

GENESIS

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WELCOME TO THE NEW GENESIS...

A lot has happened since we last published an issue. At that time, SI had shifted to remote learning, then partially-remote classes, and has since returned to full in-person school, co-curricular activities and other events. As difficult as navigating the pandemic has been, our Catholic and Jesuit values remain the core of who we are and have helped illuminate the way forward. Now, we can't wait for you to see all the life and excitement happening on 37th Avenue.

We have also revamped and refreshed the look of the magazine to better showcase our amazing students and alumni while remaining a pleasure for you to read. As with SI itself, GENESIS may change over time, but the most important thing is that Wildcats stay connected with each other, and we hope this magazine helps. Enjoy reading, and Go Cats!



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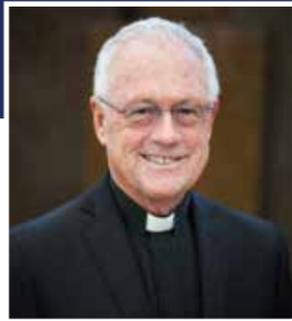
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SI Community,

In September 2021, I had the pleasure of attending SI's Alumni Homecoming, which took place on campus, and at which we honored former music teacher Nick Sablinsky and former Spanish teacher and summer school director Barbara Talavan for their many years of dedication and mentorship at St. Ignatius.

Mr. Sablinsky and Sra. Talavan are emblematic of what makes SI a great school. I have heard from many alumni that as much as they asked of their students and guided them in developing their gifts, they also cared for them as multifaceted young men and women — you know the Jesuit term, *cura personalis* — and all of that combined to leave a lasting impression. It did not matter whether or not those alumni went on after high school to pursue music professionally, or became fluent in Spanish: They remembered they were encouraged, challenged and loved.

I believe our faculty, coaches and staff continue this kind of work at SI today, and it is one of the major reasons Wildcats from across generations stay connected to the school and each other. These adults model for us a loving Christian community that our graduates carry into the world, an attitude that we strive for excellence in everything we do, have fun, build friendships, grow spiritually and, especially, we take care of each other.

What is being men and women with and for others if it is not applying the kind of love and care that Nick Sablinsky and Barbara Talavan gave their students?

In this issue of GENESIS, you can read about what is happening at SI today: We have returned to full in-person learning and co-curricular activities, and our students are as bright, purposeful and fascinating as ever. You can also read about SI alumni who have built upon their Jesuit education to make a difference in the world, from former California Gov. Jerry Brown '55, to oncologist Dr. Elwyn Cabebe '92, to climate expert Laura West Fischer '09, and more.

This is SI. This is who we are. We wouldn't have it any other way.

Blessings,

Edward A. Reese, S.J.



Nick Sablinsky, former SI music teacher, speaking at the 2021 Homecoming

THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS



Dear SI Alumni and Friends,

It has been a whirlwind of ups and downs these past two years since I was brought on to lead the St. Ignatius Alumni Association. One of my takeaways from the past 24 months is that the spirit and loyalty for our shared St. Ignatius experience crosses ages, genders, affiliations and geography.

That shouldn't surprise me. St. Ignatius has been teaching its special brand of Jesuit education in San Francisco for 167 years. If we look beyond our city, the Jesuits have been forming Ignatians for more than 450 years. That's a lot of experience.

Our job at the SI Alumni Department is to keep this Ignatian spirit alive for your time after graduation. With almost 20,000 living alumni served by more than 200 class representatives, we have one of the greatest high school alumni associations in the country and we want to make it even better. In addition to communicating through those class representatives, we are reaching out to you through video, social media and, of course, GENESIS.

We will continue to help class representatives organize grand reunions, educational and social events, and we will continue to raise resources to keep this tremendous Ignatian experience alive for generations of Wildcats to come.

Speaking of social events, two years of tumult has been tough and it's time for a party! Save the date for the Red and Blue All Class Celebration on Saturday, June 4, on the SI campus in the Sunset.

With our Ignatian-formed experiences, we are ready to spring forward. We are the fortunate ones, called to be in service, with and for others. We are SI!

Tom Hsieh '83



NEWS FROM SI



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wildcat Nation welcomed SI and Fr. Sauer Academy students to campus on the first day of school with a morning pep rally on the front steps.

A RETURN TO IN-PERSON LITURGIES

After holding liturgies virtually during hybrid and at-home learning, this school year we resumed in-person Liturgy of the Eucharist on Wednesday mornings as the schedule allowed, and on Friday mornings, we began holding Liturgy of the Word, with student leaders.



FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS SHARE THEIR WISDOM

SI faculty and staff who were the first in their families to attend college spoke about their experiences and offered support to students who are, themselves, on track to be the first in their families to attend college.



ALUMNI HOMECOMING AND CLASS REP SUMMIT

In September 2021, the Alumni Department hosted the first ever Class Rep Summit and Alumni Homecoming. The party was the first opportunity in more than a year for our alumni community to gather in-person on SI's campus! The day began with a presentation for 80 class representatives from the classes of 1949 to 2014 about the year of events planned and the department's goals. The representatives then joined 200 other alumni at the Alumni Homecoming party on Columbus Piazza where Mr. Nick Sablinsky and Mrs. Barbara Talavan were awarded the first ever Alumni Appreciation award.



CAST OF "HAMILTON" TOURING SHOW STOPS BY FOR Q&A

SI and Fr. Sauer Academy students gathered in Cowell Gymnasium to hear from members of the "Hamilton" touring show's cast and asked questions about their experiences as actors and representation in the entertainment industry.



CATS OPENS

The new Center for Academics and Targeted Support (CATS, formerly the Learning Center) opened in the Wilsey Library. It's a space where all students are welcome to receive academic support and accommodations they need to be successful at SI.





LEARNING FROM A TRADITIONAL AZTEC DANCE GROUP

Xiuhcoatl Danza Azteca visited the Fr. Sauer Academy to perform and teach about their specific cultural traditions. Gabriela Rojas-Martinez, Fr. Sauer Academy counselor and social worker, has been a member of the group for more than 25 years.



LATINXCELLENCE SHOWCASE: LATIN@S REUNID@S

On Oct. 16, 2021, we celebrated our LatinX students and the diversity of Latin American cultures with food and performances in Carlin Commons. This annual all-school event is hosted by the Association of Latin American Students.



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Parents and other Fr. Sauer Academy community members put together a Thanksgiving Potluck lunch, which students enjoyed outside.



PASKO DRAWS BIG CROWD

SI's annual SIPAC-sponsored celebration of Christmas and Asian heritage attracted its largest crowd to date. Attendees enjoyed dance performances, a fashion show, a raffle and a large buffet featuring foods representing many different cultures.



SI'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

We're grateful for the time, money and goods the SI community gave so that we could fill 275 boxes with pantry staples, Christmas dinner items and Safeway gift cards for local families. We were also able to give 500 Target gift cards to local families so they could purchase Christmas gifts.

BAY AREA TEACH-IN FOR JUSTICE

On Feb. 12, 2022, SI hosted the seventh annual Bay Area Teach-In for Justice, led by student organizers Ashley Yoshii '22, Meredith Foster '23 and Andre Ignoffo '24. More than 120 high school students and adults from 11 schools across the Bay Area attended. Highlights included a student panel on the BIPOC experience featuring Ignoffo, and a keynote speech from Sheryl Davis, former SI parent and board member, and current executive director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.



MORE NEWS FROM SI



SI HOSTS BAY AREA YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT

On Oct. 10, 2021, high schoolers from around the Bay Area gathered on SI's campus for the in-person portion of the second annual Bay Area Youth Climate Summit. Junior Meredith Foster '23 and senior Dory Miller '22 were student organizers and are members of the Arrupe Social Justice Council and SI Green Team. Shortly after the event, they spoke about what students achieved that day and what next steps they would like to see. Their comments have been edited for clarity and brevity.

What results came out of this year's Bay Area Youth Climate Summit?

Meredith Foster: For our networking sessions, we put people in random groups so they could get to know people from other schools, and they shared why they care about this cause. Personally, it was inspiring to see all these young people from different backgrounds, different parts of the Bay Area, all coming together to engage on a topic that matters to them.

Dory Miller: We had a group leading hypothetical climate action plans for more general issues and what our solutions would be if we had the means to do them. Some of these involved solutions focused on green energy, wildlife conservation and issues like that on a broader scale. But we also worked on implementable school-level climate action plans that participants could bring back to their school communities.

Foster: The SI climate action planning group thought of ideas for how to reduce SI's carbon footprint. While I'm involved with the Green Team and Arrupe Council, not everyone who attended the summit from SI has been involved with them, so I got to hear new voices that we wouldn't necessarily hear at regular meetings. We came up with some great ideas, like a school garden, working with the Fr. Sauer Academy to expand Green Team there, and more.

We're still working on them, and I think it's important to remember that a big part of this is being open to imagining a better future.

Miller: We're also working on a Meatless Monday campaign and generally trying to encourage people to incorporate more plant-based foods into their diets because of the large carbon footprint meat production has. It's not necessarily about becoming vegetarian or vegan, because those aren't diets that are always accessible to everyone for various reasons, but more to get people to be more mindful of what they're eating and how that affects the planet.

What do you hope is next for SI?

Miller: We're trying to get students more interested in policy-making and advocacy in general, which is something the Arrupe Council is also focusing on within its different subcommittees.

Foster: I hope we, as an institution, think more about sustainability and our carbon footprint as part of our everyday lives. I think it's important that we consider ways to be more environmentally friendly because we're all connected on this planet, people here in the Bay Area and people in places experiencing immediate climate crises, and it seems to me that caring for our planet is a way to answer the Jesuit call to live not just for ourselves but for others.



STUDENTS REFLECT ON COLLEGE TOUR

This October, several dozen students participated in the SI Magis program's 13th annual college tour. Over just a few days, the students visited Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Chapman University, UC Los Angeles, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, and San Diego State University, met with SI alumni currently attending these schools and came away with new perspectives on what paths are available to them.

Several described being apprehensive about visiting schools they'd never considered before, but that once they got a taste of what life is like on those campuses, they became aware of new possibilities.

"I thought it was going to be presentation after presentation, that it was going to be boring and we'd get pamphlets and stuff like that. But then we got to have a student Q & A, and that got me more excited," said Jade Mac '23. "Originally, I was just going to apply to all the UCs — well-known schools — and I didn't really think about applying to SDSU, or Chapman, or other schools we visited, but after the tour and admissions presentation, I felt differently about them."

Students also spoke about the impact of visiting colleges like SDSU, where they could see a large percentage of the student body is Hispanic.

"A majority of the time, when we think of higher education, we think of whiteness and majority white areas," said Andrés Safa '23. "So seeing a school like that helped me see myself in college, and I was glad to know there's a place that's working to welcome people who look like me."

Another common theme among students was that their visits cast their high school years in a new light. About

half of the tour's participants identify as first-generation college-bound students, and for many it was the first time they had ever visited a college campus. Some students said attending college became more real for them during the trip and now they're focusing more intently on their academics at SI. Others came to understand that going away to college is a part of their larger journey into adulthood.

"Before the tour, I feel like I always kept rushing myself in school, that I wasn't enjoying the present because I've always been so academically driven to the point of overwork," said Isabella Alcantara '24. "But then I went on the tour and learned that it's okay to take things slow. It's okay to take time and it's okay to not know everything. I heard stories from people saying, 'I've switched majors so many times.' They're still in that discovery process, and yet I've spent all this time rushing myself and forcing myself to figure things out when I don't need to force it. It will come naturally if I take my time."

To a person, the students were grateful for the opportunity to go on this trip, and also for the broader Magis program at SI. Anais Cooper '23 captured the broad sentiment of the group.

"It's like family, and I say that because I don't always go to Magis, but they're always there, and knowing that is so comforting," Cooper said. "It's like knowing your family is always there for you and they always have your back."

The Magis High School Program is an academic, social, and cultural support program for students historically underrepresented at SI and institutions of higher education.

BSU SHOWCASE AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Feb. 26, 2022, the Black Student Union Showcase: Celebrating 50 Years of Building Community was held in the Carlin Commons. There, the SI community celebrated the BSU and its continuing legacy of empowering students to illuminate their gifts, talents and passions. Students took the stage for musical performances, student-choreographed dancing and poetry readings, garnering multiple standing ovations from the sold-out audience.

A highlight of the evening was a video presentation and ceremony honoring the founders of the BSU at SI and other BSU alumni. In addition to thanking them for starting an organization that has meant so much to so many, SI announced the creation of a new Black Excellence Alumni Award, to be given on an annual basis to Black alumni who have distinguished themselves in helping to support and

uplift Black Ignatians so that they can express their gifts to the world and fulfill the Jesuit values instilled in them while at the school.

Affinity groups such as the BSU promote awareness and respect for diversity, inclusion, equity and belonging. In predominantly white institutions, affinity groups serve as a place of reflection, dialogue and support, sharing of pride and successes, and most importantly, a place of positive identity formation, affirmation and understanding.

Watch the video featuring alumni describing the BSU's impact on their lives



ANALYTICS CLUB GIVES COACHES AN ASSIST



Eddy Dudum '23 opened a new window on his laptop and displayed a series of numbers listed in columns alongside St. Ignatius Women's Varsity Basketball players' names. As founder of SI's Sports Analytics Club, this is the heart of the work he does on behalf of the team.

"The coaches already get all the traditional statistics they could want, but we're also producing statistics that try to measure players' instincts and habits on the court," he said.

Dudum and other members of the club pore through game video, track various actions on the court and collect that data all in one place. The raw numbers are available to coaches, and the club uses them to arrive at a rough holistic defensive rating for each player. Dudum also produces a written analysis of the team's performance based on the club's video study and the statistics they gather.

"A good example of what we're tracking, specifically, that doesn't show up in traditional statistics is help defense," Dudum said. "We'll track whether a player is able to

recognize situations where they're supposed to provide help defense. A few other things we track include box outs and something we call PAPS, or points allowed per shot, which is an attempt to measure how many points a defender gives up while they're guarding the ball."

All of this is meant to provide more information for the coaching staff, and Dudum is quick to emphasize the limitations of the operation as it is right now.

"I had a chance to speak with Coach Maya Fok '98 early in the season, to pick her brain about her philosophy on the game, and we've exchanged emails, too. I think if you go too deep into analytics, it's easy to get away from focusing on basketball basics," he said. "For instance, simple math suggests it's better to shoot three-pointers because making them at a 33% rate is the same as making two-pointers at a 50% rate. But Coach Maya also likes to emphasize the importance of shooting with confidence. So, for instance, a confident two-pointer can be more valuable. It's not just a simple math equation."

Women's Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach Angelique Bocarra '04 is the moderator of the club. She said the statistics they provide help the team in planning and coaching.

"It's another way for us to evaluate whether we're playing the way we want to play," Bocarra said. "As coaches, we are present and engaged during games, but we can't see everything, so we deeply appreciate those extra sets of eyes and minds providing fresh observations backed by data. This data has already helped us in developing strategy, managing personnel, skill development and planning practices. Also, the data provided, in a way, gives us insight into what our competitors may see in scouting us — our tendencies, strengths and weaknesses. These students are making us better coaches."

Looking forward, Dudum is hoping to recruit more students to the club, expand their capabilities and perhaps branch out to other sports.

"We have big goals. I'm happy that Coach Bocarra is our moderator and we have support in the Athletics Department, because I think we can revolutionize SI sports," he said.

STUDENTS GO TO D.C. FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE TEACH-IN

A delegation of 10 SI students with two members of our faculty and staff attended the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 6–8. There, they networked, prayed and attended breakout sessions alongside approximately 1,500 students and adults from across the Ignatian and Catholic social justice network.

Among the highlights of the event, students identified listening to Fr. Bryan Massingale speaking about racial justice, several students from Jesuit High School in Sacramento speaking about making their campus a more equitable community and SI's own Mr. Darius White speaking on the main stage about journeying with one another in our common humanity.

When asked what they learned from the trip, several students said they came to a better understanding of how SI's culture makes room for them and their peers to stand for justice.

Ann Anish '23 said, "It gave me a sense of gratitude that there are students at our school who are willing to bring up issues important to them, no matter when it is. It doesn't have to be an Instagram trend or something that's happening politically right now."

Among the many speakers at the event, the students from Jesuit High may have been the most inspiring to our students. Mia Aaronson '22 described listening to the Jesuit High students and applying their experiences to how she plans to advocate for change in her home communities.

"Hearing them and their success bringing attention to problems that they thought were important is incredible,"

she said. "I think student voices are amplified and powerful at SI, and the Jesuit High students helped me realize that it's possible to make change from a student perspective if we bring enough attention to it and if we really focus on changing culture and not changing people."

Cat Young '22 said she was glad to feel the energy of being around so many other passionate people and that she's still buoyed by that spirit.

"Being surrounded by people who share a lot of the same values and passion makes me want to spread it," she said. "I want to open the door for anyone else who may be curious about social justice initiatives because, ultimately, it's about unity and everyone working together to write this change."

The students weren't the only ones to come away from the trip energized and hopeful. Tamara Setiady, SI's community service coordinator, talked about the joy she felt seeing students blossom.

"Opportunities like IFTJ invite our students to deepen in living out a faith that does justice and share what they have learned with our own SI community upon their return. It introduces students to the skills of advocacy, prayer and reflection, which are part of SI's mission to form students who respond courageously to the challenges of our time," she said. "I watched our students interacting with college students and other adults, having conversations about big issues and their social justice work. As our delegation's adult leader and as an Ignatian educator, I am delighted to see that the work we do at SI — not just in my office, but as a whole school — is helping form students who can not only hold their own but contribute meaningfully alongside very accomplished peers and adults from across our Province and throughout the Ignatian network."



CONFRONTING RACISM AND BIGOTRY

SI has stepped up efforts to address pain caused by racism and homophobia in our community. As Principal Michelle Nevin Levine said at an online Town Hall on Racism this January, our Catholic faith and Jesuit mission compel us to fight racism and bigotry. They are unacceptable at SI, and we are grateful to our students, alumni, and faculty and staff who have challenged us to be better through their stories and leaning into difficult conversations about racial equity and inclusion.

We know the value and richness of diversity amongst our students, families and alumni — it is one of our greatest strengths. In trying to build an inclusive community, we know we can be better. We have a tremendous amount of listening and reflection ahead of us, and we ask for your support, your cooperation and your courage as we all take steps toward healing and growth.

Moreover, we have already taken action that has resulted in tangible change at SI. Among many steps, we have:

- Formed a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Task Force that has a broad mandate to study the school, recommend changes to our strategic plan and advise the administration on how to ensure SI lives up to its stated values, particularly when viewed through a DEIB lens.
- Updated the Student Handbook's harassment policies, especially around sexual, racial and ethnic identity, and created a new process for reporting and tracking incidents of identity-based harm.
- Rethought and adjusted our hiring processes in order to attract a more diverse candidate pool for teaching jobs and other positions at the school.

Whether you are a student, parent, employee, or member of the alumni community, you play a part in making SI more equitable and inclusive. We're committed to building a loving, safe and inclusive school, and we need your help to grow and cultivate the community that we all desire.

Read more about SI's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging efforts at siprep.org



PERFORMING ARTS



WINTER DANCE CONCERT



WINTER CHORAL CONCERT



RADIUM GIRLS



WINTER CONCERT -
ORCHESTRA



WINTER CONCERT -
JAZZ BAND



CARRIE:
THE MUSICAL



PIANO
RECITAL

FASHION SHOW WE WILL ROCK YOU

The SI Ignatian Guild and the Class of 2022 presented the 52nd Annual Fashion Show, *We Will Rock You*, on Saturday, Jan. 29 and Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022. Working around COVID protocols, the Fashion Show chairs, Lynda Boyden, Lydia Flocchini, Lisa Katz and Kelly Scandalios, produced an amazing rock 'n roll spectacle.

Each year, the Fashion Show becomes a bonding experience for the senior class as they spend time practicing, dancing and laughing together for weeks prior to the show. As their sophomore and junior years were extraordinarily interrupted by a pandemic, their return to campus as seniors made this year's Fashion Show even more cherished. The Class of 2022 has modeled resiliency, school spirit and joyful participation throughout their time at SI. The Fashion Show was a chance to let loose, have fun and celebrate. What an extraordinary senior tradition!



FATHERS' CLUB AUCTION VEGAS NIGHT

On Saturday, March 5, 2022, more than 700 guests "placed a bet on the future" and attended the annual *Fathers' Club Auction - Vegas Night*.

This year's auction was chaired by Martin Murphy '84 and co-chaired by Michael Rossetto '83, who worked all year to solicit donations for the silent and live auctions, as well as wine. Countless Fathers' Club volunteers, parents, alumni and friends gathered for cocktails in Cowell Pavilion, where they showed their skills at the blackjack and roulette tables while counting how many Elvises were in the building. The evening festivities continued in McCullough Gymnasium with dinner and an entertaining live auction.

Each year, the goal of the auction is to raise money for SI's Scholarship Fund. This year, there was an additional special paddle raise to benefit refurbishing the SI Athletics Complex (formerly Fairmont Field).

***The Fathers' Club Auction - Vegas Night* was a smashing hit, exceeding our wildest dreams and breaking records by raising \$1.2 million in support of SI.**



A NEW ERA FOR THE BRUCE-MAHONEY



In September 2021, St. Ignatius and Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory agreed to make a major change to the Bruce-Mahoney competition. For the first time, women's sports would be included, with women's volleyball and basketball games added to the rivalry, making it a best three out of five.

In the inaugural year of this new format, SI won the trophy after defeating SHC in women's volleyball, women's basketball and men's basketball. Every game was well-attended and students in the cheering sections were as energetic and raucous as ever.

Already, we're excited about next year's games against SHC, and would love to see you come out to support the Wildcats!

Opposite, left to right: Sacred Heart President Dr. Melinda Lawlor Skrade, Sacred Heart Principal Dr. Gary Cannon, St. Ignatius Principal Michelle Nevin Levine and St. Ignatius President Edward A. Reese, S.J., with the Bruce-Mahoney Trophy at Kezar Stadium



SI ATHLETICS

21-22

Volleyball Alumnae Celebrate Bruce-Mahoney Victory

The Women's Varsity Volleyball season was successful on a number of levels. The team traveled to Las Vegas for the annual Durango Challenge Volleyball Tournament, finished 8-2 in the WCAL, went 21-6 in overall play, made the championship game in the section finals and qualified for the state playoffs. However, if you asked any volleyball athlete for their season highlight, it would unequivocally be playing in front of 2,000 rabid fans inside of San Francisco's historic Kezar Pavilion for the inaugural Bruce-Mahoney Volleyball Game, in which SI defeated SHC.

Perhaps the loudest, and proudest, section of fans at Kezar was a group of volleyball alumnae who were invited to the game by the Athletic Department to celebrate the Bruce-Mahoney tradition's new era. At a sponsored pregame reception, with 30 years of team pictures on the tables, more than 75 volleyball alumnae, their partners and their children reconnected with classmates and teammates, and shared joy to be part of this new tradition and the recognition for the volleyball team.

Jen Curtin, Women's Varsity Volleyball coach and English teacher at SI, and Principal Michelle Nevin Levine addressed the alumnae group with excitement and pride as the gymnasium began to fill with families and students, thanking them for supporting this year's team and celebrating their contributions to SI as students and athletes.

The women's volleyball program has won three championships: Girls Private School League champions in 1998 and 2000, and a Central Coast Section championship in 2010. Those seasons were important moments in our school's history, and now the 2022 women's volleyball season stands alongside them, highlighted by that historic victory at Kezar.



FALL

Football
Varsity | 5-7
JV | 6-3
Frosh | 7-2

Women's Golf
Varsity | 1-8-1
JV | 10-2

Field Hockey
Varsity | 6-10-1
JV | 9-6

Women's Tennis
Varsity | 15-5
JV | 11-0

Women's Volleyball
Varsity | 21-6
JV | 4-1
Frosh | 6-1

Men's Water Polo
Varsity | 9-19
JV | 9-5
Frosh | 2-2

Women's Water Polo
Varsity | 12-16
JV | 7-4-1
Frosh | 4-0-1

Men's Cross Country
5th Place
Finish
WCAL

Women's Cross Country
4th Place
Finish
WCAL

Sailing
3rd Place
Finish
NorCal



Women's and Men's Basketball Teams Reach New Heights Together

SI's Men's and Women's Varsity Basketball teams reached the NorCal Championship games this year. Each team started the season on a roll with the men's team going 9-0 out of the gate and the women's team starting the season 8-0, both finishing with more than 20 victories.

From the start, they played great basketball, achieving striking success in their preseason tournaments. The women's team won the Marin Catholic Tournament and came in second place in the very competitive Tournament of Champions, in Phoenix. The men's team won the Peterich Viking Tip-Off Tournament, hosted by Montgomery High School in Santa Rosa, and also came in second place in the Chris Huber Memorial Classic at Acalanes High School in Lafayette.

In league play, both teams had a similar win percentage (.640 for men's and .700 for women's) and competed for first place all season long with the women finishing in second place and men in third place. Both teams made the Open Division section playoffs and made it to the semi-finals. In the CIF state playoffs, the SI basketball teams were No. 3 seeds in Division I and ripped off impressive victories all the way to the NorCal Championship games, where the men lost by 2 points to Clovis North and the women lost by 4 to Salesian (Oakland).

Stats don't tell the entire story of these very successful and similar seasons. Both teams were led by talented groups of seniors. The women's roster had seven and the men's roster had 12. This senior-heavy cohort, alongside their teammates, gave fits to their opponents, represented SI basketball in a positive manner, and worked hard throughout the season despite COVID-related restrictions to when they could practice and be together.

Both teams also succeeded under second-year coaches Maya Fok '98 and Jason Greenfield. Fok and Greenfield were hired during the pandemic and had to be extremely creative with practices and workouts to help get through their first, COVID-shortened, seasons. This year, even as our athletics program and school moved closer to our pre-pandemic rhythms, both coaches had to endure ongoing challenges with scheduling and game postponements because of COVID cases, yet persevered and set a shining example for our students, leading to one last parallel between the two teams: Both Fok and Greenfield were named by NorCalPreps as the CCS Coaches of the Year.



WINTER

Men's Basketball

Varsity | 23-7
JV | 16-4
Frosh Red | 12-8
Frosh Blue | 14-3

Women's Basketball

Varsity | 21-9
JV | 7-5
Frosh | 6-4

Men's Soccer

Varsity | 12-6-3
JV | 12-3-3
Frosh | 7-2-5

Women's Soccer

Varsity | 9-4-4
JV | 11-1-3
Frosh | 5-3-1

J.B. Murphy Field: Now Under the Lights

This year, SI installed new state-of-the-art lights at J.B. Murphy Field, allowing nighttime practices and games on campus while minimizing light leakage into the surrounding neighborhood. Teams began practicing at night in the fall, and the first game under the lights was a Men's Varsity Soccer match against Bellarmine on Jan. 4, 2022.

Thank you to the many donors who made this possible. The lights dramatically expand the hours our athletic teams can use our own facilities throughout the school year and open up opportunities to schedule games when more people can attend. If you haven't already seen the field at night, we can't wait for you to experience a night game on campus!



Help Build SI's Field of Dreams



Just minutes away from St. Ignatius College Preparatory's San Francisco campus, Fairmont Field is a complex in Pacifica with artificial turf fields currently used by our baseball, softball, field hockey and soccer teams. For more than a decade, our teams have made it their home, sharing the fields as best they can in the tight confines.

Now, we need your help to complete renovations that will transform it into the **SI Athletics Complex**

In December, we removed an unused building, which opened an additional 4 acres of space. To take full advantage of that new space, we are planning a two-phase process in which we will build a full-size multi-use field, outfield fences for the baseball and softball fields, a weight room, additional parking, restrooms and more.

When finished, the SI Athletics Complex will be a full-service facility larger than our Sunset campus, a training hub for SI's 66 sports teams and the home field for multiple SI sports.

Already, it is an essential part of our program and these improvements will ensure it remains a top-flight facility for years to come. But we can't do it without your support.



Top: Rendering of the completed SI Athletic Complex.
Middle: Aerial photograph of Fairmont Field as it is today.
Bottom: Rendering of the proposed weight room

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Ignatian, Seminarian, Governor

Gov. Jerry Brown '55 Looks
Back at How SI Molded Him





BY JOHN WILDERMUTH '69

For former Gov. Jerry Brown '55, his new home in the rugged foothills of rural Colusa County couldn't be more different from San Francisco, the city where he was born.

But when Brown moved to the ranch where his grandmother grew up in the 1880s, it was both a return to his family's California roots and a chance for a quieter, more reflective life outside of politics.

"I know more neighbors here than I did in Oakland," where he was mayor from 1999 to 2007, Brown said as he sat in the shade outside the home he shares with his wife, Anne Gust Brown, and a pair of rambunctious dogs.

Those neighbors "have land and have been around awhile. It's a very friendly environment," he added.

Brown, who spent decades in political office and served a record four terms as California's governor, hasn't

retired from public life. He focuses now on big-picture subjects like climate change, nuclear proliferation, education and criminal justice reform, giving speeches and serving on boards.

Even as the 84-year-old Brown spends his days on the 2,500-acre spread where his great-grandfather, August Schuckman, ran an inn and stagecoach stop, he keeps up his connection to what was then St. Ignatius High School.

His classmates still meet once a month at Original Joe's in North Beach and Brown gets there when he can. He was quick to bring out a yearbook that his class, with the help of school officials, put out in 2020 to mark the 65 years since their graduation.

"When we did our yearbook, it was an opportunity to call up people, find out about people, check out people's history (and) obituaries," Brown said.

The school Brown attended was very different from today's SI. ROTC was a requirement, students took Latin for four years and the casts of the school plays were all male.

"They were conditions for that time," Brown said with a shrug.

Brown has had plenty of experience with Jesuit education. After graduating from SI, he spent a year at Santa Clara University and then three-and-a-half years as a Jesuit seminarian at Los Gatos.

"The Jesuits had tradition, with a core of Jesuit tradition, focused on ideas," he said.

But Brown almost didn't end up at St. Ignatius. He wanted to go to Archbishop Riordan High School, which had opened in 1949, because that's where some of his friends from his Forest Hills neighborhood were heading. But his father, then-state Attorney General — and later two-term governor — Pat Brown, pushed for Lowell High School, his own alma mater.

"My father didn't like the idea of Riordan; he said it didn't have any tradition," Brown said. "Finally, I said 'SI' and he said OK."

For a teenager coming from the strictly regimented Catholic elementary school system, Brown's new high school was a revelation.

"The teachers were more interesting," he said. "There were more kids, different guys. It was more intellectually interesting, more stimulating. I did like that."

The faculty "was heavily Jesuit, with only a few laymen" — and they were all men. In his four years at SI, Brown had only three teachers who weren't Jesuits: Bernard Murphy for algebra, Frank Corwin for history and Richard McCurdy for English.

But McCurdy didn't really count. He entered the

seminary with Brown in 1956, but unlike the former governor, he stayed the course and was ordained a priest. He returned to SI in 1976 and served as the school's principal until 1981.

McCurdy did provide Brown with one of his most lasting memories of high school.

"I remember that on one of his exams there was only one prompt: write 100 words on your impression of a green leaf," he recalled. "You had to have a feeling about the leaf, an idea."

That assignment helped him realize how important even common things could be and forced him to look more deeply into the world around him.



"That question that he asked is one thing that has remained with me."

Brown also looked back at another lesson that stayed with him as a college student at UC Berkeley, a law student at Yale and as an attorney and politician. But he wasn't too pleased about where he learned it.

Brown admitted that he wasn't an academic superstar during his time at SI, preferring his friends and his own interests to school books.

"I probably didn't study more than two hours a week, maybe less," he said.

Those habits caught up with him after his sophomore year, when he was required to retake English in summer school. But it was

there that a Jesuit scholastic taught him the secret to effective writing.

"He said, 'Revise, revise, revise, revise.' I hadn't thought of that. The idea of writing an essay and then writing it again was new to me."

But it changed the way he looked at his work, Brown said.

"In law school and even in the (governor's) State of

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the State address, I didn't feel bad about rewriting something 10 times," until it read the way he wanted it.

Yet another thing that Brown notices more as he looks back on his high school days is that he and his classmates didn't feel the intense anxiety to succeed both inside and outside of the classroom that many students today experience.

The need to be in certain clubs or organizations "and the pressure to be on this team or that team didn't exist," Brown said. "Activities were much less organized. If you wanted to be a debater, you just showed up at Room 212."

Brown was active in speech during his high school years. He won the freshman and sophomore oratorical contests and competed on the debate team.

He was also a cheerleader as a sophomore and junior, largely because his father had been a cheerleader at Lowell. The competition was far from intense for the handful of students interested.

"Everyone who wanted to do it, did it," Brown said, and it was the same for many other activities.

"I remember talking to the track coach once and he said, 'If you can walk I can teach you to run.' I only explored that for an hour or so, which I regret."

But Brown knows the school experiences that molded a high school senior in 1955 can't be the same as those for a student in 2022.

"That world is gone, so SI has to respond," he said. Schools and institutions that don't stay relevant to the needs of a new generation "cease to exist."

That's as true for his great-grandfather's ranch as it is for his old high school. While old barns and out-buildings still stand around the olive orchard, Brown uses an all-terrain vehicle instead of a horse to get around his property and his newly built house runs completely on solar power.

"This was a stagecoach stop when my grandmother grew up here," he said. "Things don't stay the same."

Like it or not, change is inevitable, Brown said.

"SI is not immune to ... the winds of time," he said. "I think even the red and blue are different."

At first, Brown waved off the idea that he should have something to say to new generations of students entering SI more than six decades after he did.

"I don't know that I'd have any advice," he said. "Nobody gave me any advice."

But then, after a minute of thought, he offered a bit of wisdom from his own school days.

"I probably should have studied more." 

John Wildermuth '69 spent 46 years as a journalist at California daily newspapers, 35 of them with the San Francisco Chronicle, mostly reporting on politics and government.

PRESIDENT'S CABINET RECEPTION



We were overjoyed to welcome alumni, parents and friends back to campus on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 for our annual President's Cabinet Reception. This event is our opportunity to recognize the members of the SI community who generously contribute at a leadership level.

Guests were greeted at the main entrance of the school by the SI choir and further entertained by members of the SI orchestra in the newly renovated Wilsey Library. The evening also provided an opportunity to view our brand new J.B. Murphy Field lights, explore the Magis Center for Equity and Inclusion and visit the Father Sauer Academy classrooms. President Edward A. Reese, S.J. used the occasion to formally dedicate the Center for Academics and Targeted Support (CATS), which was completed in October.

This night celebrates the very best of SI.

We look forward to seeing you next year!





OUR COMMON CONNECTION TO DR. ANTHONY FAUCI

The esteemed immunologist and chief medical adviser to the President of the United States told GENESIS how attending Jesuit schools helped shape his life and informs his work to this day

BY JOHN WILDERMUTH '69

For Dr. Anthony Fauci, his career as one of the country's best-known physicians began in 1954 at tiny Regis High School, an all-male Jesuit school in New York City.

"Regis was a special school," the 81-year-old Fauci said in a telephone interview. "The level of competition to get in sought out the best and brightest from the Catholic (elementary) schools in the city. It brought out the best in you."

His four years at Regis, followed by four more years at College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts, gave Fauci a lifelong appreciation for Jesuit education.

"I became immersed in the intellectual rigor of a Jesuit education," he said. "I learned the precision of thought and economy of expression. I was taught to explain things in an articulate way and not to be afraid of solving problems."

Those communication skills have stayed with him throughout his professional life, Fauci said.

His career is a highly visible example of the Jesuits' call to form "men and women for and with others."

Fauci graduated first in his class from Cornell University Medical College. After completing a residency in internal medicine, Fauci joined the National Institutes of Health in 1968 and has spent his entire career in the public health arena, serving since 1984 as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

An internationally known medical researcher, Fauci has been the government's leader in efforts to fight HIV/AIDS, swine flu, Ebola and COVID-19. In 2008, he received the nation's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, from President George W. Bush, for his work battling AIDS. He is currently chief medical adviser to President Joe Biden.

It wasn't always easy. The son of a pharmacist, Fauci grew up in the Bensonhurst area of Brooklyn, more than an hour away by bus and subway from the Regis campus in New York City's Upper East Side.

"It was a long daily commute," Fauci recalled. Those trips were even longer and later during basketball season, when, as a 5-foot-7-inch point guard and captain, Fauci led his team in late afternoon games around the city, only to come home for the two to three hours of study his high school demanded.

Jesuit schools in the 1950s were different from those of today. The school required a tough entrance exam to get in and Fauci and his classmates were required to take four years of Latin and Greek, along with a modern language and other college preparatory subjects.

But Fauci is convinced the classics and the competition helped him become the physician he is today. He even graduated from Holy Cross with a bachelor's degree in classics with a pre-medical concentration.

At Regis, "we were very steeped in Greek and Latin classics," he said. "Being a doctor is well beyond just science. Learning about and understanding (ancient cultures) has unquestionably made me a better physician."

He learned the science, too. A 2021 analysis of Google Scholar citations ranked Fauci as the 35th most-cited living researcher and ninth out of 2.5 million authors of papers in immunology in the past 40 years.

In 2019, Fauci was invited back to Regis, where he visited a biology class and talked to students and alumni. As he has at virtually every opportunity, he praised the life-changing experience he received at the Jesuit school.

His four years at Regis, Fauci said, "was the best educational period I could ever have imagined having." 

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WILDCAT ALUMNI NETWORK

In April 2020, the Alumni Department launched the Wildcat Alumni Network — a series of videos about SI history, SI alumni and current SI students. We found that the WAN was a fabulous tool for keeping our community connected during the uncertainty of the past two years and we hope you have had a chance to watch our videos. If you want to receive these videos via email, make sure your information is up to date on siprep.org/alumni, and below, check out a few of our favorites.



Watch!



Wildcats Crashing Through

SI alumnae describe how they have built their careers and maintained community with fellow Ignatians.



Watch!

The Band Strikes Back

Dr. Gillian Clements, SI's fine arts chair, revived the SI Pep Band this year. Here's a look at the band's history and how today's students are carrying on the tradition.



Watch!



LoveCats

Over the years, many SI alumni have married each other. Hear some of those couples tell their love stories.



Watch!

Leon Metz '96:

SI's Alumni Board President in His Own Words

Leon Metz '96 recently finished his first year as SI's Alumni Board president. For an episode of the SI Genesis Podcast, he spoke with Joe Vollert '84 about his professional journey, how staying connected to SI has benefited him over the years and how he aims to get more alumni engaged with the school. Below, read excerpts from their conversation, edited for clarity and brevity.

To hear more episodes of the SI Genesis Podcast, subscribe on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you get your podcasts.



Vollert: I would love for you to chat about what kind of work you're doing with the Alumni Board and what your hopes are for the next few years.

Metz: I've been part of the Alumni Board for five or six years now, and am finishing my first year as president. Working with Tom [Hsieh '83], Brian [McGovern '82] and Molly [McFadden '14] has been great. The work they do is amazing. We've got 20,000-plus alumni, and every day the Alumni Department is trying to figure out ways we can connect to more of them and to bring more of them back to the campus.

I talk to Tom a lot now that I'm president, and every conversation I have with him, he stresses, "We want to make our party bigger. We want to get more people out here." We know we have a good time when we all get together; we have to let the rest of the alumni out there know that we want everyone who can to come back. So a lot of the work we've done over the past year has been trying to figure out how to do that.

We went through a big database cleanup, trying to make sure we updated contact information so alumni see all the videos the Alumni Department is putting out, and make sure alumni are getting the invitations to their reunions and other events we're having on campus. We're still working out the best ways to engage more alumni, whether it's putting on a certain type of event where we might be able to attract different people who haven't been coming back or doing a better job getting the word out about events we do put on.

Vollert: I've been impressed with some of the new members you've brought on the board, how you're seeking different perspectives to serve the entire network of alumni, and that you have the viewpoint that this is an important body working to ensure SI doesn't just survive for the next 100 years, but that it thrives.

Metz: Every member of the Alumni Board is passionate about the school. There's nothing we can ask of them that they won't do. It makes

my job as president easy because they are there to support SI in any way they can.

Vollert: I know the Red & Blue All Class Celebration is coming up this summer. Are there any details you can share with us about that?

Metz: We're planning a big party on June 4. When we had SI Homecoming at the beginning of the school year, we had a great turnout, with about 300 people on campus that day. But we want this celebration to be the biggest party we've had at SI. We're working on different ideas, but really it's an opportunity for all alumni to come back to campus, and we're making it family friendly so you can bring your kids. The goal is to get everyone we can out to campus that day.



SI ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



PATRICE ASUNCION '01 WRITING FOR KIDS TV, WITH PURPOSE

Patrice Asuncion '01 is a producer and writer for the Disney Channel show *Sydney to the Max*. Her journey into the entertainment world began while she majored in communications at UC Berkeley, where she took television classes and enjoyed them so much that she decided to move to Los Angeles after graduation and follow that passion wherever it took her.

"I'd found ways to intern and work on a few shows, and had started to build a few relationships in L.A. when I got my big break," she said. "I became an assistant to a married pair of writers, Kat Likkel and John Hoberg, who have written for a lot of TV shows. I worked for them for four years, and they mentored and supported me. They also inspired me to start writing with my husband, Nick Rossitto."

After working on a Nickelodeon show called *Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn*, they accepted an offer to work on *Sydney to the Max*.

"We started to love kids TV," Asuncion said. "If you want to

write something that has a real impact on people's lives, something with real stakes, kids TV is where to do it. I don't think I'm alone when I say I still have vivid memories of the shows I loved as a child, from *Boy Meets World*, to *Clarissa Explains It All* and all the life lessons those shows taught me."

SI is a regular presence in her life, as she's maintained close relationships with many classmates over the years, and those relationships inform her work.

"When I'm writing, I tend to think about my friends' kids and what their parents would want for them. And I do think about A.M.D.G. in the sense that I want my work to have a greater purpose and meaning. With *Sydney*, I'm proud to work on a show about a fun girl who is the best version of a friend you could have, and where we can also thoughtfully address issues that affect kids, like microaggressions or body issues, on their level and their terms."

Keep an eye out for Asuncion's next project, set to premiere on the Disney Channel and Disney Plus in summer 2022, called Villains of Valley View.



DR. ELWYN CABEBE '92 IMPROVING ACCESS TO CANCER SERVICES

Dr. Elwyn Cabebe '92 is the new Medical Director of the Stanford Cancer Center South Bay. He told us that, in addition to promoting enrollment in Stanford's cancer clinical trials, he's interested in improving access to cancer services for disenfranchised, underrepresented and minority communities.

"It's really difficult to drive from, say, Gilroy or Marin all the way to Palo Alto in order to get access to these life-saving innovative therapies that we at Stanford have to offer," he said. "So, a few years ago, Stanford decided to expand our oncology network, and now we have cancer centers throughout the Bay Area — in the South Bay, in Redwood City, in Emeryville and in Pleasanton. The focus of these centers is to provide high-level oncology care in the communities where people who need that care are. In my

role, I am able to use Stanford oncology technology and resources to really reach out to underserved and under-resourced communities. That's my passion right now."

When asked about his memories of SI, Dr. Cabebe gushed about the many mentors at the school who had a positive impact on his life.

"SI really was a home away from home for me. My mom was disabled, and my dad worked all the time, so I spent a lot of time on campus. I could go on and on about every teacher I had, and how so many people had an impact on my development as a person and motivated me to reach beyond what I had previously thought I could attain. I think of Mr. Grealish, Br. Lee, Fr. John Murphy, Mr. Totah, Sra. Rosa-Stagi, Sra. Talavan... SI has a special place in my heart, and I'm grateful for my time and education there."



NASSER AL-RAYESS '14 BUILDING A DIGITAL CONTENT CAREER CENTERED ON INCLUSION

When Nasser Al-Rayess '14 was at SI, he produced a video of students, faculty and staff at the school lip-syncing and dancing to the hit song "Happy" that was viewed tens of thousands of times and raced through the SI alumni network. Today, he's built upon his experiences working on multimedia with Mr. Yosup Joo and Dr. Don Gamble, and putting together his salutatorian speech with Mr. Peter Devine, to amass a significant following for his work on social media platforms, particularly on Tik Tok (@naw_sir), where he had more than 245,000 followers as of this writing.

"I'm creating content about food, about dating, a series about red flags, about my Middle Eastern heritage," he said. "The biggest thing is I'm trying to be myself the entire time. It's been an incredible, joyous ride."

Currently, Al-Rayess is an MBA candidate at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business, and he's consciously aiming to use that training to bolster his burgeoning profile as a digital creator.

"I'm trying to develop my entrepreneurial skills. One of my big goals is to have a production platform that

enables people who are from similar backgrounds as me to tell their stories. For me, personally, as a Muslim in this world, social media has been great because I get to have the feeling of being welcomed by a large audience and included in a broader conversation. That feeling of inclusion is similar to how I felt at SI. My brother and I always felt included, like we were part of the SI family, and I believe that allows people to reach their full potential."

On a daily basis, he's focused on getting better at his craft while holding on to those bigger dreams.

"I don't worry about comparing my numbers to other creators," he said. "Whether one of my videos gets 10,000, or 100,000, or 1 million views, I see my job as making the viewer feel better about themselves. If I achieve that, then I'm doing the right job. And ultimately, without Mr. Joo, Dr. Gamble and Mr. Devine telling me to stay true to myself, I wouldn't be in this position. They were foundational to the career I'm building."



LAURA WEST FISCHER '09 STUDYING CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH A JESUIT LENS

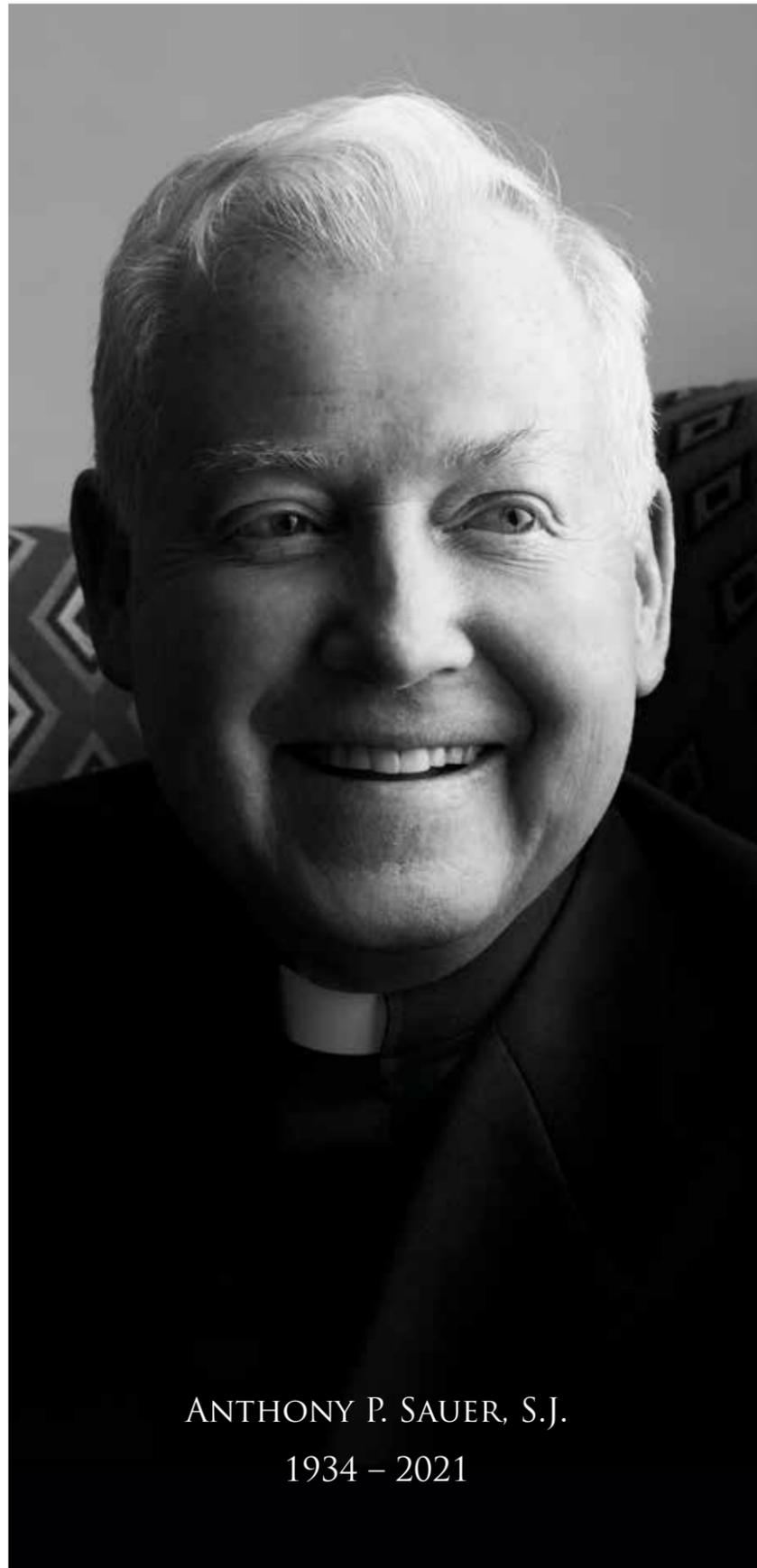
For her Master of Science with Distinction in Environmental Change and Management from Oxford University, Laura West Fischer '09 wrote her dissertation on extreme weather event attribution and disaster risk reduction. Today, she is a recognized climate expert and was recently selected to the Adaptation chapter author team for the Fifth National Climate Assessment, a federally-mandated report on how global changes are affecting the United States, and scheduled to be published in the fall of 2023.

"After I graduated from Georgetown University, I had an opportunity to serve as a Jesuit Volunteer, working for the American Red Cross of Alaska," she said. "I'd been interested in climate science before, but that experience talking with communities in Alaska about how to prepare for disasters and listening to their experiences of disasters inspired me to study more. At Oxford, my work became about understanding the ways in which climate change affects extreme weather events, the ways it is changing weather patterns, what that means for different

communities experiencing those impacts, and what we need to be prepared for in the future."

Fischer said that, after her experiences at SI and Georgetown, she consciously approaches her work through a framework of Jesuit values.

"How I think about these issues is intimately connected to my Catholic faith. The Church teaches about the importance of caring for the environment and stewardship of the planet and Pope Francis has used the term 'throwaway culture' to talk about cultures of consumption and waste. I feel that can be applied not only to our relationships with other people, but also our relationship with the environment. If you're an SI graduate, you know about the Jesuit tradition of social justice; in many ways, social justice is inextricable from ecological justice, and we ought to think about how our actions affect the environment, which in turn affects the most vulnerable among us."



ANTHONY P. SAUER, S.J.
1934 – 2021

We have indeed been loved.

And that love will be missed.

On Nov. 28, 2021, Anthony P. Sauer, S.J. passed away. Fr. Sauer first came to SI in 1965 as a teacher and served as president for 27 years, from 1979–2006, overseeing the school's growth into a college preparatory of national stature and its transition to co-education. In 2017, when SI established an on-campus middle school, it was named the Fr. Sauer Academy in his honor. From English class, to sporting events, to weddings, to baptisms, to long-running written correspondence and more, he was a fixture in the lives of generations of Wildcats.

Together in Prayer

Remembering Anthony P. Sauer, S.J.

BY ROBERT GAVIN

When I was a child, my mother, a dutiful Catholic, would often advise me whenever I lost something, "Pray to St. Anthony." On Nov. 28, 2021, I lost my dear friend Fr. Tony Sauer. During the last few months, I have come to the realization that my relationship with him now resides in prayer.

He believed in the power of prayer. I gained an understanding of Fr. Sauer's devotion to prayer when he and I went through the 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises — a form of St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises. On one memorable occasion, he both admonished me and encouraged me to move beyond my inclination to analyze a reading from the New Testament from an emotional distance and instead delve into a more visceral, prayerful experience. The passage was a nativity scene, and I was curious about the historical background of the selection. I wondered why the writer had chosen a particular style. He wasn't interested.

"I want you to go into the barn. What does it feel like? What does it smell like? What do you see? You have to experience the passage and not try so hard to interpret it," he said.

Although an ebullient person, Fr. Sauer possessed a seriousness that resided in prayer. When I went through the Spiritual Exercises with him, it became clear that he saw Christ's Godliness manifested through his ability to pray. The miracles of Christ, according to Fr. Sauer, testified to Christ's potent prayer life. With Christ as his teacher, Fr. Sauer mimicked Jesus' devotion to prayer in a most deliberate way, and he encouraged those who would listen to do the same.



During two intimate occasions, I witnessed Fr. Sauer's intense zeal for prayer. When my father was dying of cancer, Fr. Sauer traveled with me to my parents' home in Cincinnati. There, on a Sunday morning, Fr. Sauer said Mass for me, my mom, and my dad, and in the middle of the Mass, Fr. Sauer gave my dad the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. I don't recall his specific words, but I remember he applied oil to my dad's forehead, then placed both his hands on my dad's head and prayed aloud. It was the most awe-inspiring prayer moment I have witnessed in my life. I would later recall to my wife that I felt the hair stand up on the back of my neck. I was sure that a beam of light entered my parents' home through the roof and ceiling, and I felt God's presence.

On another occasion, Fr. Sauer administered the sacrament of baptism to my oldest son, Dewey, who was about 1 year old at the time. He was scheduled for lung surgery at 18 months, so Fr. Sauer knew that this baptism was not a run-of-the-mill experience for me. On one hand, I hoped that the sacrament would secure Dewey's entrance into heaven if anything went poorly during the operation. On the other hand, I hoped the baptism would ensure Dewey's great health going into and out of the surgery. When it came to the actual moment of the baptism, it seemed Fr. Sauer decided to pour a gallon of oil over Dewey's head — much to the shock of my mother-in-law. It was a somewhat comic moment, but I knew what Fr. Sauer was thinking: "I'm going to really douse this kid to make sure he's ready when the time comes." My son is now 9 years old, and I owe all credit to his good health to Fr. Sauer's greasy sanctification.

In both of these instances, Fr. Sauer made it clear — through words and deeds — that he believed in the transformative power of prayer. I realize now that although he has left us physically, he still lives on within me and all of us. He taught us to take the time to pray to him and with him, and in doing so, we model Christ's teaching as Fr. Sauer modeled it for us. Our relationship has not ended. It has transformed into a different realm. We are together in prayer, and in so doing, we are not lost. 

Robert Gavin was a member of SI's faculty for 23 years, from 1995–2018, serving as a teacher, department chair, coach, moderator and administrator.



At Fr. Sauer's funeral Mass, held Dec. 10, 2021, at St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco, former SI principal Mario Prietto, S.J. delivered the homily. Below is an excerpt.



Fr. Sauer (right) and Fr. Prietto (far left) served for many years as fellow SI administrators.

The death of a loved one, most especially someone so dear as Tony, whatever the circumstances, is always a shock. A trauma. An outrage. It is a tremendous loss that leaves us empty and saddened.

Our feelings in the face of this fact of life are mixed and complex — sorrow, sadness, relief, anger, loneliness, helplessness, gratitude.

Our response is to gather together, as we have this morning, to support and hold one another up as we honor our beloved Tony. We call. We visit. We dine. We reminisce. We laugh. We cry. We embrace. And, as we know Sau' would want us to, we sip or two.

Whatever our denominational or personal beliefs, we are forced to reflect on the meaning of life. Why are we here, and what are our priorities? More often than not, what is most important — family, faith, and friendship — is taken for granted, and what is least important — appearance, material things, fame and fortune — is so often on the top of our priorities list.

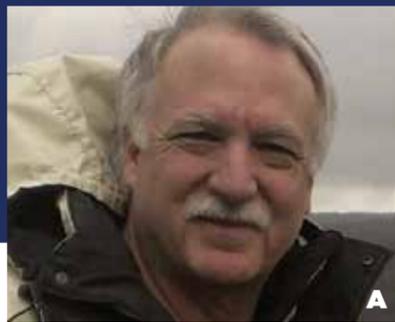
Our dear Tony has faced his maker, as we all will some day we know not. I firmly believe that when we get to that moment, God will not be interested in how much money we made, what degrees and honors we have received. God will not ask about our assets and liabilities. And I strongly believe that our compassionate Lord will not be interested in a laundry list of our sins.

I believe God will ask us at that moment of truth one simple question: "How well have you loved? How kind and understanding, forgiving and accepting, merciful and compassionate have you been?"

Each of us gathered here this afternoon can attest with all our hearts and souls that we have indeed been loved by Tony Sauer. Our uncle, teacher, devoted Jesuit priest and friend.



Keeping in Touch



1950s

John Barbieri '55 has retired and received a lifetime teaching certificate after 25 years on the Castro Valley school board. In addition to that service, Barbieri taught 14 years at Chabot College and is a Marine Corps veteran, serving three tours in Vietnam. He's been married to his wife, Emily, for 65 years and has five children, 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



After earning a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., **Daniel Clarke Flynn '57** pursued a three-decade career in international corporate Human Resources in the United States and Canada before taking early retirement and serving as a Cambridge Certified English language trainer for adults for two decades in the United States and Europe. More recently, he has been volunteering for Médecins Sans Frontières at its headquarters in Brussels and leading free career management and life reflections workshops in Europe and England. A Quaker since 2015, his articles have been published in the British Quaker weekly magazine *The Friend* and he has been hosting an international Quaker meeting since the pandemic began in March 2020. He is currently supporting young people in the Great Lakes Region of Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo creating charities in their villages to care for orphans, widows and other victims of conflict.



1960s

After more than 11 years in the SI Alumni Office, **Steve Laveroni '69** retired in spring 2021. With his wife Patricia, he moved from San Francisco to Auburn, California, and both are enjoying retirement in the foothills walking, traveling and playing pickleball.



1970s

Larry Mahan '70 (A) celebrated the Christmas holiday at home in Maryland with his wife Susan, all seven children, their spouses and partners, and seven grandchildren — true "mayhem"! Larry is CEO of OB Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a startup biopharma company in Toronto, Canada focusing on novel molecules for the control and, hopefully, prevention of the development of chronic seizures resulting from traumatic brain injury. In his spare time, he acts as president of the Biotechnology Institute, a non-profit educational organization in Washington, D.C.

After completing a 27-year military career, including service in the 1991 Gulf War, Bosnia, and the Iraq War, **Kevin B. Makel '77** is now a Senior Special Operations Military Analyst for Northrop Grumman. He and his wife Cynthia split their time between their home in Bonner Springs, Kansas and their ranch in Northern Missouri.

In November 2021, Tony Award-winning director **Bart Sher '77 (B)** opened his version of the classic musical "My Fair Lady" at the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco. In previewing the production, the *San Francisco Chronicle* noted: "The San Francisco native was very intent on not turning the musical into a frothy romance. Instead, Sher wanted to go back to the source material for 'My Fair Lady,' George Bernard Shaw's play 'Pygmalion,' which was not a romance but, instead, a critique of class and society's limitations on women."

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1980s

Peter Steinbach '84, Will Wade '85, Randolph Arguelles '86, Joe Lucier '86 and Fritz Wyler '86 (C) got together in Sun Valley for three days of skiing and snowboarding. Peter, Will, Randolph, Joe and Fritz have been friends since 1982 — 40 years of friendship, forged at SI. Four of them were some of the earliest lacrosse players at SI, when the sport was still a club team. Pete and Randolph played in the pep band, jazz band and orchestra under Mr. Nick Sablinsky. Joe Lucier was on the SI golf team. They say, "We are still a band of brothers to this day."

George Rehmert '85 (D) was elected President of the Road Runners Club of America, a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting long distance running.

Gino Masini '88 stepped down after four years as Chairman of the 3GPP RAN3 telecommunications standards body. 3GPP creates and maintains the technical standards behind all mobile networks worldwide, and RAN3 in particular is responsible for network architecture and protocols. During Gino's term he helped introduce the 5G architecture, a building block for global mobile telecoms for many years to come. During his term, 3GPP also started a review activity of technical documents to purge them of any non-inclusive or potentially offensive terms. Gino notes that he received great motivation and inspiration from the SI Alumni Town Hall "A Discussion about Race".

1990s

Scott Griffin '90 (E) met **Jack Gallagher '49** while playing golf in Walnut Creek this summer. Scott says Jack was "a great golfer and a pleasure to meet!"

Ben Chan '92 (F) was awarded his 3rd Dan (degree) black belt in Shotokan Karate on November 10, 2021. The award confers the rank of Sensei. Ben will be in San Francisco in June 2022 if any Ignatians want to find out what life in London is like!

Kelly Phair '94 and husband Matt McCarthy '94 coached a St. Brendan's team in a championship volleyball game where they competed against a St. Monica's team coached by **Jacqueline dela Rosa '94**. Jacqueline's St. Monica Bulldogs emerged victorious in the game, but sportsmanship prevailed and SI classmates joined together for a post-game picture. **(G)**

Fatima Yusuf-Wright '96 (H) married Jeremy Wright on Dec. 21, 2021. The ceremony was at the Embassy Suites in South San Francisco, officiated by the honorable Juslyn Manalo of Daly City. In attendance were family and friends from all over the country; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mohammed and Elsie Yusuf, their children Yasmin Malaya, Diorel (Class of 2026), Ava and Nani; and fellow Ignatians: **Edna Foz '95, Brian Downs '96, Michael Miller '96, Rehman Yusuf '98, Taufique Gagan '03, Pat Gagan '05 and Sheryll Villanueva '11**. It was a Bougie Disney-themed wedding that included a surprise invasion of Star Wars Stormtroopers from the 501st Golden Gate Garrison, an Alice in Wonderland-themed dessert bar filled with boba drinks and donuts, and lumpia to leave the guests stuffed.

Judette Tobes Platz '98 (I) qualified to compete in the 2021 United States Golf Association Women's Mid-Amateur Championship held at Berkeley Hall Golf Club in Bluffton, South Carolina in September 2021. The national championship hosted 132 of the best female amateur golfers, aged 25 and older, from around the world. Her husband, Jasper, also an avid golfer, supported her on the bag. They live in San Francisco with their two boys, Benjamin (8) and Oliver (6), and golf continues to be a big part of their family life.

2000s

Leah Pimentel '00 (J) was appointed as the University of California, San Francisco's inaugural Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Culture in the Anesthesiology Department, where she will lead culture in areas of DEI, wellbeing, development, recruitment and retention.





On March 1, 2022, Barnard College announced the appointment of **Jennifer Rosales '01 (K)** as Vice President for Inclusion and Engaged Learning, and as Chief Diversity Officer. Prior to her appointment, Rosales spent two years as the executive director of Barnard College's Center for Engaged Pedagogy. In her new role, she'll expand on her work creating an inclusive learning environment for all Barnard students.



Dr. Michelle Potthoff Wylie '02 (L) graduated with honors from Walden University with a Doctor of Education in Higher Education, Leadership, and Management. Her dissertation was on Experiences in Online Learning Communities. Dr. Wylie works at Chamberlain University in the Master of Public Health Program. She has two sons: Wyatt (4) attends Peekadoodle Academy Preschool and Hunter (6) attends St. Cecilia School. She lives with her husband and sons in the Ingleside Terrace neighborhood.



Tim Szarnicki '04 (M) and his wife, Megan, had a baby girl, Mary, born Sept. 24, 2021. The family is doing well and living in San Francisco. Tim just finished a master's degree in Public Policy at Georgetown University and has started a new nonprofit, called The Affordability Project, focused on developing housing for middle income wage earners in San Francisco. He was formerly Executive Director at Immaculate Conception Academy.



Darren Criss '05 (N) will release his first album of Christmas songs, titled *A Very Darren Crissmas*, on Oct. 8, 2022. It includes duets with Adam Lambert, Evan Rachel Wood and an original song featuring Lainey Wilson.



Sami Feld '06 (M) co-founded the COVID Grief Network, a mutual aid network that provides free short term grief support to young adults in their 20s and 30s who have lost a loved one to COVID-19. Since its launch in May 2020, CGN has connected young adults in 45 U.S. states and 25 countries to free one-on-one and group-based support. Sami lives in Santa Rosa with her partner Andy and their two cats.

Scott Goossens '06 was selected as a 2022 Blue Angel officer and will pilot one of the Blue Angel planes during the upcoming San Francisco Fleet Week. He is an F/A-18 Demonstration Pilot who has distinguished himself amongst hundreds of applicants to the Blue Angels.

2010s

Daine Danielson '10 (N) has been working towards his doctorate in physics at the University of Chicago. In 2020, he was awarded the prestigious Hertz Fellowship, one of 16 in the entire United States. In November 2021, Daine gave a presentation at the 31st annual Midwest Relativity Conference representing his research group at the University of Chicago. Their focus is on one of the frontiers of physics, quantum gravity. At the end of the three-day event, Daine was awarded the Blue Apple Award, referencing Sir Isaac Newton, for best presentation of the entire event.

Michelle Arguelles '11 (O) was recently named Director of Marketing at Afresh, a start-up with a mission to eliminate food waste by optimizing grocery retail operations.

Gian Gualco-Nelson '11 (P) married Andrea Butler in Rancho Santa Fe, California, on Oct. 2, 2021. Friends from the classes of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 were in attendance.

Camille Vinogradov '12 (Q) started in a new role as Deputy Director of Development at Building Back Together, a new nonprofit that advocates for the Build Back Better policy agenda. The group is run by Democratic strategists who worked on or are close to the Biden 2020 campaign.

Sydney Bradley '14 teaches creative writing to students in the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the country through her Writer's Circle program. She mostly offers enrichment to young writers, reaching diverse classrooms in San Francisco's Mission district, with a growing list of individual pupils from age 7 to college students as far away as Manhattan. Sydney has worked as a copy editor for the Bennington Review and

other publications. Her own short fiction has been published by The Harvard Advocate and Washington Square Review (NYU), and she will be in the new spring issue of the Bennington Review.

Tim Baker '15 (R) graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 2019 and received Business Management honors. He then completed pilot training in July of 2021, and fighter fundamentals in October 2021. More recently, Tim was assigned to Pilot F-15E Strike Eagle at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina. He enjoys keeping in touch with his friends from SI and recently got together with some of them in New York City.



The Pomona Pitzer Men's Water Polo Team claimed the Div. III National Championship, with three SI alumni on the roster: **Alex Peterson '19, Cole Kendrick '21 and Jack Ryan '21. (S)**

2020s

Leo Daniels '21 (T) won the National Youth Award for the Healthcare and Science Category at the 34th Hispanic Heritage Foundation Awards, which aired on PBS on Oct. 8, 2021. Leo graciously credited SI for surrounding him with, "Intelligent friends, mentors, and family who have supported [him]." He added, "I never did it myself, I did it for my community and the people



who have influenced, shaped, and transformed my identity and values." Leo is currently studying biology at Stanford University.

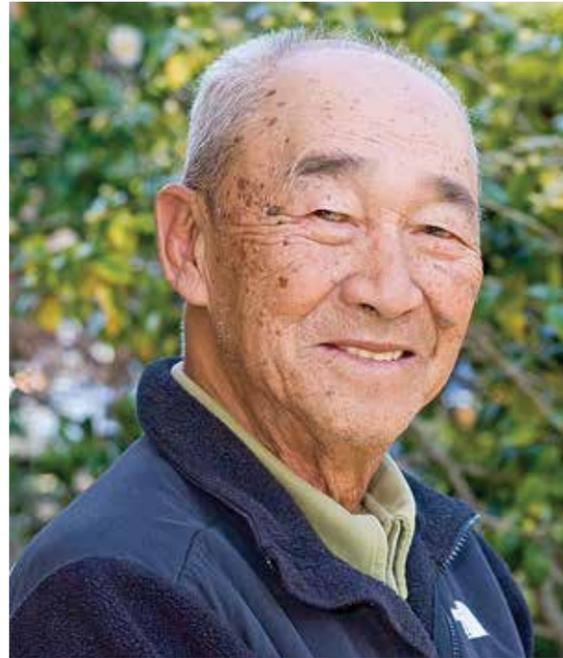
Jackie Schneider '21 (U) graduated from SI with double-star highest academic honors and is currently attending UC Berkeley. Jackie was named SF Italian Athletic Club's High School Athlete of the year and was the first athlete in WCAL history to play a softball game and a basketball game on the same day. Jackie hit a home run to beat SHC, 6-5, and then ran to her car to drive to SI to play point guard for the Wildcats and led the team to victory over Sacred Heart Cathedral. Jackie was featured in the San Francisco Chronicle on June 16, 2021 for this historic moment.



We want to know what's going on in your life!
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A Fond Farewell

Arthur Lee, S.J. moves off campus



In January, Arthur Lee, S.J. transitioned from SI's campus to the Jesuit residence in Los Gatos, where he now lives.

Starting in 1976, Br. Lee served the SI community running the print shop, coaching tennis, handling mail, moderating the Brotherly CLC, and mentoring countless students and staff both formally and informally. Though he entered semi-retirement about two decades ago, he continued to be a regular presence at the school right up until he moved, delivering mail, sharing a lunch table with colleagues and greeting visitors to McGucken Hall. In 2004, GENESIS published a piece by teacher Carol Quattrin that recounted Br. Lee's path to SI and reflected on why he is so beloved by successive generations of Wildcats.

She wrote, in explaining why alumni kept returning to the school to visit someone who never taught a class: "They visit Br. Artie Lee because they know just how much a teacher he is, nonetheless, and they come to thank him for the quiet lessons of humility, patience and love that he shared with them during their four years at SI."



Read Carol Quattrin's story about Br. Lee from the Spring 2004 GENESIS



Christ the King Award 2021: Curtis J. Mallegni '67

On Nov. 20, 2021, the St. Ignatius Alumni Department posthumously awarded Curtis J. Mallegni '67 the Christ the King Award, the highest honor SI bestows on alumni. The award recognizes alumni "who have distinguished themselves in their professions, who have shown a commitment to the SI community and who best exemplify the ideal of service to God and fellow man."

Curt passed away on Jan. 28, 2020, after a short illness at the age of 70. He is the fifth person to receive the award posthumously since its inception in 1960. His wife, Kathy, accepted the award in his honor in Orradre Chapel, surrounded by the Mallegni children, Francesca '02 and Dan '99, their families, and Curt's classmates and friends.



Curt was distinguished in his service to both the SI and St. Cecilia School communities. He coached basketball for 30 years at St. Cecilia and dedicated his time far beyond his children's years there, often appearing as Santa Claus at school functions during the Christmas season.

As an SI parent, Curt was a dedicated member of the Fathers' Club, eventually serving a term as president. He also served on the Board of Regents for eight years and on the Board of Trustees for five years.

Curt was an integral part of the St. Ignatius community for many years and his legacy will live on through the fully endowed Curtis J. Mallegni '67 Scholarship. Our school and Alumni Association are extremely grateful for his commitment, dedication and selfless service to the St. Ignatius community.

Watch the video honoring Curt shown at the Christ the King Award ceremony



Oh Baby!

Andrew Vollert '13 and Kourtney Vollert - Callahan "Cal" Joseph Vollert - born January 2022

Jack Casey '08 and Monica Casey Maeve Casey - born May 2021 (A)

Tim Szarnicki '04 and Megan Szarnicki - Mary Szarnicki - born September 24, 2021 (B)

Carolyn Salcido '03 and Michael Salcido - John "Jack" Salcido - born October 2021, joining twin brothers Thomas and Joseph (4), and sister Elizabeth (2) (C)

Anthony Cuadro '02 and Dr. Nicole Cuadro Maggie Cuadro - born September 6, 2021 (D)

Catherine (Carr) Magee '00 and Paul Magee '00 - Emily Marie Magee - born March 2022 (E)



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Robert Johnson '42
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