parents could not afford to send them to school. The need to pay for public education has resulted in a 55-percent illiteracy rate, making it hard for Haitians to break the poverty cycle. I will always remember these images, as we made this trip twice a day for five days.

We came to work and to make a difference; we finally did so that first morning after arriving at our worksite, the community of Santo, to build what for us would be minimal (if not substandard) shelters. But these Haitians had lived for two years in tents, in cargo containers, in storage sheds, or in plywood, cardboard or corrugated metal shelters.

Habitat's solid concrete and wood homes promised safe and sturdy housing that was anxiously anticipated and gratefully and joyfully received by the people who worked with us to build their own homes. Selected by community leaders and screened by Habitat, these people expressed their desire for this housing by their investment of enthusiastic, hard work in building their homes and their genuine excitement when the houses, nearing completion, were dedicated by the Carters.

The opportunity to be with the Carters for a week was an experience all its own. All politics aside, I believe that we need to recognize and acknowledge them as a couple who hear and answer the call, living out the compassion that their faith has instilled in them. In their mid-80s, working daily on a construction site, they are an inspiration. With all who ask me about Haiti, I always share what Jimmy Carter said about Habitat's work: "It gives us the opportunity to do what we are called to do [by our faith],

without exalting ourselves or demeaning the people we come to help." I can only say *Amen* to that.

Another highlight was the teamwork. Twelve strangers worked together for a week, supporting and looking out for each other, problem-solving and sharing resources and enjoying some good times. Our leader, Bob, a retired construction manager, naturally became "Bob the Builder," and we started every session with the question: "Can we build it?" answered with a loud and enthusiastic, "Yes we can!" Possessing the right motivation and supported by our colleagues, we can do great things. I am now an expert in nailing hurricane ties and installing siding. I was up and down, crawling around scaffolding all day for five days. Amazing what an *older* body can do! We perspired together in the humid 90-degree weather. We built two houses and vowed to come back together in November to finish the job. I look forward to my return the week following Thanksgiving. A year from now, I need to see this community flourish, as I expect it will.

In Haiti, the conditions continue to be desperate for the majority of the population. Aid has been diverted or has been slow in distribution. We just touched the surface, but we found hope, especially in the shining example of the Carter Work Project and Habitat.

I have a favorite memory to represent my time in Haiti. It is one of me holding a little Haitian girl, a precious moment that sums up why I went to her island. This child will grow up in a safe place with clean water and solid shelter. I do not know what the future ultimately holds for this little girl, but I know that it will be so much better because of what we have begun to do in Haiti.

This happened on Friday, after the Carters had dedicated the homes. We mingled with the new homeowners, sharing their joy as we had shared a week of work with them. I played with her after her mother picked her up and put her in my arms. I held her for about 10 minutes, and she never pulled away. I sensed she knew she was safe, and I know that now she will be. ∞

A John Tastor, right, worked with Samuel Georges (left) and a colleague from Habitat for Humanity on Georges' home. The photo was taken after they nailed in the last hurricane tie. "It was tedious work, but necessary, given the storms that ravage Haiti," said Tastor.



The Ignatian Guild held its annual **International Food Faire** in April, featuring music, dance and food from the various cultures that make up the SI family. Pictured above are Sandy Janachowski, Jiwana Nasrah and Moe Summa, chairwomen for the event. Angela Yuen Uyeda '07, right, performed a traditional Chinese dance.



Congratulations to the 11 finalists and three winners of the first annual **Adm. Daniel J. Callaghan Essay Contest**. Pictured above are, from left, Victoria Elias '12, second place; Deanna Beaman '12, third place; guest speaker Capt. Phil Roos, a professor of Naval Science at Cal; and first place winner Jack Keane '13. Go to the alumni section of the SI website to read the winning essays and Capt. Roos's speech.

All Moms, Dads and Grads (AMDG) held its second event of the year on Earth Day, when dozens of parents, students, faculty and alumni gathered at a frigid Ocean Beach to pick up trash.



Chuck Murphy, the man who has done it all, leaves SI after a 47-year career



Chuck Murphy taught his final class May 22. Halfway through, a parade of faculty and administrators walked into the room to applaud this outstanding teacher. Accompanying them was Supervisor Mark Farrell '92, who presented Murphy with a citation, signed by Mayor Ed Lee, naming the day in his honor.

If Chuck Murphy '61 had only worked at SI 27 years – heck, even only 7 years – his departure from SI would still merit a long tribute in *Genesis*, given his prodigious talent for teaching math, his steadfast leadership as the dean of the faculty and his inimitable humor.

But combine all that with his 47 years on the job, and you see why so many SI alumni came to honor this gifted Ignatian at two separate events – the June 5 goodbye gathering and the June 8 All-Class Reunion, where SI President Robert T. Walsh, S.J., was also honored.

The school even renamed the Ignatian Educator Award the Charles T. Murphy Ignatian Educator Award. That honor has been given to one outstanding faculty member at the May Awards Assembly for each of the past three years. It surprised no one when Principal Patrick Ruff named Chuck in 2010 as the first recipient of that prize or that Murphy received a standing ovation from the student body last May.

For those keeping score and wondering why Murphy didn't hang on for three more years to match the 50-year tenure of his father, J.B. Murphy, Chuck will tell you that he has surpassed his father by one year, as J.B. never went to SI, but Chuck had, giving him 51 years walking the halls both at the Stanyan Street and Sunset District campuses.

Even though Chuck will be gone this fall, the Murphy family legacy continues as Marielle Murphy '93, Chuck's younger daughter and a member of SI's first coed class, will continue as development director, a job she began four years ago. Again, for those keeping score, that's 101 years of combined service – thus far – for the Murphy clan.

In his time at SI, Chuck has served as a math teacher and department chair (including 20 years teaching AP calculus), a football coach (10 years), a golf coach (9 years), assistant principal for student affairs (7 years) and admissions director (4 years).

He was one of the first persons to serve on the Faculty Development Board (15 years, including many years as chairman), and he served as chairman and member of the Faculty Salary Benefit Committee (more than 20 years) and as the faculty representative on the Board of Regents.

He even spent his off-hours at SI as SAT Test Supervisor (28 years) and as summer school teacher (27 years).

"His legacy will be tied to the hearts and minds of the students he has transformed for nearly five decades," said Principal Patrick Ruff, announcing Murphy's retirement to the SI community.

"On retreat, on the field, and as an administrator, Chuck crafted educational experiences that met students where they were and made them better individuals in the ways that matter most. Chuck has shown us all that a caring attitude and a positive demeanor are integral to teaching and that respect is something to be earned through a genuine approach to each student with individual needs, desires and dreams."

Murphy is retiring at the top of his game, still one of the finest math teachers in the country and still in love with teaching. "If I waited to retire when I didn't like the classroom, I'd be 100 years old," said Murphy. "I love what I'm doing and feel fortunate to have taught so many young men and women,

especially the children of those whom I have taught and of my colleagues. I am also grateful for my colleagues, who have given me so much support, energy and focus."

He credits his wife, Nancy, and her recent retirement after 30 years teaching kindergarten, as spurring him towards his retirement. The two plan to travel, especially to Nancy's family's hometown in the south of France, and to spend time with their three children: Marielle '93, Matt '89, and Andrea Dehner, and her husband, Chris and with their three children.

Chuck grew up with his older brother, Jack (Class of 1959 from Serra), and younger sisters Joan and Trish, graduates of Mercy, Burlingame. They were well schooled not only by their father but also by their mother, Edna Ford Murphy, the 12th of 14 children who grew up in St. Michael's Parish and the first girl in her family to graduate from high school. Her brother, Rev. Edward Ford, had attended the seminary with J.B. After J.B. left, Fr. Ford encouraged J.B. to date his sister, and he later celebrated their marriage.

Chuck's love for SI started even before he enrolled in 1957. He often accompanied his father, the school's athletic director, to see the Wildcats play.

"Back then, there were only a handful of lay teachers," said Chuck. "When I enrolled, I was one of the first faculty sons to attend SI. That made me a marked man among my classmates, and this adolescent wasn't interested in being a marked man. Fortunately, my father was a popular figure among the students, and they treated me well, including one senior named Bob Drucker '58."



Chuck (far left) attended numerous games with his father, J.B. Murphy, while he served as SI's athletic director. Right: Chuck and Nancy Murphy on their wedding day, Dec. 21, 1969.



Murphy's relationship with Drucker's calls actually began when Chuck was in 8th grade. Drucker's classmates Mike Murphy, Mike Carroll and Ron Sweeney visited Chuck at St. Monica's School to see if the family had a TV.

"They loved my father so much that they were soliciting money from their classmates to buy our family a gift. I told them we didn't have a TV, and they bought us the first one we ever had."

As a student at SI, Murphy had his father for algebra with Uncle Frank Corwin for history. "That was the most intense hour and a half in my day," said Chuck. "The only A I ever received was from my father as I had some ability in that subject. Had he been a Latin teacher, I would have been in big trouble."

Father and son drove to San Francisco together from their Burlingame home for a dozen years. "The first six J.B. drove, and the next six I drove," said Chuck. "The day I had my permit, I saw J.B. with the *Chronicle's* Sporting Green under his arm. He told me I was driving. We became great friends in that time, as well as father and son and teacher and student. I especially loved driving back with him after a game, rehashing each play."

After graduating from SI, Chuck studied history at USF for a week and then changed his major to math. "I knew I wanted to be a teacher and thought I might find a job more easily in math. In all my years at SI, I have taught far better mathematicians than I am or will ever be."

In his senior year at USF, when classes ended early, he would walk down to SI to hang

out in his father's office. There, Rev. Edward McFadden, S.J. '41, SI's principal at the time, would chat with Chuck. "Little did I know that he was conducting a yearlong interview." Fr. McFadden eventually offered Chuck a job beginning August 1965 with a starting salary of \$5,250 a year, and Chuck joined the SI faculty along with Drucker, Leo La Rocca '53, Mr. Tony Sauer, S.J., and Riley Sutthoff, all of whom would go on to become legendary figures in SI history.

In his first year as a teacher, Murphy realized he had landed in the right place when he saw the generosity students showed to their classmates, especially towards Mike Walsh '66, who could not walk.

"One student carried him between classes piggyback style, while another carried all their books," said Murphy. "I was impressed how automatic this act of generosity was and how symbolic it was of the attitude of the student body both then and now."

He also met with confusion from time to time, given his youthful looks. He went to one football game against Galileo with Tony Sauer, then a scholastic. "He wore a Roman collar, so everyone thought he was a priest," said Murphy. "But the guy checking my faculty pass at the door thought I was too young to be a teacher. He looked at my companion for corroboration, and Tony just said, 'I've never seen this man before in my life.' Then he admitted that I was, in fact, a teacher."

Early in his career, Chuck started playing the Oval Game, with his students. The rules are simple: between the Ides of March and April Fool's Day, you try to make your friends glance at your hands as you flash an

oval below your belt. If they look at it, you get to punch them, softly, on their arms and then wipe it off.

"The origin of the game somehow involved Bob Sarlatte and Bill Thomason, both members of the Class of '68. I began playing it with my students to keep them interested in the first weeks of math. I'd tell them that their class average was a 0 and flash an oval."

Even though Chuck never taught him, he quickly befriended Sarlatte and attended his graduation party. That same day, Bob's sister, Nancy Sarlatte, was celebrating her graduation from USF in St. Ignatius Church. Two years after Chuck met Nancy, they married, with Fr. Ford celebrating their marriage.

After two years of night school at USF, Murphy had his teaching credential. He took a brief break from the classroom to serve as assistant principal in the 1970s following a master's in educational administration at SFSU.

His son, Matt, entered SI in 1985, and his daughter Marielle in 1989, the year J.B. retired. "J.B. joked that he started at SI in 1939, the year Hitler invaded Poland, and he retired the year the girls invaded SI. My dad wasn't a fan of coeducation at SI until he saw how well his granddaughter was doing as a Wildcat. After her first year, J.B. decided coeducation was his idea. Just as J.B. was proud to hand the baton to me, I'm proud now to hand it to Marielle and to have the Murphy family still involved with SI. I hope my grandkids will, one day, enjoy a school that has been so much a part of my life, my pride and my happiness."

At the Awards Assembly, Murphy asked students to act with generosity, "for it is our

patron, Ignatius, who reminds us that, as persons who have been given many gifts and advantages, our purpose in life is to return those gifts to God through service to *all* his people.”

SI, clearly, has been blessed with a living example of this credo for the past 47 years. Thank you, C. Murphy, for sharing all your gifts so well with so many and giving all for the greater glory of God.

On Chuck Murphy / Bill Isham:

If showing up is half the battle, Chuck Murphy won the war a long time ago. As a teacher, coach and administrator, he has been showing up in classrooms, on practice fields and as a chairman and member of a hundred different committees, boards, councils and brain trusts for as long as anyone at SI can remember. He is someone you hoped would teach your own son or daughter and someone you were proud to call your colleague. In addition to his overall excellence, Chuck’s hallmark may be his generosity. He was the first person you called on to cover your class, chair a salary committee, serve as master of ceremonies for a football banquet, host a dinner, deliver a eulogy, mentor a teacher or offer a prayer.

“Talk to Chuck,” indeed.

Through the years, no one has been a better ambassador for SI. Whether charming parents at a Back-to-School Night, glad-handing alumni at a Bruce-Mahoney game or merely huddled under an umbrella commiserating with a parent watching her daughter play her last game, Chuck has always done the school proud. Thank you, Chuck. You will be sorely missed. SI may never see another like you.

Bob Sarlatte '68:

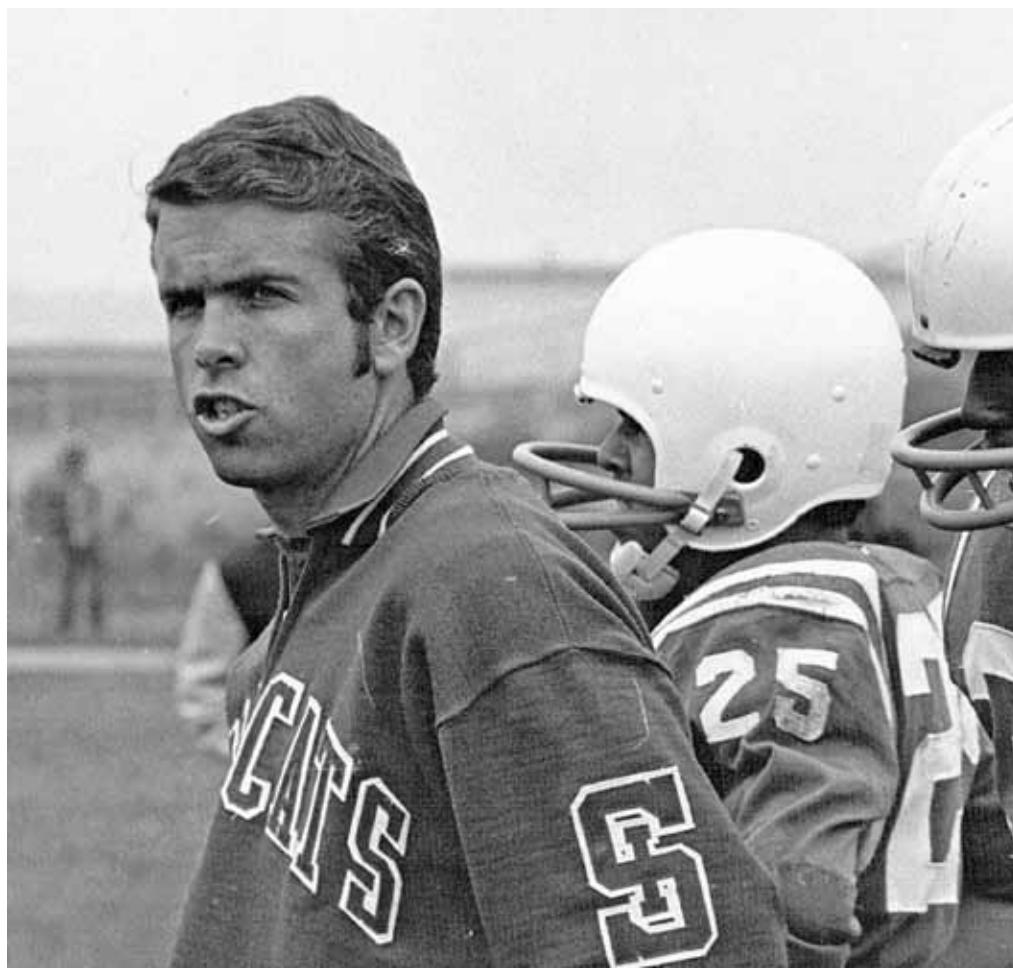
This is a man who is impossible to roast. What can you say about a guy who would be the very best brother I could ever hope to have, even if he weren’t already my brother-in-law?

Chuck is probably the best example of the ideal Ignatian I can think of in my almost 50-year knowledge of the school. He is an outstanding, thoughtful and devoted educator, coach, father, husband and friend as well as one of the funniest people I have ever met!

I can think of no better person to have in your corner for anything that transpires in your lifetime than Chuck Murphy.

Joe Vollert '84:

Chuck is the consummate Ignatian educator. He saw what a rewarding career teaching at SI could be and taught me that this is something that I not only could do but also wanted to do. He treated his vocation with



Chuck Murphy coached football for 10 years and supervised the athletics program as assistant principal for student affairs in the 1970s.

such respect that he embodied the notion that “those who can, do; those who *excel*, teach.”

We have so many outstanding teachers at SI, and they are our lifeblood. Teaching the whole person is what we do best. And Chuck is the best of the best. Like his father before him, he has blazed that path of innovation and student-centered teaching with a focus on how students learn.

When I first started teaching, I emulated his style and methods. He had well-prepared lesson plans; he focused on teaching one concept a day; and he had a building block approach to the subject matter. He wove in concepts for review to build understanding. Students learned without ever knowing they were learning. He taught how to study by using the exact test questions from a quiz to the chapter test to the midterm and final. He even dressed impeccably, scouring Nordstrom’s the day after Christmas for top quality shirts and ties, a long-standing Mr. C. Murphy tradition.

He has also been a great role model as a father and husband. His 42 years of marriage with Nancy have been a remarkable example of what a good, solid, fun, family-oriented, Christian marriage can and should be.

As I sat next to Chuck at the baccalaureate mass, it dawned on me, that Chuck’s enduring gift to SI has been his faith, one that he has modeled and imprinted in the fabric of SI.

My son, Brian, had him as a teacher, and he describes Chuck as being “real” in the classroom, as well as challenging and tough when necessary. Chuck is genuinely interested in students’ lives outside the classroom, and he has a remarkable, if not uncanny, capacity for remembering the names of students he taught.

We have an existing scholarship in the Murphy Family name: the J.B. Murphy Scholarship. Instead of starting another, we are honoring Chuck’s career by remembering and honoring the man who gave Chuck his start, who inspired his career and whom he reveres. Thus, we are beginning the Rev. Edward J. McFadden, S.J. ’41, Scholarship, named in honor of SI’s principal from 1964 to 1976; he set the stage for SI’s emergence as the preeminent college preparatory in San Francisco by hiring Chuck in the fall of 1965.

I was blessed to have Chuck as both my algebra and calculus teacher, and with each class, I felt that there was something sacred about room 219. While he taught us to glean



From left Chris & Andrea Dehner, Chuck, Marielle '93, Nancy and Matt '89. Marielle will continue the Murphy family tradition at SI as development director.

and double glean, he also gleaned something deep and holy and pristine out of us. As we laughed, we aspired to be something better. As we studied, we were given the true gifts of education: We learned how to learn and developed the desire to learn more. As we peered at the Block Club posters around his room and heard the stories of SI of old, we longed to belong to this great tapestry, to be part of something so much bigger than us. Chuck embodies SI tradition at its best. We are SI because Mr. C. Murphy is SI.

Rev. Mario Prietto, S.J.:

When I served as principal at SI, I would make my annual visitation to the teachers' classes. I would always save Chuck for last, along with the likes of Uncle Frank Corwin and Col. Gilbert. I would never cease to be delighted and impressed with Chuck's exceptionally energetic teaching style, peppered with hilarious put-downs and oval antics.

To know and respect Chuck Murphy as we all do, is to see him in his role as son, husband, father and grandfather. He is blessed with J.B.'s Irish good looks sans the blarney and his beloved mother Edna's gentle, sweet disposition. As a faithful husband, devoted father and doting grandfather, Chuck is a model and inspiration for us all.

On behalf of the many Jesuit characters whose lives have been graced by Chuck Murphy, from Tom Reed, Ed McFadden, Bill Keenan and Harry V. Carlin to Tony Sauer and all points in-between, I offer Chuck our heartfelt gratitude and blessings. Nobody has been more supportive of the Jesuits through good times and bad than Charles T. Murphy. As an Ignatian educator of the first order, Chuck gets it, plain and simple.

Bless your sweet Irish heart, Charles. You brighten our lives and never fail to lift our spirits. Your exceptional humor and kindness puts it all in perspective for us. *Ad multos annos AMDG*, dear friend – to many more years, for the greater honor and glory of God.

Mike Silvestri '67:

When I started teaching at SI in 1971, I was handed my books, given a classroom key and told by Fr. McFadden, "No smiling until December." I had to figure things out on my own. I regularly walked by Chuck's classroom, to watch him teach. He was always prepared, witty and respected by his students. And only an Irishman like Chuck could get away with labeling his answer sheets with the name Beno Torelli.

Chuck made it a point to meet the kids where they were, always taking the time to see how they were doing. Yes, I learned much

from him. And, yes, he has continued to do this for 47 years, a mentor and model for the school's current staff of teachers. I would doubt that Chuck would call his work a job, for he truly embodies "teaching as a ministry."

Chuck and I have carpooled to school for many years, often invoking "the seal of the carpool" during our many conversations. He did not discuss the intricacies of the quadratic formula with me but educated me about the rich traditions of SI and the huge impact that they have had on his life. Well, Chuck, you have had a great impact on my life, for which I am grateful. Whenever anyone asks me what a teaching professional looks like, I tell them to visit a Chuck Murphy class. Simply stated, he is the best.

Nancy Murphy:

"We are SI" is more than a cheer or a chant. It isn't an arrogant phrase. Rather, "We are SI" is a powerful statement of commitment to one another, teacher and student alike. For me, Chuck has always exemplified this philosophy.

Chuck has given his heart and soul to SI, and SI has given him a career rich in friendships and faith and the opportunity to profoundly affect the lives of numerous young men and women. ∞

SI launches one-to-one iPad program beginning fall 2012

SI students will add one more learning tool to their backpacks next year – iPads – according to SI’s principal, Patrick Ruff.

The school has been moving in this direction for years. Over the summer of 2011, the tech department increased both the speed and capacity of SI’s wireless infrastructure to support a student body ready to learn using tablet computers.

The school has also spent time training faculty to use iPads in their classes when appropriate. “Tablet computers are great tools for students and teachers, though not during every minute of every class,” said Ruff. “But when our students need to search the Internet, to collaborate on presentations, to synthesize data and to present their findings, tablets are phenomenal tools, especially with their instant-on capabilities and long battery lives.”

Eric Castro ’92, SI’s educational technologist, has led a team of educators to ready the faculty and students for this moment.

“We must prepare our students for the world they will inhabit, one where computer literacy is not optional,” he said. “It falls upon us to teach our students, regardless of family economics, to use technology effectively and ethically. This technological literacy is learned best when students are engaged in authentic learning and assessment on a computer that they can access anytime and anywhere.”

To make the transition easier for students, they will not purchase the iPads outright, but lease them and then load them with the software and textbooks they will need for their classes. After two years, they will receive upgraded models and return them to the school at the end of their four years.

“Parents of students from the classes of 2013 to 2016 should bear this in mind as they purchase home computers or laptops for their sons or daughters,” added Castro.

The price for the iPads will be built into the cost of tuition, but Castro believes that the savings gained from using electronic textbooks over more expensive (and heavier) paper textbooks will result in little appreciable increase in the total cost of attending SI. Students on financial aid will incur no additional expense as a result of the one-to-one iPad program.

“One reason why SI is such a good school is that we promote a community of lifelong learners,” added Ruff. “The best teachers and the best classes go far beyond rote memorization or basic accumulation of facts. These classes ask teachers and students to discover together, to be innovative and perceptive in the questions they ask, to judge carefully the answers they find, and to add their own creative spark using cutting-edge tools so that they can do anything

from convincing audiences of an argument’s merits to inventing something that the world needs right now. SI is a great school, and with these tools in the hands of every student, anything is possible.”



Students received their new iPads in May and June in preparation for the fall launch.



Science Teacher Adrian O’Keefe Receives Herbst Award

On May 1, Melvyn Mark of the Herbst Foundation presented the Herbst Award for Teaching Excellence to SI science teacher Adrian O’Keefe. He received a plaque and a check for \$5,000, with an additional \$5,000 going to SI to fund training and education for teachers. The foundation believes that outstanding teachers deserve to be recognized and thanked by the community.

Kevin Crouch, a big man on campus thanks to his generous heart

It's hard to miss Kevin Crouch '12, and only part of the reason is that atop his thin 6-foot, 8-inch frame you'll find a mass of blond curls.

This past year, he was easy to spot on the basketball court or the football field, as he was the Wildcat mascot, bouncing around and drumming up spirit in the "Iggy" costume.

He stood out elsewhere, as he played drums for the SI Jazz Band, the spring musical and a few liturgies. He also played the tuba in the SI Orchestra.

More importantly, Crouch stood tall among his peers as he was one of the most generous young men at SI. He is committed to pursuing a medical career and hopes to work in a free clinic one day or with Doctors Without Borders. His interest in medicine and working with the poor stems from his immersion experience in the summer of 2011 at St. Anthony's Foundation in San Francisco, feeding the hungry and the homeless, and from his experience with his own doctors.

Crouch fully expected to play basketball at SI, but just days before the start of his freshman year, he learned that he has a rare hereditary heart condition called Marfans Syndrome, causing his aortal tissue to be stretched so thin that a hard thump on his chest might prove fatal.

"Being told I had this condition and couldn't play basketball was like having a bomb dropped on me," said Crouch. "That forced me to mature a little more than I might have otherwise. I am young for my grade, and at 13, I was barely ready for high school let alone news like this."

Crouch found medical teams at Stanford Hospital and USCF "that have inspired in me a love of service. I feel as if I need to repay all the favors that have come my way."

Also shaping his generous spirit were three earlier experiences. The summer after his freshman year at SI, he worked at the Salinas Catholic Worker House with Our Lady of Angels' Youth Ministry Team. "That was my first time seeing real poverty," said Crouch. "We worked every day with homeless people and drug addicts. I saw people using the streets as bathrooms and syringes littered everywhere. I had a hard time processing what I was seeing. Later, when I studied social justice in my religious studies class, I realized that I was standing in solidarity with the poor. All I could think of then was how happy I was to help. That's where I discovered my love of service."

That love deepened when he volunteered at the Peninsula Humane Society shortly after his dog



died. "I missed her and discovered that caring for abused animals was another form of service."

Crouch also worked at St. Vincent de Paul's South San Francisco office, which distributes sandwiches and soup every day. He spent his Christmas break of his sophomore year making sandwiches along with his sister, Marie '14. "The small kitchen made for an intimate setting, and we were able to meet many of the people we served. I thought even more about social justice, especially as I was right in the middle of studying ethics in my religion class with Ms. Ahlback, who is passionate about these issues. I thought about what 'solidarity with the poor' meant and how I was free to choose what I would eat while the people who came to St. Vincent de Paul were not. The experience also taught me about the concept of human dignity, as I recognized these men and women for the first time as my equals, as children of the same God. It hammered home the lesson that we are put on this earth to love, support and respect each other."

The most important service lessons came last summer during his San Francisco immersion, led by math teacher Scott Haluck, who took Crouch and eight other rising seniors to work at St. Anthony's Foundation. "This is where I came full circle and incorporated the Catholic concepts of dignity, solidarity and service into my work. I don't want to use the phrase 'life changing' as that expression is a bit cheesy, but the experience did change my perspective on how I should live my life. The connections I made went far deeper than my other service experiences, and I made friendships that went past agape."

Those connections were easy to make, Crouch says, because he is so tall. "Everyone in the Tenderloin asked 'How tall are you?' or 'Do you play basketball?' Had I been shorter, none of those conversations would have happened." His passion for music also created connections. "Whenever I played the piano at St. Anthony's, people would participate. One person even jumped out of the nearby bathroom and started singing when he recognized the tune."

Crouch learned never to assume that a first impression of a homeless man told the whole story. "Geronimo called himself a psychic and used drugs. Speaking with him shattered my preconceived notions about the poor. We sat and ate every day I was at St. Anthony's, and I made a true friend."

Crouch was also impressed by the medical interns who work at St. Anthony's, and he felt even more inspired to study medicine and work with the poor both during and after college.

The administrators at St. Anthony's were so impressed by Crouch that they invited him to speak at their 60th anniversary celebration on the steps of City Hall in February. Those who work with Crouch at SI also sing his praises. "Kevin is one of the most passionate and compassionate members of our school community," said Haluck. "He treats all people with a level of respect and inclusiveness that is inspiring. In his heart, he is a friend to everyone, sharing joy and embodying equality."

SI instrumental music director Gillian Clements also praised Crouch for his "hard work and encouragement of students in rehearsals and outside of the classroom. He has a strong sense of community and is a compassionate leader who still has a great sense of humor. We are going to miss him very much next year."

Assistant Principal for Academics Carole Nickolai asked Crouch to speak with parents of eighth graders at the SI Open House in November "because Kevin impressed me with his positive spirit and his participation in so many areas of the school. Simply put, he exemplifies the well-rounded SI student."

That praise was echoed by St. Anthony's Angelina Cahalan '96, who noted that "Kevin came to St. Anthony's with his mind open to learn and his heart open to the people and community of the Tenderloin. Kevin truly embodies SI's Jesuit and St. Anthony's Franciscan values of service and justice. He is a humble leader, and we are truly inspired and delighted by his spirit and passion." ∞

Two students honored for service work above and beyond the call of duty



Seniors Jack Cannice and Jennifer Chew have three things in common.

They both worked with young children for their SI community service hours, they both went above and beyond the 100-hour requirement, and they both received the Thomas A. Reed, S.J., Christian Service Award in May.

Thanks to the terms of the award, set up by Tom Leonardini '59, the two agencies where Cannice and Chew worked both received cash gifts to further their good work.

Chew volunteered more than 700 hours of her time at the Salvation Army Chinatown Summer Camp, where she worked as a camp counselor over the course of four years, leading and supervising underprivileged children.

"Jennifer proved to be a positive role model and displayed great maturity and generosity," said Windi Wahlert, head of SI's Community Service Program.

Chew worked with children from kindergarten through third grade, leading them in reading, music and games. She taught math and English and assisted a lead teacher. She also spoke Mandarin with students with limited English skills and those who were learning Chinese.

"I loved coming to class and hearing children scream out my name, saying, 'Jennifer, you're

here! Come play with me!' It felt so rewarding to know I was having an impact on their lives. I finished my required hours in one summer, but I loved it so much that I kept going back. It's good to learn, too, what my parents went through when I was a kid."

She met students who touched her deeply, including a third-grade boy with anger-management issues. "David has to care for his younger brother at home, as his dad is out of the picture and his mother works long hours. He has to watch his brother in school and clean up after him at home. Most of the time, David seems carefree and happy, but when something doesn't go his way, he'll explode in a violent rage. I had no idea why until I sat him down and spoke with him, and that seemed to help."

Chew also did her share of work at SI, where she participated in the Service Club, InSignis, *Inside SI*, ASC and the choir and volunteered as a Big Cat. Chew will major in business information management at UC Irvine in the fall.

Cannice volunteered for 200 hours, with most of those at the Shelter Network's Haven House in Menlo Park, where he served as an activity leader, supervising and playing with homeless children. "He has spent the last three years consistently building a strong relationship there," said Wahlert. "Jack has been a great example of dedication for the SI community."

At Haven House, while parents are taking classes in computer skills and looking for work, Cannice and his fellow volunteers would lead their children in educational and enrichment activities and games, taking them to nearby parks and pools and encouraging them to read.

"Most of the children rarely stay at one school, and many are several grade levels behind in reading ability," said Cannice. "They have a hard time sitting and reading, so we have prizes for those who read more than 10 pages in one sitting. Afterwards, we'll go outside and play Sharks and Minnows or Hide and Seek."

Cannice also had his share of young children with anger management issues. "One 10-year-old would take an innocuous statement as a personal threat," said Cannice. "His family had moved around ever since Hurricane Katrina destroyed their home. That didn't stop him from having big dreams of playing football or basketball at USC. He had a good heart. After I hurt my knee playing basketball, he ran to get ice for me."



The job, added Cannice "made me step out of my comfort zone. Before this experience, I never thought I was good with young kids."

The work also became an extension of the lessons Cannice had learned in his junior year ethics and religion class, taught by Anne Stricherz. "She showed us a video of a 10-year-old boy from a Latin American country who convinced his government to fund a home for the aged in a slum. His story inspired me to volunteer for a third summer. If a 10 year old with no money can do so much good, I figured I could commit to a few more months."

Cannice, who was active in SI's Student Arts Showcase and in track and cross country, plans to major in philosophy, politics and law at USC in the fall and then become a lawyer. "I see a connection between law and all the ethical issues we studied in English, religious studies and history classes at SI." ∞

Left: Jennifer Chew worked at a summer camp at the Salvation Army in Chinatown helping children. Right: Jack Cannice worked with children who were living with their parents at homeless shelters.

Darrell Davis worked with the Nature/Nexus class on the Sunset Community Garden.



Darrell Davis survives years of homelessness to earn a full ride to Oberlin College

When Darrell Davis '12 volunteered at the San Francisco Food Bank last summer, he took inventory and packed pasta and rice into bags. He knew those bags well, as many of his meals growing up had come from the Food Bank.

Davis, who will attend Oberlin College in the fall on a full scholarship, spent most of his early school years bouncing from one homeless shelter to another. He even spent his sophomore year, along with his parents, living in Tenderloin shelters.

At Oberlin, Davis will minor in language while majoring in a political science with a concentration in peace and conflict studies.

"I've seen so much trouble growing up, and I hear so much about conflict around the world," said Davis. "My language studies may give me a voice to help people who live under governments that work against the poor rather than for them. We need people who want to help, and that's me."

Born in Cincinnati, Davis moved to the Bay Area in 1999 with his parents, and his father lost his job shortly after the move. Davis was homeless from kindergarten through second grade, living in East Oakland. "We spent more than a few nights in cars when we couldn't get into a shelter." The family did find lodging temporarily, but moved to San Francisco after being evicted.

Davis didn't share his situation with all of his classmates in SI's Magis Program. "I had trust issues, which kept me from asking for help." After being accepted at SI, he struggled with his studies, and he hit a wall in his sophomore year when his family became homeless again. He found a mentor and confidant in his English teacher, Elizabeth Purcell. "She was awesome and supportive. I would go to her early every morning to get writing help. I can't begin to explain how much she contributed to my high school experience. She taught me to trust people again and to find balance between school and extracurriculars."

(Purcell, incidentally, received the Charles T. Murphy Ignatian Educator Award in May in honor of her inspirational teaching.)

He also praised Nature/Nexus Teacher Kristen Moraine, science teacher Adrian O'Keefe, Sarah Curran in SI's Campus Ministry Office and Magis Director Abram Jackson for their support as he went from being homeless to finding Section 8 housing.

"Whenever I found housing, I would feel so relieved and grateful. I never cared how nice an apartment was. I was just glad to have a place to live."

Living in the Tenderloin, Davis saw his share of violence, including witnessing a man

fall to his death after being pushed out of a high-rise. He also saw pimps and johns beating up prostitutes. "I wished I could have done something to stop the beatings," said Davis. "But the men were too big, and I was too afraid."

He witnesses people sick with diseases, such as tuberculosis and elephantiasis. "I'm amazed that in this country there are people with Third World diseases and children who go for days without food."

Despite his lack of housing security, Davis felt fortunate. "When you grow up in the 'hood, having a dad makes everything so much better. Not everyone in my situation has a two-parent household." Davis also feels fortunate that his father found a job in 2010 with Amtrak on a café car in what promises to be steady employment.

Davis praised SI's Magis Program, where he worked as a teacher's aide last summer for a course in ethnic studies. "It's great seeing SI prepare kids for high school, for college and for life. Magis enters the lives of children at a pivotal time, telling them that they can walk a higher path and that they can ignore the voices in society that tell them they aren't worth anything. Thanks to Magis, they knew they deserve better and are getting what they deserve."

Not all of Davis' experiences at SI were positive. He felt guilty not being able to donate to the Christmas toy and food drive, especially as he had been the recipient of the donated toys and food in primary school. "That's why I felt obligated to help at the Food Bank, as I knew first hand what those children were going through." He also felt angry when he heard his classmates complain about Medicare or argue that people on Welfare or receiving Food Stamps should learn to take care of themselves. "Those programs sustained me growing up."

SI, he added, "taught me to stand up for what I believe in, even if the majority doesn't see things as I do. SI taught me that it's OK to ask for help because the school invests in its students. I felt SI's care and am eternally grateful that a kid like me had the opportunity to go to such an amazing school. Thanks to a lot of hard work and thanks to many people, including Tom Brandi '63, whose scholarship paid my tuition, I've been able to stay here and succeed here." ∞



Left: Emann Williams just finished her sophomore year. For most of her time at SI, her mother (left) was stationed in Afghanistan. Pictured with them is her brother, Marco. Right: Jen Curtin, a former Magis student, is now a teacher at SI.



The Legacy of Magis: Helping Students & Nurturing Teachers

EMANN WILLIAMS '14

Sophomore Emann Williams is the kind of young woman who loves sharing all the details of her day with her mother.

Last year, proved more difficult than normal, as her mother, Muriel Nash, was half a world away in Afghanistan working as a sergeant and head nurse in the U.S. Army Reserve. Mother and daughter would talk via Skype and cell phone for hours. “She wanted to know everything that happened to me that day, and we would talk for hours at a time.”

Last November, the two had a chance for some real face time as Nash came home early to surprise her daughter. “I was home when my phone rang,” said Williams. “My mother was on the line, and I asked her where she was. She told me she was right outside the front door. I opened it screamed and hugged her, with all the neighbors staring. I was over-the-top ecstatic.”

Fifteen days later, Nash was back on a plane headed to Afghanistan to continue her tour, her second one overseas. Earlier, when her daughter was in the sixth grade, Nash had served for 18 months in Iraq. For both assignments, Williams’ stepfather took care of her and her 9-year-old brother, Marco.

In Afghanistan, Nash had to endure sandstorms, heat and Army food. “She complained about how bland it was,” said Williams. “We love soul food and lots of seasoning. The soup there is like water.”

Nash came home for good in February to continue her job at UCSF. A 27-year veteran, she plans to continue serving in the Army Reserve.

While Nash’s absences were tough on her daughter, they were even harder on her son. “Marco used to cry when he missed his mother,” said Williams. “My mother’s absence helped all of us grow closer, although

it was difficult for me living in a house with no other women.”

To get her daily dose of mothering, Williams relied on the mother of her friend, Alanna Johnson '14. “My step dad doesn’t know much about getting hair or nails done,” said Williams. “That’s where Alanna’s mom came in. I’d also talk by phone with my sister, who lives in Sacramento, but she has her own family.”

Nash’s fellow nurses at UCSF and friends from the Army also played the role of godparents to Williams, and she found support in her teachers, such as Elizabeth Purcell, Pedro Cafasso and Shannon Vanderpol, and in Abram Jackson, who directs the Magis Program, which is Williams’ home base at SI.

“Emann is a very sweet girl,” said Jackson. “She carries herself in a mature way and is both responsible and caring, perhaps because her mother had been gone for such long tours.”

Life in the Magis office was a bit uncomfortable at first for Williams. “When everyone spoke about their parents, I didn’t know what to say. Mr. Jackson helped me feel better when I was down, and he encouraged me to tell my classmates about my mother serving overseas. And my friends helped too. They could tell when I was close to tears and would remind me that my mother was helping in a cause that was worth fighting for.”

JEN CURTIN '04

Like so many other SI teachers, Jen Curtin '04 is a graduate of SI. Her connection with the school, however, goes back a bit further, as she also is a graduate of SI’s Magis Program.

Curtin, who is in her first year teaching English and coaching freshman girls’ volleyball at SI, came to the Prep the summer before her 7th grade. Back then, Magis was called the Uplift Program, but its mission was the same as it is now: to help students prepare for a rigorous college preparatory education, especially those students who come from underrepresented groups. (Curtin’s mother is Nicaraguan, and her father is Irish and German.)

SI’s Magis Program serves students entering seventh, eighth and ninth grades who are first-generation college-bound, low-income or traditionally underrepresented in higher education. Magis students take part in academic, club and sports programs in the summer and return during the school year for enrichment activities about once a month. Most apply to SI, and this year’s freshman and sophomore classes include 44 Magis graduates.

As a 12 year old coming from St. Paul’s School

in Noe Valley, Curtin found success in the Magis Program in two areas that surprised her: creative writing and acting. A talented athlete, Curtin already excelled in both volleyball and basketball. “Then at Magis, I took a creative writing class and read *A Catcher in the Rye*. My teacher wrote that I was a natural at English, and I remember being so taken by that.” In fact, Curtin chose creative writing as her major at Dominican University, where she earned her degree in English before returning to SI.

Curtin also acted in the drama club, playing the role of Sandy in *Grease*. “I had never been exposed to the arts in that way, and working with an older actress gave me the chance to try things I didn’t normally have the chance to do. Magis also opened my eyes to the possibility of applying to SI. When I entered as a freshman, I felt so comfortable and knew the school, though I did struggle a little with academics, as the classes moved quickly. Thanks to Magis, I was prepared to succeed.”

Curtin also found it difficult to fit in socially. “I had never heard of Abercrombie and Fitch, and I didn’t like the competitiveness, but I found great teachers and ended up meeting people who became close friends.”

After her sophomore year, Curtin became a Magis teacher’s aide and, the following year, an office assistant. Last summer, she taught an English course in the Magis Program before starting at SI full time in the English Department.

She has had success as a rookie teacher and coach, including leading her freshman girls’ volleyball team to first place in the league.

“Given all I’m doing, it very much feels like I’m back home, like I’ve come full circle. It just made sense to come back and do what my teachers had done for me. They gave me support, taught me to learn from my mistakes and to adapt and adjust to difficult situations. In the end, they taught me to love being in school.” ∞



The Ignatian Award Recipient: Kaitlyn Crawley

The Ignatian Award is the highest award SI can offer. It is conferred upon the graduating senior who has consistently put the welfare of students above his or her own interests. This award winner is chosen from the graduating class for generous service on their behalf, dedication to the Gospel message, and devotion to the Christian ideals enunciated by the patron of our school, St. Ignatius of Loyola. This year's recipient is a humble leader and genuine role model for classmates and teammates. An honors student who consistently strives to do her personal best to develop intellectually, physically and spiritually, Kaitlyn has been a member of the Student Council, a varsity athlete and a retreat leader. She has earned an un-weighted GPA of 4.0 while taking 16 honors and AP courses during her tenure at SI. Her success in athletics rivals her academic prowess as she has earned four varsity blocks and participated in three different sports. This young woman's talents are many and varied because of her insatiable quest to discover and master new opportunities. She has worked tirelessly as a member for the Service Club and Block Club, serving as an officer this year. She is a regular at our Friday Morning Liturgies, and is a member of the 200-hour Service Club. In her Immersion experience in New Orleans, she was praised for extraordinary kindness and care toward the people she served and to all she encountered. She is a young woman blessed with many gifts. She is intelligent, athletic, morally upright and full of integrity. Her good-natured, outgoing and winning personality, positive approach to life and learning and genuine concern for those around her have earned her the respect, trust and admiration of both her teachers and peers.

GRADUATION 2012

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FINALISTS

Joel Graycar
Gabriela Greig

COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2012 MERIT PROGRAM

Zachary Alicaway
Deanne Arimoto
Coleman Bailey
Christen Bertain
Alexander Bracht
Kaitlyn Crawley
Kevin Crouch
Catherina Kolhede
Elaina Koros
Noelle Langmack
Shannon Lindstrom
Thadeus Niemira
Madeline Pertsch
Cole Priest
Harrison Saghi
Madeline Scannell
Andrew Schilling
Shane Slosar

CSF LIFE MEMBERS

The seniors listed below have earned Life Membership in CSF Chapter 211cc, as of January 2012.
Khalid Al-Rayess
Ian Anderson
George Angelopoulos
Deanne Arimoto
Anthony Ayllon
Adela Bagot-Lopez
Christen Bertain
David Bornstein
Giovanni Briggs
Nicholas Brunner

Madeleine Burke
Danielle Butler
Camille Calame-Martin
Jack Cannice
Conor Cannon
Kyle Capuli
Matthew Caracciolo
Jeremy Chan
QinQin Chen
Jennifer Chew
Kimberly Chong
Michelle Christofferson
Elisa Cimento
Megan Cleary
Brendan Collins
Kaitlyn Crawley
Kevin Crouch
Thomas Curran-Levett
Stephanie Darden
Katherine DeRuff
Reubhen Diaz
Stephanie Donahue
Allan Esclamado, Jr.
Marco Fanucchi
Morgan Flannery
Shannon Foster
Kevin Fulgham
Houston Garcia
Charmaine Garzon
Erin Geraghty
Courtney Gong
Gabriela Greig
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Marlena Haller
Paul Hwang
Ron Joves
Frank Kaniewski
Kelsey Koch
Colette Kolenda
Catherina Kolhede
Elaina Koros
Noelle Langmack
Kassandra Lastimoso
Caitlin Lee
Chiara Lewis
Amy Lie
Emika Lisberger

Michael Loginoff
Raymond Loo
Brandon Louie
Ryan Lu
Laura Lucchesi
Kristofer Luciani
Katrina Manuel
Elizabeth Mattimore
Katherine McCarthy
Kelly A. McCarthy
Michael McEvoy
John-William McGovern
Molly McGuinness
Megan McNamara
Kelly Mendoza
Meredith Murphy
Eric Nague
Cassie Naughton
Olivia Neagle
Michaela Nelson
Tiffany Nguyen
Christine Nishinaga
Danielle Ocampo
Kristin Olcomendy
Calvin Jay Oliman
Emma Parks
Madeleine Pelton
Felix Portillo
Cole Priest
Cecilia Read
Benjamin Richman
Madeline Scannell
Andrew Schilling
Nicole Smith
Natalie Smyth
Shannon Sparks
Nicole Sudano
Margaret Summa
Hensley Sy
Emma Thorsden
Kyle Tillinghast
Nicolas Tomei
Rikki Ulmer
Savannah Valverde Twiggs
Camille Vinogradov
Stacey Ward
Pola Wojdyla

Alexandra Wong
Alyson Wong
Andrea Wong
Nicole Wong

200 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

John Abouchar
Katrina Alcaez
Ian Anderson
Cean Arada
Shanika Mae Arboleda
Deanne Arimoto
Adela Bagot-Lopez
Mary Basile
Gabriela Bayol
Christen Bertain
Camille Calame-Martin
David Campos
Jack Cannice
Jeremy Chan
QinQin Chen
Jennifer Chew
Kimberly Chong
Nathan Chow
Michelle Christofferson
Megan Cleary
Xavier Cortez
Caroline Cosgrove
Kaitlyn Crawley
Christopher Crowley
Kerry Crowley
Stephanie Donahue
Catherine Dumont
Catherine Espiritu
Sean O'Donnell
Marco Fanucchi
Kristen Farrell
Andrea Garcia
Jason Garcia
Rachel Garcia
John Garzee
Charmaine Garzon
Megan Gee
Erin Geraghty
Monica Gibbons
Jaclyn Grealish
Marlena Haller
Kathleen Harp

Kathleen Hayes
Pierre Hills
Corinne Hom
Caroline Hoyern
Ron Joves
Frank Kaniewski
Morgan Kessell
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Caitlin Lee
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Maxwell Lico
Amy Lie
Shannon Lindstrom
Emika Lisberger
Brandon Louie
Laura Lucchesi
Jamie Maciel
Samantha Martin
Ann Matthews
Michele McCaffrey
John Meany
Christopher Mendoza
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Nina Mullin
Jacob Nacario
Eric Nague
Cassie Naughton
Tiffany Nguyen
Matthew Nikovits
Christine Nishinaga
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Julianne O'Leary
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Felix Portillo
Josef Rivera
Alexa Robinson
Stefano Sangiacomo
Christian Santos
Alena Shikaloff
Nicole Smith

John Solomon
Shannon Sparks
Hensley Sy
Ronni Tang
Joseph Tawasha
Veronica Thieu
Michael Toepel
Victoria Trumbull
Savannah Valverde Twiggs
Camille Vinogradov
Stacey Ward
Pola Wojdyla
Alexandra Wong
Andrea Wong
Mark Wurzweiler
Mary Yuer Zhou Qin

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Peter Doyle

NORMAN A. BOUDEWIJN AWARD

Michele McCaffrey

JOHN E. BROPHY '43 AWARD / OUTSTANDING SENIOR ATHLETES

Maria Kemij-McDonald
Michelle McDonald-
O'Brien
William McKee

CAMPUS MINISTRY AWARD

Danielle Ocampo
Stefan Metrakos

REV. HARRY CARLIN, S.J., AWARD

Danielle Butler
QinQin Chen
Patrick Harrington
Elaina Koros
Kelly Adrienne McCarthy
John-William McGovern
Alexandra Wong

CHORUS AWARD

Ashley Santos

CLASSICAL & MODERN LANGUAGES AWARDS

French:

Camille Vinogradov

Japanese:

Joel Graycar

Latin:

Catherina Kolhede

Spanish:

Charmaine Garzon

DANCE AWARD

Tamara Murphy

ENGLISH GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Deanna Beamman
Kelly Adrienne McCarthy

ENGLISH WRITING AWARD

Charmaine Garzon

FINE ARTS AWARD

Mary Yuer Zhou Qin

FOX MEMORIAL RELIGION AWARD

Class of 2012:

Eden Bekele
& Camille Vinogradov

Class of 2013:

Rocelyn Dacre

Class of 2014: Nicole Fite

& Eduardo Valencia

Class of 2015: Luke Lotti

& Sydney Sobrepena

FRESHMAN ELOCUTION AWARD

Sien Tam

INSIGNIS AWARD

Michael Fall
Paul Hwang

JAZZ BAND AWARD

Kevin Crouch

The General Excellence Award: Charmaine Garzon

The General Excellence Award is conferred upon a senior who is distinguished by scholarship, excellence in conduct and outstanding devotion to the school through participation in both curricular and co-curricular activities. An articulate, reflective and conscientious young woman, this year's recipient has been recognized by faculty and students alike for her scholarship, leadership and service. She is a person who uses her time and talents well as she pursues a wide range of commitments and interests. A humble leader and genuine role model for classmates and teammates, she is an exceptionally gifted student who consistently strives to do her personal best to develop intellectually, physically and spiritually. She has taken a demanding schedule with nine AP and honors courses and received only four semester grades lower than an A. Moreover, she is a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation, a two-year co-president of the Immigration Awareness Club and a staff member of the *Ignatian*. However, her success is not limited to classroom as she has excelled on the tennis court. She served in the Service Club and the Wildcat Welcoming Club and was a Big Cat. In addition, she has completed over 350 hours of community service, went on Immersion last summer and has been a member of the Association for Latin American Students each of her years at SI. She gives her all to every activity and makes it look easy; she is a young woman who personifies virtue and excellence in mind, body and heart.



JOURNALISM AWARD

The Ignatian:
Shannon Sparks
Inside SI: Giovanni Briggs
Thomas Curran-Levett
Caitlin Lee

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Michael Loginoff

MATHEMATICS AWARD

Deanne Arimoto

FR. EDWARD McFADDEN, S.J., AWARD

George Angelopoulos
Stephanie Darden
Stephanie Donahue
Peter Doyle
Joel Graycar
Catherina Kolhede
Mary Yuer Zhou Qin

TOM MURPHY JESUIT SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AWARD

Monica Gibbons

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AWARD

Matthew Caracciolo
Shane Slosar

ORCHESTRA AWARD

Reubhen Diaz

THOMAS A. REED, S.J. CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD

Jack Cannice
Jennifer Chew

SALUTATORIAN

Kerry Crowley

SCIENCE AWARD

Life Science: Amy Lie
Physical Science: Kyle Tillinghast

SERVICE AWARD

Giovanni Briggs
Colette Kolenda

CHUCK SIMON AWARD FOR THEATRE ARTS

Deanna Beaman

PETER SMITH '80 THEATRE ARTS AWARD

Nicholas Lawrie

SOCIAL SCIENCE AWARD

Elisa Cimento

SOPHOMORE ORATORICAL AWARD

Sarah Armstrong

SPIRIT AWARD

Kevin Crouch

VISUAL ARTS AWARD

Audrey Gomez
Samantha Martin

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE CLASS OF 2012

Albion College Presidential Scholarship
American University Dean's Scholarship
American University Washington Mentorship Program Award
Arizona State University Academic Achievement Award
Arizona State University Barrett's Honor College
Arizona State University California Scholarship
Arizona State University New American University Scholarship
Arizona State University Provost's Award

Arizona State University Walter Cronkite Inaugural Scholar Award
Bellarmine University Monsignor Treece Scholarship
Bentley University President's Scholarship
Berklee College of Music North American Scholarship Tour
Bio-Rad Laboratories 2012 Bio-Rad Scholarship
Boston College Honors Program
Boston College Merit Scholarship
Boston University Honors Program
Bucknell University Campus Enrichment Scholarship
Bucknell University Presidential Scholarship
Butler University Trustees Scholarship
California College of The Arts Creative Achievement Award
California Lutheran University Founders Scholarship
California Lutheran University Mount Clef Scholarship
California State University: Sacramento Honors Program
Carroll College Founder's Award
Case Western Reserve University University Scholarship
Catholic University of America Alumni Award
Catholic University of America Parish Scholarship

Champlain College Presidential Scholarship
Chapman University Chancellor's Scholarship
Chapman University Dean's Scholarship
Chapman University Presidential Award
Chapman University School of Theater Scholarship
Claremont Mckenna College Mckenna Achievement Award
College of The Holy Cross Holy Cross Scholarship
Creighton University Academic Scholarship
Creighton University Founders Award
Creighton University Jesuit High School Scholarship
Creighton University Magis Award
Creighton University Merit Scholarship
DePaul University Deans' Scholarship
DePaul University Honors Program
DePaul University Saint Vincent de Paul Scholarship
Dominican University of California Dean's Scholarship
Dominican University of California Dominican Scholarship
Dominican University of California Presidential Scholarship
Dominican University of California Trustee Scholarship
Drexel University Dean's Scholarship

Drexel University Dragon Alumni Award
Elks National Foundation Scholarship
Emmanuel College Academic Achievement Scholarship
Emory University Dean's Scholarship
Fairfield University Bellarmine Scholarship
Fairleigh Dickinson College Col. Fairleigh S. Dickinson Scholarship
Fordham University Dean's Scholarship
Fordham University Honors Program
Fordham University Jogues Scholarship
Fordham University Loyola Scholarship
Fordham University Tuition Award
Fordham University UPS Scholarship
Fordham University Women's Rowing Scholarship
Georgetown University Bellarmine Scholarship
Georgetown University Merit Scholarship
Georgetown University Nursing & Health Sciences Scholarship
Georgetown University 1789 Nursing & Health Sciences Scholarship
Georgetown University 1789 Recruitment Scholarship
Gonzaga University Achievement Scholarship
Gonzaga University Aloysius Scholarship

Gonzaga University Dean's Scholarship
Gonzaga University Dussault Scholarship
Gonzaga University Gonzaga University Scholar
Gonzaga University Regent Scholarship
Gonzaga University Trustee Scholarship
Gonzaga University Women's Rowing Scholarship
Green Mountain College Make A Difference Scholarship
Grinnell College Trustees Honor Scholarship
Hawaii Pacific University Ka Makana Scholarship
Hillsdale College Hillsdale Tradition Award
Hillsdale College Forrest C. Latner Scholarship
Hillsdale College Merit Scholarship
Hofstra University Achievement Award
Hofstra University Honors College
Hofstra University Presidential Scholarship
Howard University Legacy Scholarship
Irish Cultural Center of California Leo T. Walsh Scholarship
Ithaca College Alana Scholarship
Ithaca College John B. Harcourt Scholarship
Italian Catholic Federation Luigi & Rosa Mangini Memorial Scholarship
John Carroll University University Scholar

Johnson & Wales University Presidential Academic Scholarship
Junior Golf Association of Northern California Sally Tomlinson Scholarship
Kalamazoo College Founders Scholarship
Kalamazoo College John Theophilus Williamson Award
Lawrence University Community Engagement Scholarship
Lehigh University Scholar Athlete Merit Award
Lewis & Clark College Faculty Scholarship
Lewis & Clark College Leadership & Service Award
Lewis & Clark College Trustee Endowed Scholarship
Long Island University Global Merit Scholarship
Loyola College Claver Scholarship
Loyola College Magis Award
Loyola College Presidential Scholarship
Loyola Marymount University Arrupe Scholarship
Loyola Marymount University Honors Program
Loyola Marymount University Jesuit Scholarship
Loyola Marymount University LMU Achievement Award
Loyola Marymount University LMU Scholarship



Loyalty Award: Erin Geraghty

The Loyalty Award is presented to a member of the senior class who demonstrates character, dedication and enthusiasm and one who sincerely strives for the betterment of the school community. Our recipient this year is a young woman with a variety of gifts, talents and interests. She reflects the ideals of Jesuit education and is an impressive example of our aspiration and hope for the future. She has a positive approach to all things and is recognized by teachers and peers alike for her leadership, enthusiasm and energy. She has shared her passion and commitment to justice for all and has served our school as a member of InSignis, the Social Justice Club and the Wildcat Welcoming Club. She is a regular at FML – often singing in the choir – was a Kairos Retreat leader and went on Immersion. She was a member of both the cross country and lacrosse programs and served as a captain in both sports this past year. She served as a Big Cat, was the president of the Service Club and still managed to maintain an un-weighted GPA of 3.95. She is, in short, a young woman of character, competence and compassion. She is generous in sharing her gifts and talents with others and lives each day with remarkable optimism, openness to new experiences, belief in the goodness of others and faith in God. In every activity, she enlivens all with dedication, hard work and a spirit of good will. As a young woman, an athlete and a Catholic, no better role model can be found. SI is truly a better place because of her.

Loyola Marymount University President's Scholarship	Loyola University of Chicago Loyola Scholarship	Muhlenberg College Honors Program	Oregon State University College of Engineering Dean's Scholarship	Saint Peter's College Academic Success Program	Seattle University Trustees Scholarship	St. Louis University Jesuit High School Award
Loyola University Maryland Claver Scholarship	Loyola University of Chicago Rambler Scholarship for Leadership	Muhlenberg College Presidential Merit Scholarship	Oregon State University Provost Scholarship	Saint Peter's College Arrupe Award	Seton Hall University University Scholarship	St. Louis University Presidential Scholarship
Loyola University Maryland Magis Award	Loyola University of Chicago Trustee Scholarship	National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Athletic Award	Peninsula Social Club Foundation Scholarship	San Diego State University Honors Program	Skyline College Honors Transfer Program	St. Louis University University Scholarship
Loyola University New Orleans Dean's Scholarship	Marquette University Duane Silver Scholarship	New College of Florida Presidential Scholarship	Pennsylvania State University Chancellor's Award	San Francisco Art Institute Creative Achievement Award	Sonoma State University Presidential Scholar Award	St. Louis University Vice President's Scholarship
Loyola University New Orleans Academic Scholarship	Marquette University Ignatius Leadership Scholarship	New York University College of Arts & Sciences Scholarship	Pomona College Pomona Scholarship	San Francisco State University John Handy Scholarship	Southern Methodist University Distinguished Scholar Award	St. Mary's College of California Freshman Honors At Entrance Scholarship
Loyola University New Orleans Ignatian Academic Excellence Scholarship	Marquette University Ignatius Academic Distinction Scholarship	New York University Eckhouse Scholarship	Portland State University Honors Laureate Scholarship	San Jose State University Merit Award	Southern Methodist University Fellow's Scholar Award	St. Mary's College of California Gael Scholars Award
Loyola University New Orleans Jesuit Identity Scholarship	Marquette University Ignatius Service Scholarship	New York University Gallatin Scholarship	Portland State University Honors Program	San Mateo Italian American Social Club Foundation	Southern Methodist University Meadows Artist Scholarship	St. Mary's College of California Honors Program
Loyola University New Orleans Loyola Scholar Award	Marquette University Jesuit High School Scholarship	New York University Liberal Studies Program Scholarship	Portland State University Out of State Scholarship	Santa Clara University Alumni Family Scholarship	Spring Hill College Gautrelet Jesuit Award	St. Mary's College of California Presidential Scholar Award
Loyola University New Orleans Presidential Scholarship	Marquette University Magis Leadership Award	New York University Promise Fund Scholarship	Providence College Albertus Magnus Scholarship	Santa Clara University Dean's Scholarship	Spring Hill College Service Award	St. Mary's College of California St. Mary's Scholarship
Loyola University New Orleans Recognition Award	Marquette University Northern California Club Award	New York University Provost Scholarship	Quinnipiac University Dean's Scholarship	Santa Clara University Honors Program	St. John's University Jesuit Ignatius Award	St. Peter's College Pavonia Scholarship
Loyola University New Orleans Social Justice Scholarship	Marymount College Achievement Scholarship	New York University Tisch Scholarship	Regis University Blue & Gold Award	Santa Clara University Provost Scholarship	St. John's University Catholic High School Scholarship	Stanford University Athletic Scholarship – Women's Soccer
Loyola University of Chicago Damien Scholarship	Merrimack College Merit Scholarship	Northeastern University Athletic Scholarship – Crew	Regis University Honors Program	Scripps College Presidential Scholarship	St. John's University Scholastic Excellence Scholarship	Syracuse University Chancellor's Scholarship
Loyola University of Chicago Dean's Scholarship	Michigan State University Legacy Scholarship	Northern Arizona University Honors Program	Regis University Regis Achievement Award	Seattle University Arrupe Scholarship	St. John's University Scholastic Excellence Scholarship	Syracuse University Pre-Med Honors Program
Loyola University of Chicago Honors Program	Michigan State University Merit Scholarship	Notre Dame de Namur University Belmont Scholarship	Regis University St. John Francis Regis Award	Seattle University Bellarmine Scholarship	St. Joseph's University Achievement Award	The Evergreen State College Academic Achievement Award
Loyola University of Chicago B.V.M. Sisters of Christian Charity Scholarship	Michigan State University Presidential Study Abroad Scholarship	Oberlin College Trustee Scholarship	Regis University Trustees Scholarship	Seattle University Campion Scholarship	St. Lawrence University Book Award for Community Service	The George Washington University Honors Program
Loyola University of Chicago Jesuit Heritage Award	Montana State University Achievement Award	Occidental College Dean's Scholarship	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rensselaer Leadership Award	Seattle University Costco Scholarship	St. Louis University Dean's Scholarship	The George Washington University School of Engineering & Applied Science Scholarship
	Mount Mary College Campus Ministry Award	Occidental College Honors Scholarship	Rockhurst University Jesuit Award	Seattle University Honors Program	Scripps College Presidential Scholarship	The Ohio State University Honors Program
	Mount Mary College Academic Incentive Scholarship	Occidental College Trustee Scholarship	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Rose-Hulman Scholarship	Seattle University New Ignatius Scholarship	St. John's University Catholic High School Scholarship	
			Rutgers University-Camden Merit Award	Seattle University Sullivan Leadership Finalist	St. Lawrence University Book Award for Community Service	

Salutarian: Kerry Crowley

The salutarian is selected as one who embodies the spirit of the graduating class. Manifesting the Ignatian values of our school and marked by love and respect of the entire class, this student is chosen to address the community to remember and celebrate the last four years. This year's salutarian has demonstrated true versatility in what it is to be an Ignatian. He has played baseball, was a member of InSignis, and wrote for *The Quill*. He ran track and field, helped plan our rallies and served as a Big Cat. He also played football, served in the Block Club and was a member of the student council. This is a prodigious list of activities but this is an impressive young man, one who truly embodies the soul of the class of 2012. Kerry also was honored by the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame as a scholar athlete, one of two chosen from San Francisco, and was celebrated at a Feb. 23 banquet. Also, Kerry and his father are the second pair of father and son grads to have both received the J.B. Murphy Award, the highest honor bestowed by SI's football program. (The first pair were Darren '78 and Brett Cde Baca '10.)



The Ohio State University Maximus Scholarship	University of California, Berkeley Leadership Award	University of California at Riverside Highlander Excellence Scholarship	University of La Verne La Verne Award	University of Puget Sound Alumni Scholarship	University of South Carolina Sims Scholar Award	Wabash College Top Ten Scholars Award
The Ohio State University National Buckeye Scholarship	University of California, Berkeley Undergraduate Scholarship	University of California at Riverside Honors Program	University of La Verne Presidential Scholarship	University of Puget Sound Dean's Scholarship	University of Southern California Leadership Scholarship	Wabash College President's Scholarship
The University of Arizona Arizona Excellence Award	University of California at Davis Athletic Scholarship — Golf	University of California at San Diego Honors Program	University of Maryland Honors Program	University of Puget Sound Faculty Scholarship	University of Southern California Presidential Scholarship	Washington University in St. Louis Gustave Mesmer Scholarship
The University of Arizona Entrance Scholarship	University of California at Davis Entering Scholarship	University of California at San Diego Regents' Scholarship	University of Massachusetts, Amherst Chancellor's Award	University of Puget Sound Trustee Scholarship	University of Southern California Tuition Exchange Scholarship	Wentworth Institute of Technology Wentworth Merit Scholarship
The University of Arizona Honors Program	University of California Undergraduate Scholarship	University of California at Santa Barbara Honors Program	University of Massachusetts, Amherst Director's Scholarship	University of Redlands Achievement Award	University of Southern California University Scholarship	Westminister College Founders Scholarship
The University of Arizona Provost's Leadership Academy Scholarship	University of California at Davis Honors Program	University of California at Santa Barbara Regents Scholarship	University of Miami Trustee Scholarship	University of Rochester Dean's Scholarship	University of St. Thomas St. Thomas Award	Whittier College John Greenleaf Whittier Scholarship
Trinity University President's Scholarship	University of California at Davis Hubert H. Wakeham Scholarship	University of California at Santa Barbara Regents Scholarship	University of Michigan Honors Program	University of San Diego Academic Scholarship	University of Texas Austin Honors Program	Whittier College The Poets Scholarship
Tulane University Academic Achievement Award	University of California at Davis James N. & Leta H. Fulmor Scholarship	University of Colorado at Boulder Academic Excellence Award	University of Minnesota Scholarship	University of San Diego Alcala Award	University of The Incarnate Word Achievement Award	Willamette University Academic Leadership Award
Tulane University Distinguished Scholar Award	University of California at Davis Regents' Scholarship	University of Colorado at Boulder Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship	University of Minnesota Gold National Scholarship	University of San Diego Honors Program	University of The Incarnate Word UIW Scholarship	Willamette University Dean's Prize Award
Tulane University Founders Scholarship	University of California at Irvine Honors Program	University of Colorado at Boulder Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship	University of Minnesota Honors Program	University of San Diego Merit Scholarship	University of The Pacific Honors At Entrance	Willamette University For Others Scholarship
Tulane University Honors Program	University of California at Irvine Regents' Scholarship	University of Denver Dean's Scholarship	University of Notre Dame University Scholarship	University of San Diego Presidential Scholarship	University of The Pacific Merit Scholarship	Worcester Polytechnic Institute University Award
Tulane University Merit Scholarship	University of California at Los Angeles Ralph J. Bunche Alumni Association Scholarship	University of Denver Crimson & Gold Scholarship	University of Oregon Dean's Scholarship	University of San Diego Torero Pride Scholarship	University of The Pacific President's Scholarship	Xavier University Dean's Award
Tulane University Presidential Scholarship	University of California at Los Angeles Los Angeles Recognition Award	University of Hawaii at Manoa Centennial Scholarship	University of Oregon Diversity Excellence Scholarship	University of San Diego Trustee Scholarship	University of The Pacific Regents Scholarship	Xavier University Fr. J. Buschmann Award
United States Navy ROTC Scholarship	University of California at Merced Benton Scholarship	University of Hawaii at Manoa Centennial Scholarship	University of Oregon General University Scholarship	University of San Francisco Admitted With Distinction Merit Award	University of The Pacific Honors Program	Xavier University Jesuit Heritage Award
University of Alaska, Fairbanks Athletic Scholarship — Swimming	University of California at Merced Benton Scholarship	University of Hawaii at Manoa Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship	University of Oregon Honors Program	University of San Francisco Dean's Scholarship	University of Vermont Academic Excellence Scholarship	
University of California, Berkeley Alumni Scholarship for Academic Excellence	University of California at Merced Benton Scholarship	University of Kentucky Flagship Scholarship	University of Oregon Non-Resident's Dean's Scholarship	University of San Francisco Honors Program	University of Washington Honors Program	
University of California, Berkeley Athletic Scholarship — Baseball	University of California at Merced Bobcat Scholarship	University of Kentucky National Excellence Scholarship	University of Oregon Program	University of San Francisco President's Merit Award	University of Wyoming Rocky Mountain Scholars Award	
University of California, Berkeley UC Freshman Award			University of Oregon Non-Resident's Dean's Scholarship	University of San Francisco Provost's Merit Award	Villanova University Honors Program	
			University of Oregon Honors Program	University of San Francisco University Scholar Award	Villanova University Scholarship	
			University of Oregon Non-Resident's Dean's Scholarship	University of Scranton Loyola Scholarship	Villanova Scholarship	
			University of Oregon Program		Wabash College Norman Rowe Scholarship	

Gaby Greig calls on classmates to go for the gold ring of God's love

BY GABRIELA GREIG '12

We all remember the final scene of *The Catcher in the Rye*, in which Holden Caulfield watches as his little sister, Phoebe, goes around and around on a carousel, trying to reach out and grab a gold ring. Holden fears for his sister's safety, but she loves the risk; in fact, the risk of falling is what makes riding the carousel exciting for her, now that she's a grown up 10 year old! Holden doubts her safety; he wants her to just hold on. But old Phoebe, she's having too much fun risking and reaching. She has complete faith that she will grab that gold ring.

Class of 2012, we are a lot like Holden and his sister. The Holden in us has doubts and wants to catch the moment and hold it, and the Phoebe in us wants to reach for the gold, because she has faith in herself and that she is worthy of getting the gold out of life.

For four years, we've been going around and around on the carousel of SI, which had its ups and downs like the carousel horses. Before that, as we prepared our SI applications and waited in anxious excitement to hear our decisions, we could only dream about the carousel to come. We could see it, we could hear it, but we had yet to experience it. But the wait was worth it. For the Class of 2012, it's been four years' worth of holding on and taking risks. Now, as graduating seniors, we reach for the gold ring, our diplomas. Like Phoebe, we are on the brink of something new. That's the faith we have, that we can get the gold.

But there were many times along the way when we had doubts, when fear almost paralyzed us, when fear kept us hidden from ourselves and from others. As freshmen, for us to go to a dance, they had to lock us in, and some still didn't dance with each other. They let the doubts of insecurity kill the fun. As sophomores, we put ourselves out there, but we were still afraid – afraid to look at the junior varsity team list or the cast list and not find our name, or fearful of dropping by the old frosh lunch group to see if we were still welcome.

At the Christmas dance, we wondered if Santa would inspire someone to invite us, or if we would just hear all about other people's fun on Monday morning, reinforcing our doubts about ourselves. So, doubts made us slip and slide around that carousel horse. The only faith we had as sophomores was to hang on until we regained our balance and continue to reach, to risk for something more. The summer after sophomore year, we spun off the SI carousel to St. Anthony's, to the Janet Pomeroy Center,



The valedictory for the class of 2012 was delivered by Gabriela Greig June 2 in St. Ignatius Church. Gabriela finished her career at SI with an un-weighted GPA of 3.85 while taking 14 AP and honors courses. A true renaissance woman, she was a force on our tennis team, serving as captain for three years and won first-team, all-league honors her senior season. A National Hispanic Scholar and a National Merit Finalist, she still found time to continue practicing and performing Mexican folk dancing each week. She was a regular attendee at Friday Morning Liturgies, she was a member of the 200-Hour Service Club, and she participated in the New Orleans Immersion. A member of the Service Club, Block Club, InSignis, and the Wildcat Welcoming Club, she also managed to teach tennis to youth in San Francisco and served disabled teens each summer during her high school career. She will begin her college career this fall at Stanford University.

to TYM, to wherever we did our core service projects, and we sure had doubts about our ability to touch others' lives – that is, until they smiled, welcomed us, talked to us and showed us that they had no doubts about us.

Junior year we started with the biggest doubts of all. Could we do all those chapter outlines before the first day of class? Could we finish *Ragtime* in time? Could we calculate the precalculus, or did we need a physic just to get through honors physics? Sometimes during junior year, the carousel came to a stop entirely; no music played, so we had to make music for ourselves and for each other. We had

to re-start the carousel with our own energies and our own love. Friends certainly turned our personal fears, doubts and losses into love. People were there. People helped us back up on our horse and signaled for the merry-go-round to go around again. And this time, they pointed out that there was something more than just going in circles; they showed us where the gold ring was and how to reach for it – through friendship, through compassion and through love. That's how we learned to reach for the gold.

Once we learned that love was gold, and our love was golden, we brought it to the rest of the community: to sports teams, to fine arts, to immersion, to our little 'Cats and InSignis and Kairos. We carried our three years of experience and shared it with others. We responded to injustice with courage and compassion. We took the love we had experienced and used it to support our classmates. During this especially trying year, even when we had momentary doubts, we led with faith.

We've had our doubt and we've had our faith – in ourselves and in life – but we have taken the necessary risks. I am confident that our SI education has prepared us to grab hold of the next gold ring, whatever it may be. And through the love, support and faith we have experienced, we have prepared each other. Our journeys at SI have led us to amazing people – teachers, coaches, friends, families – who have changed our lives for the better. We did not ride the carousel alone, and the gold is all around us and in us.

In our four years at SI, we've all experienced losses, and we've all experienced triumphs. We got the norovirus bug, we got sick, we got sick enough for a five-day weekend, which made us get better really quickly. We lost a few games, and then we won even bigger ones and knocked over the railings at AT&T Park. Some got busted for dress code, fewer served detentions, and the rest of us got away with it – some managed to for four years! We've cried, we've laughed, we've embraced both sorrow and joy, but most importantly, we've doubted, but then we've believed.

In the words of St. Augustine, "Doubt is but another element of faith." Paradoxically, doubt itself may be the greatest element of faith. In going through the college process, we all experienced so much doubt – whether we had a 4.0 or 2.0, a 2400 or a 1200, we worried, "Will I be good enough?" On Kairos, we were given the gifts of silence and time to reflect and examine our lives. Through these gifts, we

learned that God's love is its own gift, one that each of us already has and will always have. Even though obstacles may get in our way, we remember how we are so loved and that we are good enough. This experience touches on the core of our Ignatian spirituality – that we are truly rooted in a community of faith. In his famous Prayer of Generosity, our own St. Ignatius teaches, "to give and not to count the cost... to labor and not to seek reward." My friends, we have done exactly that. We have given of ourselves – we have labored – we have reached out. On the field or court, in the pool, theatre or in classrooms, we have put in countless hours to be our best and to reach out to be more. That is not doubt; that is faith in action. Despite the risks, we have not stopped reaching for the gold ring. In doing all of this, we have perhaps reached the greatest reward: today's celebration from a faithful community that loves us exactly as we are. Love is the risk; faithful love, the reward.

The SI carousel is slowing down to a stop. Time to dismount, time to move on, to become adults, to start a new chapter of our lives and to take risks outside of the comfort of the SI carousel. Are we afraid? Yes. Do we have faith? Oh yes! SI has prepared us in academics, activities and especially in community. Whether it was in sadness or in joy, in moments of doubt or moments of faith, we have been there for each other. As we reach out for the farthest, shiniest gold ring yet, we carry with us faith that we are SI, that we are God's love and that we are as good as gold! ☺



Two sets of three sisters dominate in soccer and lacrosse

Sisters Lindsay, Kimmy and Kate Bettinger



BY ANNE STRICHERZ, *Genesis Sports Writer*

Many sisters are notorious for not getting along at home. They bicker and fight over sharing clothing or vying for the bathroom mirror.

The Bettinger and Mattimore sisters reveal another side to sisterhood as teammates on, respectively, SI's soccer and lacrosse squads.

Even with two headed to college and one already playing on the collegiate level, their bonds are strong.

On the soccer side, Kimmy Bettinger '10 plays at Columbia, and sister Kate '12 will be at Stanford in the fall, while Lindsay will continue as a junior at SI.

The Mattimore sisters – Tess '12, Kate '14 and Annie '15 – all played on the varsity level at SI this year, with Tess headed to Skidmore in the fall.

When Annie scored to tie the game against Foothill High School last spring, following scores by her two sisters, she made SI history, as never before had an SI team featured a game where three siblings racked up points.

“Playing together was a lot of fun,” said Tess. “We have played together for so long and play different roles on the team, so rather than being competitive, our skills complement one another.”

For Kate, playing with her two sisters on the same team “was an advantage because more often than not, I knew what they were going to do on the field.”

Dartmouth, played lacrosse there, while his brother plays lacrosse at Bucknell.

The Bettinger sisters may not have all played together as the Mattimore girls did, but they did learn much about soccer from each other.

In a sport that puts increasing demands on young athletes to commit solely to club teams, Kimmy, Kate and Lindsay have enjoyed playing for SI.

“I love playing for something larger than myself,” said Kate, who, at Stanford, will join the school's 2011 Division 1 championship team. “When I put on that jersey, I know what I do and how I play is a reflection of SI.”

She credited former head coach Jan Mullen for helping her and her teammates reach their potentials, and she praised Coach Carlos Escobar '96 for the respect he has for the game. “He makes us feel like every game is a big deal.”

Lindsay, who plays forward, agreed with the Mattimores that playing with siblings can be a help on the field. “It felt natural getting assists from Kate at midfield. She is so passionate about the game, and she wants to win. She is the go-to person on the team, as she is ridiculously competitive.”

Kate credited Lindsay with giving her balance “as her positive attitude helps to keep the game fun. She brings much life to the team.”

Both sisters admire Kimmy's work ethic at Columbia in the classroom, on the soccer field and in the weight room.

“Kim is the shortest of the sisters,” noted Kate, “yet she makes everyone around her better. She is a creative player, and I have learned so much from her. She has a great sense of the field and how to get work done behind the scenes.” ∞

Annie noted that she and her sisters “secretly love running into each other in the hallways.”

For Tess, that sense of sisterhood extends beyond her own family to her teammates. “Whether it's being involved in theater or running cross country, it's so fun to be a part of something and meeting people you might not otherwise have met. I can't imagine not being on this team and wearing a jersey that says St. Ignatius.”

The three Mattimore sisters follow in the footsteps of brothers Tom '08 and Billy '09. Tom, who recently graduated from

Sisters Annie, Tess and Kate Mattimore.



SF Prep Hall of Fame Award dinner reveals golden era of SI athletics

BY ANNE STRICHERZ, *Genesis Sports Writer*

During the late 1950s and early 1960s, SI started to gain both local and national recognition for its athletic success. The 30th annual San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame awards induction dinner on May 19 revealed how and why.

Five of the 11 athletes honored at Patio Español Restaurant were SI alums and four of the men graduated just one year apart, from 1959 to 1962. Coming to honor them was a packed house of more than 400, making for a memorable evening.

They included a two time All-Academic Athletic Association (AAA) championship team member for baseball, Gary Attell '59; the 1960 Basketball Player of the Year, Jim Brovelli '60; baseball and football standout Gary Musante '61; and football great Tom Kennedy '60, who returned to coach football at SI for six years.

John Donohue '69 was also honored for his legendary achievements as a baseball coach at Lowell High School. He received an enthusiastic standing ovation from his former athletes and colleagues in recognition of his many years of service to city athletics.

The inductees thanked their coaches, including the late Vince Tringali and James Keating, for their tireless dedication to their sports and athletes. These men emphasized the importance of knowing the fundamentals, respecting the game and representing SI with integrity. Kennedy also thanked the SI Jesuits for their selfless support both in the classroom and on the field during game day.

They also recognized how the city's Recreation and Parks Department offered the opportunities that shaped their athletic development. This



golden era of SI athletics resulted from the city's programs and excellent coaching.

Gary Attell '59 (below left)

A two-time San Francisco Examiner all-star second baseman, Attell helped SI in 1958 and 1959 to capture the AAA crown. Named by all four of San Francisco's major newspapers to the all-city first team, he went on to play at Cal, City College and SFSU. Attell's love for the game continued in his role as head coach at Aptos Middle School (1970–1992) and as A.P. Giannini's softball coach (1993–2002).

Jim Brovelli '60

A versatile basketball player at both guard and forward, Brovelli led the league in



scoring (124 points) and the Wildcats to an undefeated, championship season in 1960.

He played at USF (1960–1964) and returned in 1984 to serve as head coach and associate director of athletics from 1984 to 1995. In 1982 he was inducted into the Dons' Hall of Fame, and in 2002 he saw induction into the University of San Diego's Hall of Fame, in honor of his 16-year tenure as head basketball coach.

Gary Musante '61

The "hard hitting fullback" was instrumental in SI's back-to-back AAA titles (1960 and 1961). As a right fielder and shortstop, Musante helped the Wildcats win another championship

AAA title for baseball in 1960.

He earned an athletic scholarship to USF where he was the Dons' starting centerfielder for four years (1961–1965). Musante served as an assistant football coach at SI for four years and helped the 1962 squad to a national championship title.

Musante's legacy continues at SI; two of his three daughters are married to SI grads: Katie to Tom Vollert '88 and Michelle to Dan Vollert '85.

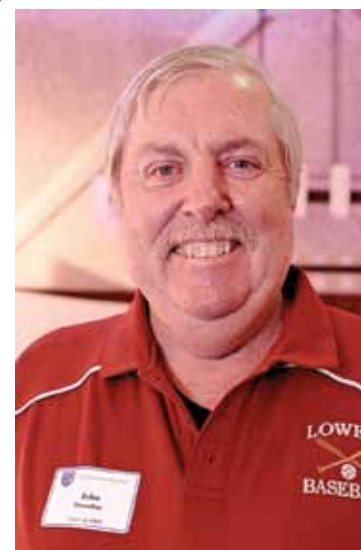
Tom Kennedy '63

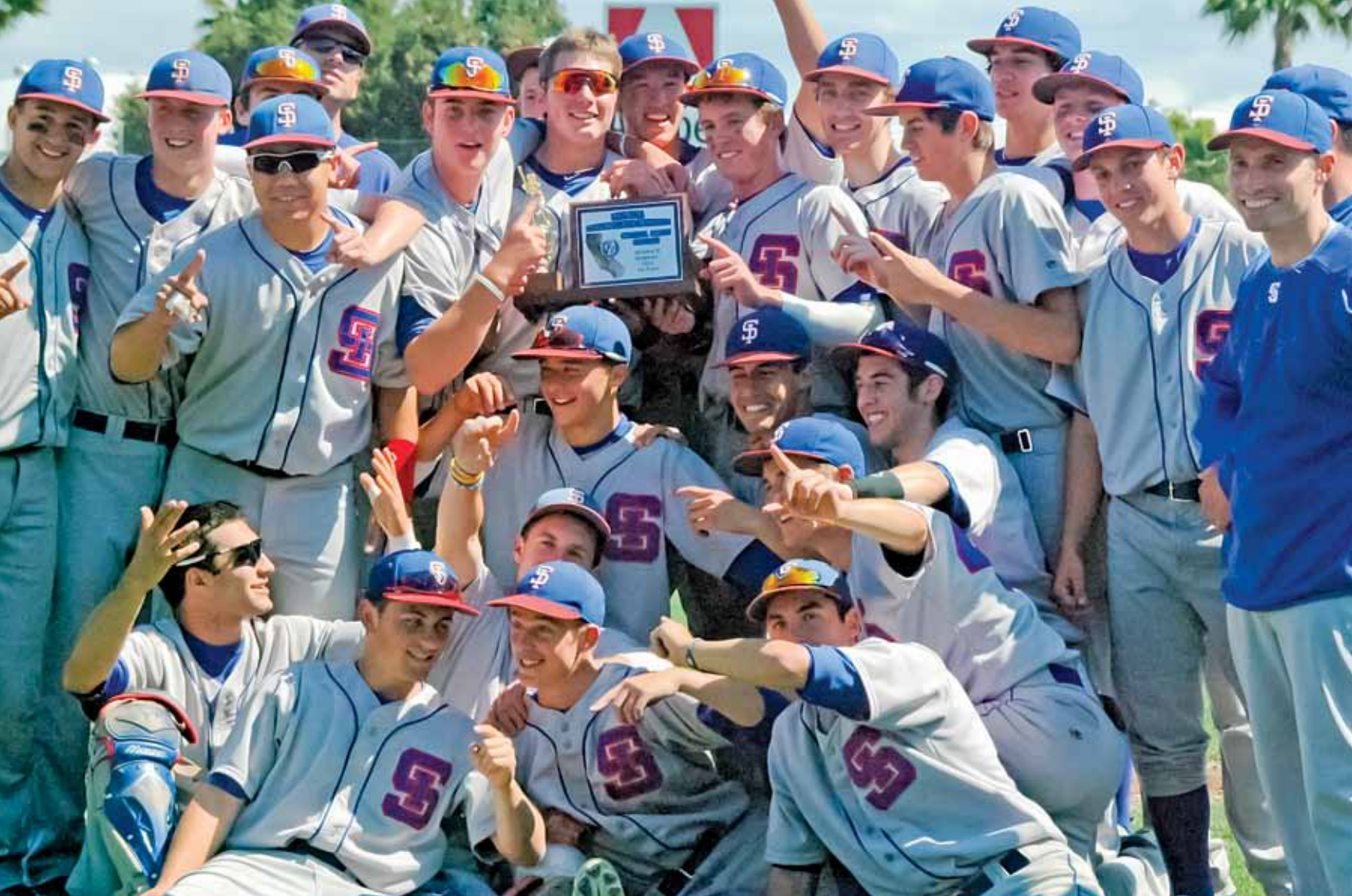
With accolades like San Francisco and Nor Cal Back of the Year, first team AAA and All Northern California and Prep All American, Kennedy was a natural fit for team captain of the undefeated Wildcats in his senior year, when his 1962 squad was ranked first in the nation, tied with Miami of Florida.

His athletic success continued at SCU, where he played from 1963 to 1966. Kennedy returned to SI where he coached for six years.

John Donohue '69

The legendary Lowell High School head baseball coach began his career in athletics as the *Inside SI* sports editor and as manager of the baseball team (1967–1969). He led the Cardinals to 10 city and section titles in the past 17 years. In 2006, he was named the Baseball Coach of the Year by the California Coaches Association. ∞





Coaches: Matt Stecher, assisted by Forrest Higgins and Doug Revelli.
Records: League: 10–3–1 (2nd place); Overall: 23–8–1.
Graduating Seniors: Jandro Bracht, Connor Cucalon (Vassar College) Matt DeBenedetti,

Nicholas Formanek (Willamette Univ.) Travis McDow, Charlie Goldensohn, Collin Monsour (U.C. Berkeley), Ian Anderson, Nick Johnson (Vassar College), Kyle Tillinghast.
League Awards: Pitcher of the Year: Collin Monsour; All-league first-team: Collin Monsour,

Matt Krook; second-team: Nick Johnson, Jack Stinn; honorable mention: Kyle Tillinghast, Nico Giarratano, Charlie Goldensohn.
Team Awards: James Keating Award: Collin Monsour; Coaches Award: Connor Cucalon.
 Photo by Kathy Santos.

BASEBALL 'CATS WIN FIRST CCS TITLE IN SCHOOL HISTORY

The boys' varsity baseball team made history last May by winning the first Central Coast Section title since the baseball program began more than a century ago.

The victory follows on the heels of the football team's CCS victory last December, the second in SI history.

What both championship teams have in common are coaches from the Class of 1993: John Regalia for football and Matt Stecher for baseball.

Stecher's team won the CCS title after finishing second in the WCAL, both in round robin and tournament play, thanks to one of the best teams Stecher has ever seen at SI, one led by five players who will be playing college ball in the fall.

Against Serra, ace pitcher Collin Monsour spun a masterpiece, allowing only one hit,

striking out nine and throwing only 83 pitches. Charlie Goldensohn drove in the winning run with a triple as the Wildcats defeated the Padres 1–0.

The 'Cats beat Mitty 4–0 behind Matt Krook's and Monsour's two-hit shutout and Jack Stinn's RBI triple.

Then, in the Bruce-Mahoney game, Monsour threw a complete game, striking out eight and allowing only four hits to defeat SHC 4–0.

Travis McDow also helped turn around the 'Cats after a mid-season slump. Behind by two runs to Bellarmine, with the opposing pitcher throwing a no-hitter into the bottom of the seventh inning, McDow hit a home run that tied the game. Charlie Goldensohn's RBI double clinched a 3–2 victory.

Throughout the season, St. Francis dominated the league. SI played the Lancers

to a tie game, called because of darkness after nine innings, and at their next meeting, Stinn hit a home run in the sixth inning to give the 'Cats a win and a second-place league standing, tied with Valley Christian. Then, in the last game of the season, SI beat Mitty to secure a second-place finish in the WCAL.

SI began its march to the CCS title by beating Westmont 8–6 and Los Altos 3–2. In the semifinal game, SI dominated Leland 10–0, with the game called in the fifth inning thanks to the mercy rule.

For the final game, SI fell behind to Aptos but came back to win 5–3 thanks to a go-ahead run by third baseman Kyle Tillinghast, who hopes to walk on at Cal next year.

Joining him at Berkeley will be one of the best pitchers in the league, Monsour, who was heavily recruited and whose pitching



Matt Krook helped SI beat Mitty to secure a second-place league finish for the Wildcats. Photo by Paul Ghiglieri

arm proved the decisive factor in the championship game.

Behind 3–1 with the bases loaded and only one out in the fifth inning, Monsour took to the mound and ended the inning with back-to-back strikeouts.

Monsour had a league ERA of 0.4, the lowest in the WCAL, and pitched two complete games. “Every time he took the mound, he exuded confidence and helped the team play to their potential,” said Stecher, who gave the young pitcher the team’s highest honor, The James Keating Award, as the team’s most inspirational player.

Stecher also praised senior pitcher Connor Cucional, who will be playing at Vassar. Cucional didn’t play much this season, following an arm injury last year, but when he pitched, he proved effective. After giving up two runs to Los Altos, he kept the opposition scoreless for the next four innings, helping SI win 3–2.

“He’s a phenomenal kid with a fun-loving attitude,” said Stecher, who gave Cucional the Coaches’ Award at the team banquet.

Joining Cucional at Vassar will be senior Nick Johnson, who played a full season of basketball before heading for right field, where he made clutch plays. He hit above .460 throughout CCS play, going 4–4 against Leland, with two doubles and two singles, and he played nearly every inning of every game throughout the season. “You can’t overstate his character or integrity,” said Stecher. “He is the

quintessential quiet man who doesn’t say much but who plays his heart out every game.”

Another solid hitter all season was McDow, who had a single and a homer against Los Altos that sparked the team’s victory.

Stecher also praised pitcher and outfielder Nick Formanek, who will play at Willamette University, and Goldensohn, who called nearly every pitch as catcher for most of the season and who hit in the winning run against Bellarmine. “He is a student of the game and plays it well both mentally and physically, despite injuries to his hand,” said Stecher.

In post-season league play, SI made it to the WCAL championship for the first time in 30 years. “We placed a lot of pressure on ourselves to succeed in the championship game, which affected our play. I think the players were frustrated with our performance because they knew we could have played better than we showed. But that loss helped us in the CCS finals, where the players were more relaxed, having been in a championship game just two weeks prior.”

The team finished 23–8–1 overall and 10–3–1 in league play, but even before the start of the season, Stecher knew his team was headed for glory. “We had a team meeting in January, and I asked the players to set goals for the year. Two of these goals were to win the league and win the CCS. With each individual game, we always kept those two goals in mind. Each game was a step towards what proved to be a dream season.”

With only 10 seniors leaving his roster of 22, Stecher knows next year promises to be

just as rewarding, especially thanks to assistant coaches Forrest Higgins and Greg Revelli. (Coaches Nic Banaugh and Chris Gaggero ’83 also came up from the organization to help with the CCS games.) “The assistant coaches did a phenomenal job thanks to their professionalism and knowledge. They contributed as much to our success as any player. The coaches and players have elevated us to a higher level, but I want to keep the run going next year and use this as a new benchmark for our younger players.”

Perhaps one reason behind the team’s success, Stecher adds, is the team’s chemistry. “I will miss every single one of them. I didn’t want to see this season end. The plays seemed effortless at times, perhaps because some of these young men have competed together since they were 7.”

Throughout the season, Stecher also found a confidant in Coach Regalia. “We have known each other since we both played football at SI, and we spoke quite a bit as the season progressed. We’re very supportive of each other and happy for each other’s successes. He is a fantastic coach, and I couldn’t be happier for him. That we both won in the same year is exciting, and I would point to all the excellent coaches we had as reasons for our success. Ray Calcagno ’64, Joe Vollert ’84 and Steve Bluford ’84 in football, and Jim Dekker ’68, Jim Bjorkquist ’65 and John Grealish ’79 in baseball all were great role models. Our seasons are part of their legacy as much as ours.” ∞



ATHLETIC RECRUITS

The athletes pictured above were celebrated in May for their accomplishments that earned them the notice of colleges throughout the U.S. An asterisk after the name, below, indicates the student-athlete was signed by a D1 school.

BASEBALL

Connor Cucalon, Vassar College; Nick Formanek, Willamette University; Nick Johnson, Vassar College; Collin Monsour*, UC Berkeley

BASKETBALL

Kaitlyn Crawley, Washington University (St. Louis); Corinne Hom, Hamilton College; Nick Johnson, Vassar College; Michael Loginoff, Colby College

FOOTBALL

Anthony Ayllon, Portland State University; Travis McDow*, University of San Diego; Dom Truoccolo, St. Thomas (Minnesota)

GOLF

Nick Noya*, UC Davis; Alexandra Wong, Princeton University; Andrea Wong*, UC Davis

LACROSSE

Philip Alimam, Kenyon College; Erin Cavalier, Catholic University of America; Chad Cohan*, Duke University; Maria Kemiji-McDonald, University of Michigan; Will McKee*, Lehigh University; Tess (Elizabeth) Mattimore, Skidmore College; John-William McGovern, Yale University.

ROWING

Michael Ash, University of San Diego; Jon Bachmann*, Holy Cross; Tom Bogott*, UC San Diego; Natalie Calhoun, Connecticut College; Patrick Casserly*, UC San Diego; Greg Davis*, Cornell; Max Dergosits, Cornell; Taylor Evans*, The George Washington University; Kevin Fulgham*, UC Berkeley; Pierre Hills*, Cornell; Megan McNamara, University of San Diego*; Pat McPolin, University of San Diego; Madelyn Ryan, Loyola Marymount University; Alena Shikaloff*, Northeastern

SOCCER

Kate Bettinger*, Stanford; Ruben Campos Young*, Chico State University

SWIMMING

Meredith Murphy, Washington and Lee University; Nina Mullin, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

TENNIS

Claudia Lew, Lewis & Clark College; Anthony Tsodikov*, Stanford University

VOLLEYBALL

Claire Healy*, Bucknell; Michellie McDonald-O'Brien*, University of Pennsylvania

WATER POLO

Katherine DeRuff*, Bucknell; Eric White*, Santa Clara University ☞

Junior Stephen Domingo Signs with Georgetown

Junior basketball standout Stephen Domingo announced in May that he will play for Georgetown University in his freshman year of college, starting in the fall of 2013.

He followed that announcement in June by making the USA U17 World Championship Team, earning a spot at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

"We are proud of Stephen's accomplishments and pleased that he will be playing at another Jesuit school," said SI Principal Patrick Ruff, who is also a graduate of Georgetown.

Domingo has started on SI's varsity for the past three years and is currently ranked 28th in the nation by ESPN.

He entertained offers from more than 30 schools and narrowed his selection to Arizona, UCLA, University of Washington, Cal, Stanford, Harvard, Princeton, Penn, Louisville and Georgetown for final consideration.

He has earned all-league first-team, all-city, all-metro and all-state honors. In addition, he is part of the Adidas National Development Team, the USA Basketball 17U Development Team and the Dream Vision Traveling Team.

"I'm proud to be a part of Hoya Nation," said Domingo. "Georgetown will help me develop into an outstanding basketball player and an outstanding young man."

He cited the team's style of play, with its versatile use of its wings, as suiting his style. "I know I can develop both offensively and defensively within the Georgetown program," said Domingo. "My mid-range and perimeter shooting skills, I hope, will help the Hoyas to continue winning big in the future."

Domingo chose Georgetown, in part, because of his relationship with Georgetown Head Coach John Thompson, Assistant Coach Michael Brennan and the rest of the staff. "I was very honored to have been recruited by many outstanding coaches and programs," he added. "In the end, I felt Georgetown was by far the best fit for me and what I hope to accomplish in college." ☞



SPORTS WRAP

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SOFTBALL

Coaches: Paul Webb, assisted by Buzz Sorensen.

Records: League: 5–7; Overall: 12–12

Highlights: Carrie McKewan pitched a complete game, and Katherine Thompson drove in the winning runs with a triple as SI defeated Presentation 4–2. McKewan also won a 1–0 complete game with 15 strikeouts against Terra Nova. SI defeated SHC twice in league play 21–8 and 5–3.

Graduating Seniors: Danielle Marty, Angela Balistreri, Shannon Foster, Moira Graham.

League Awards: All-league first-team: Carrie McKewan; second-team: Tara Fallahee, Kelsey Barnard; honorable mention: Elena Vierra.

Team Awards: Coaches' Award: Danielle Marty; Offensive Player of the Year: Tara Fallahee; Defensive Player of the Year: Carrie McKewan.



GIRLS' SWIMMING

Coaches: Matt Roberto, assisted by Tim Reid, Sonia Tye and Ben Rodny (diving).

Records: League: 2–4; Overall: 3–6.

Highlights: Defeated Notre Dame Belmont 130–36 and University 112–58. Top competitors in the WCAL meet were: 200 yd Medley Relay: 4th place (1:56.88) Rebecca Niemira, Nina Mullin, Meredith Murphy, Emily Leitzell; 200 yd Freestyle: 4th place (158.08) Emily Leitzell; 200 yard Individual Medley: 7th place (2:21.06) Meredith Murphy; 8th place (2:21.41) Carla Tocchini; 100 yd Butterfly: 5th place (1:02.24) Rebecca Niemira; 7th place (1:03.21) Meredith Murphy; 500 yd Freestyle: 4th place (5:18.57) Emily Leitzell; 7th place (5:32.65) Katherine DeRuff; 200 yd Freestyle Relay: fifth place (1:46.29) Emily Leitzell, Justine Pelton, Audrey Murray, Carla Tocchini; 100 yd Backstroke: 8th place (1:02.80) Rebecca Niemira; 100 yard Backstroke: 7th place (1:13.44) Nina Mullin; 400 yd Freestyle Relay: 5th place (3:51.90) Brittany Murray, Rebecca Niemira, Katherine DeRuff, Carla Tocchini. Diving: 10th place (279.85) Konami Sugiyama; 11th place (277.35) Maya Nunes; 13th place (203.20) Christen Bertain.

Graduating seniors: Deanne Arimoto, Danielle Butler, Kelly Costello, Katherine DeRuff, Michael Fall, Rachel Garcia, Ann Mathews, Nina Mullin (University of Alaska, Fairbanks), Meredith Murphy (Washington and Lee University), Jill Murray, Cassie Naughton, Meg Summa, Cecilia Fisher.

Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Kat DeRuff; Most Inspirational Swimmer: Nina Mullin; Coaches' Award: Becky Niemira; Wildcat Diving Awards: Maya Nunes, Christen Bertain, Luke Ehrmann; Most Improved: Konami Suyiama.



BOYS' SWIMMING

Coaches: Matt Roberto, assisted by John Dahlz, Mario Gini, Derek Buda and Ben Rodny (diving).

Records: League: 3–3; Overall: 5–4.

Highlights: defeated SHC 135–31, Valley Christian 110–66, Archbishop Mitty 97–83, University 128–42, Lowell 108. Top competitors in the league meet were: 200 yd Medley Relay: 4th place (1:42.77) Jack Sheedy, Michael Hao, Jeremy Szeto, Nathan Chow; 200 yd Freestyle: 8th place (1:47.35) John Paul Naughton; 200 yard Individual Medley: 6th place (2:04.03) Jeremy Szeto; 100 yd Butterfly: 4th place (54.80) Jeremy Szeto; 5th place (55.30) Jack Sheedy; 100 yd Freestyle: 5th place (49.44) Stefan Kranenburg; 500 yd Freestyle: 5th place (4:54.26) John Paul Naughton; 8th place (5:03.74) Nick Ebert; 200 yd Freestyle Relay: 3rd place (1:30.94) Reilley May, Stefan Kranenburg, John Paul Naughton, Nathan Chow; 100 yd Backstroke: 3rd place (55.19) Jack Sheedy; 100 yard Backstroke: 5th place (1:01.55) Michael Hao; 400 yd Freestyle Relay: 4th place (3:23.31) Stefan Kranenburg, John Paul Naughton, Jertery Szeto,

Reilley May; Diving: 4th place (250.35) Teddy Foster.

Graduating Seniors: Nathan Chow, Bradley Cline, Brendan Collins.

Team Awards: Bill Schuppel Award: Brendan Collins; Coaches' Award: Reilley May; Wildcat Award: John Paul Naughton; Diving Award: Teddy Foster.



BOYS' GOLF

Coaches: Julius Yap, assisted by JV Coach Bill Olinger.

Records: League: 10–2–2 (Second Place); Overall 10–2–2.

Highlights: In the WCAL Tournament, the 'Cats finished second to Mitty 392–391. Nick Noya, 77; Jeff Salyer, 77; Max Plank, 79; Justin Goh, 79; Mark Anthony Vogel, 80. In the CCS Tournament at Rancho Canada West in Carmel, the Wildcats finished sixth. Justin Goh, 73; Nicolas Noya, 74; Mark Anthony Vogel, 76; Jeff Salyer, 81; Joseph Ladd, 83.

League Awards: All-league, first-team: Nicolas Noya

Team Awards: Fr. Roland Dodd, S.J. Awards: Nicolas Noya; Medalist Award: Nicolas Noya.

Graduating Seniors: Colin Laffey, Maxwell Lico, Nicolas Noya (U.C. Davis), Jeffrey Salyer, Jack Snow.

BOYS' LACROSSE

Coaches: Chris Packard, assisted by Michael Abou Jaoude and Scott Brittain.

Records: League: 10–0; Overall: 21–1.

Highlights: The Wildcats invaded Texas in March for the Jesuit Classic at Strake Jesuit and came away with two impressive wins against Jesuit High from Dallas (7–6) and Jesuit High from Tampa (17–5). Back on the West Coast, the LaxCats



posted quality wins over San Ramon (12-7), De La Salle (14-5) and Foothill (14-3). The nationally ranked and undefeated Wildcats hosted the Jerry Langkammerer Tournament in April at J.B. Murphy Field, defeating Monte Vista (13-4), San Clemente (9-6) and Brophy College Preparatory (8-6). For the third straight season, the Wildcats dominated the WCAL with a perfect 12-0 round robin season and playoff victories over Mitty and Bellarmine.

Graduating Seniors: Chad Cohan (Duke), JW McGovern (Yale), Phil Alimam (Kenyon College), Will McKee (Lehigh), Peter Doyle, Stuart Donlon, James Milligan, John Meany, Cole Priest and Mark Wurzweiler.

League Awards: All-league first-team: Chad Cohan, Joe Lang, JW McGovern, Will McKee; all-league second-team: Peter Doyle, Matt Emery, Jack McGovern; Honorable mention: Peter Doyle, Matt Emery, Chad Bell, Cullen Vincelle.

Team Awards: John M Senyard Award: J.W. McGovern; Coaches Award: John Meany; Most Improved: Cullen Vincelle and Ryan Pidgeon.



GIRLS' LACROSSE

Coaches: Amy Harms, assisted by Catie O'Mahoney and Julie St. Clair.

Records: Overall 13-3.

Highlights: The 'Cats opened the season on the road with an exciting victory over Foothill (17-16). After winning their next four games, they took on the national ranked Cherry Creek team from Colorado at J.B. Murphy Field. In a drenching rainstorm, the Wildcats verified their national ranking with an 11-8 victory.

Graduating Seniors: Sara Callander, Erin Geraghty, Megan McDonnell, Tess Mattimore (Skidmore College), Chloe Woo, Elaina Koros, Maria Kemiji-McDonald (Michigan), Erin Cavalier (Catholic University), Alexa Robinson, Noelle Ruane.

Team Awards: Bagattaway Award: Tess Mattimore; Wildcat Award: Erin Geraghty; Most Improved: Noelle Ruane.



BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Coaches: Rob Hickox and Peter DeMartini, assisted by Jeri Kenny, Nick Alvarado, Al Berrin, Jack Cremen, David Longacre, Morris Lozovatskiy, Corey Turnbeaugh and Daniel Chan.

Records: League: 4-3.

Highlights: WCAL Finals: 400 meter dash: 6th (54.83) Joseph Pappas; 800 meter run: 5th (2:01.19) Ciaran Murphy; 1600 meter run: 2nd (4:19.75) Ciaran Murphy; 3200 meter run: 5th (10:05.06) Liam Powers; 110 meter hurdles: 5th (16.24) John Garzee; 4 x 100 meter relay: 5th (46.36) Justin Eggleston, Dennis MacInnis, Joseph Pappas, Ryan Lynch; High Jump: 2nd (5'11") Phil Otto; Pole Vault: 2nd place (12'03") Ryan Lynch; 3rd place

(12'03") Kyle Capuli; 4th place (11'09") Jesse Batstone; Shot Put: 5th place (50'10.5") Kevin Blohm; Discuss: 2nd place (149'02") Kevin Blohm.

CCS Meet Finals: SI finished 30th out of 49 schools; 1600 meter run: 6th (4:23.19) Ciaran Murphy; Discuss: 5th place (146'06") Kevin Blohm.

Graduating Seniors: Khalid-Al-Rayess, Louis Alessandria, Coleman Bailey, Jack Canice, Conor Cannon, Kyle Capuli, Matthew Caracciolo, Justin Eggleston, John Garzee, Christopher Lacayo, Lamar Marshall-Randall, Jacob Nacario, Matthew Nikovits, Sean O'Donnell, Liam Powers, Ben Richman, Joey Solomon.

Team Awards: Riley Sutoff Award: Kyle Capuli; Outstanding Track Athlete: Ciaran Murphy; Outstanding Field Performance: Kevin Blohm.

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GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

Coaches: Rob Hickox and Peter DeMartini, assisted by Jeri Kenny, Nick Alvarado, Al Berrin, Jack Cremen, David Longacre, Morris Lozovatskiy, Corey Turnbeaugh and Daniel Chan.

Records: League: 4-2

Highlights: At the league finals, SI finished third with 92 points; 4 x 100 relay: 3rd (49.34) Skylar Fenton, Candy Janachocwski, Aine McGovern, Fiona Smith; 4 x 400 relay: 1st (4:02.69) Aine McGovern, Candy Janachocwski, Fiona Smith, Skylar Fenton; 100 meter dash: 3rd (12.40) Skylar Fenton; 4th (12.87) Karla Bugtong; 200 meter dash: 1st (25.44) Skylar Fenton; 6th (27.40) Aine McGovern; 400 meter dash: 4th (1:00.97) Claire Tramontozzi; 800 meter run: 2nd (2:20.60) Katie Spence; 3rd (2:23.42) Erin Smith; 1600 meter run: 5th (5:34.57) Katie Spence; 100 meter hurdles: 4th (16.52) Yana Yasevich; High Jump: 1st (new league meet record of 5'06") Michellie McDonald-O'Brien; Pole Vault: 5th (8'09") Rebecca Ash; 6th (8'00") Michelle Christofferson; Long Jump: 3rd (16'06.50") Candy Janachocwski; Triple Jump: 3rd (36'01") Candy Janachocwski; 7th (15'01") Karla Bugtong; 8th (14'00") Jamie Petrucci; Discuss: 3rd (110'09") Francesca Puccinelli.

CCS Results: SI finished 8th of 47 schools; Girls 4 x 100 Relay: 7th place (49.90) Skylar Fenton, Candy Janachocwski, Aine McGovern, Fiona Smith; Girls 4 x 400 Relay: 5th place (4:01.21) Aine McGovern, Candy Janachocwski, Fiona Smith, Skylar Fenton; 100 meter dash: 7th (12.77) Skylar Fenton; 800 meter run: 8th (2:21.52) Katie Spence; High Jump: 1st (5'7" to qualify for state meet) Michellie McDonald-O'Brien; Triple Jump: 6th



(35'06.25") Candy Janachowski.

Graduating Seniors: Michelle Christofferson, Victoria Elias, Andrea Garcia, Audrey Gomez, Emika Lisberger, Kelly McCarthy, Michellie McDonald-O'Brien, Molly McGuinness, Kelly Mendoza, Tiffany Nguyen, Alyssa Nunez, Emma Parks, Natalie Smith, Haley Tobin.

Team Awards: Julius Yap Award: Michellie McDonald-O'Brien; Outstanding Track Athlete: Skyler Fenton; Outstanding Field Athlete: Francesca Puccinelli; Most Improved Athlete: Erin Smith.

BOYS' CREW

Coaches: Tom O'Connell, assisted by Joe Leveroni, Dan McDonald and Max Wyatt.

Highlights: SI was ranked second going into the Southwest Championships (California, Utah, Arizona) and finished fourth; the varsity took third at the San Diego Crew Classic; 2V took the silver medal at SWJRA Championships and 4th at the San Diego Crew Classic. Both boats defeated Serra, Oakland, Pacific, Long Beach, Los Gatos, Berkeley, San Diego RC, Dallas Jesuit, Cathedral High of San Diego and Newport Aquatic Center; 3V took 4th at SWJRA Championships; 4V finished 7th; frosh finished 4th.

Graduating Seniors: Michael Ash (University of San Diego), Jon Bachmann (Holy Cross), Tom Bogott (University of San Diego, Patrick Casserly (University of San Diego), Greg Davis (Cornell) Maxwell Dergosits (Cornell), Taylor Evans (George Washington University), Kevin Fulgham (U.C. Berkeley), Harry Gutchinov, Pierre Hills (Cornell), Michael McEvoy, Patrick McPolin (University of San Diego), Gregory Patterson (Gonzaga), Harrison Saghi, Joseph Salvemini, Joseph Singer.

Team Awards: Fr. Tony Sauer, S.J. Award: Greg Davis; Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Award: Pierre Hills; Most Improved Rower: Jackson Avery; Andrew Liotta Academic Excellence Award: Harry Gutchinov.

GIRLS' CREW

Coaches: Ashton Richards, assisted by Nicholas Neveling, Megan Cotter, Katie Waller.

Graduating Seniors: Natalie Calhoun (Connecticut College), Morgan Flannery, Laura Lucchesi, Megan McNamara (University of San Diego), Regan Oelze, Madeline Pertsch, Madelyn Ryan (Loyola Marymount), Kelsey Spitz, Camille Vinogradov.

Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Alena Shikaloff; Spiritus Magis Award: Lucy Lotz; Camille Vinogradov; Ignatius Award: Morgan Flannery; Dedication Award: Natalia Keohane, Alena Shikaloff (Northeastern).



BOYS' TENNIS

Coaches: Craig Law, assisted by Ed Grafilo.

Records: League: 6–8; Overall: 9–11.

Highlights: League victories included Valley Christian, Sacred Heart Cathedral, and Riordan.

Graduating Seniors: Edward Bamsey, James Kauffman, Alexander Lau, Raymond Loo, Anthony Tsodikov (Stanford).

League Awards: WCAL Player of the Year & first-team all-league: Anthony Tsidoikov; Honorable Mention: Carson Benham, Ryan Meyer, Andrew Allanson, Jack Kauffman.

Team Awards: Arthur Lee, S.J., Award: Anthony Tsodikov; Wildcat Award: Jack Kauffman; Magis Award: Leon Shallop.

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Coaches: Ricardo Wray, assisted by Ryan Gee.

Records: League: 6–6, 3rd place; Overall: 18–10.

Highlights: Victories over SHC, Lowell, Galileo and Lincoln; CCS Tournament: 4th seed, lost to Willow Glen (33–35, 25–21, 27–25, 18–25, 16–18).

League Awards: All-league, first-team: Teddy Niemira; second-team: Ian Colbert; honorable mention: Conor McCauley, Wyatt Rudnicki.

Graduating Seniors: Wyatt Rudnicki, Teddy Niemira, Nick Konstantinides, Conor McCauley, Christopher Mendoza.

Team Awards: Coaches' Award: Wyatt Rudnicki; Most Improved Player: Teddy Niemira. ∞





Josh Williams '05 scouts for the SF '49ers

Josh Williams '05 used to scout stocks for a Wall Street firm to help millionaires become billionaires. Now he scouts college ball players for the '49ers, helping to guide the franchise during the latest NFL draft.

He took a steep cut in pay in July 2011 when he left Wall Street to serve as a scouting assistant, but he couldn't be happier.

A gifted wide receiver and safety, Williams attended high school for three years in Santa Rosa, but the Ivy League schools that were pursuing him thought he would be better off at a challenging college prep school such as SI.

He transferred into SI for his senior year, thanks to his connections with Steve Phelps, then the assistant principal for professional development, as well as his family's legacy at SI, including his father, Rudi D. Williams '79, and his uncle Charles D. Williams '78, SI's first African American valedictorian. Josh became a three-sport athlete, playing football, basketball (both league and summer league) and running track.

His athletic highlight at SI came when he made a buzzer-beater to send the game against Serra into overtime. "Whenever I come back to school, that's what everyone talks about."

He loved both his English class with Bobby Gavin – "he tore my first essay to shreds and taught me how to write" – and his psychology class with Phelps, the latter so much so that he majored in psychology at Columbia. He now uses those skills to analyze players and find athletes who will excel on the professional level.

At SI, Williams was recruited by Harvard but wound up at Columbia, in part because he wanted to play under Coach Norries Wilson, the first African American head coach at an Ivy League school. Williams played wide receiver and was a special teams return man, but fought hamstring injuries during his four years there, limiting his playing time.

He also befriended former Columbia and NFL player Marcellus Wiley, who now works for ESPN. "My coach wanted me to interact with someone successful," said Williams. "We had a dinner at Sylvia's, a soul food restaurant in Harlem, and spoke for hours about football, staying healthy and setting goals."

The two men stayed in touch, even when Williams landed a job on Wall Street with a subsidiary of Goldman Sachs and then moved on to TD Ameritrade, working as an analyst. "I didn't love the jobs, but I liked them well enough, and they allowed me to afford living in New York."

A year later, while visiting Wiley in Los Angeles, Williams met others in the sports business, one of whom called him in May 2011 to see if he was interested in a career change. "I said yes, but only in the sports business. He hung up the phone, and five minutes later I was speaking with Trent Baalke, the general manager for the '49ers, who asked me why I wanted to be a scout."

Williams' answer and his six-hour interview a week later led him to leave high finance and take a 70 percent cut in pay to work for his hometown team. "Doing what you love may

involve a certain amount of sacrifice," said Williams, "but I knew that I would rather make those sacrifices now and be happy rather than work to be secure and unfulfilled."

Joining Williams on the team was newly signed coach Jim Harbaugh. "There was a small cloud hanging over the team when I joined, but we also had a sense of hope for the new season."

Williams' job involved scouting both promising collegiate players and studying film of teams the Niners would face the following week. "I got so involved with the process that I barely noticed when we had won seven games in a row. Each week means a new opponent and a new job as a scout."

In addition to staring at hours and hours of film, Williams had a chance to speak both with collegiate coaches and players. "If we're going to invest millions in an individual, we want to know how he is wired," said Williams. "Scouts want to know how competitive, dedicated, confident and committed to winning he is. We want guys who play for the love of the game and who aren't distracted by money, fame or the fast life that some athletes fall victim to. We want guys who know how to succeed as teammates and leaders and who are intelligent. You can also learn much from a player's Facebook page or Tweets. If a player has multiple encounters with the law or a frequent affiliation with drugs, those are red flags."

Like the other scouts, Williams works late hours, sometimes 15 hours a day, six days a week, turning hours of footage into highlight clips. "Watching film for hours isn't glamorous, but we need to do it to paint a picture for the GM so he can pick the players we need to succeed. Also, working long hours is part of the job for everyone on the '49ers, as the coaches' and players' work ethic is contagious."

Williams loves being an integral part of helping the Niners win games, "and I can see the results of my hard work. On Wall Street, I didn't always see how my efforts helped the corporation."

Living in San Jose near Santana Row, Williams still hangs out with his SI classmates including Gus Manzanares, Zach Lee, Marcel Thompson, Michael Mace, Chaz Morales, Juli Louie, Brianna Loughridge, June Quan, Eric Kathrein, Nick Brady and Nico Mizono.

"I see them every other weekend. I have a stronger relationship with them than with guys from my former high school or from Columbia. It speaks both to our class and to how we all gravitate towards individuals who are motivated to be successful." ∞

Above: Chilo Rachal & Williams after the playoff win against the Saints. Photo courtesy '49ers.

Keith Berquist '10 is a Nashville 'Cat making a name in the music world

Keith Berquist '10 has figured out a way to create harmony among his musical passions, ones that range from songwriting, performing, recording and producing to using his music to help non-profits.

In his sophomore year at Vanderbilt University, Berquist even helped to build an on-campus recording studio, thanks to folks who donated equipment and money to help him toward his dream of being a musician and music producer.

Berquist is well on his way there, performing in Nashville nightclubs and having produced an EP last year, which sells through iTunes.

His musicianship has benefited schools in Africa and Opportunity Impact in San Francisco's Fillmore District, as his group played at the Rock to Relief concert at SI several years ago, raising money for the non-profit. Berquist has also taught jazz and blues guitar to underprivileged teens in the Fillmore. "The rich musical heritages of the African American community is as important to communicate to kids as how to play a chord," said Berquist.

His musical roots run deep, as both his father and uncle are talented musicians. "They grew up in Nashville playing guitar and banjos. When we had big family gatherings, my dad would play 'Rocky Top' and 'This Land is Your Land.'"

Berquist wanted to play along, so his parents bought him a classical guitar when he was 9. The next year, Berquist picked up his guitar teacher's electric guitar. "It sounded so much cooler than my own guitar, and I started learning songs like 'Satisfaction' by the Stones." He also joined the San Francisco Boys Chorus in the third grade, and has become a gifted vocalist.

By 8th grade, Berquist was writing his own songs, and he continued his musicianship at SI where he performed with the Chamber Singers and acted in musicals and plays. He made a name for himself among the student body as a talented musician and singer, drawing fans to hear his virtuoso guitar licks.

He chose Vanderbilt in large part because of Nashville's red-hot music scene, and it didn't take him long to perform at open mics in local clubs. "The great thing about Nashville is that everyone is looking for the next great songwriter, and there are many opportunities to play in the city. I have played



in the Nashville Palace and Hotel Indigo and had great receptions entertaining complete strangers. Most of my other gigs have been for friends, family and fellow students."

Berquist also recorded his own EP of six songs, with production help from Evan Galante, Berquist's friend who had attended SI for two years. Berquist titled the work *Close the Door Behind You* as an inside joke.

"I would always play my guitar in our bathroom when I wanted to compose something new. If my dad passed by, I'd ask him to close the door so that no one would hear me. Now I want everyone to hear, so the title is a little ironic."

Rather than write typical teen songs about breaking up or falling in love, Berquist writes his songs "from an objective point of view. I try to feel what it would be like to experience something from someone else's perspective."

The most personal song, "Take a Stand," was inspired by a sermon Berquist heard Rev. Charles Gagan, S.J. '55, preach at St. Ignatius Church. "He ended his homily with a call for everyone to take a stand. His words rang in the back of my head, and a chord progression and melody just fell into place. It was a little divine inspiration."

He surprised his parents with the resulting EP by putting the CD in his stereo at home on Christmas morning. "I told my dad to play some Christmas music, and when he turned on the stereo, out came my songs. My parents were surprised by my Christmas present for them."

In Nashville, Berquist has made inroads in the recording industry thanks to his prodigious talent and a family friend who works for BMI. "He was in Nashville for the Country Music Association awards, and he took me to an industry party at a nearby hotel, where I met Rascal Flatts and others whom

I've heard on the radio. That's where I realized I didn't have to play music to live in the industry. I could work as a producer as well."

This year, Berquist heard about a classmate building a recording studio on campus and joined in the effort, and they received help from a campus group called the Curb Center for Creative Enterprise and Public Leadership.

The two men finished the studio in the fall, and Berquist spent part of the spring semester doing an independent study, through Vanderbilt's sociology department, about the possibility of starting a record label. "The biggest challenge has been envisioning how we will redefine the essence of the studio and the label in the context of a declining record industry and a rise in do-it-yourself home recording technology," said Berquist. "Our answer has been artist development. This is still a work in progress, but will probably be ready by next winter."

Unlike record labels of past decades, which sought to boost artists' careers to increase album sales, Berquist hopes his label and studio will "offer a resource to student musicians that will give them the opportunity to reach their potential both through the quality of our equipment and through the talent of our head producer, Scott Markquart. I have recorded a few of my own songs here, and the results are amazing."

Berquist hopes that his experience as a performer will help him when he works as an engineer and producer. "I know exactly what I would want a producer to say to me when I'm recording or how I might want to add effects to fill out the sound. I take this understanding into the studio when I produce, and I think it helps foster the artist's creative vision." ∞

Above: Keith Berquist in Orradre Chapel last year.

Chuck Criss '03 & Freelance Whales chart their own musical course in the indie rock scene



One episode of the TV show *Glee* featured the character Blaine, played by Darren Criss '05 in a tumultuous relationship with his on-screen brother.

Chuck Criss '03, Darren's real-life brother and a member of the successful indie rock group Freelance Whales, was a little disappointed in that show.

"I was hoping that the character playing Darren's brother would be more of a jerk. It was so funny because their on-screen relationship is completely opposite to how we are."

The Criss brothers not only get along well as siblings, but they also collaborate musically. They recently recorded a cover of Bob Dylan's "New Morning" for a CD to benefit Amnesty International.

"Darren and I were both introduced to Amnesty International when we were students at SI, and we both loved the chance to help out that organization," said Chuck.

Freelance Whales is also capitalizing on their popularity to help victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The group recently released an EP featuring eight songs, requesting a sliding scale of donations, from \$5 to \$50, for those who download the group's music.

Most people know the band from its first CD, *Weathervanes*, released in 2009, and from its song "Generator ^ First Floor," used by Twitter for an online ad campaign, which generated a million hits on its first day. "That was our first unofficial music video," said Chuck.

The group's songs have also been used by Chevy to promote the Volt, by the TV show *Location* and for a Starbucks commercial. Other songs made it onto *One Tree Hill*, *Grey's*

Anatomy, *Covert Affairs* and the Australian show *Offspring*.

The group has come a long way since it formed by way of a Craigslist ad, from busking in Manhattan subways to playing major festivals throughout the world, including Outside Lands in Golden Gate Park and the Coachella Music Festival in Indio, Calif.

Chuck started playing his first musical instrument as a sophomore at SI after seeing a bluegrass band play at a record store on West Portal Avenue. He bought a banjo, taught himself to play, and began picking up other instruments just as Darren was learning to play guitar.

Chuck and Darren, along with Liam McInerney '03 and Mike Bieringer '03, formed the band Highly Illogical – based on an oft-repeated line by *Star Trek's* Spock – and performed at a talent show in Wiegand Theatre.

Both in high school and at Trinity College in Connecticut, Chuck grew in his appreciation of jazz. Following graduation, he briefly moved home, where he realized that he wanted to pursue music as a career. "It seemed like New York was the place to do it, as the city is saturated with aspiring musicians."

After moving East in 2008 and finding a job at an advertising agency, Criss posted an ad on Craigslist looking for other musicians to form a band. That's when he noticed a number of other musicians who posted similar ads. "It's one of my few success stories with Craigslist, aside from getting a great couch," said Criss.

Criss's bandmates include Doris Cellar, Judah Dadone, Jacob Hyman and Kevin Read, and each plays a number of instruments that include the harmonium, banjo, glockenspiel,

The Freelance Whales with Chuck Criss (second from left) will soon release its second CD. Photo by Charlie Gross.

synthesizer, guitar, bass, drums and waterphone. The group's name, Criss added, comes from the freelance nature of their music and the New York music scene.

One website describes the group's sound as combining "interlocking rhythmic patterns, lush textural layering and an engaged group-vocal energy."

"It's hard to label our music," said Criss. "It's definitely pop, but with a little more sonic experimentation. The closest I can come is 'folk-electro' with rural and folky sounds combined with electronic textures."

The group began promoting itself by playing in Manhattan subways, with their girlfriends passing out fliers to promote their shows in small clubs. "People started paying attention to us as they walked by, and then they invited us to play weddings and house parties."

At one party, they caught the attention of a music producer, and soon they were signed to Mom & Pop Records, which later brought in French Kiss Records to promote *Weathervanes* as well as the group's second CD, due for release this August.

The group found critical acclaim both for its CD and for its performances. Freelance Whales first toured with the indie band Fanfarlo and, later, with groups such as Bear in Heaven and Cymbals Eat Guitars.

The group toured in England, France, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Holland and Canada. They performed at South by Southwest and have been praised by NPR on its show *All Songs Considered*.

Criss is happy that he can support himself with his income from Freelance Whales and no longer needs to rely on his advertising job. "I was laid off during the start of the recession, and our group was signed a month later, so it worked out nicely, except I never had the chance to perform an 'I quit' victory dance at work. I'm just blessed to do what I love for a living while making my home in Manhattan, within walking distance of the Natural History Museum."

He also feels fortunate watching Darren's success. "I always knew he would be a great entertainer. He was born to do it. I flew home from college to see him perform in *Fiddler on the Roof* at SI, where he played Tevya, and I was blown away. Within a few short years, he played a lead on Broadway. It was incredible seeing his face that large on a Times Square poster for *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. We have always rooted for each other and always will."

Both Criss brothers have benefited from each other's success stories. "We definitely

From left: Chuck and Darren Criss recorded a Bob Dylan cover to benefit Amnesty International.

get some crossover people who find out about Freelance Whales through Darren. Most 13-year-old fans who have posters of Darren in their rooms might not listen to our music, but he serves as a bridge for them to listen to something new, and that's great for them and great for us."

Chuck adds that he and his bandmates "collectively tease Darren, given all of his success. Sometimes it's just funny. We have all known him long before his fame, and he has been a big fan of our group since day one. If I worked as a plumber, I know Darren would be plugging my company in *Rolling Stone* magazine. He's that kind of guy." ∞



Jessica dela Merced '04 fights the whitewashing of culture with her award-winning film, *BLEACHED*

A Facebook app angered Jessica dela Merced '04 so much that she wrote, directed, produced and starred in a short film that has won both critical acclaim and the admiration of award-winning director Spike Lee, who has given her a grant to make her next film.

The Facebook app that drew dela Merced's ire was developed by a major cosmetics company in India to show men how they would look with a lighter complexion after using a bleaching cream.

"I have seen these products for years," said dela Merced, whose Filipina mother would return from vacation with lightening soaps. "As a young girl, I had a curious desire to use them, but never did."

After reading about the app, dela Merced decided to create *BLEACHED* for a project at NYU's Tisch Graduate School of Film, where she is working on her master's degree.

BLEACHED stars local Filipino actors and several SI graduates, including dela Merced, who flew to San Francisco to make the movie over six days, starting on Halloween 2010.

"I wanted to show the lingering effects of colonialism across the world," said dela Merced. "People from Third World countries haven't escaped the desire to be Western. Everyone wants to be as American as possible, which means being very white. The most popular actresses in the Philippines are light skinned, and people think you're part of a higher class if you are pale, as only servants work outdoors."

She also heard stories about the dangers of bleaching creams, even as the products have grown in popularity around the world. "I've

read stories about mercury poisoning in Latino communities. These carcinogenic products may be banned in the U.S., but they find their way in through a black market trade. I knew I had to write the movie after seeing how these products were proliferating. Even men were falling victim to this fad."

In dela Merced's film, she plays a young woman with a mother who makes her living selling bleaching cream and who pressures her daughter to use the product to spur sales. Classmates who acted and crewed on the movie include Joanne dela Cruz '04, Noel Diaz de Rivera '04 and Laura Deely '04, and the parts of the mother and grandmother were played by two remarkable Filipino-American women. "They turned out perfect for the roles."

She later showed the film in Manila and at the DisOrient Film Festival in Oregon, the Sarasota Film Festival in Florida, the San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival and at the Chicago Filipino Film Festival, where it won the award for Best Short Film. (You can watch dela Merced's trailer online by searching for the film's title.) *BLEACHED* will also play at the New York Asian American festival this summer.

Dela Merced made the film, too, to explore the desire she had felt as a young girl to bleach her own skin. "It most likely had to do with watching TV and seeing what was popular."

She hopes those who see the movie will be dissuaded from using bleaching cream. At the festivals where she has shown her film, she hears from audience members who tell her how grateful they are and who "tell me about their grandmothers who insist they stay out of the



sun so that they won't become dark and ugly. The movie is therapeutic for some, who come to realize how subjective beauty is. While some people try to lighten their skin, others head to tanning salons, which can also be dangerous."

BLEACHED also caught the eye of Spike Lee, known for making movies that explore attitudes surrounding skin color. After seeing *BLEACHED*, Lee gave dela Merced a grant of \$13,000 to make her next film, one about an Asian brother and sister who are confronted with racism while in line for a midnight release of the newest Nike sneaker.

"Spike is one of the funniest men I have ever met, and he loved *BLEACHED*. He is teaching one of my courses now, as well as mentoring me. Sometimes I forget just how powerful and successful he is. *Do the Right Thing* influenced me greatly, and I'd like to make statements about race that are as powerful as his. I hope I can follow in his footsteps." ∞



All Class Reunion & Golf Tourney

The Annual All Class Reunion and Golf Tournament brought 400 grads back to SI in June. clockwise, from top left: Phil Malouf and Gigi Schellam (of First Republic Bank, a sponsor of the event); members of the Class of 1958; members of the Class of 1995; more than 30 members of the family of John Monaghan '37, including sons Mike '64, Kelly '66, Pat '68, Tom '70, Phil '74, Rob '76 and grandchildren Kelly Norman '98, Jenny Norman '00, Caitlin Monaghan '02, Colleen Monaghan '03 and Sean Monaghan '05 (not pictured); Kerwin Allen '78 and his daughter, Sydney Allen '09; members of the Class of 1998. The event honored by Rev. Robert Walsh, S.J. '68, and Chuck Murphy '61, both of whom are saying goodbye to SI.





From left: Charlie Silvera and Joe Vevoda, members of the **Class of 1942**, returned to SI for their class's 70-year reunion in June. Both played baseball at SI, with Charlie going on to the New York Yankees, where he played back-up catcher to Yogi Berra. He has seven World Series rings thanks to his long career in professional baseball.



Jack Casey '08 of Boston College and Rory O'Connor '08 of Fairfield University organized the **Jesuit Rugby Classic** at Fairfield for the weekend of March 30 and 31, which brought together a number of SI grads now attending BC and Fairfield. Holy Cross also took part in the tourney, though SI grads at SCU had to cancel at the last minute. Pictured from left are Casey and Johnny O'Malley '10 (BC), O'Connor and Eric Gordon '09 (BC).

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John Thomas '57 translates a life of adventure and collecting into five books



John Thomas in Death Valley at the lowest point in North America.

John Wesley Thomas '57 describes himself as a pack rat.

Look inside his home in Tustin Ranch in Orange County, and then peer into a garage stuffed to the rafters with boxes, and you'll see for yourself that, at best, Thomas is guilty of understatement.

He and his wife, Sandra, collect everything from stamps and rare books to pottery and model trains. They even collect experiences. Thomas, at 73, has climbed 30 mountains higher than 10,000 feet and has run more than 500 races.

He is now busy documenting his life's work with four tomes published by Schiffer Books

and one due out next year on Death Valley and Mt. Whitney, which he has climbed four times.

Wesley had his start as a collector as a child visiting his great grandfather in Vallejo. "I looked down on the gravel driveway and saw something sparkling at me. It turned out to be pyrite – fool's gold."

Traveling with his parents to national parks (he has visited nearly every one in the U.S.), he made a point of visiting mineral shops and amassing a collection so vast that he wound up on TV in eighth grade giving a lecture through the California Academy of Science.

At SI, he even collected part of the goal post after the Turkey Day football game against Balboa. "All of us ran from the stands onto the field after we won 7 to 6 to tear down the goal post. One of San Francisco's finest knocked me to the ground and took me to jail. The principal, Fr. Leonard, showed up to get me released, and I spent my share of time cleaning blackboards in JUG the following week. But I still have a piece of the goalpost as a memento."

After graduating from Cal and putting in his years in the military, Thomas earned his master's in business from San Jose State and then worked in money management for the remainder of his career.

One job took him to Houston, where he decided to start working out after his weight climbed northwards of 200. He ran his first marathon when one of his employees told him she was about to run one. He liked his first one so much, that he ran 20 more marathons and ultra-marathons.

His love of national parks led to his multiple summits of Mt. Whitney as well as hikes up Mt. Shasta and Mt. Hood, and he has descended to the depths of Death Valley, exploring the lowest point in North America. He even has a photo of himself placing a painted rock and black stake at 282 feet below sea level, three miles away from a tourist destination at 280 feet.

His knowledge of and passion for Mt. Whitney and Death Valley will lead to his fifth book, due out early next year. Over the years, he has amassed the largest known collection of brochures, postcards and photos of Death Valley, the best of which will be featured in his book.

Thomas' first book, *Thanksgiving and Turkey Collectibles: Then and Now*, which he co-authored with his wife, came out in 2004 as a way for the two of them to showcase their vast collection – the largest in the world – and to help it increase in value.

The book documents the Thomas' glass, ceramic and paper turkeys as well as Thanksgiving-themed plates, tablecloths, candy containers and nesting dolls. Just about anything you can imagine, from flashlights to LPs, Thomas has them photographed in full color and described in detail in the book.

What didn't make that book ended up in the second work: *Thanksgiving: An Illustrated History*, featuring Thanksgiving ephemera, such as newspaper images, magazine covers and postcards. Many of the items featured in both books sold for \$50,000 at an auction five years ago, and a stamp collection recently sold for \$70,000.

In 2005, while tracking down his Irish ancestry, Thomas became entranced with memorabilia from the Emerald Isle and co-wrote, along with his wife, *St. Patrick's Day and Irish Collectibles: An Illustrated History*. Their fourth book, *America's Patriotic Holidays: An Illustrated History*, will be out shortly, showcasing collections from Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Columbus Day, Labor Day and Flag Day. "We wanted to explore what inspired Americans to come together and grow more patriotic," said Thomas.

Waiting in the wings are Thomas' other collections, including minerals, pottery stamps, Lionel trains and 3,500 books. He has all the first edition *Oz* books as well as books on World War I, streetcars and cable cars, word definitions and use of words, science fiction, comic strips, artists, art styles, investment strategies, architecture, American history, philately, glider flying – he was a pilot for 12 years – and national parks.

He recently sold his collection of '49er football programs from 1946 to 1959 but has kept his Cal football programs spanning the years between 1900 and 1967.

His vast treasure troves have drawn the attention of the media. Thomas appeared on *The Martha Stewart Show* and numerous antique publications use both the Thomases as resources and experts for articles.

"We try to generate interest on little-regarded holidays," said Thomas. "We're not interested in fame or fortune, though I hope the Death Valley book will sell well." ∞

keeping in touch

★ If you see an asterisk after a name, go to www.siprep.org/news to read even more.

1945 Rev. Felix Cassidy* was featured in the *New Fillmore Newspaper* on his 85th birthday.

1947 Walt Farrell was named Hibernian of the Year for the Hibernia Newman Club in March at the St. Patrick's Day lunch. He was introduced by his son, **Tony '90**, headmaster at Stuart Hall High School. Also attending were his wife, Kathleen and son Lt. Col. Jim Farrell '86. Keynote speaker was SFPD Chief **Greg Suhr '76**.

1951 The 1950-51 Basketball Championship Lunch will be Nov. 27 at Caesar's Restaurant at noon. Call **Mick Kelley '52** at 650-697-9376 to RSVP. This is open to anyone who wishes to attend. / **Marty Bastiani***, the city's oldest cop, retired in May. Congratulations to him for a long and storied career.

1952 Martin D. "Pete" Murphy and his wife, Joanne, parents of **Martin '84**, **John '86** and **Patrick '91**, received the Assumpta Award at the Cathedral of St. Mary's on May 17 from Archbishop Niederauer for "making a significant contribution to the life of the Archdiocese of San Francisco."

1953 Jack Ashman's son, PFC Ian C. Sullivan, graduated in June from the Marine Corps' MP School. / **Norman Boyd** wants his classmates to know that he is learning to walk again as he recovers from his stroke. / **John van der Zee*** and **Kevin Starr ('58)** were featured on *PBS News Hour* on the Golden Gate Bridge's creation and its 75th anniversary.

1954 Msgr. Russell Rock has served 50 years a priest and educator in New Jersey.

1959 Michael Gillin and his wife, Pamela Newberry, became grandparents for the first

April 25. Charles Michael and Arthur John will reside with their parents in Minneapolis. Mike and Pam plan to make frequent trips up to the Twin Cities from their home in Houston, where Mike continues in his role as professor and clinical chief of radiation physics at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. / **Dennis Zaro** retired from San Quentin's Education Department in 2004, but his zeal and commitment to provide programs for a needy population has only continued to grow. He volunteers at a clean and sober residential treatment facility for previously incarcerated individuals and has developed a curriculum for this target population.

1962 Vic Berardelli is the political analyst for the Fox TV Morning News in Bangor, Maine. He is the author of *The Politics Guy Campaign Tips: How to Win a Local Election* and has advised U.S. Senate, House, gubernatorial and legislative candidates as well as referenda campaigns and legislative policy initiatives. / **Ralph Johnson** in 2011 retired from the Department of Defense. He still sings in light operas, barbershop quartets and choruses.

1963 George Magill received a gold medal for a first place finish in the 10K inline skating event



at this year's Arizona Senior Olympic Games on March 3. George has been competing in this event since 2003 and is looking forward to this year's Napa Valley Inline Marathon on July 8.

1966 On March 20, Pope Benedict XVI appointed **Rev. Bob Christian, O.P.**, to the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity as a consultant for the next five years. Bob continues his work at the Angelicum University in Rome and with the Anglican-Roman Catholic International

Commission. / **Joseph Gulino** and his family visited with Cardinal O'Malley after Easter Sunday



Mass at Cathedral of Holy Cross in Boston.

1970 Dennis C. Shrieve, MD, Ph.D., was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Radiology at a formal convocation ceremony during the recent group's Chapter Leadership conference last April in Washington, D.C. Shrieve is professor and chair of the department of radiation oncology at University of Utah Health Sciences and Huntsman Cancer Institute. He is a member of the ACR and the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology. Shrieve received his medical degree from the University of Miami.

1976 John Bruno is taking over daily operation of San Jose Construction as company president.

1977 (John) Eugene Gloria published his third book of poems, *My Favorite Warlord* (Penguin, 2012). He has been named the Distinguished Visiting Writer at Bowling Green State University for the 2013 spring semester. He teaches creative writing and English literature at DePauw University.

1979 James McKenzie has been selected by Swinerton Incorporated as the new director of the Center for Excellence. In this role, McKenzie will employ his extensive background encompassing all aspects of the building industry to advance the way Swinerton does business. He married Maureen O'Neil four years ago; they live in Novato and are members of St. Hillary Parish in Tiburon.

1982 According to ZAGAT 2012, "no one knows more on the subject" of tequila than **Julio Bermejo**, who holds forth at family-owned Tommy's Mexican Restaurant on Geary and 24th; this review not from him, but from one of his delighted Ignatian customers!

1983 Chris Gaggero and **Gus Gomoziyas '85** coached the SI frosh baseball team to a first-place finish in the WCAL this year. Chris is also an outside sales manager for Lombardi Sports



time when twin boys were born to their daughter and son-in-law, Kate and Kyle Sommers, on

after a 22-year career with the City's Rec and Park Department. He still plays club softball with fellow SI grads **Lou Alessandria '82**, **Aldo Congi '72**, **Kevin Barry '82** and **Dave Braun '80**.

1984 Derek Lam*, a top New York fashion designer, has ventured into winemaking.

1985 Geoff Callan worked opposite Nicole Kidman in the film *Hemingway & Gellhorn*. / Two new ice-cream-making books hit the shelves featuring **Sam Mogannam*** and his Bi-Rite Creamery and Chronicle food writer **Paolo Lucchesi '00**, a contributor to Humphry Slocombe's how-to book.

1986 Dan Lang, dean of students at the Francis Parker School in Linda Vista, San Diego County, was seventh grade English teacher of Snigdha Nandipati, winner of the National Spelling Bee Contest for 2012. Of Snigdha, Lane, former SI teacher and coach, noted that "she is really a neat kid. If you had the chance to spend a year with her in class, you would discover that spelling is just one of her many talents, and while she has a passion for it, she also is just a regular kid who likes to hang out with her friends."

1987 Steve McFeely*, a former SI English teacher and screenwriter of *Captain America* and of all the Narnia movies, is set to write the *Captain America* sequel. / **Brian O'Neill** is a police officer assigned to gang investigations in Seattle where he lives with his wife, Marta, and sons Aidan (17) and Nolan (15). He writes the police-related column "Blue Byline" for *The News Tribune*.

1992 Ben Chan, a Freeman of the City of London since 2009, performed a piano recital at the Society of Young Freeman's Annual Banquet held at the Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall for the Lord Mayor of London and the Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court. Ben received special recognition of his performance in the Lord Mayor's



banquet speech. He enjoyed the performance and remarked, "Well done! You'll go far." / **Supervisor Mark Farrell** came to SI May 22 to give retiring math teacher Chuck Murphy '61 a city proclamation naming that day in honor of Murphy's 47-year career at SI.

1994 Jennie McGrath Perez has received another promotion in the Marriott chain. She has three talented children and continues to live in Hayward.

1996 Elyce Kirchner* has been promoted to investigative reporter for NBC Bay Area 11. / **Dominic Yu** received his doctoral degree in linguistics at Cal. / **Allison Silvestri** is putting her administrative credential to good use, as she has been promoted to principal at Half Moon Bay High School.

1997 Adam Jacobs* took a short leave from *Lion King* to star in *Once On This Island*.

1999 Brian Hurley is an editor at Oxford University Press in New York. His books are routinely featured in *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe* and *The Economist*. He is also the founder and owner of a small independent press, Fiction Advocate.

2000 Susan Ott married David Nguyen on Dec. 17, 2011, at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. They spent their honeymoon in Thailand. / **Joe Pelleriti** opened Maguire's Irish Pub on Petaluma's Kentucky Street in May. He welcomes alumni to patronize his establishment.

2002 Francesca Mallegni, given away by proud dad, **Curtis '67**, married **Greg Ohanessian '02** at St. Dominic's Church, June 9. Maid of Honor was **Kelly Kramer '02**, and bridesmaids included **Angela Passanisi '02**; best men were **Justin '03** and **Alexander Ohanessian '07**. Ignatian groomsmen were **Michael Abou Jaoude '02**, **Anthony Cuadro '02**, **Chris Servat '02** and **Dan Mallegni '99**. Francesca's father is the chairman of SI's Board of Trustees and Mrs. Jennifer Ohanessian was president of the Ignatian Guild in 2005 and 2006. / **Matt Werner** has a new book out. *Oakland in Popular Memory: Interviews with 12 cutting-edge musicians from Oakland and beyond* is a collection of the author's best interviews from his award-winning radio show on Fresh Air: The Alternative, and various other interviews he has done with leading artists from Oakland and artists who have influenced musicians from Oakland. **Joe Sciarillo** served as photographer for the book, and the two are collaborating on a book of Bay Area photography.

2003 Ebony Juanita Burns received her Juris Doctor degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill May 12. / **James Guido Hanratty** graduated from USF on May 18 with a master's degree in teaching and a Single Subject Teaching Credential in social science. He also coached the shot put and discus throw for the SI track and field boys' and girls' teams this past season. / **Mairin Lee*** starred as Desdemona in *Othello* at the Marin Theatre Company. / **Charlotte Walsh Murphy** wed Marc Stephen Pope at St. Agnes Church. Wedding festivities were celebrated at the Bohemian Club

June 9. Maid of honor was Charlotte's sister, **Katharine '01**; bridesmaids from Charlotte's class were **Stephanie Avakian**, **Lisa DeVoto**, **Caitlin LaJoie** and **Gillian Silver**. **Leo Murphy '65** gave his daughter away and **Matt Wagner '00** escorted **Katharine Murphy**.

2004 Jonathan Abinante*, **Blake Parker '03** and **Tony Lowe '02** are in the group Broken Cities, which was the April Bay Area Artist of the month for the Deli online music magazine.

2005 Darren Criss*, star of *Glee*, was a hit at ACT's recent benefit gala. **Emma Roos '13**, a finalist in the Bay Area Teen Idol competition, sang backup for him. / **Anne Rollandi** married Matthew David Birdseye April 14 in St. Ignatius Church, the church of her baptism and of her SI graduation. Her father is **Victor '68**; her maids of honor were sisters **Ella '01** and **Denise '09**; brother **Tory '98** was among the myriad attendants.

2007 Don Dianda* is the author of *See for Yourself: Zen Mindfulness for the Next Generation*, featured in the Huffington Post.

2008 Ilana Black* was celebrated by the University of Michigan for her work leading student tours. / Princeton's **Alex Capretta*** and Cornell's **Roy Lang** met for the Ivy League Crown, with Princeton taking the title. Lang was also nominated for a national award. / **Abigail Colyer** received her bachelor's of music in vocal performance this May with honors from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. She is the first Wildcat to graduate from this school. She is working at the San Francisco Opera Costume Shop along with classmates **Siobhan Taylor** and **Lena Frostestad**. / **Ryan Geraghty**, who graduated from the University of Notre Dame, was recognized as one of the top Industrial Design students in the country. / **Ed Hesselgren***, a student athlete at Georgetown, was selected to the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame 2012 Honor Society. He also won the Mush Dubofsky Award as the team's outstanding student-athlete. / **Vince Legarza***, a center on the Miami Ohio University Basketball Team, received the school's highest honor. / **Jack Ostler** graduated cum laude May 11 from USC with a degree in earth science and economics. He received the Mark Foundation Academic Award, the USC Renaissance Scholar Award and the Student Recognition Award, known as the Order of Troy, for distinguished service to the university. / **Kevin Swanson** was selected for the Oberlin Business Scholar program last January. The scholars went to New York, Cleveland and Boston during January to visit with investment banks, consulting firms and other financial service firms to explore career opportunities. He was also selected to be part of the Oberlin Cole Scholars program last summer and had a paid position to work on Dennis Herrera's run for the San Francisco's mayor's office. He also pitched for the Oberlin baseball team. / Above: Fifteen Wildcats



graduated from Boston College in May. Pictured, back to front, left to right are **Jack Casey, Drew Beurline, Mike Kolhede; Peter Cronin, Sandra O'Donoghue, Natalie Perkins, Livia Meharg; Max Hartman, Mia Neagle, Katy Pizza, Hannah Lynch; Mackenzie Fotsch, Danny Martinez, Max Proano and Laura Grealish.**

2009 Brendan Daly*, a rugby player at Cal, was named a collegiate All-American. / **Natalie Dillon*** helped the Cardinal squad in its bid for a tennis NCAA title. / **Scout Moran*** rowed in the victorious Harvard Women's Varsity 8 boat to win the Ivy League crown in Camden, New Jersey on May 13. / **Carolyn Vinnicombe***, a junior history major at the University of Pennsylvania, has won the prize for the school's top European history research paper, for her work on Jesuits in Elizabeth I's reign.

2010 Carly McCaffrey* spent the past year organizing Jog for Jill Georgetown in honor of the late **Jill Costello '06.**

2011 Jackson Lindauer attends Fordham University's Gabelli School of Business as an entrepreneurship major and economics minor. He has served as a Social Justice Leader and College Access Mentor, treasurer of the Fair Trade Club and president of the Entrepreneurship Society. Jackson also works with the Compass Partners program, participating as a fellow and next year as a mentor. This summer Jackson is an intern in Manhattan, taking summer classes and splitting time at home in San Francisco.

2012 Chad Cohan, J.W. McGovern and Will McKee were named All-American lacrosse players; student body president **Peter Doyle** received Academic All-American honors. / **Greg Davis, Collin Laffey, Joey Solomon, Jack Murray and John Paul Naughton '14** all received Eagle Scout ratings this spring. Davis, in addition, set a new school 2K rowing machine record and was selected to row in the U.S. Junior Men's National Team for the third straight summer. He has set four world records on the Concept 2 Indoor Rower. This fall, he will join Cornell's rowing team. / **Elise Go*** entered

the overseas competition of *Chinese Million Star* TV show at the end of April and was one of the eight finalists in the North America Region to be invited to compete in Taiwan this summer.

/ **Colette Kolenda*** was featured in *Bay Area Teen Focus* magazine for her work starting the SI Connections Club to help students find jobs and internships. / **Noelle Langmack** was recognized as a candidate for the U.S. Presidential Scholar Program, the highest level of recognition the White House and Department of Education have for high school seniors. This award goes to 3,000 out of over 3 million high school seniors, essentially the top 99.9th percentile of high school seniors. / **Nick Lawrie*** and **Shelby Miguel '13** were nominated for the 2012 Stage Top Honor Awards under, respectively, the Student Achievement in Technical Theatre and Best Featured Actress/Actor categories. Shelby also sang the national anthem at the Staples Center for the Los Angeles Clippers during their last game of their regular season before they headed off to the NBA playoffs. / **Susanna Shidlovsky*** and her partner won the National DanceSport Latin dance competition in the youth division. / **Andrea Wong*** won the NCGA Women's Amateur Championship at Spyglass Hill.

2013 Clara Murphy received a summer internship position with Congresswoman Jackie Speier. / **Stephen Domingo*** was selected for the USA U17 world championship team.

2014 Julia Murphy*, Danny Cassee '15 and Sayumi Sugiyama '15 were featured on *America's Got Talent* in May on NBC. / **Schuyler Whiting*** is part of the Marin Highlanders varsity rugby team, which competed for the USA Rugby National Championship in Utah.

births

1982 Gino Cerchiai and his wife, Shawn, a son, Graziano Duggan, born April 20, 2012.

1987 Dave Becnel and his wife, Michele, a daughter, Amara Brynn, born May 24 in Shanghai. She joins big brother Broxton.

1988 Tim Healy and his wife, Robin, a son, Tighe Declan, born May 20, 2012. Tighe, (the Gaelic name for Timothy), joins older brother Kieran Jameson.

1997 Colin O'Connell and his wife, Kim, twins, daughter Grace Elizabeth and son Colin John Jr. (CJ), born Jan. 17, 2012. They join sister Catie, 3.



Class of '62 Celebrates Golden Diploma Mass & Reception

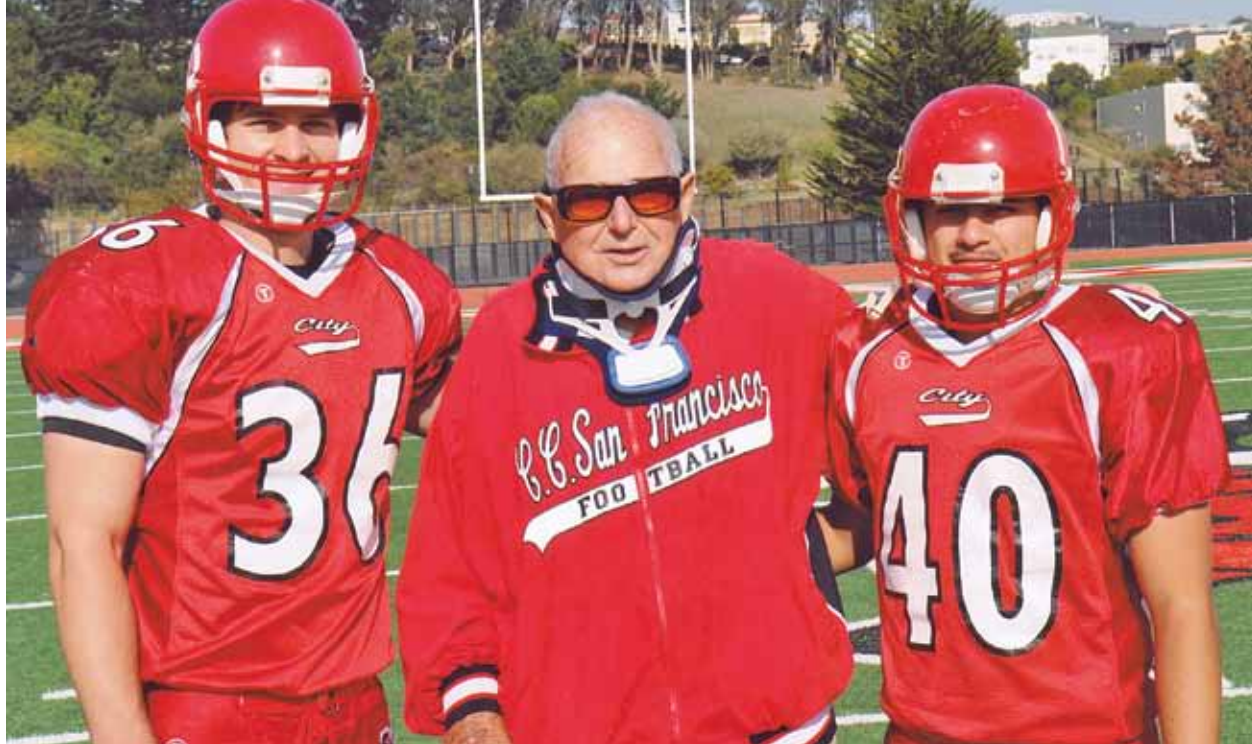
At right, John Mossi, S.J., and Rev. Ray Allender, S.J., classmates and brother Jesuits, concelebrated the Golden Diploma Mass in March for their classmates, below.



in memoriam

- 1935 Frederick M. Jackson
- 1941 Alfred F. Caserza
- 1941 John I. Hannon
- 1942 Eugene Sheehy
- 1943 Calvin L. Delucchi
- 1946 William Fallon
- 1951 John (Jack) Coll
- 1951 Lanty Molloy, Sr.
- 1952 John Roddy
- 1955 James McDonald
- 1959 Mike McAulliffe
- (1961) William Connolly
- 1961 Daniel J. Dempsey
- 1962 Edward F. Ward
- 1970 William J. (Bill) Sable

Jim McDonald along with two of his special teams players from City College. His former players from SI, St. Mary's and CCSF attended his funeral at St. Ignatius Church.



Legendary Coach Jim McDonald '55 dies after one last national title

George Rush '65, head coach of the City College of San Francisco football team, had much to celebrate last December after his seventh state championship and seventh first-place finish in the national rankings.

He would have given that all up to have his assistant coach Jim McDonald '55 join him for one more season.

Coach McDonald died June 2 after battling multiple myeloma and related complications since 2003. He leaves behind his wife of 47 years, Francesca, and daughters Christina D'Arcy (Finbarr) and Melissa Wagner (Nicholas).

A former SI football coach and teacher (1961–1971), Coach McDonald had an illustrious career at St. Mary's College in Moraga as an assistant and head football coach between 1971 and 2004. He was inducted into St. Mary's

College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005.

After he retired, he volunteered at Lincoln High School but missed the higher caliber of play he found on the college level. He called Rush, whom he had coached while at SI, to see if he had a spot for him. "I told him, 'Are you kidding? How fast can you get over here?'" said Rush.

On a bus trip to a game in Visalia, Rush worried when Coach McDonald fell ill and, later, had to leave the game for medical care. He was back at practice that Tuesday. He knew his cancer had returned, but he didn't want to deal with it until after the season ended. In typical Coach McDonald fashion, he felt that he had beaten cancer before and would beat it again."

That December, CCSF beat Mount San Antonio of Walnut, Calif., 52–

42, to finish 12–0, avenging a 34–7 loss against the same team for the state title in 2010.

"Both Coach McDonald and I knew we had a special group of guys this year," said Rush. "After losing to Mount San Antonio last year, they swore they would never lose again. They won the championship game, in part, because of the love they had for Coach Mac. He's one of those guys who leaves a huge impression on your life just because of who he is. Coach McDonald always told me how fun it is just being with his players. He never quite understood how much fun it was to be with him. He always made you feel as if you brought something special to the team. He gave each player dignity."

Shortly after the season ended, Coach McDonald returned to his doctors, who told him that he had an inoperable malignant tumor. He eventually moved into hospice care at the Jewish Home of San Francisco, where many of his friends and former players, including Coach Rush, would visit often.

"He looked and sounded great, as his medication masked his pain. I often saw him holding his rosary beads, even though he wasn't always praying. There wasn't a phony bone in his body. He was like the Pied Piper, with everyone around him listening to his stories. I love him and will miss him terribly. He's irreplaceable." ∞

SoCal Alumni Gather in Anaheim

SI grads assembled in SoCal to see the Giants take on the Angels in Anaheim. Steve Lee '99 organized the event.



Please join us for the 2nd Annual St. Ignatius Alumni Wine Classic

Saturday, September 15, 2-5 p.m.
Boschetto Family Private Estate in Kenwood

\$60 per person (\$80 with round trip transportation to/from SI)
Includes hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting from Whitehall Lane, Provenance, Bohemian, Highway 12, Jackson Family Winery,
and other SI alumni wineries.

To RSVP, please go to www.siprep.org/alumni or call 415-731-7500 ext. 211



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Saturday, October 27, 2012

Association of Latin American Students

¡Somos SI!

Ayer, Hoy, y Siempre

Celebrating Four Decades of ALAS at
St. Ignatius College Preparatory

Join the ALAS Reunion Committee!

Please contact Matt Balano, Lizette Ortega Dolan '94, and
the SI Alumni Office at alasanreunion@siprep.org

calendar 2012/2013

AUGUST

14 Fathers' Club Board Meeting	7pm
19 Frosh Parent/Student Orientation (Commons)	9am-2pm
19 Reception for Frosh Asian Parents Families	2pm
19 Reception for Frosh African American & Latino Families	2pm
22 Frosh Orientation/Registration (Orradre Chapel)	9am-4pm
23 Senior Registration/Convocation (Wiegand)	8:30am
23 Junior Registration/Convocation (Wiegand)	11am
23 Sophomore Registration/Convocation (Wiegand)	1:30pm
24 Class Begins	8:30am
28 Fashion Show kick off meeting (Commons)	7pm
30 Senior Parent Night / Counseling	7pm

SEPTEMBER

3 Labor Day Holiday	
4 Fathers' Club Welcome BBQ (Commons)	5:30pm
6 Parent Back to School Night	7pm
7 Mass of the Holy Spirit	9:30am
9 Petaluma Alumni Chapter Event (Petaluma Country Club)	10:30am
11 Ignatian Guild/Fathers' Club Board Meetings	7pm
13 Junior Parent Night / Counseling	7pm
13 Jesuit College Fair (Gym Foyer)	noon-2pm
15 Alumni Wine Classic	2-5pm
16 Jog for Jill (GG Park)	3pm
26 Picture Make-Up Day	11:50am
26 Board of Regents/Trustees Meeting	4pm
27 Moms' Night Out (Commons)	6pm
29 Class of 1952 Reunion (Faculty Dining Room)	11am

OCTOBER

4 Freshman Parent Night	7pm
5 Bruce-Mahoney Football Game (Kezar)	7pm
5 Honoring 1962 AAA Football Champs (Kezar)	
6 Class of 1982 Reunion (Hyatt Regency San Francisco)	6pm
6 Class of 1987 Reunion (Alfred's Steakhouse)	6pm
7 Father/Student Communion Breakfast	9am
8 Parent Speaker Series #1 (Commons)	7pm
9 Ignatian Guild/Fathers' Club Board Meetings	7pm
10-11 Senior Portraits 10-6	
10 Board of Trustees Meeting	3pm
11 Sophomore Parent Night (Commons)	7pm
13 President's Cabinet Dinner (Commons)	6pm
15-16 Midterms	
17 PSAT Testing	8:30am
18 Faculty In-Service, no classes	
19 Quarter Break, no classes	
20 Class of 1992 Reunion (Commons)	6pm
25 SoCal Reception to Meet President John Knight (Newport Beach)	
27 Class of 1972 Reunion (Crowne Plaza, SM)	6pm
27 ALAS Reunion (Commons)	

NOVEMBER

4 Open House	1-3pm
5-6 Senior Portrait Make-Up Day	3pm
6-9 Fall Play: <i>Noises Off</i> (Wiegand)	7pm
10 Fashion Show Dinner	6pm
11 Fashion Show Luncheon	11am
13 Ignatian Guild/Fathers' Club Board Meetings	7pm

13-17 Fall Play: <i>Noises Off</i> (Wiegand)	7pm
13 FAFSA (Counseling)	7pm
14 Board of Regents Meeting	4pm
17 Class of '67 Reunion (Caesar's Restaurant)	6pm
18 Christ the King Mass (Orradre Chapel)	10am
21-23 Thanksgiving Break	
23 Class of 2002 Reunion	
21 Alumni Basketball Games	
24 Alumni Soccer Games	
28 Parent Speaker Series #2: (Commons)	7pm
28&30 Instrumental Concert (Bannan)	7pm
30 Instrumental Concert (Bannan)	3pm

DECEMBER

1 Carlin Heritage Society Christmas Party	7pm
2 Loyola Guild Tea (Commons)	11am
4 & 6 Choral: Song of the Season (SI Church tentative)	7pm
5 Board of Trustees meeting	3pm
8 SIPAC Pasko Christmas Party (Commons)	6pm
11 Fathes' Club Board Meeting	7pm
13 Fathers' Club Board Christmas Dinner	6pm
15 Christmas Store	8am
17-19 Final Exams	
20 Start of Christmas Break	
27-29 Leo La Rocca Sand Dune Classic	

JANUARY 2013

3-4 Faculty Retreat, no classes	
7 Classes Resume	
8 Bruce-Mahoney Basketball (USF Memorial Gym)	6 & 7:30pm
8 Fathers' Club Board Meeting	7pm
9 Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7pm
12 8th Grade Entrance Exam	8:30am-12:30pm
17 Joey Alioto Fathers' Club Crab 'n' Cards	6pm
21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	
22 Parent Intro Meeting for Spiritual Exercises	7pm
22-26 Dance Concert (Wiegand)	7pm
23 Freshman Parent Community of Concern (Commons)	7pm
26 Financial Aid / Cash for Colleges (Commons)	10am
27 Ignatian Guild Women's Retreat	9am
30 Parent Speaker Series #3 (Commons)	7pm
30-31 SI Live (Bannan)	7pm

FEBRUARY

1-2 Latino Summit (Commons)	
5 ALAS Applicant Evening (Commons)	7pm
8 Scholarship Dinner	6pm
8 Piano Recital	3pm
10 Mother Student Communion Breakfast	9am
12 Ignatian Guild/Fathers' Club Board Meetings	7pm
12 AAAS Applicant Evening	6:30pm
18 President's Day (no classes)	
19 Faculty Inservice (no classes)	
20 Frosh Challenge Day	8:15am
20 Boards of Regents, Regents Emeriti & Trustees	4pm
22 Mother/Daughter Night (Commons)	7pm

MARCH

2 Fathers' Club Auction (McCullough Gym)	6pm
8 Father/Daughter Night (Commons)	8:30pm

12 Bruce-Mahoney Baseball Game (AT&T Park /Tentative)	TBA
12 Fathers' Club Board Meeting	7pm
13 Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7pm
13-14 Midterms	
15 Quarter Break	
20 Board of Trustees Meeting	3pm
20 College Night (Counseling)	7pm
22 Mother/Son Dance (Commons)	7pm
23 Golden Diploma Dinner (Location TBD)	
24 Class of '63 Golden Diploma Mass & Reception	10am
20 Board of Trustees	4pm
27 Fathers' Club Lenten Reflection (Orradre)	6:30pm
28 Start of Easter Break	
30 Alumni Baseball	
31 Easter	

APRIL

4-6 Jerry Langkammerer Lax Tournament (subject to change)	
8 School Resumes	
9 Ignatian Guild/Fathers' Club Board Meetings	7pm
9 Financial Aid Night (Orradre Chapel)	
13 Junior Prom	
19 Alumni Night for Spring Musical (Bannan)	6pm
20 Grandparents' Day reception & Spring Musical Preview	11am/2pm
20 8th grade preview of Spring Musical	7pm
21 Case Studies (Counseling)	2pm
21 AMDG Earth Day Event	
23 General Parent Meeting (Commons)	7pm
24-27 Spring Musical: <i>How to Succeed in Business...</i>	7pm
27 International Food Faire	4pm

MAY

1-4 Spring Musical: <i>How to Succeed in Business...</i>	7pm
2 Father/Son Night (Commons)	6:30pm
7 Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7pm
14 Fathers' Club Board Meeting	7pm
14 Transition to College (Orradre Chapel)	7pm
15 Board of Regents	4pm
15 Magis Senior Celebration	6:30pm
16 Ignatian Guild Installation Mass & Luncheon	11am
17 Faculty In Service (no classes)	
17 Fathers' Club BBQ (Commons)	5:30pm
18 Senior Prom	
20 Senior Class Holiday	
22 Father Carlin Heritage Society Luncheon	11:30am
23 Transition Liturgy	
24 Awards Assembly	9:30am
27 Memorial Day Holiday	
28-30 Final Exams	
29 Board of Trustees	3pm
30 Baccalaureate Mass (St. Mary's)	7:30pm

JUNE

1 Graduation (St. Ignatius Church)	10:30am
3 Fathers' Club Installation Lunch (Alioto's)	11:30am
7 All Class Reunion	
10 High School Summer School & camps begin	
11 Fathers' Club Board Meeting	7pm
17 Middle School Summer School begins	

The Ignatian Guild Presents
The 43rd Annual
FASHION SHOW



NOVEMBER 10 & 11, 2012

The spring musical, *Damn Yankees*, featured a talented cast under the direction of Ted Curry '82, with orchestra conducted by Gillian Clements. Many SI grads also won entry into prestigious theatre arts departments. For acting: Rebecca Gordon, University of Michigan; Deanna Beaman, NYU-Tisch; Violet Columbus, NYU-Tisch; Conor Lane, Southern Methodist University; Nick Brunner, UCLA. For screenwriting and film Sophia Held, UCLA; Kathleen Hayes, Hofstra University. For theatre Stefan Metrakos, Chapman University. For vocal performance and songwriting: Elise Go, Berklee College of Music.

