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Celebrating the Class of 2023 who gathered with their families on May 18 for the Commencement Ceremony at Memorial Auditorium.

WE'RE GOING DIGITAL

We have exciting news! We are moving to a convenient digital format that allows us to bring the St. Francis stories you love directly to your inbox.

The *Pax et Bonum* magazine will continue to be innovative, engage our readers through digital editions and expand our reach. We will continue publishing an annual print edition.

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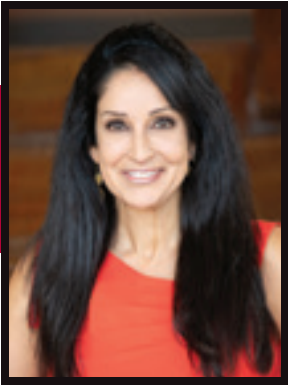
The *Pax et Bonum* magazine seeks to share with the reader the spirit of St. Francis Catholic High School. Stories and pictures of the activities and accomplishments of students, alumnae, parents, and staff provide glimpses into the ways in which the school's mission is carried out and its legacy continued. St. Francis benefactors are gratefully acknowledged in the *Statement of Community Support* each fall.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY,

In my first full year at St. Francis, I am most impressed by the feeling of community on our campus. Our graduates of the Class of 2023, several of whom you will meet on the pages of this edition of the *Pax et Bonum* magazine, were experts at community building. Getting to know their class was both joy-filled and heart breaking. They were one of the most communal and caring classes I have ever worked with in education with such intentional and expansive love for one another. Spending time in their company out on Serra Court, one cannot help but feel their spirit of love. This is the very thing that also makes it so challenging to say goodbye to them. Even after graduation, the Class of 2023 will always be part of the St. Francis family. Their new community will be that of a sisterhood of alumnae.

The sense of community from our alumnae was most apparent in the gathering of over 50 of them for Alumnae Career Day. Watching our Troubies envision themselves in the faces of the alums who spoke from a several dozen career fields showed how inspirational the SF community can be even decades after graduation.

Community was also front and center throughout our 2022-23 events season. If you weren't able to attend our signature events, this edition of the *PAX* is sure to transport you there. Our school community knows how to come together to honor our students through fundraising events that not only sustain, but also enhance all parts of a St. Francis education. The pictures contained with this edition capture our St. Francis family beyond our dear students.

Crab Feed brought together a huge number of alumnae and alumnae parents who showed our current families what it's like to come back to campus and have a grand time. Selling out two months in advance was surely a sign that our guests were ready for this long-standing event. My best memory of the evening was our Board of Trustees member Trish Ziegler arriving — with her 17 guests! Trish is an example of the energy and enthusiasm our alum parents and board members continue bringing to our campus.

The generosity of our auction sponsors was celebrated at our auction sponsor cocktail reception which I had the great honor of hosting in my home. Meeting some of our sponsors in person for the first time and gathering around the common bond of a deep desire to support St. Francis High School made this event in my home feel like our guests were family. I have deep gratitude for our event sponsors who energize our auction, build excitement around it and inspire generosity in others.

Our largest fundraiser of the year, the annual auction, saw our gym transformed as we sipped, savored and supported our school. The lively evening was emceed by our very own Molly Riehl '07 from CBS 13 which was a fitting choice given that our evening's Fund-a-Vision was our brand new Troubie TV Studio!

Enjoy getting a glimpse into our events season and our community, or if you were able to celebrate with us, enjoy reliving the community gatherings we have all grown so fond of supporting. We are blessed by God's gifts and our generous benefactors!

In the spirit of Pax et Bonum,

FADIA DESMOND, PH.D.



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BACCALAUREATE & COMMENCEMENT

Our graduates and their families gathered together in celebration on May 17th for the Baccalaureate Mass on campus and May 18th for the Commencement ceremony at Memorial Auditorium.





VALEDICTORIAN

HAYLEY LABIA

Hayley Labia, a graduate of St. Michael's Episcopal Day School, was selected from the top ten students with the highest GPAs of the graduating class. She is a shining example of our four pillars of faith, excellence, leadership and service. She uses her gifts and talents to make the lives of her classmates better and embodies the idea that we can greatly succeed if we do it together. Hayley's been the Co-Editor-in-Chief for The Mandolin for the past two years, and a multi-sport athlete in tennis and volleyball. Hayley will attend University of California-Los Angeles in the fall.

The following is Hayley's valedictory address given at the Commencement Ceremony.



As I stand here, I can't help but feel like I'm not even graduating high school. It was only a few years ago that we were deprived of a normal high school experience, and it's remarkable how much we've accomplished despite the obstacles that have blurred our path.

We have forged close relationships with friends, teachers, and faculty. We have grown as individuals and as a class over the past four years. We are "Woven Together by the Love of God," and we have lived out this school year theme in various ways, specifically through the Four Pillars that are the foundation of our school.

The first way is through our faith. We took a leap of faith while transitioning from middle school to high school. We learned the ropes of being on campus, explored our interests, and stepped out of our comfort zone. We built upon our spiritual faith through the masses we attended together and developed a deep understanding of Catholicism and other world religions. We tested our strength as a class during events like homecoming and put our faith in one another. We learned to believe not only in ourselves but in each other.

We are an incredibly talented class, but we nonetheless put in hard work to achieve excellence. The state championships, arts performances, and academic successes did not happen without lots of time, effort, and drive that occurred behind the scenes. We have made history in the athletic department, in our academic endeavors, and in the creative world. We have executed the seemingly impossible and risen to the occasion when faced with challenges.

We are the next leaders of our generation. As Maries, we have led by example and shown everyone what it means to be a Troubadour. We have demonstrated a competitive spirit, a powerful presence, and an empowered attitude. We contributed to solutions for the problems within our community and inspired others to follow in our footsteps. We used our voices to make a change for the better and responded to calls for action. We will be the leaders of our communities and maybe even our country one day.

We have served each other and the people beyond our sphere of influence. Through the multitude of organizations that we have volunteered for or the actions we have taken on our own

accord, we have made a substantial impact on the lives of others. But we ourselves have also been affected by the service of others. 48 years ago, my grandparents came to the U.S. on an American ship from Vietnam with nothing but the clothes on their backs and my three-year-old mother (sorry for spoiling your age, Mom). They had to start a new life in a foreign country without anything. They, along with my parents and extended family, have made sacrifices beyond my scope of understanding. We are so fortunate to have families that take care of us and show us what it means to serve others.

In AP Literature, Ms. Kirstien explained how Hamlet had other characters that he relied on. She compared these characters to pillars that held him up, and when they were "knocked over," which in the Shakespearean world means that they somehow died, Hamlet's character was undermined. Though our character isn't necessarily damaged by a lack of faith, excellence, leadership, or service, the pillars are so intertwined that it would be hard to live one out without living out another simultaneously. They are what ground us in the actions and decisions we will make for the rest of our lives.

The word "catholic" comes from a Latin word meaning "universal." Love is not limited to specific religions, races, or genders, it includes all. As Mr. Will would always say, inclusivity is greater than exclusivity. We live in a divisive world where differences are what tear people apart. However, it is these very differences that should be celebrated as what makes us unique, rather than a reason not to fully love someone.

Throughout our time spent together as a class, we have had each other's backs in times of adversity and overcome difficult situations in solidarity with one another. We have shared laughs, triumphs, and memories. And now, we share this final bow.

The future works in an unpredictable way, but we are equipped with the tools needed to thrive. We are grateful for the joyful moments and the enriching opportunities that have been presented to us at St. Francis. But now, it's time to take everything we've learned here and carry it with us to wherever we may end up next. We leave behind a lifelong legacy, and we carry with us the love we learned here for the rest of our lives.

TEAGHAN BROSTROM

Teaghan Brostrom, a graduate of Language Academy of Sacramento, was chosen by her classmates to give the Salutatory address. Whether it's serving as class mascot or speaking to prospective families as an Ambassador, she is always eager to talk about why being a Troubie is so special to her. She helped build Troubie TV from the ground up and raised the bar for what it can be in the future with her talent and dedication. Not only that, but Teaghan has also been a dedicated student athlete, swimming for St. Francis all four years, and she served as President of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee this year. She also received the Pax et Bonum Award this year, the highest honor we offer to a student at St. Francis. Teaghan will attend Syracuse University in the fall.

The following is Teaghan's salutatory address given at the Commencement Ceremony.



For the last four years, I've had the honor and privilege to serve as our class mascot, Marie the Cat. Being mascot allowed me to stand in the front of our class section in the gym for every event since freshman year. In these moments, I've had the chance to step back, face our class, and observe. I've watched us grow, both figuratively and literally. I've watched us bond, whether that be over taking the SAT or funny BeReals. I've also watched us gradually become woven together.

It's fair to say in August of 2019, we were strangers starting out on a journey, never dreaming what we'd have to go through. Now here we are, I'm suddenly standing at the beginning with all of you.

In our beginning, we first gathered in the gym during the welcome rally freshman year. We stood in the far left hand corner of the gym, with skirts at our knees, in clean polos, and wearing puka shell necklaces. We were in awe. In awe at the sisterhood that was surrounding us. We realized we were now a part of something bigger. We took this realization with us as we left the gym. We chose to serve; we brought the act of service to classrooms and the greater Sacramento area. We tutored peers, bought Caf cookies for friends who were having a rough day, we were counselors at Camp ReCreation, and volunteered at St. John's Program for Real Change. We did all of this together. Through our acts of service, our threads of connection grew stronger.

Sophomore year these connections were tested, quite literally. We were at home, online, and away from each other. We weren't able to gather in the gym, but we came together on zoom and in the COVID test lines by the armory. We put faith into those connections we developed freshman year. We became resilient. Our faith was visible when we returned to school. It was evident as we belted to "At the beginning" at mass, attended retreats, and Lived the Fourth. We were better together.

Come junior year, we stormed into the gym dressed as bikers and surfers during the homecoming rally. We were no longer awestruck freshmen, we were juniors; we were leaders. In true Marie fashion, we won a majority of the events that homecoming year. But what stood out to me wasn't that we won events - but how we won them. Everyone was involved. The artists painted boards and detailed signs, the athletes competed in kickball and

dancing limbo, the future engineers designed our dec with its very own palm branch roof, the musicians helped write parodies to "Since you been gone" and "Levitating", and the techies brought it all together with lights and music. We led by example, showing the other classes how to create an environment where everyone was given a chance to shine. Our threads of connection were being woven together, creating a tapestry.

In our senior year, we've created moments of excellence together. Excellence is working together on a physics rocket and having it launch successfully; excellence is winning Delta League championships; it's performing and directing one act plays; it's working as a class to build a carnival tent in Serra Court. This is excellence in action. This is what it means to be a Marie.

We have been supported by so many. To our families, thank you for wiping our tears, sponsoring our Starbucks, and standing by us every step of the way. We love you. To our staff, thank you for not only educating us, but empowering us. Thank you for caring. To St. Francis, thank you for giving us a place to grow our confidence, be ourselves, meet our friends, wear crazy costumes, and find our voice. We are beyond grateful.

Remember, all those times in the gym? We always wanted to be the first to leave. We stomped our feet and cheered in hope that our class would be dismissed first. Maybe we were in a hurry to leave, because we knew we could always return? But no longer are we running from the gym to the Caf line or running to grab a little red chair. We are running to new cities, new states, new schools, and new communities. Take your SF spirit and Marie pride and share it with the world! But never forget this community and this sisterhood. Look to your left, look to your right, wave to the teachers, and make a heart to your family. This family, this community, this sisterhood will always be here for you.

I stand before you this one last time, Maries. We are no longer wearing our uniforms or sitting in a corner of the gym. Here we are in the Memorial Auditorium in matching white gowns. This is our time. St. Francis graduates women who change the world, and we are those women. I'm honored and proud to not only be your mascot, but be your classmate as well. Congratulations to the St. Francis High School class of 2023!



GRADUATES' PRAYER

JIANNA LEATHERBY

Jianna, a graduate of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, has been an exemplary Christian Service Leader, Kairos student leader, and involved in Campus Ministry all four years at St. Francis. She is active in her parish and volunteers with the youth group at St. Mary's Parish. Jianna will attend the Franciscan University of Steubenville in the fall.

The following is Jianna's prayer given at the Commencement Ceremony.

Dear Lord, We have gathered here to celebrate, to celebrate our Graduation.

To celebrate our accomplishments, the people in our class, and the blessings throughout the past four years. With your grace, we have moved mountains.

You are with us today God and you will be with us for the rest of our lives.

Help us remember every blessing we have received at St. Francis: our faith, classmates and friends, classes, lunches, dances, sporting events, musicals, retreats, rallies, senior activities, and most of all the sisterhood.

Help us to recognize the growth we have experienced over the past four years and the formation we have received.

We come together and we thank you, God. We thank you for the opportunity of being able to graduate today from St. Francis High School.

We thank you for keeping us safe from the first day we entered this school until this beautiful day of graduation.

We thank you for the people who have gotten us to where we are today: the Parents, the siblings, the Staffuly, the friends, and everyone placed on our path.

We thank you for all the memories we have gained during our time here, for the smiles, the education, the community, the challenges, and the celebrations.

Lord, you have given us so many gifts, grant us the wisdom to use these gifts in our future.

We pray for our graduates, that as we go into the next step of our lives, our relationship with you will only grow and that we will continue to be blessed as people of faith, excellence, leadership, and service.

As we leave this auditorium today, watch over us Lord, soothe our worries, and minimize our anxieties, and concerns for the future. Give us the graces to take what we have learned and carry it with us through life.

You are leading us on our new journey as graduates. Loving God, forever guide our hearts and souls in your direction. Help us to put you first always and become who you want us to be and remind us that with faith the size of a mustard seed, we can do anything.

St. Francis of Assisi... Pray for us! St. Clare of Assisi... Pray for us!

CLASS OF 2023 LEGACY



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Molly Blonien Bisbiglia '92



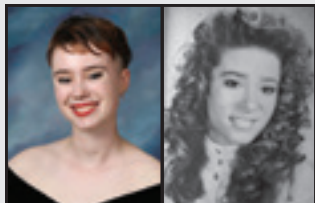
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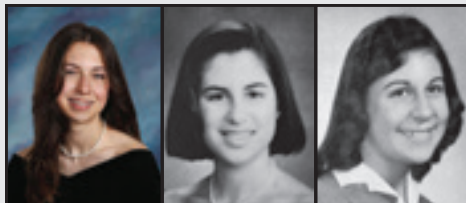
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MaryClaire Robinson '86



Lillian Burke
Nancy Waterstreet '63 (Grandmother)



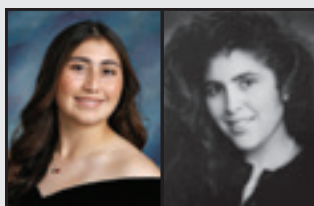
Brooklyn Carrero
Christina Caruso Carrero '87



Carina Consolini
Christine Warmerdam Consolini '94
Carol Di Napoli Warmerdam '61 (Grandmother)



Lillian Cullo
Dawn Winston '91



Isabella De La Cruz
Kimberly Bucchioni-De La Cruz '89



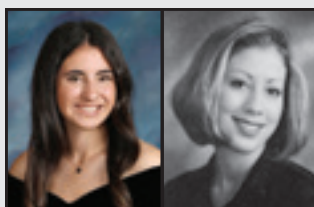
Emily Dusel
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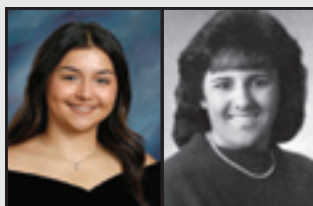
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Lillian Alvarez '87



Olivia McFarland
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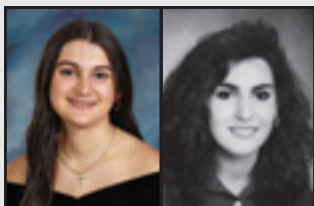
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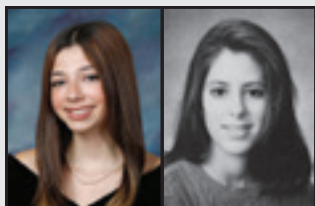
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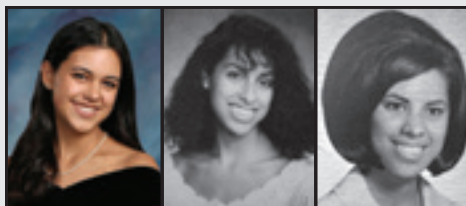
Julia Porter
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Evangelia Romas
Malamo Douveas Romas '89



Sophie Valdez
Veronica Padilla-Valdez '94



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Andrea Mora Vine '91
Rebecca Avalos Mora '67 (Grandmother)



Rebecca Weil
Melanie Tidgewell Weil '89

PILLAR AWARDS

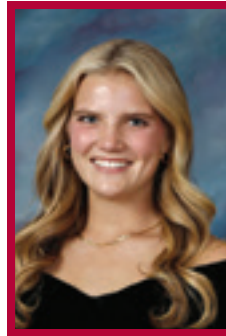
The Pillar Awards recognize outstanding contributions to our school community and are the highest awards that St. Francis bestows. Seniors recognized for these awards have demonstrated four years of commitment to our mission. These awards were established in 2002 by Marion Bishop who served as President from 2001 until her retirement in June 2012.



TEAGHAN BROSTROM PAX ET BONUM AWARD

The Pax et Bonum Award represents St. Francis' highest honor and is presented to a senior who best exemplifies the qualities of peace and goodness through her faith, excellence, leadership and service.

Teaghan graduated from the Language Academy of Sacramento and is attending Syracuse University.



EMILY DUSEL CAMPUS MINISTRY PILLAR OF FAITH AWARD

The Pillar of Faith Award honors a student who, during her four years, exemplifies her Faith through her commitment to her love of God by loving others.

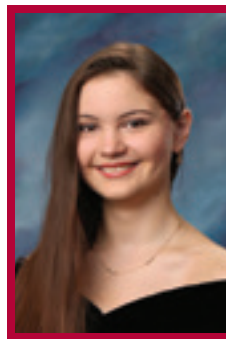
Emily graduated from St. Ignatius Parish School and is attending Texas Christian University.



ESTHER FISKE TROUBADOUR SPIRIT AWARD

The Spirit Award is given to a senior who has shown extraordinary school spirit.

Esther graduated from Holy Spirit School and is attending Boise State University.



SOFIA PEREZ-LANZA PRINCIPAL'S PILLAR OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Pillar of Excellence Award is awarded to a senior for outstanding achievement who embodies Excellence put forth by our pillars, and everything she does is in the spirit of Pax et Bonum.

Sofia graduated from Natomas Charter and is attending Stanford University.



JORDAN MYERS TROUBADOUR SPIRIT AWARD

The Spirit Award is given to a senior who has shown extraordinary school spirit.

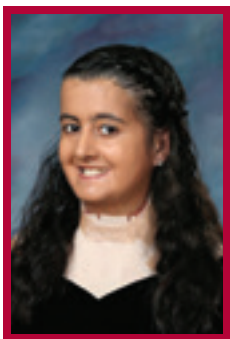
Jordan graduated from St. John the Evangelist School and is attending University of Oregon.



NORAH ZHOU PRINCIPAL'S PILLAR OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

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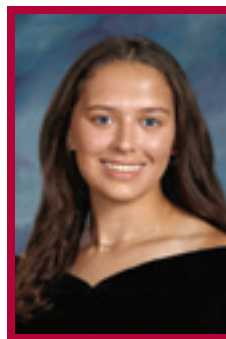
Norah graduated from Brookfield School and is attending University of California-San Diego.



SIMRIT SINGH PILLAR OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD

The Pillar of Christian Service Award honors a student who embodies the heart and actions of a servant leader.

Simrit graduated from Natomas Charter and is attending University of California-Davis.



LAUREN RILEY PRESIDENT'S PILLAR OF LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Pillar of Leadership Award recognizes a senior with outstanding leadership skills and who has enriched the life of St. Francis.

Lauren graduated from St. Mary Parish School and is attending University of Southern California.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS



TEAGHAN BROSTROM
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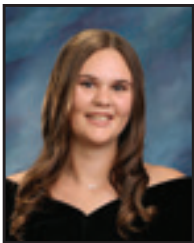
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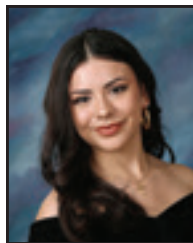
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Crab Feed Dinner & Dance

THE SHACK WAS BACK!

Always a rousing good time, the 2023 Crab Feed Dinner & Dance had something for everyone. From a bustling bar to a delicious dinner, a delectable dessert auction, and tempting silent auction items, the crowd was warmed up for some fun games and dancing the night away to Clean Slate. This year's event sold out in record time (take note, act fast next year, so you don't miss out).

It takes a village, and St. Francis has the best village. This undertaking was only possible with an outstanding and somewhat seasoned Executive Committee, and the hundreds of volunteers who supported them. A true community-builder and fundraiser, the Crab Feed raised more than \$150,000 for our Troubies. Thank you to our sponsors, attendees, committee members, and the myriad volunteers who made this night another fabulous St. Francis memory!

It doesn't get any better than a great evening with good friends to support a great cause – our Troubies. Meet us at the Crab Shack next year: January 27, 2024!

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Thank you to our dedicated Executive Committee for your leadership!

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40TH ANNUAL AUCTION, DINNER & DANCE PARTY

Sip, Savor & Support!



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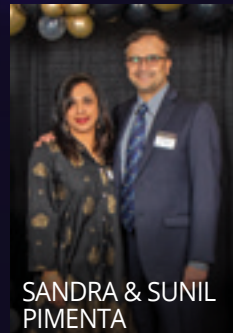
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It was the evening we had all been wanting and waiting for — our 40th Annual Auction, Dinner, & Dance Party on March 4th! Our guests were struck by the magnanimous acts of volunteerism and stewardship that came together to make the event a huge success. A singular focus directed all these efforts — the deep desire to see the mission and vision of St. Francis Catholic High School come to fruition for today’s and tomorrow’s Troubies.

Our Auction Executive Committee, under the leadership of Cari Fox (Farah '24) and Natalie Anzini, Special Events Associate, planned a wonderful night for celebrating and supporting St. Francis Troubies. Countless vision and planning meetings held by various auction sub-committees, coupled with behind the scenes efforts of dedicated volunteers, made this night possible. And nothing on campus happens without the teamwork of our dedicated staff, from advancement to facilities, arts, technology,

finance, and all of our departments, our staff, were all-in to show our community a great evening while raising support for our Troubies.

This year’s fund-a-vision will enhance our new Trouble TV Studio. Equipping our studio with state of the art equipment for podcasts, broadcasts, and filmmaking will not only assist in telling the many stories of our St. Francis community, but also support the fulfillment of our mission to develop competent, confident and compassionate leaders who lead with who they are and how they communicate.

Events like the auction are essential in making St. Francis High School a thriving community of learners with access to academic and co-curricular opportunities that are life changing. The generosity of all who supported the silent and live auction directly translates into graduating young women into the world, ready to set it on fire. Thank you to our St. Francis community for your support!



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Sponsors Reception

Our community was able to gather for a wonderful Crab Feed in January and our 40th Annual Auction, Dinner & Dance Party on March 4th. These events are made possible through the generous support of our Sponsors, and we are incredibly grateful. Sponsors gathered for a private reception on February 15th hosted by Janis & Drew Hurter at the home of Fadia Desmond. Thank you to the Hurters and Dr. Desmond for opening her home.



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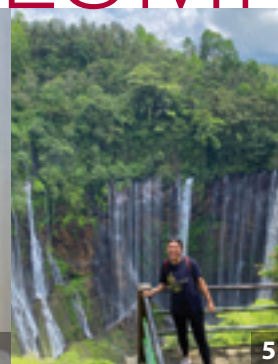
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CLASS OF 1955

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CLASS OF 1955

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CLASS OF 1974

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CLASS OF 1991

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SFHS FACILITIES 2001-2018

Jeanne DeFazio '68 is a contributing author to the new book *Jesus Among the Homeless*. In this book, she describes her work with the Homeless in Calcutta and NYC. Jeanne notes, "St. Francis High School was ahead of its time allowing students to participate in outreaches to the marginalized and get credit for religion classes. It was the place where I first developed a concern for those Saint Teresa of Calcutta referred to as 'the homeless, the hopeless and those who have nothing and no one wants anything to do with.'"

Rosalva Romo Willow '88 has been commissioned to create works of art inspired by the Sacramento City Del Rio Trail Project. The project will create a 4.8-mile walking & biking trail along a strip of railway that is no longer in use and will pass through the Land Park, South Land Park, Freeport Manor, Z'Berg, Pocket and Meadowview neighborhoods.

Libby Brown Mitchell '91 had an art show run recently at the Radian Gallery titled "RE:Visit; RE:Work; RE:Claim." The pandemic caused most every one to reflect on various aspects of their life and work. The artists in this show used this interval to revisit their thinking, rework their ideas, and reclaim the narrative from one of an outside force acting upon them, to a rebirth of their inner forces of creativity.

Audreyanne Delgado Covarrubias '93 is happily living in Raleigh, NC with her husband and working as a consultant microbiologist in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry. Also, continuing to work in the Pilates industry as owner and instructor at Custom Cores Pilates LLC online studio.

Daughter of **Sandra Pierson Whaley '00** & Ryan Whaley, Elena (named for her grandmother Helen Manfredi Pierson '74), was selected from the crowd at the Vatican and kissed by Pope Francis. **1**

Julie Soto's '06 first novel comes out July 11, 2023 from Forever Books in the U.S. and HarperCollins in the U.K. Sold at auction in a two-book deal, *Forget Me Not* is a romantic comedy about an up-and-coming wedding planner and a grumpy, tattooed florist that must work together on a celebrity wedding while hiding the fact that they're exes. Julie set the book in Sacramento with plenty of nods to local businesses and neighborhoods. The cover reveal was featured by Entertainment Weekly in late October, and Julie expects even more exciting things to come. **2**

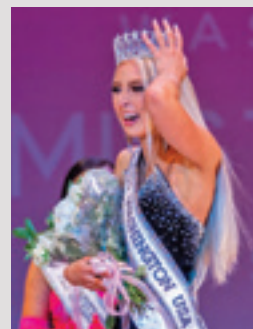
Hannah Kelly Spaitte '09 and her husband Daniel returned to Sacramento after living in Minneapolis for three years. In November, they welcomed a son, Callaway James Spaitte. Hannah is a flight attendant for Delta Airlines and Daniel is the Head Golf Pro at Cold Springs Golf & Country Club. **3**

Alexa McKim '12 wrote, self-funded and produced the feature film *Fransgiving* that is available to watch on Amazon Prime. It even stars one of her classmates, Frances Wiese '12.

Aubree Barr '17 was appointed as the Director of Mission & Outreach and Young Adult Ministry at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. She did her undergraduate work at Creighton University where she also worked in Campus Ministry. After graduation she worked with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Baltimore, MD. **4**

Julia Cannon '17 recently accepted a full-time position as Assistant Engineer with MKN. Julia started with MKN back in June of 2020 as a Civil Intern. She was introduced to the water engineering industry through her active four-year participation in the Engineers Without Borders Club - Cal Poly SLO Chapter. She served as Project Manager on a Nicaragua water distribution project for four years under this chapter. Julia graduated this past June from California Polytechnic State University-SLO with her Master's in Civil & Environmental Engineering. **5**

Gabriella Guerra '19 recently graduated from University of Nevada, Reno with her Business Marketing degree. She's working as a Technical Supply Chain Analyst at memory technology company, Solidigm. **6**



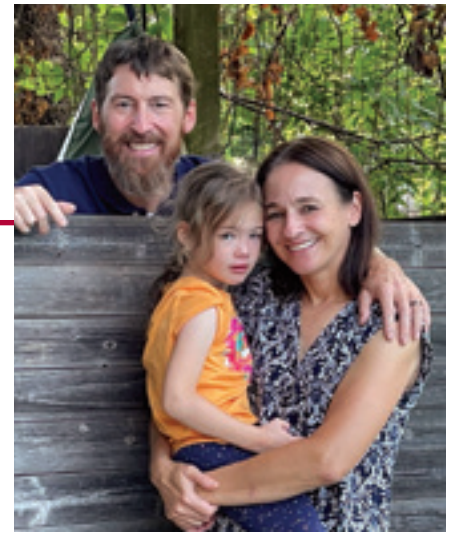
Samantha Gallia '16 was crowned Miss Washington USA 2023 in November.



Liv Walbeck '20 was crowned Miss Oklahoma USA 2023 in March.

ANGELA MCKAY KNOBEL '93

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Who better to celebrate Catholic School's Week than alumni who continue their careers in Catholic education. And with memorable teachers and mentors like Mr. Schwing, Mr. Norman, Ms. Gaines, Ms. Garretson (later Mrs. Uhrhammer), Mr. Fatheree, Mr. Gordon, and of course Sister Catherine, it's no surprise that Angela McKay Knobel '93 developed a lifelong love of math and philosophy.

Homeschooled for her elementary education, St. Francis was Angela's introduction to Catholic education. After graduation, she pursued her undergraduate education in math and philosophy at the Catholic University of America. Realizing that the greatest mathematicians were philosophers, Angela completed an MA in Mathematics from the University of Maryland in 1999. When she first went to St. Francis, she thought she hated math and kept waiting to not understand it. She intuitively felt that she was bad at math. "That moment I realized I could learn something that I thought I couldn't, became earth shattering for me," she recalls. "I learned I could understand difficult things even while struggling with them; I could learn."

Angela received her doctorate in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 2004. Her work focused primarily on Aquinas' theory of infused virtue, virtue ethics and applied ethics. Her book *Aquinas and the Infused Moral Virtues* came out from the University of Notre Dame Press in late 2020. This is an academic book on Thomas Aquinas, so it does not address the conflicts of our time directly. But there is a great deal of conversation about Catholicism: about what it means to be a Catholic and be in the world, and about what Catholics believe about grace and particularly about how what we believe ought to manifest itself in our actions. "This book advances a claim about the Christian moral life in general and Catholicism in particular, namely that growth in the Christian moral life consists in developing a relationship with God, and that development is itself a gift from God. It also argues that growth is of necessity gradual; not something that is present all at once in anyone who believes, but something that occurs slowly."

Professionally, Angela spent 16 ½ years as associate professor of philosophy at the Catholic University of America. When she was contacted in late 2020 about an opportunity as associate professor of philosophy at the University of Dallas, Angela and her husband Coy Knobel and daughter Sage were ready to embrace a new life in Texas.

It was important to Angela that her five-year old daughter attend Catholic school. "Catholic education speaks to the whole person; it opens them to appreciate and wonder at the world they are in," and that is what she wants for her daughter. As a partaker in Catholic secondary and higher education, Angela found the greatest benefit of Catholic education was the freedom to explore things that she didn't understand; the freedom to ask hard questions with confidence. "I was encouraged to think about God and why we are here. The education was not geared toward getting into a high paying job or other external measure of success; it was about helping the person flourish as a human being."

As someone who has studied and written about virtues, being a mother has been the greatest teacher of virtue. "I want to encourage virtue in my child; the best and hardest way is to model it. It's living the life you hope your child will find appealing — a happy home, a good marriage, and care about the virtues."

Although she's achieved academic and professional success, Angela is most proud of the breadth and depth of the relationships she has in her life. She reflected, "the people I can call my friends helped to shape me and taught me about the kind of person I wanted to be. I am forever grateful."



CAREER DAY

Fifty St. Francis High School alumnae returned to campus on March 24 for a robust Career Day, providing students with an opportunity to learn about a variety of industries while building their professional network. Students were invited to select from 24 different fields, allowing them to learn more about careers they may have already been attracted to and to explore those they never knew existed. Students were also guided in how to build a successful LinkedIn profile and were invited to participate in a professional photo shoot.

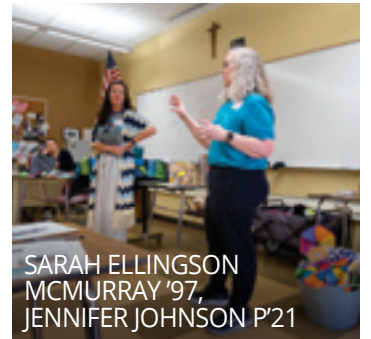
“Thank you so much for providing this space for us to engage with students and other alumni. It was such a great way to spend a Friday!!” - RIA FLORES '13

“I felt so welcomed and the teachers and staff were so appreciative. I had the best experience and it made my heart so full! The girls were so respectful and attentive and asked great questions. It reminded me how special SFHS is.” - VICTORIA ALONSO '09

#TroubieForLife #FourYearsThatLastALifetime



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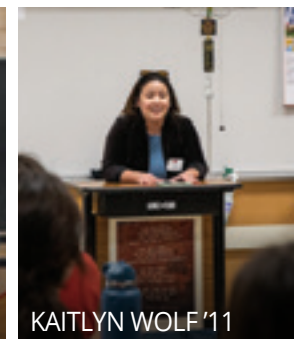
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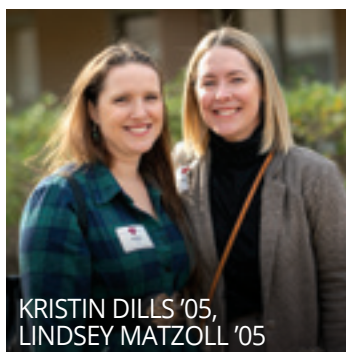
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REUNIONS



CLASS OF 2012: 10 YEAR REUNION

On December 22, 2022 alumnae gathered in downtown Sacramento for their 10 year reunion.



CLASS OF 1997: 25 YEAR REUNION

Alumnae from the Class of 1997 gathered at a classmate's home on March 1, 2023 to celebrate their 25ish year reunion.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

If your class year ends in "3" or "8", "4" or "9", or if your reunion was postponed due to Covid restrictions, we are here to help you with the planning.

Contact Kristie Figone Ishoo '05 to be involved in the planning of your class-specific reunion or for additional details for any of the reunions listed: kishoo@stfrancishs.org, or 916.737.5020.

CLASS OF 1968: 55 YEAR REUNION

Planning a reunion on October 7, 2023. More details to come.

CLASS OF 1970: 50TH CELEBRATION

Planning a reunion weekend on October 27 & 28, 2023. More details to come.

CLASS OF 1973: 50 YEAR REUNION

Reunion on June 2, 2023 on the St. Francis campus.

CLASS OF 1992: 30 YEAR REUNION

Planning a reunion later this fall.

CLASS OF 1993: 30 YEAR REUNION

Planning a reunion. Date TBD.

CLASS OF 2003: 20 YEAR REUNION

Reunion on June 10, 2023.

CLASS OF 2017: 5^{ISH} YEAR REUNION

Planning a reunion. Date TBD.

CLASS OF 2018: 5 YEAR REUNION

Planning a reunion. Date TBD.

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We invite you to join the members of the St. Clare Legacy Society by naming St. Francis Catholic High School as a beneficiary in your will and estate plans.

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