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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SI Community,

As we build the New Learning Commons and dramatically transform our campus, we are excited about how the new building will enhance traditional, immersive, project-and technology-based learning. We are also focused on ensuring that the NLC supports and enhances our spiritual formation programs, which will always remain central to our mission as a Catholic, Jesuit school.

To that end, our plans call for placing Campus Ministry spaces in the center of campus, where the NLC meets the existing academic building, and we aim to build a new chapel that will be flexible enough to accommodate both small services and an entire grade level of students in one sacred space. Furthermore, as a way of symbolizing the connected arc of SI's history, we will preserve the faceted glass windows from Orradre Chapel and Montserrat Chapel — the small chapel in the Jesuit residence — incorporating them into the new chapel and an on-campus garden. (To see renderings of the NLC, the new chapel, and more, go to www.siprep.org/nlc.)

In this issue of GENESIS, we are proud to highlight the programs led by Assistant Principal for Mission Megan Pryor Lorentz and the dedicated staff of our Campus Ministry and Arrupe Center for Social Justice teams. Many SI alums fondly remember experiences attending morning liturgies, engaging in service opportunities, going on retreats, and immersion; SI still facilitates all of those activities through Campus Ministry and the Arrupe Center, but as with just about everything in our world, there have been changes and adjustments over the years to better serve today's students.

I hope you enjoy learning more about our faith formation programs, the NLC, and how those programs will be enhanced by the new building. This issue also includes news about current students and many amazing alums, and as always, we love hearing from you. Please be sure to visit alumni.siprep.org to let us know what is going on in your life, make sure your contact information is up to date, and stay connected with all the great events the Alumni Department puts on.

Blessings.

Edward A. Reese, S.J. President, St. Ignatius College Preparatory



THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

Dear Wildcats,

As a witness to the way the SI community stays engaged, gives back, and builds social and emotional connections, I believe we have one of the greatest alumni associations in the country.

I do not use "greatest" lightly, but the high points our alums hit — the way this greatness manifests itself in your actions — are deserving of that superlative.

We see it when classmates travel great distances and at great expense to reconnect at reunions and Christmas lunches with their Wildcat sisters and brothers. We feel it when alums wear their school colors to Friday Night Lights and shake hands with the players on the field. We admire it when they come to campus to speak with current students to share their wisdom and experiences with the next generation. We commend it when class representatives gather each year to learn about SI's priorities so they can communicate them back to their classmates. We celebrate it when chapter leaders in other cities organize gatherings to bring together Wildcats outside of the Bay Area. And we appreciate it, every day, in the way alums are generously supporting our New Learning Commons construction project, which is currently underway at 37th Ave.

We are a great alumni association because of your passionate support of SI, which allows us to create events that keep us connected and further the mission of this incredible high school.

This year, the appeal for our SI Annual Fund will ask you to support the New Learning Commons. There are many worthy causes to support, but I hope you see the value in supporting Jesuit education in San Francisco. Together, we can guarantee that St. Ignatius College Preparatory — including our alumni association — will continue well into this century and beyond.

The leaders who opened the doors to St. Ignatius 169 years ago could not have known just how successful this school would become. But they knew that they wanted to form Ignatians, blending rigorous academics with timetested Jesuit values so that graduates would create positive outcomes in the world.

Join us in keeping this vision a reality. We are only just getting started.

Go Cats!

Tom Hsieh '83 Director of Alumni Relations, St. Ignatius College Preparatory



NEWSFROMSI

PSYCHOLOGY CLASSES SEND 1.000 LETTERS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

Classes taught by Eric Castro '92 were highlighted by the American Psychological Association. After consulting with personnel in the APA's Washington, D.C., headquarters, Mr. Castro created an assignment where senior students developed a letter to an elected representative about a chosen issue. Eventually, those students



sent more than 1,000 letters to their representatives. He wrote, "The most common issues they chose were opioid addiction, gun control and school shootings, climate change, and immigration — and how each of these intersect with psychological well-being... As high school seniors stand on the threshold of adulthood, it is crucial to provide them with opportunities for civic engagement and empower them to become active participants in shaping their communities."

Read the APA web post here



DANCE AND DRILL IN COMPETITION

The dance and drill team made SI history by competing in their first Spotlight competition in March 2024, achieving the highest ranking in the Line category. The team demonstrated dedication, preparing diligently for a month and rising early at 4:30 a.m. on the day of the performance. Congratulations to dancers Mikayla Acosta '24, Chloe Brooks '24 (choreography), Ashley H. Chung '24, Ashley S. Chung '24, Marielle Gawat '24, Shelby Jones '24, Mia Messinger '24 (choreography), Bailey Nelson '24, Kristen Patricio '24, Shea Tran '24 (choreography), Julia Flores '25, Rachel Hu '25, Baylie Ruiz '25, Annika Sandoval '25, Caitlin Tran '25, Cassandra Conde '26, Sofía Flores '26, Emma McIntyre '26, Julia Polonsky '26, Karina Barance '27, Tali Makstman '27, and Giovanna Napier '27, with assistance from coaches Allison Lee and Clare Canellos.





LEARNING EXTENDS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

As part of his U.S. Government:
San Francisco Case Studies social
science class, Robert Vergara '76
took students to San Francisco
City Hall where they met with
Sean Elsbernd '93, chief of staff to
Mayor London Breed. Mr. Elsbernd
spoke about his experiences
getting into politics and how he
goes about his job with a sense of
service for his city.

SI STUDENT FEATURED ON KQED

In April, Kate Quach '25 was one of several Bay Area high school students who participated in KQED's Youth Takeover Week, producing a piece that convened "a panel of media experts to talk about how political advertising works today and how we got there."

See Youth Takeover Week here



CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA RETURNS TO HERBST POOL

Following annual tradition, senior engineering students built cardboard boats and raced them in Herbst Pool in front of a raucous crowd of their peers.



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TEACHER TRAVELS IGNATIAN CAMINO IN SPAIN

Religious studies teacher Christian Rodriguez, with sponsorship from SI, went to Spain this summer to travel the Ignatian Camino, which follows the path St. Ignatius took on a pilgrimage from Loyola to Montserrat and Manresa.

"I am so grateful for this experience,"
Mr. Rodriguez said. "There were 25 folks from
Jesuit schools around the U.S. on this trip, which
involved many days of walking across varying
terrain, learning about places I'd never been

before, and reflecting on the resonances between St. Ignatius's story and my own. By the end, I sensed a strong feeling of camaraderie in the group that was only made possible because Ignatius had made this walk before us. I am someone who enjoys hiking and being in nature, so this was a wonderful way to bring together the physical, emotional, and spiritual. Ultimately, I felt more grounded in who Ignatius was and SI's mission, and I have been thinking ever since about how to transmit more of that feeling to my students."

ROBOTICS ON THE FLIGHT DECK

SI's Golden Gate Robotics, Team 5924 in the FIRST Robotics Competition, co-hosted a summer competition on the flight deck of the U.S.S. Hornet Sea, Air and Space Museum in Alameda. Dubbed the Sunset Showdown, 42 teams set up and competed across three days. The structure of competition put different teams together as alliances, and SI's alliance won its two playoff matches. Keep an eye on the SI website for more information about the spring regional competition the school will host on March 22-23, 2025.



PLAY BY ACCLAIMED THEATRE COMPANY HAS SAN FRANCISCO DEBUT AT SI

Kabosh, the trailblazing political theatre company from Belfast, Northern Ireland, put on the award-winning show, "Green & Blue," at SI's Wiegand Theatre in September, the first time it had been produced in San Francisco. The show follows the stories of police officers from either side of the Irish divide as they patrol the invisible line in the ground that splits the island in two.

SPEECH AND DEBATE HONORED

In recognition of the past three years of the consistent and progressive success of SI's speech and debate program, the National Speech and Debate Association has awarded the team charter status, the highest honor that any speech and debate team in the country can achieve through the NSDA. Alyssa Rivera of the NSDA's communications team offered high praise: "Over the past three years, [St. Ignatius students] have earned degrees in the NSDA Honor Society



for outstanding participation in speech and debate activities. Degrees are earned by students and coaches through speech and debate competition, community service, and leadership activities. Each degree represents many hours of learning, practice, and improvement from the team." As our students became able to compete in-person as COVID restrictions eased, judges have seen what makes SI's team special: not simply training to win tournaments, but working hard to build lifelong skills that set them apart from their competition.



Left to right: Elizabeth Rieke, Henry Rieke, Ty Landers '26, Christine Landers, and LLS CEO Dr. Anders Kolb

STUDENT HONORED FOR CANCER RESEARCH FUNDRAISING

In September, Ty Landers '26 was invited to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Research Forum: Accelerating Toward Blood Cancer Cures in Chicago, where doctors spoke about the latest advances in the field. He received the honor for coleading a group, with friend Henry Rieke, that was among the nation's top fundraisers for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

"My dad passed away from blood cancer when I was young, so this is close to my family," he said. "In Chicago, I got to hear a lot about how cancer is approached today, and how doctors are trying to treat patients with the principles of precision medicine, which means taking into account the specific circumstances of each person. It is good that we are making strides and getting closer to a cure, but there is still a long way to go."

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THE 2024 ECLIPSE: "CELESTIAL WONDER AND AWE"

For the solar eclipse of April 8, 2024, students went out on Columbus Piazza with sun viewers and observed the moon passing across the face of the sun. Shortly after 11 a.m., the moon covered about 35% of the sun, the maximum it would reach in San Francisco. As they looked through their viewers, multiple students were heard exclaiming, "Whoa!" and, "That's sick!"

Some members of the SI community traveled to ensure they could be in the path of totality for the eclipse. Astronomy teacher Adrian O'Keefe went to Maumelle, Arkansas, just north of Little Rock, with his family.

"The weather was clear and beautiful, and we spent all day at a park with a great view of the sky," he said. "I have been teaching astronomy for 20 years, and one of the things I love most about it is the depth of curiosity, wonder, and awe it inspires. The experience of totality was the most immersive experience of that celestial wonder and awe that I have ever had, and I am grateful to have shared it with my family."



SI communications manager David Arnott '01 went to Cleveland and spent time with his college roommate, including the afternoon of the eclipse, which they watched from a spot along the Cuyahoga River.

He said, "It was one million percent worth it to be in the path of totality on a clear day. While I was excited well in advance, I was unprepared for just how mesmerizing the shift into temporary night would be. As I stared up at the sun during totality, I could not stop giggling, and I kept thinking about cosmic time and trying to wrap my mind around the scale of our solar system."

David Arnott '01 (left) and friend Aaron Goldhammer in Cleveland

Math teacher Carol Quattrin traveled to Dallas with her daughter, Joanna Quattrin '14. This was the second total solar eclipse she had seen after going to Oregon in 2017.

She said, "When I was in high school, my geometry teacher was Al Pucci '59. One day, he took the class outside to see a partial eclipse. That stuck with me, and I was always interested in eclipses after that.

"My first total solar eclipse was in 2017. During that surreal first totality, I was surprised to find tears coming to my eyes. Shortly thereafter, I started looking forward to the next one: April 8, 2024! Jessica Kellar, our former physics teacher — who sadly passed away last year — and I started talking about it in 2022. We

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Carol Quattrin (right) with daughter

Joanna Quattrin '14 in Dallas



had matching solar system necklaces. Should we go see the 2024 eclipse together? Where? Kentucky? Texas? This time, the surprise tears came when I unpacked my solar system necklace, which I brought to Dallas to have Jessica's memory with me."

Ms. Quattrin continued, "At totality, the small crowd where we were applauded, and we saw Jupiter and Venus appear nearby. I didn't want to talk; I just wanted to take in the majesty that our beautiful moon and sun only give us once in a while.

"I am so glad I went. Next up could be Greenland in 2026, Spain in 2027, or Australia in 2028. There will not be another one in northern California until 2045! Perhaps 2024 was my last, but perhaps the stars will align — I mean, perhaps the sun, moon, and earth will align for me to see one more."



JOG FOR JILL 5K

The SI Women's Rowing team joined the UC-Berkeley Women's Rowing team on Sept. 22, 2024, for the annual Jog for Jill 5k. This run/walk honors former SI and Cal alumna Jillian Costello '06 and supports the G02 Foundation for Lung Cancer.

Jill was diagnosed with lung cancer in her senior year at Cal but continued to cox and live every moment of life to its fullest. She inspired everyone around her and to honor and remember her, the SI women's rowing program has a boat named the "Jill Costello." With this name on a boat, it reminds the program to be like Jill and strive to be a fantastic teammate with dedication and determination.



Green Energy Challenge Workshop

STUDENTS LAUNCH CLIMATE EDUCATION WORKSHOP

During the Fr. Sauer Academy's summer session, students participated in a multi-week Green Energy Challenge Workshop in which they engaged in hands-on experiments and games to learn about the climate impact of different energy choices. Students raced solar-powered cars, operated water turbines, and more.

The workshop was designed and conducted by brothers, and SI students, Jacob Bushler '25 and Ari Bushler '26 through a non-profit they founded, called Powering Tomorrow.

"Since we were much younger, we have been very concerned about climate change," Jacob said. "However, Russia's invasion of Ukraine really galvanized our interest because our parents are from Ukraine and we could make connections between the Russian regime's dependence on oil and gas and the devastation it has caused. Like all SI students, we try to be men and women with and for others, and we see educating about renewable energy as a climate justice, and therefore social justice, issue."

FSA is not the first school where the Bushlers have taught their classes, which are geared toward elementary and middle school-aged children.

"We first taught at Kittredge School," Ari said. "We have since expanded to seven partner schools, including FSA, and we have trained six high school volunteers to teach the workshops. One day, we hope to have chapters throughout California, but right now, we are focused on our students' outcomes: that they will be better informed about their energy choices, inspire their families to make better choices, and grow to be climate leaders themselves."

For more information about Powering Tomorrow, see www.poweringtomorrow.org.

Jacob Bushler '25 (left) and Ari Bushler '26 (right) with FSA students who completed their workshop

A Beautiful Way of **Living Catholicism**

How Faith and Justice Are Central to the SI Experience

As a Catholic, Jesuit school, faith formation is a fundamental element of an SI education. Over many decades, our programs have been built upon the same core tenets — Ignatians strive to be people with and for others, living a faith that does justice — while also adjusting along the way to support students with what they need for today's world.

The entire school supports those ideals, but with direction from Assistant Principal for Mission Megan Pryor Lorentz, there are two main centers of that work. SI's Campus Ministry and the Arrupe Center for Social Justice run programs that make those ideals concrete and explicit for students, along with adult spirituality components for faculty, staff, and parents and guardians.

"I came to the position of assistant principal for mission through working in adult spirituality," Ms. Pryor Lorentz said. "It continues to be a priority for me to build meaningful relationships with parents and quardians, telling them clearly on behalf of SI that we care about their spiritual development. Similarly, we offer support and spiritual development opportunities to adults who work on campus because they are the people who communicate our mission and Ignatian spirituality. They may not be speaking directly about St. Ignatius of Loyola or sharing a specific Catholic teaching, but they are modeling our values by showing up and being there for our students."



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Those sentiments are echoed by Director of Campus Ministry Kelly Miguens, who embraces the challenge of walking with students who are developing in their faith, which, whatever their beliefs or faith tradition, is invariably woven into their overall growth as young adults.

"What I love about my role is creating space for students to wrestle with guestions about life and God, and give permission to ask questions." Ms. Miguens said. "A mature faith is a developing faith. When we read scripture, we are not supposed to read it once and immediately know what it means forever we go back to it and it keeps transforming us, because we are at different points in our lives."



Some of that work happens in Campus Ministry spaces, which are open to all much of the day. During construction of the New Learning Commons, Campus Ministry is located in the Student Center, in rooms with large windows and ample furniture. Staff have desks there, and sometimes hold meetings, but it is also space for students to simply be and spend free time, as an explicit signal that the ministry of Campus Ministry is about meeting students as they are, where they are.

Other times, that work happens during retreats. The first three years at SI, retreats are required. Frosh retreats have students spend a day in the community in the Richmond District or the Tenderloin, with those experiences then leading into conversations about how faith might inform action on social justice issues such as food insecurity, housing, and more. Sophomores go on an overnight retreat where students are put in groups with others generally outside their friend groups, and they are asked to reflect about who their authentic selves are, while at the same time starting to better know their peers. Junior year retreat is run by the Religious Studies Department, but is a continuation of previous themes: students spend a day at St. Anthony's in the Tenderloin, an opportunity for service learning and an experience that fits into the curriculum for junior year ethics classes. For seniors, Kairos retreats are opt-in, and by that point, virtually every student chooses to

"Kairos is the most Catholic thing we do," Ms. Miguens said. "It is focused on community, relationship-building, and a ton of self-reflection. It really is a time for seniors to pause before they go into the next phase of their journey and think about God, think about who they are, and think about who their communities are; all of our retreats build up to it. I am especially proud that Kairos, like all the other Campus Ministry retreats, are co-led by students and adults. Students want to hear from their peers, so it makes a difference when student leaders talk about wrestling with their faith. At the same time, I think it is still appropriate and an incredible gift for adults of all ages to show students that they wrestle with faith and are growing and maturing, too."

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Liturgical Programs — Monday Morning Ministry, All-School Prayer Services, Music Ministry

Communal Prayer — Weekly Examen

Retreats

Insignis Leadership Program

ARRUPE CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Being there for students also drives the work of the Arrupe Center for Social Justice, previously named the Office for Community Service and Social Justice. Dr. Kelley McCann, program manager for the center's community engagement efforts, explained why the name was changed.

"Pedro Arrupe, S.J. embodied a life of selflessness and putting others first," Dr. McCann said. "We hope that as students learn more about him, they take to heart his call for Jesuit school students to be people with and for others, that a critical part of education at SI is to develop the capacity to show up and be with and for others, which may encompass community service, but is more than that."

As SI teachers make a point that education does not end at the classroom door, Dr. McCann emphasized that the Arrupe Center does not exist so that students prove to SI that they have accomplished something, but rather to enable them to engage with the world.

"We want students to have relationships with their neighbors and communities, and to live that out the rest of their lives," she said. "Whether it is working with our partner organizations in the Bay Area, or going on immersion farther afield, we believe students learn and grow when they walk with others, when they listen to and hear stories from people they may not have gotten to know previously."

Mauricio Diaz de Leon, program manager for immersion and social justice at the Arrupe Center, spoke about the power of framing service opportunities as walking with others, because it carries on past students' time at SI.

"Jesuit Catholic education invites us to constantly reflect upon our own identities, our privilege, our influence, and our relationships

with others," he said. "A student recently said something that has stayed with me, that, really, social justice is everywhere if you care to see it. These experiences have lifelong impact, and I hope that students call upon those experiences not just today, but many years from now."

In interviews, multiple students said their experiences with the Arrupe Center and Campus Ministry were central to their growth. Michael Grasso '25 volunteered at the San Francisco Campus for Jewish Living for his Core Capstone Project, and he said, "Mr. Diaz de Leon asked great questions. He really helped me think about how I had changed from my time working there, and what I had learned from the residents I got to know."

Kira Abhyankar '25 volunteered at the Brady Riding Center. Despite not having previous experience with horses, Dr. McCann convinced her to try it out. Abhyankar said, "It is working with horses, but also kids with disabilities. Because there is not much of a divide between the kids and volunteers, it broke pre-judgments I was holding about what those kids were capable of doing. Many of them did not need help at all to groom and feed the horses, or to ride them."

Similarly, Maya Briones '25 spoke about her experience on immersion in San Francisco's Tenderloin, "One of my main takeaways was how I had so many assumptions about the neighborhood that were changed from spending time there. Yes, there is poverty and people are struggling with homelessness and lack of other resources, but at the same time, there are many different communities in the neighborhood that I am grateful to have connected with."

Students also talked about their gratitude for the environment fostered by Campus Ministry. Maggie Strain '25 said, "It is not about being Catholic; it is more about growing spiritually, as a



person. They do not care what specific religion you are, or if you even practice a religion. They care more that you grow to be a better person."

Julian Ozaeta '25 said, "I started getting involved with Campus Ministry my sophomore year because of music ministry, performing at liturgies and prayer services. From there, I got interested in Insignis, which turned into opportunities to lead frosh retreat, and more." He continued, "Campus Ministry is where I feel I have made the strongest connections with other people and feel the love of our community. Cura personalis, care for the whole person, is a hallmark of SI education, and as someone who is involved in the arts, athletics, and campus ministry, it has been an incredible grace to have all these opportunities to develop mind, body, and spirit."

Summing up the joy and growth she sees in young people engaging with Campus Ministry and the Arrupe Center, Ms. Pryor Lorentz noted that students take ownership of the programs themselves. For example, in the return from COVID distancing, seniors took on the challenge of helping the classes behind them develop leadership skills they did not have the opportunity to develop in the normal course of their time at SI.

"We saw there were not many students who were ready for leadership roles, and seniors were voicing that concern, too," she said. "So, Kelly Miguens and a group of seniors put together a leadership retreat for juniors. It had not existed previously, but we had support from Principal Levine, and most importantly, we had seniors who energetically volunteered their time to invest in their successors and help them get to a point where they could resume our programs as leaders. Adults knew the students well enough

to know we had juniors who needed extra support, but that we had seniors who saw the same thing and stepped up to give feels especially meaningful."

She paused and took a moment to think.

"We center care for the whole person," she said. "We center doing everything for the greater glory of God, and we try to find God in all things. Ignatian spirituality is a beautiful interpretation of and way of living Catholicism. I am so proud to help young people and share it with them, and I am especially proud to see when they take it to heart and put it into practice."

ARRUPE CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Community Engagement

Immersion

Action and Advocacy — Host an annual Social Justice Summit, attend the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, West Coast Province Advocacy Day, Arrupe Leaders Summit, and other opportunities for students to work for justice in the world.



Read our story from the GENESIS Winter 2022 issue: The Impact of SI's Immersion Program, as Told by Participants

Looking Forward to the New Learning Commons



"In the new building, Campus Ministry space is currently slated to be placed at the heart of the school, near the new main entrance. It is central, and that speaks volumes."

Megan Pryor Lorentz • Assistant Principal for Mission



"I am really looking forward to creating sacred space in the new building. Part of my excitement is knowing that we have plans for a new chapel, but also that we will have the flexibility to create sacred space almost anywhere in the NLC."

Kelly Miguens • Director of Campus Ministry



"SI's Mission, rooted in the Jesuit tradition of a faith that lives justice, is foundational to every part of our school. A community committed to justice, altruism, and critical thinking live within every person in our community and every brick; old and new. The Arrupe Center for Social Justice encourages all members of our community to respond to the challenges of our world through local and global engagement opportunities."



Mauricio Diaz de Leon • Program Manager, Immersion and Social Justice, Arrupe Center for Social Justice Dr. Kelley McCann • Program Manager, Community Engagement and Social Justice, Arrupe Center for Social Justice

How SI Aims to Lead in STEM

SI's Math Department and Science Department have evolved in recent years, making important changes to better prepare students for demanding college programs and rapidly evolving technology-focused industries.

MATH

Over the past two-plus decades, the Math Department has sought to prepare students for college calculus in recognition that limited exposure to calculus before college is a difficult obstacle for anyone seeking higher achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math fields

Starting in the late 1990s, SI undertook a series of long-term revisions to the math curriculum to achieve that goal, starting with changes to Pre-Calculus classes, which became a Math Analysis and Introduction to Calculus course, and for which faculty produced original textbooks provided to students and alums for free. In 2000, the school reintroduced a BC Calculus class, producing an original textbook for that course as well. By 2010, SI regularly offered two or three sections of BC Calculus and three of AB Calculus in addition to a non-AP Calculus section, an expansion made possible because the school hired and retained multiple faculty with experience teaching AP Calculus AB and BC. At the same time, student pass rates were exceptional, usually topping 85% annually.

In 2019, the Math Department expanded its summer geometry offerings, eventually including an in-person course, a hybrid online course, and an independent study course, all in service of giving students more access to calculus courses. By the 2023-24 school year, SI had four sections of BC Calculus and seven sections of AB Calculus, and more than 80% of seniors take some form of Calculus.

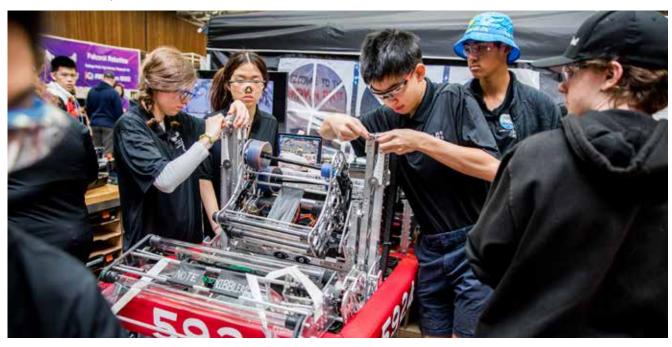
Most recently, the department launched a college-level Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus course that now attracts two full sections, and it offers six sections of AP Statistics for which teachers Brian Murphy and Paul Maychrowitz are writing and beta-testing another original textbook.

SCIENCE

In recent years, SI's Science Department identified three main areas of growth that would benefit students seeking high achievement in STEM fields: the need for more physical space, the need for a more flexible and clearly articulated vision for the department, and a curriculum that was not meeting some students' desire to take a wide variety of high-level science courses.

The first area will be addressed by the New Learning Commons. Current plans call for two complete lab and lecture spaces and two makerspaces there. Moreover, an additional large science lab is planned for the third floor of the existing academic building.

The second and third areas go hand-in-hand. After determining that the previous standard science pathway reduced the possibility of the highest-achieving students taking three AP science courses, and also limited those students' flexibility in choosing courses that matched their interests, the department set out to revise its vision.



Then-Director of Special Projects Bill Gotch, Science Chair Matt Stecher '93, and then-Math Chair Dr. Quattrin, with approval of Principal Michelle Nevin Levine and Assistant Principal for Academics Danielle Devencenzi Cronin '97, developed new emphases on courses that would serve students who may wish to one day pursue careers in medical, engineering, computer science, and other STEM fields.

Furthermore, to validate these changes and determine if they would meet the needs of students, the school surveyed and conducted focus groups with alums working in STEM fields, garnering broad positive reaction and a few suggestions to explore in the future.

One example of this work being put into practice is SI's Biology Honors course, with curriculum developed by teachers Dr. Kim Cody and Kristina Boyce. Introduced this fall to the Class of 2028 in collaboration with Admissions Director Kristy Jacobson '98, Biology Honors aims to provide a more appropriate challenge for frosh who have already demonstrated a strong interest in life sciences. Another example in the early stages of development is an alumni mentorship program that would connect alums in the field with students who are interested in specific opportunities.

TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING

To fulfill the STEM vision set out for the school, in 2022 SI launched the Technology and Engineering Department, under the leadership of Department Chair Brian Murphy, a veteran math teacher with extensive experience coding and mentoring the SI robotics program. Already working with a curriculum and budget, early goals for the TED include introducing an Engineering Honors course and a Robotics course that will dovetail with the activities of SI's Team 5924 in FIRST Robotics Competition. Already, some frosh are invited to take a Product Design course, in which students learn to plan, design and iterate on a product using the Stanford 5-step Design Thinking Process and learn to model their ideas into 3D using CAD software.

INNOVATING, ITERATING, IMPROVING

SI has always been on the forefront of innovative programs. By iterating and improving the Math Department, Science Department, and Technology and Engineering Department offerings, the school aims to be a leader institution, modeling for other educators all that college preparatory STEM education can be.

In the spirit of iteration and improvement, we welcome input from alums in STEM fields and beyond. Feel free to contact Mr. Murphy (bmurphy@siprep.org), Dr. Quattrin (kquattrin@siprep.org), or Mr. Stecher (mstecher@siprep.org) with your suggestions and how SI's STEM classes affected your progress and career.







Congratulations to the Fr. Sauer Academy

Class of 2024!

Valedictorian

Sofia Perdomo (SI '28)

Excellence Award Sarah Quinones (SI '28)

Leadership Award Sofia Quintero (SI '28)

Service Award Maria Victoria Marchetti (SI '28)







Welcome to the Newest SI Alumni CLASS OF 2024

Valedictorian Thomas Zang

Loyalty Award Hannah Bassi

Sauer General Excellence Award Ann Anish

Sauer General Excellence Award Andre Ignoffo

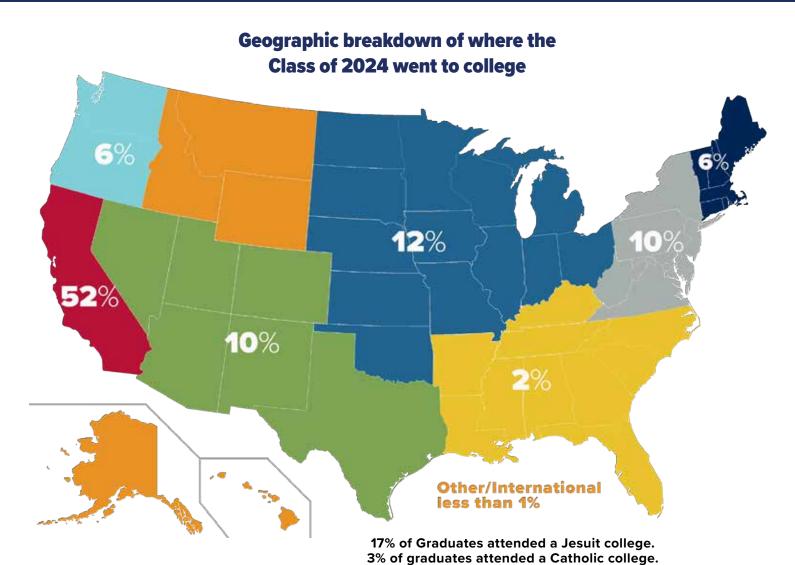
Ignatian Award Jilliyn Acosta





SI's Class of 2024 chose to attend a broad variety of colleges and universities across the United States.

95% matriculated to a four-year college.







Jesuits West Affirms SI Sponsorship

In the spring of 2024, SI hosted a group of Jesuit educators from various institutions who observed and assessed how our school teaches and carries out Jesuit education, resulting in a report that affirmed Jesuit sponsorship of our school, certified by the provincial of Jesuits West, Sean O. Carroll, S.J.

All Jesuit schools open their doors every six years to a visiting team that takes a peek under the hood, and SI was first affirmed for sponsorship in 2009. This process allowed us to celebrate and highlight the very best of the school while also giving us the space to reflect on areas of improvement and transformation.

The visiting team explored every aspect of SI, visiting with students, faculty, staff, and alums to understand how the Jesuit mission is being lived in our community. We are honored to have received high praise.

The visitors emphasized how clear the joy and pride our students feel is, and that they were impressed with the work done to build a loving and empowering school culture. They recognized our Ignatian formation programs, for students and adults, as key channels for reinforcing Jesuit principles amongst our communities, and admired how many lay women have been uplifted to positions of leadership.

Assistant Principal for Mission Megan Pryor Lorentz said, "Overall, it was an amazing experience. The sponsorship process is sometimes described as an 'institutional examen.' In other words, it is an opportunity to stop, look with gratitude over our shared work and reflect back to each other where we see the Spirit moving.

"It was so very easy to see the grace: in our classrooms, on our fields, stages, tournaments and tracks, and on our retreats and immersions. Having esteemed colleagues from other schools affirm that they see what we see and encourage us to continue growing in the areas we most desire, sponsorship provided the exact encouragement we needed to keep building the future we envision for SI."

SI, like all Jesuit schools, is changing. To many, SI may not look like the institution they remember. Two Jesuits remain on staff — neither classroom teachers — and Orradre Chapel, the Carlin Commons, and McGucken Hall are being replaced with the New Learning Commons so that students and faculty have dynamic, flexible academic space to support their talents and ambitions. As the times change, we move with them, and the sponsorship process is validation that even though our school's furniture and walls may change, our Catholic, Jesuit foundation remains. Upon that foundation, we will continue to offer a premier education for high school students in San Francisco, we will still be the SI that has served generations of Ignatians for 169 years, and we plan to continue for 169 more and beyond.



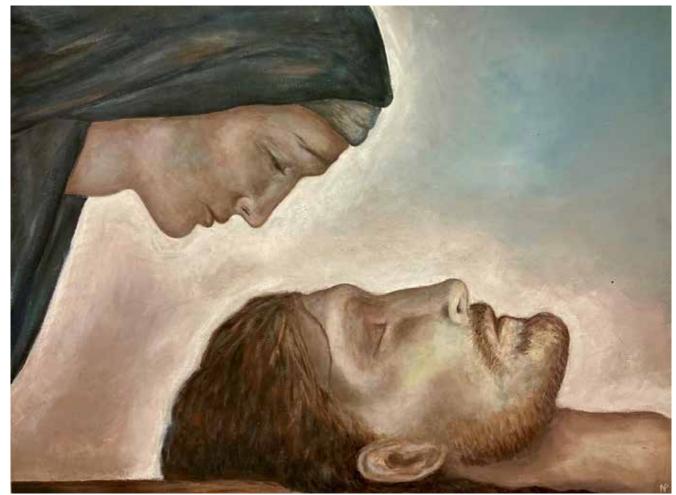
MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY AND TOMORROW

We thank those alums, parents, and friends who have joined the Fr. Carlin Heritage Society by remembering SI in their estate plans. Anyone who has made a legacy gift to SI, such as naming SI as a beneficiary of a will, trust, retirement plan, or other financial account is invited to join this special group.

To learn more about ways to support SI's future, contact Annie Reilly at areilly@siprep.org or 415-731-7500 ext. 5122. siprep.planmylegacy.org

STUDENT

DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTURE, DIGITAL ART



Naomi Popple '24 • Acrylic paint on canvas



Natosha Rodkewich '26 Acrylic paint on canvas



Sophia Rolfe '27 Sketch pencil on paper



Noah Hennessy '24 • Digital



Maya Briones '25 • Oil pastel on paper



Baylie Ruiz '25 • Black ink on paper



Franny Biggs '24 • Digital



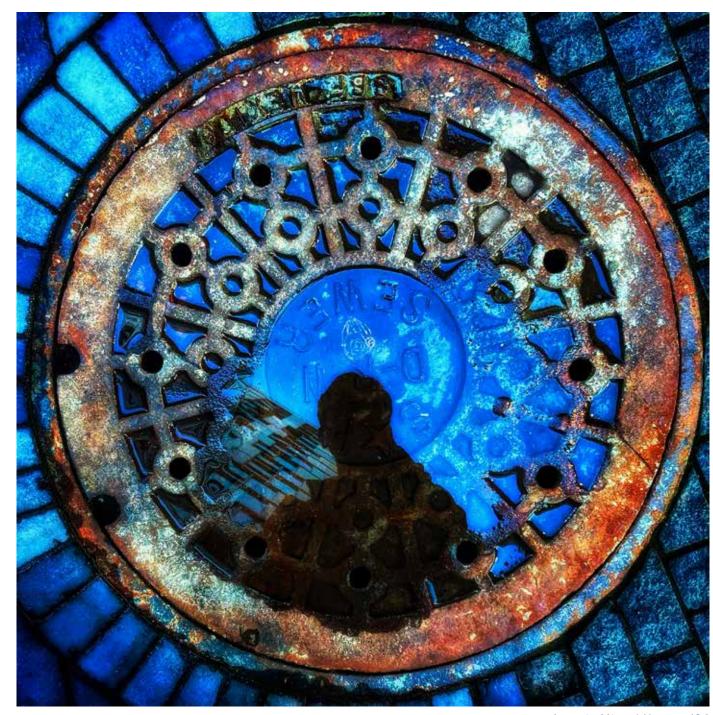
Nora Visser '24 • Mixed media illuminated sculpture



Camille Pyo '26 Digita

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STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY



Antonio Miguel Nangca '24



Max Wix '24



Sadie Eggert '26



Sophia Dekermenjian '24



Mats Leckie '24



Elijah Allen '24



Francesca Garcia Madriz '24

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T NEW TEAMS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Recently, SI launched three new sports programs. The surf, rugby, and flag football teams began competing on limited schedules against other schools, with the aim of eventually building up to a full slate of competition.

We spoke to several students and their coaches about their experiences pioneering these sports at SI. Their comments have been edited for clarity and length.

SURF

Aisling Landers '25

"My parents taught me how to surf when I was younger, so I thought a surf team sounded fun. Also, my sister, Kylie '24, encouraged me to join. I enjoyed how it was a low-stress activity — this is a team where you can have as much fun as you want and see how far you want to go.

"One of my best memories was a day we went to Santa Cruz for a competition. Normally, because the waves are so good there, it can get really crowded, but because it was a competition we had this short amount of time to have the space to ourselves. It felt like a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Dylan Lum '24

"With the surf team, I wanted to create a community where we could text in a group chat and get everyone to meet up and have a good time doing this thing we all love. We do compete against a bunch of Santa Cruz teams that are very skilled and advanced, and while it is definitely a contest, a lot of it is making friends through surfing with them.

"In college, I plan to try out for the surf team — there are some expros out there, but I plan on surfing my whole life as long as I can. It is a life process, and there is always learning to do.

"Here at SI, I can see the program getting stronger and bigger. I hope it stays the same as far as how we have a strong community, but I also hope we get better to the point that we win some contests."



Marlin Lum and Tracy Lum, coaches

"Since Marlin has been surfing his whole life, our son, Dylan, convinced us to volunteer as coaches, and since the team started in the fall of 2022, it has grown from 16 surfers to 24.

"Not only did the team give our surfers access to premiere surf spots around Santa Cruz, it created friendships and bonds across all grade levels. We saw teammates share their favorite spots, give each other tips, and challenge each other to grow and get better, all while having the time of their lives. Moreover, the parent community was incredibly supportive and fun, coming out to cheer on the team and coordinating food to keep the surfers nourished all day.

"We are proud of everything this team has accomplished the past two years and watching these students enjoy themselves and push themselves while facing Mother Ocean. The team is in really good hands with incoming coaches Andrew Scott, dad of surfer Jordan '27, and Brian Lynch, dad of surfer Simone '26. We can't wait to see where the team goes from here!"

RUGBY

Junior Tutoe '24

"I had played rugby before, in elementary and middle school. My dad watches rugby all the time and has been really excited to go to my rugby games.

"This season, I had one of my most memorable athletic moments when I scored the game-winning try against Jesuit, from Sacramento. It was something like a 70-yard run, and the main thing I remember is hearing my mom in the crowd yelling for me to run. She has it on video, too!

"I want everyone who would consider playing rugby at SI to know that, essentially, we are all beginners to start. About half the team was totally new to the sport, and at the end of the day we were all learning together, making new friends and new bonds under great coaches."

Con McKeon '24

"I got a lot of joy this season seeing teammates getting better and becoming obsessed with rugby, too. I definitely plan on playing when I get to college, because I like this kind of competition where there is an aggressive nature to the sport, but total respect, too, and kinship with your opponents before and after.

"I especially appreciated that here at SI, some of our best players this year had never picked up a ball before. Seeing so



many people come from different communities and cultures and backgrounds welcomed on the team was great."

Jack Casey '08, coach

"Our goal for rugby this year was to lay a foundation for the sport to return to SI in a sustainable way. There is great infrastructure for rugby at our school — not just facilities, but knowledgeable athletic staff and the ability to bring in multiple coaches who played at various levels in our youth.

"There is never a day that is too late to try rugby. We expect athletes to come without prior experience, and so a big part of what we do is teaching the basics of the game, and that includes making sure that we teach how many of rugby's core cultural values overlap with our core values as a school. I do not think it is a coincidence that most of the consistently successful high school rugby programs in the country tend to be Jesuit schools."

FLAG FOOTBALL

Makenzie Eggert '24

"I have always been a die-hard 49ers fan and remember throwing a ball around with my dad at a young age, so it was always a dream to play football, but never really a possibility, until now.

"Going into tryouts, I knew I wanted to play quarterback — I was open to anything, but I was confident I had the arm for it. Once I started playing in that role, I realized I had never before had a role where I was in charge like that, responsible for calling out plays and making sure everyone on the field was ready. I learned a lot from my coaches about communication and leadership.

"We lost our first game against Sacred Heart, which was tough, but it showed us what work we needed to put in, we improved a lot, and near the end of the season we rolled them. Obviously, the rivalry added a lot to those games, but seeing how we performed one game to the next and the growth we achieved together made it that much better when we won it and got to sing the fight song at the end."

Aili Miller '27

"As a frosh, I appreciated how flag football was my introduction to sports at SI. I got to learn how we go about practices and games, and how we build bonds as teammates.

"But beyond that, it was a great way to start the year because while our coaches made sure we were working hard to get better, they also made sure we were having fun with it. I was happy being on the team because we formed a team community where everyone was there for everyone else. I remember when, in our first game, we got an interception and then scored our first touchdown, everyone was cheering and the coaches were running down the sideline, too.

"Looking forward, I want to help new players keep building what we have started."

Angelique Boccara '04, coach

"As coaches, we had the time of our lives on the field, in practices and games, and I got that sense from players, too. The entire season was full of 'a-ha!' moments, when athletes learned new skills and football concepts, and it was truly invigorating to see them apply in competition everything they had learned.

"Early in the season, we lost to Sacred Heart Cathedral, and it was not particularly close. But when we left that game, we decided it would not define our season, we would get to work, we would believe in ourselves, and we would come back better and stronger. The second-to-last game of the season, we faced SHC on our home field, and we beat them handily. It showed our hard work paying off, all the learning we had done, and was an incredible opportunity to celebrate our program's progress.

"I am so proud of every player, and looking forward, the sky is the limit for flag football at SI. I want flag football to set the standard for SI Athletics; I want our program to work hard, play well, and be leaders within the school, all with the belief that even better times are ahead."



SPRING SPORTS 2024



SPRING RESULTS

Men's Golf
V: 15-0
(WCAL
Champions)
IV: 10-4

Women's **Swimming** V: 6-0 (WCAL, CCS Champions) JV: 5-1

Men's **Swimming** V: 3-4 JV: 5-2

Women's **Track & Field** V: 4-3 JV: 6-0

Men's Men's Volleyball **Track & Field**: 8-22 V: 4-3 JV: 0-12 (CCS Champions)

> Men's **Tennis** V: 7-7 JV: 2-4 F: 8-10-1

Women's

Lacrosse V: 17-5 (SVAL, CCS Champions) JV: 12-0

Softball Baseball V: 17-8 V: 10-11 JV: 12-8

Men's

Lacrosse

V: 18-2 (WCAL, CCS

Champions)

JV: 12-4

Women's Rowing

West Coast Scholastic Championship First Place - Frosh 8+, Junior V8+, Senior V8+ Second Place - V8+, LtWt V4+

US Rowing Southwest Regional Championship 3rd - U17 8+ (qualify to race at US Rowing National Championships in Florida)

Scholastic Rowing Association (SRAA) National High

School Championships in New Jersey Bronze - LtWt V4+

6th - Frosh 8+, Second V8+, Senior V8+

Men's Rowing

West Coast Scholastic Championships Gold - Varsity 8+, Varsity 4+, JV8+ Silver - Varsity 8+, Frosh 8+, JV 4+

US Southwest Regional Championships Bronze in U17 8+ (Nationals Qualifying boat) Silver in Youth 4+ B

Scholastic Rowing Association National Championships Gold - JV 8+ (National Champions)

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Building Our Future Forward: The New Learning Commons Project



Dear Wildcat Supporters,

I am writing to share updates on the most ambitious project in SI's history: the New Learning Commons. This transformative endeavor will essentially create a seventh campus on the site of our Sunset campus, redefining how our students learn and grow.

Why the "New Learning Commons"?

First, the easy part: It is "new." SI's last major campus construction was in 2007, when we added the Doris Duke Wall Choral Room, Columbus Piazza, Ryan Weight Training Facility, and four new classrooms, now the home of the Fr. Sauer Academy. Before that, in the early 1990s, we added the tennis courts, McCullough Gymnasium, Herbst Pool, and renovated the campus for co-education.

The term "commons" is familiar to us and evokes a sense of community and shared space, much like our beloved Carlin Commons. As Jeff Maggioncalda '87, regent emeritus, puts it, "You are not building classrooms; you are building community."

In addition, it is a "learning" commons because the NLC will be more than just a gathering place. It is designed to prioritize learning, flexibility, and adaptation, which aligns with our Jesuit tradition of immersing ourselves in our communities and "responding courageously to the challenges and opportunities of our time."

Who Is Stepping Up?

The *Building Our Future Forward* Campaign Cabinet is composed of those who have contributed \$100,000 or more since the 2017-18 school year to the Fr. Sauer Academy, our Scholarship Endowment Fund, and the New Learning Commons. We are profoundly grateful to the men and women who have stepped up to ensure that SI adequately serves future Ignatians for the next century. Their gifts — freely given and gratefully accepted — embody St. Ignatius of Loyola's call to "give and not to count the cost."

As you can see from the diagrams, our campaign cabinet represents the breadth and depth of the SI community, with a blend of alums, parents of alums, current parents, grandparents, friends, and foundations. It shows that this project is not just one person's passion, but the result of our community rallying to support something they believe in — something bigger and more important than themselves.

Financing: California Tax-Exempt Bond

An ambitious project comes with an ambitious price tag. We estimate the all-in cost for the New Learning Commons to be \$200 million. To avoid 6-10% annual escalation costs, the SI Board of Trustees decided to issue a \$140 million California tax-exempt revenue bond:

- We received an "A" rating from S&P, a rarity for a high school, especially when offering such a large bond. This is due to SI's financial health, strong support from alumni and parents, and strong demand for students from grammar schools throughout the Bay Area.
- The bond was oversubscribed 11 times over; we had more than \$1 billion of purchase orders for a \$140 million bond, something also rarely seen in the bond market.

• Our composite rate is 4.24%. Because of the strong "A" rating and favorable tailwinds in the bond market, we were able to lower the peak repayment for the bond by \$500,000 a year.

• If you are interested in purchasing bonds in the secondary market, please contact your brokerage. Bond terms vary between 5 and 30 years. We are scheduled to pay off the bond in 2054.

Tuition and Funding

Our tuition policy is grounded in transparency and fiscal responsibility. We adhere to a "full-cost" model, meaning tuition directly reflects the actual cost of educating a student. Unlike many institutions that rely on tuition discounts or annual fundraising to balance budgets, we believe in a sustainable approach that ensures long-term financial health.

To ensure accessibility to an SI education, we rely on our Scholarship Endowment Fund and annual gifts to cover financial aid. Our tuition increases are aligned with inflation and primarily fund the salaries and benefits for our faculty and staff, who are essential to maintaining SI's academic excellence.

Importantly, we will *not* pay for the NLC through tuition. Our dedicated Advancement team is actively working to secure consistent annual fundraising to meet this financial obligation.

Construction Timeline

The NLC project will proceed in two phases. Demolition of the north end of campus will begin on Dec. 18, 2024. Construction is estimated to take 24 to 27 months, with the New Learning Commons slated to open in January 2027.

At this point, we have funding to complete the first phase, which focuses on the core building, excluding the third floor and chapel. Our short-term goal is to raise \$30 million to complete the second phase, the chapel, and the third floor.

The total project cost is \$200 million: a \$140 million bond, \$30 million raised to date, and the \$30 million goal for the chapel and third floor campaigns.

How You Can Help

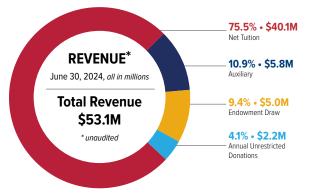
A profound thanks to our campaign cabinet and to the 1,600-plus donors to the New Learning Commons. Your support of an idea is now becoming a reality.

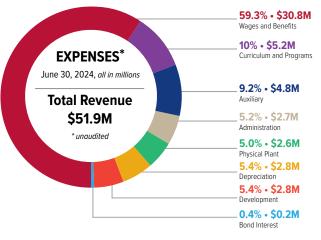
As members of the SI community, you have undoubtedly experienced the transformative power of this institution. Now, it is time to step up and ensure its continued success. Join thousands of Ignatians in Building Our Future Forward.

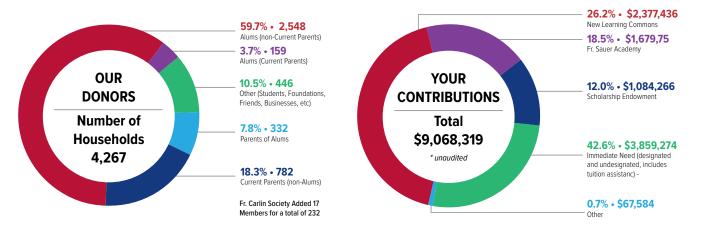
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FOUNDER'S COUNCIL-\$4M+ \$13,260,500

Emery Family Foundation The Ann and Gordon Getty Foundation for the Arts Yvonne & Angelo Sangiacomo Family Foundation

BENEFACTOR'S COUNCIL—\$1M-\$3.9M \$15,629,247

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DIAMOND COUNCIL—\$500K-\$999K \$7,708,701

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Bill Sheedy and Patti Sheedy

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Kelly Turbin '00 and Megan Turbin

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL—\$100K-\$249K \$10,853,690

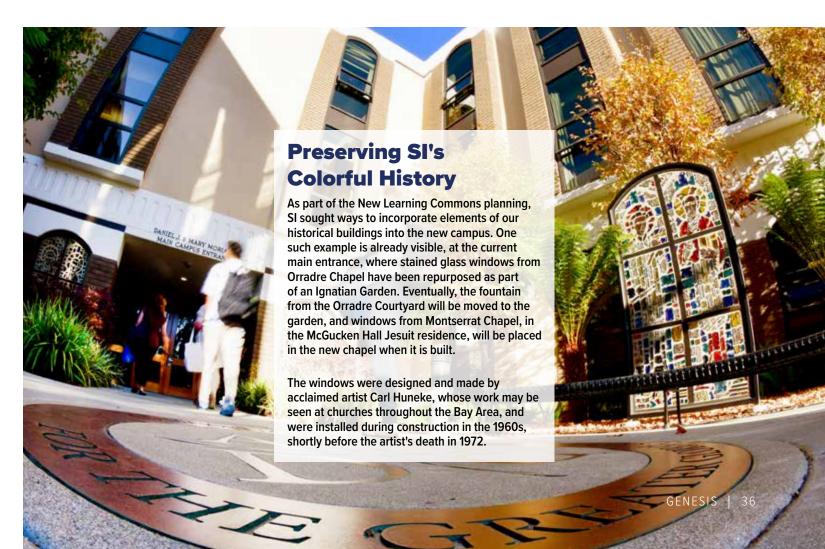
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CABINET TOTAL \$54,195,646





SI is excited to share that it has received its first-ever cryptocurrency donation. The generous contribution, valued at approximately \$100,000, will establish an endowed scholarship fund and also support construction of the New Learning Commons.

A parent of a recent SI graduate who wishes to remain anonymous was inspired to give back after the school provided resources and comfort during an extraordinarily difficult time for their family. "I am grateful for the support my child received and that I received as an only parent," the donor said. "I wanted to do something to support other solo parents sending their children to SI, and establishing a scholarship fund seemed like the most effective way to do that."

Motivated by an email from Annie Reilly, SI's associate director of advancement, planned giving, regarding ways to establish a scholarship endowment fund, this donor saw a unique opportunity to create a lasting legacy by gifting cryptocurrency that had appreciated since its purchase years ago. "Giving appreciated assets to charity, like cryptocurrency or stock, is a powerful way to give," said Ms. Reilly. "Donors can maximize the value of their donation by gifting appreciated assets directly to charity, as opposed to selling them and donating the after-tax cash. This method of donation increases the amount to the charity and the tax deduction for the donor. This donor understood the advantage, and was determined to use cryptocurrency to support SI."

The donation was made possible through a donor advised fund platform named Daffy — Donor Advised Fund For You — headquartered in Los Altos. The donor chose Daffy to facilitate the gift because, they said, "it accepts cryptocurrency and makes the setup process very simple." It took the donor "about 15 minutes" to set up the Daffy fund, transfer the desired amount of cryptocurrency, and recommend a grant to SI. Daffy then converted the cryptocurrency to cash, and within five days, SI received a check in the mail. Other common donor advised fund platforms include Charles Schwab, Fidelity, and Vanguard. The donor found Daffy to be the most economical platform for donations in cryptocurrencies.

Ms. Reilly said, "We are incredibly grateful for this pioneering donation. It reflects our community's innovative spirit and commitment to Jesuit education."

For more information about the benefits of gifting appreciated assets, such as cryptocurrency or stock, check out https://siprep.planmylegacy.org/appreciated-securities, or contact Annie Reilly at areilly@siprep.org or (415) 731-7500 ext. 5122 or any member of SI Advancement.

Learn more!



Board of Trustees Chair Niall McCarthy '85:

NLC IS AN INVESTMENT IN SI STUDENTS



SI Board of Trustees Chair Niall McCarthy '85 is a lifelong supporter of the school, and the New Learning Commons has him more excited for SI's future than ever before.

"The NLC is a generational project that should make all alums proud," he said. "SI has always been ahead of the curve on providing the best learning experience for our students, with incredible teachers. Throughout its history, the school has produced graduates who are exceptional in many fields, but more importantly it produces good people."

Along with President Edward Reese, S.J., and Vice President for Advancement Joe Vollert '84, Mr. McCarthy is one of the leaders helping fundraising efforts for the New Learning Commons, and has given generously himself. The first phase of NLC construction is funded by both donations and a bond issue. In order to complete the facility's top floor, then subsequently pay off the bond, more SI community members are needed to step forward and give to the campaign.

Mr. McCarthy said, "The trustees voted unanimously to approve this project and the bond. When we consider future generations, the new building is essential. This facility will allow teachers to adapt to the challenges this generation and each new generation of students will face." SI is a first-rate school which should have first-rate facilities.

Mr. McCarthy was inspired to give in large part thanks to the teachers and coaches he had at SI and how they prioritized his personal development as much as his academic progress. For him, SI was a launching pad to the University of California at Davis, Santa Clara University School of Law, and an accomplished career as an attorney, making his mark as a trial lawyer for victims of fraud and elder abuse. Multiple times, he has been named a top 100 lawyer in California, and four times he has received California Lawyer Magazine Attorney of the Year awards.

Through his engagement with the school as an alum, a parent — two children are alums — and now a trustee, he has seen that commitment to students' personal development carry through to today.

"I often think about what I learned from my teachers beyond the classroom," he said. "They taught me how to be a better person who strives to make his family and school proud. I think if you ask alums about their time at SI, many would say the same, even if they wouldn't use those specific words. So it is a pleasure to give back. It is not only an investment in the students who will receive the same high-quality Jesuit education I received and my children received, but an investment in San Francisco, because those students will go on to be tomorrow's leaders in our city and the Bay Area."

If you are interested in supporting this project, please contact Joe Vollert at jvollert@siprep.org or 415-254-6768.



A Fond Farewell



Patrick Lynch 19 years

Patrick Lynch came to SI in 2005 to run the Kairos program, and subsequently served as assistant principal for campus ministry and as a religious studies teacher. Over his time at SI, he led multiple immersion

trips, provided unflagging support for SI's *Magis* Program, and enjoyed sharing the SI experience through the eyes of his daughters, Cailla '22 and Gemma '22, who were members of the last class to come through with the *Magis* summer school program.

"In my mind, the reason for Jesuit schools to exist is to pursue our primary educational objective of forming men and women with and for others as contemplatives in action," he said.

"In my time at SI, I hope I challenged our school to remain rooted in that primary educational objective, which Pedro Arrupe, S.J. articulated 50 years ago, and helped the school challenge students, to inform their conscience, and then act on their conscience to make our community and world better."

Mr. Lynch has moved to Georgia and is teaching at Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School.

"It is a young school, one of the top performing Cristo Rey schools in the country, and a part of the Jesuit Schools Network, which was important, because I wanted to stay in Jesuit education and keep giving my energy and focus to *Magis* profile students," Mr. Lynch said. "As for SI, I am grateful for many relationships I built here, and the many dedicated and excellent teachers I got to know. I think it is a powerful thing when a teacher can go to school and, in all humility, know that I am not the best teacher here. It has been a joy to work with so many folks who give and do not count the costs."



Jeannie Quesada 20 years

SI's Academic Office is constantly busy supporting teachers, parents, and students, and ensuring all the administrative details of our academic programs are in order. Jeannie Quesada was the

center of those operations for the past 20 years as the academic coordinator., working with with three assistant principals for Academics: Kate Kodros, Carole Nickolai, and Danielle Devencenzi Cronin '97

Ms. Quesada had a dual role as an SI parent and the academic coordinator. Sending three children to SI — Violet '03, Valerie '05, and Eric '09 — gave her a different insight into the life of the school.

"It was delightful having students come to the office knowing who I was," she said. "And on top of that, my husband, Richard, was very involved in the Fathers' Club. They valued their participation in the SI community."

In retirement, Ms. Quesada is looking forward to spending more time with her children and their families, especially her three grandchildren, Emma (7), Noah (5), and Jack (9 months). Also, she and Richard want to travel and have already planned a visit to Spain and Portugal. She enjoyed working with the faculty and staff very much over the many years, and is excited about moving on to a new chapter of her life, saying,

"SI will always have a place in my heart."



Carol Quattrin 33 years

Carol Quattrin arrived at SI in 1991 after having taught at a public school in El Cerrito. At SI, she met her husband, fellow math teacher Dr. Kevin Quattrin '78; championed the California Scholarship Federation; moderated

Music for Others, a club for students to sing and play music at nursing homes; formed bonds with generations of students; and earned a reputation among faculty and staff as an especially kind, caring, and supportive colleague.

"When I came to SI, I loved how religion and spirituality were a part of the work environment," she said. "I am Episcopalian, but the spiritual life here really resonated with me, and I think it may

be easy to take for granted that we build into our school's rhythms that you go on retreat and pray, and that there are regular morning liturgies.

I have been so happy that my work life and spiritual life have a common home."

She also spoke about how "the SI family" is more than just a metaphor for her.

"I do not know another career where your entire family knows the whole place like you do. Rudraigh '02, Cian '06, Ceridwen '08, and Joanna '14 attended SI, and of course Kevin is here, so everyone knows what you mean if you refer to Br. Draper, for example. Also, I do not have a spouse who asks why I am at work so much. We are invested in this place as a couple and we support each other in that investment as a couple."

Looking forward, Ms. Quattrin is retiring from SI, but may not leave the classroom just yet.

"I still have a valid math credential," she said. "I am prepared to step into a classroom and teach geometry, so I want to look for something part-time, perhaps in the local public schools, in addition to maybe fostering more kittens and finding time for the things I tell myself I would do if I weren't working so much. We will see!"



Marla Bottner 36 years

From the time she started at SI in 1988, Marla Bottner has been a fixture in SI Athletics. Before Ms. Bottner, SI did not have formal athletic trainers, and those tasks were delegated to coaches.

Under her direction, athletic training at SI was professionalized, the school developed relationships with UCSF, and she started the athletic training physical education classes that continue to this day.

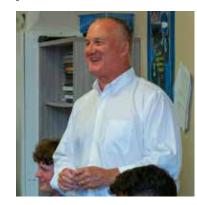
She said, "SI is such a good place, with rich traditions that I know will continue for a long time.

It is so funny to think about how many of my colleagues were students here when I started, and I happily call them friends now.

Or to meet parents who I knew when they were students and to hear them talk about how excited they are to have their kids here with some of the same teachers, and how they hope those students have the same feelings about SI that they did."

She continued, speaking about her future plans, "Everyone keeps asking what I will do next, and to be honest I am still wrapping my

head around this whole thing, but I am excited and I am sure I will fill my time just not with the day to day schedules of SI — I may even still teach CPR to the coaches and, of course, still be at some games."



John Grealish '79 39 years

Anyone who has met John Grealish '79 knows that he likes to talk, and his voice has been a booming constant in SI's halls for decades. Over that time as, variously, a math teacher, coach, assistant principal for student

affairs, head of finance, and admissions director, Mr. Grealish gained a unique perspective on SI from having so many different vantage points.

He described his outlook on working at SI, one he has held since starting in 1985:

"I am fortunate to have had four different jobs, all at the same address, and I learned so much from each challenge.

Each time, the change was right for me at that moment. I really enjoyed the kids. As a teacher, imparting knowledge and building camaraderie, happiness, trust, and joy is what made me successful. Being an assistant principal was another way to directly help build kids' happiness, and I could be around them in a more informal setting in the Student Center. Running the business of the school meant a lot less interaction with kids, but ensuring the financial foundation of the school is a critical job. And when I was admissions director, I could bring all of that experience together to talk about SI and promote it to families."

For the past few years, Mr. Grealish had returned to the classroom as a math teacher.

"SI has been very good to me," he said. "I have worked hard, and I think I was a good teacher, but they did not owe me the opportunity to return to the classroom, so I am thankful I was able to do that. It is a good feeling to work at a place where I have received so many opportunities to grow and try new things."

Though retired from SI, Mr. Grealish still intends to remain engaged with education.

"I am thrilled to be retired," he said. "I do not have huge plans: I may pursue substitute teaching, and I will still be around SI to help in the Center for Academics and Targeted Support a few hours a week. But now that my schedule is freed up, I am looking forward to seeing more of my daughter in Arizona, too. I am not really good at sitting around!" *Continued on page 41*



John Stiegeler '74 40 years

"I have believed in SI's mission from the start," said John Stiegeler '74. "As many know, my brother, Fran Stiegeler, S.J. '61, is a Jesuit priest and was a major influence in my decision to devote my life to the Ignatian vision. When you believe in preparing students to be 'with and for others,' and the

school is dedicated to that mission, it is easy to keep coming back for 40 years."

As a social studies teacher and coach, Mr. Stiegeler spent those decades teaching his subject areas, but also teaching that mission.

"Even though I taught for so long, a lot of students and other faculty knew me as a coach," he said. "That is not at all a bad thing.

Coaches are teachers; you are just teaching things in a different space than a classroom. I always felt the roles complemented each other, and everything tied together.

When I think back on what I am most proud of, it is not a championship or a trophy or anything like that, but helping kids become people 'with and for others,' whether that was teaching in the classroom, coaching, going on Kairos retreats, or other ways to help guide them. I have always dedicated myself to the idea of cura personalis, the education of the entire student rather than just one facet."

In retirement, Mr. Stiegeler is looking forward to more opportunities for travel and to remain a model for his students. This includes being a lifelong learner. He also looks forward to spending time with his family.

"My wife's family is over in Hawaii, so I am looking forward to longer stays there when we visit. As for other travel, I always told my students traveling can be the best kind of education. It is invigorating to go other places and become a citizen of the world. I think that if I am going to keep my mind and body active, travel is going to be a part of it — with a little fly fishing in the Sierras as well!"



Rob Hickox '72 47 years

When Rob Hickox '72 was hired to work at SI in 1977, he says he arrived under somewhat unusual circumstances.

There were two open positions: physical education teacher and typing teacher," he said. "When I was

hired, I did not know which one I got!" He added, "I would have taken either one just to get my foot in the door."

Over the past 47 years, Mr. Hickox has been a physical education teacher, coach, and mentor to countless students and colleagues. He is a font of institutional knowledge, having attended SI from the beginning of its time in the Sunset, then working at the school through dramatic physical transformations, the switch to coeducation, multiple presidents and principals, and always with an abiding love for SI and its students.

"When I was a student here," he said, "the teachers and coaches I had were all positive influences. Chuck Murphy '61 was my first teacher and my first coach at Stanyan St.: what a way to start a Jesuit education! Those teachers and coaches were why I went

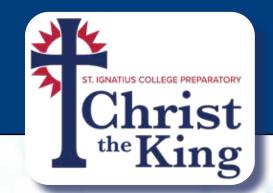
Because SI is a good place to work and I got to do what I loved to do — I still love doing it — I have never really looked at it as work."

Though he is retiring, Mr. Hickox will remain a presence at SI as a track coach.

"My wife and I look forward to traveling and spending time in Cazadero, California," he said, "but I am also looking forward to continuing with the track program. I will be around, still having fun."

To all of these dedicated employees: **THANK YOU!**





2024 RECIPIENT:

Paul Totah '75

The St. Ignatius Alumni Department is proud to announce that Paul Totah '75 is the 2024 recipient of the Christ the King Award, the highest honor SI can bestow upon an alum.

Each year, the SI Alumni Board — an intergenerational body of passionate Ignatians who dedicate themselves to elevating our alumni association — selects an alum who is distinguished in their profession, has shown a commitment to the SI community, and best exemplifies the ideal of service to God and others.

While there are countless candidates deserving of this honor, Paul's illustrious career and devotion to Jesuit education and values makes him a uniquely qualified recipient.

In 1985, he began a 35-year career at SI, where he taught English and, starting in 1987, edited GENESIS magazine. He authored "Spiritus 'Magis': 150 Years of Saint Ignatius College Preparatory" in 2005, which serves as the definitive text exploring the history of our school in great detail. He co-created SI's Nature/Nexus interdisciplinary class and Stewardship Week for juniors as well as moderating SI's Green Team and Dialogue Club, which brought together Arab and Jewish students in search of reconciliation and common ground. Paul retired in 2020, but remains very active in our community.

See more about the Christ the King Celebration and Mass on alumni.siprep.org.



SIALUMNISPOTLIGHT

ROBERT PATOCCHI '48

In 2024, there is no shortage of ways for Wildcats to get to and from school, but that wasn't always the case.

Dr. Robert Patocchi '48 recalls a time before GPS, before carpools, before all of it. It was a time when resourcefulness and resolve defined a generation that relied on the kindness of others to get to one's destination.

"During World War II, hitchhiking was almost a way of life because of gas rationing, and there were a lot of pairs of students — not just from SI — hitchhiking," Dr. Patocchi said.

Hailing from Marin, Dr. Patocchi never imagined going to SI he expected to attend Tamalpais, one of the few public schools available to him. But, in June 1944, he heard some of his friends talk about an entrance exam for SI and decided to tag along, just for fun. He filled out an application, paid a small fee, and took the test

Two weeks later, he was accepted and, thus, began four years of journeying across the Golden Gate Bridge by any means necessary to receive a quality Jesuit education.

His mother made it work, first by paying his \$10 tuition and then by making an arrangement with executives from the Acme Brewing Company to give him a ride into the city. Once in San Francisco, the boy took the 31 bus the rest of the way.

Eager to arrive at school, but unsure how exactly to get there, Dr. Patocchi recalled that, on his first day at SI, he unknowingly got on the bus going in the opposite direction.

"I took the ride to the end of the line and took the streetcar back," he said, proudly adding, "I still got to school before class started."

In fact, despite having to hitchhike his way into the city every day, Patocchi was never late.

"I had mastered the transportation problem to and from school. but I ran into some problems. The first was that I arrived at school about an hour before classes started. This wasn't a big problem except it embarrassed me," he said. "I would hide in the bushes until I heard someone unlock and open the doors."

It took Patocchi some time to adjust to life at SI — carrying his books, using pencil in class and ink for homework, taking Greek and Latin, and finding where he fit — but he and Walter "Red" Walsh '48. a friend who would also hitchhike back to Marin. figured it out.

At the start of their junior year, Walsh convinced Patocchi to try out for the football team despite not having any real experience playing. Patocchi, with his natural athleticism and strength, was named the team's center and linebacker. He noted that he was only given direction on how to play these positions once, but he found his place and made it work, as he did with the rest of his St. Ignatius career.

"I loved SI and I'm glad I went there," said Dr. Patocchi, who now lives in Novato with his daughter after working six decades as a physician, "I finally made a lot of friends and the school did prepare me to move on."

"The things we did that we did as students — community service and things of that nature — I think that got me on this path."

By the end of 2024, VetsBoats will have served over 500 veterans, an already-impressive number that Mr. Moran wants to double in 2025. Moreover, through the organization, he has re-captured some of the camaraderie with fellow Wildcats that he experienced with the Sea Scouts. Several alums, including Patrick Smalley '83, Lawrence Morales '83, and Tony Maffei '85, are volunteers with the organization, bringing their Jesuit backgrounds to a team that works tirelessly to support servicemen and women.

"Whenever it happens that somebody is a Wildcat — sort of like your fellow alumni at the Naval Academy — you know

the person, their character, their values. There's a shared understanding of what it means to be of service and it's wonderful." observed Mr. Moran.

Mr. Maffei added, "Terry has the leadership skills to bring people together to work towards such a worthwhile effort and common goal. His smile and motivation are infectious, leaving you with a sense of appreciation and desire to accomplish the mission he set out on. He doesn't just cite the Ignatian values we were all taught — he lives them."

Mr. Moran reflected that, "I'm a very lucky man. I just like to share my good fortune. Having been a child of immigrants who grew up in the city, went to school at SI, and served in the Navy, being back here and doing this work is a blessing."

KELLY TURBIN '00

"Not a day passes that I do not think about what SI and Fr. Sauer did for me; it changed the trajectory of my life and opened doors to opportunities that would not have been available otherwise."

Like several generations of Ignatians, Kelly Turbin '00 credits Anthony Sauer, S.J. for guiding him to a better path. In fact, Mr. Turbin believes the late counselor, teacher, and SI president may have even created that path, making room for him in a community that would be a part of his life forever.

"My father passed away when I was in seventh grade; a single mother raised me from the age of 12. It was a tumultuous time, and my academic performance during this time was not good. Fr. Sauer saw past that and gave me a chance. He called me two days before school started to tell me SI had a spot for me and that a scholarship was available. I do not think a spot or scholarship was available, but in typical Sauer fashion, he somehow made both happen."

Mr. Turbin received the John E. Buick III Scholarship, a fund that has assisted dozens of students who show spirit and character since its inception in 1989 and one of several lifelines over the course of his academic journey that would inspire him to pay it forward years later.

"As a Catholic and someone who has benefitted from such blind generosity, I feel it is my responsibility to give back and help others as was done for me," he said.

In November 2023, Mr. Turbin and his wife, Megan Turbin, thoughtfully pledged \$250,000 for the Fr. Sauer Academy, a major contribution to a young program that grows every year and a step towards the alum's ultimate dream.

"I hope FSA will become fully supported by an endowment in the next 10 years, allowing young men and women to receive an education at no cost and a guaranteed pathway into SI,"

Today, dozens of middle schoolers from underserved communities fill classrooms named after Susan Turbin, Kelly's mother, and receive a Jesuit education at a school named for a man who dedicated his life to providing paths of opportunity.

It is a poetic convergence of fates you only find at an institution like SI, where shaping young people to be with and for others is foundational to the experience. And that commitment to generosity and leadership is lifelong, much like the connection between Mr. Turbin and Fr. Sauer, himself.

"In 2009, Fr. Sauer married my wife and me at St. Patrick's Church in Larkspur. Every year on our anniversary, up until his passing, we received a handwritten note from him wishing us well. I am still amazed that he could keep track of thousands of weddings and write these notes to people," he said.

As the SI community once opened up to him and he found a place within the Class of 2000, Mr. Turbin now has a message for his fellow alums to join him in giving back and offering a student like him the chance to find their own way at SI.

"SI has had a profound impact on all of us in one way or another and my family and I are happy to give back to a place that gave so much to all of us during our formative years. We all come from different backgrounds and financial situations so think of ways you can help — you could contribute financially, or simply get involved by helping organize alumni functions and fundraisers."

TERRY MORAN '84

A naval aviator and aeronautical engineering duty officer for 28 years, Terry Moran '84 is the founder and executive director of VetsBoats, an organization focused on providing veterans with opportunities to find community, purpose, and healing on the water. Founded in 2014, the Sausalito-based organization has worked with over 1,000 veterans and their families, developing programs that promote mental and physical health through sailing, wood boat restoration, and other community-building experiences.

"We're offering, by our example, how healing being of service to others really is. That's what I try to do — get every veteran to a place where they're not just out of isolation and not just participating, but they are in service, somehow, to others; whether they're bringing at-risk people they know sailing or spreading the word about events," he said.

Like countless other SI alums, Mr. Moran cites Anthony Sauer, S.J. as an instrumental figure for engaging in conversations about the meaning of life and how to live fully. He points to John D. Murphy, S.J. '59, a teacher who was a naval officer prior to joining the Jesuits, as another source of inspiration and influence. He remembers how extracurriculars with his SI peers also shaped him.

"I volunteered for the Sea Scouts with several of my classmates as well as Ignatians from classes behind me," he said. "We all banded together and did a lot of sail training, learning about seamanship, and also taking inner-city kids sailing, being of some kind of service using boats on the water.

Alumni Events

Red and Blue Celebration and The Last Mass in **Orradre Chapel**

In June 2024, hundreds of Wildcats came together to say goodbye to Orradre Chapel and the Carlin Commons at the annual Red and Blue Celebration. It was a sentimental moment for our community and a significant one for our school as we turned the page to a new chapter in SI history. Jack Mitchell, S.J. '58 and Tom O'Neill, S.J. '74 presided over a Mass that brought Ignatians together in a space that has heard countless prayers since it first opened its doors in 1970.

Following Mass, our community moved to the Br. Douglas Draper, S.J. Student Center for the next portion of the evening. A dozen alumni-owned businesses donated signature bites and drinks to the Alumni Tasting Pavilion, an experience brought back by popular demand. The party then moved to the Commons, where we presented the Alumni of the Year Award to Kelli Nevin Walsh '00 and Pete Balestrieri '74, gave away SI swag, signed the walls of the Commons, and enjoyed a dueling pianos show that turned into an impromptu Class of 1996 karaoke session to close down the Last Dance in the Carlin Commons.





The seniors presented the alum visitors with handwritten notes, thanking them for their time and wisdom and showing how impactful a visit like that can be. This intergenerational experience showed that no matter what era you attended SI, once you are a Wildcat, you are a

The Alumni Department encourages any class — especially those in reunion years — to schedule a visit to SI, meet with today's students, and help us prepare the next generation of Ignatians. If you are interested in organizing a visit, please contact alumni@siprep.org.

Class of 1969 - 55th Reunion

SI kicked off reunion season in September with an amazing Class of 1969 gathering The classmates met in the Doris Duke Wall Choral Room for a private dinner and program before heading to J.B. Murphy Field to watch the SI football team take on Tamalpais. NFL Hall of Famer Dan Fouts '69 got the evening started with the coin toss and SI guickly raced to a big lead. At halftime, the classmates made their way to midfield for special recognition and an impromptu cheer that turned an already-high energy event a notch higher.

As the class walked off the field, they were met by the Varsity Football team. Watching players shake hands with each alum was representative of what makes our community special — though separated by five decades and different campuses, two generations of Ignatians connected for all to see.





Downtown Cats

In partnership with Mintz law firm, the SI Alumni Department co-hosted Downtown Cats, a first-of-its-kind networking event designed to bring alumni, friends of SI, and industry professionals from the tech and Al spaces together to connect. Steve Osborn '94, managing partner at Mintz, moderated a discussion about the present and future of Al featuring alumni speakers Eric Valle '94 and Eurie Kim '98. With the co-organizing efforts of Mr. Osborn, Mr. Valle, Ricardo Martinez '94, and James Evangelista '94, the event had a great turnout and introduced Wildcats who are established in their careers as industry leaders to those who are starting their professional journeys. Having received so much positive feedback, the Alumni Department is actively working on planning future networking events like this — stay tuned for more information!

Class of 1959 Shares Wisdom With Students

Ahead of their 65th Reunion lunch, five members of the Class of 1959 visited SI to speak to a class of seniors taught by Assistant Principal for Academics Danielle Devencenzi Cronin '97. John Duggan '59, John Freeman '59, John Fry '59, Tom Kenney '59, and Ren Harris '59 participated in a panel discussion exploring how their time at SI shaped who they are today, the paths they have walked, and how current students can prepare themselves for their post-SI journeys. The alums then toured the campus and met with students from the Fr. Sauer Academy.

"The essence of SI is the people you meet. Wherever you go, you will always have pride running into someone else who has gone to St. Ignatius," Mr. Duggan told the class.



Mr. Freeman added that "when you leave this school, you're going to go to the university and do something. But life throws you some interesting opportunities and you realize, 'I wasn't interested in this at 15, but I took a course from a teacher who really motivated me and I want to know more."



Class of 1980 Tri-School Reunion

In October, members of the Class of 1980 from SI, Sacred Heart, and Riordan all came together for the first "Tri-School Reunion" at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. SI's John Barbieri '80 said, "We shared stories, exaggerated our sporting abilities, and laughed." Dozens of classmates representing each school attended, highlighting the shared traditions of the three Catholic schools. Mr. Barbieri added, "We were reminded of how fortunate we were growing up in San Francisco and how much we share in common."



Genny (Poggetti) Veach '97 became the first woman to be awarded the Dan Linehan Spirit Award solo (the Duggan family collectively received the award previously) at the 14th Annual DLTB. Genny's indomitable spirit, love of community, and unyielding commitment and service to SI exemplify what it means to be a Wildcat and a deserving recipient of this honor. With 90 golfers and another 90 attendees for dinner, it was a sold-out affair on a beautiful San Francisco autumn day at Gleneagles Golf Course. The DLTB is an annual tournament honoring the late Dan Linehan '83, an Ignatian whose legacy is cemented with the efforts and dedication of the friends and family who were inspired by his life to build a community event combining his love of golf, Hawaiian-style shirts, and SI.





Calling all Active Duty and Veteran Alumni

If you are currently serving or have previously served in one of the branches of the armed forces, we want to know! Maybe you know a fellow alum that is serving? Please reach out to them and let them know we would like them to contact us. We hope you'll consider joining our Admiral Callaghan Society. You can find out more about the Callaghan Society at alumni.siprep.org.

We are seeking your name, class year, which branch you are serving/served in, and your current email address. We appreciate your selfless service and sacrifice and want to recognize you for it! Thank you! Email us at alumni@siprep.org or scan this QR code to share your information.





HIDING in plain sight Brian Brady B





Keeping in Touch

1950s

Daniel Flynn '57 endorsed and assisted with the French to English translation of François Mühlberger's book *The Leonardo of Philadelphia*. Last May, The Philadelphia Inquirer published an article about the book. He and his wife, Kate McNally, were admitted into membership this year in Club Richelieu International Europe in the Verviers, Belgium chapter, Meuse and Moselle Region.

1960s

Mike Sullivan '63 (A) placed 3rd in the 2024 Sprint Distance Age Group Triathlon National Championships, Atlantic City, NJ.

Brian Brady '66 (B) released the *Hiding in Plain Sight*, the latest entry in his *SFPD Homicide Inspectors* series. A former police officer, Brady uses his knowledge and experience to create an immersive investigation that drips with realism. In this action-packed, intrigue-heavy mystery novel, a group of investigators must track down a serial killer who threatens San Francisco. The book is available for purchase on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Bill Laveroni '66 (C) (left) and **Bill Hemmenway '66** (right) celebrate **Larry O'Shea '66** scoring 50 points against Polytechnic High School. This upcoming season will mark 50 years since this feat, one that was accomplished before the three-point shot had been established.

Mike Freiling '68 (D) and his wife, Satsuki Takikawa, co-authored *They Never Asked*, a book of translations of Japanese senryu poems written during World War II by Japanese-Americans who were incarcerated as a result of Executive order 9066. Freiling and his wife were the principal translators of the book as Shelley Baker-Gard wrote the book copy. The book has received much recognition and acclaim from various publications ranging from the Clark County, Wisconsin-based *The Columbian* to the *Kyoto Journal*. It was also selected as a finalist for the Washington State Book Award

in the Poetry category as well as landing on the shortlist for the 2023 Touchstone Prize. Freiling credits his old German teacher at SI, Mr. William Morlock, for first teaching him about incarceration, a concept that seemed so absurd until his father confirmed it for him. All these years later, Freiling has helped shine a light on those individuals and their expressions.

Mike Matza '68 was the first winner of "THE VINCE Award," an honor bestowed upon a member of legendary coach Vince Tringali's teams who meets the unique criteria of excellence as determined by the selection committee. This award was handed out at the 14th Annual Tringali lunch.

John Donohue '69 was honored by the Irish-American Baseball Society with the Lefty O'Doul Lifetime Achievement Award at home plate prior to the May 10, 2024 San Francisco Giants game.

Jon Leonadakis '76 taped his interview. The award was presented by Paul Cunnie, an SHC grad and fellow ambassador for IABS.

Gary Losada '69 was recently elected to his second term on the Board of Directors for Tarrant County Appraisal District in Fort Worth, Texas, representing a population of over 2.1 million people and an operating budget of over \$34 million dollars.

Members of the **Class of 1969 (E)** embarked on their annual trip to Yosemite. Pictured -Top Row (L-R): Jim Borghello, Mike Mitchell, Gerry Clifford, Steve Laveroni Bottom Row: Pat Duterte, Bill McDonnell, Vince Penisi, Rick Murphy, Jim Buick, Ron Lagomarsino, Dick Dumont, Van Maroevich





1970s

Joe Hallisy '70, is being sworn in for his second term on the San Francisco Recreation & Park Commission. He is a strong advocate for youth sports in San Francisco, especially in terms of improving access to athletic fields.

Kevin Carroll '72 (F) published his sixth book, *Through the Lens of Gratitude*. Carroll shares fifty brief stories of gratitude, each followed by two questions to encourage readers to reflect on gratitude in their own lives. The author's familiarity with Ignatian spirituality is clearly evident in his writing. The book is available on Amazon.

Members of the **Class of 1974 (G)** gathered for golf ahead of their 50-year Golden Diploma Reunion

1980s

Joe Allanson '81, former SI Board Regent and Trustee, recently retired after 21 amazing years at Salesforce. As a retirement gift, Salesforce endowed a scholarship in Joe's honor at the University of Southern California in their School of Accounting to recognize Joe's contributions to the company, the cloud industry, and the local community.

David Lewin '82, (H) general manager of the Grand Hyatt San Francisco (center in photo), was awarded the Bob Begley Lifetime Achievement Award for Hospitality by the San Francisco Hotel Council. Mr. Lewin started his career in 1977 as a PBX operator of the San Francisco Hilton and has been general manager at properties in Westlake, Burlingame, Los Angeles, and Waikiki.



Gregangelo Herrera '84 scored a major win for his 40-year-old Gregangelo Museum in Balboa Terrace by earning official city landmark designation by the Historical Preservation Commission.

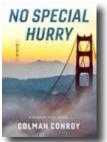
Thomas McGuigan '86 was honored to receive the Culinary Innovation Ambassador Award from the CCL Hospitality Group for the hard work and innovation he has brought to the San Francisco Towers.

Jeff Sciaroni '86 and Bryan Clementi '93

(below) took to the skies together on a 737 for the first time in their 17 years as Delta Airline pilots. Both alums are Line Check Pilots, meaning they rarely have the opportunity to fly together, but seized the moment when it came. They flew together at Skywest in 2001 and enjoyed their time doing it again all these years later.



Colman Conroy '88's first novel, *No Special Hurry*, will be published in November.



Alfonso Ray '89 joined Tune Al, a generative Al platform for the enterprise, as an advisor.

Mark Wong '89 (below) works for Callaway Golf South Pacific in Melbourne, Australia as a National Custom Fit Specialist who travels the Southern part of Australia and New Zealand.



19909

Marc Gerardo '90 and Matthew Brinck '91

(below) quickly realized they were both Wildcats, just a year apart, when they met at work before forming what is believed to be the first SI alumni flight deck crew at Southwest Airlines.



Stephen Wynne '90 was named the recipient of The Jefferson Award, the highest honor in the country for public service, for his work for The Olympic Club Foundation.

Valerie Ibarra '99 celebrated five years as the Public Information Officer for the San Francisco Public Defender's Office and also served a second term on the San Francisco Poet Laureate Selection Committee.



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2000s

Jennifer Helm '03 (I) was selected as a 2024 Shapiro GFellow at the George Washington University to teach a course on media economics at The School of Media and Public Affairs

Jesus Hills '05 (J) married Sandra Durinick in July 2024 at the US Embassy in Seoul, South Korea

Matt Kustel '05 is posted in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam for his next tour with the State Department. Any alumni in the area are always welcome to drop by.

Keelin (Woodell) Thompson '08 (K) got married in September 2024. Wedding was officiated by **Colin Woodell '10** and Wildcat classmates **Ilana Black '08** and **Reed Campbell '08** were in attendance.

2010s

Steve Granelli '11 (L) is a Specialist serving in Korea as a UH-60 Black Hawk Crew Chief in Comhawk Flight Detachment, a support unit for the USFK Commander. USFK is the joint headquarters for U.S. combat-ready forces under the ROK/US Combined Forces.

Dominique Chagniot '11 (below) recently moved back to the Bay Area after completing residency in Oral & Maxillofacial surgery. She is now practicing in San Francisco and South San Francisco.



Chris McGovern '12 and Angela
Balistreri '12 (M) were married on
Sept. 21, 2024 surrounded by many alumni in
the wedding party and in attendance.

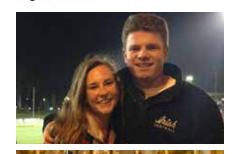
Molly (McFadden) Rinaldi '14 (below)

married Joe Rinaldi (SHC '15), on Aug. 24, 2024

at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in San Francisco. The two met at St. Cecilia School as kids, and began dating as high schoolers the night of the Bruce-Mahoney football game on Nov. 8, 2013! In attendance were dozens of SI alumni including the bride's father, Joe McFadden '81, uncles Jim McFadden '80 and Leo McFadden '83, brother, Mike McFadden '12, and cousins, Grace McFadden '20, and Caroline and James McFadden '24. Also in attendance were some of Molly's 2014 classmates: Lauren

Tham, Nicole (Fite) Stubblefield, Connor

Hagan, and Nina David!







Katarina Churich '15 (below) graduated magna cum laude and received her Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. She sat for the July 2024 Illinois Bar Exam and began work as a litigation associate at Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago in September.



2020s

Nick Glafkides '20 (below) was the captain of the SMU Club Baseball teams that won back to back Gulf Coast North Championships in the 2023 and 2024 seasons. He graduated in May with BS degrees in Management Science for Engineering and Data Analytics. He is an associate consultant at CAPCO, a global technology and management consultancy, specializing in driving transformation across the financial services and energy industries. He resides in Dallas, Texas.



Welcome!

Amanda Lawrence Oleson '04 (A) and her husband, Dane Oleson, welcomed a baby girl in June 2023.

Jennifer Lawrence Bonynge '02 (B) and her husband, Hanley Bonynge, welcomed their second child, a baby boy, in October 2023.

Valerie (Quesada) Mulry '05 (C) and Matthew Mulry '05 welcomed their first child, Jack Richard Mulry, on Dec. 1, 2023.

Lauren Totah-McCarty '07 (D) and **Andrew Totah-McCarty '08** welcomed Daniel Alexander Totah-McCarty on Dec. 8, 2023.

Liz Watters Schwartze '09 and Brian Schwartze welcomed Robert Thomas Schwartze on March 11, 2024.









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Honoring Elsie Tonelli, an SI and San Francisco Icon

On Sept. 12, 2024, Mission St. between Santa Rosa and Excelsior was renamed Elsie Tonelli St. in honor of the longtime SI supporter and matriarch of a family with extensive SI connections. Ms. Tonelli, who passed away in January 2023, was a two-time chair of the Ignatian Guild Fashion Show, mother or grandmother to more than a dozen SI alums, and, in 2010, was made an honorary member of the SI Alumni Association. But as extensive as her influence at SI was, she may have had a greater impact on San Francisco as proprietor of Central Drug Store, which has been in business since 1908 and is still going strong today under her son, Jerry Tonelli '72. The neighborhood institution, located on the renamed block of Mission St., is renowned for its welcoming atmosphere and personal touch on offer.

Many members of the SI community attended the naming ceremony, and we have gathered reactions from several of Ms. Tonelli's family and friends.

"Elsie was much more than a Nonni to me. She was a confidant, friend, and dancing partner. She gave her life to her family and her city. With her beloved husband, Dino, they raised seven children and ran Central Drug Store for decades — she worked there for a total of 80 years! This street sign is a testament to her life's work. She is missed and loved every day!" — Gianna Galletta '06

"Elsie was nothing short of amazing! My first job, in 1993, was working as a stock boy at Central Drug Store. I ended up working there for a few reasons: They were able to accommodate my class and sports schedule at SI, it was fairly close to my home in Daly City, and I had a couple of cousins who had also worked there when they were in high school. Elsie couldn't have made me feel more welcomed. Although I was the newest member of the team at the pharmacy, she made sure she knew me, my interests and it was clear that she genuinely cared about everyone in my family and every customer who came in."

"Elsie was a wonderful, spirited woman. She loved her family, and was definitely the matriarch. She loved her grandchildren, made sure they all knew her, and took great pride in family dinners and gatherings. She was an anchor at the drugstore, and took great pride in knowing her customers and doing the little things that made them feel welcomed and a part of the community.

Franco Arieta '97

In knowing her family, you see Elsie: A fun-loving group who love a good time and are always present for each other"

- Steve Bluford '84

"The street renaming in honor of Elsie Tonelli is a perfect tribute to someone who was such a huge part of our lives. For more than 50 years, my wife and I shared Windsor Dr. with Elsie and Dino, raising our families side by side. She wasn't just a friend; she was like family. Whether at her drugstore or in the neighborhood, Elsie's larger-than-life personality and deep care for others made her a fixture in the community. Her presence shaped not only our lives but the entire neighborhood, and this honor reflects the legacy she left behind. Everyone who drives down 'Elsie Tonelli St." will be reminded of a woman my wife and I were so lucky to have lived life with."

— Jim Murray '47

"This tribute to my mother is also for all the small businesses in the Excelsior that were the foundations for this neighborhood. I also mentioned all the high school young adults from SI, Riordan and Sacred Heart that worked here during their high school years, and to this day come back to visit with their own families. My mother represented a small business commitment to her community, which is sorely missing today. One of her favorite sayings was, 'I'm not bossy; I just know what you should be doing!"

— Jerry Tonelli '72

In Memoriam

Lew Butler '44

Roland J. Lagomarsino '45

Rev. William O'Connell '45

James W. "Bill" O'Sullivan '47

Thomas E. Theis '47

J. Hugh Visser, MD '47

John J. Ruggeiro '48

Lawrence Carr '49

Francis Vincent Spiller, Jr. '49

Gerald Joseph Desmond '50

Dr. Hugh Pierce Champagne '51

John Francis Ginella '51

Col. Daniel Karl Malone '51

Robert "Bob" Braghetta '53

Lawrence (Larry) C. Murphy '53

Rolf Hardwick Schou '53

Ronald Joseph Derenzo '54

Frank J. Glynn, Jr. '54

Mitchell Buich '55

Vincent Chinn '55

Julian B. Cane '56

John "Jack" Conroy '56

John Melka '56

Jonathan P. Sweeney '56

Jerome Joseph Symanski '56

Thomas Allender, S.J. '57

Jay Kester Diment II '57

Peter Kardum '57

Paul N. Addleman '58

Albert Joseph Boro '58

Leon Belli '59

John Cabral '59

Christopher Carpenter '59

John Cattalini '59

Dennis J. Clennell '59

Ernie Garbarino '59

Richard Spohn '60

Michael Tierney '63

Phillip Charles Doherty '66

Robert W. Fesinmeyer '66

Fred Tocchini '66

Joseph Barmore '67

Phillip F. Povey II '67

Thomas John Mackey '68

William F. Bosque, Jr. '69

Michael C. Miller '69

Scott Houghton '71

Kevin P. Kennedy '71

Martin F. Labagh '71

Michael J. Mahoney '71

Kevin Geno '72

John G. Geniali '74

Jon J.R. Meyers '80

George I. Benny Jr. '81 John D. Digrazia '84

Daniel Brown '85

Hansel Tomaneg '88

Karim Kaderali '93

Tyronda Beatrice Starks '05

Daniel Finn Broadhurst '11

Teddy Niemira '12

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

Law Society Luncheon Feb. 7, 2025

Bright Lights, Big City (Auction and Fashion Show)
March 1–2, 2025

Class of 1975 Golden Diploma April 7, 2025

> **Giving Day** April 24, 2025

Alumni Golf Tournament May 19, 2025

Red & Blue Celebration
June 7, 2025

Wildcat High Tea Spring 2025

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