



Hello Parents, Parents of Graduates, and Alumnae,

Last weekend, Rich Juge (father of Charlotte '23, a.k.a. Ariel from this fall's *Disney's The Little Mermaid*) and I, Chris Shaw (father of C.C. '23, a.k.a. Ursula from this fall's *Disney's The Little Mermaid*), had the pleasure of attending the 69th Santa Catalina Father-Daughter Weekend, which was another fabulous event filled with memorable activities, dinners with peals of laughter, a dance where the girls danced with abandon, and brought to a close with a stunning (and hilarious) production of *Xanadu* in the Sister Carlotta Performing Arts Center (PAC). As our last Father-Daughter Weekend, every moment reminded us of just how lucky we are to have been part of Santa Catalina and the invaluable gift the school has given to our daughters. The academics, traditions, and the arts are forever ingrained into their souls and will serve to guide them throughout their lives.

As we hope you know, this year's fund-a-need campaign for the school was TLC for the PAC, with an initial goal of \$100,000. We are pleased to share that the initial goal was met at the end of last week, which is a testament to our community's belief in the power of dedicated spaces in which students learn and grow.

We learned over Father-Daughter Weekend that this goal only covers the immediate need for repairs to the lighting and theatrical rigging system, with nothing beyond the status quo. We strongly believe that Santa Catalina and the PAC deserve more than the status quo.

As such, Rich and I are taking up lead roles in **TLC for the PAC: Act 2**, a follow-up campaign to raise an additional \$100,000 for the PAC to replace the sound system, the projection system, and update the wireless intercom system headsets. These enhancements ensure the program's ability to continue to be best in class in California. Informal conversations with others at Father-Daughter Weekend resulted in pledges of more than \$25,000 towards our **Act 2 goal of \$100,000**.

The PAC has been a central part of the Catalina tradition; the impact it has made on our daughters who have acted, danced, sang, played, and done tech, has been life-changing. The PAC and theater program is a central feature of the school, and the real-life, experiential learning that the PAC provides students is the reason many students and families choose to join the Santa Catalina Community.

Rich and I are pledging a second financial contribution to the PAC as we lead **TLC for the PAC: Act 2**.

We ask that you join us with a first gift if you have not already given to this opportunity to sustain and enhance the school, and we invite you to commit to a second gift to support our students, their inspiring teachers, and the future of the PAC!

Sincerely,

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