ST. JOHN BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL
SALESIAN COLLEGE PREPARATORY

Dear St. John Bosco Community,

It is with great excitement that I announce two outstanding additions to our executive team: Cathy Vivian, Vice President of Finance and Operations, and LaRae Mardesic Bechmann, Interim Vice President of Institutional Advancement.

Over the past two and a half years, Cathy has strengthened our financial operations and guided the school through significant transitions. She brings more than 30 years of experience in accounting, finance, and nonprofit administration, including 19 years at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose. She is especially committed to ensuring that every student, regardless of his family's financial resources, can take part fully in school life.

LaRae is a senior executive with extensive experience leading nonprofit organizations in philanthropy, programs and external relations in education, healthcare, and social services. Her professional experience includes President and Chief Philanthropy Officer of St. Mary Medical Center and, most recently, Executive Director of Communities Lifting Communities (an affiliate of the Hospital Association of Southern California). She also managed corporate fundraising for the capital campaign for the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and held leadership positions at the University of Southern California and the Petersen Automotive Museum. This is LaRae's second tour at St. John Bosco, having served as our Vice President of Institutional Advancement from 2011 to 2014, and I am delighted to be working alongside her once again.

Both Cathy and LaRae bring significant professional bandwidth to their respective positions. More importantly, both understand and have a deep appreciation for the Salesian Charism: they recognize Bosco as a home that welcomes, a school that prepares for life, a parish that evangelizes, and a playground where friendships are formed, and they share our commitment to accompanying your sons as Don Bosco did.

Please join me in welcoming Cathy and LaRae to the Bosco family.

In the Spirit of Don Bosco,

Casey Yeazel
Acting President