



Spring 2023

Dear Southridge Alumni,

This year continues to be an exciting one for our alumni community. We have been fortunate to reconnect with one another over this past year.

In February, we hosted our annual social attended by fellow alumni and teachers. It was an evening filled with reunions, wonderful conversations, and musical entertainment from our fellow alumni. A big thank you to everyone for making it out this year!

We have several upcoming events which we are excited to share!

On May 28th, the Class of 2013 will be celebrating their 10-year Reunion.

On June 3rd we are excited to host The Alumni Basketball tournament in addition to a “BBQ, & Brews.” We look forward to seeing everyone come together once again to support our alumni and to have some fun!

Come say hello at the alumni booth this year during Country Fair on May 13th. We will have new Southridge Alumni merchandise on display.

Thank you to our fellow alumni and Southridge community for continuing to support the Southridge Alumni Association. Stay tuned for more information regarding upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Priya Gandhi

Alumni Executive Board Treasurer
Alumni Fundraising Committee Member



*Great schools are measured not
by the accomplishments of their
student's, but by the lives led by
their alumni.*

-Drew Stephens, Head of School



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SAVE THE date

Country Fair

When: Saturday, May 13th 9:00am - 4:00pm

Where: Southridge School Campus

Who: Everyone is invited, so bring your family & friends

What: An exciting day full of food trucks, games, rides, recycled treasures, an artisans' market and MORE! There will be an Alumni tent set up between 11:00am-4:00pm on the main field, near the emcee stage. Make sure to stop by to meet up with other alumni, check out the launch of our alumni merchandise, and win points for your Southridge "house". Can't wait to see you there!



Class of 2013 - 10-Year Reunion

When: Sunday, May 28th 4:00pm-7:00pm

Where: Ocean Park Village Pub - 12822 16 Ave, Surrey

Who: Class of 2013 Southridge Alumni

What: An evening of celebrating your milestone of 10-years since graduating from Southridge. This will be a wonderful chance to reconnect over delicious food, and cocktails. There will also be gifts, and door prizes for attendees. Contact [Chelsea Andreou](#) (Reunion Organizer) to RSVP.





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SAVE THE date

Basketball, Brews AND BBQ

When: Saturday, June 3rd

Player Sign-In: 9:00am Tournament Start: 9:30am

BBQ Lunch: 11:30am-2:00pm

Where: Southridge School Campus

Who: Southridge Alumni (feel free to bring your kids!)

What: A co-ed, 4 vs. 4, half-court, round robin style basketball tournament that is open to Southridge alumni of all skill levels. If you're not a sports fan there will be a burger BBQ lunch with beer and ciders available, along with lawn games like bocci and cornhole!

Please [click here](#) to RSVP



Southridge Golf Classic

When: Friday, June 9th 11:30am-9:00pm

Where: Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club. - 18150 8 Ave, Surrey

Who: Southridge families, alumni, and their guests

What: Held annually, this best-ball or 'scramble' style tournament features: a delicious burger bar lunch, skill testing on-course activities and games, delectable food and beverage sampling, and an all-around great day of Southridge community spirit. Check out the [golf tournament info page](#) for registration and further details!



Kathy Ager:

The Southridge Alumna Making Waves in the World of Art

Kathy Ager, a freelance artist who has made a name for herself in the art world, is a proud alumna of Southridge. With a talent for oil painting and a passion for creative expression, Kathy has captured the attention of major companies like Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, NOCTA, Real Skateboards, and the NBA. She has recently been featured in the Globe and Mail, and has become a sought-after artist for her unique and captivating style.



Kathy was a part of our very first graduating class in 1999. She started creating, and honing her skills within the walls of Southridge. “I was really into art in high school, it was one of my favourite classes, and my teacher, Mrs. Bergland was such an encouragement,” Kathy recalls. “I remember my

friend Sally and I were just obsessed with art, we would put in a ton of extra time, and joined extracurricular clubs, like ceramics,” she reflects.

During her time at Southridge, Kathy also took an interest in math and science. After graduating, she was determined to begin a stable career, so she decided to go into pre-veterinary sciences at University of Victoria. “Going to university was such a huge change in my life,” says Kathy. “I was a competitive horseback rider, and a week before starting college, I sold my horse, suddenly I wasn’t doing art, and I wasn’t riding but I was in this whole new world with new people. I didn’t think about my passions for a couple of years during that time, I was just having fun, and going with the flow.”

Kathy’s passion for art eventually took over though, and she took a leap of faith to start her pursuit of an art career. “After a couple years at UVic I really thought about it, “Who am I?” “What do I want to do?”, and I decided I don’t want to be a Scientist forever,” she recalls. Kathy decided to look into the different avenues for a career in art, and enrolled in the IDEA program at Capilano University.

“I highly recommend the IDEA program,” says Kathy. “In comparison to other art schools, which can be way too conceptual, IDEA combines the conceptual aspect with industry relevant work, so you can actually get a **job.**”

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After graduating from Capilano University, Kathy sought out a career in graphic design “I feel like there are exceptions, but from my personal experience it is best to go for a career in something more solid, and create your own art on the side. When you start doing so well with your art on the side, then you can drop your main career,” says Kathy.

It took Kathy a while to delve into her specialty. “It wasn’t until about 7 years after I graduated that I picked up oil painting again,” she says. “I’m mostly self-taught, I think I only made 2-3 oil paintings in school. I just hustled, worked full time in graphic design, came home, painted on my evenings and weekends for myself, and it turned into something,” recalls Kathy.



“The Hunt” Commission - Oil on Canvas

Kathy realized she got her big break, when she was sitting at a bus stop in Lisbon. She had previously submitted her artwork to some art and design blogs, and one posted her work on their Instagram. Kathy recalls looking down at her phone, which was suddenly filled with thousands of notifications of likes, new followers, and one very exciting message from a big gallery in LA, Thinkspace.

After being picked up by Thinkspace, Kathy has been commissioned by a variety of well-known companies and organizations. “My most memorable project was when Nike commissioned me to make a painting that they put on some of their clothing,” says Kathy.



“Nike AF1” Commission - Oil on Canvas

Recently, she had a project come out with Real Skateboards. “It was so much fun. The community that comes out and comes together for projects like this one makes you feel very seen as an artist.” These major pieces keep her excited to keep moving forward with new projects. Kathy is currently working with the NBA in producing a line of shirts with her digital artwork.



Real Skateboards Commission - Oil on Canvas

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Kathy's successes have not come without challenges though. The biggest challenge is staying self-motivated. "There is no one telling me what to do daily, or motivating me. I have to get up, and go, and make it happen," says Kathy. "The work ethic I had, and continue to have leaving Southridge has helped me so much. You get so much of that from the culture of the school."



As a Southridge alumna, Kathy is a testament to the school's commitment to fostering creativity. The Grade 11 and 12 art classes were excited to have Kathy in to help them during their oil painting projects. "Coming into Southridge is so fun," says Kathy. "It's been really cool to be able to share and help out with the kids." As Kathy was sharing with our students last month, their jaws were dropping as she was discussing her career milestones, especially when hearing her talk about her collaboration with NOCTA, Drake's apparel line. "It makes me realize I've come such a long way, even though I'm not super confident with sharing my skills and knowledge". Kathy will be back on campus

later this month to help out with the Grade 12 art critiques.

Despite her booming art career, Kathy remains humble and dedicated to her craft. She is simultaneously donating her time and skills hosting paint parties for families at the Ronald McDonald House, while planning a group show in Amsterdam this coming summer. Kathy continues to give back to the community while striving to improve and grow as an artist. Her passion for art is infectious, and she is a true inspiration.



Kathy is a talented and inspiring artist who has made a name for herself in the art world through her unique style and creative vision. "I'm proud of where I'm at now, having done this all on my own," says Kathy. As a Southridge School alumna, she serves as a role model to young artists everywhere, proving that with hard work and dedication, anything is possible. We can't wait to see what she'll create next.



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Preserving Southridge Memories

Do you have memories you'd like to preserve?

Did you know Southridge has its own Archives and Museum collections? The Southridge School Archives & Museum works to preserve and celebrate the history of the school and its community. Donations from alumni allow us to build our collection and preserve our community's history so it can be celebrated for generations to come. If you happen to come across any Southridge items during your spring cleaning - please feel free to send them our way.

Examples of items we are currently collecting:

- Photographs
- Videos
- Southridge event posters, invites, and programs
- Southridge branded merchandise
- Southridge sports team uniforms
- Southridge school / gym uniforms

Examples of items we are not collecting:

- Yearbooks
- Student work



If you have items you would like to donate to the school's collection, please contact **Manda Haligowski**, Archives & Records Manager, at mhaligowski@southridge.bc.ca.



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Alumni On Campus





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AGM 2023

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of the SOUTHRIDGE SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION will be held in-person and virtually at 7:00PM (PT) on May 18, 2023 for the following purposes:

1. To receive a report from the President of the Association.
2. To receive financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
3. Approve directors as per the slate of Alumni Executive Board directors set forth in Part A below.
4. To transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

A. Approval of Alumni Executive Board

Resolution:

Be it resolved that the following slate of Directors be approved:

For a two-year term, expiring at the Annual General Meeting in 2025:

Jennifer Brawn, Class of 2006 (new)

Halee Dams, Class of 2009 (renewal)

Charlotte Hutchinson, Class of 1999 (renewal)

Alexander Liang, Class of 2006 (new)

Shaquille Pabani, Class of 2012 (renewal)

Emily Sheard, Class of 2012 (new)

Cory To, Class of 2016 (renewal)

Erin Salh, Class of 2016 (renewal)



Want to attend the 2023 AGM virtually?

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the virtual Zoom Meeting on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00pm



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Serving our Alumni

At Southridge, we value our connection with alumni. No matter where you live, we are committed to providing opportunities for alumni to keep connected to the Southridge community and to each other.

We encourage you to stay connected and to update your information regularly so we can send you exciting information about upcoming events, alumni programs (ie. the ASK Program) and other ways to support the Southridge community.

By keeping in touch with us, you will...

- Receive a University Care Package from Southridge (applicable to recent grads)
- Connect with Southridge and the Alumni community
- Receive the [Spirit Magazine](#), twice per year – with stories, photos, alumni profiles, and more
- Expand your network for professional growth and development.
- Continue your involvement in the well-being and future of Southridge

Stay Connected!

As a member of the Southridge Alumni Association, you have access to events, activities, and networking opportunities that you do not want to miss. To receive invites, newsletters, and other communications, please ensure your contact information is up to date.

To Update Your Record, please [CLICK HERE](#)

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