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## First Words

About two years ago, my father took a fall on his 85th birthday and broke his arm. With that, his world changed. Before the fall, he had served as the primary caregiver for my mother, whose memory and mobility are limited, and his broken arm, compounded by his worsening Parkinson's disease, meant that both of my parents quickly needed help.

Fortunately, he had already been relying on daily support from caregivers who work for Greg McCarthy '86, CEO of Thera Home Care and one of the SI alums showcased in this issue. Working with Greg, we were able to extend the hours of these caregivers. Since then, my father's arm has healed, and these women have become part of our extended family.

Most of my classmates are dealing with similar issues with their parents; others have already buried one or both. Fortunately, I expect my parents to live for many more years given the longevity in our family tree. I'm lucky to have them around now and, I hope, for years to come.

I write about these uncomfortable issues of life and death partly because I'm writing during Lent, when many of us contemplate the death and life that gave birth to our Church, to our faith and to our particular way of proceeding in this world.

Normally, the winter weather lends itself to this sometimes dark contemplation. However, San Franciscans enjoyed beach weather for most of winter, a stark contrast to the snowfall blanketing much of the U.S. I confess I don't dwell on death during our balmy twilights, standing on my porch and admiring a sunset sky ablaze with crimson and gold. I simply revel in the glory of this world and the life around me.

Working at SI, I'm also reminded of the power of regeneration thanks to the children who, each year, come to SI to take their turn at growing into men and women ready to change the world. These students make it easy to believe in resurrection, especially during our Stewardship Week, when the entire junior class heads

outdoors to work in Golden Gate Park, at Alemany Farms, at Sunset Community Gardens or at Ocean Beach. They prepare ground for native plants that will give food to endangered species, care for veggies that will feed the poorest residents of our city and come to understand their roles as healers and caretakers.

These students also remind me of resurrection and life when they attend the Arrupe Leadership Summit to meet fellow students from West Coast schools to discuss social justice; when they attend the March Solidarity Dinner to discuss human rights; when they attend We Day in San Jose or the Volunteer Fair at SI to explore new ways to serve; and when they take part in the Relay for Life to continue the fight against cancer — just some of our February and March activities.

In short, they remind me that, ultimately, we are an Easter people. While we know our unseasonable warmth and four-year drought are caused by the same climate change that threatens the most vulnerable in our world, the long light at twilight also points to hope: that our students will be on the forefront of new energy systems and that they will find simpler, better ways to live that will enrich ourselves as well as our water, air, soil, flora and fauna.

Those of you who read this magazine know I like quoting poets, including the Jesuit Gerard Manley Hopkins. He ends his great work "God's Grandeur" this way:

*And for all this, nature is never spent;*

*There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;  
And though the last lights off the black West went*

*Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent*

*World broods with warm breast and with ah! Bright wings.*

It's tough to think of a better way of expressing the imperative for hope, for life, for resurrection and for why we work so hard at SI to teach students to be children of the light.

— Paul Totah '75

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## Jean Marrot '47 honors late wife with new scholarship



SI's Vice President for Development Joe Vollert '84 (left) with Jean Marrot and Jean's son, Michael, in Scottsdale.

**BY TIM REARDON '86  
ALUMNI DIRECTOR**

If you were to walk through Jean Marrot's home in Las Cruces, New Mexico, you would be treated to a collection of regional art and décor fit for a museum. From the southwestern tapestries and paintings to the local furniture and brightly colored ceilings, the Marrot home is a provincial feast for the eyes.

However, if you've had the pleasure of talking to him, you would know that an important piece of his heart remains in his birthplace, San Francisco, and more specifically, at his high school, SI.

Marrot '47 strengthened that bond with the establishment of the fully endowed Barbara (Bertram) Marrot Scholarship to "thank, honor and remember" his wife of 62 years who died April 30, 2013.

He recalls his wife as a "loving woman and mother who tirelessly tended to her family until her final days. She had a clear vision and exercised it in a very graceful and elegant manner."

Marrot felt there was no better way to show his gratitude than to "assist SI in a small way to continue the school's wonderful profession of educating our young people." The scholarship came into effect on Barbara's birthday, April 6, and it will

be awarded to worthy students from St. Monica's and St. Dominic's (now merged with Mission Dolores Academy)—Barbara's and Jean's respective grammar school alma maters.

At SI, Marrot excelled in academics and in baseball and, in his words, "in friendship." He can still remember the annual late-year class picnics at Searsville Lake and Boyes Hot Springs, and he speaks fondly of "milling around during lunch hour when one had chances to mingle with other classes" and the freedom of noon hour during senior year "when we would rush to Golden Gate Park to throw the football around or shoot craps nearby."

After finishing school and a stint in the service, Marrot ended up in the East Bay, where he and Barbara — a Presentation graduate whom he met at Kezar during an SI game — raised their family. They lived in Pleasanton until their move to New Mexico in 2001 to be closer to their son, Mike, who had migrated to eastern New Mexico for work.

Although Marrot attended SI class lunches at Caesar's Restaurant while he still lived in Pleasanton, he found it difficult to stay connected to SI after he and Barbara moved to the Southwest. That changed in 2006, when alumni director Jim Dekker '68 started the Arizona Chapter of the SI Alumni Association.

That initial lunch gathering of 10 people has grown over the years into the Arizona/New Mexico Chapter's annual Giants Spring Training Event in Scottsdale. The hospitality of the SI grads from the Southwest and the remarkable success of the San Francisco Giants have combined to make the Scottsdale trip one of the Alumni Association's most popular events.

Another former alumni director, John Ring '86, noted that the Scottsdale event "has always been marked by a fellowship that can't be described or measured. In 20 years, we'll still be talking about the great times we had with the late Dutch Olivier, S.J. '44, Terry McGuire '45, Bill Miles '60, all the Riordan and SH guys, and class acts like Jean and Mike Marrot."

Marrot is grateful that Dekker created the Southwest Chapter, and he credits Ring and former Alumni Association President Jeff Columbini '79 for helping to maintain the great relationship that Marrot has had with his alma mater.

A favorite in the Alumni Office for his handwritten notes, Marrot has a wry sense of humor as well as an excellent memory. He was at the first chapter gathering and recalls that Fr. Sauer attended with *Genesis* Editor Paul Totah '75. His friendships with Annual Fund Director Genny Veach '97 and Fr. Sauer were also forged in Arizona.

One of the Scottsdale highlights for the Marrots occurred in 2013 when Mike, who attended Amador Valley High School, was awarded an honorary SI diploma. The previous year, Columbini had recognized in his speech that Mike was an "honorary alum," but Mike was shocked and thrilled the following year

when Ring and Columbini presented him with the actual diploma. "I don't know what I could have done to merit such a wonderful gesture," he said. "I treasure it and am so proud of the recognition that I show this to one and all."

At the March gathering, the Marrots met with Vice President for Development Joe Vollert '84, current Alumni Director Tim Reardon '86 and current Alumni Association President Rob Uhrich '83 along with Ring and Columbini.

In a heartfelt speech, Marrot honored his wife and praised SI, thanking Ring and Columbini for their friendship and noting that the most appropriate way for his wife's memory to live on will be through the new scholarship.

The Marrot Scholarship is the second scholarship associated with the Arizona/New Mexico Chapter. In 2012, The Father Harry "Dutch" Olivier Scholarship was formed to celebrate the contributions of this great priest, who worked at SI before moving to Arizona to serve at Brophy College Preparatory. Over the years, he remained active with the Arizona Chapter. Sadly, "Dutch" died just a few days before this year's trip. He and the Marrots are emblematic of the friendship and generosity embodied by the people connected to the Scottsdale event.

Ring probably put it best when he said this of the Marrots: "They were there when we had 12 guys sitting around a table in 2007, and they are still making the trip to Scottsdale from New Mexico every year to join a group that now numbers more than 100. The crowd has grown as the friendships have grown stronger." ∞

## Downtown Business Lunch features Chris Columbus

Acclaimed director, writer and producer Chris Columbus, who is also the father of three SI grads and a current student, spoke to Walter Addiego '69 of *The San Francisco Chronicle* about his career making movies. He captivated the Downtown Business Lunch audience at the Fairmont Hotel with stories ranging from his film success to his pride in his daughter, Eleanor '07, whose new company, Maiden Voyage Films, helps young directors make their first feature film.



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Auction chairman David Churton '77 and vice-chair Ian MacLeod (2nd and 3rd from left) joined the stage with Bob Sarlatte '68 and Franco Finn.

## Fathers' Club Auction features rockin' good time and record funds

Rock 'n' Roll has always celebrated headliners, but the bands are the ones that shine the brightest, from the Beatles and the Rolling Stones to the Foo Fighters and Fall Out Boy.

Behind each great group, you'll find business managers that make the giant spectacles of concerts go smoothly and turn a profit.

Both dynamics — the teamwork of a rock band and the organization of business professionals — contributed to the record-breaking success of the Fathers' Club auction, Backstage at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, held March 7 at SI.

The event grossed \$1.3 million to benefit the SI Scholarship Fund, surpassing the previous record of \$1 million.

"This was a perfect demonstration of teamwork," said auction chair Dave Churton '77, who led the effort along with vice-chair Ian MacLeod. Both experienced businessmen, they used tried-and-true entrepreneurial techniques to raise revenue across the board, from underwriting to online and live bidding.

Churton, an international director at the global real estate consulting firm of Jones Lang LaSalle Inc., and MacLeod, a private equity investor with Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe, decided to raise underwriting funds from both within and beyond the SI community.

Because of their business dealings with Advent Software, they discovered that the company had a foundation set up to benefit the community and were happy to donate to

the school. "They care both about education and about changing lives of people in the city of San Francisco," said Churton. "That's exactly what SI is about."

Churton and MacLeod kept an eye on both the bottom line and the event's end goal: supporting students who rely on tuition assistance to attend SI. "We designed a strategy and leveraged a broad team of volunteers to execute a successful result for the Scholarship Fund," added Churton. "Ian was with me every step of the way, as were both an operating and an honorary committee. I am grateful to all these men for making the event a success."

Churton singled out Bo Thiara, a father of a freshman, who convinced both Churton and









**From left, Joe Frias, S.J., Alex Llanera, S.J., and Andrew Laguna, S.J., lip-synched to Bon Jovi's "Living on a Prayer" at the Fathers' Club Auction.**

MacLeod of the need to create a professional business presentation to showcase the success of SI's Scholarship Program in shaping the lives of young people. That presentation brought in \$600,000 worth of underwriting and had the side effect of spurring giving among parents as well.

Other companies that made underwriting a success included First Republic, McKesson Foundation, TMG, JLL, Wells Fargo and Duggan's Mortuary, which donated all the printing for the invitations.

Both Churton and MacLeod pointed to the theme as another reason for the record-breaking night. The auction featured music from the '60s, '70s and '80s, along with "live" performances by Sonny and Cher (played by Fathers' Club Chairman Dave Fleming and last year's auction chair Steve Sirianni '84), Bruce Springsteen (played by both SI Principal Patrick Ruff and director Chris Columbus) and Bon Jovi (played by SI scholastics Alex Llanera, S.J., and Andrew Laguna, S.J., and Br. Joe Frias, S.J.).

Before the auction started, the attendees were treated to a rock experience. They

passed a graffiti wall as they entered and were frisked by a bouncer, and they received wristbands and backstage passes.

More than half of the attendees came in costume, and hundreds took to the dance floor after the auction to celebrate with the music of Pop Rocks.

Columbus contributed to the auction with a surprise offer of a weeklong internship on the set of his next movie. When bidding reached \$25,000, he offered two internships, making for a \$50,000 addition to the auction total.

Longtime supporters Tom and Kate Klein also jumped in mid-auction with an offer to match \$25,000 during donations to the Arrupe Fund, which offers support to students beyond tuition assistance. In all, the Arrupe Fund donors brought in \$260,000, with \$100,000 coming from four anonymous donors.

Churton praised MacLeod, noting that the goal of each auction chairman "is to help next year's chair do even better. Ian was the perfect vice chair, and I'll help him just as Dave Fleming and Steve Sirianni supported me."

MacLeod, in turn, praised Churton for "having a great plan, a level of enthusiasm

and a sincere love for the school that made an inordinate difference to the outcome of this year's auction. His approach was to be inclusive and to support a spirit of service. After all, that's what SI is about."

Both men also thanked volunteers, who spent days turning two gyms into rock venues, and auctioneers Bob Sarlatte '68 and Franco Finn, whose fast-pace ended the live auction at 9:45 p.m., a record for the event.

They also praised SI chef Rick Yang for both the food and service for the 750 guests, and they thanked SI's administration and staff. "Everyone was completely engaged because they know we're all on the same team working to support the Scholarship Fund. They made our job easy."

Fathers' Club President Dave Fleming praised Churton as "the genuine article. He means what he says, and he says it with meaning. His efforts at this year's auction were nothing short of spectacular. He leaves the auction in the capable hands of Ian MacLeod, and we cannot wait to hear the theme for 2016 so we can get back to the drawing board." ∞





## Facelift for SI thanks to seismic work

In the winter *Genesis*, we highlighted the seismic work that happened between May and November. That construction gave us an opportunity to spruce up the facade of the school with the inclusion of a new archway entrance and an AMDG emblem to greet visitors as they walk into the main entrance. We moved the flagpole to the front of the Orradre Courtyard and we added some new lights (see inset) by 37th Avenue. Our campus is now 46 years old, the oldest of any of the six schools that have carried the name St. Ignace since the school's founding in 1855. We will be updating much more in the years to come as we create the seventh campus inside the sixth.

## Vēnit, vīdit, correxit — he came, he saw, he corrected

Thanks to senior Dan Cimento '15, one of SI's best Latin scholars, the school's new entryway is letter perfect. The seal that decorates the redesigned entryway had the correct spelling when it went to a Berkeley artist for fabrication. It bore the Jesuit motto, *Ad maiorem dei gloriam* — for the greater glory of God. When the artist sent his proof to the school, the spelling was still correct.

Then, between the draft and execution, something happened. Instead of *maiozem*, one of the workers spelled *majoram* in the metal words around the circle. The mistake was tough to spot during installation, as a layer of light concrete covered the letters.

Cimento, the first person to note the error, did so on the day the redesigned entry opened to the public. The area had been closed both for the seismic upgrade and for the addition of a decorative arch and new landscaping.



As Cimento left school that day, he walked by the seal and noticed the typo. He took a photo with his cell phone and emailed it to Grace Curcio, his Latin 4AP teacher.

Curcio isn't surprised that Cimento caught the error. "He is so good that he could

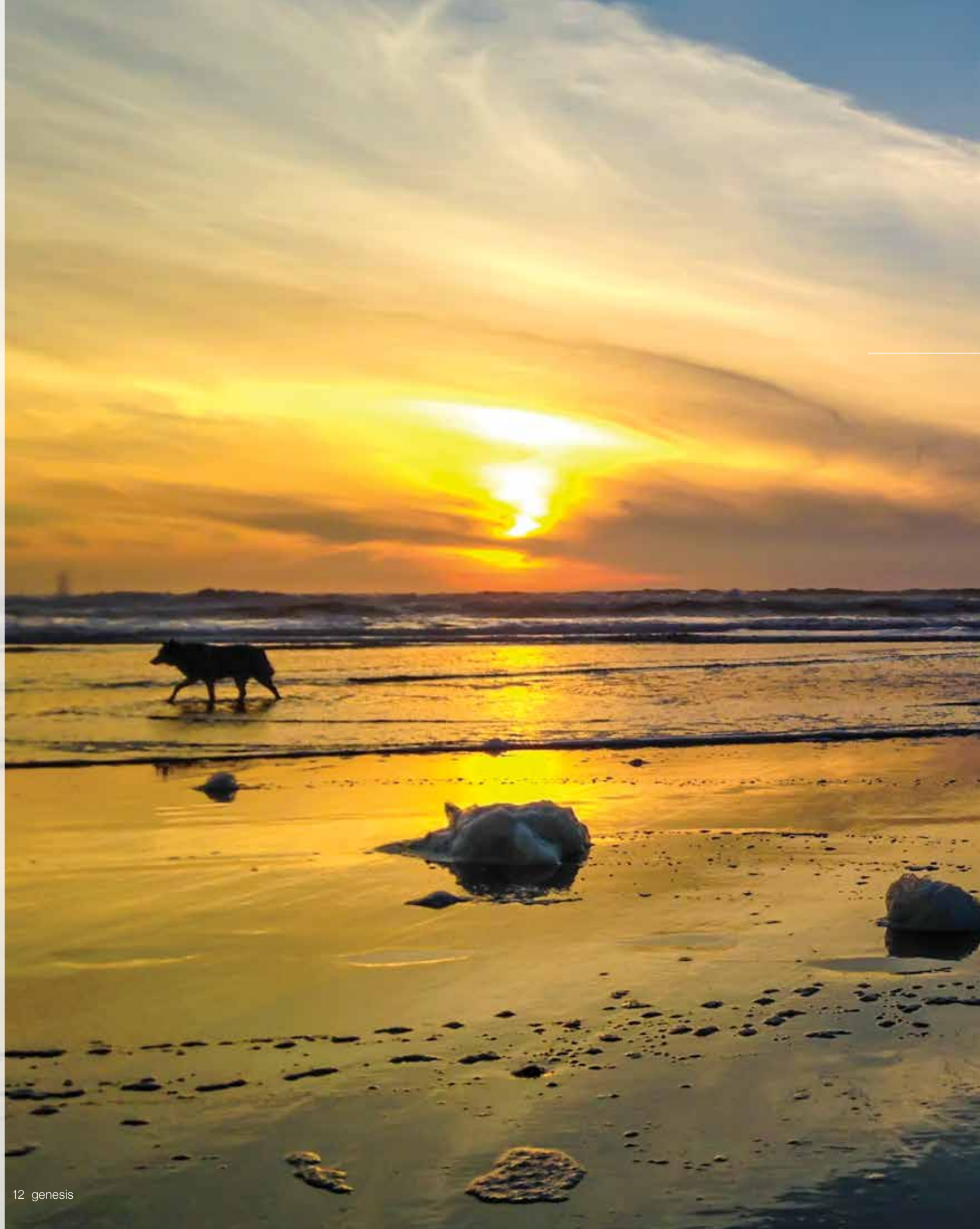
teach Latin 1 and 2 at SI," she noted. In fact, she picked him to coach the school's Latin 2 students for the Certamen competition.

Once Curcio alerted administrators about the error, they contacted the artist, and within two weeks, he had corrected the misspelling.

"Dan thoughtfully considered the details of the new entryway and had the knowledge and skills to catch the error," added Curcio. "Because Dan cares about SI and doesn't want the school to suffer any embarrassment, he took the time to notify me of the error. He is the embodiment of Ignatian education."

Cimento plans to continue his Latin studies in college. In the meantime, he's participating in the classics in one more way by starring in Mel Brooks' classic comedy, playing Igor in SI's spring musical, *Young Frankenstein*. ☺







A full-page background image showing a sunset over a beach. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow, with clouds catching the low light. The beach is sandy with some rocks and the ocean waves are visible in the distance.

# THE EDGES OF CARE

One of my favorite poets, Theodore Roethke, has a line in his poem “In a Dark Time,” that I often recall and love for its multiplicity of meanings:

*That place among the rocks — is it a cave,  
Or winding path? The edge is what I have.*

That last line can refer to being on the fringes of society as an outcast, being on the cutting edge of innovation, or having an advantage — having the edge over others. Edges are sharp, and those on the outside limits of society need to be smart, need to have acuity (sharpness) to succeed. “To edge” can also mean to move carefully, as to edge toward or away from something. For Roethke, I suspect he intended all of these meanings in his poem.

A school succeeds best when it explores the edges, when it stays away from the middle of the road and when it teaches us that we are our best selves when we care for people on the edge, for those who are at greatest risk. Our alumni are proof of this.

Paul Baffico '64, for example, felt on the edge after retiring as president of Sears' Automotive Group. At 52, three decades after his military service in Vietnam, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder hit him so hard it contributed to the end of his marriage and estranged him for a time from his sons. His recovery led him to care for others who shared the edge with him. He is now a docent at the Vietnam War Memorial, and he started a foundation to help vets in need of a hand up.

Kari Berquist '98, a clinical instructor at Stanford specializing in autism, has worked with hundreds of children to help them learn to communicate and succeed in a society that they find foreign. Her research has made it into the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and has been featured on *Time* magazine's website.

Bob Giorgetti '68, Greg McCarthy '86 and Mark Tandoc '94 each help the elderly, people on the edges of their lifespan, assisting them find caregivers, a home in an assisted living or residential care facility or benefits that can help pay for what they need.

Jim Stofan '85 helps another vulnerable group as chief operating officer for the Defenders of Wildlife, a national organization that fights to preserve habitats and endangered, threatened and rare species. His new job brings him down to earth from his former post as a top NASA administrator.

Fr. Joe Everson '80 now finds himself in an administrative capacity after being elected Vicar General for the Maryknoll Fathers. He spent most his career in South America doing the work he loved — caring for prisoners, baptizing village children and helping the poor — in service of those on the extreme edges of poverty.

Alicia Falango '93, founder of Alicia K Designs, has had her cutting edge weddings and events featured in magazines and on TV shows. Having grown her business thanks to a small business loan, she now works to help other small businesses succeed in a city that caters more to giant corporations than small shops.

Finally, filmmaker Robert Campos '76 has a new documentary — *3 Still Standing* — that tells the story of those on the edges of comedy. His film on Johnny Steele, Will Durst and Larry “Bubbles” Brown reveals how 1980s San Francisco became the place where comedians reinvented standup comedy and a place where, in the 1990s, the business model shifted, making it much harder for funny men and women to make a living doing what they love.

Here in San Francisco, in a place that is both literally and metaphorically on the edge, these men and women have found meaning and joy working with those who need help the most. For the rest of us, as we hunt among the rocks looking for our caves and winding paths — the inner and outer journeys we travel — you will find, I suspect, that these SI grads are good guides for us all. — PT



Paul Baffico '64 wrote his book to share his story with his family, who never knew about the PTSD he had suffered for years.



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# FACING THE WALL & THE WOUNDS

Most folks who retire as presidents of major corporations consider writing a book or doing some volunteer work.

That's what Paul Baffico '64 eventually did after stepping down in 2001 as president of Sears Automotive Group and chairman of the Board of Western Auto Supply Company.

First, however, he had to endure the ordeal of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, something that waited 30 years to surface, the result of his time serving in Vietnam, where five of the men under his command lost their lives.

PTSD brought about the end of Baffico's 30-year marriage and a temporary estrangement from his two sons. The treatment for it led to his co-writing a book, *Last Mission for a Reluctant Patriot*, with his second wife, Ann McNamara Smith; his launch of a foundation to help fellow veterans; and his near-decade of volunteer service as a docent at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

Baffico's journey toward both business success and military trauma began while a student at USF. He opted to join ROTC as tensions in Vietnam reached a fever pitch partly because he and his colleagues knew they would be drafted and hoped the war would be over before they graduated from college.

"By the time we graduated, the war had only worsened," said Baffico. "Because the ROTC fine print said we could delay entry for a year for any reason, I took advantage of that, hoping the war would be over by 1969."

While biding his time, he received word of the deaths of Richard Arthur Timboe '62 and Paul Medlin '63, two of the six SI grads who would eventually lose their lives in Vietnam.

"I felt scared when I heard the news of their deaths and felt even worse when I heard stories from guys coming back from fighting there," Baffico recalled.

After officer training at Ft. Gordon and communications training at Ft. Sill, Baffico was commissioned a first lieutenant platoon leader and assigned to the Army's 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. "These guys were the most elite Army soldiers other than the Green Berets," said Baffico. "Most came right out of West Point and knew they wanted to be career military men."

Between April 23, 1970, and Jan. 25, 1971, Baffico flew on 206 missions to set up and maintain 25-foot-tall communication antennas that allowed for first generation cell-phone communications. "These antennas became aiming sticks for the enemy. You would fly in, sometimes under fire, set up and start taking hits from mortars."

Three weeks after arriving, enemy soldiers overran one installation and killed three of his men. Later, two more would die after volunteering for a dangerous mission. "I tried talking them out of going, but to no avail. I felt guilty about their deaths for years."

Baffico almost lost his own life several times. "One time, I had to order a chopper pilot to fly me to a base after he refused. He told me that he had just seen his best friend shot down in a medevac chopper. I knew before we left that this wasn't going to end like war movies do. As we came within site of our goal, I saw that the enemy had torched the ammo dump and had control of half of the base. It was a miracle that we weren't shot right out of the air. The chopper waited 10 seconds for my men to get out and then started taking off while I stood on the skids. I was a huge target hanging onto the outside of the helicopter, watching tracers and gunfire all around me. I finally managed to get a strong enough grip to pull myself back in. I then curled into a fetal position and said an Act of Contrition."

When his tour of duty ended, he flew to Travis Air Force Base. To leave the base, he had to walk past a fence near war protestors who spat at him and who hurled flasks of urine at him and his fellow soldiers.

RIGHT: Paul Baffico has volunteered at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall since 2006 helping families find the names of loved ones who perished in combat.

Back in San Francisco, he pursued an MBA at Golden Gate University and found another kind of unwelcome greeting from his fellow students and professors. "Coming right out of the military, I looked like an alien to them," said Baffico. "They were obnoxious, as were my old classmates who wanted nothing to do with me. I had no community to connect to and didn't know how to talk about the war. I thought the only thing I could do was to box up my memories and emotions and forget what had happened." He suffered nightmares for the next nine years about Vietnam, but never told anyone, even his wife, about them.

Baffico left school to work at Sears, an organization "that ran like a Swiss watch compared to the U.S. Army, as far as I was concerned." He married his college sweetheart and rose through the ranks at the company, which asked him to open a new branch in Redding. His success bred more success in both Los Angeles and Chicago, and by the time he retired in 2001, he had become one of three presidents to report to the CEO of Sears Roebuck.

At 53, he found himself going from the fast-paced life of a major executive to a man of leisure with time for his nightmares to resurface. When they returned, they brought with them a hair-trigger temper, uncontrollable rage and a sense that danger was everywhere. A year-and-a-half later, his marriage of 30 years had dissolved. "After my wife left, I isolated myself. I just wanted to stay in a hole."

He began therapy in 2003, but his civilian counselors didn't have a handle on PTSD. "I started having tremendous guilt about the men killed under my command, but I was told not to approach the families of those dead men — that it would only cause their families pain."

Baffico's fortunes changed after he met Ann McNamara Smith while working as a consultant. "She asked me about my story, and I told her about my guilt. She said she also felt guilt from her time in the 1970s, when she led anti-war protests at her college. She told me that she and her colleagues had no idea of the suffering endured by returning soldiers, and she convinced me to seek help at the VA."

At the Veterans Administration hospital near his Illinois home, Baffico did a PTSD screening test that revealed the depth of his trauma. He began a course of therapeutic healing, and he questioned "why I had lived and all those others had been killed. That's when Ann told me I needed to go to the Wall and talk to my guys who had died. I told her that was voodoo, but I went anyway."

In 2006, Baffico stood before the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, reluctant to face the names of his men and the painful memories they evoked. "That's when a docent came over. We began talking and realized that we had identical backgrounds, having both lost five guys in our command. Then he told me that being a volunteer at the Wall and meeting me was the first time in 35 years he had ever felt good about being a Vietnam veteran. His service at the Wall, doing his men honor, was the least he could do for them. He encouraged me to consider becoming a docent even after I said I lived in Chicago. When I returned to Ann, she gave me the same advice." Baffico marked his first month as a docent in May 2006, helping fellow veterans find some healing among the names etched in the stone.

A Chicago paper wrote a story on Baffico's service at the Wall, and that caught the attention of the family of Ken Luttel, one of Baffico's men who had been killed in Vietnam. Ken was the oldest of 10 children, and the youngest sibling called Baffico to invite him to speak to the rest of the family. When Baffico arrived in Luttel's Indiana home, he found 41 relatives waiting to hear the truth of Ken's death.

"The Army had told Ken's parents that he had died when his jeep hit a landmine. They wondered why Luttel had been awarded a Bronze Star and an Army commendation medal for driving a jeep. The Army had lied to them. He had died in a mortar blast while setting up an antenna. The government wanted to downplay military deaths after the shootings at Kent State. I had the chance to apologize to them for not being able to talk Ken out of volunteering for what we both knew was a suicide mission. Ken's mother, who was still alive, told me not to worry, that she knew her son was determined to see action and that no force







could have stopped him from volunteering. That meeting provided closure for me and the letting go of guilt.”

That experience finally helped Baffico understand the point of his SI education. “The Jesuits and my teachers kept talking about service. I finally got it. My job was to serve my fellow veterans and help them and their families find healing and peace.”

That realization led Baffico to first work as a peer support specialist and to lead a transformational Veteran federal grant. In 2012, Baffico founded the Lake County Veterans and Family Service Foundation. “After the government shut down thanks to sequestration, I realized we had to privatize our work to care for veterans to go beyond what the Department of Defense and VA are doing. We don’t care about discharge status, and we offer therapies that the VA can’t offer. We’ll also work with vets who are hungry and homeless and with National Guard or Reserve troops who are back from Iraq and Afghanistan. They only qualify for VA benefits if they serve 180 days in combat, but most are rotated out after 179 days just so that they won’t qualify.”

The year he started the foundation, he was named the Red Cross Military Hero of the Year for Greater Chicagoland, and given his foundation’s success, Baffico is working with the VA to replicate this model and extend its work throughout the U.S.

In 2014, Baffico published *Last Mission for a Reluctant Patriot*, which he wrote with

his wife. “The book began when a therapist suggested I write down my story so that others could benefit from it. I had never spoken to my sons nor my grandkids about the war, and I thought I should leave them something so that they knew why I was the way I was. I felt a little like the main character from *American Sniper*. He was two separate people — one a warrior and one a family man. That separation of selves was hard on him and on the people around him. I had to be three people — a father, a warrior and a business executive — and managing all that was tough.”

The book also was a revelation to Baffico’s sister and to his brother James ’59. “My brother was a guy who had played for the Buffalo Bills, and who had won a couple of Emmys for his work as a director and who had a great career as an actor. After he read the book, he called me in tears and told me that he had no idea what I had been through.”

The long journey, Baffico said, “has been difficult but also rewarding. I feel at peace being of service to other veterans and to civilians, letting them know more about the invisible wounds warriors suffer. I explain at the Wall the importance of being able to talk about your wounds. When a veteran touches a name on the Wall, he is brought back to the moment his life was changed forever. We should always remember these men and women — not the cause they served, not the politics, but the fact of their ultimate sacrifice.” ∞

LEFT: Paul Baffico stands with fellow docents at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, a place where he has found some healing from his days in Southeast Asia.





Kari Berquist had her research published both in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5)* and celebrated on *Time* magazine's website.



# KARI BERQUIST, PH.D. '98, DOES PIONEERING WORK TO HELP CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND THEIR FAMILIES

Kari Berquist '98 first discovered that she loved working with children with autism while, as a college student, she sat next to a toddler with autism. Her realization that her work was making a real difference in the brief time she spent with the boy was the “aha moment” that forever changed her life.

A decade later, she is still in touch with the boy and his family and has seen him grow in his ability to make good friends and thrive in social situations.

A clinical instructor at the Stanford School of Medicine with a doctoral degree in applied developmental psychology, Berquist has worked with hundreds of children, and her efforts have made it both into the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5)* as well as Time.com, which hailed a recent study she helped conduct.

That study looked at the ability to train parents in a group setting to learn Pivotal Response Training (PRT), one of the effective techniques to help children with autism. The tried-and-true therapy has been around since the 1970s, but the idea of training parents in a group setting was the part under the microscope.

The technique focuses on utilizing a child’s motivation to teach new skills such as communication, Berquist explained. “Parents use natural opportunities to teach their children to communicate. For example, if a child wanted a toy car, a parent would prompt a child to say ‘car’ and have the child attempt to say ‘car’ before handing it over. Parents, to motivate their children, create opportunities to communicate based on their children’s interests. Children then learn that by verbalizing their needs, they get access to what they want.”

The group therapy involved 53 children with autism between the ages of 2 and 6. After a dozen weeks, 84 percent of parents succeeded in learning and using PRT. In the Time.com article, Berquist noted that “while group models are new to autism treatment, they can be much less expensive and more efficient than one-on-one training sessions and are just as effective while also providing supportive structures for parents.”

The technique addresses the central issue facing most children with autism: their lack of social motivation. “Unlike other young children, who will do something they may not want in order to please an adult, those with autism are less motivated to do an activity they dislike. Communication can be challenging for children with autism, which makes it essential for parents to teach using natural incentives.”

Berquist’s road to autism research and treatment began, in part, at SI, where she learned how much she valued serving others. During an immersion trip to Tucson, she worked with immigrants and victims of domestic violence and played with their children. “I remember calling my parents and telling them that I wanted to be a social worker to help people, especially children.”

She also found inspiration during her senior retreat at SI, “as it gave me time to reflect on my life, to take stock of what mattered the most and to appreciate the value of a safe place, where I could discuss my feelings and concerns.”

She also found that safe place on the stage, and she stopped playing softball in her senior year at SI in order to perform in *The Secret Garden*. At UC San Diego, she became president of the Muir Theatre Troupe for two years and directed *A Doll’s House*. She changed her focus after taking a class in behavioral psychology in the summer before her senior year, which allowed her to do behavioral intervention in an autism lab.

She now works at Stanford and maintains her own private practice, helping families navigate a confusing landscape of treatments, some clinically proven to be successful and others based more on anecdotal evidence than on science.



Parents have a hard time knowing what path to pursue, added Berquist, often because “there are over a thousand interventions with conflicting information that claim to be effective in treating autism, and despite evidence of genetic connections, the causes of autism are not well known.”

To help parents better understand treatments, Berquist launched a website, Healthmavens.com, last September. “I have seen the results of many studies that are never widely disseminated. Our goal is to make treatments as transparent as possible to help those with autism and to help caregivers make high quality decisions about their care. It’s important for parents and individuals affected with autism to be active consumers of treatments. Not knowing the cause of autism can breed fear, and there are people who take advantage of this fear to promote unproven treatments.”

She and her colleagues are also quick to educate about the most common myth of autism: that vaccinations are to blame. “Numerous well-conducted studies show that there is no relationship between vaccine injections and autism,” said Berquist. “The original data linking vaccines to autism was recently retracted, and the data was deemed falsified. It worries me that people are not vaccinating their children because of this myth, especially given recent outbreaks of measles and whooping cough.”

Berquist also cautions people not to look too closely at TV and film characters as typical of people with either autism or Asperger syndrome. “They are often caricatures and stereotypes,” she noted. “The autism spectrum is just that — a spectrum. On that continuum, people can vary in their level of functioning and degree to which they can be outgoing, athletic or artistic. Many kids on the autism spectrum can grow into adults who can do well, live independent lives, be successful and be happy. A real-life model is Dr. Temple Grandin. Despite her mother being told that there was no hope for her to function well in society, Temple showed that this wasn’t the case and became a professor and innovator in animal science. The hope is that with good intervention services and family involvement, individuals with autism can progress and thrive.”


Berquist’s advice to parents who worry about developmental delays in their children is to “get them checked out and get problems addressed as soon as possible. Early intervention is key to helping close that developmental gap.” Screening for developmental delays can happen with developmental pediatricians, psychologists, or at regional centers run by the state, such as the Golden Gate Regional Center in San Francisco at 1355 Market Street. The center there can help children with issues ranging from intellectual disabilities and disabling conditions such as autism, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. ∞

Greg McCarthy contracts with caregivers, such as Milanie Dela Cruz, to help seniors. She is pictured here with John and Sellweh Totah, parents of *Genesis* Editor Paul Totah.





# THREE GRADS WORK TO HELP ELDERLY EASE THE WORRIES OF GROWING OLD



Bob Giorgetti '68, Greg McCarthy '86 and Mark Tandoc '94 each has worked to help the elderly face the challenges of aging. They also know about eldercare first hand.

When McCarthy was 7, he noticed that shortly after his grandmother turned 50, she began to lose her memory. "We all joked about Nonni being forgetful," he said. "Soon, it became clear that she was the victim of Alzheimer's disease. One day, she locked herself out of her house and got lost wandering in her neighborhood. Before she died, our family provided her with a caregiver and then moved into a memory care facility."

McCarthy's mother, Judith Guilfoyle, in trying to find information on how to care for her mother, had trouble working through the county and the hospital systems. That led her to complete a degree from SFSU and work in gerontology first as a volunteer and now as an ombudsman for San Mateo County, helping the elderly navigate a confusing system to find the care they need. The ombudsman program now protects and guides the elderly and those with disabilities, advocating for those who live in long-term care facilities.

Tandoc grew up living, at various times, with his paternal and maternal grandparents, who looked after him and his siblings when his chemist mom and electrician father were working. "In the Filipino culture, we often have grandparents looking after the grandchildren. And as the grandparents get older, those roles reverse."

Giorgetti spent time with his grandparents in Half Moon Bay and, later, he watched as his father faced old age with little savings. "Had I known then what I know now, I could have helped him," he noted.

These three men now have advice for people looking to care for elderly parents or who are (or should be) preparing for a time when they need care either at home or at a facility.

McCarthy owns Thera Home Care and specializes in placing caregivers in homes of people who need help, while Tandoc's Ambassador Senior Referral Agency seeks to place seniors in assisted living or residential care facilities. Giorgetti's Retirement Income Solutions helps seniors secure Social Security, Medi-Cal, Medicare and veterans' benefits.

## MCCARTHY'S ADVICE

Each advises clients to become active, educated consumers of the various options in eldercare and to act by the book. "It's easy to hire someone off the books," said McCarthy. "But you

run risks doing that. I know one family that lost \$80,000 from an unscrupulous caregiver, and another person is being sued for back pay. An agency protects against these things and provides workers with oversight, management, background checks, workers compensation and payroll taxes."

McCarthy recommends that people "have conversations with their parents to find out what quality of life decisions they would like to have made for them should the need arise. We all assume we know, but if we wait too long, sometimes we face parents who lose their ability to communicate."

Seniors, he added, should also begin turning to primary physicians who specialize in gerontology and who are aware of the needs of and specific medications for seniors. "This is particularly important if memory issues are at play."

He also urges seniors to fill out a clear advanced directive as well as a Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form. "An advanced directive supersedes all other documents and gives seniors control regarding the care they receive as they approach the end of their lives." POLST forms are most important in an emergency to let responders know if such wishes as a Do Not Resuscitate order is in place.

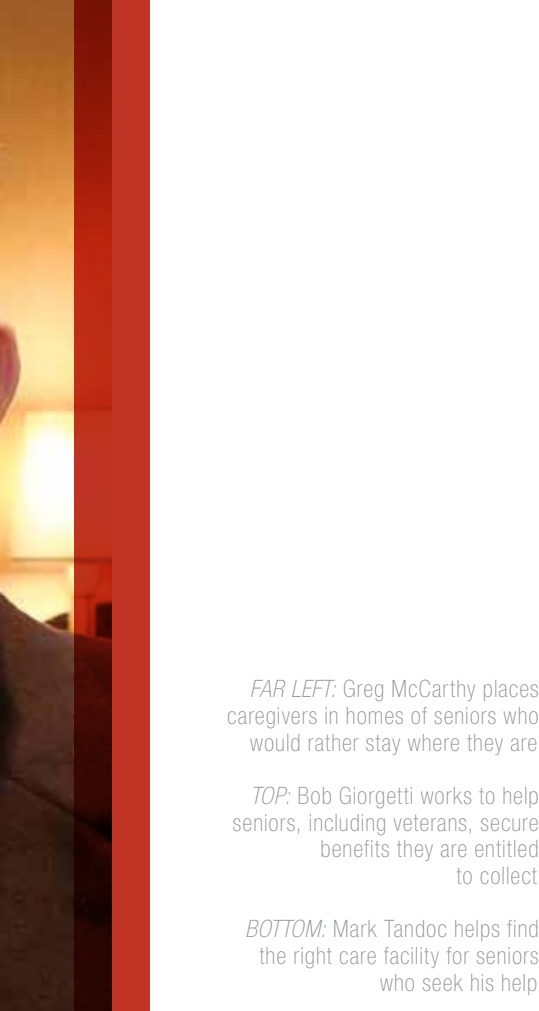
McCarthy encourages seniors to mind the medi-gap — the amount that Medicare doesn't cover but that can be picked up by a secondary insurance policy. He also warns people who qualify for Medi-Cal that "the usual placement is a skilled nursing facility. This is the more expensive placement and often not the best. It would be less expensive to find low-cost senior housing with some support and care as appropriate or find the right assisted living facility. San Mateo County, along with The Institute on Aging, is piloting a program like this right now to encourage more appropriate placement of those who qualify for Medi-Cal to increase the quality of life."

In addition, McCarthy urges seniors to add family members to bank accounts and to trusts "to help when memory and other mental capacities are compromised."

Making life even more difficult for senior citizens is the high cost of care. On Jan. 1, 2014, AB241 took effect. "Although helpful in protecting the rights of caregivers, it left out a sleep-time deduction clause that now has seniors pay caregivers for the time they sleep during 24-hour care. This is costing clients more, and many people now can't afford to stay at home. This drives people into facilities or into the unprotected underground market. We







*FAR LEFT:* Greg McCarthy places caregivers in homes of seniors who would rather stay where they are.

*TOP:* Bob Giorgetti works to help seniors, including veterans, secure benefits they are entitled to collect.

*BOTTOM:* Mark Tandoc helps find the right care facility for seniors who seek his help.

are helping state legislators realize that we need to take another look at this in order to care for seniors as well as caregivers.”

The easiest help we can offer seniors, McCarthy added, “is to give them a helping hand on a daily basis. SI students can do their community service hours at senior centers, and we all can stop for a moment to talk to seniors or open a door for them. Not everyone is blessed with family members, and seniors are a vulnerable population. They have much to teach us, and we should respect and learn from them. SI taught me these lessons and gave me the tools of compassion and care.”

That education continued at UC Davis, where McCarthy majored in exercise physiology, an interest that stemmed from a football injury. He found rehab interesting and volunteered in clinics at Davis, where he realized just how rewarding the work could be.

McCarthy went on to earn a master’s degree in physical therapy at the University of Kansas. He worked for a time at an outpatient sports PT clinic that treated athletes from the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs before moving back to the Bay Area in 1999 to continue as a physical therapist.

He supervised a PT clinic for Kaiser Hospital in Union City, where he began treating more senior citizens and learning about geriatric care. He rose through the ranks at Kaiser but felt the tug to start his own business. While pursuing this dream, he did a three-year stint as an independent contractor at a sub-acute skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility, working closely with patients with diagnoses ranging from stroke and Parkinson’s disease to hip fractures and joint replacements.

Seniors who left the facility, he noticed, still needed care once they returned home. Family members would ask to hire McCarthy to continue working privately with their parents even after benefits ran out. He also began training caregivers for agencies.

“That’s when I realized that I had found a niche. I could bring my PT background into homecare settings to help those who had been pushed too quickly from hospitals. I could differentiate my agency by using my background as a physical therapist to bring a medical edge to what is, essentially, a non-medical service.”

Currently, McCarthy has 100 caregivers who work for him as part-time or full-time employees and who help at 45 private residences. He plans to expand throughout the Bay Area with new satellite offices, and he has recently added a new service with his Geriatric Care Management Line. “We become the concerned child for someone who doesn’t have a concerned child to advocate for them. We want to help people manage all aspects of their lives, from setting up medical appointments to arranging household maintenance.”

Caring for the elderly brings McCarthy into the lives of his clients as well as into their homes, including former SI regent and Christ the King recipient Jay Fritz ’58. “I saw him two days before he died,” said McCarthy. “His final words to me were ‘Go ‘Cats.’”

## **TANDOC’S ADVICE**

Tandoc, who runs the Ambassador Senior Referral Agency, issues his own set of warnings to clients. “Don’t rely on your medical insurance to pay for all the care you need when you grow old,” he stressed. “Most people aren’t aware just how expensive senior care is and that Medicare does not cover the cost of care after hospitalization with the exception of approved short-term stays in skilled nursing facilities. Not a lot of people have long-term care insurance, and fewer insurance companies are issuing those types of policies. This entire process of preventing further hospitalization is both confusing and stressful, especially when you need to find a way to pay for care. People don’t know how to gain access to find the appropriate level of care and aren’t prepared to sift through all the material to determine just what they need.”

The levels of care can be confusing, Tandoc added. “Some people can afford to stay at home with in-home caregivers. Some need just a few hours a week, while others need around-the-clock care. It all depends on the medical conditions that your loved one has. As conditions such as dementia, osteoporosis, diabetes and heart disease advance, seniors find more challenges living alone.”

Some seniors, he noted, can’t afford full-time one-on-one care at home and choose to stay in assisted living facilities, using their homes as a source of income. “Assisted Living facilities



such as Alma Via or Vintage Golden Gate, are typically large senior communities where care is provided as you need it. These places have their own apartments with various amenities. They provide meals and offer opportunities to socialize with other seniors through coordinated activities and outings.”

Another option for care outside of your own home is the board-and-care route. “These are smaller facilities that are licensed and less expensive than assisted living or home care. Many of these are converted homes typically located in residential neighborhoods, where two caregivers provide for six to 12 seniors.”

Those with feeding tubes or ventilators or who need advanced medical care need to live in skilled nursing facilities, while memory care units specialize in treating people with dementia or Alzheimer’s disease. “These are often secure units with supervision to prevent wandering or elopement,” Tandoc noted. Some assisted living facilities also offer memory care units.

Even though all of these options are expensive, Tandoc cautions against seniors using reverse mortgages if other options exist. “At the end of the day, seniors can potentially lose their home even if they don’t use all the value of their home for their care.” He also cautions seniors to be wary of deals that sound too good to be true. “I’ve seen too many people scammed out of their life savings. A lot of unscrupulous people are out there every day preying on seniors.”

Some seniors citizens, he added, can be their own worst enemy. “Many are in denial and know how to cover up their medical conditions, and sometimes spouses cover for each other. Adult children need to learn how to spot clues so that issues such as frequent falls, forgetting to turn off the stove or forgetting to take medicine are dealt with before something serious happens. It’s better for families to talk things through and come up with a plan of care.”

Tandoc knows about residential care facilities quite well, as his mother, Annie De la Cruz, owns Heritage Residential Care in San Mateo. She started out with one home with a dozen beds over 20 years ago and now manages nine homes in San Mateo, Burlingame and Millbrae that care for 60 seniors. “Many of her former residents have included SI families,” Tandoc added.

“My family has always been into caring for others. My mom wanted me and my two sisters to be doctors or find a career in health care. I wanted to follow in the footsteps of my older sister, who is a pediatrician.”

At Cal, Tandoc studied pre-med integrative biology and served as a teacher’s assistant for public health and anatomy classes. After graduating, he taught biology for one summer at SI but turned down an offer to teach physics. He tutored on the Peninsula before joining his mother’s company in 2000. A dozen years later, he formed his own firm to help seniors find the care facility that best suits their needs. “When people choose in-home care, I often refer them to Greg. If they are veterans or need help accessing their benefits, I make sure to tell them about the service Bob Giorgetti offers.”

Tandoc would also like to see systemic problems fixed. “We need better integration between the hospital and home and better education and communication between the health care providers and non-medical providers who are governed by

the California’s Department of Health Care Services and the Department of Social Services.”

To help people younger than 65 prepare for their later years, Tandoc and Giorgetti have given seminars at various community events. “I want people to know their options for senior care before they need it. If they prepare well, they can avoid the pitfalls, including unnecessary hospitalizations or having adult children fight over care decisions or, worse, argue over inheritance. I’ve seen some folks placed in nursing homes and then ignored by family members. They suffer from social isolation and depression. These older men and women have amazing lives and can share wisdom and humor as well as a lifetime of experience. We need to spend the time preparing, learning about options and finding the right place for our aging loved ones just as, we hope, our children will do for us.”

### GIORGETTI’S ADVICE

Giorgetti’s advice is simple: “Before you hit 60, if you can, buy long-term health care insurance to help protect you and your family from the cost of long-term care. Custodial care in a long-term skilled nursing facility is upwards of \$12,000 per month with assisted living facilities ranging from \$3,000 to well over \$6,000 per month.”

After working in the food business, he has spent the past 10 years in the group benefits field. More recently, Giorgetti began assisting seniors with Medicare and found that very few seniors have plans for long-term care.

Through his business, he met long-term health care professionals “who took me under their wings and showed me how to help seniors work through the maze of government programs and bureaucracy to become qualified for Medi-Cal and veterans benefits. From that experience, I started showing people how to maximize their social security benefits and how to create contractual guaranteed income for life, using their social security benefits as the bedrock.”

Most people, Giorgetti found, are unaware of a program called Veteran Aid and Attendance that provides veterans who qualify with \$2,000 a month toward their care. “I am committed to minimizing a family’s out-of-pocket costs while maximizing benefits for those families transitioning into a long-term care environment.” He is also willing to offer advice free of charge to SI graduates and their parents.

Those who need the most help are folks caught in the middle, he added. “Those who have the means can afford to fund their own care, and those who are broke qualify for benefits. Sadly, most of us fall in the middle. We have saved, but not enough, and we can’t afford to pay over \$100,000 a year for care.

Seniors, he added, should consult with an elder law attorney regarding their estate plans in order to protect their assets in a way that will allow them to qualify for benefits. “A senior owning a home may qualify for Medi-Cal benefits. However, when the last spouse passes, the state may attempt to recoup the Medi-Cal costs by going after the home,” said Giorgetti. “If seniors plan well, their homes can be protected from this and pass to their children. It’s worth exploring your options with an elder law attorney.” ∞







# JIM STOFAN '85 SPEAKS FOR THE TREES AS DEFENDER OF WILDLIFE'S NEW COO

Jim Stofan '85 finds some irony in describing his former and current jobs.

For his last gig, he served as the deputy associate administrator for education at NASA's D.C. headquarters, helping inform students about the efforts to explore the vacuum of space and the search for some signs of life.

Now his focus is planet earth. A year ago, he took a job as chief operating officer for Defenders of Wildlife, where he works to preserve the life that surrounds us.

The job is a return home in many ways. A biology major at Johns Hopkins University, Stofan has long had a passion for nature. He even worked as senior vice president for education at the National Wildlife Federation before joining NASA, and he spends his free time scuba diving and volunteering as a diver at the National Aquarium, where he, quite literally, swims with the sharks as part of his work teaching about stingrays, sharks and sea turtles to help visitors appreciate the world below the water's surface.

He also swims with the sharks metaphorically, fighting those who seek to weaken the Endangered Species Act. "Forty years ago, Congress understood the need to be good stewards of our environment and passed laws to protect our land, water and wildlife. Sadly today, many in Congress seem more concerned with doing the bidding of polluting industries and special economic interests that are more intent on weakening or eliminating the Endangered Species Act. Defenders of Wildlife is the voice for our nation's wildlife and wild places, and thanks to our 1.1 million members and supporters, we are a strong and powerful force on the national and local level."

Stofan's passion for nature began early in his life. His uncle served as curator of ornithology and mammalogy at the California Academy of Sciences. At SI, the late Tom Murphy '76, then head of SI's Science Department, taught Stofan AP Biology. "I was the only student in the class then," said Stofan. "He was one of the teachers who influenced me and shaped my interest."

At NASA, Stofan helped inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. Now he is back working to preserve the biodiversity of North America, running the day-to-day operations of Defenders of Wildlife.

Founded in 1947, this national conservation organization employs 140 people and uses its \$37 million annual budget to protect wildlife and to conserve habitats. The organization, along with its members and supporters, collaborates with state and local groups to develop innovative programs to protect species. It also works with federal and state lawmakers to craft legislation and to defend existing laws. When necessary, Defenders' lawyers go to court to ensure the survival of imperiled wildlife, protect public lands and hold federal agencies accountable. The group also has a sister organization, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund, that conducts hard-hitting accountability campaigns, petition drives and grassroots advocacy, and it takes on opponents at the ballot box.

Thanks to a decades-long effort by Defenders of Wildlife, gray wolves have returned to the Northern Rockies and are making a comeback in Washington and Oregon. "Years ago, we determined that the only way wolves would recover was for us to have them coexist with ranchers. Since then, we have become the leading organization in identifying and implementing nonlethal tools to protect livestock from natural predation. And our tools work. If we help ranchers thrive, we help wolves survive. It's a win-win for everyone."

"A century ago," Stofan added, "wolves almost disappeared from most of our country due to excessive extermination efforts. Now their populations are coming back. One wolf recently crossed into California from Oregon, the first of its kind to set foot in the state in 90 years."

Jim Stofan spent time in Yellowstone, where he took members of his organization to see the success his group has had restoring gray wolves to the state.





A black bear wanders through the wilds of Wyoming. Jim Stofan's group, Defenders of Wildlife, help preserve habitat for bears and other species throughout the U.S.

Stofan noted that Defenders of Wildlife needs to be vigilant given renewed attempts to cull the wolf population in the lower 48 states. “Some states, like Idaho, that have been given back responsibility for the management of wolves, have reverted to the deadly practices that nearly wiped out wolves decades ago. Defenders of Wildlife is using every tool available to us to stop these practices and is committed to wolf recovery.”

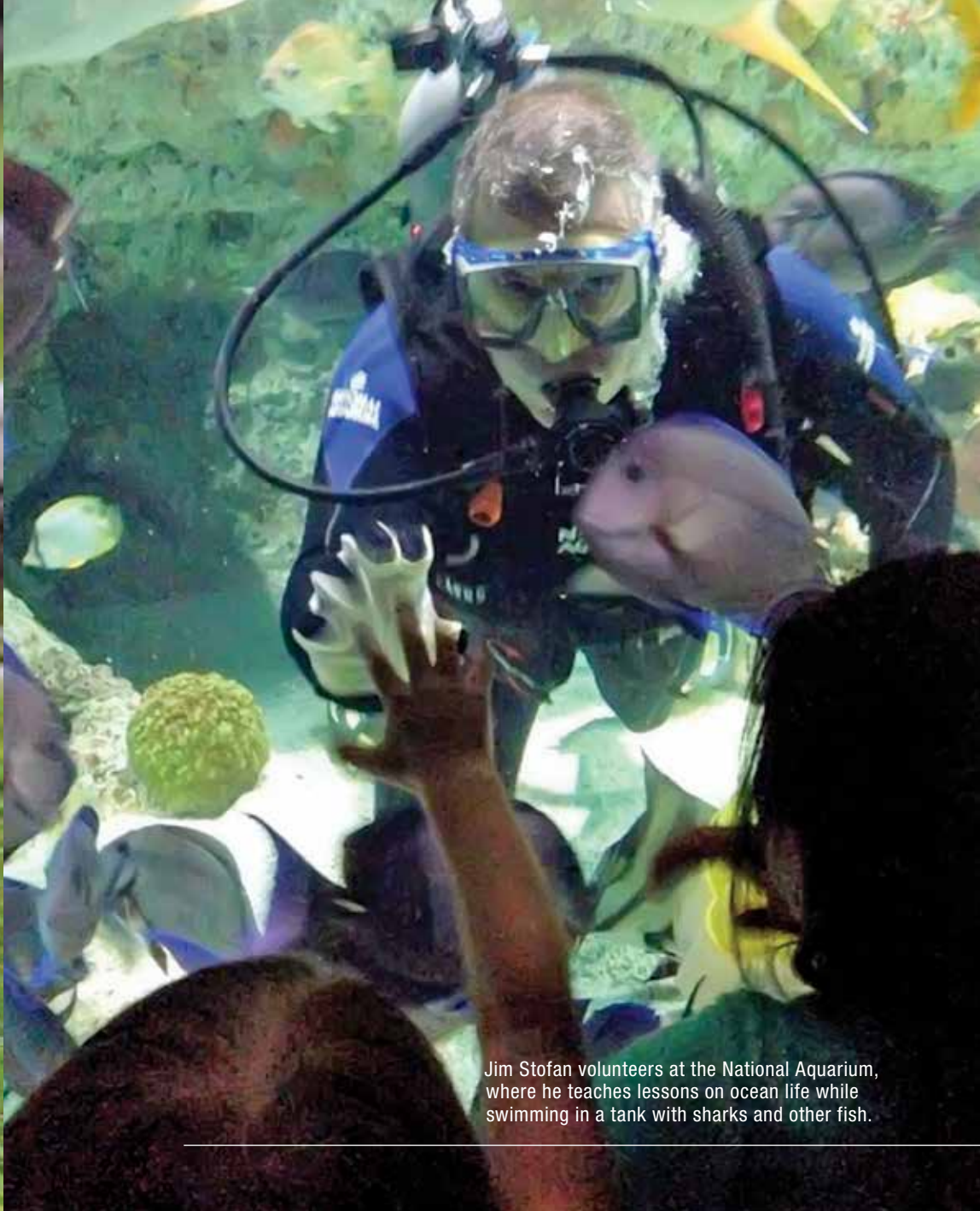
A little over a year ago, Stofan's group worked in California to ban lead ammunition, and Gov. Jerry Brown '55 signed this first-in-the-nation legislation into law. Lead poisoning has been the primary cause of death for California condors, a species that has been struggling to recover for years. “This ban will give them a fighting chance,” said Stofan.

Stofan sees his work as stemming neither from the political right nor the left. “This is neither a Republican

nor a Democratic cause,” he added. “When Richard Nixon signed the Endangered Species Act into law in 1973, it was a bipartisan issue relevant to all aspects of society. President Nixon and Congress saw that our natural heritage was a right, privilege and legacy for all Americans.”

Defenders of Wildlife is also helping guide our nation's transition to clean energy in a way that protects wildlife and habitats by ensuring renewable energy projects are built, in Stofan's words, “smart from the start.” To do this, Defenders helps renewable energy projects avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts on wildlife and habitats. Defenders also works with federal and state agencies to shape policies for renewable energy development and partners with non-government organizations and project developers to increase renewable energy development while protecting wildlife and wild places.





Jim Stofan volunteers at the National Aquarium, where he teaches lessons on ocean life while swimming in a tank with sharks and other fish.

Rather than slow our economy, reduce the number of jobs or threaten energy independence, these efforts, Stofan argues, “allow us to meet our needs in a way that respects nature. We are caretakers of a heritage and a legacy that we owe to future generations of Americans. I’ve worked so hard in science education throughout my career because we need to leave the planet a better and stronger place than when we first got here. Over the centuries, predators and prey have developed a healthy balance and specialized ecological niches. Bears, panthers, sharks and wolves play important roles, and we need to find ways to allow them to exist alongside us.”

Even though he spends most of his time in an office pushing papers and staring at a computer, Stofan hopes his work helps everyone become a defender of wildlife. “Not everyone will work with polar bears or create wildlife corridors, but everyone

can make a difference. Parents can help children learn about the natural world around us just by creating a pesticide-free native garden in their backyards to attract butterflies and other pollinators. That’s a huge help in building a conservation ethic.”

Stofan does leave the office on occasion. Last June he took members to see wolves in the wild in Yellowstone. “That’s one of the most amazing experiences I’ve had. Our organization helped to restore gray wolves long before I joined, and it was a privilege to see what has grown from a few wolves released back in 1995. Over three days, we saw wolves with pups, grizzlies and black bears with cubs and a place with a full web of life, from predators on down. None of this would have been possible without groups like Defenders of Wildlife and others who realized the importance of conserving wildlife and wild places. I feel that it is incumbent upon us to pass these gifts on to the next generation.” ∞



Below: Fr. Everson spent most of his career in South America  
except for a time when he served in Mexico.  
Photos by Sean Spague/Maryknoll Mission Archives.



# FR. JOE EVERSON '80 — THE NEW VICAR GENERAL FOR MARYKNOLL'S WORLDWIDE SERVICE TO THE POOR

Of all the tomes and periodicals Joe Everson '80 read in his days at SI, Cal and the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, none affected him as much as a thin magazine on his parents' coffee table in their Sunset District home.

*Maryknoll Magazine*, with its stories of missionaries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, stayed with Everson throughout his school days, his work clerking for a federal appellate judge and his time working for a corporate law firm in New York.

He began supporting the Maryknolls while in the Big Apple. When he turned 30, he decided to join the group and enter its seminary. Seven years later, he was ordained, and he now serves as Vicar General for the Maryknolls, the number-two position just below the Superior General.

His election last year to the post places him in a top leadership position in a group that includes 350 priests and brothers. The men are connected to the Maryknoll Sisters, who number 450, and the 150-strong Maryknoll lay missionaries, all of whom have their headquarters in Ossining, NY, 32 miles north of Manhattan.

Everson, the youngest of 10 children, grew up wondering if he had a vocation to the priesthood. He played soccer and worked on the yearbook at SI, where he found mentors in Jesuits such as Rev. Kevin Leidich, S.J. '70 (then a scholastic), Rev. Russell Roide, S.J., and Rev. Ray Allender, S.J. '62.

He majored in history at Cal, thinking he would become a high school history teacher, and worked at Macy's to put himself through school. After graduation, he attended law school, earning his JD in 1988. Turning 30, he noted, "proved a good time to act on what I thought was my true vocation. I've been with the Maryknolls ever since."

He continued his legal education even after joining the Maryknolls, studying canon law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., earning his degree in 2010. For most of his career with the Maryknolls, he worked in Peru, Mexico and Bolivia, including a stint as a canon lawyer for the Archdiocese of La Paz.

He enjoyed his posts, thanks, in part, to his study of history and geography with Bill Morlock '49 at SI. His first post took him to the Altiplano region of Peru, where he lived in a village on the shores of Lake Titicaca helping the Aymara people and preparing children for first communion and confirmation. Within six months, a Maryknoll priest fell ill, leaving Fr. Everson, then a seminarian, alone to perform funerals, weddings and liturgies among the area's 40 chapels. "Even though I studied French at SI, my Spanish took off because of that immersion," he noted.

Later, he lived in Tacna, Peru, doing social work for the local diocese, helping people with mental health issues as well as people who had AIDS or who were addicts. In La Paz, he worked on the diocesan tribunal and served as a chaplain to

prisoners. "The prison has been in the center of town for more than a century, and the prisoners live with their wives and children, who are free to come and go each day. I served them in a beautiful Catholic chapel in the heart of the prison." One day, Fr. Everson baptized 60 children ranging in age from 6 months to 6 years.

Still, crowded conditions exacerbated the suffering of the families. "Prisoners are forced to buy or rent their cells from other prisoners. Some paid with the money earned by their wives while others paid from their own work in the prison or from donations by family members. Also, Latin American governments don't offer the range of social services that we do in the U.S. People look to the Church to meet their social needs. That's why we set up in the prison a day care center and a place for school children to get help with their homework."

The people he met throughout his ministry in Latin America, he added, were also in need of evangelization. "Many rural areas have gone without Church services or Catholic schools in recent decades, though groups such as *Fe y Alegría* have been a boon to many areas."

Fr. Everson also came to realize that government corruption and unemployment made life hard for the people he met. "I can't count the number of times people asked me about jobs or told me about someone's son or daughter graduating from university. Now that the era of dictatorships is passing and countries are transitioning to stable democracies, I hope we will see fewer people in authority who take advantage of their positions."

Ossining will be Fr. Everson's home until 2020, when his six-year term of office expires. He will spend that time dealing with internal personnel matters and working as the group's canon lawyer. He will also help new recruits, from their admission and throughout their formation.

The group, he noted, is not a religious order like the Society of Jesus or the Franciscans. "We are a society of apostolic life, similar to the Paulist Fathers."

The Maryknolls also differ from other groups in that their job is to empower dioceses, parishes and Catholic schools in the countries where they work. "That's why, historically, we only took recruits from the U.S. However, our most recent General Chapter gave permission to consider the possibility of accepting some candidates from the countries where we work if they know us well and come to us of their own accord. However, we will not 'recruit' from our overseas missions."

He added that anything built by the Maryknolls overseas, "we hand over to the local diocese, and we train local priests and religious to run what we turn over. Our goal is to empower local communities by increasing local vocations. We don't want to increase the number of Maryknolls by taking vocations from overseas, as we see that as stealing a vocation from a diocese. Our charism asks us to help build up the Church where it is." ∞



# DESIGNER ALICIA FALANGO '93 HOPES TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE CITY THRIVE

Alicia Falango '93 knows how to survive. Back in 2005, she lived to tell the story — thanks, in part, to her experience as a scuba diver — after the small plane she was traveling in crashed into the Atlantic about six miles southeast of Fort Lauderdale.

A few years ago, she almost found herself once again underwater while trying to expand her business of over 10 years, Alicia K Designs, an event planning and design company based in the city's Potrero Hill neighborhood.

"I needed to take on more business to afford how fast my company was growing," said Falango. "And that's the Catch-22, along with the fact that banks wouldn't lend to me. They all want to bankroll the next Google. They don't understand the kind of small business I own — one that is labor intensive and seasonal and not based on capital that can be liquidated. I knew we would fail unless we found money just to keep up with growth."

Falango found help from both the San Francisco and Oakland Small Business Development Centers, which offer mentorships and loans to small to mid-sized businesses.

She used her loan to consolidate debt, to build equity by purchasing new inventory and to secure a line of credit to tide her over during the event off-season between winter and spring.

The difficulty Falango experienced in finding funding turned her into an advocate for fellow small business owners also interested in securing loans. She has since become a member of her neighborhood merchants group as well as a voice at City Hall, where she supports the work of Supervisor Mark Farrell '92, to back companies that aren't as big as the Twitters of the world. She also serves on the advisory board of the Small Business Development Center, where she works to educate the community about the importance of small business.

"So many people are being pushed out of San Francisco," she noted. "Not everyone chooses a career in tech and can afford to live here. Those of us who have stayed have done so because this is our home. I want to work with networks, such as SI, to stress the importance of small businesses."

Falango grew up early on seeing the disparities of the world. Reared by a single mother, Falango moved from New Jersey to a rent-controlled apartment on Nob Hill. "My mother worked hard to send me to Notre Dame des Victoires and to SI, and while my friends didn't care that I wasn't as wealthy as they were, I saw how impossible it was to keep up with the Joneses."

This gave her a drive to succeed and the desire to be the author of her own accomplishments.

Being part of SI's first coed class also taught her "to be independent around men and to stand my ground." During her senior retreat and thanks to SI's campus ministry program, she became convinced "of the importance of service."

At UC Santa Barbara, Falango worked as a catering manager and fell in love with the fast pace of the service industry. However, she chose to work at a private equity firm in Menlo Park when she graduated. When she realized her company spent \$1,500 each week on flowers, she asked if she could take on the job of purchasing and arranging them. That rekindled Falango's love for the service industry and for event planning.

"Working on Sand Hill Road, I discovered that I missed the fast pace and the connection to people. In the service industry, I loved that I could, through my efforts, control whether or not someone had a great event."

Falango spent a few years making the transition from private equity to the world of special events before launching her own business, Alicia K Designs, in 2004.

Falango's first clients and production team included fellow classmates Jim McGuigan '93 and Fred Tocchini '93, who helped her set up and strike events. "When I started out, I did anything I needed to succeed, especially involving family and friends."

In 2007 Falango hired a part-time assistant as her first employee. She now has five full-time workers and adds another 20 freelancers during the height of the event season. Her largest wedding involved 700 guests at the Fairmont, but her most complicated was the wedding for







Alicia Falango's design and event studio, Alicia K Designs, has been featured in bridal magazines and on TV shows. Her success was made possible thanks to the San Francisco and Oakland Business Development Centers. Photo by Angie Silvy.

Flora Hewlett, whose grandfather, William, co-founded Hewlett-Packard.

"Her wedding was on a 1,200-acre ranch in San Jose that had no running water, electricity or cell phone service. We had to clear out the barn of hay and tools and bring in everything we needed. It took 100 people to do the set-up and break-down."

Realizing she needed a mobile office for similar events, she purchased a 1978 Airstream Argosy. "It provides a place for the brides and grooms to take a minute to prepare themselves before their wedding and serves as a VIP lounge for other events."

Another favorite event for Falango was a bi-cultural wedding in 2013 that involved both kilts and saris as the groom hailed from Scotland and the bride from India. "That was such a joyous occasion, and we featured both Scottish and Bollywood dancers." For that event, she booked the City View room at the top of San Francisco's Metreon. "They were so happy with everything, and anytime our clients are enjoying themselves, we know we've done our job right. It's rewarding to know that we contributed to a great day in their lives."

Others have taken notice of Falango's success. Ten magazines, including *California Wedding Day*, *Celebrate*, *Brides* and *The Knot*, have featured her company, and she has appeared on a handful of TV shows, including WE TV's *Platinum Weddings* and *View from the Bay*. In addition, she has been featured in many wedding blogs such as "Style Me Pretty" and "Grey Likes Wedding."

As satisfying as her job is, Falango also finds great joy in her family. She and her husband have two children: Chloe, 5 and Tai, 3. "I realize the importance of finding a balance between career and family, and hope to grow my business for my family," she said.

She also hopes she can help those at SI and in college find the courage to choose non-traditional careers. "We all need to follow our own paths to find success, and the road less traveled can lead to just as much happiness as a corporate or high-tech job. When I first worked on Sand Hill Road, I didn't think of service work as a career. But you can find success anywhere your heart leads you. All you have to do is work your butt off." ∞





Comedians Larry "Bubbles" Brown, Will Durst and Johnny Steele, who made it big in the 1980s, were on hand for a January screening of *3 Still Standing*.



*3 Still Standing* was directed by, from left, Robert Campos and Donna LoCicero; with them is creative consultant Jody Finver and executive producer Simon Rose.

# ROBERT CAMPOS '76 DOCUMENTS THOSE WHO DEFINED THE COMEDY SCENE OF THE 1980S

For a man who has just finished a documentary on comedy, Robert Campos '76 has seen his share of tragedy.

A producer for ABC News, Campos covered war in Panama and the plight of street children in Latin America. Later, as an independent filmmaker, he documented the death of a team of climbers on K2.

With his latest work, *3 Still Standing*, Campos returned to his city roots and to a topic that managed to highlight both the light and dark sides of the comedy business.

In 1980, after graduating from Pomona College with a combined special major in biology and film production, Campos moved back to San Francisco and smack into a burgeoning comedy scene that begat a generation of comics who redefined standup.

Back then, comedians such as Robin Williams, Bobby Slayton, Will Durst, Bob Sarlatte '68, Larry "Bubbles" Brown, Johnny Steele, Kevin Pollak, Dana Carvey and Paula Poundstone were honing their craft at the Punchline, the Other Café, The Holy City Zoo and similar venues.

Campos was in the crowd watching and laughing, amazed at how comedians engaged their audiences and made them a part of their act.

Campos left the Bay Area for 22 years when he took a job at ABC. When he returned, he discovered a change in the comedy landscape.

"Cable TV found that they could make big money with low-cost standup comedy," said Campos. When large companies saw the flood of comedy shows on TV, they got into the act, and groups such as Clear Channel began buying comedy clubs. Now, two of the city's main clubs, the Punchline and Cobb's, are owned by a Clear Channel subsidiary, Live Nation.

The clubs also grew in size, and to fill them, the new owners paid top dollars to big-name national stars who were known commodities on TV and film. "That created a 1 percent world in comedy, where a small number of headliners made \$25,000 a show and the second-tier comedians only a few hundred dollars."

Still, says Campos, San Francisco offers something to comedians. "In New York and Los Angeles, the TV cameras are always plugged in, so there is less experimentation. In San Francisco, audiences expect you to take more risks and try new things. Comedians don't do the same acts here that they do in LA."

Campos and his wife, Donna LoCicero, decided to make *3 Still Standing* several years ago after catching a live comedy show along with their daughters. "They are big fans of comedy both online and on TV, but they had never seen comedy done

live in a club," said Campos. "That struck me. There's something magical about a comedian connecting with a particular set of people in a club."

The two chose to focus on Durst, Steele and Brown for their documentary, first showcasing their rise to fame followed by their struggle to cope with a changing market. The film ends with each making a comeback by finding a niche to keep his act alive.

They also selected these three because each represents a camp within the comedy world. "Durst is known for his political satire and can craft a beautiful political joke. Steele is a powerful force of nature on stage, with his loud, critical, witty, fast-paced lines. Larry has crafted a sad-sack loser persona, where every joke is about himself."

For their documentary, Campos and LoCicero also interviewed Robin Williams after running into him at Mill Valley's Throckmorton Theatre. "Our documentary may be one of his last films," said Campos. "When I told him what we were doing, he said that he loved the idea and agreed to sit for 20 minutes. That 20 minutes stretched into 60. A few months after telling us how great and how moving the final cut was, he ended his life. We were just devastated. The comedy community lost a family member, one they will never replace."

Campos and LoCicero premiered their documentary in Mill Valley last October before taking it on the road to film festivals in Denver, Austin and Los Angeles.

The film will have its international premiere at the Hot Docs 2015 festival in Toronto later this spring. The venue is the largest documentary festival in North America.

A Jan. 29 screening at the Marines Memorial Theatre proved a reunion for many who were instrumental to the city's comedy scene 30 years ago, including State Assemblyman and former comedian Tom Ammiano and former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, who would always make an appearance at the comedy festivals in Golden Gate Park.

That night, Durst, Brown and Steele performed and showed audiences that they were at the top of their game, veterans of a craft they themselves had reinvented.

"They are only three comedians in a community that includes so much talent," said Campos. "I want to remind people to pay attention to what's going on in the smaller clubs and share in the joy of seeing someone from your neighborhood perform. It's much better than listening to comedy by wearing headphones and staring at your smart phone." ∞



## Summer Programs give students a taste of high school with SI faculty

Primary students who come to SI for summer school don't always realize that some of their teachers work here year-round.

Certainly, some teachers and coaches and camp leaders work at SI just for the summer, but a significant number are full-time faculty or staff at the school.

"Our summer students get the chance to see what an SI education can be like," said Summer Programs Director Barbara Talavan. "And for a reasonable fee, these youngsters are getting what our high school students are enjoying during the fall, winter and spring."

One of those summer instructors, Ted Curry '82, directs both the fall play and spring musical at SI and teaches the drama courses during the school year.

Over the summer, he offers a course to young students to teach them how to give good presentations — a skill essential in high school, college and business.

Curry's five-week course is open to students who are entering seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Curry teaches them the five P's — preparation, presentation, performance, pronunciation and passion — and asks them to give three speeches, including one about themselves, one about an area of interest and one as a member of a group.

Curry recalls one student who, while presenting on Chinese New Year, dressed in a traditional robe. "During her talk, she revealed two giant fans that she had tucked into her sleeves," said Curry. "That was a great example of an effective hook — something to draw the audience into her topic."

The class, he added, "teaches middle school students how to be successful high school students, as so much education now involves both group work and presentation. Over the years, I have seen so many poor presentations. I wish more people would take this course."

He allows for digital presentations on PowerPoint or Keynote, but warns students to avoid slides with too many words. He also stresses the importance of appearance. "The way you dress affects the attitudes of your audience, and the most effective thing to do is to dress like your audience but just a little bit nicer. That shows the audience you care, but that you're not so far above them as to isolate yourself."

He also asks his class to imagine having three dials that they can adjust — for volume, diction and speed. "If they know how to dial each separately, they can fine-tune their tone



Ted Curry '82, head of SI Drama, is part of the Summer Programs faculty.

and improve student engagement."

Curry also teaches the drama section during Cat Camp, including improvisation and theatre games for incoming ninth graders, exercises that help them get to know their classmates before school begins.

Students enjoy both the presentation course and Cat Camp because, as Curry notes, "it's summer, and kids are relaxed. They have chosen to take these courses, and all my

students leave happy at the end. Some take the presentation class over and over, as they like it so much."

Each year, SI Summer Programs welcome 800 rising 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade students to its academic five-week school. In addition, students can select from 50 sport camps and 16 non-sport camps. Visit [www.siprep.org/summer](http://www.siprep.org/summer) for more information on these excellent offerings. ∞



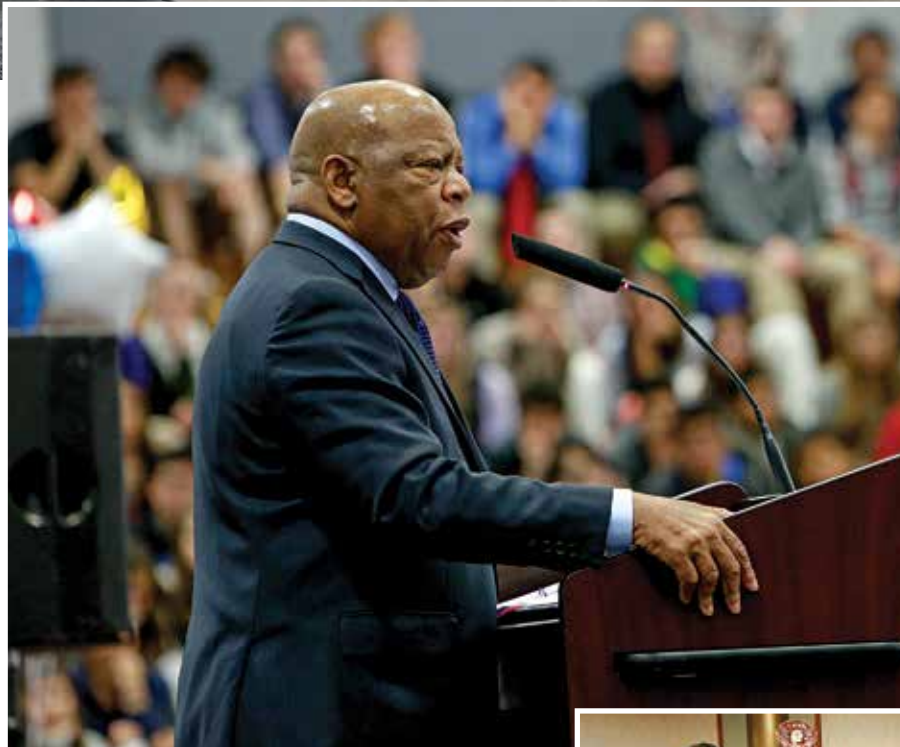
March featured SI's annual Relay For Life, which raised \$10,000 in the fight against cancer.





## Remembering Selma with MLK March and Congressman John Lewis at SI

In January, the African American and Latino Parents Association (AALPA) sponsored its annual MLK March, with members of the Ignatian Guild, Fathers' Club, SIPAC, the Alumni Association, SI's faculty and board members marching in solidarity to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Selma marches. To help students understand this historic civil rights milestone, the school hosted Congressman John Lewis at an all-school assembly on Ash Wednesday. Lewis came to SI thanks to an invitation from Sheryl Davis, mother of Henry Davis '17. Rep. Lewis was among those beaten on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma back in 1965, and he returned to that bridge this winter to walk alongside President Obama to commemorate the anniversary of that march to Montgomery.



## SIPAC celebrates Lunar New Year in style

Right: Every February, parents of students in the Asian Student Coalition (SIPAC) gather at the Grand Palace Restaurant in South San Francisco to ring in the new year. Below: Students studying Chinese language at SI learned how to make dumplings in class.







Eoin Lyons, right, worked to launch a company to help students document their volunteer work. Tori Allen, left, hopes to bring music to low-income schools.

## Tori Allen '16 and Eoin Lyons '15 incubate new businesses

Listen to the buzz around Silicon Valley and you'll hear words like "incubator" and "accelerator." These terms have nothing to do with chickens and sports cars and everything to do with launching and growing new businesses.

Thanks to a group called Catapult, an SI junior and senior are both incubating and accelerating two new ventures that seek to help students who want to play music and who hope to make the most of their volunteer hours.

Tori Allen '16 created Cantio to provide musical instruments and instruction to children from underrepresented communities, and SI Student Body President Eoin Lyons '15 is working on a website for peers who want to tell future employers and college admissions directors more about their volunteer work.

Both work with teams through the Catapult program at Stanford. (Other Catapult sites include Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago.) Lyons and Allen collaborate with their high school teammates both at Stanford and online, learn from mentors, find support from community leaders and raise money to fund their startups.

### TORI ALLEN'S CANTIO

Allen, a clarinetist in SI's orchestra, has loved playing music ever since she was in preschool. She realized a new advantage to music in 2011 while visiting Vietnam with her family. "I don't speak Vietnamese," she noted, "but I discovered that music truly is a universal language that allowed me to communicate with young people there."

She also saw a level of poverty that shocked her and made her wonder what she could do to help people back in the U.S. without resources, including the teachers at her middle school who complained about the lack of funding for music classes.

When she heard last fall about Catapult, she knew it could help launch her initiative. She spent a week planning her proposal, receiving help from her SI college counselor Anna Maria Vaccaro. As one of 15,000 applicants for 75 spots, she was delighted to be accepted by this prestigious program.

She had her first meeting last October at Stanford, where students could decide either to found their own venture or serve as a free agent and work on someone else's idea. The strength of her proposal drew four students to sign on to help her, including one who built

the team's website at [www.cantio.org](http://www.cantio.org).

The team met monthly from that point on and collaborated with Kristin Hayden, the founder and senior advisor of One World Now, which introduces children to foreign language and study-abroad programs.

"She helped me stay focused on my vision of change and service," said Allen. "Her philosophy is in line with the Jesuit motto of training us to be people for and with others."

Allen and her team hope to raise between \$50,000 and \$100,000 by May 15. "A donation of \$20 can fund one student's lesson," she noted.

She has already signed memorandums of understanding with the Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco, where Cantio will launch this summer, teaching vocal and percussion skills and rhythm notation to as many as 1,600 students. Following the summer, they hope to have enough donations to provide students with musical instruments through a loan program they call an "instrument petting zoo." Future lessons will also include learning how to read musical notation.

She is also in talks with the afterschool program Village Beacon and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music to expand



her program. “The Conservatory, we hope, will provide mentorship to our students. Also, if the program works well locally, other Boys and Girls Clubs around the country could adopt the model.

The project has gained the support of John LoGiudici, a musician and composer at Visual Media Solutions, who will serve as a teacher, and Jay Nunez of the Columbia Park Boys and Girls Club, who will take on an administrative role. Allen hopes to hire five teachers in all.

“We’re talking to venture capital firms to gain both support and advice,” added Allen. “Our job is to show these firms the benefits of music education. Compared to their non-musical peers, students who study music have higher test scores, better retention, increased social skills and great team building abilities.”

Allen exemplifies the advantage of a music education. In addition to clarinet, she taught herself to play piano, and she sings with SI’s Mixed Chorus. Last year, she performed with the SI Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, and this year, she is continuing to excel as a member of the varsity swim team, the Service Club, *The Quill* and SITV. Next year, she hopes to be part of InSignis (a senior leadership program), campus ministry and the Block Club.

## EOIN LYONS AND VOLU

Lyons’ project, like Allen’s, is dedicated to service, but his differs in that it is entirely online. He submitted an idea for a project but

found himself drawn to Volu, the brainchild of fellow Catapult member Michael Ligier.

Lyons and the other members of Ligier’s team meet weekly online using Google Hangouts to craft what they term a “LinkedIn for volunteer hours.”

He already has experience working as a team member to develop projects, as he serves as the managing editor for both *Inside SI* and *The Quill*, and he is performing in *Young Frankenstein*, SI’s spring musical. He also sings in SI’s choir and at liturgies and is a member of InSignis.

Most students perform volunteer work before graduating from high school. “However, colleges and future employers don’t understand exactly what you have done, as they see only names of non-profits and hours,” said Lyons. “Through Volu, they can see the full list of activities you have completed, what projects you have developed, the expertise you have gained and additional information about your service.”

The project also has the advantage of encouraging other students to volunteer at nonprofits by advertising the kind of work experience they may gain. “Our site will allow

for a matching process that pairs students with organizations based on interest with the opportunity to form communities and groups on Facebook. Our project is far more than a site to celebrate our work. We also hope to inspire others to emulate our service and take part in new volunteer experiences.”

With one uncle with Asperger syndrome and a cousin with Down’s syndrome, Lyons is devoted to helping those with developmental issues and has volunteered 150 hours at the Northern California chapter of Special Olympics.

Lyons and his team worked with two advisors, including a Google employee, and they have already presented their idea to a group of venture capitalists and entrepreneurs at the project’s Demo Day. Volu won both the “most innovative” and “best overall pitch” awards after their demonstration.

“After four long months of working to create a new business from the ground up, Demo Day was a phenomenal chance to network and test all the pitch ideas we had been studying,” said Lyons. “It was honor to have won such compliments from renowned individuals in the entrepreneurial sector.” ∞

## C-SPAN honors students for film awards

C-SPAN came to SI in March to award nine AP Government seniors with Honorable Mentions for their documentaries. Out of 2,280 entries, three films from SI were chosen as exemplary, including those made by seniors Maggie Conaway, Victoria Baxter, Lindsey Chen, Sean Quesada, Brianna Hillman, Ashleen Sweeney, Jack Connolly, Maddie DeFrino and Emily O’Brien. Pictured with them is their teacher, Mr. Alex Llanera, S.J.





## Anthony Ballesteros '15 helps people with AIDS and tutors at St. Charles

When Anthony Ballesteros '15 worked at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, he ran into an elderly man one day who asked him why he was there.

"He wanted to know if I was being punished," said Ballesteros, who did his core service hours at the agency. "He asked what I had done to get in trouble to be sent there. I was shocked by his reaction."

Ballesteros' surprise came, in part, from the joy he received from working as a volunteer at the foundation, serving men and women with HIV.

He spoke in conversational Spanish to immigrants from Central and South America. "My Spanish classes at SI prepared me well for this and helped me appreciate even more the perspective of these marginalized people."

Ballesteros first heard about the foundation from a fellow member of the Community Music Center's Mission District Young Musicians Program. "His father was a director of the Latino Outreach Program at the AIDS Foundation, and I was given the opportunity to educate myself on the disease by volunteering there."

His service included making calls to attorneys on behalf of clients and working with a support group for people with AIDS, with people stricken with cancer and with those hoping to recover from substance abuse but who had no health care insurance.

"SI students value immersion trips to far-away places," said Ballesteros. "All they need to do is come to the Mission District. They will be shocked by people whose faces show the ravages of AIDS and drug abuse. You can't learn about this reality by studying statistics. You need to dive in and see for yourself without anyone holding your hand."

Ballesteros, whose father came to the U.S. from Mexico in the 1980s, also tutors middle school math and English at St. Charles School. Thus far, he has put in more than 380 hours of service, well beyond the 100 hours SI requires.

He took his passion for education to Berkeley City College, where he has enrolled in sociology and business courses. "I've always liked the idea of understanding how groups of people, especially those from underrepresented communities, are affected by socioeconomic conditions. Being from an underrepresented group myself, I'm interested to see how outside factors shape us."

He played piano with the Young Musicians Program between sixth grade and his junior year, but left to focus on his

studies and his work with the Association of Latin American Students and with SI's jazz band. He also supports his friends in SI's Magis Program, which first brought him to SI in the sixth grade.

He praised Magis Director Abram Jackson for giving him a close-knit group of friends with whom he visits colleges and shares academic resources. "Many people don't think about college until it is too late, and the college workshops offered in Magis have kept me in line doing my work. Without the help of Mr. Jackson and my college counselor, Anna Maria Vaccaro, I might have started this too late."

Ballesteros hopes to study politics in college and wants to learn how to "get things done both in my classes and beyond. Affinity groups can only do so much. If you really want to make changes, you need to run for city, state or national office or participate in government in other ways. I'm planning on being in a position of power one day when I can do something substantial." ∞

**Right: Anthony Ballesteros' musical performances and lessons in the Mission District connected him to people with HIV at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.**



### Allison Sheu receives CSF Scholarship

Thanks to a nomination from CSF Moderator Carol Quattrin, Allison Sheu '15 received a \$2,000 regional CSF scholarship. By the end of April, she will know if she received an additional \$3,000 scholarship.



## Stephanie Borja '15 lends a hand in new Bay Bridge project

For Stephanie Borja '15, building bridges is more than a metaphor, as she was part of the support team behind the new Bay Bridge span. Still, she sees bridge-building as symbolic, given her work in El Salvador, the country of her parents' birth, and with middle school students in the Magis Program to encourage them to apply to SI.

Borja landed a job assisting Bill Shedd, a senior transportation engineer at CalTrans, thanks, in part, to her father, Roberto, a civil engineer for the state's Department of Transportation. "She really got the job thanks to her confidence and ability to network," said counselor Anna Maria Vaccaro, who praised Borja for her accomplishments at SI.

Between October 2013 and April 2014, Borja assisted CalTrans engineers on the estimates received from contractors for the bridge project, and she reviewed and sorted bills. She also ensured that CalTrans paid contractors correctly and on time. Before she left, she created a spreadsheet for the department to streamline bill paying.

She took the job partly because she knew her strengths did not lie in math or science. "I knew working for engineers would be a learning experience for me, and I did learn to like the work. I don't think I'll major in engineering, but I do have a greater appreciation for bridges and what they represent, connecting people across a divide. I also love knowing that the new span will be there long after we're gone."

Borja came to SI from Good Shepherd School in Pacifica with only a few of her classmates and found herself lost in a campus of more than 1,400 teenagers. When Magis Director Abram Jackson reached out to her, she found a home in the Magis Office along with a community of students who became her closest friends.

"Those first two years at SI were still difficult, as I struggled to fit in," she noted. "But my junior and seniors years are the best two years of my life." At the end of her junior year, she approached Jackson to ask how she could help make a difference for both his program and for the school. When he suggested that she start a club to help Magis eighth graders apply to SI, she launched the Missing Pieces Outreach Club, so named because "parents receive help from Magis on their part of the high school application process, but eighth graders not so much."

Her efforts paid off. This year, 25 Magis students applied to SI, and 20 will be part



**Stephanie Borja helped with the Bay Bridge project and works with Magis Program eighth graders applying to high school.**

of the school's Class of 2019 when they enter in August.

The help she gave mirrored the help she received from Jackson and Vaccaro, who hold regular Thursday workshops for seniors in the Magis Program to help them with their college applications. "All the seniors gather in the Magis office and bombard them with questions," said Borja. "We all help each other out in a relaxed environment. Mr. Jackson and Ms. Vaccaro are our friends and not authority figures. They are there to listen to us and help."

Her work has paid off. At the time of this writing, Borja has been accepted by four colleges, including UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz, and she is waiting to hear from Yale, Cal, USC, UCLA, Brown, Columbia and St. Lawrence.

Those schools are eager to have her among their ranks because of her work, too, with Project Pull, a San Francisco City Hall program for students that also included

Henry Davis '17 and Russell Jamerson '17. The program placed her during the summer of 2014 at the SFPUC, where she studied environmental issues, including environmental justice and policies concerning equity and inclusion. She presented her research to the top staff at the PUC regarding Assembly Bill 32, which mandates lower greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. She hopes to continue that line of study in college, where she will major in political science.

In addition, Borja's work at SI returned her to her familial roots. She spent several weeks last summer in El Salvador on an immersion trip. Following the theme of War and Witness, Borja and her SI classmates met with survivors of the Salvadoran civil war that claimed 80,000 lives in the 1980s. "We went to learn their stories and avoided the mindset that we were there to change their lives."

Borja met one survivor who was 10 when she lost her pregnant mother. "The military came into her home and tortured and killed the woman for the crime of helping a group of mothers whose children who had been 'disappeared' by the military. Thirty years later, the surviving daughter told the story with tears in her eyes. Her wounds were still fresh."

Borja spoke about her time in El Salvador at a ceremony at USF last November commemorating the 25th anniversary of the assassinations of the six Jesuits and their two co-workers. "My father drove me to USF for the talk," said Borja. "Both my parents had graduated from the university where these eight people were killed, and they married at the campus chapel. My father told me that he had spoken years ago at a service for these martyrs, and he never imagined that his daughter would also speak about this same tragedy."

At the ceremony, Borja told those assembled at St. Ignatius Church that everyone she met in El Salvador made one thing clear to her. "They want their history to be remembered. And it will be remembered. I hope that as I continue my studies, I will gain answers to the questions that the martyrs have left with me. I hope my Jesuit education allows me to gain an even better understanding of what I know now." ∞



## Michael Chichioco '16 gives TED Talk on coping with Tourette syndrome



Michael Chichioco '16 has a handicap as a golfer that his teammates don't have — Tourette syndrome, which causes both verbal and physical tics.

Those tics, interestingly enough, go away when he's teeing off. They also disappeared Jan. 17 when he spoke during a TEDxYouth Talk at Sacred Heart Cathedral College Preparatory before a crowd of 150.

"If I'm focused on something I really like to do, then the sensation of needing to tic is gone," he noted. Chichioco was diagnosed with Tourette syndrome shortly before coming to SI, although his symptoms began

surfacing shortly after he turned 6. "I made throat clearing sounds and other weird noises and motions. My parents and I didn't think much about it. We assumed it was allergies."

When he reached 8th grade, his parents took him to Stanford Hospital, where he received his first diagnosis of the syndrome. "I knew going in that I had Tourette syndrome," said Chichioco. "Having the diagnosis didn't make me feel any better, but I didn't want to end up in high school without proof that I wasn't acting this way just to be disruptive."

Over the years, Chichioco has learned to hide his tics. "Before they hit, I feel a weird tension as if I have an itch I want to scratch. It only goes away if I speak or do the tic. If I sense it's coming on in class, I may drop a pencil and do the tic as I reach down to pick it up, or I'll wait until a room grows loud to speak the tic. If I need to swear out of the blue, I'll try to work it into a sentence so that it sounds normal or whisper it."

Other symptoms include tensing and releasing his muscles, blinking his eyes, opening and closing his mouth, shaking his head, clapping, slapping a table or a person and jumping up and down.

When he was young, he did suffer teasing at the hands of his relatives and peers. "They just didn't understand what I was going through."

Some people still tease him. "Talking about my TS with others helps me learn more about a person's character and who he or she truly is. I can discover who my real friends are by seeing who supports me and who makes fun of me. Thankfully, most of the time, if I

simply tell people the condition I have, they are considerate of me."

Chichioco auditioned to give the TED Talk after he heard about it in his physics class. He had spoken to grammar school classes about his condition, but never before to a room of 150, each of whom paid \$50 to hear students speak on 12 topics.

He had to memorize his speech and attend one introductory meeting and two rehearsals before the big night. He also befriended other student presenters who came from SHC, Bishop O'Dowd, University High School and Fremont's Washington High.

The audience included six SI students as well as SI Wellness teacher Sarah Curran and religious studies teacher Dave Lorentz.

In his talk, Chichioco spoke about how having the disorder taught him resilience and humor. "I wouldn't be as strong as I am now or realize how much I like speaking to audiences were it not for Tourette syndrome."

His symptoms this year are about half of what they were in his freshman year, and he expects them to diminish as he grows older. But he will always be an advocate for those with the condition. He traveled to Washington, D.C., a few years ago to attend the Tourette Syndrome Association Conference, where he met others with TS. He and other students lobbied Congress for more funding both for research and to educate teachers and physicians to identify students with the syndrome. "That convention proved a big turning point in my life," said Chichioco. "For the first time, I met people I could relate to." ∞



## Juniors lend a hand for Stewardship Week

Juniors went with their religious studies classes to Golden Gate Park, Alemany Gardens, Sunset Community Gardens and Ocean Beach to put into practice the lessons learned in their unit on ecological stewardship. The program is now in its sixth year at SI, in partnership with agencies throughout the city. Pictured here is Nahrie Pierce '16, who, along with her classmates and teacher, removed invasive plants from Strawberry Hill in Golden Gate Park to prepare the ground for native plants that will provide food and shelter for the Green Hairstreak butterfly.



From left, Jennifer Gao and Jamie Chen interviewed a family friend who, while in China, was forced to have an abortion due to China's strict one-child policy.

## Jennifer Gao '16 and Jamie Chen '16 focus lens on China's one-child policy

Competing against high school and college students, Juniors Jennifer Gao and Jamie Chen took fourth in the nation in a film festival that they entered, in part, because they were a little bored.

It's not as if their schedules weren't busy already. In addition to their honors and AP classes, they run at full speed after school. Gao plays flute in the SI orchestra and is the vice president of the Chinese Culture Club. Chen plays viola both in the symphonic and chamber orchestras at SI, and both girls are the junior representatives for the Cancer Awareness Club.

The girls, who have been friends since they were 5-year-old dance students, found the Girls Impact World Film Festival one day while searching online for something else to do.

They chose to do a story on a Lee Mei Boa, a family friend of Chen's mother, who was forced to have an abortion while living under China's strict one-child policy. Lee, who now lives in Chinatown, spoke candidly to the girls about her ordeal that started when her IUD failed.

"When she discovered that she was pregnant with her third child, she ran away to another town to live with her aunt," said Gao.

"She was told to stay inside and not answer the door. One day, she did, and someone from her village saw her and reported her. That's when she was forced to abort the child for the sake of her family."

The interview moved both girls. "I was surprised how open she was," added Chen. "Her words touched us, and while it was hard to listen to her story, we also saw how happy she is now, always singing. She and her husband now have four children and have a good life in San Francisco," said Gao.

Before interviewing Lee, the girls sympathized with the brutal logic of the the one-child policy given the billion-plus population of the country. "Then we studied the issue in our religious studies class at SI and our opinions changed," said Chen. "When you see someone who has gone through what this woman has endured, you see beyond the statistics."

The girls used an inexpensive camcorder and taught themselves how to edit the piece using FinalCut Pro, a complicated program for most, but not for them. "Anything we couldn't figure out, we simply looked online for answers," said Gao.

They ran into one last-minute dilemma after they read the rules more carefully and

realized that they couldn't use the copyrighted online video they had placed in their film. Fortunately, they had filmed the streets of Chinatown and were able to swap footage.

The contest was sponsored by ConnectHer, a communication and crowd-funding platform that works to advance women and girls around the world. Harvard College Social Innovation Collaborative, the largest undergraduate student organization at the college dedicated to social entrepreneurship, co-sponsored the contest.

The girls' video just missed making the cut to be shown at Harvard, but the film is available for viewing. Go to [www.siprep.org/](http://www.siprep.org/) news and search for the girls' names to see the video.

You'll soon be able to see another film by the girls once they hear in late April from another contest they entered. For this minute-long PSA, they highlighted suicide prevention resources. Gao acted in the film, basing her story on that of a friend from another school who once contemplated ending her life.

"She opened up to us, and we told her she needed to talk to a trusted adult," said Gao. "She spoke to her counselor, who helped her tremendously." ∞



## Maria Garcia '15 learns service can happen at home as well as abroad

Senior Maria Garcia has been to Costa Rica, Uganda and Washington, D.C., all in the last year, in her world tour of service and solidarity, but her work with the Jewish Home of San Francisco just across town earned her a feature on SITV's series of students who exemplify the qualities of a "graduate at graduation."

Garcia has logged nearly 1,000 hours of volunteer work because, as she says, "the feeling I get after I help others is one of accomplishment. My service benefits me as much as it does others. Every time I visit those at the Jewish Home, I come away thanked by folks whose big smile tells me how much I am affecting their lives."

Even after finishing her 100-hour service requirement, Garcia continued at the Jewish Home because "I love spending time with the residents there, and they help me to be my best self."

Her ministry there is one of solidarity as much as service, spending time chatting with women and men in their 90s who appreciate Garcia's gracious smile and cheerfulness. She plays Bingo with residents, takes them for walks and delivers meals to them. For the March 6 episode of SITV, she spoke about her work with one senior citizen, Lillian and how close the two have grown thanks to Garcia's frequent visits.

She brings that same commitment to her world with Rebuilding Together, an organization that has volunteers do repair work on homes, nonprofits and schools. Garcia recalls one hot and humid day digging and drilling at a school in the Bayview District and fertilizing soil to help prepare for an outdoor classroom.

Her local work also includes serving as manager for the boys' JV and varsity basketball teams, volunteering at events as part of the Block Club, leading retreats through InSignis and participating in the Association of Latin-American Students as the group's vice president. She helped the club organize new activities, including a poster project during Hispanic Heritage Month where students posed with a portrait of an Hispanic hero. These 3-foot posters adorned the school for a month.

She also serves as co-president, along with Jack Connolly '15, of the Arrupe Solidarity Council, which each month gathers SI's social justice clubs to approve fundraisers, promote justice issues and plan the Spring Solidarity Dinner.

For her overseas work, she went to a school in Gulu, Uganda, last May and June



along with a dozen students to bring 22 duffle bags of donated school supplies and uniforms and to work at the Ocer Campion Jesuit College, which serves students ages 6 to 20. Accompanying the students was trip organizer Mary Ahlback of SI's religious studies department, SI counselor Chris Delaney, and Maggie Guerra '01, a veteran of SI's immersion program.

"Maggie models what it means to be an Ignatian grad," said Garcia. "Her continuous dedication to service made me think about the world in a new way."

There the SI contingent met Rev. Tony Wach, S.J., the school's president and project director, and learned that the school serves an area where nearly 30,000 young people have been abducted over the past 20 years and forced to fight for Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army.

"Some of the children at the school had been child warriors and others were orphans," said Garcia. "It was so upsetting to hear their stories."

Garcia befriended a girl her age who went to live with her aunt after her mother had died. "Then her aunt abandoned her. She went to an orphanage, and that's where Fr. Wach found her. He paid for her schooling at Ocer Campion so that she could get the education she deserved. Now she returns the favor by working at the school."

After Garcia returned to the U.S., she headed off again, this time to Costa Rica

on an SI immersion trip led by SI Spanish teacher Carlos Gazulla, his wife, Davina, and SI government teacher Alex Llanera, S.J.

She and seven students worked with children ages 5 to 11 in San Blas for two weeks and learned about how globalization is affecting the country. Being part Guatemalan and a native Spanish speaker, Garcia felt at home in this Central American nation and was often called on to translate for the group.

Leaving Costa Rica proved emotionally trying for Garcia, who grew attached to her host family. "They opened all their doors to me and were so hospitable. It was heartbreaking. We grew so close that my host mother felt like my own mother."

In both Uganda and Costa Rica, Garcia learned that "people live simply because they truly love their lives and feel happiness and gratitude for everything God has given them. They don't care about money or luxury items because all they value are relationships with family or friends. These relationships, they know, are irreplaceable."

The trips, she added, "exemplify what Magis means to me in terms of striving to live greater and choose better than before. It made me ask myself how can I live out these experiences in my daily life and how I can stay in touch with these communities to help them now. I wonder if I had an impact on anyone in Uganda or Costa Rica. I know they changed my life for the better."

Even after returning home for the summer, she continued her travels. Last November, she went with the SI contingent to Washington, D.C., for the Ignatian Family Teach-In, where she learned about social justice issues and met the most famous Jesuit in the U.S. — Rev. James Martin, S.J., the chaplain of *The Colbert Report* and the author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* and *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*.

Others have taken notice of her service. Along with fellow senior Monica Cua, she received the President's Volunteer Service Award from Prudential, and she already has been accepted by a number of colleges eager to see her continue her legacy of service next year.

"Maria is an inspiration to SI as a woman of service and solidarity," said Community Service Director Windi Mitchell. "She continues to impress me with her faith, humility and generosity. I look forward to seeing what Maria's future holds." ∞

## Matt Klein '15 helps veterans with PTSD through innovative UCSF program

Like the soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, Matt Klein '15 felt as if he had unfinished business.

In his freshman year, one of his close friends committed suicide. "When that happened," he said, "I felt as if the safe bubble that I was living in had burst. I felt angry and confused and wanted to do something positive that stemmed from all that I was feeling. I just didn't know what to do."

When he shared this with his parents, Tom Klein and Kate Kelly, they put him in touch with UCSF's Next Mission program, which helps veterans suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and with UCSF's Young Adult and Family Center, founded by Dr. Kim Norman in 2004.

That connection led to three summers of volunteer work and Klein's participation in an innovative program, one that asked returning soldiers to see their story as their "next mission" and part of the journey of heroes throughout history and mythology.

Klein helped in the development of interactive online college courses taught by UCSF professors to assist veterans heal in ways that allow them to return to their jobs, families and communities while preserving values such as honor, courage, duty, leadership and loyalty.

Working with Dr. Norman, Klein researched authors such as Joseph Campbell

whose groundbreaking *Hero With a Thousand Faces* identified the monomyth of the Hero's Journey. "We wanted our soldiers to know that this could apply to their lives, that there was life after the journey even if it wasn't an easy one. Recovering from PTSD is a heroic act and nothing to be ashamed of."

Klein did online research and saw how scenes from movies such as *The Matrix* and *Star Wars* could help veterans understand key concepts of the Hero's Journey.

He worked with Dr. Norman's son, Seth, on these courses, testing assignments and red-flagging material that seemed off topic. Klein transcribed and catalogued lectures and gauged audience reaction. He also timed the exercises to ensure that veterans wouldn't spend too long on homework.

He did all this between morning and evening football practice at SI each summer, rising before dawn to prepare for his full days. Over the years, he was able to see how the Next Mission program went from the early development stages to helping veterans. He also worked with undergraduate and pre-med students on the latter phases of development and discovered that, given his time on the project, these older students looked to him for guidance.

In addition, he helped with a new course to teach teens resiliency skills. "That's what I had



hoped to do when I first came to UCSF, so now I get to return full circle." The developers of the program are relying on him to read material through the lens of a teen "and get rid of anything that sounds preachy or condescending."

Currently, his focus is on another sort of hero's journey — the success of SI's lacrosse program. Last year he earned all-league first team honors; this year he serves as one of the team captains; and next year, he will continue the journey by playing lacrosse at Stanford. ∞

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## Christian Daniel Barraza '15 service to grandparents earns admirers at SI

Some kids have to grow up fast. Count Christian Daniel Barraza '15 among them.

He is a typical teen in many ways, competing in shot put and discus and coaching his little brother's basketball squad at Holy Name School. He also has volunteered at the Pomeroy Recreation and Rehabilitation Center and UCSF's Child Development Centers.

Since his freshman year, however, he has also helped his parents care for a grandmother, a grandfather and his mother's uncle, who has since died.

Barraza had to learn to help seniors with dementia, diabetes and kidney failure, doing such chores as cleaning them, preparing and administering their medicine, changing their Depends and making them meals, as well as spoon-feeding his uncle.

His generosity has caught the eye of many, including the admissions staff at the University of Rochester, who funded his travel to the school hoping he would apply there, and his college counselor, Anna Maria



Vaccaro. "Since day one, I knew Christian embodied a huge source of strength, faith and endurance," she noted. "He is a man of action who is too humble to talk about himself."

Barraza, whose father is Chilean and whose mother is Filipino, is part of two cultures that have traditionally chosen in-home care for elderly relatives.

"My grandparents and uncle were second parents to me while I was growing up," Barraza noted. "They were so lively, and it was tough and disheartening seeing them deteriorate and lose weight and memory. This experience has made me love them all the more. I see how vulnerable they are and how vulnerable my parents are caring for them."

Barraza has had to deal with their violent outbursts caused by dementia, with unresponsiveness and with days when his grandparents and uncle couldn't remember who he or his mother was.

This experience has taught Barraza time-management skills. His GPA went from a 2.7 his freshman year to a 3.5. He sacrificed social time and cut short workouts when his mother had to take one family member to the emergency room. "I'd be left at home to take care of the others."

"I am honored that he is part of our community," added Vaccaro, "because daily Christian lives and breathes the message of Christ to love others." ∞



## Rachel Quock '15: ace researcher at SI and California Academy of Sciences

Singing the praises of Rachel Quock '15, it's hard to know just where to begin. Forget that she is president of the Service Club, editor-in-chief of *The Ignatian*, a violinist in the orchestra, an InSignis retreat leader and a student who has yet to miss a Friday Morning Liturgy, where she plays violin to accompany the choir.

Keep in mind everything else, including her study of a threatened species of African frogs at the California Academy of Sciences thanks to a highly selective yearlong fellowship. Add to that the six Science Research Seminar classes she has taken at SI — four of which she did for no academic credit and only for the experience and the pure joy of learning.

Faculty at SI are quick to extoll Quock's work ethic and generosity to the school, including Michael Ugawa, who meets with between 40 and 60 students each semester for the independent Science Research Seminars.

"Rachel has the natural curiosity and desire to learn that are the hallmarks of a scientist," said Ugawa. "She balances many responsibilities while satisfying her need to learn from a diverse range of experiences."

Quock also leads by example, he added. "She elevates her colleagues rather than her own status. She naturally offers tips for organization and guidance to benefit her fellow students rather than merely insuring her own success."

Her long list of activities — too many to list here — only scratches the surface of what she brings to the SI community. "It's crazy to think back on what I have done in my four years at SI. I do so much because I'm passionate about so many things, and what I choose to do is contribute to SI. It's my way of saying 'thank you' for all the opportunities SI has given me, including the Science Research Seminars, that have helped me grow so much as a student and as a researcher."

As a sophomore, Quock had to apply to Ugawa to enroll in his selective seminar class, which asks students to pick a research topic that requires a lab and to meet privately with him throughout the semester for guidance. At the end of the semester, students gather to present their findings to the entire class.

Quock's six seminar topics have included the study of enzyme kinetics, DNA forensics, conservation biology (at the California Academy of Science), proteins, antigen detection and biochemistry.

"These seminars ask us to study real-life projects and learn techniques that I never



**At the California Academy of Sciences, Rachel Quock studied a species of African frogs, attempting to discover what was killing them off. Photo by Roberta Brett.**

would have learned otherwise and go deeper into an area of study," Quock added.

The Academy chose Quock and four other high school students for the fellowship thanks, in part, to Ugawa's letter of recommendation and because of Quock's own track record as a researcher.

For this program, she was paired with Dr. Dave Blackburn, a herpetologist and assistant curator at the Academy, who was investigating why the Lake Oku Clawed Frog from Cameroon was dying off at alarming rates.

She tested DNA swabs that had been collected from various frogs trying to see if one particular fungus or one virus was the culprit. Her study ruled both out as the causes of death. "By the end of the study, I couldn't find the virus or fungus present on the frogs, and I thought I had failed in my project," said Quock. "Dr. Blackburn helped me see that I had contributed to the study, because by ruling out these two suspects, researchers could turn to other possible causes, including starvation. Thanks to him and to my cohort, I saw that my work contributed to something larger than my one study. That's what science is all about — adding to a body of knowledge."

The study of frogs is important, she added, "in that amphibians are dying off in large numbers around the world. We are losing these beautiful creatures due to habitat loss

or diseases released into their habitats. We're killing off creatures that we can study for their diversity of genetic information. It's frustrating to watch species diminish and vanish and not be able to do anything about it."

As part of her fellowship, she traveled to Puerto Rico for a conference held by the Society of Molecular Biology and Evolution. Quock was the only high school student at the conference, and she met college students, graduate students and professors from around the world. "It was eye-opening to be surrounded by so many people who were passionate about the same subject. They introduced me to the real world of science beyond the basic high school textbooks and inspired me further to major in biology in college. I like the idea of saving something, whether it's an animal, a human or the entire planet."

She praised Ugawa for teaching her lab skills and how to write about her findings. "Thanks to Mr. Ugawa, I can present my work easily, and not many high school kids know how to do that. He always makes sure I know why I'm doing what I'm doing and not just following instructions in a manual. He's a great teacher because he's so passionate about science and SI. Because of him, I had the best experience as a fellow at the Academy, and I have expanded my knowledge of science." ∞

## Sabrina Santander '16 works to help probationers and prisoners



Sabrina Santander '16 went from feeding men on probation and sorting donated clothing to starting an organization at SI to help people leaving the prison system.

Santander became involved with young inmates at the Contra Costa County Probation Department through her mother, Stephanie, who works as a clerk in that office.

As a freshman, Santander would take BART to El Sobrante near her mother's workplace and then help her prepare meals for a dozen men on probation who are part of an innovative program called Thinking for Change, which came about through AB 109 and 117, both signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown '55.

The legislation, according to the San Mateo County Probation Department website, was designed to help "California close the revolving door of low-level inmates

cycling in and out of state prisons" and to reduce "the number of inmates in the state's 33 prisons."

Those in the program learn business skills that will help them land a job upon their release. They learn basic rules of etiquette as well as how to write resumes, to interview with potential employers and to dress for success. The program also provides "opportunities for rehabilitation and recovery" as well as management and support services for substance abuse and mental health issues.

Santander helped her mother by cooking meals every Tuesday evening for those in the program and passed out class materials and homework assignments. After her chores, she would sit with her mother and listen to the class, learning the curriculum along with the men until it was time for her to clean up. Later, she expanded her volunteer efforts to sort through all the clothing donated to the men, many of whom end up in halfway homes with few resources. By this point, she was skilled at sorting clothing after doing similar work at St. Anthony's Foundation.

She became interested in working with inmates as an eighth grader after she read an issue of *Genesis* magazine devoted to restorative justice. "That series was spot-on and gave me more insight on this topic from a Jesuit point of view," said Santander. "Working with probation has been something I grew up with ever since my mom left AT&T after 15 years to work in juvenile probation when I was in second grade. At first, I told my classmates that 'my mom talks to kids.' Whenever we were out, someone would shout, 'Hey hey probation lady! Remember me?' I felt proud of my mom that all these kids looked genuinely happy to see her."

This past year, she founded SI\_T4C to support the Thinking for Change efforts across the Bay. "SI is good about finding solidarity with people in far-off countries," said Santander. "I wanted to direct our efforts closer to home." Thus far, 45 students have joined her club, which collects toiletries for those in group homes.

She also raised \$1,500 by winning the Violet Richardson Soroptimist Award. She donated \$1,000 of her prize money to the Probation Department's field office in Richmond, and she used another portion buy underwear for the men on probation.

She also designed a logo for the West County Reentry Resource Center and wrote about its work for a YMI essay contest. She recently found out that she won a prize in that contest, her fourth consecutive victory in that competition, by writing about those with whom she works. "It's easy to help those who can't control the circumstances of their lives," said Santander. "It's also important to recognize those who have made mistakes and learned from them."

Her interest in helping these men also led her to take a college course called Administration of Justice: Juvenile Procedures at Diablo Valley Community College and to consider pursuing that course of studies in college.

Her college counselor, Anna Maria Vaccaro, praised Santander for doing this on top of a busy schedule, one that has included volunteering at St. Anthony's as well as dancing at SI. "Sabrina was inspired by what she has witnessed, and she sees that bringing hope to these young lives also brings hope to communities outside prison, including SI." ∞



## White House honors students for film on St. Anthony's guests

You can see the film made by Iris Chan '15 and Elizabeth Leong '17 on the White House website thanks to their honorable mention finish in a contest that asked students from around the country to highlight service in action.

The girls both went to the St. Anthony Foundation soup kitchen during their sophomore retreats, and Leong felt compelled to tell the story of the people she met just last October.

"The guests there were so friendly, and many offered me advice. It felt very much like a community that was woven together."

Leong serves as president of SITV, and Chan works as the group's technical director. The two of them returned to St. Anthony's over Christmas break and used DSLRs to record conversations with staff and guests during one of the meals.

The film, Chan added, "shines a light on a different part of the city that few people see or know about. We were even surprised that the Tenderloin isn't on many tourist maps." ∞

**From left: Iris Chan and Elizabeth Leong.**



# Liam Caraher: 'Together, we can do something beautiful for God'

BY ANNE STRICHERZ  
SPORTS EDITOR

Last fall, you may have noticed an eighth-grade boy running around J.B. Murphy Field high-fiving the varsity boys football team, cheering on the Wildcats, talking the ear off of the athletic directors, assisting the managers and asking Principal Ruff why SI doesn't have a pep band.

That redheaded boy, Liam Caraher, is the nephew of assistant coach Tim Caraher and the son of Pete Caraher, who noted that ever since his brother started coaching at SI, "all Liam ever wanted to do was go on the field and really experience football."

Liam was born with a motor-planning issue called Apraxia that affects his speech and causes some cognitive delays. It hasn't, however, dampened his love for SI football or his desire to be an unofficial member of the team.

Five years ago, Tim first introduced Liam to players and brought him onto the field after games. Two years ago, former varsity captain Connor Hagan '14 and QB Ryan Hagefeldt '15 invited him to play a greater role and be with the team on the sidelines.

"From the time he stepped foot onto the field, these boys have been accepting and supportive of my son," said Pete. "They never treated him differently. Instead, they realized that he just does things differently. These young men have made my son the happiest 12-year old boy in the Bay Area."

Pete and his wife, Lee, also praised the entire SI community for "the unconditional love and friendship they have given to Liam over the last few years. Students, coaches, administrators and parents have always welcomed Liam into the SI community. For that, we are very grateful."

"Liam has been a central part of our football family," added Hagefeldt. "His positive spirit and excitement each and every day has had a huge impact on my life and motivated our team to grow closer. Liam's presence and enormous smile at our practices and games has made everybody happier and brought us closer as a family. He asks questions, explains how badly we are going to beat our opponents and makes us laugh."

"Liam is everyone's biggest fan and just one of the guys," added Alex Griffin '15. "He has also lifted the team's spirits at times. After our disappointing CCS loss to Aptos last year, everyone in the locker room was either silent or had their head down in tears.



**Liam Caraher along with Claire Fama '15 at a home football game in October.**

When we began to talk about our memories of the season, Freddie Gaines reminded us that it was Liam's birthday that day. He came to the middle of our circle, and we sang 'Happy Birthday' to him. He began to cry out of happiness and excitement."

Liam also has celebrated the good times with the team, including two recent CCS championship games. His favorite moment was the 2010 Bruce Mahoney game at Kezar. "I ran through the tunnel and up and down the sideline of a great game," he noted.

Varsity manager Claire Fama '15 added that she has seen "the impact Liam has at every game. It's the brotherly love he shares

with all the players. Whether he is poking someone on the sidelines or giving someone a fist bump after a good play, he finds it easy to make new friends among the managers, players and coaches. He clearly idolizes each of the boys, and the entire football program idolizes his spirit for SI football."

This year, at a special ceremony after practice, the team honored Liam with two football jerseys, number 60 for home games and 46 for away games.

"It was special for us to be included in that moment," added Pete. "Every senior shared something. It was so obvious then that the program's core values are teamwork, compassion and responsibility. I am confident my son will be a successful member of society knowing that these boys are watching out for him. Liam will probably never be able to attend SI or play organized football or any other sport. That's okay. He knows in his heart that he is a member of a team that accepts and welcomes him as a teammate."

Talking to those involved in the SI football program about Liam reminded me of Mother Teresa's words: "What I can do, you cannot. What you can do, I cannot. But together we can do something beautiful for God."

By some standards, there are many things that Liam cannot do. But to see Liam join the team in a Wildcat jacket and stand in the locker room before, during and after games, you see beyond what he can't do. You see something beautiful.

"When he sees the boys start to line up in the end zone, he drops everything and says, 'I gotta go see my boys,' added Fama. What could be more beautiful than that? ∞



**In March, SI crew dedicated *The O'Connell*, named for Tom O'Connell and his family. Tom served for 18 years as SI's varsity boys' coach, winning national and international titles in his time.**

Photo by Paul Ghiglieri.





## Girls' basketball team finishes season in final four in NorCal play

At one point this year, the SI varsity girls' basketball team was ranked third in the nation and was touted as one of the best teams in the state and in school history.

For Head Coach Mike Mulkerrins '91, the reason for this was understandable, as the team featured some of the best players he has seen in his nine years at the helm. In fact, every member of this year's group of seniors could play college basketball, and six will play for colleges that actively recruited them — Josie Little for Columbia, Erin Hanley for Smith, Janessa Manzano for Hawaii-Pacific, Sydney Raggio for St. Mary's, Addi Walters for Cal State Bakersfield and Jolene Yang for UC San Diego.

Both Tyler Brown and Brianna Beckman were heavily recruited by several universities, but they turned down offers to play college ball in order to focus on their academics.

The team's success can be measured by its 22-7 overall record, playing one of the toughest schedules in the country. Furthermore, Raggio was selected as WCAL Player of the Year, and four other players (Brown, Yang, Little and Walters) were selected as all-league players. The team's phenomenal pre-season success included winning the La Jolla Tournament and finishing second in the West Coast Jamboree by beating state powerhouse Chaminade before losing 60-51 to St. Mary's of Stockton — the eventual state champ — in the finals.

"There's no doubt that these are great young women," said Mulkerrins. "They had to put time into their game in order to be good players. Some of them have God-given talents, but all of them had to work

extremely hard to develop their skills to be where they are today. Addi may be one of the best shooters in the league, and Brianna may have the highest basketball smarts among the girls I've coached, but they have achieved this by great efforts at practice and through the study of the game."

The girls, he added, are best friends. "They grew up playing with or against each other in grade school as well as in club ball, and then at SI they solidified their friendships. They demand that each plays at a high level, and they hold each other accountable. Still, when they walk out of the locker room, they are great friends, and that's not so common in athletics."

The team made an impact on both SI and the basketball program. They finished as league co-champs the past two years in the toughest league in the state. Since the CCS created the Open Division three years ago, SI competed in it all three seasons and won the open division crown in 2014.

The past two seasons, SI went to the NorCal Open, where the girls competed against McClatchy (Sacramento), Archbishop Mitty and Bishop O'Dowd, all three of which eventually won the state titles in their divisions.

Mulkerrins, who finished his ninth year as head coach, sang the praises of his two assistants, Joe Moriarty '68 and Anne Seppi, who is leaving SI and her job as assistant athletic director to return to her hometown of Healdsburg to serve as development director at her former school.

"Anne has been a great role model for the young women on the team as well as the school, and she will be hard to replace," said Mulkerrins. "She is both a great coach and

a great friend. She is passionate, concerned with details and is a wonderful person. Few people realize how hard assistant coaches work in high school athletics. This is no different for Anne and Joe, and I'm appreciative of all their efforts."

Mulkerrins will also miss a talented group of seniors, some of whom he has coached for each of their four years. "It's going to be tough to see them go, but also exciting to watch them play for their colleges while representing SI."

Even though he is leery of high expectations, he can't help holding great hope for the juniors who will play for him next year. "These girls came to practice every day and worked extremely hard because they knew that competing against these seniors would make them better players. Between Nov. 1 and March 17, no junior complained. They worked hard knowing they would only see a few minutes of playing time during a game."

He added that "some people think we may struggle the next few years after the loss of these seniors, but what they don't realize is that SI has one of the strongest girls' basketball programs in the Bay Area. The graduating seniors helped these juniors push themselves every day. They will work hard, compete well and succeed. They have the kind of spirit and energy and determination that brings me back every year."

**Above: The varsity squad with coaches Mike Mulkerrins (left), Anne Seppi and Joe Moriarty.**



# SPORTS WRAP

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## BOYS' SOCCER

**Coaches:** Alan Downey, assisted by Daire O'Connor; JV Shea Whelan; frosh Steven Cordova.

**Records:** Varsity league 8-4-2 (2nd place), overall 11-5-3; JV 7-5-2 (4th Place); frosh 3-6-1 (2nd place).

**Highlights:** In the opening round of the Central Coast Section Tournament, the 7th seeded Wildcats defeated Leigh High School (5-0) before losing to 2nd seed Leland (4-3PK's) in the quarterfinals.



**Awards:** First Team, All-League: Billy O'Malley; Second Team: James Scott, Dominic Galletti, Dylan Penn, Johnathon Bow; Honorable Mention: Liam Gallagher and Nathan Kusher. Team Awards: Fr. Capitolo Award: James Scott; Most Inspirational: Liam Gallagher; Wildcat Award: Dominic Galletti.

**Graduating Seniors:** Sam Eccles, Billy O'Malley, Tarik Sinioria, Liam Gallagher, James Scott, Joseph Simmons, Quinn Bulazo, Devin Murphy, Danny Conte, Brendan Niland and Anthony Gutierrez.

## GIRLS' SOCCER

**Coaches:** Carlos Escobar '96, assisted by Shannon Vanderpol; JV Brian Rhodes, assisted by Libby Rappolt; frosh Jan Mullen; goalkeeper coach Krysta Jenkins.

**Records:** Varsity: League 2-7-3, overall 5-8-6; JV 7-2-3 (3rd place); frosh 3-3-2 (3rd place).

**Highlights:** Enduring a long day of travel down to a popular holiday tournament in Bakersfield, the 'Cats played three league champs in their group, beating Mission Oak (Tulare) 1-0 and Bakersfield East in penalties. They faced Pleasant Valley (Chico) in the final and scored a last-minute goal to tie before winning in the 7th round of penalty kicks.

**Awards:** First Team, All-League: Elizabeth Wagner; Second Team: Isabella Sangiacomo and Madelynne Long; Honorable Mention: Michaela Scully. WCAL Sophomore of the Year: Elizabeth Wagner. Team Awards: Newcomer Award: Michaela Scully; Loyalty Award: Yvonne LaRocca; Jan Mullen Award: Isabella Sangiacomo.



**Graduating Seniors:** Isabella Sangiacomo, Yvonne LaRocca, Pilar O'Connor and Madelynne Long.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

**Coaches:** Michael Mulkerrins '91, assisted by Anne Seppi and Joe Moriarty '68; JV Gus Gomoziass assisted by Meggie McCarthy '08; Frosh Rick Murphy '69.

**Records:** Varsity league 10-2, league co-champs; overall 22-7; JV league 8-4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; overall 17-6; frosh overall 17-3.

**Highlights:** In the pre season West Coast Jamboree, the Wildcats defeated McClatchy High School (56-38) and Chaminade (57-47) before losing to St. Mary's, Stockton (51-60) in the finals. SI finished the WCAL round robin season as Co-Champions with Archbishop



Mitty. In the CCS Tourney, SI defeated Palo Alto High School (63-33) then lost to Sacred Heart Cathedral (53-50) and Eastside Prep (54-51). The Wildcats were seeded sixth in the Nor Cal Tourney and defeated Salesian (74-60). In the Nor Cal semifinals, the Wildcats fell to Miramonte High School of Moraga (55-67).  
**Awards:** First Team, All-League: Tyler Brown

and Jolene Yang; Second Team, All-League: Josie Little and Addi Walters; WCAL Player of the Year: Sydney Raggio. Wildcat Award Janessa Manzano; Coaches Award Tyler Brown.

**Graduating Seniors:** Joleen Yang, Josie Little, Tyler Brown, Addi Walters, Brianna Beckman, Sydney Raggio, Janesa Manzano and Erin Hanley.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

**Coaches:** Rob Marcaletti '96, assisted by Jamal Baugh, Matthieu Niehues and Alejandro Thomas '97; JV Kareem Guilbeaux '01 assisted by Albert Waters '13; Frosh A Paul Bourke; Frosh B Steve Murphy '83.

**Records:** Varsity league 4-10; overall 10-14; JV league 12-2; overall 18-5; Frosh A league 13-1; overall 19-1 (league champs); Frosh B league 11-3; overall 16-3 (league champs).

**Highlights:** The Wildcats defeated Mission High (54-44) and Santa Cruz (45-39) before losing to Bellarmine Prep from Tacoma Washington (45-49) in the championship game of the Leo LaRocca Sand Dune Classic. In league play, the 'Cats defeated Valley Christian twice and Riordan twice, finishing league play in seventh place. In CCS Division III play, the Wildcats were seeded third and lost to Burlingame (44-56).

**Awards:** Second Team, All-League: Will Emery; All-League honorable mention and the Dennis Carter Award: Dom Burke.

**Graduating Seniors:** Cian Hennessy, Dylan Elder, Dominic Burke and Eddie Hagan.







## Night of champions at the alumnae basketball reunion

BY ANNE STRICHERZ  
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Many of the women who played on SI's championships girls' basketball teams over the years gathered at the school Jan. 19 for a reception. Later, they watched the current varsity girls' squad triumph over Mitty.

At halftime during that game, the alumnae enjoyed one final moment at half court, where they were honored once again for their accomplishments at the Prep.

Standing alongside them was veteran SI English teacher Tim Reardon '86, who had coached many of the girls and who was kicking off his first major event as the school's new alumni director.

"This new event was the first time we honored female athletes in this way," said Reardon. "We have honored some outstanding teams in the past, but given our history, those teams have been all-male squads."

The returning alumnae saw SI defeat Mitty in the second game of the season in McCullough Gym — a match that featured the top two WCAL teams. "The time was right to pay tribute to many of our outstanding

alumnae basketball players, many who have laid a great foundation for our female athletes today," said Athletic Director John Mulkerrins '89 at the halftime ceremony.

At the reception, the alumnae spoke about watching the current squad, which at one point was ranked third in the nation.

"I've watched so many players on this team for several years, and I follow them on Twitter," said Kerry Grady '07.

Grady got to hear two of the players — Josie Little '15 and Joleen Yang '15 — in person when they came to the reception along with coach Mike Mulkerrins '91 to illustrate the connection between this team and those who have come before them.

Grady's SI teammate Nicole Canepa '07 added that she returned to SI "to celebrate the winning tradition of SI girls' basketball. It's awesome to have this kind of turnout and reconnect with so many great people and players." Canepa, who was a star player for the Oregon Ducks, also had her time coaching girls' basketball at SI, taking the JVs under her wings.

Former coaches Steve Phelps, Jim Dekker '68, Bob Drucker '58, John Duggan '59 and Julie Guevara '94 also joined Reardon and the alumnae for the event.

Guevara, the recipient of the 1994 Brophy Award, holds the distinction of being the

only player and head coach in the group, as she led the Wildcats for five years. "It's great to connect so many generations of players and teams," she said. "I learned from some of the best coaches, including John Duggan, who was a second father to me, as well as the legendary Bob Drucker."

Guevara's teammate Bridget (Scott) Akinc '94 traveled from Boston to share in the celebration. "SI is a family," she added. "I wish I could make it to the Thanksgiving alumni games. I knew that everyone would be in one place for this special event — the first female gathering of our basketball program. I'm thankful that the alumni office made this happen."

**Pictured above are members of the championship basketball teams and their coaches who earned the following titles:**

**1996: CCS Champs**

**1998: CCS Champs**

**2002: GPSL Champs**

**2005: CCS Champs**

**2006: WCAL & CCS Champs**

**2012: WCAL Champs**

**2014: WCAL Champs & CCS Open Division Champs** 🏆



# AVC grads reflect on inaugural year

BY KATIE MARCONI '10

When I tossed my cap into the air in front of St. Ignatius Church on June 5, 2010, I assumed I would only return to SI for class reunions or the occasional Bruce Mahoney game. I was wrong.

Thanks to a new program at SI called the Alumni Volunteer Corps (AVC), I have returned to my alma mater along with Brian McGovern '10 and Claude Donnelly, a 2009 graduate of St. Ignatius College Preparatory in Chicago. I came with a new focus and a desire to grow in a place that felt familiar.

AVC may also feel familiar as it is modeled after the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, which places young college graduates in service programs around the country. AVC, however, brings SI grads back home to live in community, to practice simple living and to work in service to others.

From my first week at SI, I worked both in the Development Office and in the Learning Center. My tasks seemed typical for any intern. I entered addresses into a database, stuffed envelopes and made spreadsheets.

This changed when a coworker asked me to learn how to use Adobe's Creative Suite. I started with a simple Mass program for the Alumni Office and later crafted invitations, logos and Learning Center newsletters, allowing me to merge my newfound love for design with my degree in English. I wrote about study skills, resources and learning differences in ways that both students and parents appreciated.

My formerly neat Development cubicle quickly grew chaotic, with pinned examples of my work adorning every surface. Posters with "The 10 Commandments of Color Theory and Visual Communication" hung next to my monitor, and I glanced at them whenever I needed inspiration.

I discovered that I enjoyed puzzle-making, crafting different pieces into attractive designs to communicate in powerful ways. As an English major, I love writing. My research for the newsletter gave me an understanding of how to work with students with learning differences, an area with which I had little experience before beginning this program. I also manage the Learning Center webpage, which offers an archive of the newsletters, along with daily study tips and articles. I decided to take a multifaceted approach to creating a safe space for students diagnosed with LDs. As the months



**Brian McGovern, Katie Marconi and Claude Donnelly serve at SI and at Mission Dolores Academy.**

progressed, I became more comfortable working with students, and the students became more comfortable working with me.

When I walked into McGucken Hall for orientation last August, I didn't know that I had a passion for graphic design, a career change that I was able to explore with the help of SI's graphic designer Nancy Hess and Paul Totah, the school's director of communications. I also had no idea that I would become a volleyball coach for the first time in my life. I didn't know what it would be like to work full time in two different departments or that I could create a new experience out of something that felt familiar.

I'm so glad I did. SI's AVC program gave me the experience I needed, the confidence I desired and the space to take risks in new fields.

I also had the pleasure of witnessing the success and growth of my fellow AVCs. Donnelly, a 2014 SCU grad, works at Mission Dolores Academy three days a week as a phonics tutor in the Read Center and as a teacher's aide in the third grade classroom. Two days a week, he tutors students in the Learning Center at SI; in both places, he enjoys "witnessing happiness" when students understand a new concept for the first time. "Tutoring allows me to discover learning styles and makes me feel great about my work."

His work as a third-grade teacher taught him just what concerns third graders, from line-cutting and recess hours to whether chocolate milk will be served at lunch. "While talking with two students one whispered to me that he was 7," said Donnelly. "The other, having overheard this conversation, tapped me on the shoulder to tell me that he was 8." The work, he added "is challenging, but worth the effort."

McGovern, who studied sociology and business at Gonzaga University, knew he wanted to teach thanks to a middle school math teacher who inspired him. He works at MDA as a sixth grade teacher's aide, tutoring students individually during math class and teaching religion to a class of 31.

At the start of the program, he felt nervous about his new job but found himself embraced by the MDA community and helped by the classroom teacher with whom he works. "She has such a great presence in the classroom," he noted. "I've picked up a lot of tips just from watching her."

After the first quarter, the parents of a struggling sixth grader came in for a conference. The teacher then assigned McGovern to spend extra time with the student in class. "I got to know him and eventually pushed beyond the student's emotional wall. I now enjoy seeing the look on his face when he gets the right answer."

McGovern pushes himself to do more because he "wants to give back as much as I can and serve as a positive role model for these students." McGovern, who plans on earning his teaching credential, hopes that SI grads will apply for the AVC program. "There's much good work to be done and many opportunities for people of all different interests. It's a good opportunity to take a year, figure it out a little bit and serve others in the process."

Br. Joe Frias, S.J., the program's director, noted that he hoped to find young people interested in living lives of service in growing in the values that SI stands for. "In Katie, Brian, and Claude we found remarkable young adults who helped kicked off what we expect will be a long tradition here at SI." ∞

# Remembering the martyrs of El Salvador

BY THERESA MARTIN '11

We danced through the night. It was one o'clock in the morning, and the celebration continued — live music played from the stage, lines extended from vendors selling pupusas and chocobananos, men swayed in hammocks strung between trees and North Americans stood wearing Archbishop Oscar Romero t-shirts.

I was somewhere amid the crowd, still dancing, unwilling to submit to my exhausted feet. The day had been full. Thousands had flocked to the Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas (the UCA), San Salvador's Jesuit university, to commemorate the Salvadoran martyrs. There were representatives from North American Jesuit schools — from Santa Clara University and Georgetown to Saint Louis University — and there were delegations from around the world. Events included a soccer tournament, free tamales and coffee and alfombra-making. The day had been filled with celebrations; and as dusk fell that evening, crowds gathered to process through the UCA, carrying candles and remembering why we had gathered.

On Nov. 16, 1989, six Jesuits, a Salvadoran woman who was employed at another Jesuit community and her daughter were killed at the Jesuit residence of the UCA. They were murdered by members of the elite battalion that, earlier in the war, had carried out the massacre of approximately 1,000 people around the village of El Mozote.<sup>1</sup> The six Jesuits, who had struggled for justice in the midst of the civil war, were assassinated after being targeted by the Salvadoran government as subversives. Elba Ramos, an employee of another Jesuit community in San Salvador, and her daughter Celina, were staying at the Jesuit residence that night and were murdered as well. These murders drew international condemnation. The UN's post-war Truth Commission found that "the murder of the six Jesuit priests ... was the final outburst of the delirium that had infected the armed forces and the innermost recesses of certain government circles."<sup>2</sup> Twenty-five years later, we continue to commemorate the lives of the UCA martyrs and to remember their spirit of hope for an end to violence and injustice.

As I stood among those who had gathered to commemorate the eight who died, I recognized the names of the martyrs: Ignacio Ellacuría, Segundo Montes, Ignacio Martín-Baró, Juan Ramón Moreno, Joaquín



López y López, Amando López, Elba Ramos and Celina Ramos. I had heard the names spoken before, and throughout a semester of studying abroad in El Salvador as part of my studies at St. Louis University, I had begun to understand the context in which they lived and the legacy that they left. I asked Cristina Quintanilla, a Salvadoran friend of mine, what the anniversary meant to her. She told me that for her, "the anniversary of the Jesuits is a reminder of the commitment we have to those most in need and forgotten. To remember the martyrs and their companions makes me feel committed to their struggle, and I ask myself, 'What would they do now?' [Even] when there was repression and uncertainty, they worked to see a world that was more just for the poor, more egalitarian and more humane. To remember the martyrs makes me persevere and gives me hope."<sup>3</sup>

The celebration of the UCA martyrs reminds us that we can hold onto hope for justice. Twenty-five years after their deaths, we continue to remember their stories.

We remember that these eight people were killed in a bloody civil war that consumed El Salvador between 1980 and 1992. We remember that in addition to the UCA martyrs, nearly 75,000 other people were killed during the war; in many cases, their lives have never been celebrated, their bodies have never been found, and their families are still affected every day by their absence. We remember that this is our history as North Americans — that it was the United States government that sent more than \$6 billion to support a Salvadoran military that, according to the UN's Truth Commission, was responsible for 85 percent of the acts of violence during the civil war, violence, that "burst into villages, cut off roads and

destroyed highways and bridges, energy sources and transmission lines; it reached the cities and entered families, sacred areas and educational centers.... Violence [that] turned everything to death and destruction."<sup>4</sup> We remember that the Peace Accords, signed in 1992, ended the war, but didn't solve the problems of violence and poverty.

However, we also remember that there is hope. The UCA martyrs remind us that even amid great injustice, we can continue to believe that "another world is possible." During my semester in the country, I often heard Salvadorans say "*seguimos adelante*" — we keep moving forward — carrying the spirit of the martyrs and struggling for an end to injustice.

*Theresa Martin (right) is in her third year at St. Louis University and is double-majoring in theology and international studies. She studied abroad in El Salvador for four months during the fall of 2014 with the program, Casa de la Solidaridad.* ∞



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# keeping in touch

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**1942 Ken Ross** reports that he and 20 of his classmates “are still here, including Johnny Lo ... I mean **Rev. John LoSchiavo, S.J.**, who is still Capo and Class President. I still have my hair, and we are all in wheelchairs, walkers and crutches, but we hope to be around for a few more years.”



**1948 Eugene Bianchi** has a new book of poems, *Chewing Down My Barn*, that deals with the spirituality of aging. Read sample poems and his blog on aging at [bianchibooks.com](http://bianchibooks.com).

**1955 CBS Sunday Morning** ran a feature praising the many successes of **Gov. Jerry Brown\***.

**Edward A. Chow, MD, FACP**, was the keynote speaker at the 17th Biennial Conference on Health Care of the Chinese in North America in Los Angeles last October. He addressed the implications of health-care reform for the Chinese American population. The conference is sponsored by the Federation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Medical Societies. Dr. Chow is also currently president of the San Francisco Health Commission, with oversight of more than \$2 billion worth of health services for the city.

**1956** Former seven-term Fairfax Mayor **Frank Egger's** Cazadero Winery received another Gold Medal at the 2015 *San Francisco Chronicle* Wine Competition for his 2011 Moon Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon.

**1958 Dudley Poston**, professor of sociology at Texas A&M University, was among the scientists elected last November as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He was elected for his “distinguished contributions to the field of social demography, particularly for work enhancing the understanding of population growth and change in the U.S. and China.” He and the other new Fellows were formally recognized on Feb. 14 at the AAAS annual meeting in San Jose.

**1959 Dan Belluomini\*** and **Jim Brovelli '60\***, both head basketball coaches at USF as well as teammates at SI and USF, were featured on the USF website. / In May, **Greg Wood\*** will be inducted into SF Prep Hall of Fame for his football success while at SI.

**1961 Frank Berardi** (left) visited SI for the first time since his high school graduation. He writes, “My grandson attends Jesuit High in Sacramento, and he was playing basketball at



SI. The ‘new’ campus is so different. I got to wander the halls and in a complete surprise found my class graduation picture. It’s a very nice campus. Proud to be a graduate from SI.”

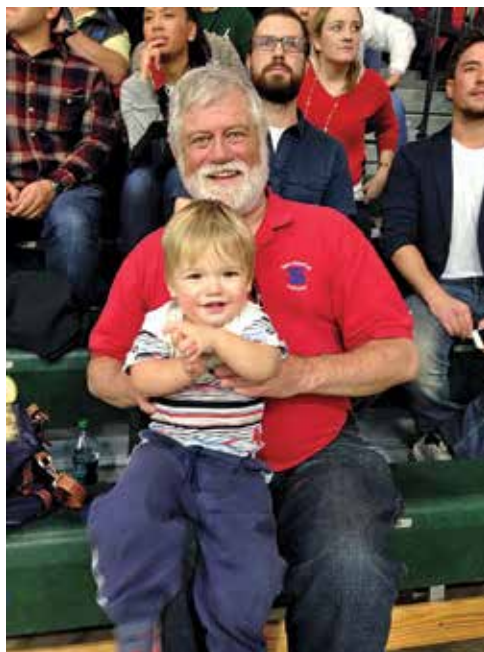
**1963 John J Kirby, D.D.S.**, returned from a Medical Mission in Kalibo, Philippines, with



Mending Faces. He and others provided pro-bono cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries to more than 80 patients, restoring hope and dramatically changing the lives of the children and families in this area.

**1965 CCSF's George Rush\*** stepped down as head football coach after 38 seasons with 326 wins, 93 losses and 4 ties. His 326 wins are more than any other JC coach in the U.S.

**1967** SI religious studies teacher **Michael Shaughnessy** brought his grandson, Cyrus



Wilder Bondy, to his first Bruce-Mahoney basketball game last January. Cyrus is the son of **Megan (Shaughnessy) Bondy '95** and the great-grandson of **Bert Shaughnessy '31**.

**1970 Rev. William O'Neill, S.J.**, of the Jesuit School of Theology, received the 2014 Sarlo Excellence in Teaching Award, which honors outstanding professors at colleges and universities in Northern California.

**1972** NECN anchor **Steve Aveson\*** read ‘*Twas the Night Before Christmas*’ as he was backed by the Boston Pops last December. / **Michael Kelly\*** was named general manager of New York City’s Housing Authority by Mayor Bill de Blasio. / *God’s Bankers’* author **Gerald Posner\*** spoke about his book on *The Daily Show*.

**1973** Attorney **Jim Byrne\*** was given the Hibernian of the Year award by the Hibernian Newman Club at its March 13 gathering.

**1975** SFPD’s **Julio Bandoni\*** reunited a man with his stolen prosthetic leg. His actions were celebrated by local media, including the *San Francisco Chronicle*. / **Pierre Martinez**, who joined the SFPD in 1983, retired in 2013 as an inspector. He now coaches his youngest daughter, Sydney, in the Novato girls’ softball and Novato Heat traveling summer and fall softball teams. / MayView Community Health Center announced the appointment of **Kelvin Quan, JD, EdD, MPH**, as MayView Chief Executive Officer effective Feb. 2, 2015. Dr. Quan brings more than 30 years of health care experience to his role. He has held executive leadership positions at several Bay Area health care organizations. “He has a special passion for serving diverse patient communities by promoting culturally competent care and language access,” said Louise D. Baker, president of the MayView Board of Directors. / Realtor and Deadhead **Tom Stack\*** was featured in the *Lamorinda Weekly*.

**1976 James Houghton\*** is stepping down from Signature Theatre Company for health reasons to focus on his work as head of Juilliard’s drama school.

**1979** Firefighter **Jeff Columbini\*** was featured on KTVU for his work training firefighters on Treasure Island.

**1980 Dan (Long) LaFever**, aka Tiger Claw, is an accomplished air guitarist, winning multiple US Air Guitar awards, including the Profile of Excellence Award, Hall of Fame induction with a USAG





trading card, Freebird Award, Shred Nugent Award for Technical Purity, and a namesake award titled The Tiger Claw Award for passion and dedication in the field of air guitar.

**1982** SI Theatre Program Director **Ted Curry** and the cast of *The Matchmaker* were featured in *San Francisco Catholic*. / **Rev. Mick McCarthy, S.J.\***, wrote about faith and doubt for the SCU alumni magazine. / **Jonathan Moscone\*** is leaving CalShakes to head the drama program at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts.

**1984** **Greg Sempadian\*** is the new athletic director of Holy Names College in Oakland.

**1985** **James Stofan** is now the chief operating officer of Defenders of Wildlife, a national conservation organization focused on wildlife and habitat conservation and the safeguarding of biodiversity. (See story in this issue.)

**1987** Screenwriter **Steve McFeeley\*** launched the *Agent Carter* TV series. / *Silicon Valley Business Journal* wrote about Monster's **David Tognetti\***, who is a finalist for the 2014 Corporate Counsel Awards in the IP Lawyer category.

**1988** Former SI English teacher and Magis Director **Simon Chiu\***, currently principal at St. Joseph's Notre Dame High School in Alameda, was named president of St. Francis High School in Mountain View. / **Damon Pierson** published a book called *The Walk: A Testimonial About Finding Your Purpose*.

**1989** Former Olympian **Tom McGuirk\***, owner of Cowboy Fishing Co. in Half Moon Bay, had his new pub featured in *7x7* magazine.

**1991** **Justin Wells** recently co-authored and published a book, *Transforming Schools Using Project-Based Learning, Performance Assessment, and Common Core Standards* (Jossey-Bass), which describes the work of Oakland-based Envision Schools, where Justin is a founding teacher. The book argues for redesigning our high schools for the 21st century.

**1993** **Peter Morelli**, former director of engineering at Twitter, is Lyft's new vice president for engineering.

**1996** **A.J. Brady\***, a Marin County prosecutor and Reed Union School District Board member, was featured in the *Marin Independent Journal* for his work fighting the measles outbreak.

**1998** **Matthew Caselli** wed Ashley Tomerlin on

June 21, 2014, at PorQue Ranch in Healdsburg. Matt's sister, **Mollie '00**, was a bridesmaid, and **Scott Dobroski '98** stood as best man. Also in attendance were **Megan (Montague) Sweeney '98**, **Tina (Cardenas) Castelein '98**, **Kari Berquist '98**, **Patrick Cronin '86**, **Daniel Cronin '61**, **Virgil Caselli, Sr. '58**, **Christie (Olsson) Brush '98**, **Virgil Caselli, Jr. '93**, **Danielle (Devencenzi) Cronin '97** and **Catherine Carr '00**. / **Angela Leus** has been promoted to vice president of Film Music at Universal Pictures. Current and future projects include *Pitch Perfect 2*, the NWA biopic *Straight Outta Compton*, *Sisters* starring Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, and the Danny Boyle/Aaron Sorkin Steve Jobs biopic.

**1999** **Joe Skiffer\***, head coach of Urban's boys' varsity basketball team, faced off in CCS Division V play against his former SI coach Don Lippi, who now coaches at St. Joseph's Notre Dame in Alameda.

**2000** *The Chronicle* reported on March 12 that the family of the late **Peter Antonini\*** donated 40 wetsuits to firefighters. Peter died in 2002 while jogging on Ocean Beach as he was training to join the SFFD. / The redwoods served as the perfect backdrop for the Sept. 6 wedding of **Mary DeFrancis** and Andrew Young. The outdoor ceremony was held at St. Colman's



Catholic Church in Cazadero, with the peacock-themed reception following in Monte Rio at the Highland Dell along the Russian River. Mary's sister, **Kristel (DeFrancis) Fleming '03**, was the Matron of Honor. Also in attendance were **Danielle Bergez '00**, **Stephanie Burbank '00**, **Stefani Comerford '03**, **Allison Dean '03** and **James Tassone '00**. The couple spent a week basking in the sun during their honeymoon in Maui. Mary has been working since 2005 as a registered nurse in labor and delivery at CPMC, while Andrew is a generator technician for

Energy Systems. / **Alexis McCurn** earned three degrees in sociology: her bachelor's degree



from USF in 2005, and from UC Santa Barbara, her master's degree in 2009 and a doctoral degree in 2013. She accepted an appointment as an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at CSU Dominguez Hills. She currently resides in Culver City.

**2002** **Dan McDonnell** was named Head Varsity Coach of SI Boys Crew. Dan takes the reins after coaching the freshman boys for seven successful years, a position he held from 2008 until 2014. Dan rowed for SI and Cal, earning top medals at the Pac-10 and IRA Championships.

**2003** **Karina Capulong\***, who created the Inspire Girls To series, was featured on SomethingCatchy.com.

**2004** **Ashley Werner** lives in Fresno, where she works to improve conditions in disadvantaged communities as an attorney for Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. On Jan. 10, Ashley was elected delegate to the California State Democratic Party. During her two-year term for District 31, she will vote on endorsements for resolutions and ballot measures and candidates for statewide, legislative and congressional office. The highlight of Ashley's month was hearing Governor **Jerry Brown '55** give a powerful speech at the High Speed Rail groundbreaking in Fresno.

**2005** **Darren Criss\*** will star in his second Broadway musical, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*. He also wrote a song for the *Glee* finale. / **Victoria Herrera** married Michael Lamson on





Aug. 9, 2014, at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Auxiliary Bishop William Justice, the bride's childhood pastor, presided over the ceremony. Two of the bride's best friends, **Katherine Jeung '05** and **Courtney Thomas '05**, served as Maid of Honor and Bridesmaid respectively. They went on to dance the night away at the Four Seasons, where several SI classmates were in attendance, including **Antonette Bondoc**, **Claudia Zepeda**, **Natalia Urbina**, **Marcel Thompson** and **Mike Mace**.

**2006 Sam Nelsen** was named Head Freshman Coach of SI Boys Crew. Sam recently moved back from Seattle and is coaching, working as an RN, helping to fix his parents' houseboat in Sausalito and enjoying the extra sunlight. Sam rowed for SI and Seattle U, coached for two years at Mount Baker Crew while working at the Seattle Veterans Affairs Medical Center, founded a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization to support his college team and was part of SI's crew that won at Henley in 2006. He is the third member of that crew to coach at SI; **Richie Gordon '07** reprises his role as Assistant Varsity Boys Coach and **Derek Johnson '06** helped coach the freshman boys in 2008. / **Gianna Toboni\*** returns to TV as a correspondent and producer for HBO's documentary series, VICE.

**2007 Andrew Borella** married **Kristina Renda '06** on Nov. 29, 2014, at Our Lady of Angels



Catholic Church. Members of the bridal party included Best Man **Jake Lawson '07**, **Chris McCaffery '07**, **Kevin Borella '01**, **Nick Borella '03**, **Brian Borella '05**, **Sean Borella '09**, **Tommy Renda '05**, **Amanda Belluomini '06** and **Allie Paver '06**.

**2008 Danielle Brunache\***, a soccer standout at SI and Cal, was given CIF's all-century honors for winter sports. / **Adam Greenberg\*** was featured on French TV and VatorNews for his new device for growing food indoors.

**2009 Brady Borcharding** is part of the California Senate Fellows Program in Sacramento. He works as a legislative aide in the office of State Senator Robert M. Hertzberg. / **Kevin Downs** is continuing his work with Ranchin' Vets, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, that places veterans on ranches and farms. Kevin was inspired by his brother, **Capt. Phil**

**Downs Jr. '99 (ret.)**, who served three tours in Iraq as a Marine. The group recently placed a veteran at Halleck Creek Ranch in Nicasio. Visit ranchinvets.org for more information.

**2010** Former Harvard volleyball captain **Natalie Doyle\*** offered advice to college athletes via Teamsnap.com / **Bernadette Rabuy\*** co-authored a report on the need for families to visit prisoners in person rather than through video conferencing.

**2011 Cheri Chan\*** claimed the fifth spot on Cal's All-Time Performers List in the javelin throw. / **Zach Schuller\*** played for the Oregon Ducks in the Rose Bowl.

**2012** SI's frosh and JV baseball teams watched the Cal-Stanford baseball game on Presidents' Day. Afterwards, the boys met SI grads **Collin Monsour '12** (pitcher) of Cal and Stanford's **Jack Klein '13** (outfield) and **Luke Pappas** (catcher). **Paul Toboni '08**, while watching the game on the Pac 12 Network from Boston, saw chaperone **Art Cecchin '63**, Art's grandson and coach Justin Christensen on camera.

**2014** Harvard's **Joe Lang '14\*** was named Ivy League Rookie of the Week in lacrosse. / **Quinci Mann\*** was selected for the Patriot League's all-frosh team. She helped Lehigh University beat #2 Army to make it to the Patriot League championships. / **Katie Spence\*** is finding success on Williams College track team.

**2015 Brianna Beckman\*** was nominated for Cal Hi Sports and Lexus Award for performing more than 350 hours of community service. / **Alexandra Camacho\*** was the featured artist in a Jan. 11 showing at Spotted Dog Graphic Design on Irving Street. / SI football kicker **Andrew Ferrero\*** made Cal Hi's all-state second team and was named All-NorCal kicker. / Seniors **Maria Garcia\*** and **Monica Cua\*** received the 2015 President's Volunteer Service Award from Prudential. / **Travis Greer\*** won 2nd place in the city's BSU Essay Contest.

**2016 Arash Poorsina\***, a 6-foot, 9-inch junior on SI's varsity basketball team, was featured by sickspots.com.

**2017 Allison Schaum\*** led the Pacific Zone Olympic Development Cadet team to its first U.S. National Championship in water polo.

## births

**1987 John Knolle** and his wife, Laura, a son, Jonathan Raymond Valentino, born Feb. 14, 2015.

**1999 Jaclyn Diaz Picchi** and her husband, Brandon, a daughter, Gwendolyn Grace, born



Jan. 27, 2015. She joins siblings John Stephen (7) and Giada (5). / **Roselyn Siino** and her



husband, Steve, a son, Lucca John, born Sept. 25, 2014.



**2001 David Arnott** and his wife, Jessica, a daughter, Salem Kimberly Walter (left), born Oct. 17, 2014.

**2002 Kat (Van Sciver) Van Eddy** and



her husband, James, a daughter, Charlotte Grace (right), born Dec. 11, 2014. She joins older brother Isaiah.



**2003 Stephanie Huynh Ching** and her husband, Vince, a daughter, Lana Huynh, born July 29, 2014.





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## Alumni Gatherings

Above: Members of the **Class of 1958** held their annual St. Patrick's Day gathering at Fior d'Italia in North Beach. Right: **Ed Silvia '74** and his children, **E.J. '11** and **Samantha '05**, were among those who saw the Giants in pre-season action in Scottsdale at the Arizona/New Mexico Chapter gathering in March. More than 100 grads — ranging from the class of 1947 through the class of 2011 — enjoyed fun in the sun. A number of Bay Area grads also flew south to join in the festivities. Photo by Genny Poggetti Veach '97.



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# calendar 2015

## APRIL

20-25 Spring Musical	7pm
21 Parent General Meeting (Commons)	6:30pm
24 Bob Smith '32 SoCal Alumni Luncheon	11:30 am
25 Class of 1945 Reunion	11:30am
25 Junior Prom	
27-30 Spring Musical, <i>Young Frankenstein</i>	7pm
30 Callaghan Society Dinner (Commons)	6pm

## MAY

1-2 Spring Musical, <i>Young Frankenstein</i>	7pm
2 International Food Faire	4pm

6 Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7pm
7 Father-Son Night (Commons)	6pm
7-8 Spring Dance Showcase	7pm
8 SIPAC End-of-Year Party	
9 Portland Chapter Reunion, Mingo West Restaurant, Beaverton	7pm
12 Transition to College (Orradre Chapel)	7pm
13 Fathers' Club Board Meeting	4pm
13 Board of Regents Meeting	6:30pm
13 Magis Senior Celebration	7pm
13,15 Spring Pops Concert	11am
14 Ignatian Guild Installation Mass & Luncheon	5:30pm
14 Fathers' Club BBQ (Commons)	
15 Faculty Inservice (no classes)	
16 Senior Prom	
18 Senior Class Holiday	

20 Father Carlin Heritage Society Luncheon, Spinnaker	11:30 a.m.
21 Transition Liturgy	
22 Awards Assembly	9:30am
25 Memorial Day Holiday	
26-28 Final Exams	
26 Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7pm
27 Fashion Show Kick-Off Meeting	7pm
28 Baccalaureate Mass (St. Mary's)	7:30pm
30 Graduation (St. Ignatius Church)	10:30am

## JUNE

1 Fathers' Club Installation Lunch (Alioto's)	11:30am
5 All Class Reunion	
8 High School Summer School & camps begin	
15 Middle School Summer School begins	

## Rev. Harry 'Dutch' Olivier, S.J., former teacher at SI and Brophy College Prep

Former SI faculty member Rev. Harry Tyler ("Dutch") Olivier '44 died March 17 in the Arizona Heart Hospital in Phoenix. He was 88 and a Jesuit for 70 years.

Dutch was born in San Francisco on Sept. 5, 1926, the son of Albert Olivier and Mary Strehl. After graduating from SI, he entered the Jesuit novitiate at Los Gatos. He returned to SI to teach Latin and religion (1951-53) and was lecturer in English at USF (1953-54) before his ordination in 1957.

Although Dutch returned to the high school classroom for brief periods at SI (1959-60 and 1985-87), his primary work was in administration of Jesuit institutions. From 1960 to 1966, he served as assistant to the Master of Novices at Sacred Heart Novitiate in Los Gatos. When the collegiate studies program was relocated to Loyola [Marymount] University in 1966, Dutch was named superior of the Jesuits-in-training.

In 1972 he assumed the position of minister, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the large Jesuit community of Loyola Marymount. In 1981 he was named executive assistant to the provincial of the California Province, serving until 1985. From 1987 until his death, Dutch was stationed at Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix as rector (1987-92) and as minister of the community. He also taught religion at the Prep and faithfully attended student events and athletics during those years.

While in Phoenix, he became a regular participant in SI's Arizona and New Mexico Chapter, which established a scholarship in his name in 2013, with the first gift donated by chapter president Jean Marrot '47. (See story, page 6.)



Dutch was known for his remarkable kindness, patience and generosity as minister of the community, overseeing the myriad details of day-to-day operation and pitching in on whatever chore needed to be done. His deep spirituality was recognized in the assignments dealing with the formation of young Jesuits. Always the perfect gentleman, he was a warm and gracious presence in the school and community. He is survived by a brother, Albert, of Novato, California. ☺

**Pictured above are Fr. Olivier (right) with Chuck '61 and Nancy Murphy at last year's gathering of the Arizona/New Mexico Alumni Chapter. Photo by Genny Poggetti Veach '97.**

## in memoriam [See www.siprep.org/memoriam](http://www.siprep.org/memoriam) for obituaries.

1940 Emmet J. Purcell	1950 Thomas A. Dachauer	1962 John F. Ireland
1941 Gerald J. Crowley	1950 Richard X. Waters	1962 Lawrence "Larry" Richards
1943 Angelo Gandolfo	1951 James R. Fern	1964 John Karigan
1943 Bob McFadden	1953 John B. Fottrell	1964 Daniel J. Wall
1944 Daniel G. McGill	1956 John D. Bernie	1967 John Bergez
1944 Rev. Harry "Dutch" Olivier, S.J.	1956 Robert J. Pope	1973 Anthony J. Carreon
1945 Anthony H. Vidak	1957 Edmund P. Browne	1980 Cornelius "Greg" Doherty
1949 John R. (Jack) Fennell	1957 Robert L. Crowley	2003 Theodore Farber
1949 John R. Hogan	1958 Roy J. Repak	Former faculty: Robert Blair Kaiser



## SI Performances

Students took to the stage starting with SI Live (below left), the sketch comedy club. February saw the Piano Recital (below right), and March brought SI Cabaret (bottom of page), which showcased songs from musicals from the 1960s. Go to [siprep.slickpic.com](http://siprep.slickpic.com) to see more photos from these events as well as from the Fine Arts Fair, the Dance Concert and other performing arts events.

