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The fall performing arts season offered the SI community a chance to see some great live performances ranging from the fall play *O Beautiful* (above and above left), the fall orchestra and jazz concert (above center and right), the fall Playwrights' Festival (below left) and the winter choral concert (below center and right). Photos by Ariel '02 and Sam Soto-Suver of Bowerbird Photography. Go to page 37 for dance concert photos.



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First Words

My wife and I spent three weeks on vacation this fall in Spain, where we saw some wonderful Ignatian sites. Kathy and I had previously visited Montserrat — the place where the soldier Ignatius surrendered his sword to a statue known as *La Moreneta*. This time, we visited Pamplona, where a cannonball injured Ignatius during his defense of the city's castle in 1521. Two days later, we toured Ignatius' home in Loyola. One shrine marked the spot where he was born. Another designated the place where he had his conversion experience while recuperating from his injuries.

I was surprised by much of what I saw. After touring the dry Andalusian countryside, I didn't expect the deep green of Ignatius' Basque region. Kathy and I pulled into Loyola just as a rainstorm was ending and the skies were opening to a luminous azure. The yellows and reds of the fall leaves punctuated the sky with color.

We discovered that Ignatius' home had a simple elegance, in stark contrast to the neighboring baroque chapel. The inside of Castle Loyola was filled with dark wood polished from centuries of use. All of this made me think just how hard it must have been for Ignatius to leave a place so beautiful, lush and familiar.

What I saw in Pamplona was a statue of a man of action — the soldier who leapt to the defense of an

attack by the French. In Loyola, however, I found a statue of a man contemplating what to do with his life.

Later, Ignatius asked those joining his band of brothers to become "contemplatives in action." This was a radical shift for those choosing to enter the Society of Jesus. Why? Because when Ignatius was a young man, priests and religious were either people of action — working directly with lay people — or monks and nuns cloistering themselves in monasteries and convents to lead lives of prayer. Ignatius wanted his followers to combine the best of both lives — to take time to pray each day while also practicing a faith that does justice.

This year, our school's theme is that of being contemplatives in action. I thought of this often on my travels, in part, because I'm a reluctant tourist. Those of you who know me well know that I love to travel — and you may also know that I'm a bit of a workaholic. I commit the mortal sins of traveling: I check my email far too often, and I do a little work during down times. Yes. Shame on me.

Let me express Ignatius' dictum in my own words. I think we need to be both citizens and tourists. Tourists come into a city ready to contemplate the wonders it has to offer, from museums and cathedrals to parks and pastries. I love being a tourist wandering through Granada's Alhambra, exploring Sevilla's Alcazar and hiking below the arches of Ronda's famed bridge.

However, I can only do this for a brief amount of time. I need to feel productive — that I'm helping someone, contributing to society, making this world even one iota better. Call it Catholic guilt or a Protestant work ethic or me just not knowing how to relax, but it's who I am. I need to be a citizen of a community, rolling up my sleeves and doing something regarding homelessness, rent control, litter and wetlands restoration.

So here's my 2 cents' worth of wisdom. For me, Ignatius' call to be a contemplative in action means figuring out how to balance being both tourist and citizen. I need to be a tourist at home as well as abroad. Kathy and I have a book of self-guided walking tours of San Francisco that we've nearly finished. (Can you imagine a better city in which to play tourist than our very own?) We also are committed to helping our communities — those defined by geographic borders and those by association, such as SI.

I know many of you do the same. As I move toward semi-retirement, I still plan to edit *Genesis*, but I also hope to find more time to play tourist — to contemplate the glory of God that surrounds me and that I see most clearly when I take time for long walks, deep breaths and the peace that comes from mindful contemplation.

— Paul Totah '75

Pictured at left: This statue marks the place in Pamplona where St. Ignatius was wounded while defending the town's castle from a French attack. His injuries eventually led to a conversion experience that launched the Society of Jesus.



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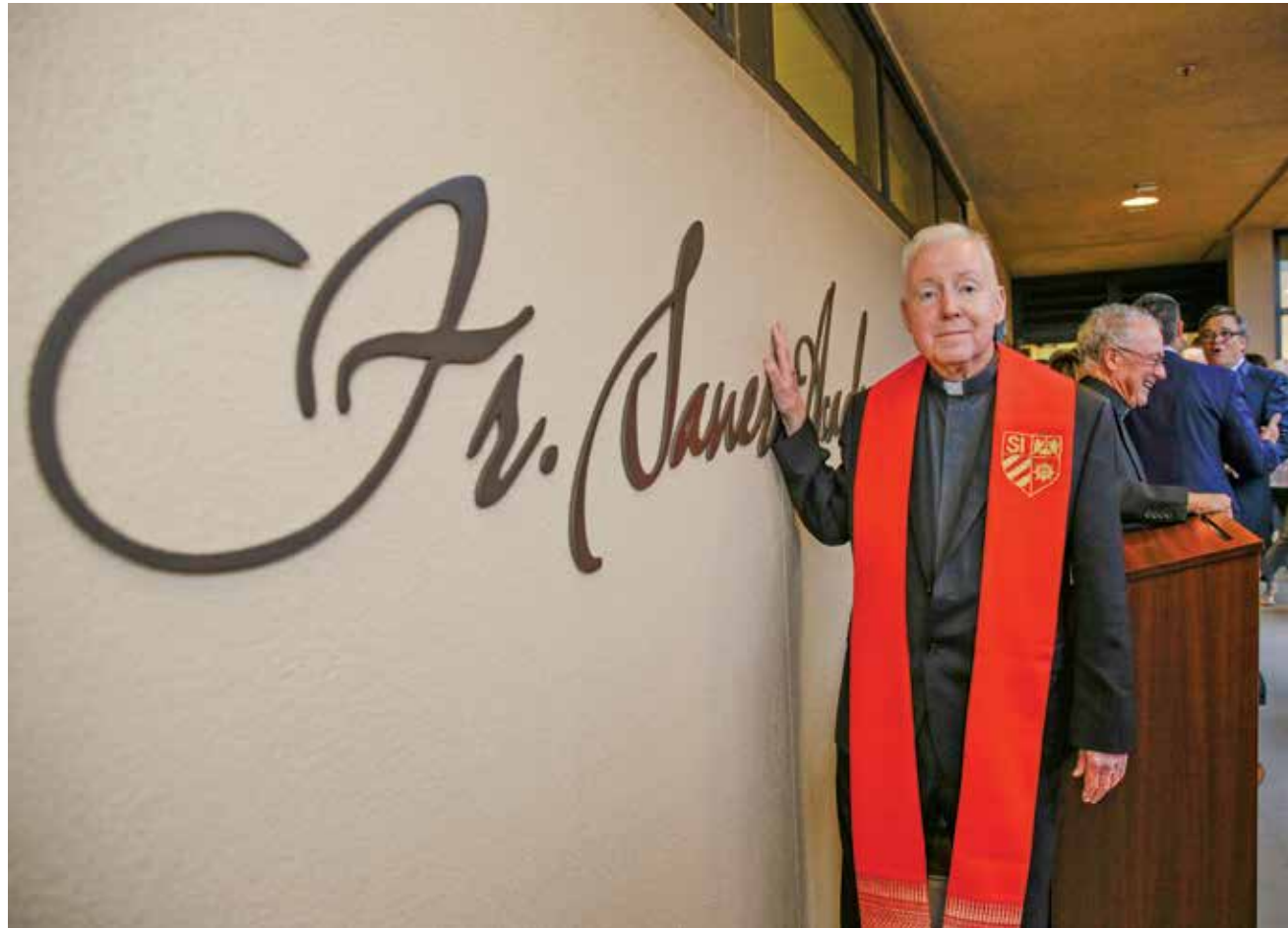
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It's a whole new world for students in the Fr. Sauer Academy



When Fr. Sauer Academy Director Karen Hammen describes the success of SI's new middle school venture, she first praises the remarkable transition made by 24 inner-city scholars who spend more than 10 hours every weekday in a world far removed from their experiences.

"I'm so proud that our scholars know that there is a place for them here," she noted. "They have acclimated to an extended day and rigorous academic expectations, and they are starting to build community with high schoolers."

The one student who best typifies this success is Alvan Ikoku, an 11-year-old boy who, along with his mother and siblings, is a refugee from Nigeria. (His father is still in Nigeria.)

"When other scholars had questions about his accent, we invited Alvan to make a presentation to his classmates about growing up in Africa," said Hammen. "Students responded with amazement at how different his life was and all he had gone through."

One further testament to Alvan's success is that he and Andrea Phillips earned the Academy's first Ignatian Scholar honor for the first trimester. This new award recognizes scholars who have demonstrated outstanding academic growth, stellar conduct and professionalism in living out the values of the Academy.

Those values are summed up in six verbs that have become hallmarks as well as physical signs decorating part of the hallway outside the classrooms. "We want students to persist, love, lead, unite, serve and seek," said Hammen. "We call these our PLLUSS values and begin each morning by referencing them and with a prayer. Because December is Mary's month, we taught the Hail Mary to honor the Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception."

Scholars have also established SI as their home by connecting with high school students, alumni and donors who have made the Academy possible. They even met their school's namesake, Anthony P. Sauer, S.J., who served as SI's president between 1979 and 2006. Fr. Sauer came to a Sept. 13 ceremony to bless and dedicate the Academy. Accompanying him was Yvonne Sangiacomo, whose \$3 million donation gave the school funds to start up successfully. (Mrs. Sangiacomo later received SI's President's Award for her years of service to SI. See more about her later in this issue.) More than 100 other donors and supporters came to that dedication, where they met the scholars and toured the facilities.

"When our scholars met Fr. Sauer, they were so excited to see him," said Hammen. "Many of them pointed out to him that his name was on their sweatshirts."

The day before, students met nearly all the SI faculty. “We made sure they looked people in the eye, shook hands well and introduced themselves clearly and with pride.”

The Academy scholars also meet four days a week with high school tutors and with other students each Wednesday to take part in high school activities. The scholars have enjoyed taking part in the co-curricular life of SI and have choreographed routines with the Dance and Drill Team and filmed and edited segments for SITV.

One highlight for the scholars came in November when they met one of SI’s most celebrated graduates — Adam Jacobs ’97, the star of Disney’s musical *Aladdin*. Jacobs originated the role on Broadway and is part of the touring cast that played at the Orpheum Theatre in the fall.

Peter Devine ’66, the man who directed 100 plays in 25 years before he devoted himself to teaching English full time, bought 30 tickets for the scholars and chaperones to see *Aladdin*. (Devine, by the way, was also featured in the *Playbill* that theatre-goers saw when they attended *Aladdin*. He is planning additional trips for the Academy scholars in the spring and summer.)

“The scholars were blown away by the show and by meeting Adam at the end,” said Hammen. “It was the first time they had ever seen a musical of that caliber. They asked Adam if he really kissed the actress who played Jasmine, and they also wanted to know how the magic carpet flew over the set. Adam replied that he could only report that it flew thanks to Disney magic.”

Hammen is also proud of the scholars’ success in sticking with a rigorous schedule. They are picked up each morning around 7 a.m. and some don’t get home until 6 p.m. “We’re seeing marked improvement thanks to our excellent faculty,” including Deonna Smith (math and science), Connor Geraghty ’09 (language arts and social science), Therese Yrani ’07 (counselor) and AVC members, who include Gabe Hens-Piazza ’09 (PE and art) and drivers Audrey Gomez ’12 and Dylan Agelson.

Hammen shares one thing with her students — a growing sense that SI is her home. “I feel part of the SI family, and I’m starting to learn more names and recognize faces. I’m overwhelmed by and grateful for the desire of so many in the SI family to partner with us in the education of our scholars and the formation of the Academy.”

Left: Former SI President Anthony P. Sauer, S.J., came to SI in September to bless SI’s new middle school, named for him. **Below:** Academy scholars saw Disney’s *Aladdin* at the Orpheum Theatre in November and met the star of the show, Adam Jacobs ’97 (center, back row), who, as a student at SI, performed in plays and musicals directed by Peter Devine ’66 (right).



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Ignatian Guild fashion showcases SI's seniors and raises more than \$280,000

Imagine that you are about to tell a group of fashion show volunteers that their time to prepare has just been shortened by one month.

This year's four co-chairs — Monica Myers, Patti Sheedy, Sheila McCarthy and Esther Arnold — and Ignatian Guild President Staci Fleming rose to the challenge by pulling off a Sept. 30 dinner gala and an Oct. 1 luncheon characterized by light and joy.

The five women collectively brainstormed to come up with a theme that captured the essence of SI and landed on SI LIGHTS: The World is Our Runway.

"Light defines SI in so many ways," said Mrs. Sheedy. "It refers to the light of faith, of friendship and of SI being a beacon for so many over the decades."

"The students light up our lives in so many ways — in the classroom, on the stage, on the field or on the court," added Mrs. McCarthy.

The students were equally enthusiastic, as the event set a new school record for the highest class participation for a fashion show. In addition, more than 300 parents, donors, clothing stores and marketplace vendors lent their support.

The fashion show start date, normally the first Saturday in November, was moved up to give the seniors more time to focus on their college applications. "It was also a great way to start their senior year, bringing them closer together," noted Mrs. Arnold. "The best night we had was the Thursday rehearsal, where they screamed for each other and danced along the edges of the practice catwalk. It was so wonderful to see their joy."

Mrs. Myers praised her co-chairs and Mrs. Fleming for also capturing the joy of the moment. "Staci fully supported us along the way and made us feel as if we could do anything. She was the best cheerleader we could have had."

The efforts of the co-chairs and the numerous volunteers paid off. They raised more than \$280,000 for the SI Scholarship Fund and put on two blockbuster shows that included a live auction for the Saturday dinner audience and the popular marketplace of local vendors for the Sunday luncheon.

The chairs thanked senior Alex Ring for his creative videos highlighting each of the 12 sections of the show, as well as Ted Curry '82, who heads SI's drama program and who

helped direct the show. They also praised SI's advancement team, who supported the chairs. Noah Haydon, the show choreographer for nearly a decade, was joined by Leslie Waggoner, "and the two lent their talents to help the students shine," said Mrs. Arnold.

For the first time, the show featured a spoken-word poetry segment written by seniors. Other highlights included the talents of senior dancers, vocalists and instrumentalists.

Mrs. Fleming praised the four chairs, noting that they did not know each other well before signing on to do the show. "Since then, they have become great friends who never lost sight of the mission and the cause we were asked to serve. The love and laughter they shared with each other, with the class of 2018 and with the entire SI community was inspiring to watch. They are true Ignatian women."

Mr. Curry echoed the praise, noting that each of the co-chairs and Mrs. Fleming "made the production one characterized by pure generosity, patience and clarity. These women represent what we are trying to teach our students. They gave their time with grace and humility and were so easy to work with. That's why the shows were such a success." ∞



Opposite page, below left: The Ignatian Guild's fashion show, SI LIGHTS: The World is Our Runway, raised more than \$280,000 thanks to the leadership of Guild President Staci Fleming (center) and, from left, Fashion Show chairs Esther Arnold, Monica Myers, Patti Sheedy and Sheila McCarthy.



Lessons learned and skills received from SI's gift of *cura personalis*

BY JUNE LUCAROTTI '03

I am remembering the day I walked into the office of John Grealish '79, then SI's assistant principal for student affairs. My family couldn't afford to give me the money for my senior prom bid, so when Mr. Grealish asked if I was going to the prom, I explained the situation. I was embarrassed but then stunned when he smiled widely and said, "OK. That's fine. We can cover it." I walked out of his office crying. I was so grateful.

At SI I often felt the drama of "haves" and "have-nots" — one marked by anxious, self-conscious teen angst. However, in that moment, I didn't feel like an outsider. I knew I was part of the SI community thanks to the tremendous generosity of the Jesuits.

I went through my four years receiving tuition assistance from SI. I felt as if my fellow scholarship recipients and I were in a secret club; that feeling was at times comforting and, at other times, uncomfortable. I remember being afraid that I might prove myself unworthy of my scholarship if I used the wrong fork at the scholarship luncheon with my donor.

We make up all kinds of stories about what it means to be rich or poor and how that defines us. I learned just how silly that was. My donor, Mr. Moriarty, was more than humble and kind. At SI and in my low-income neighborhood, I learned to be comfortable with all sorts of people. I learned how to "code switch" — in this case, how to communicate with wealthy and lower-income people. This was invaluable.

When I spoke with *Genesis* Editor Paul Totah '75 about my experience, I told him that although I am quite happy, I wasn't sure I was the perfect image of success. His unflinching, immediate response was this: "You know, and SI knows, that success means so much more than having money."

I was reminded of the true lesson SI teaches — that of *cura personalis* — care for the whole person, which redefines success in all areas of life. At SI, I had become a runner, led retreats, did community service, worked on the newspaper and led Amnesty International and the Spanish Honors Society. I could have put my head down and focused only on getting straight A's, but SI stretched me so much further than I ever would have on my own.

I have maintained my strongest friendships through those activities. This was the biggest



gift that SI gave me— friendships that have lasted all my life and women who have become my sisters. They brought my mom a care package when she was diagnosed with cancer last year, and they pushed me to be better and stronger in my business. They support me in all areas of life and inspire me with their keen sense of social justice. They also are a ton of fun. Adrienne Lo '03, Ebony Burns '03, and Jacqueline Lee '03 and I danced up a storm at the wedding of Stephanie Wong Lee '03 in Colorado last year!

I am indescribably grateful, too, for how SI gave me the courage to do new things. Navigating money in various spaces has given me the freedom and courage to start my own business — Vola Sessions, which offers courses to individuals, families, schools and organizations in yoga, meditation, writing and mindfulness both online and in-person in Colorado and San Francisco. We integrate these important social-emotional skills, lessons and values into my clients' daily lives in a world that is often "go, go, go."

As I write this, I am in a dip of the self-employment roller coaster. However, I am blessed because I know it is just that — a temporary lull and only a fragment of my whole experience as a human. I knew I could start a business without a large financial buffer, as

money has been challenging my whole life and may continue to be, but that gives me the freedom to move forward and to trust that it will work out. I've always been able to make it work, and I want other people who have struggled with money, whatever their income level, to know that too. Where there is a will, there is a way, as my dad always says.

My family also helped form my values about money. I didn't realize my family had less money than my classmates until I went to middle school. We had a car only briefly, and when, during sixth grade, it broke down in front of our school, I felt so embarrassed. My friends didn't make fun of me, but some of the other kids did.

While both of my parents work, neither makes enough to live in San Francisco easily. My father is a security guard at a downtown office building, and my mother served as a substitute teacher for SF Unified. I was raised in subsidized housing, but my parents always strove to ensure that I had plenty of opportunities to excel. SI offered my parents a partial scholarship to the school, and later, when the scholarship was reduced, my generous relatives chipped in to make up the difference. If I did not have that help on both ends, I don't know where I would be. I would be a different person.

SI gave me invaluable skills and values. When people ask if I liked going there, my response is automatic: I loved SI. Partly because of my scholarship, I felt so privileged to be there. I walked through the halls of SI smiling from ear to ear most days because I knew how lucky I was. SI taught me to be fluent in Spanish, encouraged me in writing and taught me to value my spirituality, all of which have helped in my professional life. Most of all, SI provided incredible teachers who have a commitment to social justice — Peter Devine '66, Carlos Gazulla, Carol Devincenzi, Paul Totah, Veronica Bricker, Sarah Curran, Shag — Michael Shaughnessy '67 — and Tien Nam. They are a big part of why I chose my career path.

To defray my tuition assistance, I worked at the switchboard in McGucken Hall answering the phone and serving as a receptionist through the school's work-study program. I loved it. I began to earn my own money and met so many wonderful Jesuits who helped me see a different side of the school.

I shared my story during a talk at a Kairos retreat in my senior year. I told my classmates about asking my father for the

money to buy my school ring. I wanted it so badly, and he eventually gave me the money. Later, I felt guilty as I realized that it meant he had to forgo paying some of our bills. I also spoke about my embarrassment taking the bus to school, especially when so many of my classmates received fancy cars when they turned 16. I'm just now learning to drive, as I didn't grow up with a car. I felt embarrassed asking for rides home late at night since I thought some of my classmates and their parents wouldn't want to come to the neighborhood where I lived. But my friends were gracious, namely Zaks Dizon '03 and Cris McKinney '03. They offered to give me rides home without blinking. And in the mornings, I did a lot of my homework on the bus to and from school.

By my standards of success, I have had an incredible career thus far. At Cal, I majored

in social welfare and minored in creative writing. In college, I interned at Glide Memorial Church as a fundraiser, organizer and social worker. Since graduating, I have worked in education in Costa Rica, San Francisco and Colorado, where I now live. I have had the privilege of working as a special education paraprofessional, an afterschool program director and a summer camp counselor while also teaching yoga and earning my master's degree in creative writing in 2013. I am passionate about providing the kind of whole-person education that I received. I do this through teaching in schools, working in non-profits, and starting my own business.

I have donated to SI and will continue to do so. Money is a hard thing to talk about, especially to ask for, but I know the immense value of the education I received. My SI

scholarship bridged the income gap and helped me so much. I feel wealthy having gone to such a great high school.

As income levels in San Francisco continue to shift, and some cannot afford to remain in the city, I see that without a healthy endowment, SI would be a school only for those who can afford its tuition, and then only those with the means would profit from a Jesuit education.

What an incredible opportunity it is to offer this gift to low-income students. SI ingrained in me the lesson that we all need to care for each other and ensure that those without resources have access to them. Giving to SI benefits the entire San Francisco community and ensures that students will have a chance to succeed in all the ways important to them. ∞

Students and parents collect money and supplies for victims of natural disasters

As people throughout the U.S. were hit by hurricane, flood and fire, SI students, parents and alumni stepped up to help.

Students raised \$4,500 for the Archdiocese of Houston-Galveston Catholic Charities to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Nicole and Anthony Cuadro '02 then hosted an Oct. 26 charity fundraiser at Pedro's Cantina to send portable solar lights to victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Many SI grads served as co-chairs.

As fires raged throughout Northern California, the SI family responded once again. SI students donated \$6,200 as well as food and baby supplies to the American Red Cross and the Redwood Empire Food Bank, with Christian Service Director Jocelyn Sideco '95 and Michaela Kumli '18 delivering supplies up north.

When the Harvard-Notre Dame lacrosse game at SI was cancelled due to poor air quality, Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach Rob Marcaletti '96, Varsity Boys' Lacrosse Coach Chris Packard and Garrett Cason '19 delivered all the food from the event to Travis Air Force Base to feed first responders fighting the fires.

To aid Cardinal Newman High School, which suffered major fire damage, SI students raised more than \$4,000 in cash and gift cards. The SI parents' organizations also raised \$11,500 through a gift-card drive for Cardinal Newman's 75 teachers and staff, who are setting up and breaking down classrooms each day in four satellite locations until the



Photo by Sean Lawhon '87.

school reopens. Those gifts provided the Cardinal Newman employees with surprise Christmas stockings containing \$150 worth of gift cards and other treats at their school-wide holiday event.

Mary and Joe Toboni '70, who own Toboni Vineyards and Oakwild Ranch in the Russian River, also launched a major relief effort. As part of the larger North Bay wine community, they collected \$200,000 in donations of food and supplies and over \$50,000 in gift cards. They filled three 18-foot moving trucks with supplies that they delivered to various relief sites.

"We are incredibly grateful to those who participated in our supply drive to aid those who have been affected by the North Bay Fires," said Toboni. "By uniting as a community, we surpassed our expectations in helping the plight of those displaced. The work force consisted of people from all backgrounds and ages — from five years olds taping boxes to the elderly offering gift cards. It was this sense of togetherness and unity that made the endeavor successful."

To read the names of those who helped in that effort, go to siprep.org/news. ∞

Scott Santarosa, S.J., set to lead Jesuits West Province into new frontiers

The Oregon and California Provinces of the Society of Jesus came together on July 1 to form Jesuits West, a region comprising California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Utah, where 485 Jesuit priests, brothers, scholastics and novices work at colleges, schools, churches and a host of other ministries. Leading them is Provincial Scott Santarosa, S.J., whose previous job was overseeing the former Oregon Province.

Fr. Santarosa came to SI in late November to meet with all the priests and brothers living in the Jesuit community at McGucken Hall. The return was a homecoming for him, in part, as he first had a taste of high school teaching at SI as a novice in 1991, when he filled in for Rita O'Malley, who now heads SI's Adult Spirituality Program.

He returned to SI two years later to spend the summer working with master teacher John DeBenedetti '83 and training with Charlie Dullea '65, who ran a program for Jesuit scholastics.

Even then, this South Lake Tahoe native was already a veteran of Jesuit education, having graduated in 1984 from Jesuit High School in Carmichael, Calif., and from Santa Clara University four years later with his degree in civil engineering. A year working in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Newark led him to join the Society of Jesus in 1989.

He spent five years teaching and working as an administrator at Verbum Dei High School in Los Angeles before serving at Dolores Mission Parish (2006–2014) as its pastor while supporting the work of Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., and his Homeboy Industries ministry.

Fr. Santarosa moved to Portland after Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., the Superior General of the Society of Jesus at the time, asked him to lead the Oregon Province and prepare for its eventual union with the neighboring province to the south. The restructuring of the Jesuit Provinces in the U.S. has now resulted in a redrawing of the maps into five areas, and in a few years, the U.S. will comprise four provinces covering the West, Northeast, Midwest and Central-Southern regions.

In Fr. Santarosa's free time, he enjoys fly fishing with his father in the Lake Tahoe and Donner area, and he is die-hard Dodgers fan. "It comes from my grandmothers on both sides," he said. "They rooted for the Dodgers in Brooklyn, and my dad was and is a Dodgers fan. So, I say it's like growing up Catholic. Once I grew up a Dodgers fan, the die was cast."

While visiting SI, he sat down with *Genesis* Editor Paul Totah '75 for a discussion about why SI grads should be aware of matters concerning the wider Jesuit world.

Q. How would you describe the coming together of the two provinces? What motivated the combination? Is it a merger or something else?

A. A merger might happen to make an organization more efficient and productive or to improve the bottom line. When I am tempted to go into that modality, I'm challenged by words of Fr. Nicolás, who said that the restructuring of our provinces is about the broadening of horizons, the invitation to form new networks, the need to do new things in existing works and, perhaps, the reality of closing some works. We are also looking at entering into new partnerships and crossing traditional geographic boundaries as we engage people in new ways.

My personal experience bears this out, as I was challenged to leave the work I loved at Dolores Mission, where I ministered in Spanish to families. It was a huge honor to enter their lives, and leaving them behind was painful. I was sent to a province not my own among men I did not know. I wondered how I would be received as an outsider. Then I met with each Jesuit in the Oregon Province, and they opened their lives to me and trusted me. At the end of the day, they taught me that we're not Oregon Jesuits or California Jesuits; we're just Jesuits. That speaks to what our restructuring is about. We are about something larger than any geographic boundary. If we can free ourselves to say we're Jesuits, then we can try new things, cross new boundaries and form new networks.

We recently announced the launch of the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative Northwest in the Seattle area, which will be led by Jennifer Kelly, a committed lay partner. She spent the last two years shadowing Mike Kennedy, S.J., who started the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative in Culver City. That's an example of something great in the southern part of Jesuits West working in the northern part.



Here's another example. Two years ago, we were invited by the bishop of Boise to have Jesuits at the Newman Center at Boise State. We sent one and then another. As a result of the positive experience there, we now have Jesuits at three new Newman Centers in California — at UC San Diego, USC and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. These are ideas that work in one region and are being tried in another.

Seattle Prep and Verbum Dei High School in Watts are doing a collaborative project through the Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy, where they take art classes online through Seattle University. And Patrick Ruff, who attended a workshop at LMU in August for principals, presidents and board chairs, reached out to Jesuits throughout San Francisco to celebrate Friday Morning Liturgy at SI. As a result, Sonny Manuel, S.J. '67, will now come to say Mass. It's a win-win as kids get to see alumni who are Jesuits, and maybe they'll consider entering the order.

Q. Are you confident Jesuit high schools can remain Ignatian without Jesuits? How well are we doing in that regard?

A. The Ignatian identity of our works is clearly something on my mind. We have to be and are being intentional about it. The Jesuit identity of our works, aside from our parishes, can't depend on the presence of Jesuits. We have to depend on lay partners who are thoroughly rooted in Ignatian spirituality, and we need to increase faculty and adult formation in all of our works. The 19th annotation exercise [a form of the Spiritual Exercises], should be at the top of the list. Mike Gilson, S.J., and Kim Baldwin at the Province work with our 18 high schools, middle schools and grammar schools to ensure that educators are deeply rooted in Ignatian charism, spirituality and pedagogy. I feel good about that.

We're also trying to promote Jesuit vocations as much as we can, and we have three priests dedicated to full-time vocation work — Christopher Nguyen, S.J., Paul Grubb, S.J., and Chanh Nguyen, S.J., all of whom are young. We have put our money where our mouth is, and new guys are coming. We have an entrance class of 10 men each year, and they are extraordinary guys. I find great hope seeing the people God is sending us.

As Jesuit presence is changing at our ministries, schools need to be creative in how they might staff a place with Jesuits. SI has one Jesuit in the classroom – Fran Stiegeler, S.J. '61, who is fantastic. Thanks to Patrick Ruff and others, SI has found a way to use other Jesuits creatively; Don Sharp, S.J., is a popular chaplain to several girls' teams, and Ron Clemo, S.J., at 83, is chaplain for the boys' basketball team. Both celebrate Mass at Friday Morning Liturgies. It is great that institutions are finding ways to use Jesuits who no longer teach. One of the incentives for regional collaboration is that two or more institutions could share a Jesuit in creative ways, including leading the Spiritual Exercises.

Q. What impact does life at the Province level of Jesuits West have on our alumni, if any?

A. If alumni are grateful for their experience at SI — and they think the Society of Jesus had something to do with that by way of great Jesuit teachers, retreat directors or counselors — then they would want to know that the mechanism that provided those Jesuits is healthy, especially as we now care for elderly Jesuits and bring in novices. If the Province wasn't there to prepare Jesuits to serve at schools like SI or SCU, then that should be a concern to alumni of those places.

Q. You meet individually with every priest, brother and scholastic in the province at all stages of their ministry and lives. What lessons or observations have you drawn from these meetings?

A. It's the best part of the job — being able to talk to the Jesuits about their prayer, work, community life, what gets them up in the morning, what keeps them up at night, their health, the ways God is a consolation to them or inviting them to a new challenge. I get to see their tears and hear their laughter. That is the greatest privilege for me.

Q. How well is the Society of Jesus doing in caring for aging priests?

A. Thanks be to God we have a wonderful retirement facility so that Jesuits can live until the end of their lives in a Jesuit community, sharing in meals and liturgies and various activities. When we profess our vows at the beginning of Jesuit life, we attest that, with God's grace, we'll live in the Society forever. Because we are blessed to have our own facility, we can do that in community, unlike other religious orders that are forced to use different private nursing homes.

Q. What challenges and opportunities do you face in your job as provincial? What gives you hope as you look to the future of the works of the Society of Jesus? What gives you pause and makes you worry?

A. What give me hope is easy: the Jesuits themselves, the vibrancy of their lives, their dedication to their prayer lives, their commitment to their vows, their kind of quiet heroic living of Jesuit life. I wish I could work at almost every Jesuit ministry I visit on my travels. The Fr. Sauer Academy and SI are no exceptions. I could happily work at either place. I'm also impressed by the quality of remarkable men being attracted to Jesuit life. Go to the novitiate, and you'll find that they will cheer you up.

Also, people who have gone to our institutions believe in us and are even willing to support the Province financially. They want to make sure that the vertebrae of the Province are strong. Finally, I'm consoled by our new Father General, Arturo Sosa, S.J., especially by his energy, charisma, willingness to try new things and emphasis on discernment. I'm confident of our leadership at the top.

As for challenges, as our numbers shift, we have to do things differently and be intentional about that. I worry that we might miss something. I have good people around me with great ideas, and I have to trust them. I'd be lying if I said I wasn't worried about some things that we need to be attentive to. My hope is that we are more trusting of God. It will mean having the courage to try new things and not be

afraid to fail. We all need to go beyond our comfort zone in the same manner that the job of provincial challenges me to go beyond my comfort zone. I hope we are more flexible and more available as tools in the hands of God.

Q. At the heart of the Society of Jesus is the person of Jesus and the spirit that led Ignatius to gather companions to spread the good news. How does the person of Jesus inspire you?

A. Daily. I would say that one of most important parts of my day is prayer. At some level, I'm in touch with Jesus, although I don't always feel it the same way. Still, I trust he is with me. He moves me by how he meets me where I am. He gives me what I need and reminds me of the most important things — loving others and guarding an interior space that only God can fill. I want all of our Jesuits to remind people that, ultimately, we are created for God and to keep that space open and alive for God in all of God's forms, especially those people whom we serve.

Q. Our world faces such enormous challenges, from climate change and the widening gap between rich and poor to the growing number of slaves, and women and minorities suffering from those in power. Do these issues have anything in common? How is the Society of Jesus and its schools and ministries serving right now as agents of change? What is one thing you'd like to see the Society do to address these enormous challenges?

A. We can be more trusting, flexible and available tools in the hands of God in order to adapt to the signs and needs of the times. The rules for the discernment of spirits that Ignatius gives us are timeless and help us see how we can be of greatest service. All of this is premised on our own freedom. It's one thing to discern and another to have the freedom follow a call. Toward that end, I hope we can be more flexible and free.

Part of this is being open to the data of the world. I've heard it said that when you write your homily, one hand should be on the Bible and the other on a newspaper. We have to be conversant with what's happening in our world and let that enter into our discernment.

The new province structure makes it easier for our works and ministries to collaborate and not live in their own silos. I hope all Jesuits will open themselves to larger regional realities. I hope that folks at SI have conversations with Ray Allender, S.J. '62, pastor at St. Agnes, which is a sanctuary parish, and with the priests at USF and what they are doing. We'll have a larger sense of the reality confronting us and collectively feel called to do something together. The bottom line is that we need to trust in discernment, be open to signs and be free as we do it. SI should not think of itself as just a high school but as a Jesuit work linked to parishes and colleges and middle schools.

SI is an important work of the Jesuits West Province. The efforts the school has made in forming men and women for and with others is considerable. Gifts, talents and resources come with responsibility, and we will be turning to SI as we face the challenges ahead. ∞

Correction

In the Fall *Genesis* Annual Report, we omitted the names of two donors: Frank Kelly '75 and Herbert Morey '58, who has donated for more than 15 years. Our apologies for the errors.



MERGING INTELLECT WITH SERVICE AS CONTEMPLATIVES IN ACTION

Each year, the school chooses a theme that steers the faculty and staff in their work of serving our students. Last year's theme of *cura personalis* — care for the whole person — became the theme of the spring edition of this magazine.

This year, we're trying something new. Each of the feature sections for the winter, spring and summer editions will touch upon this year's theme: contemplatives in action.

First, here's a little background on what Jesuits mean by the phrase. When Ignatius was just starting his ministry, priests could be found either in monasteries praying throughout the day or in churches ministering to their parishioners. In short, they could either separate themselves from the world and pray or dive into the world as ministers and have little time to pray.

Ignatius wanted those who followed in his footsteps to do both. He wanted them to pray — in fact he wrote one of the world's greatest guidebooks on prayer: *The Spiritual Exercises*. But he also wanted them to have a preferential option for the poor and engage in a faith that did justice. He wanted them helping refugees and students (among others) and he wanted them to take time to meditate and contemplate the life and lessons of Jesus.

James Martin, S.J., in a 2016 interview on the podcast *On Being*, notes that Jesuits "are not monks. We're out in the world. And yet we have that contemplative stance towards everything, so that every moment is an invitation to encounter the living God who wants to encounter us. So it's a beautiful spirituality. It's very kind of spacious, and it fits people, and it's user-friendly."

The stories for this theme was also user-friendly. All of the people featured here mix thoughtful contemplation with direct action. It's what SI trains us to do.

For this winter edition, you'll find stories about folks we celebrate for their good work and about those who devote themselves to nurturing the life of the mind. In short — you'll find contemplatives and people of action.

For our exemplars, we have the recipients of our school's three main awards. In November, Jeff Columbini '79 received the Christ the King Award — the highest honor the school bestows upon a graduate. A former president of the Alumni Association, Jeff is also on the command staff of the SFFD and a guy who doesn't pause to put his life on the line to help others.

Earlier that month, Dr. Eric Goosby '70 received the Spiritus Magis Award, which recognizes graduates who have distinguished themselves in their profession. Dr. Goosby certainly fits the bill. As AIDS Czar under Presidents Clinton and Obama and as UN Envoy in the fight against tuberculosis, Dr. Goosby has worked to save lives all over the world.

At the December President's Cabinet Dinner, we presented Yvonne Sangiacomo with our President's Award, the highest honor we bestow upon those who are not SI alumni. You will see, when you read the citation, why so many say she has the "biggest heart in SF."

For the second part, we feature four who devote themselves more to the contemplative end of the spectrum. Tom Reese, S.J., is both one of the foremost Jesuits in the U.S. as well as brother of SI President Eddie Reese, S.J. A former editor of *America* magazine and a former correspondent for *National Catholic Reporter*, Fr. Reese now writes for the Religious News Service. Fr. Reese is a watchdog for the Catholic mind, helping to shed light and insight on everything from the tax code to the papacy.

He may have left *NCR* behind, but remaining is Teresa Cariño '09, the youngest member of *NCR*'s board of directors. A pastoral minister at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish in New York City, Cariño is as steeped in Jesuit thought as most Jesuits I know and is positioned now to share her advice as *NCR* seeks to reach out to millennials as subscribers.

Leonard Capozzi '83, an expert in mindfulness training living in Rome, shares his journey, one that led him away from and then back to the Church. When you read his piece, you find yourself signing up for mindfulness training, where you may hear echoes of *The Spiritual Exercises*.

It's hard to talk about intellect without a discussion of intellectual property and protecting it online. Carolyn (Wong) Robbins '01 does just that as vice president of security strategy for Cobalt, a San Francisco-based cybersecurity company. The author of *Security Metrics: A Beginner's Guide*, Wong is now a household name among those in her line of work.

Finally, Dr. Isaac Strong, a biology teacher at SI, puts young minds at the forefront both through his day job teaching freshmen here and through his Saturday volunteer work with Minds Matter, which prepares low-income high school students to do well on college placement tests. Strong pushes his students to go beyond memorization and to use the scientific method to envision solutions to problems vexing the world.

These men and women are contemplatives — and more. They take time to think about what the world needs and consider their own intrinsic strengths and passions. Where the two intersect, there they find their vocations and their call to action. May we all be so lucky. — *Paul Totah '75* ∞

About 40 juniors attended a two-day retreat in September where they experienced guided meditation and were reminded that the experience of God in prayer leads to service and action.

JEFF COLUMBINI '79 RECEIVES CHRIST THE KING AWARD FOR SERVICE TO SI AND SF

You can measure the depths and heights of character by the quality of one's friends as well as by cataloguing one's deeds. By all measures, Jeff Columbini '79 is a man worthy of the Christ the King Award, the highest honor St. Ignatius College Preparatory bestows upon a graduate.

All you really have to know about Jeff, though, is one story: In 2010, when Jeff's daughter, Gianna '14, was a freshman at SI, Jeff and his wife, Audette, attended her back-to-school night. After he drove them back to their Millbrae home, he grabbed his spare firefighter gear and headed, along with a friend from the Pacifica Police Department, to San Bruno, where earlier in the evening a natural gas pipeline exploded, sending a wall of fire 1,000 feet skyward and killing eight people. He reported to the incident command post and helped fight the fire well into the night. Three years later, when Asiana Airlines Flight 214 crashed at SFO, he did the same thing, racing to the scene while off duty to help where he could.

For Jeff, these acts aren't something to brag about. "Most in our department would have done the same thing," he noted. "It's just a part of what we do. If there's something going on and we think we can help, we go."

In his 28 years with the San Francisco Fire Department, Jeff has distinguished himself as a model firefighter and leader. He earned promotions to lieutenant and captain and worked nearly every neighborhood in the city. He served as training captain at the Treasure Island Training Facility, where he created one of the top live burn facilities in the state. He now serves as Assistant Deputy Chief and Director of Training for the department, working to improve the skills of firefighters while recruiting new men and women to join their ranks. A key member of the eight-person Command Staff, he has helped the department grow in its use of life-saving technological advances. Thus, it is no exaggeration to say that the safety and security of San Francisco has been placed in his capable hands, and he has worked wonders. It is no surprise that he was named Firefighter of the Year in 2016 by the Irish Israeli Italian Society of San Francisco. His boss, Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White, also

praised Jeff for his "dedication, pride and commitment. He is a role model for future generations of public safety members."

We have seen Jeff's competence, compassion and conscience up close and personal over the past few decades in his service to the school's Alumni Association, first as a member starting in 1993 and then as its president from 2005 to 2014. In an age of changing leadership among the school's administration, the Alumni Association proved a steadying influence on the community, helping the school to thrive. He encouraged graduates to come to tried-and-true events — such as the Downtown Business Lunch — and to new ventures, such as the Alumni Wine Classic and the Law Society Lunch. He was present at so many events that he rivaled Fr. Sauer in his omnipresence. And he did this all as a volunteer.

As Alumni Association President, Jeff would receive many accolades, yet he always acknowledged his peers on the board and on the administrative staff for doing so much in support of SI. "This desire to acknowledge all involved in the mission exemplifies his true character," said his good friend Bob Enright '76.

For those who grew up with Jeff and who have worked with him over the years, none of this comes as a surprise. Perhaps it has something to do with geography. He grew up on the famed Windsor Drive in Westlake along with the Enrights, Tonellis, Bacioccos, Murrays, Pacellis, McKennas and Feeneys. "Every evening, there were 50 to 60 kids playing in the street, all of whom went to Our Lady of Mercy and most then to SI." His best friend and mentor was Bob Enright, who taught Jeff how to ride a bike — a stingray with a banana seat. Said Bob: "He was halfway across the schoolyard before he realized I wasn't behind him. We were inseparable then and still are." Bob would later serve as Jeff's best man.

He followed Bob to SI, where Jeff found mentors in Peter Devine '66, Leo La Rocca '53, Brother Douglas Draper, S.J., and Bishop Gordon Bennett, S.J., SI's campus minister at the time. "Bishop Bennett changed everything about SI for me, and I thank him for that," said Jeff.



Bob also watched as Jeff made a career change early in his life, leaving United Parcel Service, where he was destined to become a top executive. “Most people don’t know that Jeff was on the corporate fast track after several promotions,” said Bob. “Despite the allure of financial benefits, he decided to become a firefighter both to stay in the Bay Area and to follow the Jesuit ideal of service to others. He has since risked his own personal safety to save the lives of others. That would be his reward. As fate would have it, he would rise to the top ranks in the fire department, just as he was expected to do in the corporate world. This comes as no surprise to anyone who knows Jeff.”

Working firefighter hours also allowed Jeff to devote his life to serving the greater community. He has been actively involved with the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Pomeroy Center and the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Foundation. Despite all of his work and volunteer hours, he made his family his number one priority. Of all that he has accomplished, the title he wears with most pride is that of Gianna’s father. “I am so proud of how hard she has worked to reach her goals,” he notes. “I see a lot of me in her, as she likes stepping up when other people won’t and makes sure a job is done right.”

If Jeff sounds like a cheerleader for growing up Catholic in the Bay Area, perhaps it’s because he served as president of the Spirit Club in his senior year, rallying students behind all the teams, including a varsity basketball squad that had won only one game that season.

Now it is our turn to cheer Jeff — a man who has given cheer and support to so many over the years. We echo the words of former Alumni Director John Ring ’86, who worked closely with Jeff for more than eight years. John praises Jeff’s “loyalty, work ethic, intelligence, dedication and honesty. While Jeff is probably recognized most for the fellowship and warmth that marked his tenure as Alumni Association President, let’s not forget that he played a key role in helping the school raise more than \$50 million over a nine-year period. He has been an extraordinary volunteer and remains a good friend. Jeff gave the school thousands of hours during his time off, attending hundreds of local events and going on dozens of road trips on behalf of chapters. You don’t see too many guys willing to hop on planes for the betterment of their school. Jeff was able to do this thanks to his wife, Audette, who supported him throughout his tenure as Board President. Jeff is one of the people I admire most. SI has been around for 162 years and few graduates have done more for the school than Jeff Columbini.”

For all these reasons and so much more, we honor this man for others, this humble hero, this person who doesn’t think twice about putting his life on the line to help others. He is a model both for our students and for all Ignatians. Thank you, Jeff, for all you have done and all the good you will continue to do in the years to come in service to city, school, community, family and God. ∞

Jeff Columbini and his wife, Audette, and daughter, Gianna ’14, and their extended family at the Nov. 19 Christ the King Mass in SI’s Orradre Chapel. The citation, above, was read by Bob Enright ’76. Photo by Carlos Gazulla.

DR. ERIC GOOSBY '70 RECEIVES SI'S SPIRITUS MAGIS AWARD FOR WORK FIGHTING AIDS AND TUBERCULOSIS

When you consider the enormous contribution Dr. Eric Goosby '70 has made, you first need to recall what San Francisco was like in the 1980s, when the AIDS epidemic seemed out of control, and the city, the nation and the world were gripped with fear. Young and old were dying by the tens of thousands. While the fight is far from over, the panic subsided thanks, in part, to medical professionals such as Dr. Goosby, who has devoted much of his nearly 40-year career to fighting HIV in the U.S. and around the world.

When Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama needed a leader in the fight against AIDS, they turned to Dr. Goosby. However, for all his work on the public policy front, Dr. Eric Goosby is first and foremost a doctor. In a 1998 *Genesis* magazine interview, he noted that he would “rather do the medical work. I'm not a political animal. What I do best is figure out what lines of research we should pursue, what treatment we should support, how to identify the populations we need to target and how to treat them.”

Born in 1952, Dr. Goosby attributes his interest in medicine to breaking his leg as a teenager and to the quality care he received from medical professionals. “That made me want to become a doctor,” he noted. He attended both the Stanyan Street and Sunset District campuses of SI, and was among the first to graduate from the new school. One colleague, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of Allergies and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, noted that Dr. Goosby's passion for public service “came from his parents and his inherently empathetic nature, [which] was fortified by his Jesuit education at SI, whose mantra is service to others.”

Dr. Goosby earned his medical degree in 1978 from UCSF, where he also did his residency and fellowship with a subspecialty in infectious diseases. He finished his fellowship at the very moment the AIDS crisis was reaching a fever pitch. He had more than a front-row seat as the medical community attempted to identify and fight the virus. He became one of the key leaders in that effort as an assistant professor at UCSF in the AIDS Oncology Division at San Francisco General Hospital, and he later served as director of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Intravenous Drug Using Clinic.

There he discovered new methods for treating HIV-infected intravenous drug users before becoming, in 1991, the founding director of HIV Services at the U.S. Public Health Service/Health Resources and Service Administration. He administered the Ryan White CARE Act and sent federal funds and support planning to 25 AIDS epicenters throughout the country, including the U.S. territories.

Three years later, he became director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) where he advocated for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and research. In 1995, he launched the HHS Panel on Clinical Practices for the Treatment of HIV Infections and created a standard of care for antiretroviral treatment for children and pregnant women. His pioneering work became a source for clinicians to obtain guidance on the appropriate use of antiretroviral therapy for treatment of patients with HIV and for those with both HIV and TB.

While still with HHS, he served as interim director of the National AIDS Policy Office (ONAP) at the White House, starting in 1997, reporting directly to President Clinton as his senior advisor on HIV-related issues. (His close relationship with President Clinton is also evidenced by his work on the board of directors of the Clinton Foundation since 2013.)

Dr. Goosby was also keenly aware of the racial disparities he saw, and he responded by nurturing a dialogue that led to the Minority AIDS Initiative in 1998. He guided its implementation for three years while also working to examine and promote needle exchange programs as a way of slowing the spread of AIDS. Later, he served as a clinical provider for the 360 Men of Color Program.

In 2000, he became deputy director of the National AIDS Policy Office in the White House, while also serving as the director of the HHS Office of HIV/AIDS Policy. In all he did during the Clinton Administration, he served as a clinician, researcher and policy maker.

He took an eight-year hiatus from government service to work on a global level as CEO and chief medical officer of Pangaea Global AIDS Foundation, developing and implementing HIV/AIDS treatment in Africa, China and the Ukraine. As Dr. Fauci noted, in his time in Washington, Eric “dramatically improved HIV policy in the United States It was at Pangaea that Eric fortified his expertise in international health issues, which I think of now in retrospect as his ‘spring training’ for [what would come next].”

During his time with Pangaea, Dr. Goosby developed guidelines for the use of antiretroviral therapies as well as for mentoring and training health care workers who were the local boots-on-the-ground in developing nations. The Clinton Foundation's HIV/AIDS Initiative also proved a key player in this work. “The most effective program is one that combines education and treatment and specifically targets what populations need these the most,” said Dr. Goosby in a 2006 *Genesis* magazine story.

Shortly after the 2008 election, Dr. Goosby returned to public office to serve as the Ambassador-at-Large and United States Global AIDS Coordinator, helping to fight HIV/AIDS around the world through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, known as PEPFAR. (Incidentally, PEPFAR — the largest public health program in history — came about in part due to the efforts of another SI grad — Dr. Joseph O'Neill '71, who, as Director of ONAP, helped to secure \$15 billion to combat AIDS in African and Caribbean countries.) Dr. Goosby also served as a board member to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. During his tenure, PEPFAR saw record levels of people being treated. Dr. Goosby also expanded PEPFAR's scope to more aggressively address TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment as part of HIV treatment and care, as well as to support coordination of HIV and TB programs, the development and use of molecular TB diagnostics and overall integration of HIV and TB into primary health care.

His years with PEPFAR were, according to Dr. Fauci, “nothing short of spectacular. Under his leadership, millions of lives were saved, and the notion of an ‘AIDS-free generation’ [became] no longer a fantasy, but an attainable goal. His masterful guidance of PEPFAR through the transition from an emergency measure to a sustainable program based on the concept of country ownership was accomplished during a period of severe fiscal constraint and will go down as a textbook example of how to manage the evolution of a massive global health program. In addition, his emphasis on the concept of ‘implementation science’ in the PEPFAR dialogue has enhanced greatly the efficiency of the program. Eric's accomplishments with PEPFAR will no doubt be discussed and taught in schools of public health throughout the world.”

In December 2012, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton asked Dr. Goosby to serve as the founding Director of the Office of Global Health Diplomacy at the U.S. Department of State to improve and save lives in partner countries. He directed both this office and PEPFAR until October 2013, when he returned to UCSF to start an institute for Global Health Delivery and Diplomacy to apply scientific methods to the design and implementation of local health systems. Two years later, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon presented Dr. Goosby with a new challenge: fight tuberculosis worldwide. Now, as UN Special Envoy on Tuberculosis, he travels the world to raise awareness about this leading infectious disease killer and works with countries to reduce their high TB burden.

Dr. Goosby's efforts are part of the World Health Organization's global End TB Strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals to reduce TB deaths by 95 percent and to cut new cases by 90 percent between 2015 and 2035. This is made more difficult with an epidemic of drug-resistant forms of TB that threaten global health security and the fact that a third of those with TB also have HIV. As such, TB is a leading cause of death for HIV-positive people.

On World TB Day in 2016, Dr. Goosby issued a call to action to “turn the tide on this terrible disease.” He noted that we cannot accept the fact that 4,100 people die every



day and 1.5 million each year from TB, a curable disease.” Making the situation even more desperate is that TB “predominately strikes people who live in poverty and do not have the ability to make their voices heard. As global citizens, it is up to us to give voice to the voiceless. They can’t mobilize to turn the tide, but we can.... We must all turn up the volume and demand that TB gets the resources it needs. Then, we will see the tide turn.”

Dr. Hiroki Nakatani, assistant director-general at WHO, noted that “Eric will be fundamental to our efforts to promote the new WHO global strategy with member states, donors and all stakeholders. His profound knowledge of global health challenges, the AIDS epidemic and the fight against TB will be a tremendous asset for our work and will make the difference.”

Dr. Fauci offers one more bit of praise for a man who, quite literally, has brought healing to millions: “Despite his exalted positions and amazing accomplishments, he has remained one of the most modest, humble and self-effacing individuals I have ever met. He is a model of integrity and honesty, kind, generous and with a burning compassion for the suffering of others — someone whom you would want your children to emulate.”

Thus, on this day, November 1, 2017, St. Ignatius College Preparatory is proud to present to Dr. Eric Goosby the Spiritus Magis Award for his remarkable service in the field of medicine. We are blessed to know him and to call him one of our own. We hope that our students also emulate his example and seek to alleviate the suffering of the most vulnerable among us. ∞

Top: Dr. Goosby in the 1990s at his office at San Francisco General Hospital, where he served on the front lines of the AIDS epidemic.
Bottom: Dr. Goosby at SI during the presentation of the Spiritus Magis Award in November. Photo by Bowerbird Photography.

YVONNE SANGIACOMO, THE WOMAN WITH THE BIGGEST HEART IN THE CITY, HONORED WITH SI'S PRESIDENT'S AWARD

At the Dec. 2 President's Cabinet Dinner, Fr. Edward Reese, S.J., presented Yvonne Sangiacomo with the President's Award for her service throughout the decades to SI and to many charities in San Francisco. The citation was a spoken-word poem read by Student Body President Michael Lundgren, Senior Grace Pating and Father Sauer Academy teacher Connor Geraghty '09. Below is the text of the presentation.

For Yvonne Sangiacomo, three is a sacred number.
A lucky number.
Three signifies the Holy Trinity.

For Yvonne, there's another trinity:
Faith, family and city.
She has served these three for decades.

Born the daughter of famed impresario Agostino "Bimbo" Giuntoli
And a loving mother, Emilia Rosellini,
She marched to her own drumbeat from the start,

So much so that her parents sent her to boarding school:
To Notre Dame Belmont, where she fooled her parents and the nuns
By folding only the top layer of clothes in the drawers

While, below the surface, she stayed true to her authentic self.
When her younger sister died, she transferred to Convent,
But the call of the stage was strong.

She trained to be an actress
And performed for soldiers during World War II.
She met her husband, Angelo Sangiacomo, at a party on Geary.

"I fell in love with him at first sight," she says.
Two years after they met,
Angelo's friend, Fr. Jon Lo Schiavo, celebrated their wedding.

It was his first ceremony. He was so nervous, his hands shook
As he blessed the union of this blessed couple.
Then, nine months and three days later,

Her first child was born.
Remember: Three is her lucky number.
Seven is lucky, too, as she had seven children.

"They were pretty darn good," she says.
"There were so many of us,
we had to help each other.

Heaven only knows what I never heard about."
For Yvonne, her family always came before her,
And, very simply, her duty as a mother

Was as sacred as her love of faith and Church.
She sent her three boys to SI,
Where they learned to be men for others.

"There they became part of the Jesuit family," says Yvonne.
"They gained a sense of belonging,
And they learned they could set the world on fire,

Which is what Saint Ignatius called his followers to do."
While Yvonne raised her family,
Angelo devoted himself to his company, named for the trinity,

And to building a new San Francisco.
Before he died, his crowning accomplishment
Was Trinity Place, with a piazza straight out of Italy

And a statue of Venus nearly as tall as Lady Liberty
Rising from the ground like Jacob's Ladder
Swirling towards the heavens like an uplifted prayer.

While Angelo planned for this monument to the city,
Yvonne devoted herself to helping others.
She funded the Little Sisters of the Poor

And their work serving the impoverished elderly.
She did this the best way she knew how:
With the Red Tie Gala, a party at Neiman Marcus

That was the place to be for those in SF
Who wanted to do good while having a good time.
For Yvonne, celebration and service went hand in hand.

Helping at St. Anne's, said Yvonne, made her life rich.
She didn't stop there.
This woman has the biggest heart in the city,

She has helped Meals on Wheels, the Salesian Boys and Girls Club,
The St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Schools of the Sacred Heart,
The City of Hope, the Pomeroy Center,

Santa Clara University and, of course, SI,
Where her family foundation sent \$3 million
To fund the Father Sauer Academy,

Named for a man who has become her family priest.
The Academy, she hopes, will launch generations of scholars
To make a new SI, a new San Francisco, a new world.

That is why, today, we gather for Yvonne Sangiacomo,
Who has already been praised by so many:
By the Little Sisters with the St. Jeanne Jugan Award.

By St. Vincent de Paul with the Frank Brennan Award.
This time, it's personal. SI offers Yvonne
The highest honor we bestow upon non-alumni:

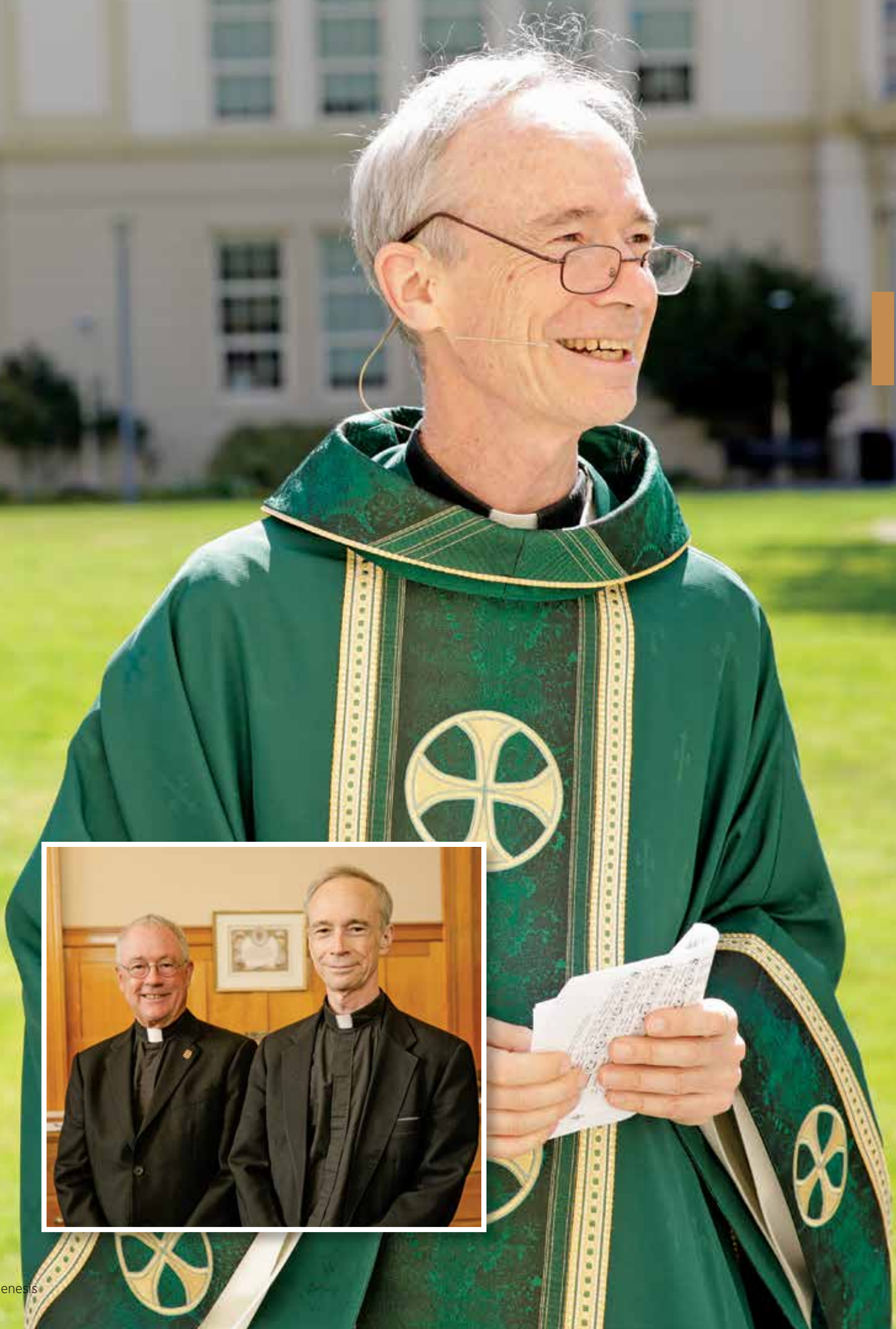
The President's Award — in thanks for all she has done
And continues to do for those in her beloved city
Who will always look upon this Venus,

This embodiment of love,
This guardian angel,
Who is our very own emblem of luck.

Thank you Yvonne. And God bless you. ☺

Yvonne Sangiacomo has been honored by the Little Sisters of the Poor and the St. Vincent de Paul Society for helping the most vulnerable among us.
(Inset) The Sangiacomo family attended the December President's Cabinet Dinner to see Yvonne Sangiacomo receive the President's Award. She is pictured with Fr. Sauer and Fr. Reese.





FAMED CATHOLIC WRITER TOM REESE, S.J., WEIGHS IN ON THE HOT-BUTTON ISSUES FACING THE CHURCH

Tom Reese, S.J., one of the best-known Jesuits in the world, called his brother a few years back to lament Vatican politics and structures that seem stuck in the Middle Ages. Ed Reese, S.J., on the other end of the phone, replied. “Well, it hasn’t impacted our freshman football team yet.”

That one exchange may best capture the difference between these two brother-Jesuits. Eddie, as he is known by his friends and colleagues, has devoted his life to Jesuit high school education, while younger brother Tom has gained an international reputation as a thought leader, reformer and a critic of Church policies and structures. That reputation eventually led to his resignation as editor of *America* magazine after seven years at the helm due to Vatican pressure over his publication of articles that did not always toe the Vatican line.

Tom’s reputation, though, led President Barack Obama to appoint him in 2014 to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, an organization that he chaired until June.

He recently stepped down as a senior analyst for the *National Catholic Reporter* to take on a new role with the Religious News Service, the “largest single source of news about religion, spirituality and ideas,” according to that organization’s website. Given Tom Reese’s experience and expertise, he is well suited for this new and expansive role.

Now in residence at Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C., Tom spoke in July from SCU with *Genesis* editor Paul Totah ’75 about the important work of helping the Church grow and better serve a changing world.

Q. What is *National Catholic Reporter’s* mission, and why is that mission an important one? In short, what is the role of loyal opposition, and is *NCR’s* role the same as *America* magazine’s role?

A. One advantage of *NCR* is that it is a lay-owned and operated newspaper and website. The board of directors is practically all lay, so much so that I joke that this is the new Church, one where Father works for the laity. The advantage of lay publications such as *Commonweal* and *NCR* is that they give a lay voice to issues facing the Church. These publications are their bully pulpit to talk about Catholic issues. Most importantly, they offer a platform for independent voices and no censorship.

When I was editor of *America*, I was worried that the Vatican or the bishops would come down on something we published; in fact, the Vatican did come down like a ton of bricks, and I had to resign from *America*. The advantage of that magazine is people pay attention because they see it as credible given the Jesuit brand behind it. The disadvantage is that if the Vatican says Reese has to go, then Reese has to go. That would never happen at *NCR* or *Commonweal*.

Q. Do you think Pope Francis would have fired you?

A. We’re in a very different Church today. In 2015, at the Synod of Bishops on the Family, he encouraged bishops who disagreed with him to speak up with boldness. This comes from the Acts of the Apostles, where Paul comes to Jerusalem and challenges Peter, who wants all Gentiles to be circumcised and follow Jewish laws. That’s an extraordinary thing for Pope Francis to do — to invite the bishops to speak with complete frankness even if they disagree.

Pope Francis was responding to his own experience when he served under the previous two popes. When he came to Rome for the Synod on evangelization, he was told which topics could not be discussed. It was a joke. The Synod was supposed to

advise the pope, but the Vatican didn’t want the bishops to say anything the pope had not already said. The bishops could only speak to the pope using the pope’s words to agree with him. It was just like the Soviet legislature.

Today, cardinals disagree publicly with the pope. I have no problem with them doing this. That’s one of the most extraordinary things Pope Francis has done, and that means Catholic publications are also liberated to speak their minds without worrying about the Vatican telling religious leadership to fire their editors.

Q. One topic that earned you the wrath of the Vatican when you were editing *America* was your support of married clergy. Has anything changed since then?

A. Certainly having an editorial in support of married clergy would not get anyone in trouble today. In fact, the pope is waiting for the bishops’ conferences to request an optional celibacy route to the priesthood. One Brazilian bishop has a huge diocese that includes a large part of the Amazon jungle. He only has 20 priests and needs more. He told the pope that for this to happen, the Church needs to have married clergy. The pope’s response was, “Go back to Brazil and speak to the bishops’ conference and ask them to request it, and I will give it serious consideration.”

The idea of a married clergy is not a doctrinal issue. Even the most conservative Catholics acknowledge that it’s a matter of law, not doctrine, and law can change. In the first 1,000 years of the Church, we had married clergy, and 11 of the 12 apostles were married. If Peter can be married and Jesus picked him to be pope, there’s no reason why we can’t have a married clergy today.

The other issue is women priests, and some argue that it’s a question of doctrine. They argue that the pope, even if he wanted, could not change this. This seems to be the position taken by Pope Francis. Can we still discuss it? That would push Pope Francis to see whether he really is willing to accept people disagreeing with him.

Tom Reese, S.J., a former senior analyst for *National Catholic Reporter*, now serves in that same role for Religious News Service, where he covers issue ranging from Vatican politics to racism and tax reform.

(Inset) Brothers Tom and Ed Reese concelebrating Mass last summer at St. Ignatius Church.

The enforcer of orthodoxy in the Church has traditionally been the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which would go after theologians and writers who said or wrote things in opposition to Church teaching or Vatican policy. It is no longer trying to silence theologians.

In short, if a Catholic publication discussed married clergy, it would get away with it, unless that magazine was published by a conservative bishop.

Q. What about issues concerning LGBT communities, especially in light of Fr. James Martin's new book — *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion and Sensitivity*?

A. The issue of married priests is an either/or situation. If you talk about LGBT issues, you're talking about a whole range of things. Jim described how the Church and the LGBT community can have a better relationship as the Church can be welcoming and compassionate. He brings up the image of us all as pilgrims walking together, with none of us perfect. That kind of pastoral approach won't get you in trouble with the bishops. In fact, Jim has two cardinals endorsing his book as he's a very careful writer.

You won't find anything about having gay marriage in a sacramental setting, and you won't see anything in his book about sex outside of marriage being OK. However, he does point out that if you say a gay couple living together can't go to communion, then you have to say the same thing regarding heterosexual couples or divorced Catholics. And what about other issues? Eventually you get to the point where no one can go to communion. Jim points out that if you only talk about excluding gay people, then you are discriminating. Pope Francis believes that Communion is food for the wounded, not a reward for the perfect.

I think as long as you use the language of friendship, love and pastoral concern for all the people of God, including those in the LGBT community, then you're OK. But saying that they should also be married in the Church and that there is no difference between gay and heterosexual marriage, that's crossing a line that Pope Francis and the bishops are not willing to cross.

Pope Francis and the bishops won't change their mind on these issues, but certainly the pope would be on board with everything Jim says in his book about how we should respect and love and welcome people in the LGBT community.

Q. For many, the Church is still moving at a snail's pace regarding its attitude toward the LGBT community.

A. Clearly the language that the Church used in the past about gay people is awful. The Church used to refer to homosexuality as "inherently disordered." That is abstract Greek philosophical language based on categories that no one understands. Gay people see it as demeaning, and that vocabulary has to be thrown onto the junk heap of history

Questions also come up regarding how gay marriage should be treated by the state. Here I think the Catholic bishops have been crazy in their opposition to civil gay marriage. I don't see the rationale. Long ago, bishops accepted that divorced people could get remarried in civil society. If the Church can accept that, then why can't it accept gay people being married by the state? Having gay marriage be civilly legal doesn't have an impact on sacramental marriage, and the state cannot tell churches to perform wedding ceremonies for gay people. Basically, the bishops should just shut up, as this fight is over. The bishops lost years ago. To do a rear-guard fight against gay marriage is just stupid.

It's the same as the battle over legalizing birth control in the U.S. Certain forms of artificial birth control used to be illegal. After the Church lost, it gave up trying to criminalize birth control. The Church should respond to gay marriage the same way. It's over. You fought, you lost and now you learn to live with it and move on.

Public law, according to Aquinas, does not have to enact the entire moral law. It's a matter of prudence and keeping order in society. There are good arguments in favor of gay marriage in terms of raising kids, property rights and protecting the rights of people. These are all helpful to society. I could vote for legalizing gay marriage. In any case, that battle is over. The Supreme Court ended that fight.

Q. You have long been an observer of the Vatican. On what areas would you give Pope Francis high marks?

A. I'd give the pope top marks for the way in which he preaches the gospel. This is the most important thing we're supposed to do as priests and bishops. In the past,

evangelization simply meant memorizing the catechism and accepting everything in it. Pope Francis's central message is that God loves us. This is Christ's most important message, one central to his parables. Flowing from this, "If God loves us so much, then we should love one another." That's the core of the gospel message, not the theology of transubstantiation. Francis' reorienting the Church around that message of love is extremely important. He was a pastor, unlike Benedict, who was a theologian. Benedict was concerned with how words are defined, which is what you would expect from a university professor. Francis, however, went into the slums, listened to people's concerns and saw how they needed to hear that God loves them. It's a powerful message.

I also praise his attempt to change the culture of the Church. He hates clericalism. It's ironic, given his belief that we should forgive one another, how tough he is when he speaks to priests and bishops. He challenges them and tells them they must change. He reminds them that they aren't princes but servants of the people of God.

Clericalism has been disastrous for the Church. Too many bishops believe that God put them in charge and that Catholics have to do what they tell them. Father has all the answers, and all you need to do is pay, pray and obey. That might work for illiterate peasants but not for college educated folk who live in a culture that questions everything and that won't accept statements simply based on the authority of an office.

What he's calling the bishops and clergy to is conversion. That's tough, but it's what the Church is supposed to be about. Sadly, it hasn't worked yet. A lot of seminarians and young priests and bishops just don't get it. They aren't on board with Pope Francis and what he's trying to do with the Church. Too many are hoping that his papacy will end soon and that we will get back to a pope like Benedict or John Paul II.

Q. And where would you give Pope Francis middle marks?

A. I'd give him a C on reforming the Vatican. It's a passing grade. The Vatican Bank is pretty much cleaned up, but there is still a need to do more with other aspects of Vatican finances. He is moving in the right direction, even to the point where a couple of people are being prosecuted for misappropriating money from the Vatican Hospital.

Still, he really doesn't know how to reform the Vatican completely. The most important reform that the Curia needs is for the pope to stop making cardinals and bishops out of the people who work there. Vatican employees should be lay people or simple priests. The current organization of the Vatican is modeled on the royal courts of the 18th century where the king ruled his nation with nobles. The Papal Court is still organized that way. It's not even a 19th-century bureaucracy yet. Bishops should serve people in a diocese. Vatican bureaucrats shouldn't be placed between the College of Bishops and the pope.

We see it with Cardinal Gerhard Müller, the former prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, whose term was not renewed. He's 69. Do you just retire him? We have this idea that if you're a cardinal or an archbishop, then the Vatican should have a job for you. If he were a simple priest, we'd say, "Thank you for your service. Here's a plane ticket. Go back to your bishop and find work with him."

One of Pope Francis's problems is that he doesn't want to fire anyone. You can't reorganize a big bureaucracy without getting rid of some people and bringing in new people. Just look at his communication shop. It's filled with a staff dedicated to short wave radio who are now being asked to do tweets and post YouTube videos. Some aren't interested in learning new skills. It's tough to reorganize unless you tell people this isn't going to work out any more. You need to offer them severance pay and tell them it's over.

The other area is the sex abuse crisis. I'd give him a C. He has continued the zero-tolerance policy of Pope Benedict; however, while he understands it on an intellectual level, he hasn't gone through the gut-wrenching pain that clergy and people in North America have faced with years of headlines and legal cases. I don't think he gets it on a visceral level. I recommend he meet with victims of sexual abuse at least once a month and listen to them. He should let them tell him their stories and weep and pray with them. I have been totally changed by the little of that I've done. Then it becomes no longer an abstraction but a human issue. He needs to do that.

Q. Any failing grades for the pope?

A. Yes. He just doesn't get women. I wouldn't give him an F, as he likes and respects women. He isn't afraid of strong women and can work with them, but he doesn't have a 21st-century vocabulary when he talks about women. Some feminists, including

theologians who love him, cringe when they hear him speak about the complementary and special charism women have. Any man, especially a cleric, who talks about women has to have his head examined. The best thing a cleric can do is shut up and listen.

The women's issues he is concerned about are those affecting women in the Third World: human trafficking, poverty, unemployment. The glass ceiling women face, where a woman doesn't become a full professor or full partner in a law firm, these aren't his issues.

However, he's capable of working with strong, smart women. When he got out of technical school and became a chemist, his first boss was a woman and a Marxist. She mentored him, and they remained good friends for the rest of her life. Still, he has an inability to understand 21st century feminists. When he wanted to work on human trafficking, he hired a woman lawyer. When I asked her what it was like working for him, she said it was great. "He did whatever I told him." He needs to bring women like that into the Vatican.

Q. You wrote about the pope's encyclical, *Caring for Our Common Home*. What has happened to advance the call to action of *Laudato Si'*? What worries you about the way the world is responding to it?

A. The environmental crisis is *the* crisis of the 21st century. We're talking about the survival of hundreds of thousands of species and the impact on human civilization. This is an extraordinarily moral issue, and for a pope to put the moral authority of the Catholic Church behind the environmental movement was very important.

Some bishops have committed their dioceses to having a zero-carbon footprint. But it hasn't gotten the same full-court press from the bishops that they gave to fighting the contraceptive mandate of Obamacare. We don't have a fortnight for *Laudato Si'*, but we do for freedom of religion.

Environmentalists now recognize that without the support of religious communities, we won't stop climate change. People aren't going to change their lifestyles to save baby seals, but they will do extraordinary things for their religion, such as spending centuries building cathedrals. Religion will get people to sacrifice their immediate personal interests for the greater good. Catholicism has traditions such as fasting, doing penance for sins and being called to conversion to live a simpler life. We will have to do these and more on a massive scale if we're going to save the earth.

Q. You were appointed by President Obama in 2014 to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and you recently completed a year as its chair. What threats are there to religious freedom?

A. The commission is an independent, bipartisan, government commission that surveys the situation around the world regarding threats and attacks on religious freedom and makes recommendations to the President, the State Department and Congress on how to support religious freedom around the world. Our mandate only covers religious freedom outside the U.S., not inside.

We see states like Russia, China, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia restricting religious freedom and imprisoning people because of their religious beliefs or their desire to practice religion. We also have societal conflicts in Pakistan and Indonesia, where, if you're accused of blasphemy against Mohammed, a mob will show up and lynch you within minutes without a trial. We see Buddhists rioting against and killing Muslims in Burma and Hindus attacking Muslims and Christians in India. The Central African Republic is a tragedy, with Christians and Muslims indiscriminately killing one another. In Egypt, we have seen some improvement with the government condemning violence against Coptic Christians and using state money to rebuild Coptic churches destroyed in terrorist attacks or mob violence.

We see more and more people talking about religious freedom, and that gives me some hope. Even in Saudi Arabia, the fear of Isis has led the government to moderate its language as it speaks about people of other faiths. But it's so discouraging to see the speed with which a mob can get riled up and the way that religion mixes with politics.

In Nigeria with Boko Haram and in Syria with Isis, when militants come in, Muslim neighbors suddenly turn on Christian neighbors with whom they have gotten along for generations. They do so, in part, because of fear that if you're not with Boko Haram or Isis, then you'll be shot or beheaded. To protect themselves, neighbors will turn on neighbors. I've spoken with Christian villagers who had their homes looted after they ran away. It wasn't Boko Haram — it was often their neighbors doing this. I've asked

Christian refugees if they wanted to return home after situations cooled, and they told me that they could never live again with people who turned on them in their hour of need. That is so depressing. Places like Rwanda overcame this only after extraordinarily powerful processes of reconciliation. Few people are good at doing that. We spend billions on weapons but only pennies on reconciliation. Without that, things will settle down for a while and then blow up again every decade.

Q. We've spoken about the need for tolerance among people of different faiths. How has the Catholic Church encouraged tolerance of immigrants and refugees in the U.S.?

A. The Church has excelled at this from the beginning. Back when Catholics were the immigrants, WASPS, the Know-Nothing Party and the KKK were accusing the Church of bringing impurities into the pure American culture. The language that people are using today against immigrants was used against Catholics in the 19th and 20th centuries. It's a disgrace to see Catholics attacking immigrants and refugees.

The Catholic Church was one of the great relocators of refugees after the two world wars and the Vietnam War thanks to Catholic Relief Service and the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services. The Catholic Church has been on the side of the angels regarding these issues.

Some bishops, because of their narrow vision on issues of freedom of religion and abortion, are so identified with certain politicians that they are sometimes unwilling to speak out for refugees. I hope this will change with the bishops under Pope Francis as the Church returns to a comprehensive ethic of life that is concerned about the human person from the womb to the tomb and about refugees and migrants as life issues. This is extremely important today when there are more refugees than ever since WWII.

Q. One of the board members for *NCR* is Teresa Cariño '09. [Editor's note: See the story on Teresa in this issue.] Why is it essential that publications such as *NCR* include the voices of young people such as Teresa?

A. It's so important that the board include the voices of young women who are bright and articulate and who see things that the guys miss. Young people have to be at the table actively participating in decisions affecting the Church today. I also joke about this little-known secret: Women are already controlling the Catholic Church. Who are the teachers and who is passing on the faith to the next generation? It's 90 percent women — mothers, teachers, religious education folks in parishes. They are interacting with kids 24/7, while a priest gets five minutes on the pulpit on Sunday. Who are the kids going to listen to? Who will teach children about Jesus and God? It's women. If bishops don't understand that, then they are totally blind.

Q. How are you and your brother different men and priests?

A. Eddie and I have different personalities and interests. I taught at SI as a scholastic from 1968 to 1970, one year at the old school and one year at the new school. My first year with seniors was a disaster. I couldn't keep discipline. My two years teaching was enough to motivate me to get a doctoral degree so I would never have to teach in a high school again.

On the other hand, Eddie loves high school work and totally thrives on it. We're different in that way but have a great respect for what each of us does. His starting of the Father Sauer Academy to prepare poor kids to thrive during their four years in high school is a terrific model that all of our high schools should imitate.

We're both doing God's work, at least we hope we are, and advancing the Kingdom as we preach and live out the gospel. Eddie does it on a personal level with people. I do it from the pulpit of my writing. However, I generally have no idea how a piece of writing was received, while Eddie and others working at a high school or parish get immediate feedback. You know when people stop listening.

When I write a column, it's read by thousands of people, but it's the individual one-on-one that changes people's lives. It's rare for a column to do that. High school teachers and administrators impact individuals in great ways, whereas a columnist impacts a lot of people in a little way. It's a different world, too. After I complained about something on the Vatican level, Eddie said, "Well, it hasn't impacted the freshman football team yet." There's a perspective you get from being distant from the Vatican. Some of us get obsessed with ecclesiastical politics, and we need reminders from people on the ground-level that there are more important things. ∞



TERESA CARIÑO '09 YOUNGEST PERSON EVER TO SERVE ON BOARD OF NCR

Teresa Cariño '09 understands the irony of her role. Most twentysomethings don't read news by holding paper in their hands. But she does. Most aren't interested in Catholic news. She is. And no one her age has ever had a seat at the table of the board of directors of *National Catholic Reporter*. Until now.

Cariño, a pastoral associate at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in New York City, works with 20 other board members to advise and oversee the nation's only independent Catholic newspaper. Fellow members include Jim Purcell '58 (formerly of SCU), former USF President Stephen Privett, S.J., and board chair Tom Bertelsen, who once served on SI's Board of Regents and who is a former SI parent.

Another SI connection for Cariño is Tom Reese, S.J. — the brother of SI President Edward Reese, S.J. — who recently left *NCR* to work for the Religious News Service. (See the story on Tom Reese, S.J., in this issue.)

Cariño learned she was the youngest board member in the newspaper's history after she attended her first meeting last April in the company's Kansas City, Mo., headquarters. There, she met Bertelsen, Purcell, Fr. Privett and the other board members "each of whom loves the Catholic Church and journalism and respects the mission of *NCR*," she noted. "I saw first-hand how *NCR* seeks to create and broaden community by engaging others as an independent voice. That's why I started reading *NCR* in the first place."

That independent voice serves as a balance to louder voices within the Catholic community, Cariño added. "Sometimes in the U.S., people hear only one loud voice and mistake that for the only voice in the Church. The beauty of our faith is that it's large and dynamic and alive and can hold many independent voices. Reading *NCR*, we all can look at issues through different perspectives and still be good Catholics."

Cariño first learned this truth as a student at SI, where she was given "space for discernment and opportunities to have conversations and ask questions that go to the heart of our Church."

In high school, she was influenced by mentors such as Patrick Lynch, then assistant principal for campus ministry and Cariño's sophomore religious studies teacher. "I cracked open the bible — and my faith — for the first time thanks to his class and learned how to listen to disparate voices and bring them all into a conversation regarding ethics, morals and theology. That was so different from the theology I learned in grade school, which was all about following the rules. Mr. Lynch helped me figure out who God is in my life and what it means to be a person of faith."

She also praised Mike Shaughnessy '67, who taught her junior religious studies course, for "reminding us that SI students sit in positions of privilege. He encouraged us to experience the world by going to the margins to practice a preferential option for the poor."

Cariño did just that on an immersion trip before the start of her senior year. She worked with Religious Studies teacher Katie Bystedt (who has since moved to SoCal) at the Franciscan-run Dorothy's Place in Salinas, helping with a summer camp for children of migrant farm workers.

At USF, she majored in theology and religious studies while living in a dorm that practiced faith in action. Casa Bayanihan, she added "was an intentional community that encouraged community, accompaniment, simple living and academics." That community allowed her to work for an NGO at a fishing village in the Philippines, where she helped people with disabilities.

Back at USF, she joined a student leadership group that put her in touch with Fr. Privett. "I used that connection to weasel my way into having dinner at the Jesuit residence as often as I could, as that was the best food on campus. I must have made an impression on him, somehow." After graduation, she moved to New York to serve for a year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps doing community organizing.

Later, after landing a job working for a Jesuit parish in New York, she learned that Fr. Privett had nominated her to serve on *NCR*'s board. Both Fr. Privett and *NCR*'s publisher hope that Cariño's presence on the board will help guide them in their attempt to reach a younger audience.

Cariño doesn't know too many people her age who read *NCR*, but she has hope that the newspaper will catch on, "especially as so many young people are coming back to the Church, inspired by Pope Francis. Many of us are still riding a wave of excitement that comes from his messages of social justice. Some people I know still pray the Examen, even if they don't go to Mass on Sundays or identify as Catholic. Others want to find a reason to come back and make peace with their relationship with God."

As they struggle to do just that, she hopes they will turn to *NCR*. "I had a professor in college who told us that we should read the Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other. *NCR* helps in that regard, as it reports news through the lens of faith. I live in a country that still has white supremacists and Holocaust deniers. How is hate so fueled in our country? The role of *NCR* is to look around for answers and simply pay attention to Church hierarchy. We need to listen to what people are saying in light of salvation history and find sources of hope. Reading *NCR* helps me make sense of what's happening and pray about events as I see broader perspectives."

She is now pursuing a master's degree from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University as she looks to grow as a youth minister. "I'm hoping to get my teen program off the ground and serve as a youth minister as long as possible. With all the money I've spent on Jesuit education, I finally figured out a way for the Jesuits to pay me rather than me pay them." ∞

Teresa Cariño works as a pastoral associate at New York City's St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. A longtime student of the Jesuits, she jokes that "with all the money I've spent on Jesuit education, I finally figured out a way for the Jesuits to pay me rather than me pay them."

LEONARD CAPOZZI '83 REFLECTS ON HOW MINDFULNESS PRACTICE CAN LEAD TO A HAPPY AND HEALTHY LIFE

The spiritual journey of Leonard Capozzi '83 is one that has gone full circle, beginning in Rome with stops in Asia and California before winding its way back to the Eternal City.

Along the way, Capozzi studied clinical social work, became a practitioner of Chinese medicine and recently became a qualified instructor of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) after completing his training through the Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Healthcare and Society at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, where the first MBSR class was offered in 1979.

The Itaca Mindfulness Center in Treviso, Italy, recently interviewed him on the intersections and commonalities between Eastern and mindfulness practice, which Capozzi defines as “a way of cultivating our innate ability to live more fully in the present moment, with equanimity and loving kindness.”

Rooted in Buddhism, this ancient practice has slowly moved into the mainstream “thanks to the pioneering work of Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn, who removed the Buddhist trappings and emphasized the importance of a science-based approach when he created the MBSR protocol,” said Capozzi from his home in Rome. “More and more medical schools, a wide range of other schools and institutions and many businesses and individual health and mental health professionals now offer some version of the eight-week class.”

UCSF, for example, offers an MBSR class through the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine, Stanford School of Medicine offers a host of MBSR classes, and Sutter Health CPMC also offers the class, advertising that it can help people “develop the ability to experience each moment, no matter how difficult or intense, with serenity and clarity” as well as “increase immune function,” “reduce pain and anxiety” and “feel more alive and joyful.”

“When Kabat-Zinn started, his medical school gave him a small room in the basement,” said Capozzi. “Now the Center for Mindfulness has its own building as doctors and patients have seen and experienced first-hand, and research has shown, just how effective MBSR is in helping people manage stress, pain and chronic illness or simply live happier, more meaningful lives.”

Capozzi's interest in healing comes, in part, from his father, Angelo, who worked as an Air Force surgeon before going into private practice. At 84, the elder Capozzi still travels the world operating on children in developing nations with cleft lips and palates. (Leonard's older brother is also named Angelo. A 1979 SI grad, he lives in Maastricht, The Netherlands, where he works as an international business consultant.)

Both sons grew up in Tiburon, along with their younger sister, Jeanne. While in middle school, Leonard loved going to the high school games with his brother and entered SI as a freshman “with visions of glory,” he noted. “All that came to an end after an ankle injury sidelined me after a less-than-spectacular JV football season.”

His remaining years at SI left him feeling ambivalent about the experience. “A lot of my friends in Marin attended the local public school, and I really didn't enjoy being at an all-boys school.”

He did, however, find mentors in religious studies teacher Dave Lorentz and counselor Paul Capitolo, S.J. '53. “At my 25-year reunion, during Fr. Capitolo's wonderful homily, I felt deeply grateful for my time at SI. I know I experienced something profound during my four years there — much more than what I realized at the time. It was really a foundational experience that has stayed with me my entire life.”

At Cal, Capozzi majored in Italian Literature and spent seven months studying in Rome, but seeing the wealth of the Church up close left him feeling conflicted. “I was 20 and idealistic,” he said. “That's all it took for me to decide I was done with the whole scene. I made the decision to leave the Church and study the world's spiritual traditions.” Capozzi chanced upon a book of Buddhist scriptures, became interested in Eastern contemplative practices and started meditating.

After graduating from Cal, he earned a master's degree in clinical social work and then worked at the Center for Attitudinal Healing in Sausalito, where he led support groups for people with life-threatening illnesses or grieving the loss of loved ones.

When he sought help for a chronic cough, he was introduced to Chinese medicine and was so impressed with the results that he decided to change career paths. He studied Mandarin in Taiwan from 1997 to 2001 before returning to San Francisco to complete his formal training at The American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

This new career path did not sit well with his parents. “When I told my parents that I was going to study Chinese medicine, I was in the process of applying for doctoral programs in psychology. My father didn't react positively at first but pretty quickly he got on board and referred me to an MD friend of his who had training in acupuncture. My mother burst into tears when I told her. But both are wonderful people, and in the end, they have been supportive of the twists and turns I've taken in my life.”

While in Taiwan, Capozzi found himself drawn to his Catholic roots. “I left Catholicism when I was in Rome, and in Taiwan, ironically, I embraced it again. I started reading the Christian mystics, including a biography of Edith Stein, when I realized that what I was looking for in other traditions was already present in the Catholic, Christian tradition. The Christian mystical and contemplative traditions aren't well known to most Catholics. You have to dig a little bit, but I discovered that deep down I really am Catholic, and after all those years, I started going back to Mass.”

Nine years after his return to the Bay Area, he moved into Berkeley's Incarnation Monastery, run by the Camaldolese Benedictine monks. “I'd work during the day, and as often as possible, I would join the monks for their morning and evening prayers. I felt I



needed time to reflect on where my life was going, especially in regards to relationships. I wanted to get married but that wasn't happening."

After three years living there, he was told that a new person was joining the monastery as a border — an Italian woman who had just left life as a religious sister. "We married a year later." Due to her parents' fragile health, Leonard and Rosanna currently live in Rome, but they are planning to move back to the Bay Area, at least for part of the year, in the near future.

Mindfulness practice helps Capozzi manage the stresses of living and working in a chaotic city. "It's important for me to spend time in silence each day meditating."

In silent practice, Capozzi finds a unity among the head, heart and the rest of the body and between Eastern and Western religions. "From the time I was a child, I felt a strong relationship with Jesus, but only after I started reading the Buddhist scriptures and meditating did I begin to understand the gospel message more deeply. Mindfulness practice can bring us back to the core of the gospel message and teach us how to translate gospel values into action as we learn to acknowledge — and then slowly accept and transform — the more difficult aspects of our personality."

The basic mindfulness practice consists of paying attention to the physical sensations of the breath as it moves in and out while learning, patiently and non-judgmentally, to bring the attention back to the breath time and time again after the mind wanders off.

"Often, our life is run by the critical voice in our head that offers non-stop commentary on everything. This creates a lot of stress and can worsen pain and illness. By learning to observe our thoughts, emotions and bodily sensations with equanimity, we naturally find ourselves living more in the present moment. And when the present moment is one that we wouldn't necessarily choose for ourselves, the secret is gently and courageously turning our attention towards the difficulty, bringing awareness to our resistance and then, as much as possible, allowing the situation to be as is, just for that moment. In this way, we learn to respond to life instead of reacting habitually. This is where our peace, our healing, and our real power lies."

The Chinese ideogram for mindfulness, Capozzi added, "combines the characters for 'presence' and 'heart,' which includes the mind. It's a beautiful character and suggests that heartfulness is as good a term as mindfulness, maybe better, especially as we realize that our way of being in relationship with ourselves, others and the world changes as a result of the practice."

Mindfulness practice, he added, "helps me to understand better my Catholic faith and be a better husband. The more I do mindfulness practice and teach MBSR, the more I see it's all about paying attention — really listening deeply with our heart. That's the key to emotional and spiritual health, and it can benefit our physical health as well." ∞

Leonard Capozzi now lives in Rome with his wife, Rosanna. The two met at a Camaldolese Benedictine monastery in Berkeley. He now teaches Mindfulness Based Stressed Reduction to help others "learn to respond to life instead of reacting habitually. This is where our peace, our healing, and our real power lies."

CAROLINE (WONG) ROBBINS '01 WROTE THE BOOK ON CYBERSECURITY

Caroline (Wong) Robbins '01 is one of the most recognized names in cybersecurity not because of any computer course she took at SI. Instead, she credits her English classes and her time in the Speech and Debate Club honing her rhetorical skills.

The author of the 2011 best-seller *Security Metrics: A Beginner's Guide*, Wong (she goes by Caroline Wong professionally) took a sideways journey into her profession and is now one of the leading voices encouraging young women to consider tech jobs.

Most recently, a survey she completed last July made national news after it upturned some established myths about women in tech, as it revealed both how veteran and happy they are in their jobs.

Wong and her sister — Clarissa (Wong) Fernandez-Pol '04, a Kaiser pediatrician — grew up in a traditional Chinese family. Her father came to the U.S. from Fiji and her mother from Hong Kong. The two met while students at Cal and encouraged their children to pursue careers in medicine and engineering.

"When I told my father that I wanted to study either psychology or dance, he just told me no," said Wong. "He insisted I study engineering."

Wong praised SI English teacher Bobby Gavin for teaching her how to write. "I've used that skill throughout my career, which differentiated me from others in my field. Even though I'm a mediocre engineer, I can speak in front of a crowd with confidence thanks to Speech and Debate. Many people in my field are terrified of speaking in public settings, but I worked out all my fears when I was 15."

While at Cal, Wong landed an internship at eBay, but when she went looking for a job there after graduation, she was told that jobs in IT weren't available and was encouraged to apply for an opening in information security. "I didn't know what information security meant, so the night before my interview, I memorized the Wikipedia page on the topic. That helped me get the job."

Later, her boss asked her to speak at the RSA security conference on security metrics — the management tools used to measure success at protecting systems, organizations and users from hackers. She did so well that an editor at McGraw-Hill asked her to contribute to a book on cybersecurity written by a respected university professor. "I read the manuscript and knew that it was so esoteric that it was a decade ahead of its time," said Wong. "Few people would understand it."

That inspired her to write her own book, one published by McGraw Hill in 2011, by working nights and weekends for two years. Shortly after its publication, it became a best-selling book in her field. "My area is so complex that it needed the equivalent of a 'Cybersecurity for Dummies.'"

The book gave Wong a prominence that allowed her the freedom to land nearly any job she applied for. She worked at Zynga, Symantec and Cigital before taking a job last year as vice president of security strategy for Cobalt, a San Francisco firm founded in 2013. She chose that company because of its philosophy — more on that later — it's start-up energy and its proximity to her San Francisco home, where she lives with her husband and daughter, who was born in 2015.

"When I first started, there were only 10 people in the company. It was a small enough group that we could eat lunch together every day on the roof," said Wong from her office just next to the Double Play Bar and Grill across from the old Seals Stadium.

The company now comprises 20 staffers and 200 freelance hackers around the world who look for security bugs and flaws in their customers' web and mobile applications and APIs. Those hackers then work directly with programming teams to fix the problems.

Cobalt CEO and co-founder Jacob Hansen, a 33-year-old from Copenhagen, used to work at Accenture and founded the company because he believes the traditional consulting model is broken. "Traditionally, consulting rewards years of experience over merit, and cybersecurity consulting is no different," said Wong. "Jacob and his co-founders wanted to use crowdsourcing and a global talent pool to change the model. He also knows what it feels like to get hacked. In 2012 before he founded Cobalt, Jacob was an early bitcoin adopter and lost value on a popular bitcoin exchange when it was hacked. In order for cryptocurrency to work, he realized, the world needs secure systems. The idea for Cobalt was born at that moment."

Wong also praises the company's diversity. Of the 20 employees, nearly half come from outside the U.S. Of those, five come from Denmark, two from Singapore, one from Norway and another from Poland. The office includes five women as well, and this is a key point for Wong, who works to promote women in tech and cybersecurity.

Like many in her field, she was angered by the report of a Google engineer who argued that women weren't as fit for tech work as men. However, she doesn't believe in filling jobs through quotas but in expanding the search to include more candidates.

"Diversity results in better performance," she noted. "If three people are trying to solve a problem, and they all come from the same school with the same background, they will come up with three similar solutions. A diverse team will come up with diverse solutions."

The way to create diversity in the workplace, she noted, is two-fold. "We need to encourage women and minorities to work in tech by inspiring them. We also need to encourage hiring managers to look beyond the most obvious candidates with



backgrounds in computer science and cybersecurity certifications. The hiring managers who end up with diverse teams do so because they are trying to hire the best people they can, and they look in more places than other managers who rely too heavily on HR.”

News outlets don’t help matters, Wong added. “Either they report on women who are harassed in the workplace, or they write about successful women who have ‘overcome monstrous obstacles’ to get where they are. These stories don’t work to encourage young women to consider tech as a career. But there’s a third story that hasn’t been told. Many women love their tech jobs and are extraordinarily successful. They didn’t need to overcome monstrous obstacles. It’s the more boring story that needs to be told to widen the hiring pipeline. If I’m a little girl and I read about a woman being touched inappropriately, I won’t want to go into that field. But if I read about the sweet salary, the great travel opportunities, the ability to solve interesting problems and the impactful work, then I’ll want to do that job.”

To discover for herself the reality of women in tech, Wong posted a survey on social media hoping to get 100 responses. She tripled that figure and discovered some surprising results. “More than one third of the women who responded have been in their jobs for more than a decade. These are veterans, not newcomers to tech. Less

than half had degrees in computer science. They majored in psychology or art or accounting or other fields unrelated to tech.”

Wong then did a “deep dive interview” with eight of the women. “I learned just how much they loved their jobs as they felt their work was so impactful. Many of them did overcome obstacles. We have all been in situations where we show up to a meeting and someone asks us to get coffee or assumes we’re at a conference because our husband is attending. But that’s such a small part of the story.”

To make that happen, Wong writes regularly about women in tech, with her articles appearing on LinkedIn, and she writes about security metrics, showing customers how companies such as Cobalt can measure their success in protecting clients and showcasing the need for and success of diversity in the workplace.

Her biggest point of pride, though, is her daughter, who was born shortly before her father passed away after a long fight with cancer. “I’m so glad she was born before he passed away. She is my biggest success story.” ∞

Caroline (Wong) Robbins now works for San Francisco-based Cobalt as vice president of security based strategy, helping companies around the world fend off attacks from hackers.



BIOLOGY TEACHER ISAAC STRONG HELPS LOW-INCOME STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE RIGORS OF COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND COLLEGE LIFE

Dr. Isaac Strong, a biology teacher at SI, knows something about working with low-income students. After all, he once was one himself.

Strong grew up on a small goat farm in Canby, Ore., and was the first in his family to attend college. “I had no idea what I was doing when I applied for college or for financial aid,” he noted. “No one told me that I could study for the SAT before taking the test.”

A third-year biology teacher at SI, Strong also volunteers at the local chapter of a national non-profit called Minds Matter, which prepares low-income students to take the SATs and ACTs, work on personal statements and prepare for college.

As head of programs for Minds Matter San Francisco (MMSF), Strong works with a host of other SI faculty, staff and alumni who also volunteer with the organization, including religious studies teacher Lisa Traum, who leads the mentoring program for sophomores at Minds Matter. Luci Moreno '12, a former Alumni Volunteer Corps member at SI, also works with sophomores, and Katy Marconi '10, a Learning Center coordinator at SI, is MMSF's graphic designer. In addition, Maricel Hernandez, SI math teacher and interim co-director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion, presented a workshop for MMSF volunteers.

It's the students, however, who keep Strong committed to the organization. He tells the story of an immigrant from China who came to the U.S. with poor English language skills. “His math scores were high, but he needed help with public speaking,” said Strong. “During two summer programs, he figured out what he wanted to do for a living and faced his fear of public speaking. Now he is attending Harvard on an almost full-ride scholarship.”

Strong also works with one girl who immigrated to the U.S. with her family from Latin America. “Her two mentors worked with her to improve her English and help her be less shy. She applied herself to her test-prep classes, and her scores grew better and better. She then spent a summer at Yale, even though she was afraid to leave her family for so long. She traveled to the East Coast by herself and grew so much. She returned much more confident and is now applying to college and engaging with her Minds Matter classmates.”

As its head of programs, Strong's job is to ensure the smooth operation of MMSF sessions that run every Saturday for four hours during the school year. Students spend half their time with instructors and the other half with mentors who help them discover their own strengths and challenges and figure out strategies to overcome them. “We help them understand themselves better and give them the resources they otherwise wouldn't have.”

MMSF hopes to narrow the “achievement gap of low-income students and their high-income counterparts,” said Strong, who joined the program in 2012. “Most of the students will be the first in their families to attend college.”

The group raises money through several events, including their Spring Gala, an event that takes place each year at San Francisco City Hall.

That setting is a far cry from Strong's home in Oregon where he spent his days inoculating and caring for the goats that his family sold to dairies specializing in goat cheese. “I loved being outside, where I learned about science firsthand. When I studied genetics in high school and in college, I understood it immediately, thanks to our farm's breeding program.”

At Gonzaga, Strong was a biology/pre-med major and landed a job doing independent research. He loved “asking questions that no one had asked before and finding answers that were new.” That led him to apply for a doctoral program at UCSF in cellular biology, and he was awarded his doctoral degree in 2015. By then, however, he decided not to work in research or in medicine. Strong was an adjunct faculty member at USF while working on his doctoral degree, and that teaching experience changed the course of his career.

“Early on in grad school, I discovered that I wanted to teach. Being on a bench all day isn't as much fun as working with students and getting them to think about science in different ways. Students at USF wanted to rely on memorizing facts, but that's only one step of the process. Science is about recognizing facts as tools that you use to solve a puzzle. It's frustrating to see how hard it is to retrain college students to think differently. Here I can train students to think about science in a new way early on. It's also what I love about Minds Matter.” ∞

Dr. Isaac Strong serves as head of program for Minds Matter San Francisco, which serves low-income students. He knows what it's like to grow up with few resources, given his childhood working on his parents' goat farm in Oregon.

Gunnar Bachmann '18 turns his new company into overdrive to solve tech problems



A freak accident while playing lacrosse in his freshman year turned out to be a blessing in disguise for Gunnar Bachmann '18, who swapped playing time for honing his tech skills and starting his own business.

Now back on the lacrosse field, it is his tech skills that will give him a head start over his peers as he pursues a degree in computer science in college this fall.

While playing at a SoCal lacrosse tourney, Bachmann took a hit from behind that tore

his rotator cuff and his growth plates and that caused multiple fractures. "It wasn't even a hard hit," said Bachmann.

He already had a solid foundation in programming and Photoshop thanks to computer camps he attended — some in person and some online — while at Town School and SI, including IDTech Camp at Stanford, the Codeacademy and Flatiron School. "I learned the programming language C++ and saw how much fun it was."

In his freshman year at SI, he created his business's website at gbachtech.com, on which he bills himself as "your digital handyman." At first, he helped his mother's dress shop — Kim and Proper — by editing photos, creating online invitations and ads and developing a mailing list. Later, he took on clients that included his parents' friends and family, charging a flat fee of \$20 an hour for his services.

His business took off when he posted ads on Nextdoor.com and began drawing clients from around his home in Cole Valley and from Pacific Heights.

One client hired him to set up a Wi-Fi extender to increase the range of her network. "She had hired three professionals to do this, and they eventually gave up," said Bachmann. "I stayed on the job for three hours, slowly inching my way toward a solution before I finally got it to work. She was so relieved, she almost began crying."

For tough jobs like this, Bachmann applies the tricks he learned at his camps, including searching for solutions through online tutorials and blogs. "One instructor taught me ways to search so that I never have to ask anyone a question. It involves far more than merely using Google. You need to know how to find something specific and complicated and dig deeper by rewording your query."

He has done everything from using Squarespace to build websites for customers to setting up printers and photo storage solutions. "I'll tell customers that the job will be free if I can't do what they ask, but that hasn't happened yet."

Starting his own business has also helped Bachmann learn to organize his busy schedule. "I relied on writing down all my appointments, but that didn't work out so well when I found myself double booked and missing appointments. Now I use my online calendar more and plan everything out. I can't afford to wait for my mother to find a scrap of paper on my desk and remind me of some meeting."

This past summer, Bachmann also served as a teacher's assistant at SI's Tech TakeOver Camp for middle schoolers, helping the lead instructor Robbie Lucchessi '10. "He let me teach some of the course, too, including coding languages such as Python and HTML. I had a lot of fun, as some of the students were digital natives who quickly understood these lessons." ∞



PASKO: SIPAC, the parent organization that supports the Asian Students Coalition, staged another successful Pasko celebration that featured students playing instruments, singing and dancing. The evening ended with a fashion show representing the various Asian cultures of SI.

LOYOLA & IGNATIAN GUILD HOLIDAY TEA: In early December, the combined Guilds of SI rung in the Christmas season with a tea held in the Student Center. Fifth from left is Ignatian Guild President Staci Fleming. Sixth from left is Loyola Guild President Connie Mack.





Lyla Hinkle '19 meets playwrights who told her 9/11 story

Lyla Hinkle '19 was only seven months old on 9/11 — too young to know that she was in the eye of an historical hurricane, when terrorists took down the Twin Towers, destroyed part of the Pentagon and crashed a plane into a field in Pennsylvania's Somerset County.

Two years ago, though, she heard that writers and actors had turned a little-known part of 9/11 into the award-winning musical *Come From Away*, which chronicled how 38 planes were diverted on that day to the town of Gander in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador. In all, about 7,000 passengers, including Hinkle and her parents, spent five days there before continuing their journeys.

Hinkle recently wrote about that experience after interviewing a producer for the musical and two of its writers and hearing stories told to her by her parents and the family they stayed with in Gander. Her piece was published in *Inside SI* and appeared on ThriveGlobal's website.

Lyla was born in Egypt to Bob Hinkle and Meghan Schwartz who, at the time, served respectively as an energy efficiency expert for Bechtel and as the assistant editor for *Egypt Today Magazine*.

On Sept. 11, 2001, they were on a Lufthansa flight from Paris to New York City to attend a

wedding when all planes flying in the Canadian and U.S. airspace were forced to land except for military, medical and police flights. Hinkle's jet landed at 11:30 a.m. on Gander, and she and her parents sat in the plane for 10 hours while Lyla's parents read the same book to her over and over again.

What followed inspired a Broadway musical. The townspeople of Gander, who refer to those not born in Newfoundland and Labrador as "come from away," welcomed all 7,000 passengers with generosity and compassion. One woman, seeing all the babies among the passengers, gathered "as many baby clothes, formula and toys as she could find," said Hinkle.

The town also mobilized and turned a school into a refugee center. "They were faced with the enormous task of feeding and housing 7,000 people, and that inspired the song from the musical 'Blankets and Bedding,'" wrote Hinkle in her story.

Residents turned Gander Collegiate's gym into a kitchen and "delivered food, set up rows of cots in classrooms and filled bookshelves with diapers, rattles, toys and formula," wrote Hinkle. "They set up telephone booths so people could call their friends and family. They also introduced the plane people into Newfoundland culture," including the drinking of a shot of Screech — a strong sort of rum —

and the kissing of a codfish, which signifies moving from an outsider to a Newfoundlander.

The family eventually was befriended by locals Paula King and her husband, Greg, an air traffic controller, who invited the family to stay with them for three nights. "The Kings owned a watch shop and invited my father to pick out any watch as a gift, but he declined. The Kings, like everyone in Gander, opened up their town to us."

They also helped Hinkle see that "while we can't ignore what happened on 9/11, good still prevailed that day. The terrorists tried to tear us apart, but the people of Gander built us back up."

Hinkle got a new look into that part of her history after *Come From Away* opened in Washington, D.C., before moving to Broadway. "One of my mother's friends saw it and told us that it was amazing." Before she left with her parents and her siblings — Samantha '21 and Elliott (a sixth grader at Town School) — to see the show, Hinkle asked her English teacher, Peter Devine '66, to help arrange an interview with those who helped craft the musical.

Devine contacted his former student and celebrated actor Francis Jue '81, who is also a friend of the show's producer, Randy Adams. They arranged for Hinkle and her family to meet Adams, who offered a backstage tour and an interview between Hinkle and writers David Hein and Irene Sankoff.

While in New York, Hinkle learned that the two playwrights had interviewed hundreds of Gander residents and created a dozen composite characters, each representing a theme such as love, food and religion. "The writers and creative team replicated this tightly knit community on stage by using the Newfoundland tradition of telling stories and singing songs," wrote Hinkle in her story. "That's how they stay warm and get through the winters. Hein also told me that if strangers come to your door and say they need help, you let them in and give them whatever they need as the next day it could be you."

Hinkle also met the cast and their families who happened to be at the show that day. The actors enjoyed meeting Hinkle and her parents — "people who experienced what they were acting."

In college, Hinkle plans to study French and Arabic. "I was born in Egypt and hope to go back. I haven't been back since I was 5, and when I do, I'd like to speak the language." ∞

ABOVE LEFT: David Hein and Irene Sankoff, the playwrights behind *Come From Away*, met with Lyla Hinkle '19 (right) during her trip to NY. To read Lyla's piece online, go to thriveglobal.com and search for her name.

Ikeda siblings show their ‘can-do’ spirit in the sport of Kendo



The Ikeda siblings — Carolyne '19, Paul '20 and eighth grader Catherine — sometimes think of themselves as Jedi. At other times, especially when they compete in sailboat races, they liken themselves to pirates.

What both have in common is skill with swords, and both are apt metaphors given their proficiency at Kendo, a modern Japanese martial art that uses bamboo swords and protective armor. Kendo moves influenced the choreography used by George Lucas in his *Star Wars*' lightsaber battles; Kendo also inspired all three children when they first saw their uncle, a Kendo expert, demonstrate intricate and lightning-fast moves.

All three have achieved success, with Paul taking first in the nation in his age group last June and earning a trip to Japan with Team USA to compete in the All Japan High School Tournament. While Team USA didn't place in the tourney, Paul did win his match and was awarded MVP for his team.

His sister Carolyne is among the top eight girls in the country in the 16–18 age group, a distinction held by Catherine in the 13-and-under group.

Carolyne also trained with Team USA for the past four months, attending SoCal-based training camps and competing in tournaments including the ENGO Scholarship Kendo Championship, in which she won second place.

This past October, Paul took first place and Carolyn third place at the SoCal Kendo Organization's Individual Kendo Championship. In November, all three siblings each took first place in the Junior Team Division in a Palo Alto Tournament, representing Team San Mateo.

Carolyne has a second-degree black belt, Paul will test for his black belt this spring and Catherine's rank is 1-kyu, the level right before black belt.

Their father, Clyde Ikeda, was an avid Kendo practitioner in his 20s. He even returned to his native Japan to learn more about the sport. His children were also inspired to take up Kendo by their uncle, Kenji Irie, a sensei in Southern California.

Paul was the first to sign up at the San Mateo Kendo Dojo when he was a second grader, and his two sisters soon followed suit, quite literally, by suiting up in the protective armor and head gear needed to avoid injury from the bamboo swords. While not sharp, the bamboo swords can leave welts on unprotected skin.

While Kendo's origins are in samurai sword fighting, none of the children cares to watch samurai movies on TV. "The old movies are

boring," noted Paul. Instead the siblings are motivated by the values instilled by Kendo, which seeks to "mold the mind and body," "cultivate a vigorous spirit," and "hold in esteem human courtesy and honor," among other dictums espoused by the sport.

They also enjoy the strategy needed to succeed and note that "some of the best in Kendo are in their 80s," noted Carolyne. "You can never peak in the sport. Even when your agility weakens, you can still win thanks to experience, speed and strategy. By observing, you learn how to defeat your opponent. Some players are all speed and have little strategy."

Paul's favorite move is to move to strike someone on one side. "They block to protect themselves, thus opening up their other side to attack. I may pretend to hit a head but then strike the abdomen."

Catherine, a basketball player at St. Brendan's, has seen her skill on the court improve thanks to Kendo, which takes place on a 33-foot-square arena.

All three siblings describe Kendo as an elegant sport, though they also point to the yelling they are required to make in a match. "We shout to embody our spirit by screaming before and as we hit someone. This is called 'kiai' and is the embodiment of our spirit," said Paul. "We do that also to intimidate our opponents and to declare a point."

Most tournaments take place in San Jose, where local dojos gather for practice and tournaments organized by the Northern California Kendo Federation, which also prepared the Ikedas for national and international competition.

The siblings also are expert sailors, and the older two compete on SI's Sailing Club. "That comes from our mother's side of the family," Catherine noted. Their mother, Lisa Dollard, is the daughter of Ed Dollard '53, who lives down the street from his grandchildren. "The two sports are opposite in some ways," said Carolyne. "In Kendo, we are confined to the court and constrained by our armor. When we sail, we are completely free, and the ocean is all ours." ∞

TOP, FROM LEFT: Catherine, Carolyne and Paul Ikeda.
BOTTOM: Paul Ikeda at a tournament. He took first in the sport in his age group. Photo by Albert Facultad Photography.





**Dance
Concert
shines the
light on SI
talent**

The Winter Dance Concert, Illuminate, was directed by Meredith Cecchin Galvin '97, who also taught the dance workshop classes along with Emily Shick '10. Photos by Bowerbird Photography.



Senior organizes math tourney

Madie Wang '18, fourth from left, organized the San Francisco Math Tournament for middle school students in the city. She arranged for Dr. Rafe Mazzeo (second from left), a Stanford math professor, to serve as the keynote speaker for the event. Math teacher Carol Quattrin (right) and Meredith Cecchin Galvin '97 (not pictured) volunteered to supervise students for the day.



Tech team guru Alan Siu guides community of colleagues with 'how-to' blog



Teachers and students at SI with computer ailments know they can get expert help from the school's version of the Apple Store Genius Bar — SI's Tech Center.

There, they will find Director of Information Technology Jamie Pruden, System Administrator Dave Buhl, Client Support Analyst Jerold Malone and Client Systems Analyst Alan Siu.

Their work goes far beyond troubleshooting problems on individual iPads, phones or computers. The team ensures that the network infrastructure works well, that backups happen and that everyone can access online sites such as PowerSchool and Canvas for homework, grading and attendance.

Each of them also shares their expertise beyond SI by taking part in online discussions

to help their colleagues at other high schools.

Toward that end, Siu, thanks to encouragement from Pruden, created a blog that has become a hit with other tech admins who find themselves scratching their heads when faced with tricky problems.

What sets apart Siu's blog is how well-written and how accessible it is. That comes, in part, from his background as an English major in college and the son of two college professors. His father teaches math at Harvard and his mother taught social work at Boston's Wheelock College.

"I've seen other blogs that are more sophisticated than mine," said Siu. "The information that they contain tends to be more in-depth, but I like to think that what

I bring is a more accessible writing style. That comes, in part, because I don't have a tech background. I'm often the bridge between people who are technical but who can't articulate well and those who are less technical and have a hard time understanding tech writing."

Each time Siu solves a problem, he posts that information on his blog. He knows the site is helpful given the hundreds of followers he has and the number of times a post earns comments or is reposted.

Siu created the blog also because he wanted a place where he could document solutions publicly. "That keeps me in check to make sure a fix actually does work. It also helps me when I look back to recall what I did."

The biggest problem Siu and his colleagues face are software programs that are badly packaged by vendors, making it difficult for end-users to install them or make upgrades. To help faculty at SI, Pruden suggested that Siu use a program written by a tech expert at Disney. That program, called Munki, rolls out upgrades when they meet Siu's exacting standards. "If the programs aren't written well, people like me have to do weird work-arounds."

Over the years, Siu has come to appreciate the comments made on his blog. "Others will share that they have struggled with the same problems I did and thank me for finding and posting a solution. I'll do the same on their blogs. It's good to know that as a community, we work together to help each other." For Siu's blog, go to technology.siprep.org. ∞

Boys' water polo team makes SI history by taking CCS DII crown



The boys' varsity water polo team did something this year that no other aquatics program — swim, dive or water polo team — has done in the history of the school: bring home a Central Coast Division title.

The team won the CCS Division II championship after a lopsided season. The boys started with one victory and seven losses and then ended with a 19-10 overall record, including a close match against powerhouse Bellarmine and two victories over Mitty.

The 'Cats turned their season around in October when they upended expectations by winning both the DeLong Invitational in Modesto, where they were seeded 20th out of 20 teams, and went undefeated in the Padre Invitational in Carmel.

"We felt disrespected by the other teams we played," said co-captain Alexander Lansill '18. "Our coaches used that disrespect to amp us up before the games. We were able to show the other teams that we were better than they thought."

The success earned the 'Cats a chance to contend for the CCS title, first by playing fourth-seeded Pioneer on Nov. 4 and then top-seeded Soquel in the semifinals. They closed out their historic run by defeating second-seeded Santa Cruz on Nov. 11 for the championship.

Lansill attributed much of the team's success to two new coaches in the program — Stephen Lacy and Tommy Corcoran. Lacy served as the boys' head coach, assisted by Corcoran, and the two switched roles for the girls' water polo team.

The two played while they were students at USC and helped their school win the NCAA

championship in 2005. Both went on to water polo glory, with Corcoran playing for the U.S.A. Men's National Team, and Lacy coaching in the Olympic Development Program. Corcoran nearly earned a spot on the team that competed at the Olympics.

Both motivate their athletes by drilling them in fundamentals as well as strategy. "It took time for the boys to download our system of play, but they did so well, even after facing some of the toughest teams in the state, including Sacred Heart Prep and Sir Francis Drake," said Lacy. "Those losses proved a good thing, ultimately, as they showed the boys that they could compete well against strong opponents."

Both Lacy and Corcoran praised Lansill "who stepped up as a leader, especially when the going was rough at first." They also singled out goalie and co-captain Paul Gouchon '19. "Paul is legit," added Lacy. "He has the potential to be the best goalie in the country next year."

The two coaches taught their athletes a style of play that resembles basketball's full-court press. "That style shined a light on our endurance and our ability to create opportunities in transition. It's physical and intense, and it took some time for the boys to be comfortable being in someone's face all the time."

Lansill praised Lacy and Corcoran, calling them "great coaches who know the sport and just grind us at every practice. There's no down time at all. That discipline helped turn our program around."

Next year looks just as promising, as the team's roster this year was filled with juniors.

"We've already started off-season workouts," added Lacy. "We have the opportunity and the potential to become a national powerhouse. The juniors work hard and are smart and will want to continue the progress the team has made."

Lacy and Corcoran have also started the year-round San Francisco Water Polo Club that will provide SI athletes the ability to train year-round and also prepare the next generation of Wildcat Athletes to compete at the high school level.

BOYS' WATER POLO

Coaches: Stephen Lacy assisted by Tommy Corcoran and Amanda Herberger (JV).

Records: V: 19-9; JV: 5-10; F 0-6.

Highlights: Varsity Boys CCS D2 Champions. (See story for details.)

Awards: Alexander Lansill: Wildcat Award, First Team All WCAL, Second Team All CCS; Colby Paine: Second Team All WCAL, Third Team All CCS; Paul Gouchon: Coaches Award, Second Team WCAL, Honorable Mention CCS; Payne Fama: Most Inspirational; Gianluca Caltagirone: Most Improved.

Graduating Seniors: Alexander Lansill and Ryan Lally. ∞

TOP LEFT: Alexander Landsill '18 gets ready to score against Serra. **RIGHT:** Steve Lacy and Tommy Corcoran started their coaching career at SI in August and helped the boys' water polo team win the CCS DII title. Photos by Paul Ghiglieri.

The WCAL, one of the premier leagues in the state, celebrates its 50th anniversary

BY CHUCK NAN '79

Decade after decade, the West Catholic Athletic League has proven to be one of the premier high school athletic conferences in Northern California and the state. Having earned respect, admiration and accolades, the league has reached a significant milestone — its 50th anniversary.

Since its inception in the fall of 1967, the WCAL has boasted the highest levels for scholar-athlete standards, sportsmanship, quality coaching and excellent play. Fans, alumni, opposing schools and media have developed esteem for what remains the only all-private school athletic league in the northern and central portions of California. (There are three in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas.)

The organization's roots go back to the 1940s, more than 20 years before the league was formed. After World War II, in the time of booming population growth in Bay Area cities and suburbs, many of the existing and newly-opened Catholic high schools developed a loose association.

This informal coalition spanned the greater Bay Area and beyond to include the regions



of Marin County, the South Bay, the East Bay and Stockton. This would eventually give rise to the first league of its kind, the Catholic Athletic League (CAL). According to the WCAL website, the league may have originally been referred to as the Northern California Catholic Athletic League or the California Catholic Athletic League. It eventually was shortened to simply the CAL.

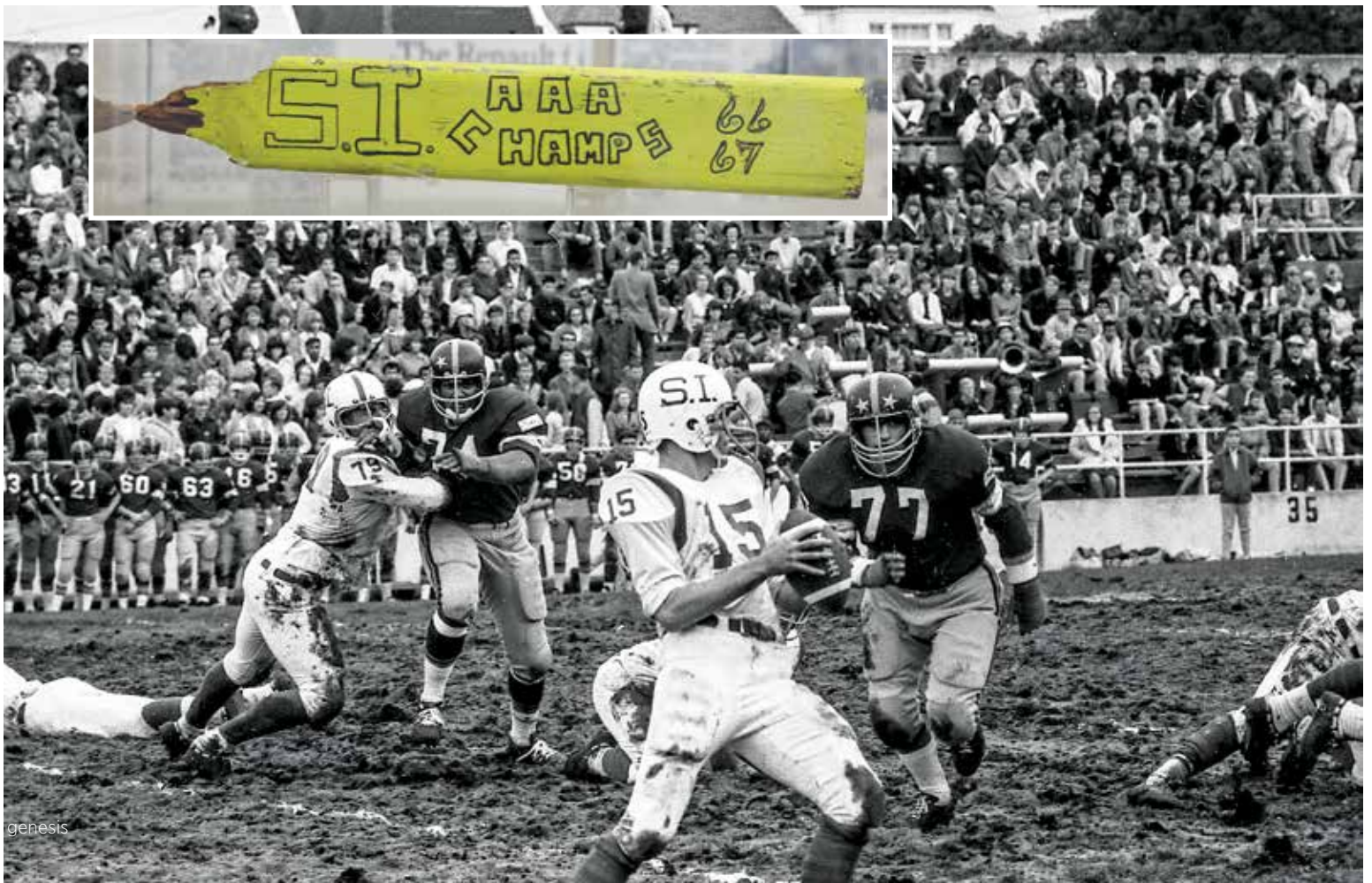
Records from the era show there were seven original participants in the CAL: St. Anselm's (Marin County), St. Elizabeth's (Oakland), St.

Vincent's (Vallejo), St. Mary's (Albany), St. Joseph's (Alameda), St. Mary's (Stockton) and Bellarmine (San Jose).

Bellarmino, which opened in 1851, did not join the CAL for football competition until the late 1950s. The Bells had already established themselves as a gridiron power, and, as early CAL competition was not challenging enough for them, the Bells played an independent schedule for a time.

For several years, with new boys' Catholic schools opening, the league experienced addition and subtraction of its membership and inconsistent scheduling. Over time, the league grew cohesive and more formalized as school enrollment stabilized, as transportation improved and as athletic budgets and facilities expanded. Eventually, schools began offering a greater variety of sports and teams for students to join.

Junipero Serra (San Mateo) and Marin Catholic (Kentfield) soon joined the league in the late 1940s. St. Anselm, St. Vincent and St. Mary's High School of Stockton dropped out. Newly opened Archbishop Riordan (San Francisco) Bishop O'Dowd (Oakland) and Saint Francis (Mountain View) were also members by the mid-1950s. Marin Catholic left late in the



decade for the Marin County Athletic League. Serra initially attempted to join the Peninsula Athletic League, but approval by league officials failed by one vote.

In its prime during the first half of the '60s, the CAL's eight schools were split evenly between the East and West Bay. The East Bay comprised St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, Bishop O'Dowd and St. Elizabeth's; the four in the West included Archbishop Riordan, Junipero Serra, Bellarmine and Saint Francis. St. Mary's, however, was the only East Bay school to field a football team.

The CAL remained status quo until the mid-1960s. The result would change the course of prep sports in the area forever.

SI and Sacred Heart were the only Catholic members of the city's Academic Athletic Association since the 1930s. Over time, more students enrolling at SI came from outside the city limits of San Francisco, especially from Daly City and Pacifica, and those non-city residents were barred by league rules from competing in AAA play.

To permit its non-San Francisco students to compete, SI made the decision to depart at the conclusion of the 1966-67 academic year. Seeing this situation as an opportunity, the CAL and one very astute administrator from Archbishop Riordan saw an opportunity for growth and increased success. SI was looking for a competitive opportunity as well.

Ed Fennelly was an original faculty member at Archbishop Riordan when it opened in 1949. Even though he served as a teacher, Fennelly was the de facto "father of Riordan sports" as the first coach for football, baseball, basketball, track and cross-country.

Fielding teams at a new school was difficult, but Fennelly had impressive results early on with several of his teams. In the late 1950s, Fennelly added golf and swimming to Riordan's offerings before leaving coaching behind to serve as athletic director.

In 1965, Fennelly became assistant commissioner of the CAL, and he used that platform to spur the creation of the WCAL as its key architect. He worked his extensive personal connections with the decision-makers at SI, SH and throughout the CAL, and he also served as the new league's first commissioner, a role he retained for 30 years.

(Two later commissioners included Ed Ravenscroft and Jolene Fugate. Probably another reason for the stability of the league is the fact the commissioners have come from within, with Ravenscroft coming from Mitty



and Fugate from Valley Christian.)

The formation of the WCAL also saw the introduction of another new Catholic school — Archbishop Mitty of San Jose. St. Mary's would remain in the league for only two more seasons in football only.

As SI joined the new league, the third boy's Catholic high school in San Francisco, Sacred Heart, decided to stay in the AAA. The Irish eventually saw the benefits of joining the all-Catholic school league and joined the WCAL in the 1970-71 academic year.

When the WCAL began, it became a member of the Central Coast Section, one of 10 sections under the California Interscholastic Federation, which governs high school athletics throughout the state. Almost immediately the league had an impact on raising the level of competitive play. Many WCAL schools would become dominant in certain sports for decades.

The WCAL remained a seven-school league for more than 30 years, from 1970 until the early 2000s when Valley Christian of San Jose became the first non-Catholic school in the circuit.

About the same time, girls' sports were added to create equal opportunity for women in athletics and as a result of SHC and SI becoming coeducational in 1987 and 1989 respectively.

Perhaps one of the most important elements of the WCAL is its fierce rivalries. There is a great deal of history between many of the schools. Some of this carried over prior to membership in the league. One example of

this is the historic rivalry among SI, SHC and Riordan. The South Bay saw a similar rivalry among Bellarmine, Mitty and St. Francis and, later, Valley Christian.

The individual and team success outside the league is also quite impressive. Together, the schools have combined for nearly 600 titles on the sectional, NorCal and state levels. Many fans enjoy the style of play in the WCAL, which stresses teamwork over individual success.

Prominent WCAL alums form a list of all-time greats from just about every team or individual sport. Many have gone on to become world-record holders, Olympians and world champions. Through the five decades, the list includes Aaron Gordon, Barry Bonds, Brandi Chastain, Dan Fouts '69, Doug Cosbie, Gregg Jefferies, Kerri Walsh, Kevin Restani, Kevin Gogan, Igor Olshansky '00, Lynn Swann, Pablo Morales, Pat Burrell, Polina Edmunds, Shannon Rowbury and Tom Brady.

The WCAL has had a positive impact on the lives of so many. The true effect is not just on the fields or courts, but far beyond. The real spirit of the league resonates loudly through friends made, leaders who emerged and the coaches who instilled values. Athleticism and spirituality have united to create a unique intangible.

Through this avenue, so many young people have discovered who they really are and have acquired lifetime memories — important for those who would never play in college or professionally. Fifty years of the WCAL has seen the remarkable, the untold, the strange, the unexpected, the triumphs and the tragedies — the best reality show ever. ∞

OPPOSITE PAGE: One of the final games played in the AAA league, against Lincoln. **INSET:** A part of the goal post at Kezar that was torn down when SI won the AAA championship in 1966. **ABOVE:** A poster and trophy celebrating SI's 1967 football championship in the WCAL. **BELOW:** A 1969 track meet. Archival photos by Kevin Tobin '66.



SPORTS WRAP

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GIRLS' WATER POLO

Coaches: Tommy Corcoran assisted by Stephen Lacy and Meg Summa '12 (JV).

Records: Overall 2-14 and 0-5 in League.

Highlights: Beating crosstown rival Lick-Wilmerding at home.

Awards: Se Kim: Wildcat Award and First Team All-League; Lindsay Merrigan: Coaches' Award and Second Team All-League; Katie DeBenedetti: Most Inspirational Award; Betsy Wooler: Most Improved Award and Second Team All-League.

Graduating Seniors: Alexandra Baumgarten, Catherine Wall, Se Kim, Lindsey Merrigan and Rose Wade.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Coaches: Craig Law '84 assisted by Ed Grafilo and Stephanie Moriarty '00 (JV).



Records: Varsity: 14-7 (Overall); 8-2 (League, 2nd place); JV: 8-2 (Overall); 7-2 (League, 2nd place).

Highlights: In the league tournament, Claire Galerkin won first-place singles, Tiffany Boudagian took second-place singles and Gabby Perich won third-place singles.

Awards: First Team All-League: Claire Galerkin and Tiffany Boudagian; Second Team All-League: Gabby Perich and Hailey Lancaster; Brother Lee Award: Hailey Lancaster; Magis Award: Lily Westover; Wildcat Award: Genevieve McCloy.

Graduating Seniors: Audrey Gaitley, Ava Hydorn, Hailey Lancaster, Genevieve McCloy and Lily Westover.



GIRLS' GOLF

Coaches: Julius Yap '74 assisted by Anne Stricherz (JV).

Record: 8-4 overall and 6-4 league. JV: 6-4.

Highlights: Grace Bettis and Camilla Chung qualified for the CCS championship; the varsity and JV teams both finished third in the league.

Awards: Grace Bettis: All-League First Team; Camilla Chung: All-League Second Team; Amanda Schwabe: All-League Honorable Mention; Medalist Awards: Grace Bettis and Camilla Chung; Wildcat Award: Amanda Schwabe.

Graduating Seniors: Zoe Carwin, Caitlin Colina, Faith Leung, Amanda Schwabe, Ashley Schwabe.



CROSS COUNTRY

Coaches: Nick Alvarado '06 assisted by Chad Evans, Daniel Baxter, Audrey Gomez '12, Jamie Lundy '06 and Sara Prendergast.

Records: Boys: Frosh: 3rd Place; Soph: 2nd Place (Tie); JV: 3rd Place; V: 4th Place; Girls: F/S: 2nd Place; JV: 1st Place; V: 3rd Place.

Season Highlights: Girls' third consecutive season qualifying as a team for the state meet; boys all set personal records at the CCS meet. At the CCS DIII meet, the varsity girls took second as a team, advancing to the state meet. The boys took third as a team, with Marco Bonacini advancing to the state meet as an individual placing 6th overall in his race.

Awards: Most Outstanding Performance: Marco Bonacini and Evie Cohen; Wildcat Award: Sean Doheny and Katie O'Dea; Riley Suttthoff Award: Andy Kwan; Julius Yap Award: Carolyn Lum; Second Team All-League: Katie O'Dea.

Graduating Seniors: Andy Kwan, Chris Andrews, Christian Eidson, Cooper Veit, James Estillore, Joey Cuevas, John DeGraw, Justin Yamamura, Marco Bonacini, Matt Fisher, Michael O'Bryan, Sean Doheny, Thomas Haskell, Tyler



Lok, Alexa Lim, Annie Magee, Caitlin Cotter, Carolyn Lum, Courtney Turkatte, Justine Jadallah, Kasey Fung, Katie O'Dea, Keo Chui.

FOOTBALL



Coaches: V & JV: John Regalia '93 assisted by Chris Crowley '12, Chris Dunn '88, Gabe Manzanares '10, Reggie Redmond (Head JV Coach) and Chris Saunders; Tim Caraher (Head Frosh Coach), Owen Maguire, Matt Stecher '93 and Dominic Truoccolo '12.

Records: 3-7 overall and 2-5 in league; JV: 4-6 overall and 3-4 in league; F: 5-4 overall and 3-4 in league.

Highlights: The 2017 season started and finished strong with a season opening victory at Clovis East (7-0) and victories on the road at Mitty (22-21) and Bellarmine (28-21).

Awards: J.B. Murphy Award: David Woodruff; Robert Unruh '64 Most Outstanding Lineman: John Hanley; Most Outstanding Backs: Mark Biggins, Charlie Katz; Journeymen of the Year: Chase Scandalios, Jack Thomson; First Team All-League: Mark Biggins, Jr. RB/DB; John Hanley, Sr. OL/DL; Charlie Katz, Sr. QB/DB; David Woodruff, Sr. DL/WR; Second Team All-League: Finn Burke, Sr. LB/WR; Kieran O'Keefe, Sr. OL/LB; Jack Thomson, Sr. LB/TE; Honorable Mention All-League: Jack Dyke, Jr. OL/DL; Malachy Milligan-McAleese, Sr. DL; Chase Scandalios, Sr. OL/LB; Beau Sidwell, Sr. WR/DB; Henry Tunney, Sr. OL/DL.

Graduating Seniors: Aidan Banfield, Finn Burke, Cole Constant, John Hanley, Charlie Katz, Ryan Kohmann, Malachy Milligan-McAleese, Kieran O'Keefe, Dearan Roche, Mike Rodriguez, Jr., Ian Rose, Chase Scandalios, Beau Sidwell, Jack Thomson, Henry Tunney, Henri Vatinel, David Woodruff.



GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Coaches: David Huan assisted by Marrietta Flynn Huan; JV: Jen Curtin '04 assisted by Nick David '08; Frosh: Scott Mar.

Records: 34-10 overall and 7-3 in league.

Highlights: SI won the Spikefest and Central California Tourney and finished 11th in Durango. SI finished second in league, in the league tourney and in the CCS open division. The team went on to NorCal open division play and lost in the semifinals. The 34 wins are the highest in team history.

Awards: First Team All-League: Skye Daval-Santos, Lizzie Fleming; Second Team: Delaney Peranich, Sierra Tyson; HM: Rose Holscher; Most Inspirational: Rose Holscher; Most Improved: Corley Doyle; Coaches' Award: Hope Hagan.

Graduating Seniors: Skye Daval-Santos, Jeneiah Ignacio Soy, Rhea Francesca Inumerable, Sarah Nunes, Corley Doyle, Delaney Peranich, Megan Lewis, Rose Holscher, Hope Hagan.

FIELD HOCKEY

Coaches: Haley Sanchez assisted by Elizabeth



Alexander, Lauren Totah '07 (JV head coach), Kasey Cullinan '11 and Jules Hayashi.

Records: V: 14-3-2; JV: 13-4-2.

Awards: First team All-League: Natalie Tuufuli, Sofie Sirianni, Alex Marquez; Second Team: Rachel Harvey, Georgia Madden; Wildcat Award: Cassie Fell; Attacking: Sofie Sirianni; Defensive: Alex Marquez.

Graduating Seniors: Cassie Fell, Elle Hagler, Sophia Ladwiniec, Sofie Sirianni, Georgia Madden, Natalie Tuufuli. ☺



Julius Yap named CCS Honor Coach

Julius Yap '74 can add another trophy to his already burgeoning shelf at home. Aside from the 54 league, sectional and NorCal honors his teams have racked up over the years, Yap himself received the CCS Honor Coach of the Year for girls' cross country in 1999 and State Coach of the Year in girls' golf in 2004. In October he also received the CCS Honor Coach of the Year for girls' golf. The award recognizes far more than the success of Yap's teams, which are considerable. It also recognizes his coaching accomplishments, his contribution to the school and community and his services as a role model to his athletes. He was also inducted into the Pacifica Hall of Fame. In addition, two awards at SI, in cross country and track and field, are named for him. ☺



SOCCER & BASKETBALL ALUMNI RETURN TO BATTLE VARSITY PLAYERS

THIS PAGE: Soccer alumnae returned Dec. 20 and soccer alumni on Dec. 23 to take on the varsity teams and meet past teammates and fellow Wildcats.

OPPOSITE PAGE: The Tuesday before Thanksgiving saw the return of the alumni and alumnae basketball players for their annual machups.







ALUMNI GATHER FOR REUNIONS AND CHRISTMAS PARTIES

OPPOSITE PAGE, FROM TOP LEFT, CLOCKWISE: The Classes of 1944 through 1947, the Class of 1951 Memorial Day Mass, the Class of 1952, the Class of 2007, the Class of 1972, the Class of 1962, the Class of 1977. This page, from top left, clockwise: The Class of 1982, the Class of 2002, the Class of 1987, the Class of 1985, the Class of 1975. Members of the Class of 1987 gathered a second time this year for their first ever Christmas lunch.



Honoring Dan Linehan '83

The annual Tommy Bahama Dan Linehan Golf Tournament was held again at Gleneagles Golf Course in McLaren Park. The October gathering drew members from the Class of 1983 to honor their late classmate Dan Linehan and raise money for a scholarship in his name.



Celebrating Football Legacies

ABOVE: Famed NFL coach Gil Haskell '61, who coached at SI and Riordan, gathered with his former athletes from both schools in October at Mission Rock. **LEFT:** Members of the 1967 football team that took first in the league met in October.

Alumni Wine Classic

SI held its Annual Alumni Wine Classic in September at the Kenwood home of Paul Boschetto. A host of wineries, including Highway 12 Vineyards & Winery, pictured here, offered guests a taste of their best reds, whites and rosés. Paul's home, by the way, suffered damage from the October fires that ravaged the wine country. Some of those who poured in September suffered terrible losses. Our prayers go out to them.



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Swim coaches Joseph Hancock '02 and Mauricio Ponce '10: competitors and colleagues both in and out of the water

Joseph Hancock '02 and Mauricio Ponce '10 defy stereotypes. Both men love to swim, and both coach the sport. Both are also people of color in a world not always associated with African Americans and Latinos.

Hancock, who is both of the above, and Ponce, whose parents are from El Salvador and Venezuela, serve as role models for young people of color to test the waters.

In addition to coaching, both men recently took part in the Escape from Alcatraz swim, and both finished in the top 10 in their age groups.

Hancock, who directs the Boys & Girls Club's Aquatics Program at the Don Fisher Clubhouse in the Western Addition, noted the reasons why, historically, African Americans had a negative association with swimming.

"The irony is that most Africans are tremendous swimmers," he said. "The act of enslaving men and women and putting them on boats in shackles to carry them over water was just the start. Later, once slaves arrived in America, they were subject to all sorts of punishments, including public drownings, which also happened in Africa when slave handlers wanted to scare slaves into not escaping. Then, during the Civil Rights movement, police turned firehoses on demonstrators and barred blacks from public pools."

Hancock coaches a team comprising 10 percent African American youth, and he sees an even higher percentage using the clubhouse pool. He encourages all students, including people of color, to learn to swim as a life-saving tool before venturing into the competitive side of swimming.

As a child, Hancock learned how to swim at Balboa Pool and then started competing through the Hamilton Recreation Center before coming to SI. He was inspired both by his father and by a coach, Bob Atkins, who was African American. "Thanks to them, I saw swimming as a sport that included people like me," he noted. "It's the same way now for kids of color when they see people like Mauricio and me serve as coaches. It's vital that their teachers resemble them."

Swimming also taught Hancock the value of pushing himself to his limits. "I also learned how to allow myself how to be pushed. It's a great workout. There's something different about going to the pool. I could be absolutely exhausted after a swim and still feel as if I could break through walls."

By the time Hancock got to SI, he took a brief break from swimming to play basketball and football before going to Norfolk State University in Virginia — an historically black college — to study broadcast journalism. There, he returned to the water by starting a swim club and coaching aquatics at the nearby Booker T. Washington High School.

He also served as a cameraman for a local CBS affiliate before returning to the Bay Area to work for a brokerage firm. He returned to the South in 2010, this time to Atlanta, where he started his own business teaching swimming and coaching summer leagues.

In 2014, he moved back to the San Francisco to take the job with the Boys & Girls Club, where he touts the value of swimming. "It's a great cardio workout and a tool that can save a life. You can swim all your life, unlike with other sports. And it's a sport that allows you to think while you do it. You need to be strategic to pace yourself in order to win a race."

Hancock met Ponce for the first time when the two men were coaching against each other. Ponce leads two teams — the Fog City Hammerheads, which swims at SI's pool, and the Daly City Dolphins, which trains at Giammona Pool at Westmoor High School.

With both teams, Ponce works with swimmers ranging in age from 6 to 18, and he races on his own through the South End Rowing Club, which organizes the Alcatraz swim. After meeting Hancock, Ponce swam with him for the Alcatraz crossing. "Being in the open water is more liberating than swimming in a pool," Ponce noted. Both men prefer the colder salt water to the chlorinated water of a swimming pool, and both like being out in nature communing with sea life.

Ponce began coaching club swimming after graduating from SI and began racing through the South End Rowing Club. He then spent two years coaching for SI's swim team but left



the program to pursue graduate studies at USF. A sociology major, he went on to earn his master's degree in counseling and now serves as a school counselor at All Souls School in South San Francisco.

"I have the same passion for counseling as I have for coaching swimming," Ponce said. "In both, I try to bring out the best in students, help them realize their potential and lead them to find out for themselves just what they are capable of doing."

Ponce first learned to swim through the YMCA, but he didn't love races. His four years swimming at SI made him a fan and helped him slim down. "My teammates were my brothers. With them, I saw that swimming can be both an individual and a team sport. When a team clicks, it's like all the ingredients of a recipe coming together."

He also competes in triathlons around the Bay Area to emphasize multi-disciplined training for his athletes and to promote "a triathlete culture for young athletes of color."

Both Hancock and Ponce are friends away from the pool and when their teams compete against each other. "We both believe in healthy competition," said Hancock. "All of our athletes improve when they compete against one another. For me, it's great to hang out with a fellow Wildcat at these meets and afterwards, and I thank Mauricio for helping me decide to do the Alcatraz swim." ∞

ABOVE: From left, Joseph Hancock and Mauricio Ponce.

keeping in touch

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

1933 Walter McCarthy* saw the publication of a new book celebrating the life of his brother, Fr. Charles McCarthy '29, titled *China's last Jesuit*.



1954 The St. Thomas More Society and USF hosted a discussion between (at left) Fr. John Coleman, S.J.*, and Asst. U.S. Attorney Phil Kearney '76* on marriage and the priesthood.

1955 *60 Minutes* featured a story on California Gov. Jerry Brown* and his fight against climate change.

1957 John W. Wagner married Leilani H. Eells, a Punahou School and Skidmore College graduate in November 2016. They honeymooned in Leilani's home city of Oahu. They reside happily in Brentwood.

1959 John Duggan* and his family, including son John Duggan '92*, celebrated the 80th anniversary of Original Joe's Restaurant.

1961 Gil Haskell* and Levy Middlebrooks '84* will be inducted into the SF Prep Hall of Fame — Gil for coaching track and football and Levy for his skill on the basketball court.



1962 Ray Lew (at left) and his wife, Annie, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in December as well as Ray's 74th birthday. They also celebrated their son, Alston, who was sworn into the California Bar on Dec. 7.



1963 Mike Sullivan (right) competed for Team USA, age group 70–74, at the World Triathlon Championships in Rotterdam. He finished 9th of 31, Olympic distance, in 2:50:34. Mike and Barbara live in Pacific Grove.

1968 Former SI President Robert Walsh, S.J.*, was named the new chancellor for Loyola Marymount University after years of serving the school as the executive director for the Center for Catholic Education.

1971 Col. Brendan Kearney, USMC*, was the guest of honor at Sonoma's Veterans' Day ceremonies.

1972 Kevin Carroll* has a new book published: *A Moment's Pause for Gratitude*. / Gerald Posner*, an expert on the JFK assassination and the

author of *Case Closed*, was featured on various media outlets after new information was released by the White House on the 1963 killing.



1975 SI grads come out in force for the Italian Heritage Day Parade. Jim Fanucchi* served as chairman of the parade. Steve Leveroni '69 served as president of the parade association. His son Joe Leveroni '03 served as master of ceremonies. Grand marshals included actress Jacqueline Toboni '10 and SFPD officer Kevin Downs '09. Alexandra Cotroneo '13, last year's Queen Isabella, also was in the parade. Past leaders of the parade have included Frank Billante, John Warda and Tony Passanisi. Board members include Elisa Fanucchi '08, Molly Leveroni '04, John Parente '67, Paul Tonelli '76 and Joseph Parente '98. Also pictured are Frank Howard (left) and Rory Bertiglia (right).

1976 Several grads came together to celebrate the 60th birthday of Richard Bulleri, DDS, including Kenny Hagan, Martin Coyne, Bob Enright and Steve Roche (Riordan '76) at North Beach Restaurant. / Jon Leonoudakis is the executive producer and director of *The Sweet Spot: A Treasury of Baseball Stories*, a new baseball documentary series streaming on Amazon, Roku, and Vimeo On Demand. Three episodes from the series were recently screened at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, and Jon is publishing his first book from the series, *Baseball Pioneers*, available on Amazon.

1977 *Sessums Magazine* featured an interview with Bartlett Sher*, resident director of the Lincoln Center Theatre.

1979 Mark Machado (right) was elected president of the Marin Association of Realtors for 2018.



1980 Members of the Class of 1980 spent time in Munich for Oktoberfest. They included Jim McFadden, Bernie Corry, Paul Fitzpatrick, David Braun, Larry Deubler and John Barbieri, as



well as Riordan grads Steve Murphy and Brendan Lalor and SHC grads (not pictured) Tom O'Connor, Kevin Kinahan and John Shanley. Grade schools represented included St. Philip's, St. Gabriel's, Holy Name, Corpus Christi, St. Cecilia's and St. Anne's. The group visited St. Ignatius in Munich and kept alive the tri-school camaraderie.

1981 In an interview in *Fortune*, Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff praised SI trustee and Salesforce controller **Joe Allanson*** for the company's success. / **Lawrence Louie** was elected president of United Pharmacists of Southern California, which represents 1,500 Kaiser pharmacists. He negotiated for the restoration of pharmacist pensions and a stronger labor contract.



1983 (Left) Navy SEAL **Richard Rodriguez*** was promoted to Rear Admiral in an Oct. 6 ceremony at the Pentagon. A reservist for the past 20 years, he also serves as president of Dunhill Homes in Texas. He also served as the project manager of the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, the tallest building in the world. Look for more on Rear Adm. Rodriguez in an upcoming issue of *Genesis* magazine.

1985 (Left) **Geoff Callan** recently co-starred in the feature film *Star Light*, which will be released in the fall of 2018. He is currently producing and co-directing the inspirational documentary *The Push*, which features Grant Korgan, a world class adventurer and Lake Tahoe native who became paralyzed during a snowmobile accident and then became the first spinal cord injured athlete to push himself nearly 100 miles to the South Pole. *The Push* will be hitting the festival circuit in 2018. / **Keith Harper***, the first Native American named as a U.S. Ambassador, was



interviewed on the UN Dispatch website.

1986 **Dave Rivera** and his wife, Sheila, (right) are a Realtor/Broker team at Coldwell Banker. They live in SF's Sherwood Forest. You can reach them at (415) 656-6253.



1987 Daly City police officer **Victor Cabatic*** was honored for saving a life. He responded to a call of an unresponsive subject, evaluated the scene and took quick, decisive actions to render aid to the victim. Chief Manuel Martinez, Jr., praised his awareness and unselfish actions that "clearly displayed an excellence of effort resulting in the successful resuscitation of the victim." / **Brent Deal*** has a new movie on surfing in Mexico called *Conversations*. Look for it on YouTube.

1988 **Gino Masini** has been elected chairman of the 3GPP RAN3 international telecoms standardization committee. 3GPP is a joint effort by all players in the telecoms industry, and RAN3 is responsible for 4G and 5G mobile network architecture. He is currently developing the specifications for 5G mobile networks, which will affect the lives of millions in the near future. / The White House nominated **Dr. Jeff T. H. Pon*** as director of the Office of Personnel Management.

1996 *Time Magazine* quoted Principal **Allison Silvestri*** on teens and smart phones and her innovative policies at San Leandro High School.

2000 **Jonathan Kathrein** graduated from USF School of Law in May 2017 and passed the July 2017 California Bar Exam. He was sworn in Dec. 1 as a licensed California attorney at St. Ignatius Church.

2001 In July, **David A. Arnott** moved back to the Bay Area after 10 years in Charlotte, NC, and in September began working for the Menlo School Development office. / **Monica Jean Charlton** was part of the Loyola New Orleans volleyball team that is being inducted into the school's Hall of Fame. / **Dr. Sylvia Morelli*** authored a study showing the value of empathy. She serves as an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago and director of the Empathy and Social Connection Lab.

2003 After nearly a decade living on the east coast, **Kevin Yeh** has settled back in San Francisco with his wife, Catherine, and dog, Ellie. He is currently a senior associate at the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, and is on secondment to Uber. Kevin also serves on the board of Symphonix, the San Francisco Symphony's league for young professionals, which supports the Symphony's philanthropic and music education efforts.

2005 **Darren Criss*** hosted the third annual Elsie Fest in Central Park. He is currently starring in *The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story* on FX.

2006 **Chris Baccari** (right) wed Ashley Manchia at a beautiful ceremony on Oct. 21 at Vine Hill House in Sebastopol, joined by many friends and family members of the Bay Area and SI community.



2007 **Dr. Camille Hawkins** (left) married Dr. Andrew Wilson on Sept. 2

at St. John the Evangelist Church in Streamwood near Chicago. In attendance were her sister, **Vanessa Hawkins '99** (Maid of Honor), brother **Clifford '00** and classmates **Christina Lauretta**, **Katie Woods** and **Yuliana Quintero**.

2008 **Ben Diserens*** wrote a web series called *Royally* that was an official selection at the New York Television Festival. The show was one of only 50 pilots selected out of almost 4,000 submissions. Ben flew back east to attend the festival and saw his series win the Critics' Choice Award and the lead actress won Best Actress in a Comedy. Ben is grateful to the many SI grads who helped fund the project.

2009 **Sean Borella** (right), grandson of **Harry Charles Ewing '33**, married **Megan Knudson**, granddaughter of **Jerry Ennis '55** and daughter of **Rob Ennis '82**, on Oct. 14 at the Carmel Mission. Groomsmen included Sean's brothers **Kevin '01**, **Nick '03**, **Brian '05** and **Andrew '07** as well as **Jack Diserens** and **Eric Quesada**. Bridesmaids included Megan's sister **Maddie Ennis '19** as well as **Sofia Rizzo** and **Megan McGovern '10**. Other alumni in attendance included



Kristina Borella '06, cousins **Marc Borella '00** and **Lauren Borella Walker '03**, and **Dave Martin '70**, **Brad Levesque '77** and **Liam O'Reilly**.

2010 Gabrielle Capili* had her short film *When We Were Young* featured on KQED. / On the website America Connections Media Outreach, **Lt. j.g. Calvin Joewono*** credited his philosophy of service to his years at SI.

2012 Rachel Garcia* was featured by the Academy of Art University on its Fashion School Day website for her work as a designer for SI's fashion show. / **Jack Radsliff*** released a video of one of his songs in advance of his new album, *Migration Patterns*. Pre-order the digital download from Bandcamp.

2013 Chantal Nguyen* received the Gunther & Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarship. / **Andrew Vollert*** was featured by the *Chronicle* for his football success at Weber State. He was selected as a unanimous first-team all-conference tight end and competed in the third round of the FCS playoffs against James Madison University. He also earned second-team All-American status and was selected to play in the East-West Shrine Game.

2014 Patrick Dunne, graduating in May 2018 from Wharton School of Business at UPenn with a concentration in Finance and Operations, has accepted an offer in NYC as Mergers and Acquisitions consultant with a major firm. / **Zoe Wong**, a senior at Haverford College, was selected to her second straight first-team All Centennial Conference as setter for women's volleyball.

2015 SLU junior **Maria Garcia*** attended her third Ignatian Family Teach-In in Washington, D.C., and was featured by the school's magazine and website.

2016 Michael Dunne is enjoying his sophomore year at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He continues to run and play golf in his free time. / **Georgina Stiegeler*** was featured as a soccer standout by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's athletic department on its website.

2017 Mallen Bischoff* was named Ivy League co-rookie of the week for her accomplishments on Dartmouth's women's volleyball team. / Over the Labor Day weekend **Aodhan Downey**, **Patrick Connolly**, **Dylan Kenneally**, **Myles McGrillen**, **Kieran Manning** and **Ethan Hennessey** competed in and won their division in the U.S. Gaelic Athletic



Association tournament held on Treasure Island. Their team, Pearse Og, defeated teams from Madison, Columbus and Charlotte. They have been playing Gaelic football together for the last 10 years and

hope to continue. They encourage other SI alumni to join in the fun. / Northwestern University featured **Peter Lewczyk*** for his swimming prowess. / **Allison Tamzin Stella Schaum*** published her first volume of poetry, *My Life in Mixtapes*.

2018 Andrew Boosalis* and **Angela Yang*** took home National YoungArts Foundation honors. / Nor Cal Basketball wrote about the success of varsity players **Matt Redmond*** and **Neal Begovich '19**.

2019 Ryder Jackson* won the US Boys' 16 National Indoor Tennis Championship in Boston. Jackson is the first person since Andre Aggasi to win both singles and doubles in this tournament. / **Sarah Linhares*** was invited to attend the USRowing Youth Challenge in Florida.

2020 Ed Lawrence Hagape* (right) is the author of a recently published collection of poetry, *The World According to Ed*. / Eagle Scout candidate **Matthew Mariani*** collected 118 backpacks filled with supplies and donated them to the Veterans Office in San Carlos.

2021 Courtney Yee* was chosen to perform at Carnegie Hall with an international honors orchestra.



Births

1995 Bill Olinger and his wife, Jen, a son, William "Liam" Gregory (right), born Sept. 1, 2017. Liam is a 5th generation San Franciscan.

2002 Jeff Gherardi and his wife, **Amy (Dumont)**



Gherardi, a daughter, **Isabella Kay**, born July 11, 2017.

/ **Natasha Labelle** and **Kieran Culligan**, a daughter, **Sierra Culligan**, born Sept. 20 at Marin General Hospital, which is also where Natasha works as a doctor in the emergency department. / **Matt Murphy** and his wife, **Nicolle**, a daughter, **Scarlett Ann** (above right), born Nov. 2 at CPMC, the same hospital where both parents were born decades ago. **Anthony Cuadro '02** and **Anne Murphy '05** will be the godparents.

2003 Lisa (DeVoto) Nevin and her husband, **Joey**, a daughter, **Maeve Louise** (right), born April 18, 2017.



In Memoriam

1939 Warren R. White (see story)
 1947 Francis A. Blake
 1947 Walter Clinch
 1949 Paul A. Reyff
 1950 Oliver J. Olson III
 1952 Maurice "Mo" Ragusa
 1954 Thomas J. Soher
 1956 John O'Driscoll
 1957 James F. Keane

1957 Robert Simi
 1959 Daniel E. Creed
 1959 John MacKenzie
 1959 Marcellus J. Morrison
 1959 Jerrold Schaefer
 1967 Patrick A. Teutschel
 1968 Rev. Jerome P. Leach
 1968 Paul Otellini (see story)
 Rev. Thomas E. Buckley, S.J.
 former faculty (history, 1964-1967)
 Stephen Phelps (see story)

Warren White with his journalism class from the 1950s.



Warren Ragan White '39, former director and founder of *Inside SI*, dies at 96

Warren Ragan White '39, who taught English, created *Inside SI* and directed plays at SI between 1946 and 1954, died Oct. 6 at the age of 96. He also served as a longtime educator and administrator at City College of San Francisco.

After graduating from USF and spending three years in the service, he returned to SI to teach English. Three years later, he created *Inside SI* to replace the newspaper, *The Red and Blue*. *Inside SI* was a one-page mimeographed sheet published weekly by his students beginning in 1949 as a practical task for his Journalism class to review the past week and preview the week to come, with Bob Amsler '49 serving as the first editor.

Mr. White volunteered to start the newspaper "so I wouldn't have to supervise JUG," he said in a 2003 interview. The newspaper was able to succeed where *The Red and Blue* failed. It published quickly because, as an in-house publication, it did not require review by a professed Jesuit priest. "The concern was that *The Red and Blue* went off campus to other schools in an exchange program and its contents needed to be vetted to ensure that they reflected properly the AMDG mission of both SI and of the Order itself," said Mr. White. "Fr. Harrington had the misfortune of having the censor duties added to his already considerable responsibilities, and he probably gave them a

low priority. In any case, a *Red and Blue* edition might wait several weeks before it was cleared to go to print, by which time any claim to currency had vaporized."

Students, Mr. White added "had fun putting the newspaper together and were delighted to have something current to read on Monday mornings." The publication expanded into a four-page magazine in 1950 ("Rag to be Revamped" read the headline of the last one-pager) and continued to grow over the years.

When SI's longtime director, James Gill, passed away in 1949, Mr. White took on the task of directing the annual play, which served as a fund-raiser for the gymnasium. That play moved from the Little Theatre at USF to the Marines Memorial Theatre on Sutter Street.

"Shortly after I had replaced Gill, Fr. Joe King came to SI with his enthusiasm for glee clubs and music of all kinds. He started organizing talent shows, and they evolved into musical productions in which I began to take a part. One was called *Win Winsocki*. The following year we topped it with a work we called *Souther Pacific*, which combined bits of Rodgers and Hart with *The Caine Mutiny*, *Mr. Roberts*, and other ideas from Fr. King, the students or myself."

All the female roles had to be changed into male roles, as no girls were allowed in the shows. "A Jesuit seminary in the Midwest

had established a cottage industry rewriting standard plays to change female roles to male ones," Mr. White recalled.

After leaving SI, he earned his master's degree from USF and moved to City College where he taught English and served as acting president. He took great pride in expanding the day and evening classes offered by CCSF to locations throughout the city. He was an advocate for the Art Department at CCSF and was an instrumental part of the leadership team that brought about the restoration of both the Diego Rivera Mural and the iconic Dudley Carter Ram statue on the main CCSF campus.

He is survived by his son Timothy J. White and daughter-in-law, Maria Wong White; his daughter, Noël White McLaughlin; his son-in-law, John McLaughlin; his grandsons Jack and Aidan McLaughlin; as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Loretto Roger White, his son William Roger White, his parents Sherman A. White and Gladys Ragan White, and his brothers S. Alan White '35 and Donald K. White '42.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to either the Class of 1951, Warren Ragan White Scholarship Fund, c/o SI or to The ARC San Francisco. ∞

Steve Phelps, Bishop O’Dowd president and former SI assistant principal, dies at 73

Stephen Phelps, a man who devoted himself to raising the bar for Catholic education in the Bay Area for 45 years, died Dec. 26 — on the Feast of St. Stephen — at the age of 73 after suffering two heart attacks following a heart procedure. He is survived by his wife, Susan; his children Amy ‘97 and Chris; and Amy’s son Boston.

In a letter to the Bishop O’Dowd High School community where Steve served as President since 2005, Principal James Childs noted that the news of Dr. Phelps’ death was both “abrupt and shocking, especially so because of the vitality that Steve always embodied. His care for people and palpable optimism were characteristics that drew folks to O’Dowd and that have positively impacted so many faculty, staff, students, families, volunteers, friends and advocates for O’Dowd over the years of his rich tenure. Moreover, I am aware of the infectious nature of Steve’s inquisitive mind and how learning was always a part of his every day. He was teacher, coach, advocate, and friend to numerous folks throughout his extensive career.... I am profoundly without words at the immensity of this loss.”

In his long career, Dr. Phelps focused on issues of diversity, professional development and sustainability. He began by spending the early part of his career at Hunters Point and in the Fillmore District as a recreation director. His colleagues later nicknamed him the White Shadow after a popular TV show that featured a blonde coach who worked with African American teens — something that defined Steve’s years of service.

He encouraged some of his best students to apply to SI and other academically strong high schools, and he insisted that SI offer services to students from these neighborhoods to help them survive in a culture very different from their own while also helping students preserve their racial identities. “SI wisely agreed,” said Steve in a 2003 interview.

He took a full-time job at SI in 1972 as a social science teacher and coach. In 1973, he started SI Uplift, a summer school program designed to improve diversity at SI; that program over the years evolved into Summer Prep and then the Magis Program. These efforts became a model for similar ventures in the city, including Aim High and Summerbridge.

He also hired a dozen inner-city high school students to serve as teacher aides and afternoon counselors for the Uplift Program, paying them with Neighborhood Youth Corp



Photo by Briana Loewinsohn.

funds. “Some of these aides were African-American SI students I had sent there in previous years. This program and the growing number of African-American students at SI gave SI street cred in the African-American community, which at that time was almost 15 percent of the city’s population.”

SI supported this program by sending scholastics from provinces throughout the U.S. to teach in Uplift, and Steve even learned how to drive the school bus “because I needed a bus for the summer and had no driver.”

Dr. Phelps helped SI become more diverse by visiting Catholic and public

primary schools that had a high percentage of minority students and by encouraging students to apply to SI. He also served as moderator of SI’s Black Students’ Union after it was launched in the early ‘70s, and he coached a BSU basketball team that competed in the CYO Teenage Leagues. A year later, two freshmen approached him looking to form their own organization — the Asian Students Coalition (ASC). Dr. Phelps agreed to serve as moderator and soon found himself advising 50 students who modeled their club along the same lines as the BSU.

He also trained himself to become a stellar educator and spent his sabbatical in 1994 visiting schools in the U.S. looking for examples of programs and practices that would support the SI faculty in meeting the needs of a new generation of students.

He discovered a rich depository of literature and coursework in the area of professional development, and he brought back to SI the idea of starting a professional development office. In 1995 Principal Steve Nejmich asked him to do just that and continue to teach two psychology classes to seniors.

“We weren’t a school in crisis,” said Dr. Phelps, who served as SI’s first director of professional development and later as assistant principal for professional development. “We were an excellent school that could be better.” He first determined what sorts of credentials and degrees the faculty had, and he then encouraged young teachers to earn credentials and advanced degrees that would deepen their expertise in curriculum and instruction. He worked with USF and San Francisco State University to offer a number of credential and master’s classes at SI, and many teachers — from SI and other Catholic high schools — enrolled and went on to earn advanced degrees thanks to those evening and Saturday classes.

He also set up workshops to train SI faculty in the best ways to use technology in their classrooms, and he helped develop the Excellence in Teaching program. He organized Skillful Teacher classes and established a summer grant program for teachers working collaboratively to develop new and relevant curriculum.

He worked with representatives from the Jesuit Secondary Education Association (now called the Jesuit Schools Network) to bring leadership training seminars and academies to SI, and he arranged for dozens of professional workshops for teachers to attend both on and off campus. In short, he supported the SI teachers in their quest to learn more about their craft and to excel.

In the early 2000s, SI’s math department, at the request of the Archdiocese, began teaching Algebra 1 to eighth graders. At Steve’s request, the SI math department designed and presented two summer workshops for eighth grade teachers. Schools that sent their teachers to SI have had a significant increase in placement of their students into SI’s freshman honors class over those schools that did not.

Shortly before leaving SI in 2005, Steve noted that the school’s professional

development efforts “contributed to a culture at SI where people are eager to learn, from the president to the youngest teacher. In years past, some teachers may have thought they knew it all. Now we’re learning so much that we don’t even question the process. It’s part of the culture. The process has both improved our relationship with other schools and given SI a national reputation for excellence. Administrators from all over the country come here because we have become a school that seeks both to learn from others and to share freely.”

Others took notice, too, including Today’s Catholic Teacher magazine, which in 2004 honored SI as one of 12 schools nationwide for excellence and innovation in education. The magazine praised SI for “embarking on a unique approach to forming a school that learns,” for “rooting professional growth in every aspect of school culture,” and for “learning from the best models available, both locally and nationally.” Steve was also individually honored by the National Catholic Educational Association, which gave him its Secondary School Department Award, citing his “significant contribution to American Catholic secondary education.”

Steve also found success on the court as a basketball referee known for the fairness of his calls and as an exemplary coach in the early days of coeducation for the girls’ basketball team, which won its first CCS championship under his leadership.

In 2005, Steve left SI to serve as president of Oakland’s Bishop O’Dowd High School, which at the time was struggling with enrollment and fund-raising. He quickly turned the school around and made it into one of the finest Catholic schools in the East Bay.

He devoted much of his time to issues of sustainability and raised funds to build O’Dowd’s state-of-the-art Center for Environmental Studies, a 5,000-square-foot LEED-Platinum-Certified educational facility dedicated to cultivating the next generation of environmental and sustainability leaders, and supported the school’s Living Lab — a four-acre certified wildlife habitat and outdoor classroom committed to reconnecting students with the natural world. Once again, his efforts were recognized, this time in 2016 when the school received a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School award. Steve flew to Washington, D.C., that year to attend a ceremony held at the U.S. Department of Commerce honoring the winners. That year,

O’Dowd was the only Catholic school to receive the award among 47 schools and 15 districts recognized for their exemplary efforts to reduce environmental impacts and costs, promote better health and ensure effective environmental education.

This past year, he put the finishing touches on a deal to purchase 20 acres of adjacent water district land and was working on an updated Master Plan that lays out a framework for creating a sustainable 21st century school that prioritizes adaptability and sustainability, drives student discovery, demonstrates stewardship of the land and serves as a community resource.

In his dozen years at the helm of Bishop O’Dowd, he also raised funds to renovate every classroom and improve marketing and admissions efforts. He instituted a 1-to-1 laptop program and a mentoring program for at-risk students, developed a master site-plan for the campus, and expanded the budget for professional development. He also offered innovative solutions for supporting teachers as they revised their courses and started using new technologies, and he connected students to professionals in the community.

Steve’s friends and colleagues know that his greatest contribution to Catholic education was the example he set for others. He was a consummate learner, ever reading as well as attending and presenting at conferences so that the decisions he made would be based on the latest research. He never rested on his laurels but always encouraged others to take one more step to improve — all for the sake of the students.

Those touring SI or O’Dowd with him saw his concern for the students, as he knew nearly all by name as well as the circumstances of their lives. He would stop and chat with teens to let them know that he cared for them as individuals. That concern for the student as well as the institution was the lasting gift he gave to Catholic education.

Jerome Williams ‘75, one of Steve’s former students and an early member of the BSU, noted that “Steve Phelps worked to augment the life of the entire person. If they needed food he would make sure they were fed. If a child needed academic assistance he would tutor. If emotional support was required, he offered his heart. If we ever wonder how to live a life that is ‘for the greater glory of God and the salvation of humanity,’ look at the life of Dr. Phelps.” ∞



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Paul Otellini '68, former Intel CEO and company man for 40 years, dies at 66

Paul Otellini '68, who led Intel as President starting in 2002 and CEO between 2005 and 2013, died Oct. 2, 2017. He was 66. In all, he had served Intel for 40 years before retiring, and in that time, he helped transform the company and the world with innovative technologies.

Mr. Otellini joined Intel in 1974 after earning a bachelor's degree in economics from USF and an MBA from Cal's Haas School of Business. His eight-year term as CEO saw unprecedented growth in the company. Alexis Madrigal in *The Atlantic Monthly* praised him for leadership that allowed Intel to generate "more revenue during his eight-year tenure as CEO than it did during the rest of the company's 45-year history. If it weren't for the Internet bubble-inflated earnings of the year 2000, Mr. Otellini would have presided over the generation of greater profits than his predecessors combined as well."

For all this, Mr. Otellini eschewed the trappings of power. His cubicle at Intel looked just like everyone else's workspace, and he wasn't above returning to SI in 2006 to speak with students in the Wilsey Library. In 2013 he was the speaker at SI's Downtown Business



Lunch and was featured in several stories in *Genesis* magazine.

Mr. Otellini was born Oct. 12, 1950, in San Francisco to David and Evelyn Otellini, proud second-generation Italian-American city

residents, who sent their two sons — Paul and Steven (who would later enter the priesthood) to Holy Name Grammar School. Mr. Otellini later went to USF and Cal, where he received his MBA.

At Intel, he traveled around the world to meet with customers, employees and heads of state. However, it was the daily 100-mile round trip from his home in San Francisco to Santa Clara that attested to his love of the City.

Mr. Otellini served on many boards including those at Google, the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, the Nuclear Threat Initiative, The Fritz Companies and Autodesk. He was involved with several charitable and philanthropic organizations including the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation, the San Francisco Symphony and the Knights of Malta.

He is survived by his mother, Evelyn; his wife of 30 years, Sandy; his son, Patrick (Marissa) and daughter Alexis; grandchildren Nico and Mia; and his brother, Rev. Msgr. Steven Otellini of Menlo Park. ∞



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Colin Stretch '87 earned his law degree at Harvard Law School before clerking for Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and for Justice Laurence Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He left private practice in Washington, D.C., for Facebook, Inc. in 2010 as Deputy General Counsel and, since 2013, as Vice President and General Counsel. He was the lead negotiator in the high-profile Winklevoss/Facebook ownership case and has appeared before Congress regarding Russian-sponsored election ads. Mr. Stretch holds an A.B. in Government from Dartmouth College.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 2018

4-5 Faculty Retreat, no classes	
6 Entrance Examination	8:30am
8 School Resumes	8:20am
10 Class of 50-51 Basketball Champion's Lunch	noon
call Mic Kelly at 650-697-9376 to RSVP (OJ's North Beach)	
15 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday & Parade	10am
16 Ignatian Guild Meeting (Faculty Dining Room)	6:30pm
17 AALPA Meeting	6pm
18 Joey Alioto Moms' and Dads' Crab Feed	6pm
18 Parents Financial Aid Night for grades 10-12 (Commons)	7pm
19 Performing Arts Assembly	9:30am
20 Financial Assistance Information Day (new applicants)	10am
21 Ignatian Guild Women's Retreat	9am
22 Community of Concern for Freshman Parents	7pm
26 Enrichment Program Fair: Upper & Lower Lunches	
27 Winter Semiformal Dance	
29 Immersion Trip Discovery Night	6pm
29 Varsity/JV/Frosh spring sports tryouts begin	
31 SI Live (Bannan)	7pm
31 SIPAC Meeting	6pm

FEBRUARY

1 SI Live (Bannan)	3&7pm
1 AALPA 8th grade dinner for LatinX applicants	6pm
1 Downtown Business Lunch (Julia Morgan Ballroom)	11:30am
2 Piano Recital (Choral Room)	3pm
2 SI Live (Bannan)	7pm
5, 12, 26 Student Leadership Nights (Student Activities Center)	6pm
5 Financial Assistance Application due for new applicants to SI	
5 Immersion Parent Night	6pm
6 Ignatian Guild Meeting (Faculty Dining Room)	7pm
12 High School Summer School Registration opens online	
19 President's Day, no classes	
20 Faculty In-Service, no classes	

21 AALPA Meeting	6pm
22 Sophomore Parent College Night	7pm
23 Mother/Daughter Night (Commons)	6pm
24 Crew Alumni/Class Day Races (Lake Merced)	10am
24 SIPAC Lunar New Year Luncheon	12:30pm
28 SIPAC Lunar New Year Celebration	6pm

MARCH

1 AALPA 8th grade dinner for African-American applicants	
3 Fathers' Club Auction (McCullough Gym)	6pm
5 Financial Assistance Application due for returning students	
5 Middle School Summer School registration opens online	
7 College Night (Soph/Junior parents & junior students)	7pm
9 Mother/Son Night (Commons)	6pm
9 Arizona New Mexico Spring Training Game	
10 CSF Regional Conference	
12-13 Midterms	
13 Ignatian Guild Meeting (Faculty Dining Room)	7pm
14 Frosh/Soph Lock In	7pm
15 Faculty In-Service, no classes	
16 Admissions notifications for Class of 2022 mailed	
16 new students receive Financial Aid notifications	
16 Quarter Break	
17 Bruce-Mahoney baseball game	
21 AALPA Meeting	6pm
22-23 Cabaret (Wiegand)	7pm
28 SIPAC Meeting	6pm
29 Easter break begins	
31 Alumni Baseball Game (Marchbank)	TBA
31 Alumni Lacrosse Game (JB Murphy Field)	TBA

APRIL

6 Class of 1968 Hosted Reception (SI Faculty Dining Room)	6pm
7 Class of 1968 Reunion	
8 Golden Diploma Class of 1968 Mass & Reception	10am
9 Classes Resume	
10 Ignatian Guild Meeting (Faculty Dining Room)	7pm
14 Grandparents' Day	11:30am
14 Spring Musical (Bannan)	1pm

15 Case Studies, Junior parents & students	
17 Spring blood drive	
19-21 Spring Musical (Bannan)	7pm
21 Spring Musical (Bannan)	2pm
22 Mother Student Breakfast	9am
26 Father/Student Dinner (Commons)	6pm
26-28 Spring Musical (Bannan)	7pm
28 Spring Musical (Bannan)	2pm
28 Class of 1958 Reunion	

MAY

2-4 Spring Dance Concert (Wiegand)	7pm
5 International Food Faire	4pm
8 Ignatian Guild Meeting	7pm
9 Ignatian Guild Installation Mass & Luncheon	11am
10 Spring Pops (Bannan)	7pm
10 Transition to College (Orradre Chapel)	7pm
11 Spring Pops (Bannan)	3&7pm
12 Spring Pops (Bannan)	7pm
14 Returning students receive Financial Aid notification	
17 Fathers' Club BBQ (Commons)	5:30pm
18 Faculty In-Service (No Classes)	
18 AALPA Meeting	6pm
23 Performing Arts Star Banquet	6:30pm
24 Transition Liturgy	
25 Awards Assembly	
25 SIPAC Meeting	6pm
28 Memorial Day Holiday	
29 Ignatian Guild Meeting (Faculty Dining Room)	6:30pm
29-31 Final Exams	
31 Baccalaureate Mass	7:30pm

JUNE

2 Graduation	10:30am
9 Red & Blue Campus Crawl	5:30pm
11 Summer Camps begin	
18 Summer School begins	

save the date

Red & Blue Campus Crawl

Saturday, June 9, 2018

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