

Flintridge Preparatory School
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PrepTalk





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< *In July, 10 students worked in a marine biology research lab at the Schoodic Institute, collecting data on climate change's impact on tidal ecosystems in Maine's Acadia National Park. The project was one of Prep's two Global Studies projects this summer. Read more about this project and the U.S.-Mexico Borderplex project on our website.*

On the cover:
Play ball! Sarah Bougdanos '23 and Asta Uziel '24 get pumped for a softball game against Rio Hondo Prep. Photo by Angel Origgi.

From the Head of School



To the Prep Community:

Seeing the Class of 2022 onstage at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium celebrating their graduation, caps and gowns in place, smiles on faces, I kept thinking again and again, *It is so good to be back together!* Our 2022 Commencement Ceremony brought a joyful close to a year of returns, reunions, and long-awaited reconnections: an exuberant in-person Book Day, a lively Family BBQ on Memorial Field, a playful spring musical in Norris Auditorium, a hugely successful Benefit at Vibiana in downtown Los Angeles, and the largest on-campus reunion event ever. The 2021-2022 year was a time to rebuild connections with one another and with this beautiful campus in the foothills that is our home away from home.

Prep thrives as a community, together. This year, our students seized the opportunities presented by the return to campus to nurture relationships, explore new activities, expand student life programs and school partnerships, and investigate and inhabit our new campus spaces. Our new mascot, the Prep Wolf, danced and cheered at events. Never before have we achieved such a level of participation in athletics, in Speech and Debate, in Mock Trial, and in other extracurricular programs—our students came back to campus ready to engage in school life!

Alongside them, our faculty and staff dove in as mentors and partners, excited to share the adventure of learning and scholarship, while also prepared to offer social and emotional support through the sometimes-challenging aspects of a campus return. After a yearlong wait, our new Bachmann Collaboration Building came to life with STEAM programs, jellyfish research projects, and Global Studies speakers.

Our new Center for Student Life emerged as a soulful space for students to reflect, build personal skills, and find support with our school counselor and learning specialist. Campus life would be incomplete without the contributions of our parents, who also returned to campus ready to roll up their sleeves and help us create beautiful events, to cheer from the sidelines, to applaud our students and teachers’ efforts.

For our Class of 2022, we hold a special place. This has been a wild and challenging, sometimes heartbreaking and sometimes beautiful four years of high school. For all of us, wherever we are in our life journey, 2021-2022 was a year of transitions and changes, but also a year of restored, beloved traditions at Prep. I cannot imagine a more committed community with whom to navigate such a time, as we worked side by side kindly, generously, joyfully, to knit our lives back together and nurture the fabric of Prep for Life.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Walker-Oakes
Head of School



Clockwise, from above left:
Parents volunteer at Book Day
2021; the Prep Wolf cheers at
a pep rally; the Class of 2022
graduates; and a student hones
ceramics skills.



In the Moment

Immersing themselves into every aspect of life at Prep, our students embraced living in the moment, seizing any opportunity to learn something new, challenge themselves artistically and athletically, and just connect with their friends, teachers, and peers.

IN THE MOMENT
**Playing with
 Curiosity at
 the STEAM
 & Service
 Fair**



STEAM came to life in the Bachmann Collaboration Building and Crawford Family Gym, as student researchers shared their Jelly Lab findings, families made camera obscuras and pendulum paintings together, and 8th graders discussed their Community Impact Projects.

IN THE MOMENT

Bringing Language to Life

During a Chinese calligraphy workshop in April, English teacher and Mandarin speaker Mark Salzman read the poem “Lovesickness” or “Thinking of You” by Wang Wei, and shared his experience as a non-native speaker. Drawing and painting teacher Melissa Manfull guided students through brushstrokes 101. Mandarin 2 substitute teacher Karen Chung covered the history of Chinese calligraphy as students practiced writing their names and a character for forever.*

“Our Mandarin program is in its second year and the thought of creative applications like this for the future is exciting. Anytime our students work hands-on with an activity like this, it brings the study of the language and culture to life in a tangible way,” World Languages Department Chair Fabian Bejarano says.



相思

“lovesickness” or
“thinking of you”

王维

Wang Wei

永

“forever”
(rough translation)



Angela Henderson '22 (center) was one of two actors playing Elle Woods in “Legally Blonde, Jr.”

IN THE MOMENT

Laughter Abounds at Spring Performances

Norris Auditorium and Miller Theater lit up with performances that infused our community with laughter and levity. The Spring Musical “Legally Blonde, Jr.” painted the stage pink, with two casts playing the leads. Our 7th-9th graders presented the uproarious “Clue,” based on the board game and movie.



The “Clue” cast shone in this comedic whodunit.

IN THE MOMENT
**Connecting through
Music and Dance**

At the Spring Music Concert, the instrumental ensembles, orchestra, vocal ensembles, and the Flintridge Singers played tunes that connected our community with one another. Faculty joined as special guests.

In an homage to their Prep experience, four senior dancers (Dri deFaria '22, Tori Velazco y Trianosky Awai '22, Malia Weiss '22, and Ellen White '22) wove a story of adventure, bonding, reflection, and joy into this year's dance concert, "Road Trip."

The jazz and vocal ensembles led the audience through jazz standards and classics at the Spring Jazz Coffeehouse.



The orchestra broke for a moment of laughter during the Spring Music Concert, "Melodies of the Heart."



Dancers expressed themselves throughout "Road Trip."



The Flintridge Singers sang classic tunes.



Alex Mirzabeigi '22 (center) and the jazz rock ensemble jammed at the Jazz Coffeehouse.

IN THE MOMENT

The Wolves Make a Roaring Comeback

Maybe it was the three CIF Championship titles, the three League Championship titles, or the blend of intense competition with moments of laughter and team bonding, but our spring athletes made their mark on the local and state sports scene this year. From girls swimming winning their first CIF championship team title to three seniors signing to play Division I college sports, our athletes pushed themselves beyond their limits.

CIF CHAMPIONS

SWIMMING

- Girls team won their first-ever CIF championship team title
- Boys team: Finaled in 200 freestyle relay; Athan Boutakidis '24: CIF finalist in 50 and 100 freestyle



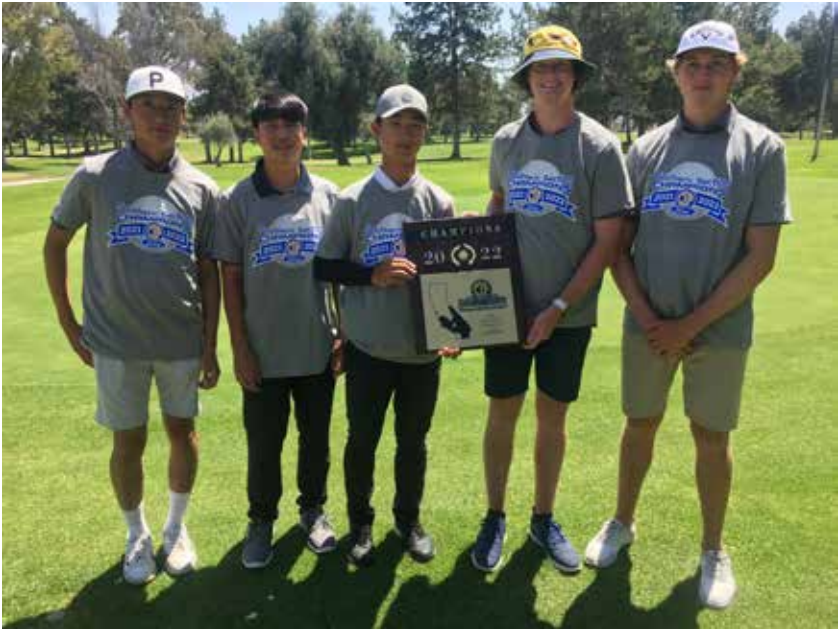
CIF CHAMPIONS

BOYS TENNIS

- Jeremy Sieben '25 named the singles champion
- Miles '23 and Ray '25 Cabrera named doubles champions

Positive Coaching Alliance Recognizes Girls Cross Country Coach Jill Henry

Jill Henry was named a 2022 National Double-Goal Coach award winner, spotlighting her 15 years of coaching girls cross country and her focus on wellness, mental health, and nurturing a supportive team environment. Read more online!



CIF AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

GOLF

- Prep finished in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at League Golf Tournament
- Alex Oh '23: League MVP



LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

- League champions for the 9th consecutive year

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

BASEBALL

- Advanced to the 2nd round CIF playoffs



SOFTBALL

- Beat rival Poly twice (7-0 and 19-1)
- Luna Tobar '22 and Elise Fong '25: named 2nd team All-League and Prep offensive and defensive player of the year, respectively.

TRACK AND FIELD

Girls

- **Chase Sullivan '22: League MVP**; earned 1st place (200m, 400m, and triple jump) at League finals and 5th place (long jump) at CIF finals
- Valentina Mancilla '25: 1st place (100m) and 2nd place (200m) at League finals
- Dagny Marion '25, Valentina Mancilla '25, Jaleen Tseng '24, and Jenna Moutes '25: 3rd place (4x400m relay) at League finals

Boys

- Kevin Martinez '24: 1st place (300m hurdles) League finals; advanced to CIF finals
- William Bigby '24: 1st place (100m) League finals
- William Bigby '24, William Boyd '24, Ryan Ginn '24, and Kevin Martinez '24: 1st place (4x400m relay) League finals



Class of 2022 Athletes take their talents to college

DIVISION I

- Kylie Oh '22 – soccer
Yale University
- Spencer Seid '22 – baseball
University of California, San Diego
- Ashlyn Zhang '22 – basketball
Rice University

DIVISION III

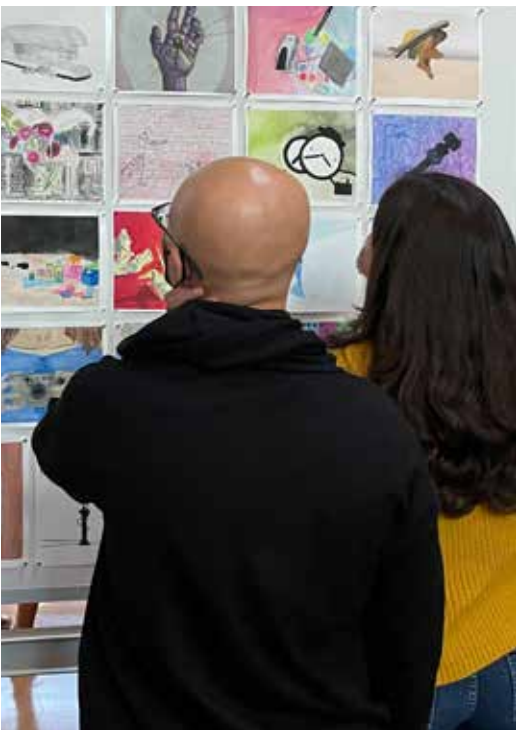
- Josh Beserra '22 – baseball
Beloit College
- Nicholas Gonzalez '22 – baseball
Occidental College
- Joshua Kim '22 – basketball
Oxford College of Emory University
- William Lanstra '22 – tennis
Whitman College (not pictured)



IN THE MOMENT

Embracing Form, Process, and Identity

A coral-hued octopus clutched a blue vase. Soda cans were repurposed for exposing photographs. Painters wrestled with body and identity. These are just a few of the highlights from this year’s Visual Arts End of Year Arts Show.



Take Note



Guests enjoyed the gorgeous setting at Vibiana in downtown Los Angeles.

Casino Royale Benefit Raises the Bar

With its record-smashing fundraiser and community building, the 2022 Benefit was the party of the year, organized by co-chairs Anjali Bonfante and Sherry Kully and supported by dozens of volunteers! Look for more about the Benefit in the upcoming Annual Report.

Saying Farewell to Faculty and Staff

Five years ago, Dr. Ross Margitza and Lydia Margitza joined Prep, creating a vibrant music community with Dr. Margitza’s expansion of the instrumental music program, and warmly guiding families through all aspects of Prep life with Mrs. Margitza’s work in admissions, attendance, and summer school. The two have relocated to Austin, TX.

College Counselor Olivia Corrigan, Facilities Support Nicolas Gonzalez, English teacher Dr. Olanna Mills, Tech Operations Manager Nicole Ricalde, and Assistant Director of Communications Camila Ryder are pursuing other adventures. The Communications team salutes Camila in particular for her development of our weekly *Howl* newsletter and her commitment to our publications.

Celebrating Connections...

8th Grade Promotion



Welcome to High School, Class of 2026!

Our Class of 2026 marked their transition from middle school to 9th grade at the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony. Class speaker Aberdeen Callaway '26 congratulated her classmates on their exponential growth from shy 7th graders to seasoned middle school leaders.

"I have all the confidence in the world that we will make it through high school together, relying on each other, looking to each other for support, having fun while we balance sports, arts, and academics," Callaway said.

Promotion speaker and trustee John W. Wong '85 encouraged each student to "find your superpower and those of others that are your friends and classmates. Be open to friendships with new people. Use your empathetic muscle to imagine life from someone else's perspective."

8th Grade Awards

Academic Promise Award:
Bahia Khoury '26

Generosity Award:
Maya Hakushi '26

Good Citizen Award:
Story Lim '26

Pursuit of Excellence Award:
Sam Cooper '26



Commencement and Baccalaureate

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

The Class of 2022 marked their last moments as high school students in a series of celebrations. Trustees Srinivas J. Sarma '89 and Jim Notley '88 and student speakers emphasized taking risks, venturing into the unknown, finding compassion for one another, and supporting each other.

As the Class of 2022 begins this new chapter, we hope they will do so knowing they remain deeply connected to each other for life. ■



CONNECTIONS



"All of us need to explore the places no one else wants to explore and dare to think the things no one else thinks of thinking. But most important of all, all of us need to seek out and connect with the people at the margins."

Ashwin Sivakumar '22
Benton Memorial Award Recipient

"I hope that we can continue to ground ourselves in our principles, even and especially when they force us to wrestle with conflict."

Lotte Brush '22
Founder's Trophy Recipient

Class of 2022 Special Awards and Recognition

Benton Memorial Award:
Ashwin Sivakumar '22

Founder's Trophy Award:
Lotte Brush '22

Prep Volunteer Network Scholarships:
Chase Sullivan '22 and Hope Zionts '22

Scholarship and Service Awards:
Sareen Armenian '22 and
Shane O'Neill '22

Senior Athletes of the Year:
Elise Desjarlais '22 and
Dominick Schraeder '22

Tom Fry Memorial Award:
John Stetson '22

Faculty and Staff Awards

Andani Teaching Chair:
Sean Beattie, Athletic Director

Class of 1987 Service Award:
Ricardo Rodríguez, incoming Visual Arts
Department Chair

Detoy Award:
Norma Basilio, Head of Custodial
Services

Scott Studenmund '08 Memorial Award:
Guillermo Gonzalez, Varsity Baseball
Coach

Senior Class Honors Award:
Eric Hallett, Mathematics faculty and
incoming 12th Grade Dean



CONNECTIONS

"The community that the Class of 2022 has created amongst each other is a community...that challenges each other each and every day to be people who will leave an impact in our own communities in the years to come."

Shane O'Neill '22
Class Speaker



Alumni Reunions



200+ Alumni Celebrate Connections to Prep

More than 200 alumni from 1945 to 2002 celebrated together on Memorial Athletic Field on May 21, catching up with friends and classmates, swapping stories about their families, careers, and happenings, and waxing nostalgic about their Prep experiences.

“Our class had a ball! I loved that we were with other classes—we got to connect with friends—on either side!” shares Scott Lochridge ‘71, who celebrated his 50th reunion.

“Prep bonds transcend class years, from friendships built through sports, clubs, plays, and more,” says Director of Alumni Relations Jacqueline Epley Tegart ‘97 (who celebrated her 25th). “We plan to invite all alumni to reunions going forward!”

CONNECTIONS



Left to right: Ittie Cutting, Warren Cutting ‘46, Wally Reed ‘45, and Anne Reed. Warren and Wally brought photos of their heyday on Prep’s varsity swim team.



Class of 1987

Reunited, 75 Years Later

Our Class of 2022 graduates might be wondering if they’ll stay in touch with Prep friends long after graduation. Just ask Wally Reed ‘45 and Warren Cutting ‘46, who attended their 75th Reunion. They met as freshman in 1942. The two caught up on a lifetime of memories, holding court at the 1940s–1960s tables as alums from many class years stopped by to chat.

Class of 2022—
don’t wait until 2097
to get in touch!

Most Likely to
Show Up for Prep:

Classes of
1986 and 1987

We’d love to hear about your Prep get-togethers with friends and classmates. Send us a Class Note to alumni@flintridgeprep.org.

See You Spring 2023

We can't wait for next year's Alumni Reunions. All classes are invited!

CELEBRATING MILESTONE REUNIONS
Classes of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2012/2013, 2017/2018

Most Likely
to Party It Up:

Classes of
1991 and 1992



Class of 1991



Most Likely to
Get Stuck in
a Campus Building:

Kevin Mang '00 and
Janet Yavrouian
Soultanian '00



Class of 1971

Class Notes



1945
WALLY REED shares, “After many years practicing law in the courts of Southern California, from Fresno to San Diego, and Santa Monica to Blythe, I am now retired and living in Palm Desert. We tried living in other places for a while, the last time in Florida, but we are now back where we like it best. We plan to stay here as long as we can.”

1951
PETE DOW is enjoying retirement in Surprise, AZ.

1961
TONY CHAMBERS (above, left) shares, “Like my classmate **ANTONY ACKER** mentioned in the previous *PrepTalk*, I spent much of the pandemic downtime going through family papers and photos. The result is a manuscript titled ‘My Families and I.’ I also finished my latest translation: *Longing and Other Stories*, by Tanizaki, published by Columbia University Press in January 2022. I live quietly with my husband in San Diego. Classmate **PAUL VAN DEUSEN** lives nearby.”

1966
ARIC LEAVITT is “playing bluegrass music, authoring books, fighting the good fight and keeping the faith.”
PETER MCBRIDE recently published the book, *Dropping in on the Waves of Life*. “Though directed towards young adults, the book includes stories adults would enjoy. It’s a presentation of lessons in life based upon my own life’s experiences told in first person. Prep is the



setting for one of the lessons!” The book is available through Amazon.
BILL KEANE, PETER SMOCK, DAVID PARRY, ARIC LEAVITT, TED SAFFORD, PETER MCBRIDE, JOE MOORE, and STEVE BABB (above, center) gathered at the Tam O’Shanter restaurant in Los Angeles for a special class dinner before the reunion activities on campus in May 2022.

1968
JAMES WELCH and his wife Deanne retired last year from their jobs in California and moved to Provo, UT, to be closer to family, friends, skiing, hiking, and much more. They are enjoying life in the mountains! Starting in July 2022 they will be living in Jerusalem on an 18-month assignment at the Brigham Young University Center for Near Eastern Studies. Jim is the resident organist (above, right); Deanne leads the student choir. The Center is located on Mt. Scopus, with a commanding view of the Old City of Jerusalem. See more information at welchorganist.com.

1970
TEX HAINES is the president and co-founder of Victoria Skimboards. “I am still pumping out the boards, looking forward to slowing down someday,” Tex shares.

1971
BRAD THOMPSON shares, “I am a happily retired doctor living in Las Vegas and became a new grandfather in 2021. My son, Scott, is getting his PhD this year at Temple University.”



1972
STEVEN OPPENHEIM is “living the dream life and career thanks to the start I got at Flintridge. I ended up exactly where I hoped to. Thanks!”

1975
JAMIE BISSNER celebrates working 26 years as a forensic expert witness for construction-related litigation. “I’m a third generation Pasadena builder since 1984,” Jamie says.

1980
JIM WADDELL recently retired from the Orange County Fire Authority after 40 years of service. “My wife Janine and son James attended the retirement ceremony (below). Plans for retirement include lots of traveling. We have already started our travels and have visited the Grand Canyon, Zion, Ashland, OR, and Spokane, WA.”



1982
HEATHER WUKELICH MOLOIAN was recently awarded the prestigious Presidential Lifetime Service Award by U.S. President Joe Biden. She volunteered over 27,500 hours in the pursuit of academic, community, and Girl Scout excellence. Heather was one of nine founding board members for the first charter school in Thousand Oaks, CA, called MATES. MATES continues to be a California Distinguished and National Blue Ribbon School with a competitive acceptance waitlist. She has won over 1,000 local, state, and national culinary championships, thus earning her the title of “The Blue Ribbon Baker & Chef,” which opened the door for TV show opportunities! Heather is also the author of the book *201 Windows and Doors of Prague*.

1986
B.J. HOEPTNER EVANS is in her 15th year as communications manager at USA Volleyball. “In 2021 I worked my seventh Olympic Games in Tokyo as our women’s indoor and beach teams won gold medals. I was also in Tokyo for the Paralympic Games where our women’s sitting team won gold. I taught Intro to Sports Communications at the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs this semester and really enjoyed it,” she says. B.J. has been married for 22 years to Bob, and their son, Ben, turns 16 this year.

1987
HEATHER SWIFT NORDELL shares that she founded an environmental consulting company, Cohabitats (cohabitats.org) that’s focused on wildlife and habitat conservation within land use projects. “I am on the faculty of Bastyr University where I teach ethnobotany,” Heather says. “I teach wild edible and medicinal plants at Alderleaf Wilderness College.” Heather and her husband, Ben, have been married for 16 years and have their 11-year-old son, Sky. “We live on rural acreage in Monroe, WA where we steward a forest, salmon-bearing stream, a fruit orchard, and organic garden,” she shares. “I still enjoy painting, but don’t do it as much as I’d like. I’m a nature nerd, and enjoy outdoor activities such as wildlife tracking, wild crafting, hiking, climbing, and cycling. I’m also part of the local Burning Man community in the Seattle area.”

1990
BRYAN OTAKE is a senior attorney at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and a proud father of a happy



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four-year-old. He is active in trying to address water supply resilience and land use management issues in these trying times. He is heavily involved in real property acquisitions and dispositions and infrastructure development.

1991
NOELLE DORMAN has been working with fellow Prep alumna **COURTNEY MIKLUSAK** at California Western School of Law in San Diego for over 10 years, where they work in the Career & Professional Development Office and help law students and graduates find jobs. “We often use our story when giving networking advice—you never know where your job may come from,” Noelle says. “In my case, my closest Prep buddy, whom I met in 9th grade, hired me to work for her 20 years after we graduated, and it’s been an amazing career! Courtney and I live close to classmates **CHARLIE CHOE, JEFF STONE, BRIAN RAETHER** and recently met up with all of them (right) and **SCOTT MCLEAN**.”



1992

GIANNI CHECA and his family live in Colorado where he practices pain medicine. His daughter, Finley (13) is a competitive artistic swimmer, and his son, Grant (11) is a competitive skier. Next time you're in Colorado, look him up!

1996

STEVEN CHEN is a creative director at Framework Studio, an L.A.-based creative agency specializing in entertainment marketing. His band, The Airborne Toxic Event, is on tour this year. Steven and his wife, Lindsay, have a 22-month-old son named Parker, and a daughter due in August.

2000

KEVIN MANG and Cheryl Mang are currently living in Burbank and have two daughters: Scarlett (5) and Zoey (3). Scarlett just finished kindergarten at Chandler and Zoey will be attending preschool at Stratford in the fall!

2002

CAROLINE MCCORMICK ORNELLAS shared, "We welcomed our second child in June of 2020 and then four months later I started a job as faculty at a new family medicine residency here at Kaiser in Sacramento. I teach obstetrics, women's health, and gender affirming care for trans folk."

CRIS RAMÓN is currently an immigration research and advocacy consultant who works with think tanks and nonprofits to develop effective immigration policy

ideas and strategies to secure support for them in Congress. In addition to working with his clients, he is also a national commentator on immigration issues, having been interviewed by media outlets such as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, CBS, CNN, Univision, and *The Economist*.

2004

BROOKS KIRCHHEIMER (right) shares, "In early June, fellow Park City, UT resident Tom Eastwood stopped by our restaurant Hearth and Hill, and we realized that he went to Flintridge Prep from 7th to 10th grade and would have been class of 1965 if he didn't move away. It is such a small world! Our restaurants are doing great. We will be opening two more restaurants, this time in Salt Lake City, over the next



Enduring Heroes Tribute Honors J.P. Blecksmith '99 and Scott Studenmund '08

A group of Flintridge Prep community members and families gathered on Memorial Day for a special Enduring Heroes Tribute for Greater Pasadena's 11 Hometown Heroes. "This ceremony honored J.P. and Scott, as well as all other warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's freedoms over many years," Jaynie Studenmund shares. The tribute included a reading of the 11 names of the warriors, a bag pipe rendition of "Amazing Grace," and attendance from three Pasadena mayors, five of the six local Gold Star families, and close to 100 family members and friends. Many Prep community members attended, including those in the photo as well as Erik Bogaard '09, Mary Lyon P '09 '12, Michael Lyman, Kevin Zhang '24, Peter Denton '08, Cara Lowe Denton '10, and many more.

Left to right: Vas Sarma '89 P '20 '22, Janet Braun P '07 '10 '14, Patty Cartwright P '14 '20, Michael Roffina, Jaynie Studenmund P '08 '12, Karl Swaidan P '08 '13, Kim Kinder P '05 '08, Kathy Swaidan P '08 '13, Head of School Vanessa Walker-Oakes P '18 '21 '25 '28, Head Emeritus Peter Bachmann P '03, Molly Bachmann P '03, Karen Bogaard P '04 '08 '09 '13, Margi Denton P '01 '04 '08, Denny Lowe '08, Shona Lowe, Alex Blecksmith '97, Henry Blecksmith, Woody Studenmund P '08 '12, David Kirchheimer P '02 '04 '06, and Sherry Kirchheimer P '02 '04 '06



year, which will bring us to a total of four! If anyone is ever in the area, look us up and say hello!"

2006

AYANA MARTIN, who received her PhD in 2017, participated in an interview in February 2022 with the Black Doctoral Network for their Black Doctors Talk Podcast, where she shared her experiences as a medical science liaison. Ayana is the regional medical director in rare disease with a pharmaceutical company. During her interview, Ayana shared how she got into science and medicine, what drives her, and how she understands the responsibilities that come with the opportunities she's received. Ayana discussed her advocacy work, noting that "she stresses the importance of her presence in the medical field to ensure that the voice of her community is represented and heard while understanding that having a seat at the table offers her the ability to provide information and access to needed and often muted individuals." Check out the interview on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/T7dCorY73YQ>.

2009

NITYA RAJESHUNI is finishing up her residency in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania, after completing medical school and an MS in epidemiology at Stanford University. She will be a fellow with the Harvard Health Tech program next year and is very excited to begin a new chapter in Boston! She continues to dabble in various creative endeavors including singing, music, and writing, with recent articles in *Synopsis* and ABC News. Prep continues to have a special place in her heart!

2012

JACK LOWERY published *It Was Vulgar and It Was Beautiful: How AIDS Activists Used Art to Fight a Pandemic*, which tells the story of Gran Fury—the collective of artists and activists associated with ACT UP. Jack celebrated the book launch in New York City in April 2022. Jack's other writings have appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, and *The Awl*. He previously taught in the Undergraduate Writing Program at Columbia University, where he also received his MFA in Nonfiction Writing.

2013

OLIVIA GAINES is in a PBS documentary called "Caring Forward", which premiered on June 1. "I applied to be one of the interviewers and wasn't selected, but I nominated people that are featured in it," Olivia says. "They found a way to fit me in anyway." Watch the trailer today at road-tripnation.com.

LEANNE NORDEN relocated to Portland, OR in 2020. This summer she is volunteering with Portland Audubon in their Wildlife Hospital.

ANTHONY SIGMAN-LOWERY is in his third year of graduate school at the University of Delaware working on his PhD in environmental engineering. His research is on the fate of novel brominated flame retardants in freshwater ecosystems and whether they should be considered persistent organic pollutants. He is one of the founders and current co-chair of the University of Delaware's Queer & Trans Graduate Student Union.

2014

TEAGAN GEORGE received an MSBA in business analytics from the Foster School of Business at University of Washington. She will remain in Seattle after accepting a position with Kaiser Permanente WA.

2017



ELLIE MORRISSEY was selected as a presidential management finalist in November 2021 (a competitive fellowship through the federal government) and has recently been named a fellow, serving as a public health advisor at the CDC in the Division of Global Health Protection. "I will be starting full-time this summer and moving from New Orleans to Atlanta," Ellie says.

Class Notes Wanted

Submit Class Notes any time to alumni@flintridgeprep.org or by phone, 818.949.5526. Email digital images (JPEG or TIFF, 300 dpi resolution, size 5x7 inches) or send photo prints to Flintridge Prep's Office of Alumni Relations. News and photos may be reprinted in *PrepTalk* and/or our alumni web pages, depending on image quality and space availability.

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Why Do You Give?

"Prep was the foundation of our teenage years. We continue to support Prep to help youth grow and mature."

Stacey Gomez Webb '92
and Shirin Karimi Webb '92



"We both have very fond memories of the academic, athletic, and social aspects of our time there."

Al Hales '56 and Stan Hales '60



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who gave this year!**

IN MEMORIAM

DAVID FENTON '48 died on July 8, 2022, at 91. Born in Los Angeles, David grew up in San Bernardino and was one of the many students who lived in Prep's Skillen House during his high school years. In the 1948 Log yearbook, the editors noted that "behind David's quiet personality is a vast expanse of goodnaturedness and unselfishness"—characteristics that defined his future career paths.

David graduated from the University of Redlands and worked in the aerospace industry as a materials and process engineer before turning towards technical writing and supervising technical publications departments at Douglas Aircraft, Nortronics Division of Northrup Gruman, and TRW, Inc.

After 15 years in the industry, David changed life paths. He attended the Nashotah House seminary, where he earned an MA in theology in 1969 and became an ordained Episcopalian priest in 1970. He served at St. John's Parish in Fallbrook, CA for 24 years before retiring in 1996 as rector emeritus and moving to Eugene, OR.

David married his wife, Jean, on August 23, 1952, and they were set to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary in 2022 before his passing. The two enjoyed their retirement together in Oregon, with Jean gardening and arranging flowers as David read and caught up with friends via email.

Last fall, David reached out to Prep's Communications Office as he hoped to see whether the oak trees that separate upper and lower campus are still here. "Before night study hall, we used to play 'Flashlight' on that hill. We would climb the hill with

flashlights, trying to get to the sidewalk at the top before the classmate there could catch us," David shared with Director of Communications Nicole Trevor '91, with whom he exchanged several emails about Prep memories, classmates, teachers, careers, and life experiences.

David is survived by his wife, Jean, his children Jonathan and Marty, and his brother Fred.

WILLIAM "BEN" SCOTT '55 died on June 21, 2021, at 84. After graduating from Flintridge Prep, Ben received a BS and MS in mechanical engineering from Cornell University, as well as an MBA from University of California, Berkeley.

Ben met his wife, Sandy, after seeing a go-cart zipping around his family's neighborhood in Reno, NV, that belonged to her family. The two met, fell in love, were married for 58 years, and raised four children. Ben worked for 12 years at IBM in San Jose, CA, and Reno before joining the family business at Scott Motor Company, where he worked for 40 years.

After learning to fly during college, Ben's passion for aviation blossomed when in 1985 he acquired his father's Stearman 4E Jr. Speedmail biplane, which he took on many adventures throughout Nevada and across the U.S., flying it in celebration of the 75th and 100th anniversaries of the airmail service, the 2003 National Air Tour, and numerous air shows. He also restored antique aircraft and was a member of various aviation organizations.

In addition to his wife, Sandy, Ben is survived by his sister Peggy (Harry), sons Keith (Melanie), Ken (Kim), Kelly, and Casey, nieces Martha and Melissa, nephew Keith, and grandchildren, Kallista, Kelsey (Jacob), Ben, and Emily. His ashes were scattered from his beloved Stearman.

JAMES "JIM" ELLIOTT BRYANT '57 died on January 23, 2022, at 82. Born in Auburn, NY, he grew up in California. At Flintridge Prep, he served as Commissioner of Academics, played center on the football team, was a varsity swimmer, and was social editor of the Log yearbook.

After graduating from USC with a BA in architecture, Jim worked under famous architect John Lautner before teaching at

the University of Colorado, Boulder. Moving to Seattle in 1971 proved fortuitous, as his sister introduced him to his future wife, Patty. Their connection was immediate, and they were married in 1976, and welcomed their daughter, Hilary, in 1985.

Jim and his family became deeply active in the Eastern Orthodox church and after becoming an ordained deacon in 2002, Jim presided over St. Paul Orthodox Church in Brier, WA until 2022 and earned a master's degree in Eastern Orthodox Theology. Combining his love for architecture and the Orthodox religion, Jim designed multiple Orthodox churches.

An avid gardener and chef, Jim also loved cowboy movies and outdoor activities with Patty, including horseback riding. He also believed it was never too late to learn something new, and he learned to play viola at 55 and became a certified mediator at 70.

Jim is survived by his wife, Patty, daughter Hilary (Michael), and sisters, Marcia and Lynne.

KEVIN MICHAEL DOHERTY '77 died on January 20, 2022, at age 63. At Flintridge Prep, he played senior varsity football, varsity soccer, and volleyball. After graduating from Occidental College in 1981 with an economics degree, Kevin served as a general manager in the San Francisco restaurant industry before meeting his future wife, Peggy, on a blind date.

The two moved to New York in 1989, where Kevin received an MBA from New York University Stern School of Business, and they married in 1990. He worked for 12 years at American Express, becoming the vice president of marketing, while he and Peggy raised three kids. According to his official obituary, Kevin made the "pioneering decision to become a stay-at-home dad to be present for his young family, to support Peggy's career, and to become active in the community."

Serving as a three-term PTA president, softball coach, Downtown Little League board member, and board member of the Tribeca condo association, Kevin's dedication to family and community earned him the 2010 Manhattan Youth's Downtown Community Award.

An affably warm person and a 33-year resident of lower Manhattan, Kevin passed

away at his second home in Solana Beach, CA, where he'd just begun his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, children Bridget, Connor, and Brendan, and his siblings Karen (Peter), John, Anne, and Michael (Carol).

MICHAEL "MIKE" BROWN '80 died on December 2, 2020, at 58. A true lover of sports and all things motocross, Mike played soccer and baseball at Prep, was a champion novice motocross racer by 16, and later became a Nevada State Champion golfer.

Alongside his father, Mike owned a grandstand and staging business in Irwindale, CA, which constructed stages for events all over the world, including the bleachers along the Pasadena Rose Parade route.

According to his official obituary, Mike's greatest accomplishments in his life were his "two beautiful daughters," Ally and Catherine, and he walked Ally down the aisle at her October 2020 wedding.

An avid collector, Mike acquired collectible and historic golf clubs, as well as everything "cool," according to Ally. He also mentored people struggling with addiction, always making time to help and encourage people that all would be okay.

A family man, through and through, Mike is survived by his daughters Ally (Tyler), Catherine, his father Mike, his sisters Sindee (Steve) and Sharon '89 (Larry), his brother John '81 (Tamara), and his many nieces, nephews, great nephews, and great nieces.





THEN AND NOW

How do you remember Prep? For some, it's a classroom, the Senior Patio, or the trees that hold history.

David Fenton '48, a campus boarder, remembered playing Flashlight with friends on the hill, dotted with oak trees, between lower and upper campus.

Today, students run daily up that hill (via stairs, of course!), discussing a math or ceramics class on their way to lunch on Ahmanson Plaza, while middle schoolers play outside their lockers under the oaks' shade, building their own lifelong memories.

What campus locations hold memories for you?

Let us know! Send us your Prep memories and any photos at communications@flintridgeprep.org



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