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Most of the SI student body gathered on J.B. Murphy Field in November to form the SI block and pose for a video and photograph as part of the schoolwide Lip Dub that happened the following week. SITV and the Executive Council organized this herculean endeavor. On this day, when students chanted “We are SI,” they were, quite literally, SI. Photo by Alex Ring '18.



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First Words

Think of the events in your life that have taught you the most. Chances are, they were neither easy nor pleasant. When I wrote SI's history, I saw how our school changed for the better in ways that sometimes caused discomfort and, at times, even pain. Coeducation did not come easily for some, nor did our change from a city to a regional school.

What we hope to teach our students is that real education involves a little discomfort, especially as we ask them to look at the world in ways they aren't used to. We have a symbol of that lesson in our first floor hallway. Most students walk by it and never see it.

The next time you're at SI, look for a small stone on the left side of the first floor mural. The image below tells you where to look.



The stone in the center of the white circle shouldn't be where it is. Given the angle it's on, it should have rolled to the bottom of the mound. There's a reason muralist Boris Koodrin '67 painted it there. There's something written on it, but in order to read it, you have to get on your hands and knees and struggle a little.

Why? Because the mural is really a riddle and an allegory. The words on the stone are part of the riddle, and what you do to read the stone is the allegory for what SI is — a school that teaches students by making them, at times, a little uncomfortable by asking them to change their perspective.

Getting down on one's hands and knees isn't a natural thing to do (or an easy thing for people my age), but if we hope to grow and learn, we need to get out of our comfort zones and see the world in new ways.

That's why Boris wrote the word "seek" three times on the mural. We need to know what to look for and how to look so that we might find God in all things and in all people and to discern the greater good when choices are tough.

One way I try to practice this lesson is by traveling, by leaving the comfort of my familiar home to see what we have built with the rocks and stones that make up our planet. In Sarajevo, I saw the headstones of nearly 12,000 killed in a genocide. In Rome, I saw a stone upon which Julius Caesar was cremated, a fulcrum dividing the Roman Republic and the Roman Empire. I'm off to Peru for my next trip to see the stones of Machu Pichu and the rocks that form the Galapagos islands to discover the stories they hold.

The most profound gathering of stones I've had the privilege to see were in Tanzania. They sat in a dry valley called the Olduvai Gorge. It's the place we all began and why we are all related. Experts tell us the first human species emerged from this area 1.9 million years ago. As I stared at the genesis of us all, I thought of the slow movement of our ancestors. Some of them made their way to what is now Yemen and later to Palestine, where my parents were born. I can look at a map and trace the route my forebears most likely took.

In February, Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., the founder of Homeboy Industries, came to SI to share stories of his work helping former gang members leave their old lives behind. He helps them see their route from violence to peace, from a life of fear and intimidation to fulfillment. In his two talks at SI, he challenged our students to see these men and women not as gang bangers but as brothers and sisters.

"No daylight to separate us," he writes in his book *Tattoos on the Heart*. "Only kinship. Inching ourselves closer to creating a community of kinship such that God might recognize it. Soon we imagine, with God, this circle of compassion. Then we imagine no one standing outside of that circle, moving ourselves closer to the margins so that the margins themselves will be erased. We stand there with those whose dignity has been denied. We locate ourselves with the poor and the powerless and the voiceless. At the edges, we join the easily despised and the readily left out. We stand with the demonized so that the demonizing will stop. We situate ourselves right next to the disposable so that the day will come when we stop throwing people away."

I see students move to the margins in the two clubs I moderate. The Dialogue Club brings together students who are Arabic and Jewish and those interested in the Middle East. The Green Team is a home for those who want to care for creation. Each calls the student to learn more about "the other" on the margins — whether that other is the natural world or someone from another culture.

Real dialogue involves listening, and sincere listening necessitates an open mind and an open heart. True dialogue happens when both sides are willing and even eager to listen and learn from the other.

Greg Boyle reminds us of this, as does Boris Koodrin in his mural. It's the same lesson we teach every day in class and that, I hope, our students carry with them as they venture to the margins, where they will attempt to see life in new ways, listen with a desire to grow, and discover what is new and wonderful that they don't already know about our common home.

— Paul Totah '75

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Fr. Eddie Reese, S.J., named as SI's next president



Fr. Reese and Fr. Harris at the March auction.

Rev. Edward A. Reese, S.J., will serve as the 31st president of St. Ignatius College Preparatory beginning July 1, 2016, after a unanimous vote by the school's Board of Trustees.

The board selected Fr. Reese, a veteran administrator of California Jesuit Schools, after an extensive nationwide search led by SI Trustee Justice Peter Siggins '73.

SI President Edwin B. Harris, S.J. '63, who will finish his term in June, praised his successor for being forward-thinking and for having the depth of experience that stretches back to 1968, when Fr. Reese began his career in education as a scholastic teaching at Loyola High School.

"The Search Committee did an outstanding job of working through a slate of well-qualified candidates for this important position," added Rev. Greg Bonfiglio, S.J., chair of SI's Board of Trustees. "They served the mission of the school — and ultimately our students — extremely well. Fr. Reese brings with him skills and experience that uniquely position him to build on what has been accomplished and lead this excellent school forward. We are blessed to have him."

Justice Siggins added that "the search committee seriously weighed the applications of a highly qualified group of candidates. But when all was said and done, Fr. Reese fulfilled all the desirable characteristics

developed in our listening sessions for the profile of SI's next president. He is an experienced administrator and a proven fundraiser. He has earned the loyalty of a devoted staff and has demonstrated his commitment to fostering diversity. His pastoral acumen and obvious passion for Jesuit secondary education impressed us all. The committee is thankful that Fr. Reese has accepted the mission, and we look forward to the next chapter of SI's storied history under his care and direction."

Currently at Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix, where he has served for the past 20 years as president, Fr. Reese has also served as an assistant principal at Loyola High School; an assistant principal and principal at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose (1978–1993); and as an administrator, teacher and counselor at St. Ignatius Riverview in Sydney, Australia (1993–1995).

"Father Reese has led Brophy, in collaboration with its students, faculty, administration and the entire Brophy community, to become a nationally recognized Jesuit high school," said Brophy's Chairman of the Board of Trustees John Strittmatter. "We will miss him greatly. However we are happy that our sister school in San Francisco can benefit from his proven success as a leader, visionary and change agent."

Fr. Reese's many accomplishments at Brophy include raising more than \$85 million in philanthropic funds,

Compass Spotlight:

In each issue of Genesis, we are featuring a story about the Compass Campaign, which seeks to add \$50 million to our scholarship fund. Go to www.siprep.org/compass for more information.

BY ELIZABETH LEONG '17

President, SITV

I see SI as a diverse community of people, each with a unique story.

And I'm passionate about telling those stories.

That's why I am one of the leaders of SITV. Our mission is to give a microphone to people who have something to say but who aren't used to having a voice.

This is also why I spent the summer at Google, working at an internship designed to reduce gender disparity in the field of computer science. We learned how to code and met high-tech leaders who are committed to making the tech world more diverse. Now I've started a club to help encourage girls to study computer science and pursue high-tech careers by gaining skills.

My parents came to the U.S. from Hong Kong and Macau for the same reason — to gain skills in order to give their child the American Dream. They worked hard to afford to go to college, and knowing their story reminds me that all I have is a blessing, not a given.

I am grateful to my parents, just as I am thankful to the Mohun family, who funded my scholarship at SI. When my parents first heard that SI was helping to pay for my education, they felt so relieved. They knew



Photo by Ronnie Poon

how much I wanted to come here ever since I went to my first Open House, where the teachers and students were so welcoming. I knew I wanted to be a part of this community, one that I love so much, to allow me to live out SI's mission.

And that brings me back to SITV. I get to shine the light on so much talent and show how these very different people come together with one goal — to work as a team to make each other better while they become their best selves. ☞

doubling the campus footprint, bringing technology to the campus that made Brophy the first high school in Arizona with one-to-one computing, developing highly competitive faculty salaries and benefits and quadrupling the student financial aid budget. His proudest achievement is the establishment of the Loyola Academy in 2010, providing tuition-free education to 6th, 7th and 8th grade male scholars coming from underserved student populations in Phoenix.

Most recently, he spearheaded the construction of several new facilities at Brophy, including the Eller Center for the Arts, the Piper Science and Math Center, the Harper Great Hall, the Aquatic Center and the Brophy Sports Campus. He has also broken ground on the Fr. Harry T. Olivier, S.J., Practice Gymnasium.

Born in Alhambra, Calif., Fr. Reese graduated from Loyola High School in 1961, at which time he entered the Society of Jesus. After his studies in philosophy (Gonzaga University) and theology (the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley), he was ordained a priest in 1973. In his several stints at Loyola, he taught English, Modern European History and religious studies, he chaired the theology department, he coached the freshman football team, he ran the student dormitory, and he served as an assistant principal for student affairs and director of campus ministry before continuing his studies at

Fordham University in secondary school administration. In addition to his administrative duties at Bellarmine, he also taught students to use computers and served as chaplain to the San Jose Police Department. He currently serves as chaplain of the Phoenix Police Department and is on the board of Boys Hope Girls Hope of Phoenix and the Phoenix Community Alliance. He also serves as a trustee for Gonzaga University.

Fr. Reese noted that he takes great pride "in serving with, hiring and promoting talented people in all the wonderful schools in which I have worked. It will be hard for me to leave Brophy. When the opportunity arose to serve the St. Ignatius community, I got excited. It's the right time to make a change. I hope I can do some good at SI."

Joining Justice Siggins on the search committee were fellow SI trustees Dr. Ted W. Love, Maureen Clark and Mr. A.J. Rizzo, S.J.; SI regents Alicia Donahue Silvia, Esq., and Dr. Frederick Gaines; Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Robert Gavin; Latin teacher Grace Curcio; Alumni Board member Catherine Carr '00; and alumna Gina Antonini '02. ☞

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Broadway Auction shines the spotlight on SI's history of theatrical excellence

This page: Ian MacLeod and Ed Wynn.

Opposite page, from top left: Fathers' Club President Steve Sirianni. Guild President Margy Lico is joined by fellow *Mama Mia* cast members Mary Kircher and Mary Casey. Guests dressed up in Broadway costumes ranging from *Kinky Boots* to *Jersey Boys*.

Bottom right: Chris Columbus & Monica Devereux hosted the Chairman's Circle party.



The Fathers' Club Broadway Auction, like New York's famed theatre district, staged a production that told a story of success and triumph, bringing in nearly \$1 million in net proceeds for the SI Scholarship Fund.

Led by Chairman Ian MacLeod and Vice Chairman Ed Wynne '84, the auction highlighted the rich tradition of SI's theatre program, one that boasts such luminaries as Tony Award winner and Lincoln Center Theatre Resident Director Bartlett Sher '77, Signature Theatre Company founder Jim Houghton '76, *Aladdin* star Adam Jacobs '97 and *Hedwig* star Darren Criss '05.

For MacLeod, the Broadway auction succeeded because of "the broad support from the SI community. That astonished me. The support needed to be broad-based in order for us to achieve our goal of raising \$1 million for the scholarship program."

This year, SI has awarded \$3.6 million in tuition assistance to 22 percent of the student body. As in years past, the Ignatian Guild's Fashion Show and the Fathers' Club Auction played a critical role in filling the gap between the earnings from the school's endowment fund and the total actual tuition assistance provided. This year, that \$900,000 gap was more than funded by the success of both parent club events.

Adding to the success of the auction for MacLeod was the spirit behind the event. "It seemed more like a school-oriented celebration and not just a fundraising party that happened

to be at SI, given the celebration of the school's performing arts programs. The involvement of Ted Curry '82 and Peter Devine '66 and the entire performing arts side of the school made a huge difference." Both directors narrated a video tribute to SI's theatre arts program, which will set the stage should SI decide to build a new theatre.

MacLeod also highlighted the broad partnership across the SI community this year. "We had tremendous participation from all quarters, especially the Ignatian Guild. Many alumni helped as well, such as Gary Brickley '71, who did an unbelievable job with the décor and made people feel as if they had walked into a Broadway theatre from the 1950s. The work of the honorary and operating committees was incredible all year long, and they helped make my job and Ed's job much easier given all the support."

The Guild and the Fathers' Club this year collaborated on the SI Business Sponsors Program. Together, the two clubs jointly solicited businesses willing to sponsor events organized by both clubs. (Go to www.siprep.org/partner to learn more about this new venture.)

Highlighting the auction itself were three skits choreographed by Curry, each spinoffs of famous Broadway musicals, including *The Book of Mormon*, *Grease* and *Mama Mia*. The first skit from *The Book of Mormon* included MacLeod, Fathers' Club President Steve Sirianni '84, David Fleming and David Churton '77, all

previous auction chairs. The last skit from *Mama Mia* starred Ignatian Guild President Margy Lico and two of the past fashion show chairs, Mary Kircher and Mary Casey.

Helping MacLeod and Wynne reach the \$1 million mark were Churton, who set the bar high with his own \$1 million auction last year. "He mentored both Ed and me and had a big impact," said MacLeod, who also praised Sirianni for his leadership and support. Wynne, he added, "was truly a partner in this endeavor starting last May, right up through the auction itself. He will do a fabulous job next year."

The auction also succeeded thanks to the four gift parties hosted by the Emery, Tarantino, Sheedy and Cumbelich families "and arguably one of the best Chairman Circle parties in history as the Columbus family outdid themselves in their final year as SI parents."

One live item alone earned \$263,000 — the fund-a-need paddle raise for a gift to the scholarship fund in honor of Rev. Edwin B. Harris, S.J. '63, SI's president who finishes his term of office this June.

MacLeod praised SI chef Rick Yang for feeding a gourmet dinner to 700 guests, and he highlighted all the SI development staff who worked so hard on the event. "From day one, this auction was really a group effort, and its success reflects the hard work and generosity of the entire SI community." ∞



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Leonoudakis family honors their mother with scholarship & endowed gift

For the Leonoudakis family, March sometimes came with heightened emotions, especially when one of the children had applied to SI.

“My mother, Rosemary, had dedicated herself to providing her five children with everything they needed for a meaningful and fulfilling future in San Francisco,” said her son, Tim '72.

“She saw a St. Ignatius education as a vital part of her three sons’ journey, as it would help us with the foundational knowledge and values needed to serve and ultimately give back to our communities.”

Rosemary, who died a decade ago, had a history of actively giving back to her community throughout her life, providing leadership and support to the St. Brendan’s Mothers’ Club, St. Elizabeth School and the March of Dimes.

Tim and siblings — brothers Steve '66 and Jon '76 and sisters Kristine Curwood (St. Rose) and Cathy Robbins (Convent of the Sacred Heart) — decided to honor their mother and acknowledge their appreciation for the great education SI provided their family by creating an estate gift and named scholarship in their mother’s name.

“We hope to make the SI experience available to those who might not otherwise have the opportunity,” said Tim.

“Over the past few years, we discussed various ideas regarding ways to honor our mother that she would love to be a part of. We decided that the best plan would be to step up and create a scholarship in her name at SI. In our hearts, we know that this would truly please her.”

Together, the siblings have contributed \$100,000 for a fully endowed scholarship named for their mother. “This will honor her and the loving values that she stood for all her life — family first, community, faith

and service,” said Tim. “These values were absolutely aligned with SI’s values.”

Rosemary met her future husband, Stephan, in San Francisco, where she attended Lincoln High School while he attended Balboa. When Stephan returned from WWII, he and Rosemary continued dating and eventually eloped to Reno.

A USF School of Law graduate and practicing attorney, Stephan started the family’s company, CityPark, in 1954 and acquired SFO Airporter, a transportation company in 1976. Parking operations grew to over 100 locations around the Bay Area, including relationships with the 49ers, the Giants, five-star hotels, offices and major hospitals. The transportation operations also grew into major shuttle operations for tech industry giants such as Google, Twitter, Facebook and Apple. Stephan also served on the Golden Gate Bridge Board for 36 years and was responsible for bringing ferry boats back to San Francisco Bay. (The ferry terminal now bears his name.)

Tim, formerly the CEO of CityPark parking operations and vice president of the family’s transportation business, recently orchestrated the sale of both companies to Canadian operators in 2015. An active member of the SI Alumni Board for years, he helped establish the Tour di Sant’Ignazio, a bicycle fundraising event for SI and the American Lung Association.

Tim is currently involved with World Bike Relief, bringing bikes to Africa to help young people get to school in order to lift themselves out of poverty. Tim’s children include Kaly '11, who lives and works in New York, and Cory '13, a sophomore at Gonzaga.

Tim’s brother Jon is an award-winning film producer. A 30-year veteran in the business, he has two of his baseball documentaries in the permanent collection of the National Baseball



Rosemary Leonoudakis

Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife and three children.

Steve '66 helped found and directed Outdoors Unlimited, San Francisco’s original outdoor adventure organization, before becoming a strategic planning consultant for UCSF. His son, Dmitri '90, went on to earn his doctoral degree in cell molecular biology. He currently performs research for Teva Pharmaceuticals on the neurobiology of the brain.

“When we look at our lives and what we have been given over the years, we all realize that SI has made a tremendous contribution to our family in so many ways,” added Tim. “It’s where I found my best friends, established core values and had a terrific education that set the foundation for my life. We are truly pleased that we can now provide the same opportunity to future students so that they may learn, grow and give back someday to the SI community and our fair city.”



Past parents celebrate SI connections

Tim '74 and Alice Pidgeon hosted a gathering of former SI parents at their San Rafael home on St. Patrick’s Day. SI will offer more opportunities for former parents to reconnect with their children’s alma mater. From left are Board of Regents Chair Claude Perasso '76, Alice Pidgeon and Janie Burke. SI President Edwin B. Harris, S.J. '63, Vice President for Advancement Joe Vollert '84 and Principal Patrick Ruff all spoke at the gathering about the Compass Campaign and news of the school. Look for more events in the months to come, including an invitation in the fall to meet SI’s new president, Fr. Eddie Reese, S.J.

Celebrating 160 Years

In October 1855, SI started its mission of educating the youth of San Francisco. The school began a year-long celebration of its 160th anniversary last October, a celebration that will continue until October 2016. During that time, three sets of banners will highlight this milestone. The banners hanging by the Embarcadero (left) mark the spot where Fr. Michael Accolti, S.J., and Fr. John Nobili, S.J., arrived in San Francisco in 1849 to begin the Jesuit mission in San Francisco. The location near City Hall (below left, displayed during January and February) highlighted the location of SI's third campus (1880-1906), the largest Jesuit school in the nation in its heyday. Davies Symphony Hall sits there now. The third set of banners (below) are on Sunset Boulevard marking our movement to our current campus.



A TIME TO LEAD, A TIME TO HEAL

It's no coincidence that many SI grads choose careers in health care and in government. The best leaders work to heal their communities, and healing sometimes involves taking the lead in discovering new drugs and better treatments.

You'll find healers and leaders on the following pages, men and women who, in the words of the banner that flies outside our school, have the "courage to lead" and a "passion to serve."

Those words came to the fore after an incident at Sigmund Stern Grove involving students who attended a party there. Despite involvement from at least five other schools, SI didn't shrink from directly addressing this issue and responding to requests for interviews from local media. Rather we used this as a chance to evaluate how effective our efforts have been in the areas of equity and inclusion, and we realized that we needed to accelerate our efforts. Administrators spent the next month meeting with parents, students and alumni to determine just how best to heal and to seek reconciliation. Watching our school's leadership, including Student Body President Lizzie Ford '16 and BSU President Nahri Pierce '16, I knew our school would, in Lizzie's words, "come back stronger with patience and a lot of trial and error."

You'll find other examples of those who have gone through their own journeys of healing, from Michael Mason '13, who survived a rare form of pneumonia that would have killed him if not for a double lung transplant, to Colleen Cavalier '16, a champion rider who was thrown from her horse during a competition. She is now back in the saddle and bringing home more trophies. Mike King '78, a top Silicon Valley recruiter, endured years of seizures until a remarkable procedure cured him, allowing him to regain his life.

Some have been inspired to heal others, from members of the class of 1989, who returned to school to perform free heart screenings for students, to current students, who bring dogs on campus during finals and midterms to help relieve stress.

Ed McGovern '75 and his wife, Tina, were also inspired to offer some healing following the discovery of their son's condition — Coats' disease — that can cause total blindness. Jack McGovern '13 and his parents are expanding their circle of healing, helping others with the disease through their foundation, one that sponsors conferences and searches for cures.

The same is true, though in a different way, for Brian Giovanola '92, whose son was saved thanks to an experimental treatment for spina bifida. He, in turn, works for a company that has invented drugs that have become the standard of care for hepatitis C and HIV.

In addition to the many remarkable doctors and nurses among SI's graduates, our healers also include men such as Brian Lee '09, who is training to be a physical therapist at USC, where he is the first grad student to work with USC's top athletes. Among SI's many pharmacists, Bob Ignoffo stands apart as a pioneer in the field and among those responsible for crafting a partnership between physicians and pharmacists that didn't exist before the 1970s.

Then there are the leaders, from SI's Robotics Team, which led the way for future generations of STEM students by launching the school's first ever robotics program. We also feature San Mateo's new mayor, Joe Goethals '95, who started his career as an EMT before turning to law and politics. He is fighting for better pay and housing for city employees, better defenses against rising sea levels and better sources of energy. Madison Davis '09, new to Brisbane's City Council, is also working to ensure that her city doesn't grow too large too quickly.

Three students are also featured here, young people who are venturing into politics and city planning. Ray Breault '16 worked at Brisbane's Department of Public Workers last summer, Erik Connell '18 learned how to design public open spaces, and Grace Pating '18 is now serving on San Francisco's Youth Commission, where she and other teens are working to help children whose parents are incarcerated. These students and graduates know that to be healers and leaders, we need to go beyond bandages and bluster. We need to look deep into the wounds and needs of those near and far. The best way to nurture this sort of vision is by looking with love at those who need our help, the same way that the greatest healer and leader, Jesus of Nazareth, did, when he walked among us. — *Paul Totah '75*



SI President Edwin B. Harris, S.J., at a January Friday Morning Liturgy — a time when the SI community comes together for healing under the leadership both of the celebrant and the students who plan each liturgy.



MICHAEL MASON '13 HAS A NEW LEASE ON LIFE THANKS TO DOUBLE LUNG TRANSPLANT



Opposite page top: Michael Mason survived a rare form of pneumonia that ate at his lungs and nearly killed him.

Below: Water polo alumni returned to SI in early January for a friendly competition and to raise funds to help the Mason family pay for a lifetime of medicine and therapy that Michael needs following his double-lung transplant operation.

Michael Mason '13 is, quite literally, breathing easier than he did over the summer, when he was battling for his life. He survived thanks to a double lung transplant, and he was able to cover costs beyond insurance thanks to the help of his former SI water polo teammates.

Now a third-year journalism major at the University of Oregon, Mason felt ill last May during finals. "I had no energy but somehow managed to pass all my classes," he noted. "I could barely walk the stairs in my house."

When finals ended, a friend drove him to his home in Novato, where he lives with his mother. (When Michael was 11, his father, Mort, died, the victim of early onset Alzheimer's disease.)

Mason's mother, Karen, a mortgage broker, returned to Novato from Hawaii to help her son get ready for his summer job. She took him to Kaiser Hospital's emergency room in Terra Linda after he was up all night coughing. "We both thought I would take some antibiotics and soon be better," noted Mason.

Instead, doctors diagnosed him with a sepsis, a staph infection and pneumococcal necrotizing pneumonia. By noon, he was intubated, and 12 days later transferred to UCSF's ICU, where he was placed in a medically induced coma for two months on full life support. Mason had contracted a virus that ate at his lungs. "I have no idea how I caught that bug. It could have been as simple as touching a door knob or swimming in a lake."

In August, a donor was found who matched Mason's 6-foot, 2-inch stature, and doctors woke Michael from his coma to see if he was strong enough to survive the transplant. He had gone from 150 to 97 pounds and had lost most of his muscle mass. His doctors told him that they had never performed a lung transplant on anyone as weak or as sick as he was.

"I could barely support my weight and felt as if I were carrying a 200-pound backpack atop legs made of toothpicks."

The time he spent awaiting the transplant and the time following it felt like torture to him. "I had five tubes coming out of my chest as well as a tracheotomy. I was fed by tubes and had several IVs poking in my arms. I couldn't talk for most of the time and had some really down days when I thought I would never get out of my hospital room."

His mother, he added, served both as a patient advocate and as his source of strength. "She was at the hospital every day and most nights. She read to me several books, including *Tattoos on the Heart* by Fr. Greg Boyle. After I got out of the hospital, I had a chance to meet Fr. Boyle when he spoke at SI, the place where I was taught AMDG. I said the prayer of St. Ignatius often in the hospital and relied on my spiritual background to guide me."

Karen praised UCSF's lung transplant team, and noted that "UCSF is the top-rated lung transplant hospital in the U.S. The entire team of phenomenal doctors saved Mike's life and were involved daily in his illness and recovery. Dr. Jasleen Kukreja, the brilliant and talented surgeon who performed the 11-hour lung transplant operation, never gave up hope that Mike's life could be saved."

Also helping Mason in the hospital was a nurse who had graduated from SI. "There was Wildcat energy in Mike's room thanks to her," said Karen.

In September, Mason returned home, where he is recuperating while taking a medical gap year to regain his strength and health. He plans to return to Oregon in the fall, assuming his lung transplant team clears him. One good sign is that his weight is now up to 130 pounds.

The ordeal has made him a believer in the power of karma. "All our lives, my mother and I have sent positive energy and love into the world. My mother brings food to sick friends and makes everyone welcome at our house. She taught me that in this world you give what you get."

Mason was on the receiving end of karma in early January when his former SI water polo teammates gathered for an alumni meet to raise money to help his family afford all the medicine and treatment not covered by insurance.

Organizing this gathering were families of several of Mason's teammates, including Diane Kounalakis, whose son Tony Baxter '13 first met Mason in their freshman year at SI. "A dozen freshmen on the water polo team played together for years and stayed friends even beyond graduation," said Kounalakis. "I'm still friends with the other moms on the team. When we heard that Michael was sick, we all discussed what we could do to help."

To assist with fundraising, Karen convinced KTVU to do a feature on her son that ran on Thanksgiving Day, and they gathered at St. Ignatius Church and at SI's Orradre Chapel for prayer services dedicated to his recovery. Mason's classmates prayed from a distance at their respective colleges.

They also worked with the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) to start a fund to help the Masons raise \$50,000 toward their expenses. "Everyone pulled together, from generous friends and family who wrote checks to those who sold or bought #MikeStrong T-shirts designed and marketed by Mike's sister, Kelly Dager," said Kounalakis. "This was a huge team effort, with six families spearheading the fundraising drive."

Together with the families of Patrick Lynch '13 and Jeffrey Moon '13, Kounalakis organized the alumni tournament at SI on Jan. 2. "Patrick Ruff graciously offered SI's pool and pool supervisor Diane Davis provided us with a scorekeeper and was on hand for the event."

In all, 25 alumni athletes returned and brought another 70 family members with them. Mason was strong enough to attend and felt gratitude for all the support sent his way, including the \$13,500 raised that day alone, bringing him near his \$50,000 target, money that will pay for a lifelong regimen of medication and hospital visits.

Kounalakis praised both Michael's and Karen's endurance. "Karen was like an angel sent from heaven. I have never seen anyone so strong. Her strength carried her son to the finish line to bring him to where he is today. In fact, her strength helped all of us. Whenever I see Michael and Karen, I am reminded of the power of prayer to influence miracles."

Both Karen and her son thanked the entire SI community for the generosity and support they continue to receive. "Friends and faith have carried us on this challenging and courageous journey since last June," said Karen. "We had immediate emotional and financial gifts bestowed on us. We are truly witnesses to the healing power of community. Our gratitude is immense." ∞

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**EQUESTRIAN CHAMPION
COLLEEN CAVALIER '16 IS BACK IN THE
SADDLE AFTER SURVIVING A FALL**



Colleen Cavalier '16 knows all too well the meaning of this adage: "When you fall off a horse, you have to get back on."

A champion rider who took second in the state in 2013 in equitation (a competition that judges a rider's position and ability to ride correctly), Cavalier suffered severe injuries following a fall in 2014. It took her 10 months to ride again, but when she did, she soon took top honors in her age group in a July 2015 competition.

Cavalier, the youngest of seven children, grew up listening to stories told by her mother, Kathleen, who rode as a girl growing up in Minnesota. Soon, Cavalier began competing in both equitation as well as competitions that focus more on the horse — jumpers and hunters.

She entered her first competition in first grade, riding a horse named Robin by leading him to a trot and then stopping him at key points along a course in a walk-trot and short stirrup division. She did well enough to bring back top ribbons at most of her shows. Though her family still owns Robin, now 24, she switched to a smaller pony named Jazzie, a rescue from Canada, and she trained him to jump fences as high as 2 feet, 6 inches.

"She was a pony with an attitude, but that attitude always earned us top ribbons at shows. She was also a little lazy, and that trained me to get down the lines by counting strides." By the time Cavalier's family sold her three years later, Jazzie had helped Cavalier learn to use her legs more effectively in guiding her pony.

Cavalier switched to a larger pony named Fancy who taught her to use her arms and upper body to control the horse and use her legs for support. Faster than Jazzie, Fancy helped Cavalier move up a division in the show arena and to boost her confidence.

Eventually, Cavalier moved on to 3-foot high jumps on Black Ice, who proved so successful for Cavalier that her family bought him; the two went on to win nearly every competition they entered, including earning reserve champion status for Cavalier in 2013 (giving her a second-place ranking in the state) and, later, the Hunter Classic in 2015.

In April of 2014, however, Cavalier misjudged one jump and fell on her head, neck and back. Despite her helmet, she suffered a seizure and a severe concussion and was rushed to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. "I didn't know anyone for 30 minutes," she said. "I can still feel the bump on my head."

She suffered severe headaches and sensitivity to light for months and stayed away from competition and even riding for nearly a year. Then, when she got back on the saddle, she suffered flashbacks about falling. She overcame this fear by recalling that "falling off is part of the sport. We fall and learn and get back into the saddle to fix our mistakes. If you never fall, you aren't a good rider."

She returned to competition in June 2015 because of her love of the sport and her affection for Black Ice. "I love the connection between horse and rider," she noted. "It takes a lot of trust and love. When I fell off of Black Ice, he stood there waiting for me and refusing to run off."

She also loves Black Ice's quirks. "He sticks his tongue out on his right side when he competes, and that tells me he's relaxed. He's a goofball who is also loyal and disciplined. He has a big heart and enjoys what he does. He gets bored with little jumps and likes a challenge. He also reads me well, and if I'm focused and involved, so is he. Our attitudes mirror each other."

She also works to educate her SI classmates about the sport she does. "Some think I race my horse, which I don't. Many think the horse does all the work, which isn't true either. I control the horse, regulating pace and direction using my legs. To be a good rider, I have to have a good bond with my horse. We learn to trust each other because when you ride a 1,400-pound animal, trust becomes key. We communicate with only a few words and more non-verbal means."

Her prowess in the sport has earned her varsity status for the past four years as a lettered rider, a designation awarded by the National Governing Body for Equestrian Sport and the U.S. Equestrian Federation, which requires at least 100 hours of equestrian activity annually for this honor. Cavalier has put in more than triple that time.

She hopes to continue riding in college, perhaps at Sonoma State, and also pursue photography. Her dream, like most riders, is to partner with a top trainer to compete in the Olympics. In the meantime, she lives by a motto shared by many riders: "Sometimes you win; sometimes you learn."

This year, she is also dedicating the 2016 show season to her mentor, trainer and friend, Nancy Patton, who recently passed away. "She helped me grow and become the rider I am today and is an irreplaceable friend."

OPPOSITE PAGE

Colleen Cavalier on Black Ice. Rider and horse have both made their marks in the world of jumper and hunter competitions.

Colleen fell from Black Ice after misjudging a jump. Even though she was unconscious, her horse stayed by her, watching over her until help arrived.



EXPERIMENTAL BRAIN SURGERY HELPS MIKE KING '78 REGAIN HIS LIFE

Michael King '78 could easily have found himself homeless, unemployed, friendless, seriously injured or dead given his inability to control a rare form of epilepsy.

Now a successful executive recruiter, he owes his turnaround to two neurosurgeons at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and to his wife, Donnita, who supported him throughout his six-year ordeal in the 1990s.

Michael played baseball at SI in his junior and senior year after transferring from Westmoor High School to be coached by his father, Tom King, who assisted varsity coach Jim Dekker '68. Michael then joined the team at Cañada College and competed with athletes who went on to play in the majors.

At St. Mary's College, where he earned his bachelor's degree, he had a chance meeting with the head of St. Mary's Drama Department, who gave him a passion for acting. He tried his hand at that and as a model while supporting himself as a bartender at The Hard Rock Café on Van Ness before moving to Hollywood in 1986 to pursue a career on stage and screen.

His fortunes shifted in 1992 as he watched a college basketball game at his apartment with his roommate and friends and began clapping and making hooting noises. "After I stopped, my friends looked at me and asked, 'Why did you do that?' I had no recollection of what had just occurred."

Then, on a date with Donnita Garrett, Michael had another seizure while walking on the pier in Newport Beach. "He started clapping and yelling woo-hoo," said Donnita. "When I asked him about it after he stopped, he didn't know what I was talking about."

During the next few weeks, Michael had numerous seizures in front of Donnita at movies, in restaurants and during a live production of *A Chorus Line*. Donnita told this to Michael's roommate "who had thought Michael had been messing around," she said. They both advised Michael to see a doctor, but he insisted that nothing was wrong.

Even though their relationship was in its early stages, Donnita never thought of leaving Michael. "We were in love, and I'm not the type of person to just walk away when a person I love needs me."

Michael's condition began taking its toll soon after he landed a job as a bartender in the fall of 1992 at the Planet Hollywood in Orange County. After a meeting with new employees, management and the owners, Michael was told that the company was letting him go, though he wasn't told why.

As he was leaving, feeling confused, he saw a friend and fellow employee who asked him if he was OK. "I told her no," said Michael. "I had just been fired for no reason. She then told me that during the meeting I had stood up in front of everyone and started clapping my hands and making weird noises. I finally realized that something was wrong. I drove to Donnita's apartment in tears and promised her I would see a doctor."

At Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, Michael learned from an MRI and from his doctors that he had complex partial epilepsy, a condition that made him repeat the clapping and hooting actions that happened during his first seizure as well as suffer memory loss of events before, during and after the seizures.

For the next three years, doctors prescribed a variety of medications to help Michael control his seizures, though none worked, and he struggled to find or keep a job as a bartender. "If I told employers about my condition, they typically didn't hire me, or they fired me after my first at-work seizure."

He felt depressed and, at times, suicidal, though he never attempted to take his own life. Sometimes seizures would come six a day, with each leaving him physically and mentally exhausted. He had two brushes with death, once while driving with Donnita on the Pacific Coast Highway in Los Angeles. "He stiffened up at the wheel and stepped on the gas," she said. "He wasn't in control. I grabbed the steering wheel to keep us steady, but I thought we would fly off a cliff. He slapped my hands away, oblivious to what was happening. I screamed his name over and over until he came back to reality. I thought we were going to die."

Michael refused to stop driving, though. "I was in complete denial, as I felt I could control the onset of the seizures and didn't want to surrender my freedom." That all changed on April 30, 1996, when Michael had a seizure while driving near Redondo Beach. He crossed one lane and crashed into trees off the side of the road. He lived thanks to his seatbelt that limited damages to a badly bruised forehead, small cuts on his face and burn marks on his right shoulder.

After that, he relied on Donnita to drive him or on local busses, though one day, after waiting for a bus, he came out of a seizure to find himself in a cab and owing the driver \$8. "I couldn't even remember hailing the cab or telling him where I wanted to go."

His fortunes changed in early 1997 when he heard of successful surgery at Stanford hospital to treat the epilepsy of his sister's friend. He told his doctor this news, and they referred him to Dr. Itzhak Fried and Dr. Paul Mullin at UCLA who tested him for nine days by taking him off his medication to induce and monitor his seizures by using video EEG telemetry to pinpoint problem areas. Those tests revealed trouble in the right central parietal region of his brain. Further tests involved the removal of a section of Michael's skull so that electrodes could be placed directly onto his brain, and doctors discovered that the right temporal region was also involved in creating his seizures.

Michael's doctors explained that he might be helped by surgery that involved slicing nerve pathways in key hotspots that allowed the seizures to spread. They also warned him of risks, such as short-term

memory loss as well as the possibility of Michael not remembering Donnita or his parents.

Michael had the surgery Dec. 30, 1997. "When he woke up after the surgery at 1 a.m., the hospital was peaceful and quiet," said Donnita. "I called Michael's name, and he opened his eyes, grabbed my hand and kissed it before smiling at his parents and going back to sleep. That's when I knew he had not forgotten us."

Five days later, Michael left the hospital with Donnita by his side through his recovery. A few weeks later, doctors told him that he was the first person to have this specific surgery on the West Coast and that it had only been done once in the U.S. — at Johns Hopkins. "I'm glad I didn't know that, as I might have said no to it," said Michael.

Small seizures lingered for a few weeks before finally stopping for good. Michael did suffer some memory loss, however. "I don't remember seeing Elton John in concert at the Hollywood Bowl in 1995 with Donnita and her friends. She said that he had put on a good show."

Two months after the surgery, Michael asked Donnita to marry him. "I told her that I wanted to wait until I was healthy to ask her." Their daughter, Natalie, was born in February 1999 and is now a junior in high school.

King's life took another turn for the better while golfing four months after his daughter's birth. He ran into a bartending friend that he hadn't seen in years and learned that he was working as a recruiter. "I asked him if it was for the Army or the Navy. He told me that he helped high-tech startups in the Bay Area find talented employees and that he made good money." He introduced Michael to the owners of the company who, two months later, called to offer him a job.

The timing was perfect to be a tech recruiter in the Bay Area, and it also reconnected him with his Bay Area friends. While looking for high tech professionals, Michael was amazed at the number of people he met who either went to SI or St. Mary's or who grew up in the Sunset and remembered the Flying Goose Sporting Goods store co-owned by his father. "I just fell into the perfect job for me, one that I was meant to do."

In 2001, Michael and Donnita moved to Sammamish, Wash., where Michael now works for the Triad Group as an executive recruiter and one of the top marketing executive recruiters for Bay Area tech startups. He also brought with him to Washington two beliefs: "Everything that happened in my life happened for a reason, and every person I met on my journey, I met for a reason." To those who need to hear it, he speaks of his philosophy: "You just can't give up on life. When things aren't going your way, and it looks as if you have no future, just hang in there. Good things will happen to you."

As for Donnita, her message is simple too: "Good things happen to good people, and Michael is a good guy. When people ask why I stood by him the whole time, I have to wonder why I wouldn't have. He's the best thing to come into my life." ∞

OPPOSITE PAGE

Mike and his wife, Donnita, and their daughter, Natalie, now make their home in Washington State.



**THERAPY DOGS OFFER STUDENTS THE
PAWS THAT REFRESH**



SI went to the dogs last May when nearly a dozen pooches came to SI to serve as therapy animals to relieve student stress before final exams.

Those dogs returned last December for finals again, helping students do their best by easing anxiety.

For years, SI counselor Michael Thomas '71, now retired, suggested bringing dogs to campus for stress relief, as many colleges do, and encouraged students in the Sources of Strength Club to take up the leash. Both he and fellow therapy dog advocate Tony Calvello '84, SI's head coach for Strength and Conditioning, are longtime dog owners who find great joy taking their dogs with them as they mountain bike or jog.

Calvello connected with seniors Katrina Keating and Danielle Grady, both Sources of Strength leaders, to help round up the hounds last year. They promoted the program on SITV when Thomas brought his golden retriever, Jake, for a special promo.

For years, Sadie, a German shepherd therapy dog, has been part of the Grady family, who regularly takes her to visit those in assisted living facilities. "I've seen for years what an amazing effect she had had on these people," said Grady. "She has the same effect on our family. Sadie is the first member of our family I see when I come home. She greets me with so much love and happiness that it alleviates all the built-up stress of school. She puts everyone in a better mood and makes us feel warm and loved."

Keating's Airedale terrier Leo does the same for her family. "He brings me back to the present moment, as it's so easy to get caught up in everything. He helps me laugh. My little brother and I will play catch with Leo. There's no doubt he's an important part of our family."

For the finals in May, Keating and Grady worked with Thomas, and then with Calvello in December, to bring their dogs to campus. After they invited others to do so, science teacher Michelle Wynn brought her two dogs, school librarian Sarah Giffen brought her dog, and several parents took their dogs to school for the occasion.

"Many students told me how well this worked," said Grady. "I heard people tell me how happier they felt."

For Keating, the magic also happened when dogs brought together students for the first time. "Kids who normally don't talk to one another were kneeling, petting dogs and smiling. You could see a pronounced difference among students as they laughed together."

Thomas praised both students for their work launching the program. "Danielle suggested the notion to me nearly two years ago and believed it could work. She and Katrina made it happen. I'm grateful to Security Director Marybeth McFarland and Buildings and Grounds Director Christopher Meehan for their work coordinating these visits."

Both Keating and Grady are looking for juniors to keep the program going next year, and they are encouraged that the school has granted them club status.

Neither girl has hard evidence that the dogs improved test scores, but they do cite research that shows how stress can reduce performance on tests. "As stress goes down, students can focus more as their blood pressure and anxiety decrease. They begin thinking more positively, and that has been shown to improve performance. Thankfully, all this can be done just by hanging around and petting dogs." ~



OPPOSITE PAGE

Students came to the Orradre Courtyard in December to get some puppy love before taking their finals.

Below: Seniors Katrina Keating and Danielle Grady helped to round up the hounds for the dog day afternoon.



GABLE HEART BEATS MIXES MUSIC WITH MEDICINE TO SEARCH FOR HEARTS IN NEED OF REPAIR

Musicians will tell you that the rhythms of the heart are at the heart of most songs. They will add, too, that the most powerful music is often tragic.

Those truths aren't lost on members of the band Segue, whose musicians have included men from the class of 1989 who experienced their own tragedy in 2009 when their lead singer Michael Gable died, the victim of an enlarged heart, otherwise known as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM).

Because music also has the power to heal, members of the band transformed their loss into a the Gable Heart Beats Foundation in 2009 to raise money for the detection of heart disease, including HCM, a genetic disorder that affects more than 700,000 Americans and that ended the life of several SI grads over the decades, including Dennis Carter '64, Owen Fitzgerald '93 and Peter Antonini '00. Later, Patrick Dunne '14, who has HCM, led seminars at SI on the condition.

On Feb. 5, the surviving members of the band and their spouses — Amy Gervasi Mayo and Stefan Mayo '89, Kathe Torok Barsi and Ralph Barsi '89, Michelle Gable and Bill Taylor '82 — came to SI to offer free screenings to prevent others from falling victim to HCM and other forms of heart disease.

A week before the screenings, they sat in the Student Activities Center to answer questions. The group also chose to do their work in the student center, just outside the athletics offices, "to make the process more comfortable for students," Barsi added.

The screenings happened thanks to a partnership with Heartfelt Cardiac Projects of Laguna Beach and its trained volunteers. The two foundations together screened more than 150 SI students and faculty with free electrocardiogram (EKG) and echocardiogram (echo) tests.

Those screenings revealed results outside normal limits for five individuals, who were referred for further follow up with a cardiologist. In addition, 21 others had borderline results and were advised to follow up with their primary care doctors. These 26 individuals also received support from Heartfelt Cardiac Projects and will receive future support from Gable Heart Beats.

Also lending their support were SI students, who donated \$800 to defray costs to what the foundation hopes will be a regular event at the school.

The foundation's origins began with Gable, who was a gifted D1 soccer athlete at St. Mary's College. There, he met Michelle Michelotti

who also played D1 soccer, and a decade later, they married and had two children, Matteo and Grace.

Barsi met Gable at St. Mary's College, where they lived in the same dorm. Gable regularly sang in the shower, which resonated throughout the halls of the dorm. "You could hear him singing a mile away," Barsi recalled. "He had such a beautiful voice, especially with the echo of the shower."

After hearing Gable sing at the on-campus pub, Barsi knew he wanted to play with him in a band one day. A year later, Barsi formed Segue with John Pasha '89, Dan Burke '89, Graham Burke '89, Matt Dirkes and Martin Burke '92. Later, Stefan Mayo '89, a harmonica player, joined the band.

Graham eventually left, opening a vocalist spot for Gable. "The band loved him," said Barsi. "We gave him the prime spot without hesitation. He also became an honorary Wildcat, as he was surrounded by SI guys and was part of our family."

For more than 15 years, Gable performed with Segue in some of the most respected venues in the Bay Area, backed at times by all those mentioned above as well as Mark Fassler '91, Thad Bedard, Brian Shindledecker and Rick Garcia.

Various combinations of these musicians played original songs in venues such as the Red Devil Lounge, Bimbo's, Grant and Green, DNA Lounge, Sweetwater and the Concord Pavilion.

The men also worked at day jobs, including Gable, who, along with his wife, sold Internet advertising.

After returning home from a business trip to San Diego in 2009, Gable went to bed. "I woke up because of his loud breathing," said Michelle. "I turned on the lights and saw that Michael was struggling." She called 911 and attempted CPR. The paramedics, who found him unconscious when they arrived, got his heart going again, but he died at the hospital after going into cardiac arrest.

Two weeks after Michael's funeral, their daughter, Grace, 11 months old at the time, began coughing. "I thought she just had a bad cough, but it persisted to the point where I took her to Oakland Children's Hospital, where doctors told me she was in complete heart failure."

She survived after spending a month in the ICU, where she was diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy, which is genetically related to her father's HCM. "Now Grace is 7 and doing great," said Michelle. "I even coach her in soccer. Ralph calls her 'a beam of light.'"

A year after Gable's death, the remaining band members — Barsi, Mayo, Fassler and Taylor — knew they needed to keep the band together and recruit a new lead singer. "Gable would have wanted us to continue playing," said Mayo. They invited friend and musician Justin Achziger to join, and for the next six years, Segue went on to play in the Bay Area music scene. "The music will never stop," said Barsi.

Because of Grace's near-death experience and Michael's death, the members of the band and their spouses also decided get to the heart of the matter.

"We wanted to raise awareness of the prevalence and dangers of cardiomyopathy and heart disease so that other families wouldn't have to undergo what Michelle and her family went through," said Amy, who works in private practice as a Marriage and Family Therapist. "We knew that Michael would not want any family to endure what his family had gone through."

Segue then released a CD, *One Race Human*, in honor of Michael, and donated the proceeds to fund research, heart screenings and automated electronic defibrillators. Gable Heart Beats also partnered with Holly Morrell, a pioneer in the field, who also suffers from HCM and who began Heartfelt Cardiac Projects with the same mission as their own group — to save lives.

"She survived because of open heart surgery," said Amy. "One third of people with HCM see improvements with surgery, another third improve with drug therapy, and the remaining third either die or get better on their own."

Both foundations know that hope lies in early screening. EKG testing, however doesn't always detect enlarged hearts. Echocardiograms, which use ultrasound technology, can detect HCM, but these tests can cost upwards of \$1,500 in a hospital setting.

Gable Heart Beats Foundation raises money for these screenings through online donations and a wine auction held each February, which is American Heart Month. Thus far, the group has raised \$15,000, allowing their partner, Heartfelt to screen in high schools, where they can bring the cost of both echo and EKG testing to as low as \$85 per student thanks to volunteers. They focus on high school students because some heart defects don't develop until after puberty and because every day three teenage athletes die of cardiac arrest in the U.S.

This outreach, including a social media campaign, has paid off. Gable Heart Beats has earned the support of celebrities, including Macklemore, Roberta Flack, singer-songwriter and X-Factor contestant Chris Rene, American Idol winner Lee DeWyze, American Idol finalist Andrew Garcia and Pete Moore of The Miracles — all musicians who appreciate the musical origins of the foundation.

Athletes have also lent their names to the effort, including NBA stars Bo Kimble and Ronny Turiaf as well as Stephen Curry's father, Dell, who tweeted a post supporting Gable Heart Beats.

"They do this because they have heard of someone who has fallen victim to HCM, such as Hank Gathers, who died in 1990 while playing basketball for Loyola Marymount," added Mayo.

Heartfelt Cardiac Projects is careful to screen students using both EKGs and echo testing. "Michael had an EKG that came back with normal results," said Michelle. "If he had had an echocardiogram, he would still be alive today, as doctors would have caught his condition in time and treated him with medication to help shrink his heart."


Ironically, it was the size of Michael's loving heart that first drew Mayo to him. "Michael's energy was bigger than life and always an inspiration for me," he noted. "He was always a positive person who looked to help others. He inspired me to do the same."

Taylor, an employee at Salesforce.com, was inspired to help too. "Salesforce is deeply rooted in philanthropy," said Taylor, who focuses his efforts and those of his Salesforce team toward supporting the foundation.

You can help raise awareness by following Gable Heart Beats and Heartfelt Cardiac Projects on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, where you will learn about upcoming screenings and heart health education. ∞

OPPOSITE PAGE

A host of SI grads and their families came to SI to help with heart screenings in February. From left are Mason Deal, Aidan Deal, Joaby Deal '92, Amy Gervasi Mayo, Solia Mayo, Keaton Mayo, Stefan Mayo '89, Michelle Gable, Ralph Barsi '89, Kathe Torok Barsi, Jasmine Wylie, Bill Taylor '82, Holly Morrell and Stacy Wong Barnard. For more information, go to www.gableheartbeats.com



Ed McGovern '75, and his son, Jack '13, work together to find cures for Coats' disease.

MCGOVERN FAMILY CREATES VISIONARY FOUNDATION TO FIGHT COATS' DISEASE



I ENVISION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY FELLOW WILDCAT

By Chris Anderson '13

The author with Tina and Ed McGovern watching Jack's Holy Cross lacrosse team take on Harvard.

For more information, go to pledgeit.org/jmcdcf.

As a student at Lesley University in Cambridge, I went to Fenway Park on a sunny Saturday afternoon to attend CollegeFest — a gathering of businesses and nonprofits looking to recruit college students. I didn't realize then that I would partner with my SI classmate Jack McGovern '13.

One organization caught my eye: Pledgeit.org, a sports fundraising platform for professional, club and school teams that can use one-time donations or recurring gifts for themselves or to donate to charity.

Through Pledgeit, I started the I Envision campaign to help Jack and his foundation fight Coats' disease. I have known Jack since we were classmates at St. Brendan School playing defense on a soccer team. Now we were on a new team that kept us in constant communication,

whether on the phone, over email, or in person on Jordan Field, where Jack's Holy Cross lacrosse team came to play Harvard.

We also work to expand our network. Jack's team raises money now through the I Envision campaign as does Lesley's softball team. It feels fulfilling to link the world of sports to those in need.

As a growth ambassador for Pledgeit, I work with people who share my vision for giving back, people such as Pledgeit's General Manager Ryan Gmerek. "Athletes like Jack and his teammates have the power to shine their spotlight on causes that positively impact on our society," said Gmerek. "The I Envision campaign is an inspiring example of athletes using the power of sports for good." ∞

Jack McGovern '13 woke up one morning when he was 11 and wondered why, when he closed his right eye, he saw little other than a black hole out of his left eye. "It felt as if I had stared at the sun too long," he recalled.

Later, Jack would learn that had Coats' disease, a rare condition caused by blood vessels leaking fluid into the eye and depositing minerals that, left untreated, could detach the retina and cause complete blindness.

Jack's impaired vision, however, inspired a new vision for his parents, Tina and Ed '75, who started the Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation a decade ago to fight the disease through early detection and research.

Already, their efforts have born fruit thanks to fund-raising golf tournament and auction that has contributed \$600,000 thus far to sponsor medical conferences devoted to combatting Coats' disease. Those conferences resulted in Genentech undertaking a study, sponsored by the foundation, to seek out genetic markers for the disease.

The McGoverns also took their fight to the State Senate, which passed a resolution setting aside Aug. 17, 2015, in honor of the foundation's fight. The measure passed unanimously with 38 votes — a significant number for Jack, as that is the number on his lacrosse jersey at Holy Cross, where he has been a starter for the past three years. Despite his loss of vision, the disease hasn't diminished his prowess as a college lacrosse standout or as a high school multi-sport athlete.

In his sophomore year at SI, he won the JV football team's Wildcat Award; two years later, he received the Journeyman Award for his work as a safety. He also earned all-league first-team honors in football and the John M. Senyard Award as captain of SI's lacrosse team in his senior year. His two times as all-league and All-American in lacrosse made him a top college recruit. At Holy Cross, he has played every game for the past three seasons as a starter and has earned all-league academic honors to boot.

At 11, all of this success seemed at risk, given his lack of vision. "When I first heard my diagnosis, I didn't know what it meant and felt confused," said Jack. "My parents were more worried than I was. I understood the full magnitude of my condition when I was told that I would have to deal with it my entire life."

After searching fruitlessly for information on the disease, Ed and Tina decided to start a foundation to help their son and others with this condition. When they asked Jack if he would be OK if they named the foundation for him, he agreed. "I have never been ashamed to be associated with the disease," said Jack. "Being of service to others is something I learned at SI. Being for and with others means we should focus not on ourselves with self-pity but overcome our own obstacles by helping those in need."

The McGoverns were also fortunate to find the foremost expert in the disease, Dr. J. Michael Jumper, working in San Francisco. Thanks to Dr. Jumper's ministrations, Jack had four surgeries over four years both to halt the advance of his blindness and to diminish the effects of the disease. "At first, it seemed as if I was staring at a fist held one inch from my eye," said Jack. "Now the fist has moved back three feet, and I have far more peripheral vision." The center of his vision, however, will never return.

The trick is to catch the disease in time to limit its effects. One way to detect the disease is to look at a photo taken with a flash. Most people will have some red-eye, but anyone with Coats' disease has a white-eye appearance.

Jack's foundation has partnered with the Know the Glow foundation, named for the white-eye glow from these photos. While this foundation focuses on education, the McGoverns' foundation aims to improve research.

Since the foundation's start in 2006, it has funded three three-day conferences in the Bay Area, each drawing as many as 20 experts from around the world. "These are the best minds in the world who are fighting this disease," said Ed. These researchers convinced Genentech to launch a study to determine if the disease has genetic markers. That study, now in its second year, collects samples from four cities around the U.S. The conferences have also resulted in several articles published in medical journals.

For Jack, the best efforts involve connecting in person and online with other young people with the disease. The foundation's Facebook page has 1,000 followers, and his sister, Claire '07, a Fordham grad, serves as the foundation's social media director. Also, parents of children with the disease like taking their sons — the disease mainly affects boys — to meet with Jack to show their children that they, like Jack, can excel in high school and college academics and athletics.

"I met one boy, Ashley, when he was 3," said Jack. "His grandfather is Peter Magowan, one of the owners of the San Francisco Giants. I could tell how afraid Ashley was, as the disease first hit him when he was too young to communicate. I did my best to comfort him."

Helping the McGoverns is an eight-person board that includes former SI parents Jeanne Parker Martin, who serves as president, and sergeant-at-arms John Bruno '76. Ed's brothers also assist with the fund-raising event, including Brian '82, who serves in SI's Alumni Office, and Kevin '83. Also, Chris Anderson '13 is working with Jack through the sports performance-based fundraising platform Pledgeit.org. For every lacrosse goal at Holy Cross this year, Jack's teammates, their parents and many others have pledged money to go to the foundation. (See sidebar.)

Also assisting the McGoverns are some of Ed's former clients. Ed owns a public affairs and political consulting company once hired by State Senator Jerry Hill of San Mateo. Hill introduced the resolution at the State Legislature calling for Aug. 17, 2015, to be "Coats' Eye Disease Awareness Day" in California. Jack was on hand on the floor of the Senate during and after the vote while his family watched from the gallery.

Ed and Tina now hope to encourage each of the remaining 49 state legislatures to do the same thing to help others open their eyes to the dangers of and treatment for this disease. ☞

For more information, go to coatsdiseasefoundation.org.



BRIAN GIOVANOLA '92 GRATEFUL FOR HIS SON'S LIFE THANKS TO MIRACLE TREATMENT

Brian Giovanola '92 is surrounded by miracles. He lives with one at home, and the place where he works develops new ones each year.

An associate director for business intelligence at Gilead Sciences, Brian helps find hospitals that can partner with his company to test new drugs. Gilead has already found a cure for hepatitis C and makes a drug that is the standard of care for HIV treatment.

When Brian returns home, he is greeted by his wife, Heather, and their two children, Thomas, 8, and Charlie, 4.

It's Thomas' story that is the other miracle.

Brian met his wife-to-be at SCU, where they both were students. They married in 2003 and soon found themselves expecting their first child.

"We went at 5 p.m. on a Friday for an ultrasound and spoke with the technician, who at first was chipper and happy," said Giovanola. "Her demeanor changed quickly. She found a doctor who abandoned all bedside manners as he examined the monitor and ignored us. He finally told us that he was seeing telltale signs of spina bifida. These are two words you never want to hear."

Spina bifida is a neural tube defect that causes defects in the spinal cord and in the bones of the spine. Normally, the skin develops around the outside of the spinal cord and seals it like a Ziploc bag. If there is no seal, no bone or muscle will grow around the spine, and the nerves can protrude from the back, resulting in nerve damage and paralysis.

The spinal cord also becomes like a string that is tugged, pulling the brain backwards in the skull. The brain then acts like a plug where cerebral spinal fluid would normally flow from the brain to the spine. Spinal fluid subsequently will build up inside the skull, resulting in a condition called hydrocephalus, with pressure severe enough to crush the brain and kill the child.

More than 90 percent of children with spina bifida also have a shunt placed within days of birth to help the cerebral spinal fluid drain. Once placed, the shunt is permanent.

After the Friday examination, Brian and Heather went home. "We spent an hour thinking 'poor us.' Then we got on the Internet to figure out what to do." They discovered a surgical study at UCSF, the first of its kind with government funding, that involved fetal repair before birth. Up until this point, spinal repairs had been performed after birth.

After extensive testing, the Giovanolas were randomized into a prenatal surgical group instead of the control group that would have spinal repair after birth. This experimental procedure held the promise of lessening nerve damage for their son and also freeing him from needing a lifetime shunt.

After 24 weeks of gestation, Heather went into surgery with three teams of surgeons and nurses — one to perform the C-section, another to anesthetize both the mother and child, and a third to perform the

fetal surgery, which involved placing a thin layer of skin over the spinal cord. Neurosurgeons then pulled the skin over the hole at the base of the spine, and the fetal surgery team reversed the C-section by placing Thomas back into the uterus along with saline solution.

Heather was not allowed to walk for three months. On May 29, 2007, she went through a second C-section at 37 weeks, as natural birth would have most likely killed both mother and child.

The operation didn't completely reverse the birth defect, but it did allow Thomas to avoid most of the problems associated with spina bifida. However, "he spent so much time folded in half before his birth, with his feet up by his head and his knees pressed against his chest, that his knees became hyper extended as he grew bigger," said Brian. As a result, Thomas grew without hip sockets, with knees unable to bend and with clubfeet. Since his birth, he has had several operations to flatten his feet, and he wears special braces to help him walk with crutches.

"This hasn't slowed him down that much," said Brian. "He gets around quickly on his crutches using a swing gate. He is improving, as he had no motor function or feeling below his knees at first, and now he has feeling down to the tops of his feet."

Thomas, Brian adds, "is also wicked smart. He loves to read and is well liked by his classmates. He also plays ice hockey while sitting on a specialized sled. He's a typical kid."

Now in the third grade at Walt Disney School in San Ramon, Thomas gained national attention at 2, when he was featured on NBC's *Today Show*. Reporter Robert Bazell noted that the fetal surgery Thomas had results in 30 percent fewer problems than standard treatment, which addresses spina bifida after birth.

"Thomas doesn't see himself as disabled," added Brian. "This is his normal. He knows that other people can run, but he never had that ability and wonders why people feel sorry for him."

A lacrosse player at SI and a lacrosse coach at De La Salle High School for two years, Brian confesses that he had looked forward to coaching a son in the sport. "I have learned to put that dream aside and figure out what Thomas wants. I'm not sure how much lacrosse I will pass on to a son who can't run, but the upside is that I get exposed to all sorts of wonderful things, such as sled hockey, and I've met some wonderful people through the sport."

Brian is able to see his son compete as an athlete through the Challenged Athletes Foundation Triathlon held in San Diego. "Thomas competes in swimming and has improved his 50-meter time by two minutes. He went from floundering to finishing in less than a minute, which is remarkable for a boy who can't kick his feet."

Thomas, Brian added, "loves wrestling with and teaching his brother, just like any other kid. The trick is thinking of him not as someone with spina bifida but as a boy who happens to have spina bifida. Whenever I get down, I think about Thomas and what he deals with every day. That puts my feelings into perspective."

Brian also praises Thomas for how he relates to children who wonder about his braces. "I took Thomas to a Sharks' game when he was almost 3. A little girl with glasses came running up to him and asked, 'Why do you walk funny?' I saw her dad just cringe. I cringed as well, but Thomas remained cool and calm and said, 'You wear glasses to help you see, right? These braces help me walk.' The girl responded, 'Oh. Let's play.' As the dads worried, the kids just figured it out and handled it well."

At work, Brian gets to see how medicine can perform wonders with people other than his son. After graduating from SCU in combined sciences, he worked at McKesson between 1996 and 2012 on the

business side of the company, one that specializes in the distribution of health care systems and pharmaceutical products. He then took a job at Gap, Inc. and two years later started working for Gilead Sciences, helping to find hospitals best suited for studies involving new medicines.

In the time he has been with the company, Gilead has rolled out Sovaldi, a remarkable cure for hepatitis C. "What I like about the company is that they could have profited from that drug for a decade. Instead, 10 months after introducing Sovaldi, we replaced our own drug with a better version of it called Harvoni, which we make available for a fraction of its cost to developing nations."

Gilead also sells Genvoya, "which is the standard of care for HIV treatment," said Brian. What I love about the company is that we don't focus on making products that make skin look prettier. We spend our energies on unmet medical needs, trying to help people fight diseases that can kill them."

Brian hopes that his story inspires students to pursue the study of medicine, both so they can produce products like Gilead has or develop new ways of helping children like Thomas.

"Medicine can be a tough world, but what people can do in the field is amazing, especially given the impact you can have on someone's life. Thomas may not have survived to birth without the surgery he had, and he did because people were inspired to study medicine and help people in ways that years ago just weren't possible." ∞



OPPOSITE PAGE

Thomas Giovanola, who is alive thanks to an experimental treatment for spina bifida, plays sled hockey along with other children who have limited use of their legs.

ABOVE

The Giovanola family: Brian and Heather and their children, Thomas and Charlie.



**BRIAN LEE '09 HELPS USC'S
TOP ATHLETES AS A PHYSICAL
THERAPY GRAD STUDENT**



Brian Lee '09 made history at USC as the first grad student to work with student athletes through an innovative program pairing the Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy with the Athletics Department.

For the past few years, professors in Lee's department have also crossed over to help USC's athletes. Until Lee crossed that line, too, PT students only went to USC's McKay Center when they wanted to work out.

For his achievement, Lee was celebrated last fall in an article in *InMotion Magazine*, the official publication of the school's Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy.

At the McKay Center, Lee helped a freshman who came to USC from another country to play tennis. "He had an injury that prevented him from competing. He was also having a hard time learning how to juggle everything, including staying on track with his classes. The transition to college from another country was tough for him, and he was frustrated that he wasn't getting where he wanted to be. I reassured him that he would be able to accomplish his goals, and he felt grateful for that."

Lee, who is 25, finds his age can help at times, as young athletes know he can identify with their struggles. "These students ask me questions about health insurance because they know I deal with that, too. At the same time, I know I'm working with talented students who are motivated to excel and play at their highest level. Some hope to become professional athletes. It's rewarding to help them bounce back from injuries and be where they need to be. For many, athletics is their life, and I'm able to make an impact."

While older people look at Lee's youth as a negative — "some of them prefer to work with experienced veterans" — many have found Lee an effective physical therapist. He has helped stroke victims relearn how to rise from a chair, how to get out of bed on their own and how to perform routine tasks. "Many tell me that I have given them their lives back just by teaching them to walk again. That's a powerful feeling. I never thought I would have that impact on someone's life."

Lee experienced physical therapy as a patient following a ligament tear in his knee. He competed in basketball and track and field at SI, but his injury kept him from continuing in those sports. He golfs and plays tennis and basketball for fun these days.

While Lee enjoyed working with a physical therapist in high school, he didn't think of becoming one himself until he took a class in anatomy at Cal, where he studied both psychology and biology. He pursued that passion by volunteering in an outpatient clinic and at hospitals. "That's where I saw what PTs did. They have great joy from helping people regain the power of movement. In fact, our motto at USC is to 'improve the way you move.'"

Now in his final year of USC's three-year graduate program, Lee is looking forward to working for a professional sports team and one day opening his own practice.

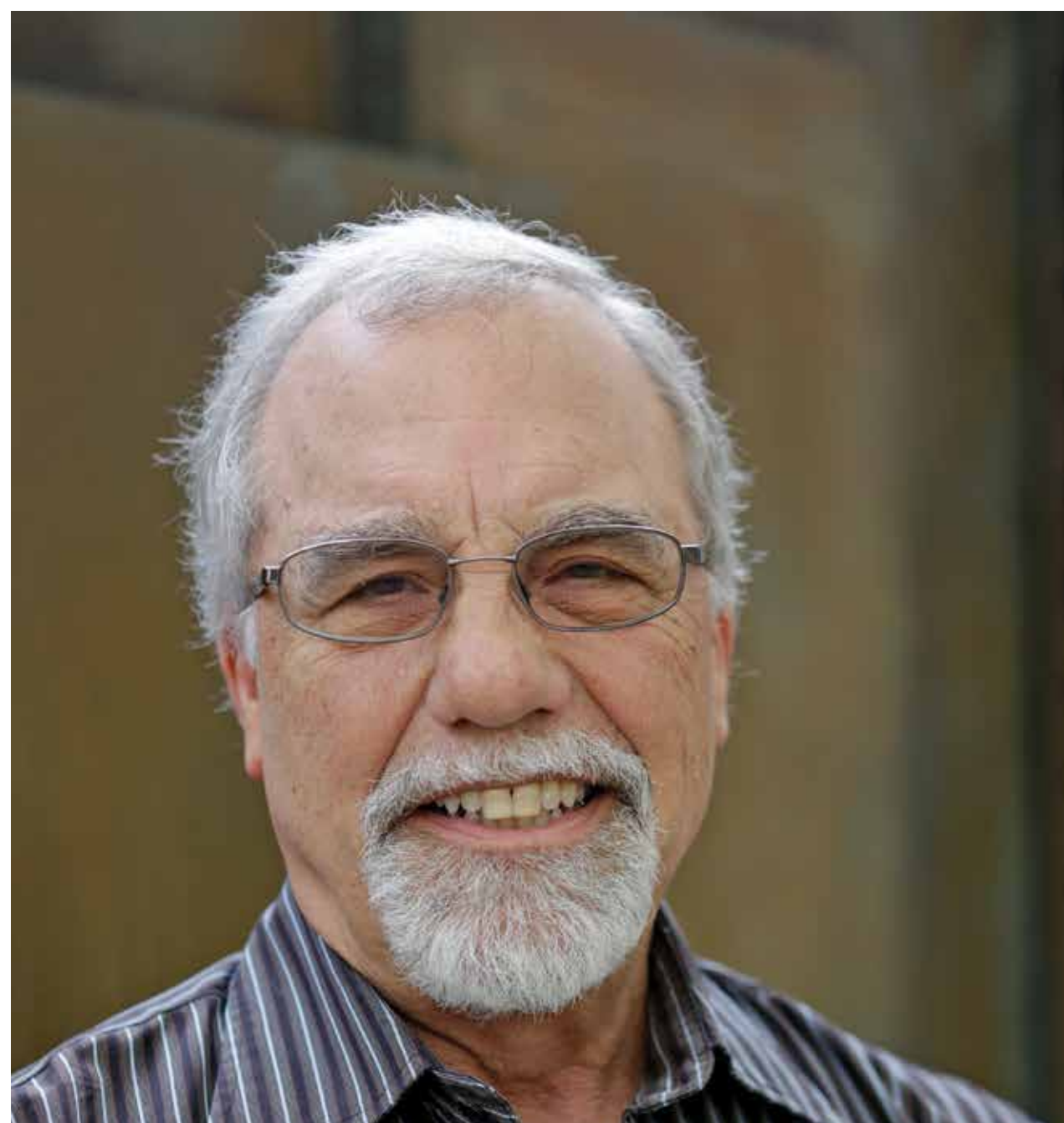
"I love how diverse the profession is," he noted. "A physical therapist can work in pediatrics, deal with cardio pulmonary or neurological issues or do research."

Lee is now helping one doctoral candidate with her research project aimed at helping individuals with prostate cancer recover through a combination of hormone therapy and exercise.

"Doctors tell these men to exercise and diet, but often, they don't know what specific exercises to do. They come to our program, where we teach them how to exercise with resistance bands and with weights. They also take protein supplements to regain muscle mass. These guys like exercising with people who have the same struggles they have, men with whom they can relate. Then they experience joy as their quality of life improves." ∞

OPPOSITE PAGE

Brian Lee is the first grad student at USC's Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy to be allowed to work with students. Those behind this experiment are pleased with its success and hope to involve more PT students in the future. Photo by Nate Jensen.



DR. BOB IGNOFFO '62 CELEBRATED FOR TAKING PHARMACY OUT OF HOSPITAL BASEMENTS TO PATIENT BEDSIDES

ABOVE

Bob Ignoffo '62 is the pioneer of clinical pharmacy — a partnership among doctors, pharmacists, nurses and other health care workers.

Consider the years before 1970 as the Dark Ages for pharmacists, in part because they were often consigned to the basement of hospitals, where doctors treated them as people who only filled prescriptions.

That all changed in 1971, when pharmacists moved from the basement to a surgery ward on the 9th floor of Moffitt Hospital at UCSF. Dr. Bob Ignoffo '62 and a few of his colleagues accompanied a team of health care workers as they made the surgery rounds at 6 a.m. each morning.

The role of a pharmacist, thanks in large part to the efforts of the faculty at UCSF School of Pharmacy, has moved from a simple dispenser of pills to someone who also dispenses information and cares for patients one-on-one, just as doctors do.

Ignoffo retired from his long career last June. Now he can look back on years filled with success, from authoring a chapter in a widely acclaimed book on oncology pharmacy to becoming a much sought after speaker for his prowess crafting partnerships that have increased survival rates for cancer, lessened side effects of chemotherapy and improved diagnosis techniques.

Ignoffo had a second-hand encounter with cancer early on, as his mother successfully fought breast and thyroid cancer when he was a student at SI.

While at the Stanyan Street campus, Ignoffo excelled as a centerfielder while playing for coach Jim Keating on teams that won two city championships. He made the All-City team before playing ball at SFSU, where he studied math. He switched to chemistry after landing a part-time job working as a cashier at his uncle's pharmacy on Arguello and Clement Streets.

When customers asked him questions about what medicines they should take, Ignoffo consulted his uncle and the other pharmacists who worked there; they, in turn, gave him books to read and encouraged him to study pharmacy.

After earning his bachelor's degree, he applied to UCSF's School of Pharmacy only to be waitlisted. He did get into Oregon State and was ready to start there when Ignoffo's father called just three days before start of classes to say that UCSF had accepted him. "It was 3:30 in the afternoon, and they needed to know by 5 p.m. I told my father to tell them, 'I'm coming.'"

He graduated in 1971 with his Doctor of Pharmacy degree and stayed on another year for a pharmacy residency. He did so well that UCSF hired him as an assistant clinical professor.

From the first, he was part of an experiment that would change the way doctors viewed their partnership with pharmacists. Working on the ninth floor of Long Hospital, Ignoffo made the rounds with doctors, nutritionists, social workers and nurses who worked as a team to manage patient care. Later, he chose to specialize in oncology, as that field involved expertise both in cancer-fighting drugs and in managing side effects, and he invited students at the School of Pharmacy to accompany him on rounds.

"UCSF became known as the best research school in the nation thanks to its pioneering efforts in pharmaceutical research and clinical pharmacy. Now all of the 131 schools of pharmacy in the U.S. have adopted programs that place students in various clinical settings, from hospitals to clinics and even in industry. When a pharmacist graduates today, he or she needs to know not only how to dispense medication but also how to manage patients. That's why pharmacy schools today look

for students with verbal and written communication skills and who are critical thinkers who know how to serve patients."

Ignoffo's students learned that patients fighting cancer "require attention to manage care, especially regarding adjustment of dosages. In the 1990s, as new medicines came out, we worked one-on-one with patients to manage side effects such as nausea and anemia. Those drugs required specific regimens to be effective and needed to be monitored by pharmacists. If patients didn't do well with one cycle of drugs, we would recommend alternatives and coach patients to help them learn how to take their medications properly."

Ignoffo would spend the next 34 years at UCSF as a professor of pharmacy before leaving for Touro University on Mare Island, where he served as assistant dean of student services and as a professor teaching oncology to second-year pharmacy students.

Along the way, he has written four books and a chapter on chemotherapy in *Applied Therapeutics: The Clinical Use of Drugs*, first published in the early 1990s. Unlike other authors, Ignoffo told stories of real people fighting cancer to illustrate the use of drugs and their side effects. "This went beyond the mere regurgitation of information about drugs," he noted.

That book earned the attention of his colleagues who often invited him to speak at national conferences, some sponsored by the Hematology Oncology Pharmacy Association, which Ignoffo served as a founding board member, and he developed the first oncology pharmacy fellowship at UCSF in 1982, sponsored by the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists. (Ignoffo also served as president of the California chapter of this organization.)

Even though he is retired, he still serves as professor emeritus at both UCSF and Touro, and he continues to publish his research.

Ignoffo points to the advances he has seen over the years as well as issues that worry him. "In the 1970s and '80s, fewer than half of the people diagnosed with cancer survived. Now, between 60 and 70 percent survive thanks to better treatment and earlier diagnoses that detects microscopic cancer cells. We can treat patients in outpatient settings with health care professionals who are better trained than years ago. And we have new drugs that can target cancer cells, killing them or making them return to their normal growth cycles, where they will eventually die."

What worries Ignoffo is the enormous cost of cancer medication. "Some drug regimens can cost \$100,000 or more for a year of therapy. In many cases, those drugs only extend life by two, three or four months. The hard question is this: Is it worth it for our society for insurance companies to pay for drugs that give a patient an extra two months of life? This is a tough ethical dilemma."

Also of concern is that fewer doctors are choosing to specialize in oncology, as they see other specialties as more lucrative. "By 2020, we expect to see a shortage of 3,000 oncologists. That means we will have nearly 15 million fewer patient visits each year. That's a lot of missed visits for people who are very sick."

This shortage, he added "makes the role of oncology pharmacists even more important, especially as they meet with patients. They will be able to take up some of the slack."

Ignoffo's research on this very point has been recently published in the well regarded *Journal of Oncology Practice*, further testament to the respect his colleagues have for him. ∞



SAN MATEO MAYOR JOE GOETHALS '95 SET TO BRING HIS VISION FOR A FUTURE CITY TO LIFE

Joe Goethals '95 has gone from saving lives as an EMT to working to save the city of San Mateo for future residents.

In his varied career, he co-founded SCU's Emergency Medical Service while still in college; worked in public health to help low-income Bay Area residents acquire medical insurance; served as a deputy district attorney in Alameda and San Mateo Counties; and volunteered his time on several civic boards.

His commitment to both public safety and public health was inspired, in part, by two deaths. His father, Rick Goethals, died in 1994 after losing his battle with cancer, and a Santa Clara University classmate died in his sophomore year, the victim of a heart condition.

"I remember a group of people standing around this young man as we waited for firefighters and paramedics to show up," said Goethals. "We felt we needed to be able to respond more quickly to future emergencies."

That realization spurred fellow SCU classmates Matt Donnelly '94 and Sam Suleman '95 to form the university's first student-run Emergency Medical Services program. Suleman already had more

than a thousand hours of experience doing emergency response while at SI, and Goethals and Donnelly trained as EMTs to join him. In that training, Goethals met Sharon Frazier, who also became an EMT, and the two later married.

Over the years, the program has saved numerous students from alcohol poisoning and from injuries brought on by excessive drinking, including one student who fell off a skateboard and hurt his head badly.

Goethals remembers one call for help from a student "who seemed calm and only slightly drunk. As I spoke with her, I could tell she appreciated having someone to talk to. After 10 minutes, she told me she had swallowed all the pills in a bottle. She was rushed to a nearby hospital and given medications that made her throw them up. She now has a son, and she is grateful to be alive. I still see her from time to time. She works with students experiencing similar emotional trauma and helps them cope with stress and depression."

After earning his bachelor's degree in combined natural sciences at SCU, Goethals went on to obtain his master's degree in public health from SJSU and to work helping people find ways to afford health

insurance. “In this country, one of the best ways to promote health is through health insurance, as it leads to preventative treatment. We are all better off with universal care, as it improves the health of the entire community. Later, I realized that I could be an even better advocate with a law degree.”

If Goethals’ name sounds familiar, it is most likely because of his extended family, including his uncle, Rev. Greg Goethals, S.J., who served as SI’s campus minister years ago and who now leads Loyola High School in Los Angeles as its president.

Joe, who played baseball at SI and won the Keating Award for his leadership on the diamond, also has four younger siblings — Meg ’97, Jim ’00, Kate ’02 and JP ’06.

His interest in public health was also spurred by his mother, who has survived two bouts with cancer, and his attraction to law came about because of his father, grandfather and uncle, all of whom worked as attorneys or judges. “Somewhere between my master’s degree in public health and my law degree, I fell in love with the courtroom and being a prosecutor. I enjoy helping victims fight for justice. That is a passion that I find truly rewarding. The best way to ensure the system is fair for everyone is to make it that way from the inside and to protect individual rights one case at a time, starting with a fair trial, so that all convictions are just.”

While studying law at SCU, Goethals worked as a law clerk for Kevin Ryan ’76, then the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California, and as a judicial extern for the Hon. Timothy Reardon ’59 at the California Court of Appeal. His experience at the District Attorney’s Office for Santa Clara County gave him a love of the courtroom, and he worked for nine years as a deputy district attorney for Alameda County before taking the same job in San Mateo County in the fall of 2015.

In the last decade, he has helped put away those convicted of kidnapping, rape, murder and other felonies, and he served on a strike team designed to prosecute serious violent offenders. He also learned that while local press and politicians liked to shine the spotlight on some crimes, “others, such as murders in Oakland, tend not to be high profile. But I experienced first-hand moments in court that restore your faith in humanity, like the time the mother of my victim hugged the mother of the man who had murdered her son. She realized they both had essentially lost their sons forever, and the loss and pain were universal.”

He began venturing into other areas of public service years earlier while living in the San Mateo community, where he volunteered to serve on the city’s Public Works Commission and the Peninsula Health Care District Board.

In 2013, he received a call from a close friend urging him to run for a soon-to-be vacant seat on the San Mateo City Council. “At the time, my wife and I had two daughters — now we have a third girl. I thought serving on the city council would be too much, especially with two feet already in public service. But my wife and I decided that if we wanted to see key projects move forward, I needed to have a seat at the table.”

Those projects include the construction of levees that will protect residents from rising waters brought about by climate change and the dangers of a 50-year storm and that will redraw FEMA-defined flood zones. “Our residents used to pay more than \$15 million each year in flood insurance, and this will put money back in their pockets.”

His efforts on the city council have also led to improvements to roads and the sewer system that will make wastewater potable in a decade, providing 13 million gallons of clean water each day.

Members of the city council take turns serving as mayor, and Goethals’ yearlong stint began Dec. 7. At the swearing-in ceremony,

he addressed themes surrounding the rising importance of cities over federal and state governments. “Last century, the federal government dug the Panama Canal and built the highway system. Today, we are solving problems on the local level, ensuring that the highest levels of services are delivered.”

As mayor, Goethals sets the agenda for city council meetings, and he has already established the tone for his term with a commitment both to affordable housing and sustainable energy. With median home prices tipping past the \$1 million mark last year, “civic employees can’t afford to live where they work. We need to create housing for city workers, firefighters, police, nurses and teachers. Fortunately, the city owns land on which we can build subsidized housing and charge these workers 30 percent of their salary in rent. We plan to break ground this year on several big projects that will provide housing as soon as 2017.”

To help even more people afford to live in San Mateo, the city council gave support to an ordinance suggesting a \$15-per-hour minimum wage. “I expect that to be voted on this spring.”

San Mateo is also planning to encourage residents to install rooftop solar panels and to create solar farms that will allow the city, through a Community Choice Energy program, to compete with PG&E to provide clean electricity. Goethals already serves on a Joint Powers Authority Board that coordinate’s San Mateo’s CCE with similar programs throughout the Peninsula.

The challenge facing San Mateo County, he noted, is that it is a county without a large city. “Santa Clara County has San Jose. Alameda County has Oakland. We’re not defined by one large city, so we have no one loud voice in the room when we meet with other counties. We are broken up into 125 separate jurisdictions, one for each city, school district and flood district. Too often we are duplicating work and not coordinating with each other very well. On the flip side, most people who hold political office in our county are volunteers and not career politicians. We do this work because we care about our communities.”

Goethals is also pleased to work in the heart of Silicon Valley. “Here, companies are reshaping the world every day. We are the cradle of innovation. I’m convinced that some San Mateo County company will cure cancer in my lifetime. We will be safer, too, when we drive, thanks to autonomous cars that Google and Tesla are developing just a few miles from San Mateo. I would gladly never prosecute another DUI or vehicular manslaughter case.”

His work serving his city, he added, is possible thanks to the support of his wife. “She is an unbelievable partner in this who is making tremendous sacrifices because she knows that our efforts will benefit our children and all the children of San Mateo. I want this city to be a great place for them to grow up. I want them to see that we live in a wonderful area, close enough to San Francisco yet with a small-town suburban feel, where we can walk through Central Park and eat at a downtown restaurant. I want to create a world for my daughters with no glass ceiling. Growing up on the Peninsula, they will have unique opportunities, beautiful surroundings and a supportive community. I want them to be hardworking, smart and successful — but more importantly, to be thoughtful, engaged and compassionate citizens.”

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Joe Goethals and his wife, Sharon, and their three daughters, Samantha, 8; Ellie, soon to be 6; and Charlotte, 1.



**MADISON DAVIS '09 BRINGS BOTH
YOUTH AND EXPERIENCE TO BRISBANE
CITY COUNCIL**



Madison Davis '09, the youngest woman to win election to the Brisbane City Council, owes her success, in part, to being a precocious 4 year old at a 1995 City Council meeting, brought there by her mother, Danette, a Parks and Recreation commissioner at the time.

"She dragged me along, as she did for most of the meetings," said Davis. There, she heard about plans to open a city park. "People were suggesting rock gardens and koi ponds, and I would tell my mother in a loud voice what I felt about these ideas. In an effort to quiet me, she said, 'Don't tell me. Tell them.'"

Before her mother could stop her, Davis zipped to the podium and stood atop a chair. "I had to have the microphone lowered so I could tell the council members that they needed to ask children their opinion because that's who parks are for. Parks needed flowers and grass and a puppet show and a playground."

She spoke for a few minutes, and when she ended her speech, the room stayed silent. "Then everyone laughed and clapped at the same time. I felt so proud that I had stood up. Later, I was proud that I made a difference, because the park had flowers and grass and a playground and an annual puppet show. I learned that I could contribute to my city and that my voice could matter."

Folks in Brisbane still remember that day, and they got to know Davis even better when she began babysitting, caring for the children of 35 families over the years.

At SI, Davis developed her skills as a diver and dancer, and she honed her sense of justice in Elizabeth Purcell's English class. "I will always remember her quoting Margaret Mead and telling us to 'never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.' Her words echoed what SI taught — that we need to be for and with others and to be ambitious in our goals to improve the world and to better ourselves as we reach for new challenges. Every time I thought something was out of my reach, I recalled that quote from Margaret Mead."

While studying business administration and marketing at SFSU, Davis worked as an intern in the San Mateo office of FunnyOrDie.com, a website famous for its comedy sketches. She landed the job while serving as a face painter at a child's birthday party. "I knew that the VP of marketing for Funny Or Die would be there, so I brought along my resume." She got the job and did marketing for the company for a semester before graduating and landing another job with FiveStars, a loyalty program for 10,000 small businesses around the country.

She knew the world of small businesses as her parents own MadHouse Coffee in Brisbane. "I understand the struggle of what it's like to do business in a small town, and when I talk to shop owners across the country, I'm able to build a relationship with them. I want to see them succeed."

That passion also drove her to become involved in city government, as downtown Brisbane also needs revitalization. She first became a Parks and Recreation commissioner, following in her mother's footsteps, at 21. "My mom had been the youngest commissioner until my appointment," she noted.

In the summer of 2015, she was approached by a family friend, Karen Cunningham, who asked her to consider running for city council. She agreed because she sees the coming months as a critical time for the city as it ponders how to develop 700 acres of land below San Bruno Mountain — a former dumping ground for San Francisco's trash.

One plan calls for the construction of 4,434 homes on a mixed-use development proposed by Universal Paragon Corp, which owns most of the site. Such construction could triple the city's population over the next three decades.

Davis has concerns about the plan "because the land is toxic, filled with all sorts of carcinogens," she noted. "I want to prevent the occurrence of cancer clusters. Thirty years from now, I don't want to look back and live with any wrong decision the city may make." She also worries that the move could destroy Brisbane's small-town feel.

Others want the land returned to its original purpose when it served as a Southern Pacific rail yard. They want some of the site set aside to accommodate trains for the state's High-Speed Rail connecting Northern and Southern California.

For Davis, the site is important because it sits in the shadow of San Bruno Mountain, one of a dozen global biodiversity hot spots in the world thanks to the number of endangered, threatened and rare species living there.

Despite her hesitations, Davis is keeping an open mind before any vote so that she can weigh opinions and hear options for the site, including one proposal to use the land for solar and wind power.

To win the November election, Davis worked with Cunningham's husband, Emmett, who served as her campaign manager. Her many opponents all pointed to her youth — she is 24 — as a detriment. "They said I lacked experience, and they hoped to catch me in a debate not knowing my facts. So I worked hard to read everything I could about all the issues, and I responded to my critics by noting that the experience that matters most is one's track record and follow-through. As a lifelong resident, I'm committed to this city and hope to listen to everyone."

Davis tried to do just that by going door-to-door to 950 homes and speaking with neighbors, many of whom remembered her from her first speech at City Hall when she was 4.

She also won points at a town hall debate by ending with the Margaret Mead quote she memorized in her English class at SI. "That resonated with people, and it became a call to action. Together, we can all make a difference."

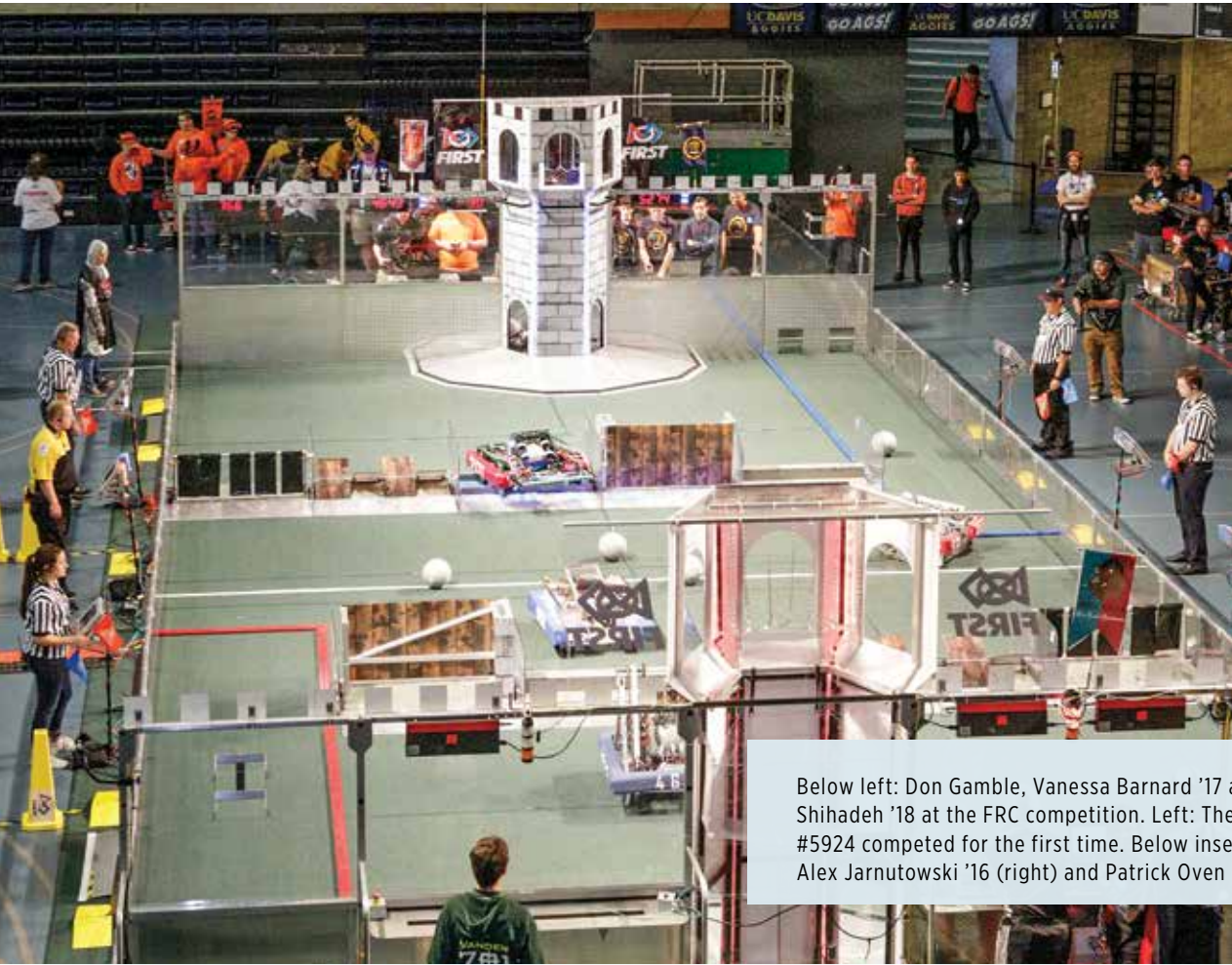
She discovered the dirty side of politics when she read outright lies that were posted by her opponents' campaign managers about her platform. "One person claimed I was for a six-story development across from the park, and someone else said that I admitted I had no experience and would rely heavily on city staff. That started a war on Facebook between my supporters and his."

She won handily despite the smear tactics, with only the incumbent mayor winning more votes than she. Even after the election, she learned a bit about what was to come when she began fielding calls from people eager to meet her to garner support for their projects. "People call me on occasion to tell me how the system really works. But I'm not too worried. I know how the system should work, and I'll be fine." ~

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Madison visited SI in November to see her alma mater.

Madison Davis with State Senator Jerry Hill at her swearing in ceremony.



Below left: Don Gamble, Vanessa Barnard '17 and Adeeb Shihadeh '18 at the FRC competition. Left: The arena where #5924 competed for the first time. Below inset: Club president Alex Jarnutowski '16 (right) and Patrick Oven '17.

SI'S CAT MACHINE TAKES ROOKIE ALL-STAR HONORS AT ROBOTICS TOURNEY



The new SI Robotics Team was barely three months old when it shocked its peers by winning the Rookie All-Star Award at its inaugural competition March 25 and 26 at UC Davis, making it to the semifinals and earning the right to compete in the world championships in St. Louis in late April.

Of 65 teams, the SI entry — which went both by its official team number (5924) and by the title “The Cat Machine” — competed in the playoff elimination rounds with the top 24 teams and was chosen by a top-seeded alliance at the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition. By the end of the knockout rounds, SI lost to a team that included the defending world champion.

SI finished seventh in Overall Power Ratings, which is a ranking based on an algorithm devised by FIRST to determine the total performance of a robot.

This would be considered an impressive showing for any robot let alone one created by a first-year squad. Also, unlike many of the other robots in the competition, SI's entry never broke down. The Cat Machine then went on to compete in the Silicon Valley Regional in mid April (results not available by press time).

The club and team began when lead mentor and SI computer science teacher Don Gamble taught a simpler version of robotics as part of the Magis Program last summer. Gamble and his aides — Pedro Sandoval '15, Adeeb Shihadeh '18 and Alex Jarnutowski '16 — taught middle school students how to build programmable robots using Lego's Mindstorms.

Other students began lobbying Gamble to start a full-fledged robotics team at SI. Gamble first suggested that students join two other robotics competitions less intense than FRC. “However, the students were clear from the start that they wanted to compete in the toughest league — the ‘WCAL for all robots on Earth’ if you will,” said Gamble. After visiting schools with varying types and levels of teams, “students realized that to be successful we had to go all-in with FRC.”

At a President's Cabinet Dinner, Gamble met current SI dad Jeff Rocca and, through him, Louis Kolenda '77 of YouthSF.org, which funds projects for low-income students. Gamble and Rocca discussed the possibility of starting SI Robotics, which YouthSF envisioned as an extension of the work Gamble and his students did with the Magis Program.

YouthSF agreed to fund the team, with additional help coming from current SI parents Sarah and Jordan Hymowitz, to allow students to make their first robot, one built on wheels with sophisticated functional devices more akin to the Mars Rover than to the Terminator. The partnership between SI and YouthSF came full circle in early March when the team visited YouthSF's Mission District office to show their robot to students, introduce them to the SI team and inspire the students to pursue careers in STEM.

Gamble also had to convince SI's administration to allow the club and team to form, and he had to find a home for his equipment and students. He wrote a formal proposal to create a robotics team and lab and then discovered a garage behind McGucken Hall that had formerly been the home for SI's school buses. He received permission to transform the old bus garage into a sophisticated workshop with 3D printers, lathes, mills, presses and other shop tools.

The team held its first official meeting Jan. 9, the “game reveal” day when robotics teams across the world initially learned of the challenge they faced — the FIRST Stronghold, which involved an enclosed arena

with two towers. Two teams of three robots each were given the task of scoring goals by shooting “boulders” — large dense foam balls — through openings in the tower. Teams could also score points by crossing a variety of obstacles, by hoisting their robot to the top of a tower and by defending their tower.

Each FRC team had only six weeks to build its robot, and SI's team (Club President Alex Jarnutowski '16, Nathan Dejan '17, Jackson Thiara '18, Adeeb Shihadeh '18, Vanessa Barnard '17, Alex Ring '18, Josh Young '18, Ysabel Tan '16, Mark Hymowitz '17, Tessca Almeida '18, Emily Liu '17, Sydney Reel '17, Matt Jereza '16, Patrick Oven '17, Walter Nicolson '16, Alex Lo '17, Alejandro Perez '16 and Lauren Cueto '17) began working with the help of adult mentors, including Gamble, SI Spanish teacher Pedro Cafasso, Mark Spence, Ed Nicolson, Doug Salin, John and Dennise Gearty, Samuel Tam, John Totah, Brian Jarnutowski and Dan Ring. Other parents supported by cooking meals for students, who worked late into the evenings after classes ended.

At the end of the six weeks, the team put its finished robot in a bag and did not touch it until the March 25 competition. They did, however, listen to the advice of other teams, including those at Kennedy High School in Sacramento, Lowell High School and three-time FRC world champion Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose.

“They told us to use the extra time between bag day and our first event to build a second robot with which we could practice,” said Gamble. Students also built new devices for their robot that helped them improve accuracy for launching boulders and that provided new ways of overcoming obstacles. On the day of the competition, SI went to work and added those devices to the team's original robot while abiding by FRC rules that allow teams to bring in no more than 30 pounds of additional parts.

The Cat Machine formed alliances with teams from other schools and competed three-on-three using the principle of “coopertition,” something FIRST pioneered since its founding in 1989 to spur students to study courses in science, technology, engineering and math. The organization's website notes that “coopertition is displaying unqualified kindness and respect in the face of fierce competition. Coopertition is founded on the concept and a philosophy that teams can and should cooperate with each other even as they compete.”

SI handily won its first competition of the day and did well enough the rest of the day to earn the respect of veteran teams, many of which started to show interest in having SI join their alliances. However, the second day did not begin as smoothly. With a listed 9:45 a.m. starting time, the team disassembled much of the robot to make adjustments. “The pit announcer then surprised us by giving us only 15 minutes to be in the on-deck circle,” said Gamble.

“I'll never forget those 15 minutes. With the defending world champions watching us, Adeeb finished soldering, put connectors on, reattached all of the wiring and put the robot's shooter arm back on. As we rolled our robot cart to the on-deck circle, he programmed our autonomous routine. With no time left, the field supervisor told us to turn on our robot. We loaded the code in 15 seconds, put the robot on the field and said a little prayer for it to work.”

While the robot did work, the drive team noticed that one side of the drivetrain was running at 50 percent power. “Once Jackson noticed this, he compensated by slowly turning the robot the opposite direction it was pulling to make it go straight. He drove the rest of an intense match as if nothing were wrong. It was truly one of the greatest combined student achievements I've ever witnessed.”



Raymond Breault enjoys Brisbane's proximity to San Bruno Mountain, which has inspired in him a love for nature and a desire to work on environmental sustainability in college.

RAYMOND BREAUT '16 LEARNS ABOUT CITY PLANNING AS DPW INTERN IN BRISBANE

Next year, if all goes according to plan, Raymond Breault '16 will make waves by harnessing the power of waves.

A cross-country runner at SI, Breault has a fascination for water because of what he sees most days on his running circuit. "It's awesome seeing the waves off Lands End while staying in shape."

That experience led him to register for a course at Cal in oceanography during the summer between his sophomore and junior years. Breault would run in the morning and take BART to Berkeley for the course.

There, he learned about geology, ecology, tectonic plates and the dangers of climate change, all of which gave him the idea of developing a machine that would generate electricity through the power of waves and tides. For physics at SI, he developed a Ruben's tube, which uses propane and flames to generate waves, to help him better understand the qualities of waves, and he is pondering prototypes that he will work on while studying electrical engineering at, he hopes, UC Santa Cruz.

In the meantime, he isn't waiting to make a difference. He worked for Brisbane's Department of Public Works for a month last summer inspecting water pumps, pump stations and storage tanks to ensure

that they were up to code. He also tested for water quality and created a map of all the catch basins in Brisbane.

"Most cities don't worry too much about trash entering the Bay, but Brisbane works to limit it through trash catchers."

Breault saw more in those trash catchers than you can imagine, including shirts, measuring tape, pencils and paint, along with the typical flotsam and jetsam.

He took the job in part because of his love for his community. "I like to sit on the deck outside my home and watch the fog roll in over San Bruno Mountain. It's gorgeous, and I love admiring the view."

Joining him from SI that summer were fellow Ignatians Justin Yuen '14 and Krey Hacker '16 at the DPW with Camila Aguilar '14 working in the City Manager's office.

Even in middle school, Breault honed his sense of stewardship by studying solar panels to see if they could be made more efficient through the use of magnifying lenses. His studies proved inconclusive, partly because he couldn't find a large enough lens, but he did win first prize at his eighth grade science fair.

"It has been great learning about the environment while helping to preserve it for everyone else," he added. ∞



ERIK CONNELL '18 TRIES HIS HAND AT OPEN SPACE DESIGN AROUND THE OLD MINT

When the 5M Project is built around 5th and Mission Streets in the next few years, it will include nearly 50,000 square feet of open space. With luck, part of that area will have been designed by Erik Connell '18 and his team of seven fellow high school students.

Last June 8 through 26, Connell took part in the Build San Francisco Summer Design Institute, a program aimed at helping high school students learn about architecture, design and urban development.

At the program's headquarters in the Chronicle Building, set on the edge of the 5M Project, Connell and his colleagues learned 3D modeling through programs such as AutoCAD and other Autodesk programs.

Students spent time studying other outdoor spaces, including the pedestrian mall outside the Old Mint, just across the street from the Chronicle Building.

"Office workers need to spend time outside, where they can relax and rejuvenate," said Connell. "Exposure to the outdoors allows them to be healthier and more productive."

In creating a space for these workers, Connell's team designed landscaped mounds, a seating area and a large awning to provide shade and protection from rain

Connell and one other student presented to stakeholders in the 5M Project, trying to sell them on their ideas. The team chose Connell, as he was articulate as well as the oldest member and the only city resident in the program.

Connell hopes to study architecture in college and work on providing city residents with more affordable housing options. "It's tragic that people work hard yet live in substandard housing or far from the city," he noted. ∞

Erik Connell took part in a summer institute that asked students to design an open space mall using principles of urban development and architecture.



Grace Pating grew up hearing the sounds of gunshots near her school. Now she is working to make sure children of those who are incarcerated don't grow up to repeat the mistakes of their parents.

GRACE PATING '18, A MEMBER OF SF'S YOUTH COMMISSION, HELPS TEENS WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS

Most SI students look back on their primary schools and recall the good times they had. Grace Pating '18 remembers the shootings.

A student at Rosa Parks Elementary School on O'Farrell Street near Webster, Pating had two classmates who lost one parent each to gun violence.

"That was eye-opening for me," she said. "Killings like these are tragic no matter where or when they happen, but those crimes shook me."

They also led her to do something to address the issue. Her aunt, Sandra Fewer, a former member of the city's Board of Education, first suggested she join the Youth Commission, and after several rounds of interviews, Mayor Ed Lee appointed her as a member last September.

Thus far, she and her fellow commissioners are working to help the children of men and women who are in prison or in jail. Older teens whose parents are in jail often have to live on their own and drop out of school to support themselves.

The Youth Commission has met with Project WHAT! Since 1997, that group has worked to break the cycle of imprisonment so that children of those incarcerated won't repeat the mistakes of their parents.

The group also helps children heal and provides them with programs both in school and outside the classroom to connect with their parents and learn to stop cycles of violence.

Pating will serve on the commission for one year and, along with her colleagues, address the city's Board of Supervisors when they devise an action plan to create new policies or new laws.

"I'm happy to serve the city and my neighbors in the Richmond District," said Pating. "I learn so much about my city every day and get to help people along with the many talented youth who inspire me. Members of Project WHAT! all have parents who have been in or who are in prison. They have given me new ideas and much inspiration."

Pating is hoping to have SI clubs that have a social justice focus involve themselves with Project WHAT! In addition, she is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve, by completing a 100-hour community service project. For that, she hopes to return to Rosa Parks School and teach poetry and art to children. ∞

Barbara Talavan transforms Summer Programs at SI

Barbara Talavan has shaped SI's Summer Programs for 17 years, the first seven as assistant program director and the past decade as its director.

After she announced that the past summer would be her last in the program, the school named Bill Gotch as her replacement. Currently dean of students along with Michelle Levine, Gotch is an experienced coach and educator. He inherits a robust and successful program, he noted, "thanks to Barbara."

He praised her organization and creativity, noting that "she has been generous to me about sharing both the details of her organization and her passion for serving families who need great summer programs. You name it, she has been gracious helping me with contacts and curriculum."

He also praised her for "being present to teachers and the families of those in the summer school classes and camps year-round. As I have spoken with teachers, coaches and camp directors, I have heard them sing her praises. She supported them tremendously, and it will be a challenge for me to maintain her level of care."

In her years as director, Talavan increased the middle school program from 300 to 800 students and expanded offerings and managed the high school summer classes for 250 SI students. In addition, each week another 480 students attended sports and non-athletic camps that totaled 63 by summer's end.

Students learned how to drum, paint, sing and act thanks to her and teachers such as Ted Curry '82, who started the musical theatre camp. She even introduced an engineering camp, a future authors camp, a CPR camp and many others.

She moved the registration and payment processes to an online system with the help of SI webmaster Tom Casey. "Barbara pulled us kicking and screaming into the 21st century," said SI social science teacher Kate Kodros, who has taught summer classes for years.

"Parents wanted their children here all day," said Talavan. "Not every child was interested in sports, so we found out what they wanted and provided other opportunities for them." She also increased the number of sports camps to go beyond traditional ones and more than doubled the revenue for the school over the years.

Part of her success was her skill at marketing. She distributed 15,000 postcards each summer by asking SI faculty members

Bill Gotch



to hand deliver them to primary schools. She improved the Summer Programs website and used *Genesis* magazine to get the word out with stories and advertisements. She brought in talented teachers who drew crowds of students, such as Olympian Jackie Lee '03, who coached students in table tennis, and Mick Terrizzi '04, who led students in learning how to perform in a drumline.

Talavan also helped teachers come up with interesting and innovative topics for classes that had titles such as Why War, CheMystery and Words Win! and she supported traditional courses such as marine biology and speech.

She crafted a program for 150 rising 6th graders and another for rising 9th graders to help them prepare for classes at SI. She also expanded offerings for 7th and 8th graders from six electives to nearly 30 different elective courses by 2015. She also proved creative in finding unused spaces around campus that could serve as classrooms, given the demand for her classes.

She crafted programs for parents too. Almost every summer on opening day, parents were invited to attend "Meet the SI Student," featuring presentations from current sophomores to recently graduated seniors. One year, she also asked psychology teacher Eric Castro '92 to offer an opening talk on 21st century parenting skills. For another session, she asked psychology teacher Yosup Joo to speak with parents "about what it's like being a teenager at SI," said Talavan.

The advantage of all this is that "students have a chance to familiarize themselves with SI and learn how to be independent. They have to find their way to classes on a big campus and socialize with other kids from more than 100 different schools. They aren't lined up and marched anywhere except on the first day. They learn how to be responsible and get to class on time in an environment with no bells.

Barbara Talavan



After class, they have to find their way to camp. We help them, of course, but we treat them as older students, not as little kids. They learn to come into the office to ask questions and be responsible for their belongings. By the end of the summer, parents would tell me how mature their children had become and how much fun they had had."

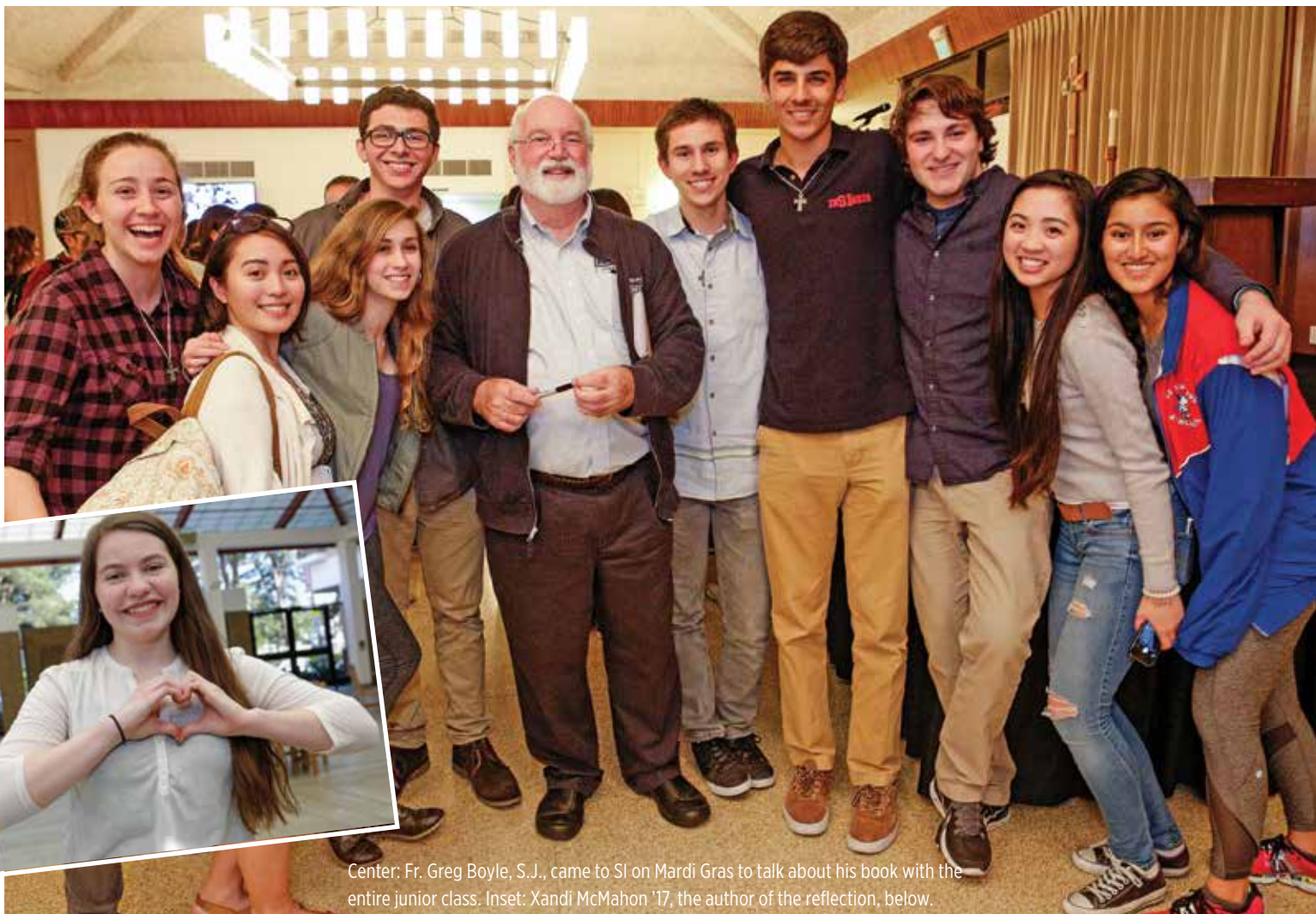
All of this, she noted, "helped SI become the place to be over the summer. We filled up all the time and had to close registration earlier and earlier, often by April."

Gotch hopes to continue that tradition by adding camps such as coding, multimedia, and rock and roll — both for students to study and to perform. He also plans to offer all-day sports camps throughout the summer and give parents more flexibility in choosing camps for their children.

A native of Omaha, Gotch taught English and coached football, golf and basketball at SHCP before coming to SI to serve as dean eight years ago.

The father of four children between the ages of 6 and 12, he knows first hand how stressful summers can be for working parents. "It's not easy for them to put together a good summer experience for their children while planning summer vacations. As an educator, I have a little wiggle room to drop off or pick up my kids, but most people don't have that luxury."

The job also will allow Gotch the chance to meet students who are applying to SI for high school. "I'm a member of the admissions committee, and it's wonderful getting to know children and develop a relationship with their families early on. I work closely with the admissions office to collaborate on potential future candidates. Summer is a time where I get to know families and have stories to tell admissions." ∞



Center: Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., came to SI on Mardi Gras to talk about his book with the entire junior class. Inset: Xandi McMahon '17, the author of the reflection, below.

Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., and *Tattoos on the Heart* leave their mark on SI's juniors

Xandi McMahon '17, along with the entire junior class, read *Tattoos on the Heart* by Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., in preparation for his visit to SI in February. She writes here about the experience of reading this book, which details his efforts in the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles to reform former gang members. He does this through Homeboy Industries, which provides job training, jobs and a host of services.

BY XANDI MCMAHON '17

We are all called to a life of compassion and service. I knew this growing up, and I know it now. But what I did not know until reading Fr. Gregory Boyle's *Tattoos on the Heart* is the true meaning of compassion.

Fr. Boyle defines compassion by telling the stories of former gang members, men and women he calls "homies." We often confuse compassion with sympathy, but compassion encompasses much more. "Here is what we seek: a compassion that can stand in awe at what the poor have to carry rather than stand in judgment at how they carry it," writes Fr. Boyle.

Tattoos on the Heart made me question old beliefs. It also challenged, surprised and inspired me. While reading, I thought about the work I do on SI's Comfort Runs alongside my own version of Fr. Greg's homies: the men and women in the Tenderloin.

Going on the Comfort Run has become my routine. Every three weeks, my club members and I drive to the Tenderloin to hand out sandwiches. Each time I drive back to SI, I feel happier and more fulfilled than I did the day before, but I never understand why.

I have always known that the Comfort Run involves much more than just handing out sandwiches, but reading Fr. Boyle's work helped me see the mutual relationships that I form with my brothers and sisters in the Tenderloin who support me as much as, if not more than, I help them.

At SI I have learned well how to be a person *for* others; through the guidance of Fr. Boyle, I am inspired to become a person truly *with* others.

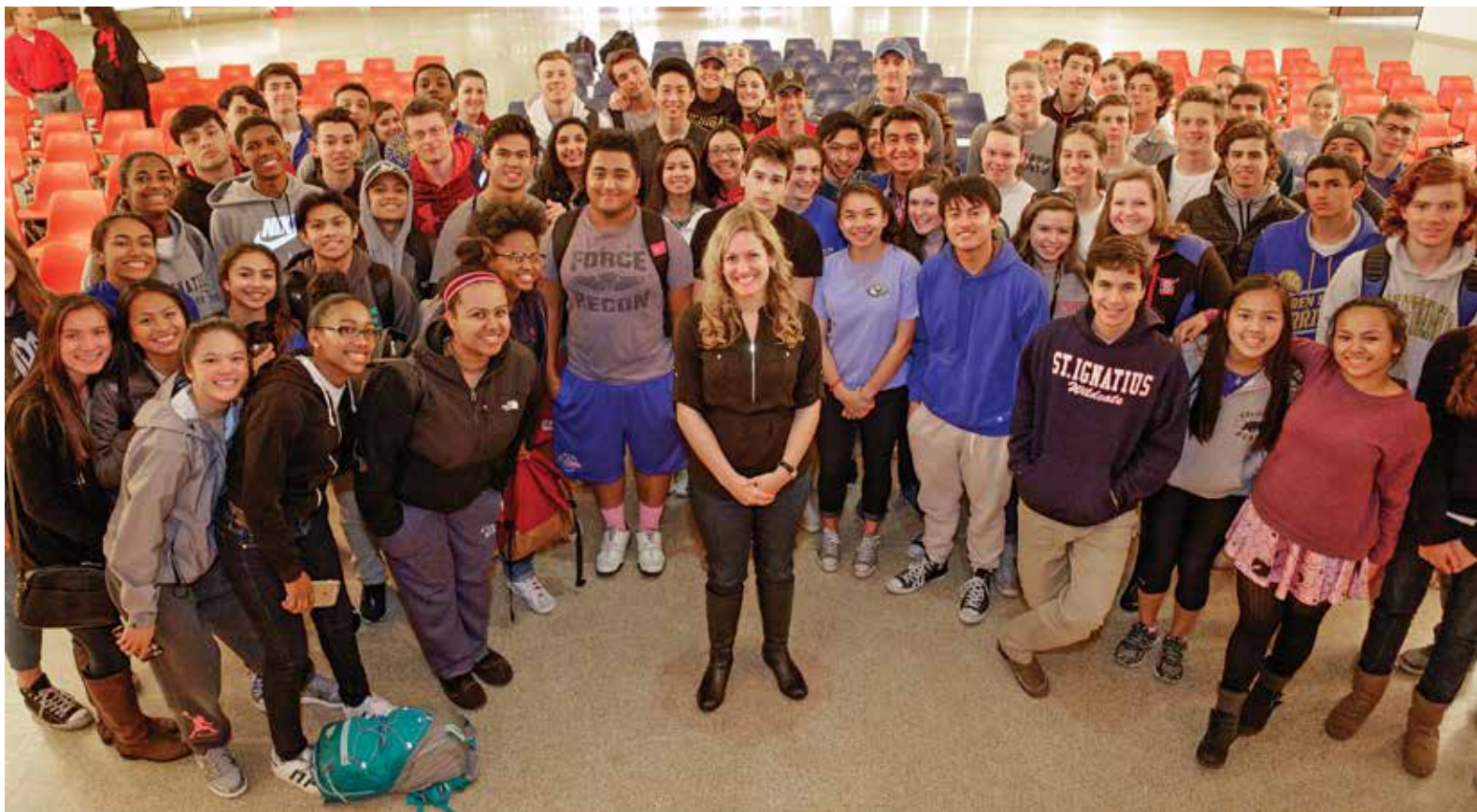
"Compassion is not a relationship between the healer and the wounded," writes Fr. Boyle.

"It's a covenant between equals. Al Sharpton always says, 'We're all created equal, but we don't all end up equal.'"

Tattoos on the Heart challenges me to recognize my own privilege and realize that most others have not been afforded the same advantages that I have. When we are able to understand this, we can "change our lurking suspicion that some lives matter less than other lives."

Fr. Boyle treats the homies he works with, no matter how "dangerous," the same way he would any other man or woman. Most of us unknowingly look upon the less fortunate with revulsion and fear, as we were taught to ignore and fear strangers and those on the streets of our own city.

I know now that to live a sincere life, I have to appreciate that we were all created equal and that we all deserve love and care. Fr. Greg Boyle taught me the power of boundless compassion and kinship. If we acknowledge that "we belong to each other," we will genuinely live lives of service with and for others. ∞



KATE BRANDT '03, Google's Lead for Sustainability and the nation's first Chief Sustainability Officer for the Obama Administration, spoke at SI in March about her work at the White House and at Google. Her talk kicked off the school's annual Stewardship

Week, when religious studies teachers take their juniors to various places throughout San Francisco and Daly City to remove non-native plants and do other work to follow Pope Francis' call to "care for our common home."



THE SI SAILING TEAM notched its best showing ever in March, placing second out of 31 schools at the 2016 U.C. Santa Barbara Gaucho Regatta. The team is having its most

successful season ever and went on to compete in the PCISA Championships on April 16 and 17 and the San Francisco City Championships on April 23.

Going to the Great Wall with Yale Young Scholars Program

BY CLAIRE DWORSKY '18

I never thought I stood a chance of being admitted to the first gathering of high school students at Yale University's new Beijing campus. I had found the Yale Young Global Scholars program, and it sounded amazing: a group of high school students from all over the world who would study with Yale professors. I filled out the app and said a prayer. I'm not a 4.0 student, but I work hard.

That prayer was answered, and then the hard work began: stacks of reading to prepare for seminars on "Asymmetric War and Nonstate Actors," "Comparative International Law of Surveillance," "The Unbalanced Economies of China and the U.S.," "U.S.-China Cybersecurity Issues" and "Three-D Printing of Human Organs." In addition to getting my SI homework done and playing varsity soccer, I was up past midnight every night for weeks getting the reading done. But then everything fell apart.

In a tough game against Valley Christian on Jan. 23, I smashed into another player and tore my MCL. (More importantly, we won. Go 'Cats!) Thankfully, an MRI revealed that I could travel by wearing a brace and by using crutches.

My teachers worked with me to organize the assignments I would miss over the 10 days. The "Great Firewall" of China blocks most social media sites, so I set up a Chinese WeChat account to text with my parents and an extra Yahoo account for getting assignments sent. Friends also sent me their class notes.

As the plane landed, all I could see was snow before we arrived in Beijing, which was in the grip of a 20-degree cold spell. Using my crutches on ice with one stable leg involved all of my balancing skills from soccer, but I finally met the other students, who had come to China from Taiwan, India, Pakistan, Oman, Colombia, Canada, Vietnam, the U.S. and other nations to study the intersection of science, technology and geopolitics with Yale's top professors. Every one of them struck me as brilliant but also nervous about finishing all the readings. I learned that many attend schools until 5 p.m. on weekdays and return for Saturday study. Most thought it was strange to have sports at school, as they spend their time studying. In China, only 4 percent of applicants gain admissions to top universities, contributing to the growing numbers of Chinese nationals — 300,000 last year — who apply to North American universities.

SI's homework system, Canvas, was working overtime. I worried about falling behind but worked before and after sessions

to finish my assignments. I also heard Chinese students speak about how they work around ever-changing restrictions on the Internet just to learn about subjects outside their basic curriculum.

Breakfast involved char siu bao and dumplings, much like what I eat at Clement Street restaurants. We also went on field trips, including one to The Great Wall of China. I worried about slipping on stone stairs covered in leaves, ice and snow to get to the top section of the wall, but felt determined, as The Great Wall has always been part of my story.

I was born in an orphanage in Kazakhstan and am a descendant of the Mongol warrior Genghis Khan. (In fact, one out of every 200 people alive today is descended from him.) The Chinese built The Great Wall to keep Genghis and his armies out. Growing up in San Francisco, every person I met assumed I was Chinese, since the majority of Asian people in our city can trace their ancestry to China. It makes me a little uncomfortable when people ask, "What kind of Chinese are you?" I used to joke that I'm sort of the opposite of Chinese, as my ancestors are the reason the Chinese built The Great Wall. I'm proud of being a descendent of a fiercely independent people and think about that when I play soccer, as I'm the smallest one on the field but one of the hardest working.

It takes more than an hour for most tourists to chug uphill to the top section of the Wall, and from that vista, you can see it snake down into green valleys and wind over rippling hills. It took me much longer, but I managed by setting a rhythm that involved hopping, pulling up, stepping, and leaning forward while maintaining my balance.

More than a million Chinese peasants died building this structure, and some are buried inside it. The Great Wall has no artistic embellishments; its real beauty comes from finding a good view of a valley or noticing functional aspects, such as a taller wall with holes for shooting arrows with the Chinese longbow. Given Chinese inventions such as the catapult, cannon and gunpowder, it's easy to imagine battles when you touch the holes and cracks through rock and brick.

As I kept pushing upward, I thought of the poem "Ozymandias" by Percy Bysshe Shelley, about the ruins of old civilizations and what they reveal about who we are. Are we a country that builds MRI machines and 3-D printers to produce organs for transplant, or do we create software to censor students or a new Great Wall to keep immigrants out of the U.S?



I kept pushing myself uphill, even though my hands burned and turned purple with bruises, unused to hard labor. I thought about my teammates, the teachers who worked to pull together my assignments to make it easier for me to take this trip and my parents who sat up late with me as I read for my seminars.

Before I knew it, I could see the last steep series of stairs. I picked up the pace and pulled myself to the top until I stepped up to the highest landing. Although the air quality is bad enough that locals wear masks, I could see through the haze where the wall zigzagged over ranges of mountains in the distance. I had crossed over the top of the wall someone had built to keep my ancestors out.

Over the next week, I studied economics, app coding and college essay writing. I also worked on a capstone project researching Chinese policy on rural education for students who remain after the creation of new urban centers. Each year, the Chinese government is moving 300 million people — roughly the population of the U.S. — into newly built cities, where residents are four times more likely to get into high schools and colleges compared to their rural counterparts. The Chinese face huge challenges as they struggle to prevent inequality, class division and radicalization.

This experience changed the way I think about learning. I had one professor who was so dynamic, funny, brilliant and exciting that I would study anything he taught. He made me excited to think about university and all that I need to learn.

If you are interested in opening your mind to new ideas and working hard in a team setting, you should try Yale Young Global Scholars or other enrichment opportunities advertised on the SI Counseling webpage.

Put yourself out there! You have everything to gain. ∞

Chinese language at SI, now in its fifth year, thrives thanks to non-traditional teaching

Irene Wong and Leona Pappas, the two Mandarin teachers at SI, have inspired students for years because they have refused to teach the way they were taught.

Both are also ushering in changes to the Chinese language program, with SI students hosting college students from China and with a China trip planned for this summer.

Born in Taiwan, Wong first came to the U.S. in 1996. "Working as a teacher was the last thing I wanted to do," she said. "The old Chinese way of teaching made me hate teachers, especially given all the work they gave us."

In her last year of graduate school, Wong worked at City College of San Francisco as a teaching assistant. There she discovered new methods of teaching that fascinated her. She honed her skills at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, where she learned to integrate technology into the study of Mandarin.

Five years ago, she came to SI as the school's first Mandarin teacher and was joined two years ago by Pappas, who had worked at other schools, where she saw instructors teaching Chinese the old-fashioned way.

Born in Xian, Pappas grew up in Beijing. Like Wong, she never thought she would be a teacher. "The pressure to study in China is terrible. I hated school even though I was a good student."

Still, after moving to the U.S. seven years ago, she took courses in child development "because I wanted to know how to bring up and teach my own children." She enjoyed her classes so much that she signed up for

a credential program at SFSU to launch her teaching career.

At SI, both have found success and an appreciative audience among students and their parents, especially Chinese parents "who don't want their children taught in the traditional way," said Wong. "They encourage us, and we are able to draw students to our program as a result."

Together, Wong and Pappas teach every level of Mandarin to 100 students, only 15 of whom have a background in Mandarin, though many grew up speaking Cantonese. Last year, 26 of their students took the AP test and enjoyed an 88 percent pass rate.

They point to the success of students such as Brian Vollert '15 and Ben Osipow '15, both of whom had no experience in Chinese before coming to SI and who are each studying Mandarin in college.

Another student, Ashley Miao '16, now serves as an aide for Wong and Pappas. Miao grew up speaking Cantonese (her father's language) and a dialect spoken in Shanghai (her mother's language). She studied Cantonese growing up and hopes to study linguistics in college.

She appreciates the way her teachers encourage her to experience Chinese culture as well as study language. Both teachers award "cultural points" to students for activities such as watching movies in Chinese, visiting Chinatown or the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco or taking a trip to an Asian nation.

Miao also enjoys the sense of humor expressed by both teachers, especially when students speak in logical ways that "don't quite fit colloquially," she noted.

She and her fellow students have also enjoyed the company of four college students from China, two from Shanghai and two from Xian, who came to the U.S. to experience American families and schools. They spent 10 days in January living with four host students and serving as Mandarin TAs at SI.

Also new this year is a two-week trip to China planned by Wong and Pappas. Thirty students and five chaperones will leave June 5 for Shanghai, Chengdu, Kunming, Dali and Lijiang.

In Chengdu they will spend five days with host families and teach English in middle schools, shadow in local high schools and spend one day on a service trip working with pandas. They will teach English to Chinese students during a cultural exchange and also enjoy some of China's most famous sites.

Students will also have a chance to hone their Mandarin, and both teachers are convinced they will do just fine. "I'm proud of their communication skills," said Wong. "They know how to speak well and not merely memorize or read. That's why we have them put on skits, ask them to keep a blog and assign various projects that involve speaking the language. Chinese isn't just something to know but to use, especially in the years to come, when the economies of the East and West will be connected even more than they are today." ∞



Chinese language teachers at SI include Leona Pappas (center) and Irene Wong (second from right). Ashley Miao '16 (right) and Matthew Wu '17 (left) have helped acclimate four college students from China (one of whom is pictured second from left), who spent 10 days at SI in January.



Top: SIPAC parents and ASC students held their annual Lunar New Year Luncheon in South San Francisco in February.

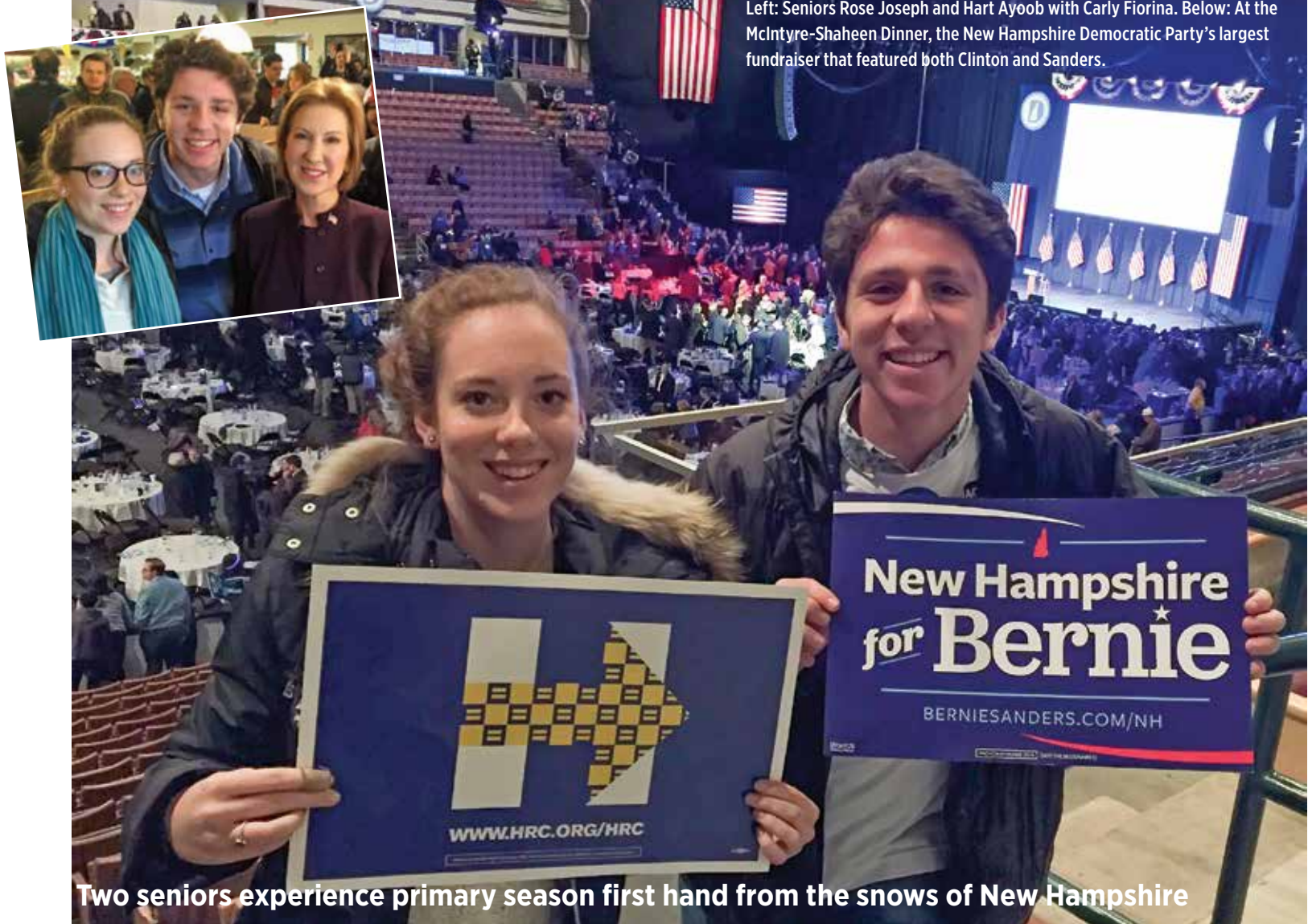
Below: AALPA organized the annual MLK Day March in January, which brought together members of the SI family. **Bottom right:** Students were aboard the AT&T Float Feb. 20 as the annual Chinese New Year's Parade wound its way through the city's Chinatown neighborhood.



Above: Every two years, SI hosts students from West Coast schools for the LatinX summit. Organized by SI's Director of Equity & Inclusion Matt Balano, the event featured break-out sessions, a keynote speech by Dr. Shakti Butler of World Trust and music by Pete & Juan Escovedo Latin Jazz Band. The event also included talks by such luminaries as Paul Flores and Michael Benitez, Jr. Pictured above, from left, are Eduardo Cabrera '16, Luis Alfaro '17, Cristian Navarro '16, and Manny Tonna '16.



Left: Seniors Rose Joseph and Hart Ayoob with Carly Fiorina. Below: At the McIntyre-Shaheen Dinner, the New Hampshire Democratic Party's largest fundraiser that featured both Clinton and Sanders.



Two seniors experience primary season first hand from the snows of New Hampshire

BY SEAN LAWHON '87

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It starts in the snowy winter in Iowa and ends in the humid heat of the summer in Washington, DC. It's primary season of the U.S. presidential election, and two SI seniors, Hart Ayoob '16 and Rose Joseph '16, witnessed the second stop in February in New Hampshire.

Through a Twitter network of history instructors, SI government teacher Dr. Justin Christensen, found a program that allows high school students to attend the New Hampshire Primary to observe and participate in the political process of the Republican and Democrat candidates' campaigns for president.

"One of my favorite memories of this election will always be when all of my government classes held live video chats with Hart and Rose," said Christensen. "It was fascinating to see them cover different events, talk about their interactions with the candidates and their teams in the field and get a sense of the energy on the ground in New Hampshire."

Joseph, who is planning on studying political science this fall in college, compared the trip to Christmas. "When Hart told me about this opportunity, I was excited because access to events like this for California high school students is nearly impossible," she noted. "I saw the majority of candidates speak in person, and I met most of them. I shook Bernie Sanders' and Hillary Clinton's hands, and Marco Rubio signed a poster for me."

Ayoob enjoyed the part of the program that involved volunteering with a candidate's campaign. "Both Rose and I were assigned to Bernie Sanders' office in Manchester, where we canvassed door-to-door in rural New Hampshire. Because that state is the critical second stop in the primary season, it allowed me to see how a campaign develops and sets a tone."

The two sat in the audience of two live broadcasts of MSNBC's *Morning Joe* and attended many speeches. Watching the campaign from the ground instead of on TV helped the political process feel more real for Ayoob. "You are standing five feet away from Gov. Chris Christie, you are shaking the hand of

John Kasich, and you are sitting right behind Hillary Clinton at a rally. When you are on the ground, you are experiencing 'We the People.' In California, we just don't have access like that. In New Hampshire, you can go to a local high school gym and watch a candidate speak and talk to him or her one-on-one afterwards."

Both students were intrigued by the media's role in covering and shaping perceptions of the candidates for TV viewers. "I connected what I saw to what I am learning now in my AP Government class, especially regarding the different relationships each candidate has with the press," added Joseph. "What was really cool was seeing how the media interpreted events I had attended, especially when they take words out of context for a sound bite. Those words lose their original meaning. However, after watching the political commentators do their work in person, I gained respect for them and the reporters there."

She also praised the trip for helping her see "the political sphere as a whole, how important democracy is and how lucky we are to have it in America." ∞

Coach Derek Johnson turns the magis into symbol and meaning for his softball players

BY ANNE STRICHERZ

Genesis Sports Editor

Before coming to SI in 2011 to coach JV softball, Derek Johnson tried to retire from a sport he has coached for nearly 16 years.

He told himself that he was done with youth sports but relented thanks to the persistence of former SI varsity softball coach Paul Webb, who turned the varsity program over to Johnson in 2013.

“Paul set a new standard, one that extended pride in the program throughout the school,” said Johnson. “I hoped to carry on that tradition.”

When SI Athletic Director John Mulkerrins asked Johnson if he would feel comfortable praying with the team, Johnson knew he could and realized then “that I was given an invitation to be a part of something very special.” He takes prayer to heart in his pre-game and post-game rituals and in the way he conducts his practices.

Several years ago, he also created a new tradition in the Medal Game that takes place during Holy Week every spring as it wasn’t feasible for the team to practice during Easter break. He gave each player a religious medal to show his gratitude for the way they started the first half of the season and to extend a token of his appreciation to the team.

Softball players, he noted, “carry a lot of gear, so I decided I could give them a medal with a ribbon to keep on their bat bags. How I would give it to them was a question I thought about.”

Johnson chose the patron saint of athletes, St. Sebastian, as the icon for the inaugural medal and gathered his team at the end of a game for a post-game discussion. He also included parents “as I thought it might be nice for them to hear what we have to say, to be a part of the team and to pray with us. They usually wait for us in the stands, but with the Medal Game, why not invite them to join us in this opportunity to share our faith?”

After each game before Easter break, Johnson holds hands with his players and their parents as they form a circle to ask St. Sebastian to bless the team, their family and their season.

That tradition evolved the next year to include returning players and to embrace existing players going through personal struggles, including two athletes whose mother was battling cancer. “I understood their struggle as both my grandparents had passed from cancer. In light of how it affects so many people and our team, I decided to give



Coach Derek Johnson (right) offers religious medals as a way of inspiring his players.
Photo by Paul Ghiglieri.

a medal with St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer victims, at the Medal Ceremony.”

He also gave that medal to Assistant Coach Meredith Mannion, who had just lost her father to cancer. “There wasn’t a dry eye at that medal ceremony or prayer service as we called on St. Peregrine and St. Sebastian to pray for us.”

Moving up to the varsity level allowed Johnson to work with several athletes he had previously coached and to award third-year players a medal of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who figured in Johnson’s conversion to Catholicism. “My players know the role that my faith plays in my life, and I encourage them daily to have faith, including faith in themselves, something important for every athlete.”

Johnson recalled one player “who was having a terrible day at the plate. She asked me if she could bunt. I told her to keep the faith and go for it.” She got a hit and pointed to me to tell me that I was right. We do a lot in the practice of faith in our sport, but what good is all our faith if we don’t use it when times are tough?”

Last year, Johnson added a four-year varsity medal featuring St. Ignatius of Loyola. “It’s rare but we have had outstanding athletes who make varsity during their freshman year,” he noted.

“Many athletes never see the time and thought a coach spends preparing a team for practice or competition,” said SI Athletic Director John Mulkerrins ’89. “Derek’s work to create a new tradition exemplifies his understanding of the Ignatian value of the magis — the greater good.”

Mulkerrins also praised Johnson, who works as a personal trainer for his day job, as a coach who has “tremendous compassion for each of his athletes. He is fair to his players and does a great job mixing experienced players with those new to the game.”

For Johnson, coaching softball allows him the freedom to teach the importance of academics, faith and relationships. “My primary goal is to teach young women about life for when softball is over.”

Kyra Pelton & Derek Austin excel as two-sport athletes

BY ANNE STRICHERZ
Genesis Sports Editor

Many student athletes believe they should specialize in one sport starting as early as possible. Kyra Pelton '16 and Derek Austin '16 know, however, that their participation in two distinct sports have made them better competitors, athletes and teammates.

Runners often compete in both cross country and track, and swimmers also play water polo. Still, certain sports lean toward specialization, and club sports make cross training a challenge, as they ask athletes to train in one sport year-round.

Austin and Pelton buck this trend by competing in both winter and spring sports at SI, something that has led them to the next level.

Pelton, who has played varsity soccer and lacrosse since her freshman year, will join the women's lacrosse team at Stanford University next year. Austin, who has played basketball and tennis, will play tennis at Boston College.

Pelton began playing soccer at 3 but never felt pressure from her mother, who was a college athlete. A midfielder and forward, Pelton said goodbye to club soccer after her sophomore year to focus her efforts on SI lacrosse. "I kept playing soccer at SI because I love my team, and Coach [Carlos] Escobar '96 and Coach [Shannon] Vanderpol are a big part of that," she noted.

A defensive and midfield lacrosse player, she picked up a stick for the first time in fourth grade and was a member of the first girls' team

in Redwood City, the Firehawks. "As I grew up, I grew into lax," she said.

Pelton is in her element on J.B. Murphy Field, though "every time I step on the field, it feels like the first time."

Both sports demand footwork, stamina and a sense of where competitors are on the field, and each sport helps her in the other. Similarly, each sport has offered her leadership opportunities.

As a four-year starter on the varsity girls' lacrosse team, Pelton recognizes that lacrosse made her a stronger leader early on. Though some freshmen feel uncomfortable telling seniors what to do, Pelton knew that she needed to be heard to help her team succeed. "You have to find your voice, as there is so much communication on the defensive side. We are talking all the time. We have to be on the same page, and that mindset is true, too, with soccer."

As one of four senior captains on this year's varsity soccer squad, Pelton has learned how to be a better teammate as a result of not playing club soccer and not always getting as much playing time as her teammates, something she found difficult given her competitive nature. "Naturally, you want more touches on the ball. You start to wonder how you can make better yourself."

But this experience forged a new opportunity for Pelton. "I recognized how I could support my team from the bench. Because I was that player in soccer, I connected with my lacrosse teammates who sit on the bench. I know how that feels."

Pelton looks forward both to her final season of SI lacrosse and to next year. "I am humbled that I have the opportunity to play a sport I love at the next level. I'm excited to meet new people and get to know the sport in a different way."

Like Pelton, Austin picked up the equipment his sport requires — a tennis racket — at age 3. A gifted athlete, he played a variety of sports. His older brother, Brendan, played both basketball and tennis at Tamalpais High School. "I visited SI and got a great feel for this place. I'm all about feel," Austin admits "feel" was a driving factor for his decision to commit to Boston College where he will play tennis.

Austin took an unconventional path to varsity basketball at SI. Though he played on the Mt. Carmel CYO teams in grade school, he never played AAU. Playing tennis in the off-season helped him get more out of every basketball practice and game. "I came with a different focus to competition than if I had

Derek Austin (right) at the Bruce-Mahoney game.



played hundreds of games."

He played on the varsity team that won the CCS championship during his sophomore year, costing him a month away from tennis competition. Still, playing basketball has made him a stronger tennis player. "Both sports are high intensity, as they demand short bursts of energy and quick footwork. Both have helped me build my stamina and stay quick."

Tennis is a team sport, but not in the same way that lacrosse, soccer and basketball involve teamwork. "It's you versus the other person out there," said Austin. "You can find yourself too much inside your head, so I enjoy having a team atmosphere, especially at tournaments. It's fun cheering for each other, traveling together and sharing success."

Prior to his junior year, Austin committed to playing tennis year-round and stepping away from basketball teammates that he reveres. The hard work paid off, allowing him to excel in tournaments and attract the attention of Boston College.

Ironically, Austin's commitment to BC in October allowed him the freedom to take up basketball again, and he rejoined the team this past winter, though he did play tennis on the weekends during his season. "The training and lifting we do for basketball helps on the tennis court, and I've learned from two great coaches. Coach [Rob] Marcaletti '96 is constantly working to get better. When he asks us to give more to the sport, it's hard not to when you see everything he's giving back to you. Coach [Craig] Law '84 understands the challenges that come with being a student athlete. When we are on the court, we are all there, so he's respectful of our time."

Pelton feels no differently. SI girls' lacrosse coach Amy Harms "has been a huge influence in my life, and, like my soccer coaches, she challenges me to be the best person I can be both on and off the field." ∞



Kyra Pelton in a game against Presentation of San Jose. Photos by Paul Ghiglieri.

SPORTS WRAP

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BOYS' SOCCER

Coaches: Alan Downey (V), Steven Cordova and Mauricio Diaz de Leon (JV); Andrew Cheit and Patrick Cody (F).

Records: V: 7-3-4 (4th place in league); 12-6-4 overall; JV: 9-2-3 (2nd Place); Freshmen: 7-5-2 (5th place).

Highlights: In league play, the 'Cats defeated Serra twice (6-0) and (1-0), and on Jan. 30, defeated Bellarmine at Bellarmine (3-1). In the opening round of the CCS Tournament, the 5th seeded Wildcats defeated Branham High School (3-2) before losing to Prospect High (2-1) in the quarterfinals.

Awards: First Team, All WCAL: Dominic Galletti, Dylan Penn. Second Team: Mike Bertiglia, Jonathan Bow; Honorable Mention: Ryan Serrato. WCAL Forward of the Year: Dominic Galletti; Fr. Capitolo Award: Adam Kohli; Most Inspirational: Jason Konstantinidis; Wildcat Award: Dylan Penn.

Graduating Seniors: Brett Bailey, Jason Konstantinidis, Aidan Callahan, Nike Romer and Adam Kohli.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Coaches: Carlos Escobar, assisted by Shannon Vanderpol (V); Brian Rhodes, Libby Rappolt (JV); Jan Mullen (F).

Records: V: 6-4-2 league; 12-7-4 overall; JV: 9-2-1, 2nd place; Freshmen: 6-2-0, WCAL co-champions.

Highlights: In the CCS DI Tournament, the Wildcats were seeded 12th. They defeated



Salinas (2-1) and Valley Christian 2-2 (3-1 PKs) before falling to Menlo Atherton 2-2 (3-2 PKs; goals by Georgina Stiegeler and Michaela Scully in the semifinals.

Awards: First Team, All WCAL: Michaela Scully, Lizzy Wagner; Second Team: Vanessa Barnard, Georgina Stiegeler; Honorable Mention: Kate Kircher.

Team Awards: Vision of a Champion Award: Veronica Alberts; Jan Mullen Award: Michaela Scully and Georgina Stiegeler.

Graduating Seniors: Carissa Pahl, Michaela Scully, Veronica Alberts, Caitlin Crook, Georgina Stiegeler, Maren Smith, Sarah Green, Kyra Pelton, Clare Casey, Dominique Conlu and Kate Kircher.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Coaches: Michael Mulkerrins, assisted by Gus Gomoziyas (V); Lisa Traum, Nick David, (JV);



Rick Murphy, Erin Joo (F).

Records: V: 4-8 league; 14-15 overall; JV: 7-5, 4th place; F: 7-3, 3rd Place.

Highlights: In the CCS tournament, SI defeated Gunn 58-42 and Westmont 51-35 to reach the championship game against WCAL rival Presentation High. The Wildcats defeated the Presentation Panthers 42-36 at SCU to win the CCS DII Girls' Basketball Championship. The Wildcats were seeded ninth in the NorCal tournament and defeated Montgomery 50-35. In the NorCal semifinals, the Wildcats were defeated by #1 seed Vanden 66-35.

Awards: Second Team All WCAL: Ayzhaina Basallo; Honorable Mention: Nahrie Pierce, Maggie Burke, Hannah Lee. Wildcat Award: Hanna Lee.

Graduating Seniors: Hanna Lee, Maddy Hatch, Emma Lucey, Marie Paul, Marisa Fong, Nahrie Pierce.

BOYS' BASKETBALL



Coaches: Rob Marcaletti, assisted by Jamal Baugh, Kareem Guilbeaux, Alejandro Thomas (V); Alejandro Thomas, Jenol McLinn (JV); Paul Bourke and Tim Egan (Frosh A's); Steve Murphy, Tim Egan (Frosh B's).

Records: V: 6-8 league, 14-15 overall; JV: 9-5, tie for 2nd place in league; Frosh A: 7-7; Frosh B, 8-6.

Highlights: In league play, the 'Cats defeated a determined SHC team 61-60 to retain the Bruce Mahoney Trophy for SI. In the CCS DII tournament, the 'Cats were seeded #1 and defeated Christopher 65-43 and Los Gatos 72-62. In the CCS championship game at SCU, the Wildcats fell short by a single point 48-47 to Leland.

Awards: First Team, All WCAL: Will Emery; Honorable Mention: Brandon Beckman, Darrin Trammell; Dennis Carter Award: Justin Wong; Most Improved Player: Ben La Rocca.

Graduating Seniors: Jack Coulter, Justin Wong, Ben LaRocca, David Saadatnezhadi, Will Emery, Derek Austin. ☺

From left, Andrew Laguna with fellow track coaches Nick Alvarado '06 and Phil Loeffler '11.



Jesuit scholastic Andrew Laguna, S.J., discovers the ministry of coaching

BY ANNE STRICHERZ

Genesis Sports Editor

Andrew Laguna, S.J., arrived as a Jesuit to SI in June 2013 with a simple and humble desire. "I wanted to be available to the needs of the school," he said.

Though he had never before run competitively, he agreed to work with the boys' cross country team, as he had heard from fellow Jesuits that coaching was an important way to be a part of a school and a rich way to be in relationship with students.

Three years and hundreds of miles later, Laguna has learned much about running, runners and the ministry of coaching.

Prior to SI, Laguna studied philosophy and theology at St. Louis University. "I was ready for ministry," he noted. "I had had my nose in the books for three years and had done some parish ministry. I was in a good space in my vocation and seeking something more active."

With more than 60 boys in the cross-country program, head boys' coach Nick Alvarado '06 needed another assistant coach to work alongside Chad Evans, Tom Mannion and himself. Laguna, who had always enjoyed running as a form of exercise, thought he would coach soccer, as he had played eight years in a recreation league and his father had coached the sport.

Though Laguna's day job at SI had him working in campus ministry and teaching

sophomores in a scripture course, his first encounter with students happened during his first summer in San Francisco during morning practice runs.

"I threw myself into coaching in spite of not knowing what I was doing. I learned from other students how we conduct our warm-up and cool-down drills. There is no pretense on the team. Cross-country runners are salt of the earth."

Laguna describes himself as a better coach now than when he started after learning how to train students, from teaching them about running dynamics to developing race strategies. With each new season, his outreach and ministry has grown deeper and richer especially after joining the track and field team, where he coaches distance runners. "I can't count how many hours I have run with the team."

Those hours have paid off. "Hanging out with people you enjoy, especially when you are working toward a common goal, is life giving. I have witnessed the power of presence an individual can have in the lives of students and other coaches, especially given the positivity and encouragement needed to motivate distance runners. Nick and Chad have been my role models and mentors in this from the very beginning."

Laguna calls "gifts of the spirit" the relationships and community that form among teammates. "High school can be a challenging

time. To have someone who is positive and encouraging yet who also pushes you to excel brings out your best self."

That results in a pay-it-forward mentality on the team. "I loved watching one of our varsity athletes taking a new runner under her wing. She explained to this freshman how and why we do what we do." This sort of support isn't easy for students nor for coaches as life at SI "can be busy, and there are some days when silence is preferable to conversation on long runs. But being yourself as a caring and loving presence is what this ministry is really about."

The love and care that develops between coach and athlete has allowed Laguna to feel "genuine pride for these young people when they accomplish their goals or good things happen in their lives. Much growth takes place from sophomore to senior year, and I get to share in that. It's a privilege to learn what kind of people they want to be and hear what gives them life and meaning. Some of them have gone on to become Kairos leaders."

Laguna will further his studies in theology starting next fall. Running in San Francisco, he noted, has given him "a connection to the earth and nature. We live in a beautiful place. I'm so glad I gave myself to running and to SI. I have gotten so much more in return. The SI community has formed me. SI distance running has been a huge part of that." ✍



Track alumni hold first reunion to recall championship seasons and great friendships

BY TONY CALVELLO '84

Head Strength and Conditioning Coach

Leaning against the fence on turn three at the northeast end of Jack Wilsey Track, over a century of coaching experience stood elbow to elbow and shared a moment of reverie as current and past coaches — Terry Ward '63, Rob Hickox '72, Aldo Congi '72, Jack Cremen '79, Peter DeMartini '76, Tom Lagomarsino '72 and Julius Yap '74 — gathered to celebrate the inaugural SI Track and Field Alumni Family Day, which brought together 40 former athletes and their families.

Former athletes came home for a family reunion as they gathered for Mass, mingled with the current team and enjoyed a BBQ at the first ever event of its kind for the prep tracksters. Hickox, the current head coach, organized the event with help from Congi, Steve Lee '99 and Brendan Fitzgibbon '97.

Fitzgibbon and Lee were also elated, as they gathered with many of their teammates from their championship teams. "It was special getting together with the guys from the old team and the coaches that impacted us so much, while finally meeting the guys whose records we chased," said Fitzgibbon. Foremost among those coaches was Ward, recently retired AD at Bellarmine and the unofficial Godfather of SI track and field, who led the program between 1969 and 1979.

Ward praised the gathering for bringing together school record holders, an Olympian, current team members and their families. "This speaks volumes about this community," he noted.

A three-sport athlete in high school and college, Ward laid the foundation for the program's success at SI by aiding current coaches Congi, Hickox, DeMartini and Cremen, all on the 2016 coaching staff.

The SI Track and Field Team has a rich history, dating back to 1910, as noted by Lang, a former shot put and discus thrower, who wrote a piece for this magazine years ago.

The program has grown into the largest of SI's sports, with more than 180 athletes competing in 16 events, from sprints, jumps and throws to hurdles and vaults. The program, along with cross country, trains in a fully integrated coed setting every day, offering a unique opportunity for growth and community.

"As a sophomore at SI, I was looking to belong and contribute to a sport," recalls Congi. "I loved the camaraderie on the track team. Despite the diversity of events, we were truly a team that supported each other."

Maddie Sirianni '16 echoed Congi's sentiments. "I would not be the woman I am today without the spirit, community and friendships I have gained from track." Raquel Whiting noted that the SI track program helped her form "lasting friendships, gain new perspectives and have the opportunity to be a part of an incredible community."

For his part, Ward tried "to make the 150 athletes in my charge know that I cared for them and that I wanted them to succeed. From the fastest runner to the slowest jogger, I lived with each step they took."

DeMartini remembers fondly how the event groups ran their own practices when he was on the team in the mid '70s.

Brian Richter (who jokes that he isn't an SI grad, but looks like one), served as head coach from 1993 to 1998. He noted that coaching "was a logistical nightmare, but we left no one behind." While we may cringe at the thought of "kids coaching kids" or the image of kids missing the bus home from a dual meet in Los Gatos, DeMartini noted that both Ward and Haskell engendered a sense of "responsibility in the seniors for the lower classmen in our event groups." That sense of leadership and responsibility became the thread that connects all former track members to today's athletes.

Yap, who coached in the 1980s and 1990s, echoed these sentiments. "Coach Ward and Coach Haskell provided the model for me to follow as I returned to teach and coach here at SI. I have had some success during my years at the prep, and I owe much of that to my two coaches at SI. They taught me the value of hard work. The most important value an SI coach should honor — and this is the top priority of an SI coach — is to care for the student as a person first and an athlete second."

Fitzgibbon recalled how Yap and his other coaches "loved being there with us, and they matched our energy. Along with my dad, my coaches at SI were the most instrumental in developing my work ethic and sense of commitment."

As close-knit as SI track is, rivalries exist, including one in "the pit." Yap noted that he felt "great excitement in breaking the school's long-jump record and an even greater excitement in coaching the athlete, Steve Bluford '84, who broke that record. It definitely takes the sting out of getting your record broken and replaces it with great pride."

Bluford, who coached long jump and triple jump in the 1990s, praised Yap for "making me feel like I was a son to him. He treated all of his athletes that way, as if we were part of his family."

Bluford, in turn, encouraged his athletes to break his own record. "It was more of a fun challenge to see if I could coach all my athletes to be better than I was. When I first started coaching, I really didn't know anything but how to jump until I turned to my former coach, Julius Yap, to learn more about drills and training routines."

I personally never ran track at SI. I went to one pre-season workout and quickly discerned I wasn't tough enough to make it back for another "pyramid" interval workout with Coach Congi. Toughness was only part of the problem. Frankly, I wasn't good enough to be on the team, as there were so many talented and driven individuals on those teams.

Still, in my role as head strength and conditioning coach, I have worked with many track athletes and coaches and feel proud to be part of this family (even though I count myself only a distant cousin). ∞

Portions of this article were adapted from an earlier article published in Genesis by Dan Lang '86, former SI track coach. Photo by Aldo Congi.

Olympic weightlifting coach leaves his mark on SI's track program

BY TONY CALVELLO '84

Head Strength and Conditioning Coach

Jim Schmitz is somewhat of a San Francisco underground legend. The longtime owner of the Sports Palace, Schmitz trained such notable local weightlifters as Mario Martinez (silver medalist in the 1984 Olympics), two-time World Strongest Man Bruce Wilhelm (who was also a 5th place finisher at the '76 Olympics) and discus and shot-put standout Chris DeMartini '94, the only track and field state champion in SI history.

Schmitz, who has coached for 60 years, felt honored that he had the chance to coach at SI and help DeMartini as he chased the state discus record. For his part, DeMartini remembers his first experience training at the Sports Palace with Martinez. "It makes a hell of an impression on you when people much better than you in your chosen sport find the greatness in you, connect with you as a human being and give you encouragement," he noted.

Another indelible imprint Schmitz left on SI's strength and conditioning staff is that he certified each of the team as USA Weightlifting coaches.

While DeMartini came up short on in the discus competition, he surprised everyone in 1994 with a winning mark in the shot to close out his high school career before packing his bags for Colorado and the Olympic training center, where he became a two-time national junior champion and the American junior record holder in weightlifting. He also competed in two Junior World Championships, placing fourth in 1996.

Senior thrower Jessica Murray added that "after listening to Chris DeMartini, I told myself that if he could face adversity in his performance and still excel, why can't I? He was a voice our team needed to hear."

It's only natural that the top thrower to come out of our school reached his potential by training with a legendary coach in two specific Olympic lifts — the snatch and the clean and jerk.

"Weightlifters and throwers have had a close relationship since the 1950s, when throwers first realized the value of weightlifting," said Schmitz. DeMartini added that "the Olympic lifts are so important for all athletes because they are as much mental as physical. It takes great skill to do something so precise when the physics of it are so daunting."

DeMartini first met Schmitz thanks to Dan Lang '86, also a shot put and discus thrower who had trained with Schmitz; Lang also went on to compete on the national and international level.

"I was fortunate to train at the Sports Palace in the 1980s and 1990s," Lang said. "I was surrounded by greatness. Even though I was a rookie in the sport, Jim took an interest in helping me get stronger for track and field. Eventually weightlifting became my sport, and I competed for the Sports Palace Team, training on the platform next to Silver Medalist Mario Martinez and other Olympians, such as Ken Clark, Butch Curry, David Langon and Than Ngyuen. They allowed me to develop an appreciation for excellence and a mindset for success that benefits me today. My time in weightlifting was a gift."

Another Schmitz mentee, Brian Wilhelm '04, who had success in basketball as well as track and field at SI, threw the hammer at USC and placed second at the 2014 U.S. Weight Lifting National Championships.

"All three had the same goals," said Schmitz. "These men wanted to be strong and powerful and excel in their throwing — and they loved lifting weights."

SI's current throwers share many of these traits, as they train hard three days each week on the platform, performing the clean and jerk and the snatch. "It's not just hard work but smart work that makes the difference on the platform and in the ring," said Murray. "We are encouraged to focus on fundamentals and safe techniques. Our lifting program gives us the physical and mental strength to work through the frustrating times by giving us the reassuring knowledge that the better throws and heavier weights are yet to come."

Wilhelm, himself a standout athlete at SI, noted that "competing in different sports helped me. Sometimes I wonder what life would have been like if I had focused only on weightlifting, but then I wouldn't be the athlete I am today, nor would I have been able to have college experiences that fostered the relationships I had with my basketball friends in high school."

Olympic lifting, he added, "is crucial for all athletes, as it has the most explosive movements you can do with a barbell. Jim helped me become the lifter I am today. Having a great first coach is a must." ∞



Above: Brian Wilhelm '04. Right: Olympic weightlifting coach Jim Schmitz, Dan Lang and Chris DeMartini.

Gil Haskell Trophy inaugurated at Riordan game to honor a gifted coach and mentor



SI inaugurated a new tradition when SI's varsity football team took the field with Riordan Oct. 24 at J. B. Murphy Field. The two teams had something in common that day beyond a long-standing city rivalry. They were both coached over the years by Gil Haskell '61, who went on to serve as Green Bay's offensive coordinator in the team's Super Bowl victory in 1996.

At the October game, Haskell came onto the field during the coin toss and presented the trophy to the winner, Riordan, at the end of the game, which will now be called each year the Gil Haskell Game.

The night before, Haskell attended a reception at Mission Rock and met with

former players and coaches from his time at SI between 1973 and 1977. "Anybody who played for him would tell you that his enthusiasm was infectious," says former SI Athletic Director Robert Vergara '76. "He had the kind of personality that made you want to play hard for him."

Haskell enjoyed much success at SI, making all-city in his senior year. At San Francisco State College, his team won three championships, and he played briefly in 1966 with the '49ers before coaching at Riordan for three years.

Haskell returned to SI in 1969 and later served as head coach for five years (between 1973 and 1977), amassing a 35-14-2 record and leaving a mark as one of SI's greatest coaches. He also made a point of bringing four seniors to each home game for the '49ers where they served on the sidelines as ball boys.

After leaving SI, Haskell coached for USC, the LA Rams and Green Bay, where he helped the Packers win two trips to the Super Bowl — in 1996, when the Packers beat New England, and in 1997 in a loss to Denver.

He also coached for the Carolina Panthers and the Seattle Seahawks, where he served as the offensive coordinator working with

Seahawks' head coach and Lincoln grad Mike Holmgren and former SI coach Bill Laveroni '66. In his first year with the Seahawks, Haskell coordinated the AFC's top-ranked red zone offense, which gained 292.5 yards per game. He then was hired by the Cleveland Browns as a senior advisor to the president of that organization.

"Both Riordan and SI are proud of our association with Coach Haskell," said John Mulkerrins '89, SI athletic director. "He upholds the best of both traditions and both schools. We are happy to say that from this year on, the Riordan-SI football game will be known as the Gil Haskell Game."

Varsity Football Head Coach John Regalia '93 added that "the SI-Riordan football rivalry has been and continues to be a strong city football tradition. Many coaches and players in the city have had great careers in high schools, colleges and the NFL over the decades, and that is also celebrated by our rivalries."

Regalia praised Haskell as a coach who "has touched countless lives through football through the values he represents. It is only right that the SI and Riordan football rivalry be named in his honor." ∞



LACROSSE & CREW ALUMNI

In March, the lacrosse alumni prevailed 7-6 in a spirited game against SI's varsity squad. Nearly 25 alumni, ranging from the classes of 1989 to 2015, came for a meal and the game.

February featured the annual alumni crew regatta at Lake Merced with rowers from past years taking to the waters. At far right is retired coach Tom O'Connell, who took SI to its first world championship in 2006 in Henley-on-Thames.

Bob Giorgetti '68, former USC back, to be inducted into SF Prep Hall of Fame

BY CHUCK NAN '79

The Wildcat football teams of the 1960s had arguably their best decade in school history with a number-one ranking in the nation and a WCAL crown in their first season in the league, three AAA Turkey Day championships and one AAA round-robin title.

The school did not experience a single losing season. In 97 games, SI was an impressive 73-22-2 (.763). Head coach Vince Tringali led the way from 1962 to 1968 with an inspiring 54-14-1 record (.790). Add to this a 19-game winning streak that covered the 1962 and 1963 seasons in their entirety.

With teamwork and self-sacrifice always being the hallmark of SI sports, the focus has never been on star players but on those who portray leadership, courage and dedication. One of those players from that era was running back Bob Giorgetti '68, who will be inducted into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame in May. He is the latest in a long line of football Wildcats from yesteryear enshrined by this organization. (A native of Westlake, Giorgetti was honored with an election to the Daly City Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013.)

A group of former teammates, spearheaded by Mike Matza '68, nominated Giorgetti for this honor. All who watched him play, as well as those who played or coached with him, remember this running back as key to the back-to-back championships of 1966 in the AAA and 1967 in the WCAL.

Giorgetti's impressive senior campaign saw him post stats that exceeded his NorCal peers. He garnered many league, regional, state and national accolades, including All American honors and a football scholarship to USC, where he played from 1968 to 1971 under legendary coach John McKay as a member of the Trojan's 1970 Rose Bowl championship team.

Former teammates note Giorgetti's leadership continued off the field as well. A rugged and intense competitor, Giorgetti made a difference in each game he played, and he embodied the personality of teams known for preparation, proper execution and physical play.

In 1967, the Wildcats faced new challenges in a new league, notably against St. Francis, Junipero Serra and Bellarmine, schools to the south. Doubters in the opposing coaching ranks and local press thought the jump from the city's AAA would be too much for SI to handle.

For its first WCAL game, SI faced the St. Francis Lancers, who possessed a history of excellent coaching, hard play and winning teams. The teams remained deadlocked 20-20 deep into the fourth quarter when, with less than a minute to play, SI was faced with a fourth down with 9 yards from a first on the St. Francis 42 yard line. Taking the handoff on an option play, Giorgetti broke two tackles at the line of scrimmage and several more in the open field for his second touchdown of the game to give SI a 27-20 win as time ran out.

Three weeks later, Serra came to Kezar with possibly its best-ever team, undefeated in six games and ranked No. 10 in the state. The Padres were led by future great Lynn Swann, a terrific force, though only a sophomore, and quarterback Jesse Frietas, Jr., the leading passer in the league. SI had lost just one non-league game and both schools were undefeated in league play.

Before a crowd of 7,000, SI jumped to a 14-0 lead late in the first half. By game's end, Giorgetti rushed a workhorse 37 times for 265 yards and three touchdowns, leading the team to a 27-7 thumping of Serra. *The San Francisco Chronicle* singled out Giorgetti as the game changer. His 265 yards still stands as a school record for yards gained.

The following week, on a rainy day, SI traveled to SCU's muddy Buck Shaw Stadium, where a crowd of 15,000 saw the Wildcats take on



undefeated Bellarmine in the de facto championship game. With 1:30 remaining and the score tied at 21, the Bells inserted a second-string defensive back due to injury. When SI quarterback (and future NFL Hall of Famer) Dan Fouts '69 came to the line and saw this, he called an audible. Seconds later, his pass to receiver Larry Bourke '68 on a stop-and-go route resulted in a 28-21 victory.

Bellarmine's linebackers keyed Giorgetti's every move. Ultimately, the strategy failed, as he grinded out 89 yards on 20 carries, scoring three touchdowns along the way. With one game remaining against a weak Archbishop Mitty team, SI had virtually won the WCAL title.

In the Mitty game, SI led 41-0 by halftime on the strength of four Giorgetti touchdowns, giving him 23 for the season. It was his second game with four scores, having also done so in a non-league game against Downey.

With a win over the Monarchs, SI completed an undefeated WCAL season (6-0), still the 'Cats' only outright WCAL football championship ever. The team finished the season 9-1 overall and ranked No. 9 in California.

Giorgetti's record of 23 touchdown runs in 1967 was tops in the WCAL and northern California. It was 13 more than the next ranking league player and remains a school record. His 1,333 rushing yards led all rushers in Northern California and was almost 700 yards more than the second ranking rusher in the league. Giorgetti's season rushing yards remain the third-most in the school history.

As a respected Peninsula businessman, Giorgetti still exhibits the same stellar qualities that made him a great player and solid teammate. While employed in the medical insurance industry, Giorgetti strove to assist clients and their families navigate the complexities of selecting medical insurance coverage by listening to his clients, working hard to understand their circumstances and helping them acquire comprehensive and affordable policies.

Now working with seniors, Giorgetti provides advice regarding retirement and VA benefits. He performs pro bono work for elderly clients and their families. ∞

Top: Giorgetti playing against Hogan High School in 1967. Also pictured is tight end Tom Schwab '68. Bob now helps veterans learn how to qualify and apply for benefits.



Thanos family's connection to the Callaghan Society & *USS San Francisco* go back to WWII



Left: AK Thanos in front of his business in 1909; above: Andy Thanos '63.

Andy Thanos '63 shares an interesting story as to why he joined the Admiral Callaghan Society, one that dates back to the 1880s and that weaves its way through caves in Greece to Mare Island and to a discovery Thanos made a few years after his father's death.

A longtime rep for his Class of 1963 and father of Michael '92, Thanos grew up the child and grandchild of Greek immigrants. His father, Andrew K. Thanos (whom everyone called AK), was born in 1887 in a mountain village 150 miles northwest of Athens. He came to San Francisco in October 1906, just months after the Great Fire and Earthquake and just months before the SI graduation of Daniel Callaghan.

Callaghan attended Annapolis, became a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy, earned the rank of admiral and was appointed commander of a taskforce guarding Guadalcanal aboard the *USS San Francisco*.

During the last major nighttime battle in history, Adm. Callaghan lost his life while helping to turn the tide in the Pacific. For his bravery, he received the Medal of Honor from President Franklin Roosevelt, his close friend.

Though Adm. Callaghan died in that battle, his ship managed its way back to San Francisco for repairs at Mare Island, just across from AK's wine and liquor business, the AK Thanos Vallejo Distributing Company.

"Knowing the badly damaged ship was figuratively in his back yard, my father must

have felt he needed to do something for his adopted country that would also help his countrymen back in Greece," said Thanos.

"The Nazis had occupied Greece, and families in mountain villages hid in caves fearing for their lives. That's why the Greek community was so strong in their support of the U.S."

As part of that support, AK attended a rally sponsored by the American Hellenic Protective Association at the War Memorial Opera House in 1943 and purchased a significant amount of war bonds to support the restoration of the *USS San Francisco*. He also encouraged other Greek-American business owners to do the same. Later, finding Vallejo's total war bond sales was short of its goal, he called his relatives and business partner who purchased additional bonds, helping his city to surpass its goal.

AK never told his son about his patriotic gesture. "My father, like many of the older Greeks who had come to the U.S., rarely talked about their past. They were very private, just as he was."

Several years after AK's death in 1974, Thanos discovered articles published in the 1943 March and May editions of *The Pacific Coast Review*, a trade magazine for the grocery industry. Both featured photos and stories of AK's purchase of war bonds, and the May issue also featured a full page advertisement that read, in part: "Let's get together on the biggest job we ever tackled.... Do your part

toward winning the war by buying more war bonds and stamps yourself — by promoting their sales among customers and employees. If we all get in and help, victory will come sooner with less sorrow and suffering. This business and its employees are 100 percent behind the war bond drive."

"My father did all he did because he was living the American Dream and felt patriotic from the moment he landed until the day he died," added Thanos, who joined the Callaghan Society after Dick Wall '52 and Dennis Murphy '77 launched the organization to support SI veterans and grads in active service. "I joined to honor my father, too, and his connection with Adm. Callaghan and the *USS San Francisco*."

AK, ironically, wanted his son to go to a San Francisco high school other than SI. "However, several SI grads, including my brother-in-law, helped me persuade my father to let me attend SI by pointing out what a Jesuit education meant to them and still means. Had I known then about Admiral Callaghan's connection to the school — and that of his flagship — it would have been a much easier sell."

Thanos hopes that his story might lead other grads with WWII connections to join the Callaghan Society. For more information, go to siprep.org/Callaghan or call Alumni Director Tim Reardon at ext. 5213. ☞

Angela Han '11 helps women learn to celebrate themselves

BY GINA PASQUALI '11

SI Alumni Volunteer Corps

When Angela Han '11 was a student at SI, she earned a reputation as a gifted musician, one who performed at a young age at Carnegie Hall.

She now lets the spotlight shine on others by encouraging women share their own stories through Project *Star*: Celebrating Women, which offers new opportunities for cross-generational and cross-cultural learning through personal storytelling.

While studying as a Public Service Center Scholar and a music and psychology double major at Cornell University in 2013, Han took a class called Literature of American Social Action Movements, in which she researched battered women.

Reading multiple accounts of violence moved her and led her to reflect on her own gender identity. As a teen, she feared taking ownership of her gender. "I wasn't sure if I could carry the burden of what it meant to be a woman in this society," she noted.

Her desire to use her creative talents to create community led her to Take Back the Night, an annual march and vigil that hosts performances and talks by and for survivors of sexual violence.

Han proposed a community-project based on the 2013 theme, one that dealt with a quote attributed to Galileo: "I have loved the stars too much to fear the night." She asked people to write on paper stars stories about women whom they love, respect, appreciate or admire. She then displayed these stars for people to read at the Take Back the Night event.

"I read the stories on the stars with intention and awe, as their thoughtfulness and honesty filled my heart and were tangible representations of hope, something I could feel, touch and see," she noted. "By validating the stories of pain and suffering, I could find a deep sense of hope for my future and the future of all women."

She started Project *Star*: Celebrating Women from these stories. As part of this effort, she kept a journal in which she grappled with questions such as "how do we appreciate ourselves while doing what we love, and who better to celebrate ourselves than us?"

To further her reflections, she made self-portraits, promise hands, proud statements and dream paths as well as more stars of appreciation.

In the fall of 2013, she contacted the Women's Resource Center at Cornell, which helped her organize the first Project *Star*: Celebrating Women Workshop Series in



Ithaca. In the summer of 2014, Han brought the workshop to San Francisco thanks to grant support from the Clinton Global Initiative University, Clinton Global Initiative University as well as Cornell's Engaged Learning + Research and Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives.

Han hopes that by encouraging women to share their stories through art, they will begin to "nurture positive relationships with themselves."

Han expanded her work to include a collective of women who hosted workshops in 2015 that brought together women of various backgrounds and ages.

"If we took the time and intention to celebrate ourselves, the world would be a much kinder and inspirational place." ∞

Can social media equate with social justice?

BY JILL COREY '07

A friend of mine has gotten into the habit of posting pictures of himself doing good deeds on Facebook. Back in December, he took to the streets on Christmas Eve to deliver hot meals to a homeless encampment under the I-80 freeway.

The act itself is irreproachable. But what of the images posted to social media — Brian high-fiving a homeless man or Brian hugging a homeless woman wrapped in a blanket as she looks up at him gratefully?

These images feel reminiscent of the celebrity PR trips to developing nations, such as the oft-lampooned image of the glamorous female movie star with a nameless African child propped on her trim hip. There is something that makes me squirm looking at these images.

Yet at the same time, I ask myself two questions. First, if the Brians of the world are really only doing this for "likes," but the homeless people he serves still get hot meals, does it really matter why he's doing it? And perhaps even more significantly, if likes were

enough of a motivator to get more people to do good in their community on a large scale, is that really that bad?

It reminds me of the mother of a friend of mine. A suburban housewife living in wealthy Marin County, she bought a Prius at the height of the hybrid vehicle frenzy. But when asked why, instead of pointing to environmental responsibility, she said because "all her friends had one."

This peer-pressure-initiated good behavior brings all the benefits of a greener planet, even if the participants themselves aren't doing it for that reason. And does it matter if they do?

This brings me to the subject of norms, my own counter argument to the squeamishness I feel looking at Brian's Facebook images. While posting photos of good deeds feels self-congratulatory, it does bring to people's awareness (and their newsfeeds) that "everyday, average" people they know, not just nameless charities and nonprofits, are taking action to better their communities.

This is the "all my friends are doing it" argument mobilized for social good.

So the other night I volunteered at a food bank, sorting crates of pears and packing them into family-sized boxes to be distributed to hungry households around the Bay Area. And I posted a photo. I hope you "like" it and maybe even one day consider doing the same. ∞





John Duggan '59 and his daughter, Elena, shortly before the February opening of Original Joe's Westlake. Standing in the background is executive chef Sergio Santiago.

Original Joe's Westlake and Duggan family merge old with new in grand reopening

You would have thought the Pope was coming to town the way people buzzed with anticipation about the opening of Original Joe's Westlake, now housed in the former Westlake Joe's, which fed countless SI families over the years.

"One day at the Olympic Club, I counted 28 people who asked me when we were opening," said John Duggan '59. "The chatter never stopped."

The restaurant did open in late February thanks to John's daughter, Elena Duggan Jackson, and his son, John Duggan '92. Word quickly got out, and now the lines are long beginning at 11 a.m. for folks eager to see how the Duggans married the menu from Original Joe's on Union Street with the old favorites from Westlake Joe's.

"You'll still find steak a la Bruno and the famous house-made raviolis with the meat sauce that everyone remembers," said the senior Duggan. "We wanted customers coming here to walk in and not think that we stole their memories, despite all the upgrades and changes. When they walk in here, they'll find their memories are here too."

Customers will find some of their favorite decor, including the two paintings of Seattle Slew, the glass grapes and the Sputnik-inspired chandelier. One fireplace is original as are the counter stools and the bar. Even more essential, the restaurant still offers free parking for 122 cars, a rare thing anywhere near San Francisco.

"Everything else is new, as we brought the interior down to the studs," said Duggan. "Even the exterior paint is slightly different, as we used International Orange, the same color used on the Golden Gate Bridge."

The restaurant has more light thanks to new windows and more open

space with fewer walls. All facilities have been upgraded from stem to stern, including the kitchen equipment and the bathrooms. Two large banquet rooms can be combined into a space that seats 125, where event organizers will have access to LCD projectors.

The restaurant will also include a wall featuring local celebrities from SI, Our Lady of Mercy, Mercy High School and two local public high schools — Jefferson and Westmoor.

"My brother and I both thought long and hard about what we wanted to change," added Elena. "We walked a fine line, as this was a place of celebrations and of gatherings that followed funerals."

They also added new items to the menu that distinguish Westlake Joe's from Original Joe's, including a variety of salads and sandwiches.

From the start, the food at Original Joe's had its roots in Italy, "but we truly are the epitome of the Slow Food movement," said Elena, who decides what goes on the menu. "We broke down and used every part of the cow, pig and lamb, which is why we had tripe and osso bucco on our menu in the old days. Now we have them on request for special parties. We were doing Slow Food before Slow Food was cool. We also use as many organic ingredients as we can, including olive oil, which makes our menu more relevant for a younger crowd."

Her family also uses wine made by many SI grads, including Joe Toboni '70, Tom Leonardini '59, Tony Leonardini '97, Paul Giusto '90, John Cleary '75, Tom Cleary '79 and Rennick Harris '59.

Elena worked her magic previously after a 2007 fire gutted Original Joe's Taylor Street location. In 2012, after the family moved its restaurant

to North Beach on Union Street across from Washington Square Park, she contemporized the menu with a variety of seafood and salads.

The relationship among the various restaurants in the area bearing the name of Joe can be a bit confusing. With two partners, Tony “Ante” Rodin opened the first Original Joe’s on Taylor Street in San Francisco in 1937. He was later joined by Lou Rocca. When the elder Duggan married Ante’s daughter, Marie, he became an integral part of the business and purchased Rocca’s shares in 1984.

In 1939, Rodin, Bruno Scatena, the Della Santina brothers and a few others opened Original Joe’s #2 on Chestnut Street. As there were so many partners, Rodin remained there only a short time and left after an agreement regarding the use of the name.

In the early 1950s, the Della Santinas branched off to open Marin Joes, and Lou Rocca’s son Louis Jr. opened Original Joe’s in San Jose in 1956.

Around 1955, developer Henry Doelger approached Scatena with an offer he hoped Bruno couldn’t refuse — to open another branch of Joe’s in Doelger’s newly built Westlake development. Doelger even built a restaurant hoping he would come. Scatena asked Rodin to join him in this venture, but Rodin declined given his hours at Original Joe’s on Taylor Street.

Scatena, however, took the chance and opened Joe’s of Westlake. He leased the restaurant for the first decade before buying it. “Rodin always admired his courage and vision to make Joe’s of Westlake the success it became,” said Marie Duggan.

After Scatena passed away, his daughter, Melinda Scatena, took over the restaurant and ran it with the help of Hal Bobrow. When both experienced failing health, they agreed to sell the property to the Duggan family, with whom they had a shared history. Joe’s of Westlake served its last meals on Jan. 26, 2015.

Last February, Melinda returned to the restaurant along with Marie, the two matriarchs of two of the most popular restaurants in the Bay

Area. They walked into a lobby that drew its inspiration from Daly City’s City Hall, which is decked out with terrazzo flooring and with redwood, “something Doelger would have used if he were around to remodel the restaurant,” said Elena.

The irony, she added, “is that my family ate at Westlake Joe’s more than we did at our own restaurant, as we lived near St. Stephen’s.”

As much as the restaurant has been and will continue to be a hotspot for SI families, the Duggans have reached out to local synagogues and schools to ensure that everyone feels at home as soon as they walk through the glass doors. “We try to be as community oriented as we can be both here and on Union Street, where we’re a home for tourists as well as locals. Here in Daly City, there are 13 Catholic schools within a 15-minute drive of Westlake, and we hope they call us home too.”

To ensure the success of their new venture, the Duggans had chefs Sergio Santiago, Jason Korwin and Brenda Mora work in the Westlake restaurant, as well as Julio De La Rossa, the genius behind Westlake Joe’s raviolis. SI grads also work at the new location, including managers Francesca Flaherty ’05 and Tracey McDonnell Celebrado ’00 and bartender Tom Golden ’93.

The restaurant had two soft openings, including a wedding reception for Elena after her marriage to Matt Jackson. The restaurant opened again for the confirmation party for Siobhan Linehan, the daughter of the late Dan Linehan ’83.

“I knew Dan since he was a student at St. Gabriel’s,” said Duggan. “He was a pillar there as well as at SI and USF. I adored him. I coached his daughter’s basketball team. I even spoke with him shortly before he went to the hospital. I know Dan would have wanted his daughter’s party to be here. I’m glad we were ready when the time came.”

John Duggan sits at the entry of his newest restaurant. The terrazzo flooring and redwood were inspired by Daly City’s City Hall in an homage to the restaurant’s hometown roots. Inset: John Duggan ’92, who runs the front of the house.



keeping in touch

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



1933 **Walt McCarthy**, basketball star of the 1930s, celebrated his 100th birthday with his family, several of whom are SI graduates.



1951 *The Chronicle's* Carl Nolte wrote about the Luckiest Generation after interviewing **Denis Ragan**, **Stan Buchanan**, **Tim Cadigan '53**, **Jim Stephens '53**, **Mike King '57** and **Mike King '58**.

1953 In an opinion piece in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, famed environmentalist **Peter Raven*** argued for keeping Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant open.

1958 **Jim Purcell** has retired after 18 years of service at SCU. He helped the university raise \$404 million in its last campaign. Even in retirement, though, he'll still be quite active, serving as a volunteer advancement consultant to Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School, helping the new US West Province find an advancement director, providing consultation to the diocese of San Jose and serving on the board of *National Catholic Reporter*.

1960 **Mike Roberts** has retired and is now a busy volunteer for the Henderson Police Department, where he works the front desk, with AARP Driver Safety as an instructor and as an AARP ads marketing specialist for the state of Nevada.

1963 **John Kirby, DDS**, returned from a week-long trip to Kalibo Philippines with Mending Faces Mission providing pro bono cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries. He took time to visit Memorare Manila, which honors the 100,000 non-combatants who died in the Battle Of Manila in 1945.



1944 **Judge Claude Perasso**, **Joe McFadden '81** and Fr. Brendan McBride were honored by the Irish Israeli Italian Society at its annual lunch in March.

1948 **Al Romero** and his wife, Linda, celebrated the graduation of their granddaughter Chelsea Schifferle from the US Naval Academy in June 2015.

1949 The late **Ed McGovern*** and his wife, Maggie, were made honorary grand marshals at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in San Francisco. The McGovern family honored their late parents and grandparents remembering their love for life, each other and their Irish Heritage. Riding in the parade were **Ed '75**, **Brian '82**, **Kevin '83**, **Katie '04**, **Claire '07**, **Meagan '10** and **Brian '10**, **Chris '12**, **Jack '13**, **Thomas '15**, **Stephen '17** and **Lizzie '19**. (See photo, top of next column.)

1964 Al Saunders* joined the Cleveland Browns' offensive coaching staff.

1966 *The Chronicle* praised **Peter Devine '66*** for inspiring generations of actors, including **Darren Criss '05.** / **Rick Giorgetti**, VP of Global Upside, received SCU's Ignatian Award for his years of service. / **Joseph Gulino** retired from day-to-day education and is the principal of Gulinogroup & Fearless Leadership Consulting. He recently published *Principles of Fearless Leadership* and is speaking about this topic around the country. He is also a member and secretary of the Missouri State Board of Geologists Registration.

1967 A Jesuit alumni/ae retreat was led at El Retiro by former **SI President Rev. Robert Walsh S.J. '68***, SI religious studies teacher **Mike Shaughnessy** and former SI Adult Spirituality staff member **Mary Abinante**.

1971 Mike Lagomarsino is a business representative and president of Teamsters Local 856 in San Bruno, where he proudly represents and advocates for more than 1,000 hotel workers in San Francisco.

1975 Terry McAteer is retiring after 22 years, one of the longest serving county superintendents of schools in the state. For 14 years, he headed Nevada County's schools, which were the second highest academic performing schools in the California (behind those in Marin). For the past eight years, he led Inyo County's schools to being the most technologically advanced public schools in the state. Terry and his wife, Liz, will retire to Nevada City to be closer to their two children, Jeanne and Gregory.

1976 *The Five Spot* featured music director **Loren Toolajian***, founder of SandBlast Productions.

1977 Classmates took part in a volunteer event at the Pomeroy Center. "I hope we brought a little joy to the participants and a little relief to the employees who do heroic work day after day," said **Louis Kolenda***. Joining the 20 members of his class was **Siofra Curran '18**. SI grads included, from the class of 1977, **Jay Bechtel**, **Joe Bertain**, **Matt**



Castagnola, **FX Crowley**, **John Farrell**, **Charlie Jadallah**, **Louis Kolenda**, **Dan Leitner**, **Brad Leveque**, **Paul McManus**, **Mike McNulty**, **John Ottoboni**, **Al Pontius**, **Greg Rocca**, **Steve Rosasco**, **Marty Ruane** and **Dan Tracy**. **Ed Reidy '76** and **Tom Rocca '78** also took part in the event. / **Bartlett Sher*** will direct the first ever Broadway version of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and a play about the Oslo Peace Accords. He will also bring *Romeo and Juliet* to the Lyric Opera of Chicago. *Vanity Fair* also featured him for his production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

1978 Christopher Staring was appointed as a judge on the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two, in Tucson in 2015. He had served on the Pima County Superior Court since 2010.

1982 Axel Alonso*, editor-in-chief of Marvel Comics, was interviewed about the Captain America series. The interview appeared on



ComicBookResources.com. / After more than a decade leading global public policy communications for Verizon, **Ed McFadden** (top left) was recently appointed the secretary of communications for the Archdiocese of Washington by Cardinal Donald Wuerl. Ed now directs all communications for the archdiocese, including its two newspapers and a publishing company. He watched the Warriors take on the Wizards at the Verizon Center in DC Feb. 3 along with Sam Samia, **Frank Howard '75** and **Larry Mahan '70**.

1984 Famed designer **Derek Lam*** was praised by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. / **Chris Scarabosio*** was nominated for an Oscar for *Star Wars: Episode VII — The Force Awakens* for his sound mixing.

1985 Jeff Hanak* and his famed Nopa restaurant were celebrated by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. / Java Beach, founded by **Pat Maguire***, was featured in Hoodline.

1986 Bi-Rite Market, owned by **Sam Mogannam***, is among the best small businesses in the U.S. according to *Forbes Magazine*. Working alongside Sam is **Tom McGuigan**, who serves as general manager of catering and commissary.

1987 Lt. Dean Crispen* received a medal from the SFFD for his "exceptional character" and "unusual ability, personal initiative and courage." / **Steve McFeely*** co-wrote the screenplay for *Captain America: Civil War*.

1988 Larry Krueger* of KNBR was featured by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. / **Hansel Tomaneng** recently helped the Super Bowl Host Committee (pictured here) with longtime Bay Area sports marketing guru Pat Gallagher, whom he met as an intern for the Giants in 1995. Hansel screened candidates for the eventual army of 5,000 volunteers. He was also selected to the elite Super Bowl Field Team that transformed 30 SUV-sized carts into a stage for Cold Play, Bruno Mars and Beyonce. He will be on the field and audio team next year at the Super Bowl in Houston. You can find Hansel at AT&T Park at the Giants Dugout, where he is currently one of the keyholders.



1992 Alfred's Steakhouse reopened true to its origins thanks to **Ron Boyd***. / Supervisor **Mark Farrell*** advocated for fast Internet for all in San Francisco.

1993 *The Rumpus* reviewed a new book by **Gretchen E. Henderson***: *Ugliness: A Cultural History*. / HealthClubManagement.co.uk wrote about **Alicia Thomas***, CEO of Dibs Technology, who proposed flex pricing for fitness clubs.

1997 *Playbill* praised *Aladdin*'s **Adam Jacobs*** for doing double duty as an actor and father of twin boys. He also appeared on *Good Morning America* where the cast of *The Lion King* did a sing-off with the cast of *Aladdin*. Jacobs had appeared as Simba in *The Lion King* before his new role.

1999 **Valerie Ibarra*** was a featured poet at the Beat Museum on the March 4 International Women's Day celebration.

2000 **Paolo Lucchesi*** wrote about the opening of Original Joe's Westlake, featured in this issue. / **Leah Pimentel*** was featured in the *SF Weekly* for work on the Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure. She was also praised on the Family Values At Work website for her health care advocacy work.

2001 **Ben Matranga** is running for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to represent western neighborhoods in the seat formerly held by **Sean Elsbernd '93**. He previously managed



a social investment portfolio in Africa and Latin America and most recently served as senior advisor to Mayor Lee on street safety. Ben and his wife, **Daniela Maldonado '00**, were recently married and live in the West Portal neighborhood. Pictured here at their wedding are **Daniela and Ben, Geoff Matranga '96, Frank Matranga '03, Carolyn (Matranga) Brady '99, Kelly (McCorkle) Lukrich '00, Lauren (Ramsey) Selby '00, Katie Hubner '00, Eileen (McInerney) Godsey '00, Taryn Ching '00, Farshad Keyghobadi, Andrew Figoni, Tim Faye, Peter Byrne, Brendon Milla, Mauricio Rivera and Alex Brasfield.**

2002 **Justin Boland** graduated from New Mexico State University with his doctoral degree in counseling psychology. He also married Daubney Harper, and the two are expecting their first child in May. / **Matt Werner*** launched his satirical Oakland Unseen site.

2004 **Dr. Erin Cavanaugh** married Terence Carmichael at St.



Dominic's Church in San Francisco on Aug. 15. Erin is a third-year OB-GYN resident at Temple University in Philadelphia. She met her husband, Terry, in Chicago while attending the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University Chicago. Terry is the North American manager for Camlin Power, an Irish engineering company. The maid of honor was the bride's sister **Denise Lau '14**. Bridesmaids included **Kari Mah** and **Tiffinie Ma**. SI grads in attendance included **Jill Kitaura, Katrina Woo, Simon Lim, Julia Murphy '14** and **Jaren Yang '14** along with SI faculty **Julius '74** and **Lori Yap** and **Donna Murphy**. / **Karen Praxedes** married Justin Rimando (Archbishop



Riordan '04) on Oct. 18, 2014, in Santa Cruz. Kaen's siblings **Kristine Evangelista '00, Kathleen '03** and **Kristoffer '08**, as well as **Adrienne Aguirre, Kelly Lee** and **Marriane Ugarte**, were all part of the bridal party. Also in attendance were **Dennis Reyes '90, Jeffrey '13** and **Joseph Reyes '13**. Karen currently works as the Pastry Chef of Foreign Cinema restaurant and was a recipient of the 2015 Zagat 30 Under 30 Award for San Francisco.



2005 Darren Criss* performed at Carnegie Hall with the New York Pops. He will perform in June at the Hollywood Bowl singing Prince Eric's parts from *The Little Mermaid*. / **Alex Dillon** (left) is a former Princeton rower (class of '09) who will receive MD and MBA degrees from NYU in May. He will intern in Austin and then return to Manhattan for residency at Cornell's New York Presbyterian Hospital.

2006 *Forbes* lists HBO VICE's **Gianna Toboni*** as one of its 30 under 30 in the media to watch.

2008 Ryan Geraghty* came up with a design in college for bowls that are able to nest and stack vertically. He won several Midwest collegiate design competitions with the product during his senior year at Notre Dame and received honorable mention at the 2011 International Housewares Show. That same year, he began a Kickstarter campaign that was featured in *Cosmo Magazine*. / **Ed Hesselgren** married Jacqueline DesJardin in San Francisco



on Oct. 24. Ed's brother **Clinton Hesselgren '09** was best man and classmate **Andy Dill '08** was a groomsman. Ed and his wife live in San Francisco.

2010 Angela Owczarek*, a JVC member, spoke at the Ignatian Family Teach-In about working with the homeless in New Orleans.

2011 Bobby Gray and **Nick Stinn '15** played in the Pacific Coast Shootout for Notre Dame Lacrosse. / **Doug Safreno*** made *Forbes'* list of 30 under 30 to watch for Enterprise Tech.

2012 Dominic Truoccolo* was featured in the *Star Tribune* for his football success at St. Thomas. He helped his team compete for the DIII title in his league.

2013 Aine McGovern and **Ciaran Murphy** were inducted into the Jesuit College Honor Society, Alpha Sigma Nu, at Boston College on March 20. / Washington University in St. Louis junior outfielder **Christian Santos*** was selected as the MVP of the 2016 University Athletic Association (UAA) Baseball Championship Tournament. / **Carla Tocchini*** started her third season of D1 water polo as captain for the Aggies.

2014 Celine Arada*, volleyball star at Concordia College, was named to the All-American Team. / **Sydney Bradley*** had a work published in the *Harvard Advocate*. / **Joe Lang*** was named preseason All-American for Harvard lacrosse. / **Quinci Mann*** earned second team All-Patriot League honors playing basketball at Lehigh University. / Water polo players named 2015 Academic All Americans ACWPC All Academic include **Max Schaum*** of the 7th ranked University Of California Santa Barbara Gauchos and **Reiley May*** of 19th ranked SCU Broncos. / **Scott**



Serrato* (center) and the U.S. Navy Glee Club, performed at SI in the Orradre Courtyard.

2015 Stephanie Woodford (right) released her cover of Pharrell Williams's "Happy" into worldwide distribution in January.



2016 Zoe Boosalis*, featured along with her siblings in the last issue of *Genesis*, received the Professional BusinessWomen Scholarship. She was honored at a March 22 event. She also received a scholarship from the Elks Lodge #3 of San Francisco. / In November, **Elizabeth Cresson*** earned a silver medal in the National Etymology Exam. / Sacramento's ABC10 featured **Gavin Doyle*** and his Disney websites and book. / **Sophie Kamanski*** was featured in the *Marin IJ* for her leadership skills on SI's lacrosse team. / **Valerie Sherlyn Kau*** has been selected as a Seymour Award finalist for CSF. / **Charlie May*** was selected to the 2015 All-American water polo team by a committee of NISCA coaches. / Four videos produced by **SI seniors*** won awards in C-SPAN's StudentCam documentary contest. The students take AP Government A from both **John Stiegeler '74** and **Justin Christensen**. **Nick Solari**, **Cole Savageaux**, and **Mark Capaccio** finished in the 3rd prize group for the High School West Division, the highest finish ever for SI students. Their video was called "Gun Violence: Finding Real Solutions." **Elizabeth Cresson**, **Henry Frazer**, **Jennifer Gao**, **Jamie Shen**, **Natalie Granville** and **Jacqueline Geyfen** received Honorable Mentions. They produced videos called "Death Penalty: The Fight Over Justice," "To Bee or Not to Bee," and "The Syrian Refugee Crisis."

2017 Matthew Abranches Da Silva* won prizes for his art from the 2016 Scholastic Art and Writing Regional Awards presented by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. / **Allison Schaum*** will play in the national championships of water polo with her club team. She also wrote for the UofTaste website about the ability of rap music to tell stories. / **Giovanna Chiyoko Weinman*** (right) attended a six-session Speak and Lead program sponsored by Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA).

2018 *The Marin IJ* named **Darrion Trammell*** its boys' prep athlete of the week for his leadership on SI's boys' basketball team.

2019 Ryder Jackson* won a national tennis tournament for his age group in Arizona. ∞



Births

1996 Adrienne (Choy) Cianfrocca and her husband, Mike, a daughter, Sabina Agatha (right), born Nov. 1, 2015. She joins sisters Alessia (5) and Verona (3).

1999 David Benchener and his wife, Katherine, a son, Joseph David, born March 02, 2016. He joins sister Lillian (2).



2002 Michelle Potthoff Wylie and her husband, Greg Wylie, a son, Hunter Ford (left), born Dec. 18, 2015. Aunt is **Vikki Potthoff Abendroth '00** and uncle is **Michael Abendroth '00**. Photo by **Ariel Soto-Suver '02**. ∞



In Memoriam

1941 Dr. Daniel "Bill" Barry
1941 Walter J. McElroy
1942 John M. Finigan Sr.
1944 Lt. Col. Raymond R. Kelly
1945 John "Jack" Muzio
1947 Howard J. Finn, Jr.
1947 Frederic K. Varni
1949 Vincent A. Blake
1949 Verne Deubler
1949 Nathaniel E. Flynn
1949 Daniel Moriarty
1951 Cathal "Griff" B. Griffin
1952 Charles P. Canny
1953 Philip H. Moore
1953 John R. Sullivan

1954 Thomas F. Underwood
1958 Frank H. Derner
1958 Tad (Thaddeus) P. DeMartini
1959 Paul A. Dezurick
1961 Charles H. Kavalaris
1961 Harry J. Quinn, Jr.
1963 James Cronin
1965 Thomas R. Alioto
1965 Jack Sant
1968 Robert G. Newsom
1972 Robert O'Brien
H. Welton Flynn, former SI Regent and former PUC and MTA commissioner.
Sean Fenton McKenna, former SI drama director between (1962-1964)

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CALENDAR

MAY

4,6 Spring Pops Concert	7pm
4 Women's Alumnae Happy Hour @ Mission Rock	
5 Father-Son Night (Commons)	6pm
6 SIPAC End-of-Year Party	6pm
7 International Food Faire	4pm
10 Ignatian Guild Meeting	7pm
10 Transition to College (Orradre Chapel)	7pm
11 Board of Regents Meeting	4pm
11 TriClub & Magis Senior Celebration	6:30pm
12 Ignatian Guild Installation Mass & Luncheon	11am
14 Portland Chapter Dinner	6:30pm
19 Fathers' Club BBQ (Commons)	5:30pm
20 Faculty Inservice (no classes)	
20 Class of 1952 Lunch (Firenze By Night)	noon
20 Alumni Golf Tournament Peacock Gap	
21 Senior Prom	
23 Senior Class Holiday	
25 Performing Arts Star Banquet	6:30pm
26 Transition Liturgy	
27 Awards Assembly	9:30am
30 Memorial Day Holiday	
31 Final Exams	

JUNE

1-2 Final Exams	
2 Baccalaureate Mass (St. Mary's)	7:30pm
4 Graduation (St. Ignatius Church)	10:30am
6 Fathers' Club Installation Lunch	
11 Red & Blue Campus Crawl	
13 High School Summer School & camps begin	
20 Middle School Summer School begins	



UC President Janet Napolitano speaks at the Downtown Business Lunch

Former Arizona Governor and Secretary for Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, who now heads the University of California system, spoke March 8 at SI's annual Downtown Business Lunch at the InterContinental Hotel. After her talk, she answered questions posed to her by Caitlin Callaghan '99, the director of executive communications for the UC Office of the President, and by members of the audience.

Alumni Golf Tournament

Friday, May 20, 2016

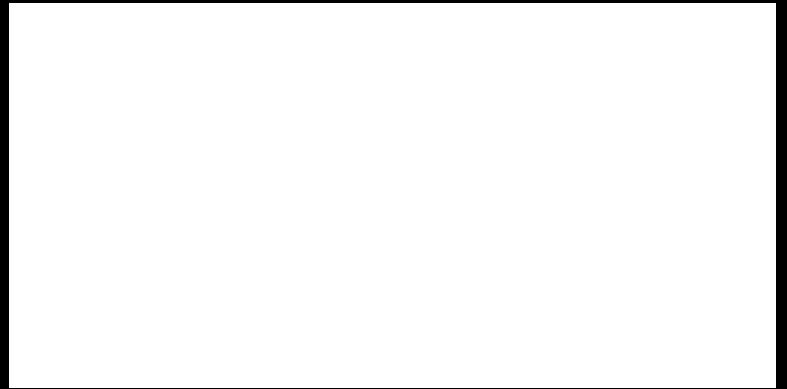
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FINE ARTS AT SI: January brought the Piano Recital (above, directed by Galen Green), and SI Live, the annual sketch and musical comedy show (below, moderated by Michelle Wynn, Sean Lawhon '87 and Sarah Merrell) consisting of original written material commentating on life at SI. Left: SI's dancers entertained the SI community in March with their spring concert series, with pieces choreographed by Meredith Cecchin Galvin '97 and Emily Shick '10. Dance photo by Pedro Cafasso.

