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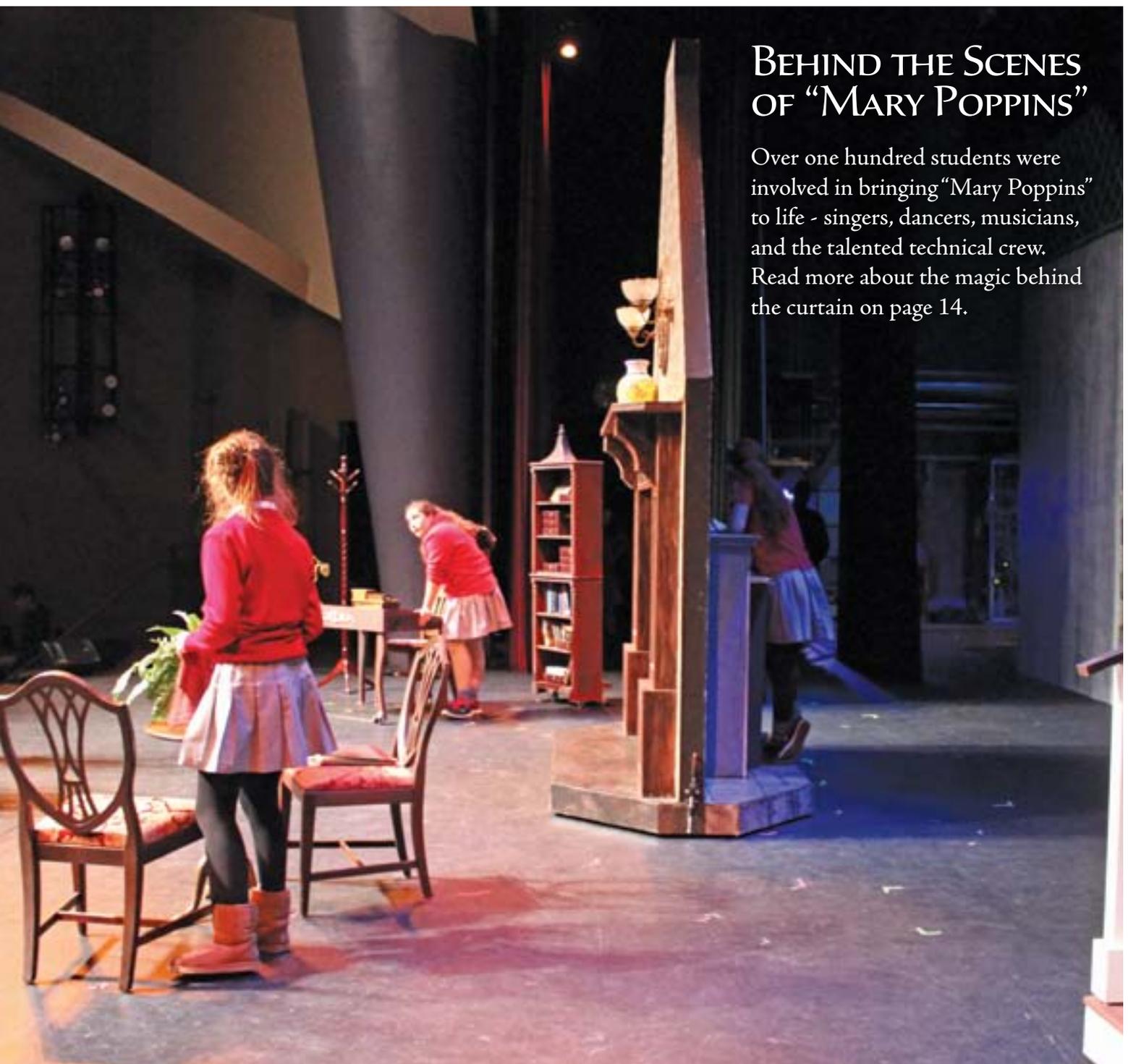
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## BEHIND THE SCENES OF "MARY POPPINS"

Over one hundred students were involved in bringing "Mary Poppins" to life - singers, dancers, musicians, and the talented technical crew. Read more about the magic behind the curtain on page 14.





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## DEAR FRIENDS OF ST. FRANCIS,

In 1940, the world was focused on World War II, music by Billie Holiday, Bing Crosby and Duke Ellington topped the musical charts, and we saw the creation of popular foods still around today like M&M's and Cheerios! In Sacramento, St. Francis High School was founded with a class of twelve young women on the top floor of St. Francis Elementary School on K Street.

Our 75th Anniversary Jubilee Year has provided perspective on the high school experiences that we don't always enjoy in the moment. As our seniors began the journey in their final year as Troubies - it was a series "of lasts!"

- ♦ ... the last homecoming rally,
- ♦ the last father daughter dance,
- ♦ the last school-wide liturgy,
- ♦ the last time we gather as a class on our campus.

What we know is that whenever there are two Troubies or more gathered, there is a memory rekindled, a shared experience that bonds them, or a Kairos cross that connects them. They share those four years last a lifetime - remembering their transformational years as a St. Francis Troubadour.

Over the last four years, I've journeyed with the Minions - the Class of 2016. As we began in the summer of 2012, their experiences were the first of everything. My experience was an opportunity to see the sisterhood that brought me back to St. Francis. We shared that same bond of sisterhood although we are separated by many decades between my graduation and theirs. The campus and camaraderie has stood the test of time - nurtured and stewarded for these many years and is alive and well.

We see graduates who embody the four pillars of a St. Francis education - Faith, Excellence, Leadership and Service - in every graduating class. Being stewards of the future means more than what we as individuals can achieve. It is a vision of hope, a call to make a difference, and to continue to believe we are called to serve. We must also steward the mission at St. Francis for future young women to the sisterhood with our continued support and commitment.

This year has been a true celebration of the legacy of St. Francis. It has been, and remains, my greatest honor to come back to St. Francis in the capacity of President. I humbly thank you for the privilege and wish for peace to be with you in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. May we always be united as a faith community through our love for God and for each other.

In the Spirit of Pax et Bonum,

Margo Reid Brown '81  
President

# ST. FRANCIS' NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS WELCOMES VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS BRINGS A LEGACY OF SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO ITS MEMBERSHIP



## ALISON MORR '89

Alison Morr graduated from St. Francis in 1989 and joined the Board of Directors in August of 2015. She received her BA in Political Science from UC Santa Barbara and a JD and High Tech Law Certificate from Santa Clara University. Most recently she served as Executive Director of Development and External Relations managing the development and marketing/communications efforts for the UC Davis, School of Education.

When reflecting on her St. Francis High School years, Ali recalls tutoring students at Immaculate Conception as a CSF tutor being her first introduction to giving back in service to others. She actively participated in the Junior State of America program and credits the experience with forging lifelong friends and fostering her interest in the law. As a St. Francis graduate she says, "The most fulfilling part of my career and volunteer work thus far has been helping others learn about opportunities to make a difference, and make educated philanthropic decisions that best fit their personal interests and make a measurable impact. Helping others create their own legacy at St. Francis will be just as personally fulfilling for me as my own volunteering and philanthropic support." Her advice to a recent SF graduate is a quote that was shared with her about giving back: "Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure; where your treasure, there your heart; where your heart, there your happiness. St. Augustine" With this quote in mind, "keep your St. Francis friendships close - they are indeed part of life's treasures and will bring you much happiness and support throughout your life."



## KATHLEEN DEERINGER

Kathleen Deeringer joined the Board of Directors in 2013. As a respected former member of the St. Francis faculty, she brings valuable insight and experience to the Board. Kathleen graduated from Stanford University with a BA in English and earned an MA in History/Humanities from CSUS. As a member of the faculty Kathleen taught in the Theology, English and Social Studies Departments. With her breadth of knowledge and SF community experience, Kathleen became a member of the Finance Committee. She brings her unique perspective and understanding of what resources are needed to achieve excellence in both educational and spiritual growth.

As she looks back to memories of her nearly eleven years on the faculty, Kathleen's fondest memory wanders to watching her students fall in love with 'Mr. Darcy' ranking right up there. She also shared, "It was a rare privilege to pray together every day and have them openly sharing their concerns." Collaborating with her fellow teachers and sharing their energy and creativity inspired her and fed the passion she was able to bring to the classroom. "We are all committed to ensuring that SF continues to grow and thrive as a place for young women to blossom." In her advice to a recent SF graduate she said, "If I had to give one piece of advice, I would tell her to stay in touch with her St. Francis friends and teachers. The love you experienced at SF doesn't end at graduation, but travels with you. Those deep connections you made at SF can be a powerful support as you face new challenges."

# THE MISSION OF LEADERSHIP

## AN INTERVIEW WITH ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS MARY CASTELLANO AND FADIA DESMOND

BY PRINCIPAL THERESA RODGERS

The assistant principal position is one of the hardest jobs on any high school campus. The varied responsibilities and many time-sensitive issues that an assistant principal has to deal with on a continual basis requires this person to be always on her toes, quick-thinking, articulate and joyful. We are blessed to have two amazing women who serve as our assistant principals. Mary Castellano, who is in her third year as the 11th and 12th grade assistant principal and Fadia Desmond, our first year 9th and 10th grade assistant principal, are highly-qualified, intelligent professionals who serve our community with passion and dedication to our mission. I am honored to call them colleagues and friends.

### *What is your education and professional background?*

**MC:** I was blessed to receive most of my education from Catholic institutions. Because my family moved many times during my younger years, I went to Catholic schools in Pennsylvania, Southern and Northern California. The family finally settled in the Bay Area, and I was able to graduate from Saint Francis High School in Mountain View. I then attended Santa Clara University with the goal of becoming a doctor. After taking a few political science courses, I realized that politics and history were my passion. Intent on entering corporate America, I began a career in technology sales. It was there that I had the opportunity to volunteer in a middle school teaching Personal Economics through Junior Achievement. It was through this program that I finally found my calling. I applied to Santa Clara University's Counseling, Psychology and Education program, and began pursuing a career as a social science teacher. After completing my Masters in Interdisciplinary Education, I began working as a high school teacher in the San Jose Unified School District. Two years later, I was offered a position at St. Francis where I worked as a classroom teacher for nine years and an assistant principal for the past three years.

**FD:** I attended Marymount High School in Los Angeles. I loved math and science, but found that English was my most challenging subject! That is the reason I decided to major in English at UCLA; I felt it was an area where I truly could learn and

improve. As an English major, I added an emphasis in American Studies and that gave me a strong focus on American Literature for many of my upper division and seminar courses. I also completed a Specialization in Education. I had the opportunity to serve as a TA for a lower division Education course as a sophomore and that is I when I realized I loved being in the classroom.

I completed my MA in Education and Single Subject Teaching Credential through an accelerated program at Stanford. My first teaching position was at Rocklin High School in their English Department. As much as I loved teaching, I loved being a student even more which factored into my decision to return to graduate school to pursue a Ph.D. in Education at UC Davis. The focus of my research was pathways to success for educationally and economically disadvantaged students at the college level. During my time at UC Davis I worked across many departments on campus. I conducted research in Science Education that looked at curriculum and instruction in introductory Physics classes. Most of my experience was in the School of Medicine where I worked as an advisor to students applying to medical school. After completing my Ph.D., I spent time working with graduate students who were completing their Doctorate in Education and primarily served as their Dissertation Chair. I did a great deal of mentoring and editing through this work.



Fadia Desmond, Theresa Rodgers, and Mary Castellano

### *How do you see yourself contributing to our mission?*

**MC:** St. Francis is a mission driven school, and all that we do here supports that mission. Our teachers, staff and students all contribute to our community of faith. In my role on campus, I have the opportunity to place our faith at the center of the programs I support. These programs help students develop their talents and gifts. I also have the chance to interact with all levels of the community: faculty, staff, students and parents. These interactions give me the opportunity to be an example of a faith filled woman and promote gospel values through my actions.

**FD:** "You can't be what you can't see." This Marian Wright Edelman quote embodies the reason so many of us choose to be part of the St. Francis community. Departments all across campus have Staff and Faculty who are living examples of our school's mission. Our faculty is knowledgeable about their subject areas and experts in their fields. Our staff members have professional backgrounds that qualify them to work in many other educational settings and institutions, yet they choose to be at St. Francis. We lead our students by example and convey that intellect, compassion, spirituality, and leadership can co-exist. We model for our students that the mind does not have to take precedence over the heart. God wants us to nurture both and SFHS gives us the space to do that.

### *What changes have you seen recently at St. Francis?*

**MC:** Being a twelve year veteran of St. Francis, I have had the ability to see many wonderful changes over the years. I am most excited about the introduction of our 1:1 program. It is wonderful to see how our teachers have embraced the technology to enhance learning in the classroom. Students have taken a more active role in classes and it has encouraged deeper levels of critical thinking and project-based learning. Another equally exciting change is our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs.) These communities have given teachers the opportunity to better collaborate and provide students with a common experience across the campus. Our teachers have embraced this program and their hard work has directly resulted in an increase in student achievement.

**FD:** The most significant change I have witnessed is the changing face of the St. Francis High School student. I am in awe of the diversity within our school community in every sense of the word. I look across Serra Court and see a diverse representation of cultures and ethnicities. In fact, even though I have lived in Sacramento for 20 years, I never felt totally at home until I came to St. Francis. Our students also come from many faith communities. While some of our school families practice religions other than Catholicism, they are joined together by the common desire to provide a loving, safe, nurturing, and intellectually robust high school experience for their daughters. Our students also come

from diverse economic backgrounds that mirror the Sacramento community and reflect the diversity of our Diocese. The multitude of family histories and experiences also contribute to the rich diversity that is the changing face of St. Francis Catholic High School.

### *What excites you about the future of St. Francis?*

**MC:** It is projected that technology jobs for our graduates will grow over 20% by 2020. Currently, only 25% of computing technology jobs are held by women. It is essential that our students have the opportunity to take courses or participate in activities that promote familiarity with various technology careers. This is why I am excited about our goal of introducing more technology courses over the next few years. In addition, our partnership with UC Davis' C-STEM (Computing, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Program, will give our students the opportunity to participate in University of California approved courses that prepare them for the careers of tomorrow. I am also very excited about our newly redesigned Resource Program and Study Skills course. It is through this program that we have been able to better support students of differing learning styles, creating greater success both in and outside the classroom.

**FD:** I would love to bring a summer internship program to our students. Students could connect with alumnae working in fields of student interest to establish a six-week intensive summer internship experience. Students would get exposure to real-life professional fields and alumnae get to re-connect with St. Francis and contribute to bettering the lives and experiences of our students. Many students write college essays about career aspirations or potential college majors with little to no experience in their supposed field of interest. An internship experience would bridge this gap in knowledge. And it doesn't hurt that it would look great on a college or work application! I'm

also excited to continue learning about our campus community. Spending more time in our classrooms is my most immediate goal. I love directly experiencing our girls in an academic setting. They are intellectually uninhibited in the classroom and it is a thrill to witness. They ask questions, give answers (both right and wrong answers!), and learn to love learning. In a single gender classroom, they focus less on self-scrutiny and more on the value of their contributions. It is inspiring to watch our students interact with faculty. The more time I spend in classrooms, the more I know and understand the culture of our school.

### *How do you spend your time outside of school?*

**MC:** As a wife, and mother of two young children, free time is mostly spent enjoying family activities or shuttling the kids to various school and sporting activities. My children attend St. John Notre Dame in Folsom, and we take an active role in their education where we assist with the annual Fun Run and school musical. When the family is not wrapped up in school events or sports, we hit the road! The Sacramento area is so rich in California history, and my goal is to see as many points of interest as possible.

**FD:** I have three children who attend Our Lady of Assumption School in Carmichael. Their activities in and outside of the classroom take up a lot of my free time, but they are a joy to be around. I am a huge proponent of volunteerism and I have pursued some of my passions for education and sports through getting involved in and around our community. I serve on the board of Playmakers, a non-profit organization providing after-school reading programs and free summer football camps to 3rd and 4th graders from low resource backgrounds. I also volunteer for the Alumni and Admissions offices at Stanford University, and the School of Education at UC Davis. Between my kids, our St. Francis students and volunteering, there isn't much free time left!



## **CONGRATULATIONS MR. GRACYK!**

Congratulations to English teacher, Mr. Tim Gracyk, who was awarded the Barbara Lighthouse for Literacy Award for "serving as a beacon of light in developing literacy and the love of reading in young people!" Mr. Gracyk was nominated by Principal Rodgers and was honored on April 13, 2016 by Joanne Arellanes from the Sacramento Reading Association for his service to our school and our students. Mr. Gracyk is a wonderful teacher, mentor and colleague. We are truly blessed that he is in our English Department and part of our school. Our girls are better students and people for knowing him. We are all better for knowing him!



# MRS. PARKS RETIRES

BY RICK NORMAN

Sometimes we share a gift with someone which becomes apparent when we stop to see the beauty of a similar journey. Kai Munroe (Parks) and I arrived at St. Francis as a couple of skinny pups in 1977. Kai was from a family of 10 children and she had lived all over the world. Her father was in the Air Force. She started high school in South Korea, but finished it in Bangor, Maine.

We had a mutual friend and mentor, Monsignor James Kidder, who recruited us to teach at SFHS. She taught Social Studies and I taught Theology. We both taught Algebra 1. Quickly, we found we had a lot in common: the Catholic Faith, American River College, Cal State University, Chico, Cal State University, Sacramento, French existentialism, music, and photography.

It was 1977, the height of the disco era (the Bee Gees, Too Much Polyester, and Saturday Night Fever). I recall going to hear music in Old Sacramento with Kai and other St. Francis teachers. Kai had long hair, pigtails, and Birkenstocks. She married Bill Parks in 1978 and it was one of the all time great wedding parties. She and Bill have two great sons, Tyler and Casey.

So what can I say about this wonderful colleague and friend? Well, the first word would be "fun-loving." Her joyful sense of humor is inspiring. She even laughs at her own jokes, which is kind of hilarious. Most of all, Kai is a truly strong woman. There is not an inauthentic cell in her body. Her strength shows itself in being encouraging, supportive and loyal. In other words, she's

got your back. She's not afraid of the tussle. As Richard Rohr, the great Franciscan priest, writes, "It's finally just compassion and solidarity... and a willingness to pay the price for that friendship." Mrs. Parks is a woman of solidarity.

Her dedication to SFHS has been her legacy to us. She has supported and embraced this community for decades. Back in our historian and photography days, we would often trade and exchange pictures: "I'll trade you a Spirit Week for a Junior Prom, or a St. Francis Day for a Father Daughter Dinner Dance." She collected and archived the school's history. The yearbooks were always first class. Presently, Kai proudly proclaims that she is teaching the children of her previous students.

Just the other day, Mrs. Parks told me that she "grew up at St. Francis." She sees the gift of this holy community and she truly loves us. Well, the feeling is mutual. Interestingly, she is called "Kai" (a nickname she picked up in Japan when she was a year and a half old ) when her legal name is "Carol." We all know that "Carol" means song or hymn. We have enjoyed and treasured your song, Carol Parks. Continue to sing that graceful tune. We will continue to hum it here on campus. Some songs we just never get tired of hearing.

Write a message to Mrs Parks.  
Visit [www.stfrancis.org/parks](http://www.stfrancis.org/parks) and  
tell us your favorite Mrs. Parks story.



# MR. SCHWING SUMS UP RETIREMENT

Mr. Charles Schwing, who retired in 2013 after teaching mathematics at St. Francis for 36 years, urges Troubadours to follow a life path on which they can look back with satisfaction and joy, and with no regrets.

## *What led you to teaching at St. Francis?*

I went into teaching immediately after graduating from college in 1969. I taught math in a public school in southeastern Massachusetts. While there, the school moved to a new building which had, for the time, a very capable computer system. I got hooked on programming the computer and wrote attendance and grade reporting software so the school could perform these services in-house.

When we moved to Sacramento in 1977, I got a computer programming job. I did not find it very rewarding, so I started looking for a teaching position. In January 1979 I went to SF to drop off a résumé and it turned out that one of their math teachers had just resigned to take a position in Grass Valley. I was hired on the spot and was happily ensconced at SF until retirement a couple years ago.

## *Which classes did you teach during your tenure at St. Francis?*

When I started at SF, I taught everything from Algebra 1 through Senior Math (now called Precalculus). For a couple years Dennis Fatheree and I team-taught Physics – I did the lectures and he did the lab sessions. During that time, SF also acquired some Apple II computers. Using them, I taught a semester course in BASIC programming. In addition, I wrote some software that allowed SF to produce its own report cards instead of contracting the service out to one of the public schools.

Eventually, the school got large enough that it was no longer feasible for me to both teach and handle the administrative duties simultaneously. The choice was easy. I stayed in the classroom and others took over the non-teaching responsibilities, a choice I've never regretted.

During my final years, I taught mostly Honors Precalculus and AP Calculus along with an occasional section of Algebra 2.

## *How has St. Francis changed over the years?*

By some metrics, SF has changed a lot. There is the impossible to miss growth in the physical plant. Enrollment was around 500 students when I started with some classrooms unused during multiple periods of the day. Now there are well over 1000 students and few, if any, idle rooms. When I started, only about 80% of the graduates went to college, now it is virtually 100%. The number of Honors and AP classes has grown immensely. For example, when I started there was but one section of precalculus, then called Senior Math, and no honors sections for any of the math classes. By the time I retired, there were multiple sections of precalculus and calculus, offered at different levels of rigor so that each student could find a course appropriate to her needs.

SF also had classes like home economics and sewing as well as career oriented courses that taught skills such as shorthand, typing, and operating common business machines.

The Fine Arts program has grown immensely in the last 35 years. Choir is no longer an after school activity offered on a hit and miss basis. Plays and musicals get performed in a beautiful on-campus facility. Visual arts have their own dedicated rooms instead of all having to make do in one room (121, for those who remember the old designations).



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Top: Mr. Schwing with his students Nicole Nacey '08 and Caitlin Vogelsang '08. Below: Mr. Schwing and his wife Ann enjoy their time together on their property in Napa.





But SF remained very much the same, as well. Commitment to excellence, school spirit, the sense of sisterhood, and the caring community that supported its members when they needed it most are all aspects of campus life that seem unchanged. While some traditions have faded into history (remember decorating homeroom windows and powder puff football?), others have arisen to take their place. These intangible qualities are what kept me coming back year after year.

### *What were some of your favorite traditions at SF?*

Perhaps my favorite was the talent show before Christmas. I never tired of seeing displayed the marvelous gifts given to so many of our students and being thankful for their generosity in sharing those gifts with all the rest of us. I always marveled at the energy and enthusiasm pervading the campus during Spirit Week.

### *How did you motivate your students?*

I never saw myself as motivating my students. I believe motivation must come from within. I tried to create an environment where a student's efforts would be rewarded with a sense of achievement. When a student said something like "I never knew that I was so good at math." I knew I'd succeeded.

### *What's your favorite quote?*

It's difficult to pick only one, but I've always liked the following quote. It was presented to me many years ago by a student. Sad to say, I no longer remember who she was but I still have the gift and treasure it. It was done in lovely calligraphic script (remember when Miss Doglietto and Mrs. Groshosky taught that useful skill?) and read:

"It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it." –W. Somerset Maugham

### *How do you define success? Overall, how did you determine your student's success in the classroom?*

One's success is ultimately measured by that individual. An outcome considered successful to the observer may be experienced as failure to the one experiencing it, and vice-versa. I tried to measure the success of my students by how close they came to achieving their goals. The grade I assigned was not a measure of that success, nor could it be because I often had no idea of exactly what a student expected to get from my class. Sometimes a C student could be the most successful if, for example, her goal was to pass the AP exam with a score good enough to never have to take another math class and she attained that score.

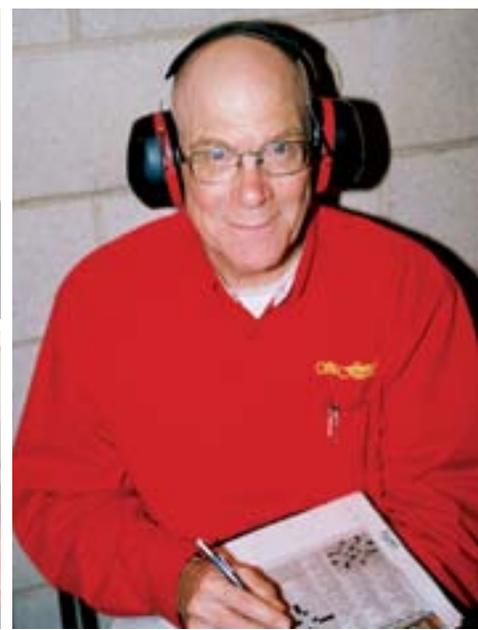
### *What advice do you have for the seniors of the Class of 2016 upon their graduation?*

I would urge them to find things to do with their lives that let them look back with satisfaction and joy with no regrets. More importantly, find someone with whom she can share those experiences and who will support her in her endeavors. I was fortunate enough to do both.

### *How are you enjoying retirement and what do you like to do in your free time?*

Retirement has been very pleasant. We moved to Napa to be closer to the ranch, a property familiar to those of my AP Calc students who made the springtime trek there. We try to spend as much time there as we can on tasks such as maintaining trails and controlling non-native, invasive plants.

Share your favorite Mr. Schwing story. Visit [www.stfrancis.org/schwing](http://www.stfrancis.org/schwing) and leave a message for Mr. Schwing.



## THANK YOU, MR. SCHWING

BY GWYN GORDON '85

Mr. Schwing was an unlikely candidate to become my favorite teacher of all time. First of all, he taught advanced math; and although I enjoyed geometry, other, more theoretical forms had never inspired me. Second, I favored teachers with boisterous, theatrical, song-and-dance personalities, while Mr. Schwing was, at least on the surface, well...serious. He radiated a pragmatism that did not invite light conversation. His direct gaze from behind his glasses was intimidating.

I don't remember the day when I became aware of his genius as a teacher. It is likely that it accumulated, like the knowledge he instilled, bit by bit and day by day. That, come to think of it, was his great gift: his ability to methodically design, and patiently execute, a series of many small lessons that built one upon the other, culminating in a lightning bolt of clear and complete understanding. For a student who could never be described as a "mathlete," his style was a godsend, and in retrospect, a measure of his tremendous empathy for anyone in the process of learning. I walked into Room 101 each morning with a sense of joyful anticipation, not because of my trust in my own mathematical abilities, but because of my trust in Mr. Schwing.

I am grateful to Mr. Schwing for instilling in me an inherent respect for the work of learning. I am grateful to Mr. Schwing for teaching me to reduce the number of keystrokes I make on a calculator. I am grateful to Mr. Schwing for showing me that math can provide elegant solutions to seemingly impossible problems. I am grateful to him for treating me like someone who could master, if not excel in, a subject that did not come naturally to me. I am grateful for his candor and pragmatism, his humor and compassion. From him I learned that great teachers come in

different packages, with diverse personalities, but they share one passion: the expansion of their students' minds. Thank you, Mr. Schwing, for all you taught us.

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*My father, Robert Gordon, taught at St. Francis before I was a student, and returned to teach for many years after I graduated. (Mercifully, he taught elsewhere during my student years.) One of his favorite stories – and he had many – was of Mr. Schwing's hiring:*

Apparently, back in the misty reaches of history, there was a head of the math department before Mr. Schwing. When the time came for that person to move on, the principal did what one ordinarily does when hiring: she prayed. Well, of course she also advertised, called colleagues, and pursued all the normal avenues for finding a replacement. As the weeks passed, and she couldn't even find a suitable applicant, and the teachers and staff became increasingly nervous, asking, "What are we going to do?" To this, she always serenely replied, "I'm praying." Day after day, week after week: "I'm praying."

Finally, the outgoing head of the math department worked her last day, and after a farewell party, everyone said their good byes. As she was walking toward the door of the front office, a young man opened it, and held it for her. She went out. He came in.

He looked around, and said to the group, "I'm a math teacher. Is there someone here I can talk to about a job?"

That man was Charles Schwing.



# “MARY POPPINS”

## MAGIC IN EVERY SPOONFUL OF SUGAR

BY CHERYL WATSON

For two sold out weekends in early November 2015, “Mary Poppins the Musical” thrilled audiences on the St. Francis Catholic High School stage. Over one hundred students were involved in bringing this classic story to life by singing and dancing on stage, playing in the orchestra and working technical magic behind the scenes. Not only students but also parent volunteers worked alongside our production team helping build the many set pieces and props that brought the audience to their feet every single performance. Our dedicated parents also became the “Mary Poppins” flight crew and after specialized training they pulled the ropes and maneuvered the special apparatus keeping both Mary Poppins and the chimney sweep Bert safely in the sky during the flight sequences. “Mary Poppins the Musical” was one of the most popular shows in SF Theatre history!

As the theatre director for the past thirty-one years I have had the pleasure of collaborating and working with hundreds of students, parents and staff in showcasing the talents of our cast and crew and providing an outlet for their creative artistry. Since the fall of 2004 we have enjoyed performing in our beautiful theatre. The Arts building provided us a home for the visual and performing arts. For me this was a dream come true.

Since I first came to this campus, I knew I was given a gift. The young performers I met had the same passion and love of the arts that I see in our students today. They performed on the cafeteria stage with all the joy and exuberance that our “Mary Poppins” cast showed this year. We enlisted the help of the entire St. Francis community in bringing these shows to life. When we needed more space we moved to the 24th Street Theatre in Curtis Park and performed there for eight years. We would practice in the cafeteria or gym and then move to the theatre the week before the show. We jokingly talked about “going on the road!” Those shows once again delighted audiences and gave our students a theatre home and a place to flex their artistic talents. Over the years we have been quite creative in finding ways and spaces to practice our art and keep the arts alive on our campus and in our hearts.

I believe the astounding success of “Mary Poppins” is a thank you to all the visual and performing artists who worked so hard to make the arts an important part of the St. Francis Catholic High School experience. The work of our students today is part of this tradition of artistic excellence.



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*Cheryl Watson is celebrating her 32nd year as a member of the St. Francis Performing Arts faculty and is proud to serve as the department chairperson. A theatre graduate of CSU Sacramento she continued her performance studies with The Theatre of Light in Los Angeles and most recently studied Shakespeare with The Globe Theatre Education Academy, London. Ms. Watson has performed or directed for a variety of area theatres and served on the theatre faculty at American River College for eleven years. Ms. Watson has been nominated for over twenty “Ellys” and has received ten awards for direction and script adaptation. A professional and personal highlight was working with the Sisters of Mercy in helping stage their centennial celebration at the historic Eagle Theatre in Old Sacramento. Through social media Ms. Watson has connected with many former students who tell her they still love the theatre! This is music to her ears!*

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**KATIE GUBLER '16**  
STAGE MANAGER

“Tech is a club at St. Francis but in actuality, Tech is a family. We are a group of girls that help not only the Arts Department, but the Student government and Campus Ministry. We give light, sound, and other aspects to shows that display other’s creativity with our own. Tech is a home and place with comfort for everyone who joins. I always know that when I go to Tech, I will be welcomed by loving and supporting people and that I will have tons of fun! My high school experience would not be the same without it.”

*Katie is President of the SF Tech Club and has been a member for three years. On her first show, “Once Upon a Mattress,” she worked backstage on Run Crew. Katie was an Assistant Stage Manager for her next three shows. She’s also worked as the Lighting Assistant and Light Designer for St. Francis’ “Winterfest Dance Performance” and SF Players’ “One Acts.” Katie looks forward to continuing her passion for technical theatre by declaring it her major in college.*



**CECILIA WALSH '17**  
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

“The best part of the show was that the Techies were so involved in the set changes. They were able to move all the set pieces in between scenes and sneak around on stage. I especially enjoyed building sets and learning to use new power tools. As Assistant Stage Manager, I attended all the rehearsals and got to see the actors truly bond as they became a company and brought the show together.”

*Cecilia is Vice-President of the SF Tech Club and has worked three major productions and many smaller shows at SF. She enjoys learning more about theatre each year she works on Tech and the various skills she’s learned, such as welding and focusing lights. “Mary Poppins” is the third show she has worked during her time in the club. Cecilia hopes to work many more upcoming productions that are as magical as “Mary Poppins.”*



**KAT YO '17**  
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

“My amazing experience starts with time commitment and dedication. As an Assistant Stage Manager (ASM), I came to every audition, production meeting, rehearsal, and build for the show. The stage managers practically live in the theatre for three months! After spending all that time in the theatre, we get to know the cast and crew pretty well. A strong sense of friendship and community is quickly formed among everyone involved with the show. We bond with the actors, orchestra, and even the parent volunteers and teachers. By the end of the show, everyone is hugging each other and crying about how it’s over. The best part about the whole experience is the second family that we all gained in the end.”

*Kat has been on the tech crew for multiple shows and events, on and off campus. Her favorites include “Mary Poppins,” Winterfest, and “One Acts” performed at the Lenaea Festival. She loves the SF Techies because they have taught her a great deal in the art of stage crafting, and have been some of the best friends she has ever had. After St. Francis, she plans to major in Biology and eventually study neurosurgery in medical school. She has been on the St. Francis dive team for three years, participated in every St. Francis art show since freshman year, and enjoys playing the guitar and ukulele in her free time.*



**SYDNEY BEMBRY '17**  
ASSISTANT PRODUCER

“What I love most about participating in the St. Francis theatre department is working with my fellow Troubies to put on the best show possible. It’s really great that the staff allows students to run the shows and teaches them whatever they want to learn about the theatre. From working so closely with our Arts Producer, Mrs. Danielson, I love the business and creative aspects of theatre. I hope to become a Producer in film or theatre in the future.”

*Sydney helps make the programs, organizes the box office, sets up the foyer, maps out seating for outreach shows, trains new front of house students, and any additional work that needs to be done. Each performance night, she trained the parent volunteers and helps guest with tickets and seating.*



### **BAILEY YATES '18** LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR

“There were little things during the shows, like dancing along with *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* in

the booth with Stage Manager Katie Gubler '16 and Sound Technician Amanda Singh '19. Watching actors *take it away* each night, or just watching the fun, crazy, colorful lights at the end of every show during bows, really made the whole experience. It was a great and fun adventure overall.”

*Bailey worked backstage at “Charlie Brown” and was Run Crew Chief for “Macbeth.” It was a new experience for her to work in the Tech Booth for a full show. She learned a lot about the theatre’s lighting system and lighting in general from the show’s lighting director, Ms. Dallas. Participating in theatre productions and taking Mrs. Watson’s Theatre classes has shown her that she would like to write for theatre.*

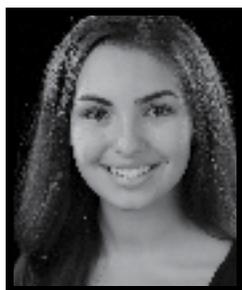


### **LAUREN METZINGER '16** MARY POPPINS

“Learning to fly as Mary was an incredible experience. It was amazing how so many people came together to make it

happen effectively and safely. Between the director, fly operators, techies, and supportive cast, the experience was nothing less than magical! I’m truly grateful for all my SF theatre experiences, and I will take everything I’ve learned with me as I continues to perform in the future.”

*Lauren has enjoyed performing at St. Francis in both the shows and various arts classes such as SF Players, Jazz Ensemble, The A Cappella Blue Skirts, Show Choir, and the Apprentice Dance Company. Her first show experience here was “Once Upon A Mattress,” her sophomore year. Although she loves to perform at SF, Lauren has also taken advantage of theatre throughout the Sacramento area, including Music Circus, California Musical Theatre’s Broadway Series, Sacramento Theatre Company, El Dorado Theatre Company, Sutter Street Theatre, and the Chautauqua Playhouse. Lauren hopes to pursue musical theatre in college and as a career. Lauren’s experiences with St. Francis’ theatre have been, in her words, “Nothing short of incredible.”*



### CAMRYN ELIAS '17 WINNIFRED BANKS

"Some of the backstage antics were just as fun as those onstage! My favorite backstage experience was during

*Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*, when the flyers, Mrs. Kunkel, the techies, and I would all have a dance party on Stage Left! Before every show, it is a tradition that the whole cast and crew go onstage and participate in an energy circle. Everyone holds hands and passes the energy around by squeezing the hand of the person next to them. This has been an amazing experience to be a part of and I will never forget the memories I made while on *17 Cherry Tree Lane*.

*Camryn loves to perform and has acted in many musicals throughout the Sacramento area with River City Theatre Company and Sacramento Music Circus. In her time at St. Francis, she has been involved in many arts classes including Theatre Arts, Show Choir, and SF Players. This past February, Camryn was honored to receive a Silver medal in the Musical Theatre category at the Lenaea Theatre Festival. One of the highlights of her year was getting to play Winifred Banks in "Mary Poppins," her first show at St. Francis. Camryn started at SF in the theatre camp and participated in it for three years. Camryn is still part of the camp, as this will be her third summer as a student assistant. Camryn looks forward to majoring in Musical Theatre and Education in college and hopes to become a professional performer one day.*

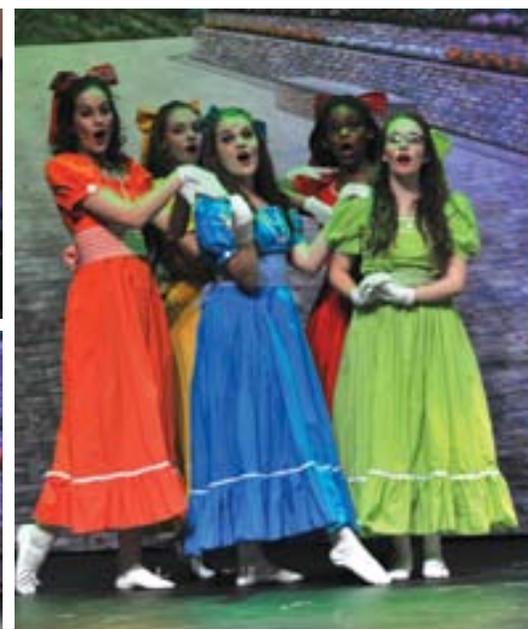


### CAMILLE AVILA-DAROSA '17 BIRD WOMAN & ENSEMBLE CAST

"I have been involved in many productions and *Mary Poppins* has truly helped me grow the most as a performer. I have

to admit, I was a little intimidated upon finding out the cast, techies, and orchestra totaled over 80 people and that some of cast, including myself, would play at least four roles. However, this show brought me closer to current friends, allowed me to make many new ones, and helped me learn so much. To me, that is the magic of theatre. I was fortunate to work with many different people to make something magical and inspiring. That's why theatre, and *Mary Poppins*, is so special and why I will always consider the St. Francis theatre my home away from home."

*Camille is a long-time lover of the arts and has been in numerous St. Francis productions. After graduation Camille plans to pursue her love of theatre and music. Although she does not plan on majoring in musical theatre, she will attend a college where she can devote time to theatre and further vocal training. Camille hopes to someday share her gifts and passion for theatre with others.*



**KALIA RUCKER '18**  
DANCE CAPTAIN, VALENTINE,  
& ENSEMBLE CAST

"I was an actor, dancer, and singer in *Mary Poppins*. I was also a member of the ensemble and played Valentine, a

mistreated doll who leads a revolt against the Banks children. As Dance Captain, I was responsible for helping the choreographer at dance rehearsals and assisting fellow performers in learning the many musical numbers in the show. My largest contribution as a choreographer was in the musical number *Step in Time*, an upbeat tap dance featuring the chimney sweeps of London. This was my favorite number since my favorite style of dance is tap."

*"Mary Poppins" was Kalia's 3rd performance at St. Francis Catholic High School. She previously performed in "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" and "Macbeth." Kalia plans to continue performing at St. Francis and then major in theatre when she goes to college.*



**CELIA KARIM '16**  
ORCHESTRA: CELLO

"I have been playing cello for nine years and absolutely loved how challenging the *Mary Poppins* pit music was. I really

bonded with the musicians, techies, and actors. The musicians from Jesuit that played in the pit now call me *Mom* because I always answered their questions and kept them out of trouble during the rehearsals. It blows me away how quickly we assembled the whole musical so neatly in such a short time! I treasure my time as a cellist in SF's theatre arts."

*Celia loves cello, backpacking, and movies. She has played cello with String Project, St. Francis, Jesuit, and CSUS. Celia has also been teaching cello students of her own for the past two years. After this last year at SF, she wants to play cello wherever she can in college - gigs, orchestras, and ensembles. Celia plans to attend the University of Wyoming, minoring in music performance or education and figuring out her major. She also hopes to work as a National Parks Ranger someday.*



## CHIARA GIORDANI '18 ORCHESTRA: VIOLIN

"I'm thrilled to have played in the pit orchestra for *Mary Poppins*! I have played in three shows for St. Francis'

Theatre Department and loved them. Playing for a musical takes time, patience, and technique, and playing for *Mary Poppins* has tested me in all of those areas. Because there was no part written for violin in this show, I adapted and played a flute part. After many rehearsals, tears, laughs, and performances, being a part of something this special is worth it. Though it can be frustrating being in the dark for the entire show and having to make adjustments to what the actors and directors want, playing in the pit is very rewarding. I love making the magic happen and helping the actors shine. As a musician for *Mary Poppins* I have grown in my musicality, technique, and love for music. I am definitely looking forward to playing more St. Francis shows in the future!"

*Music has been a part of Chiara's life ever since she can remember. She was inspired to play the violin when she first saw her older sister, Francesca, go to lessons. Chiara has always pushed herself to play at higher levels and develop a mature musicality. She is a student of Angelo Moreno and has performed with many ensembles including the Davis High School Baroque Ensemble, the Sacramento Youth Symphony, the Davis High School Symphony, the UC Davis Baroque Ensemble, and CSU Sacramento's Capistrano Hall. Chiara's favorite part of performing is traveling to amazing venues (her favorite is Carnegie Hall in NYC!) and playing duets with her sister. She went to Italy on her first international tour as a soloist with the Davis High School Baroque Ensemble and is looking forward to her second tour to Austria and Italy in the summer of 2017.*



## FRANCESCA GIORDANI '17 ORCHESTRA: VIOLIN

"The pit? What on earth is the pit? People asked me in horror when I told them I was playing the violin in the *pit*

for the school's fall musical, *Mary Poppins*. No, no, don't worry! It's not a pit of doom; rather it's the orchestra pit.... the mysterious place where the best kind of behind-the-scenes magic occurs... beneath Cherry Tree Lane. The pit orchestra, nestled between the first row and the stage, holds the show together. Without the orchestra, there would be no *magical* sound that played while *Mary Poppins* pulled her hat stand out of her bag. We make the show a musical. We help the vocalists shine. Most people don't realize that a two-minute song requires five hours of rehearsal—maybe more. In this particular show, there are no violin parts—I played the oboe part on a violin. As a musician, I had to adapt to the music to make it work. My experience playing in *Mary Poppins* has made me a better musician, musically and technically. I am very fortunate to have participated in such a large production and I look forward to making more magic for the school's future musicals."

*Francesca discovered the thrill of music and the beauties of the violin when she was a very young child. She has played with the Sacramento Youth Symphony, the Davis High Baroque Ensemble, and the Davis High Symphony and has played in numerous prestigious venues, including Carnegie Hall. She loves performing, especially duets with her sister, Chiara. Francesca plans to continue her study of music and the violin throughout her life, and hopes to pursue a career in the sciences.*



### CATHERINE KUNKEL SFHS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

“Tech is collaboration. Sound, lights, costumes and set are the base upon which acting can stand tall. If done correctly, no one notices the tech; when things go wrong, it can take an audience out of the magic of the theatre. In the beginning, our director has a vision. I interpret that vision to a scenic design and our Production Manager makes sure we stay on task and under budget. After the scenic design is approved, we agree on a basic lighting look and on what sound effects need to go where. Props and costumes get decided somewhere in there, and then my Techies and I get busy. Once the set is built and the show opens (hopefully in that order,) my job shifts to running the show. Our Stage Manager makes sure each element happens at the right time - so we don't have a blackout in the middle of an important scene. There are Techies running the light board, sound board, and rigging. As Technical Director I tend to put out metaphorical fires during the show. This is what tech is for me. I build giant dollhouses for imaginary characters.”

*Mrs. Kunkel started working at St. Francis in September 2016 and immediately jumped into building Mary Poppins. A graduate of UC Davis with a BA in Theatre Arts and a concentration in lighting design, she has spent the bulk of her professional career in the Stockton and Sacramento areas. Cat worked as a carpenter and scenic designer with B Street Theatre and later UC Davis, working the occasional Local 50 IATSE Union show and dealing with sound for both CORE Contemporary Dance and Leighton Dance Project.*

### JEFF METZINGER PARENT VOLUNTEER: FLY OPERATOR

“My recent experience as a parent volunteer was very rewarding. The November 2015 production of *Mary Poppins* started months before the curtain was raised on opening night. Every Saturday, students, staff, and parent volunteers worked side-by-side – creating and building some very technical set pieces. From design, to construction, to painting – it was a team effort. I was most impressed with teenage girls welding steel and operating power tools. I also volunteered to assist backstage with *flying* Mary Poppins and Bert. These two student-actors were fitted with a special harness and then attached to airplane cables for lifting. An outside company trained the actors and fly operators for several days before being on-stage. A team of five trained adults manually lifted and moved these actors across the stage. It was a very serious job that required strength and concentration – the actors lives were literally in our hands. The flying team quickly became a close-knit group of friends, working all six shows.”

*When Jeff's not working as the Fire Chief for Sacramento County Airports, he loves volunteering his time with the Arts at St. Francis. He proudly announces, “It's also a great way to stay connected to my daughter – a St. Francis senior, Lauren Metzinger.”*



## TONY & DAR GUBLER

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS: FLY OPERATORS & SET BUILDERS

“As parents of a very involved theatre student, we found the experience of set building and “flying” Bert and Mary very rewarding and engaging. We never knew just how hard these young people work at an art that is a talent, a club, a sport, and a job all rolled into one. They are all so committed to putting on the best show possible, with each and every show scheduled! From the first day of the concept, set design, and casting tryouts until the closing performance and set strike the following day, these young people are laser focused, professional, and a blast to work with. We felt so honored to be considered a part of the cast and were treated with such respect. It was a real joy and an eye-opening experience to create a spectacular event. St. Francis Theatre is something to see and is a blessing to experience.”

*Tony & Dar Gubler run a Private Investigation Firm. Their daughter Katie '16 was Stage Manager for “Mary Poppins.”*

## FUN FACTS

- ♦ 200 9-volt batteries were used during the production of “Mary Poppins” for the wireless mics worn by the actors.
- ♦ The Stage Manager and Assistant Stage Managers worked over two hundred hours each to put on the show. They attend all production meetings, rehearsals for vocal, dance, and blocking, builds on Saturdays, tech rehearsals, and shows.
- ♦ Shows are run entirely by students in the Tech Club. All adults are hands-off at all performances, except for five fly operators.
- ♦ There were 61 performers for “Mary Poppins.” Seven of them are tap dancers from our Dance Company and eleven are from elementary and junior high schools. There were 25 Techies and 14 students in the orchestra pit. There were 14 adults on the production team plus ZFX Flying Effects Co.
- ♦ The show was performed eight times to eight sell-out crowds, totalling 4,000 audience members.
- ♦ St. Francis performed two outreach shows to Sacramento area school groups, comprised of 20 different classes from 10 schools: St. John Vianney, St. Philomene, Holy Trinity, Phoebe Hearst, Sacred Heart, St. Mary, Shalom, Carl Sundhal Elementary, Holy Spirit, and Leonardo da Vinci.
- ♦ There two different flying rigs for Mary and Bert’s flights. Bert had five dedicated fly operators.
- ♦ 200 light cues were called during a show. That is one call every 45 seconds.



# ALUMNAE IN THE ARTS

**1985**

**Jeannie Field Ichimura '85** learned to throw on the wheel while living in Japan after college, and ceramics was a hobby for her for more than twenty years. After twelve years in a corporate position with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, she decided to pursue her passion and is now in graduate school working towards her MFA in ceramics. **1**

**1986**

**Maura Knowles '86** is the C.E.O. and founder of Mac-n-Mo's, a Morselicious healthy baking company created in honor of her dad, Mac, and an International Integrative Board Certified Health Coach (A.A.D.P.). She is actively involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles, the Institute for Integrative Nutrition and has served on the host committee for Dr. Oz's non-profit organization, HealthCorps.

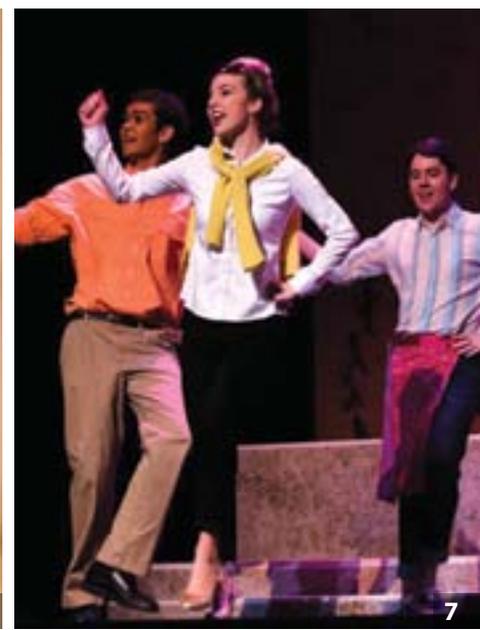
Maura was inspired to write *Insult to Injury* based on her own life and death experiences, turning to her Irish American comedy roots. She believes that a balanced life is important, as it enriches the life of all artists. An avid traveler, a.k.a, The Wanderlust Queen, her singing career has taken her across the globe, inspiring her to trek throughout Europe with a recent visit to her motherland. She's also traveled to Ireland, Greece, Turkey, Bali, Thailand, Japan, China, Africa, the Seychelles, the Caribbean, Mexico, Costa Rica, Peru, French Polynesia, Canada, and throughout most of the United States including Hawaii and Alaska. Her guiding philosophy "It's not what happens to you in life. It's how you deal with it. Well, at least most of the time." **2**

**1999**

**Kiera Mickiewicz Anderson '99** is thrilled to be moving back to Sacramento with her husband Bradford and future Troubies Juna (4) and Finola (1) after nine years in New York and eight years in LA. She will continue teaching yoga, acting and in her position as Assistant to the National Director with the DEA Youth Dance Program. Kiera writes "I'm also excited to be back on campus at St. Francis this summer teaching musical theatre for the summer session." **3**

**2002**

**Karen Bombardier '02** is thrilled to say that she was just offered a teaching position at SF for this summer's Acting One class! She currently attends William Jessup University for her Masters in Teaching with a Multiple Subject Credential. She also teach Performing Arts at Holy Cross Academy in West Sac and spends the summers directing and choreographing musicals at Fair Oaks Theatre Festival.



## 2003

**Rebecca Henning '03** returned to St. Francis Catholic High School to teach Dance. After graduating St. Francis she attended CSU Sacramento where she earned Masters degrees in English and Theater Arts. She spent eight years teaching Dance and Physical Education courses in the Los Rios Community College District and choreographed theatrical productions for Cosumnes River College and Folsom Lake College. Rebecca also taught Dance at many local studios including Hawkins School of Performing Arts, Dance 10, El Dorado Dance Academy, Ovations and led master workshops for California Dance and Movement. Her interests include teaching barre classes at The Dailey Method Folsom and spending time with my husband, Kristian, and her shar pei-lab, Josie. **4**

## 2004

**Stacey Stoddard Burkett '04** started her circus career in 2009 at the Gravity Arts, training under renowned aerialist T'T Robson. Stacey has trained locally in Santa Cruz, as well as at Kinetic Arts in Oakland. While silks has always been her first love, she has also performed some rope, and two years ago, added hand balancing and partner acrobatics to her repertoire. Stacey was a part of Acro5, an all female circus troupe, in 2015, and as a part of the group, performed in last year's Santa Cruz Dance Week, and assistant-produced and performed in a full-length professional aerial and acrobatic show called Luminance. Stacey recently began teaching Beginner Aerial and Acrobatics at Radical Movement Factory in Santa Cruz. She hopes to continue her career in the air with more professional performances in the future, as well as continuing to share her passion through teaching. **5**

## 2011

**Angelica Whaley '11** graduated from Saint Mary's College of California in May 2015 with a degree in Music: Vocal Performance. She attended Saint Mary's on a voice scholarship, the first recipient in the school's history. She had the incredible opportunity to sing at very prestigious events all around the Bay Area as an ambassador to the school as well as travel the world performing with the choirs. Angelica spent a summer in Germany in an intensive opera program. Last April, she sang in Carnegie Hall with the choirs as a featured soloist. She is temporarily living and working in Sacramento right now, doing a lot of performing in Northern California for private events. **6**

## 2015

**Annie Randle '15** is performing in Legally Blonde at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. She plays a few parts including Elle's mom and the sales girl. She also auditioned and won the role as the Anchor of the Vanderbilt TV station, V-TV. She anchors the school TV station on their weekly broadcasts. **7**



*Peter Strawn is in his eighth year at St. Francis. He began working as the school's Academic Technology Specialist last summer after teaching English for seven years. In addition to assisting with the roll-out of Chromebooks, he coaches the FIRST Robotics team, provides training to faculty and staff, and develops STEM curriculum. Mr. Strawn is also a Google Certified Educator.*

# THE POWER OF CHROME

BY PETER STRAWN

Next school year, St. Francis is undergoing a tremendous shift in its 1:1 initiative. Rather than giving students iPads, the school is going to deploy brand-new Google Chromebooks to all four classes. While on the surface this seems like a major transition, it is truly the next step in the evolution of technology on campus.

St. Francis first adopted Google Apps for Education (GAFE) during the 2011-12 school year. GAFE gave the school an all-in-one platform that combined email, a calendar, and office programs for the creation of documents, spreadsheets, and presentations. Since that time, these tools have made a profound impact on classroom instruction and student learning.

Being in a 1:1 environment has helped both teachers and students to harness the power of GAFE. Teachers have had the ability to share documents paperlessly and efficiently, to provide personalized, specific feedback on student work, and to establish a classroom culture built on the four C's: communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Students, too, have been able to store their work in the cloud and access their assignments from any connected device.

With the increase in quality of Chromebooks, it has only made sense to move in this direction. The specific model the school has chosen--Acer Chromebook R11--will have both touch-screen and flip capabilities to mimic the feel of a tablet while harnessing the speed and power of a laptop. It is only the second Chromebook developed that has these features and represents an impressive shift in what technology can offer our students. Also, it will have a full physical keyboard and ports for additional memory using USB drives and SD cards, and it is designed to work almost entirely in the cloud with the goal of giving users a fast and efficient experience.

Pilot deployment began in January with 34 faculty and staff members and 8 student interns. After only a couple weeks of use, one English teacher remarked, "The Chromebook is truly the best of both worlds -- the fun and ease of an iPad with the power and performance of a laptop. I am thrilled with this new option." One of our math teachers also voiced a positive experience: "My ability to move between tasks in the classroom has improved tremendously after making the switch from my iPad to my new Chromebook."

One student, in a manner only a student could, just said, "IT'S AWESOME!" Thanks to the hard work of this group of pilot users; we look forward to a great next step in our technology program.





Mr. Brabec's freshman theology students collaborated on a group project with one Chromebook per group.

"As a teacher, I loved being able to have all of the group projects shared with me. I could have each one open in a tab and walk around with the Chromebook, having each project open as I checked in with each group."

Patrick Brabec, Theology Teacher

"I think that the Chromebooks are awesome! I really love all the features that they offer and they are much more efficient and much faster than the iPads."

Amirah Rogers '19





Top: Fiona & fellow Chase the Race reporter Sean O'Connor in front of the CNN news tent. Below: Fiona interviews a representative for Bernie Sanders at his Houston campaign headquarters. Fiona & Sean at the CNN news desk and with CNN reporter Chris Cuomo.





*Fiona is a freshman here at St. Francis and is her class treasurer. She has also been involved in a few on-campus clubs, and participates in CSF. Outside of school, Fiona has been a member of Sacramento Theatre Company's Young Professionals Conservatory for three years. She is also a Girl Scout and has earned her Silver and Bronze Award.*

# CHASE THE RACE 2016: REPORTING ON THE REPUBLICAN DEBATE

BY FIONA ROSS '19

Envision is a program that offers career and leadership experiences for students around the world. I have been lucky enough to be invited to multiple Envision leadership summer camps, and have always had a wonderful time. As an alumni, they provide opportunities in career fields in which you may be interested. One of these opportunities is *Chase the Race*. I filmed a video and sent it to Envision, and they selected 27 finalists from across the United States. Then, my supportive friends and family voted for me on Facebook to represent Envision as one of the twelve *Chase the Race* reporters this year.

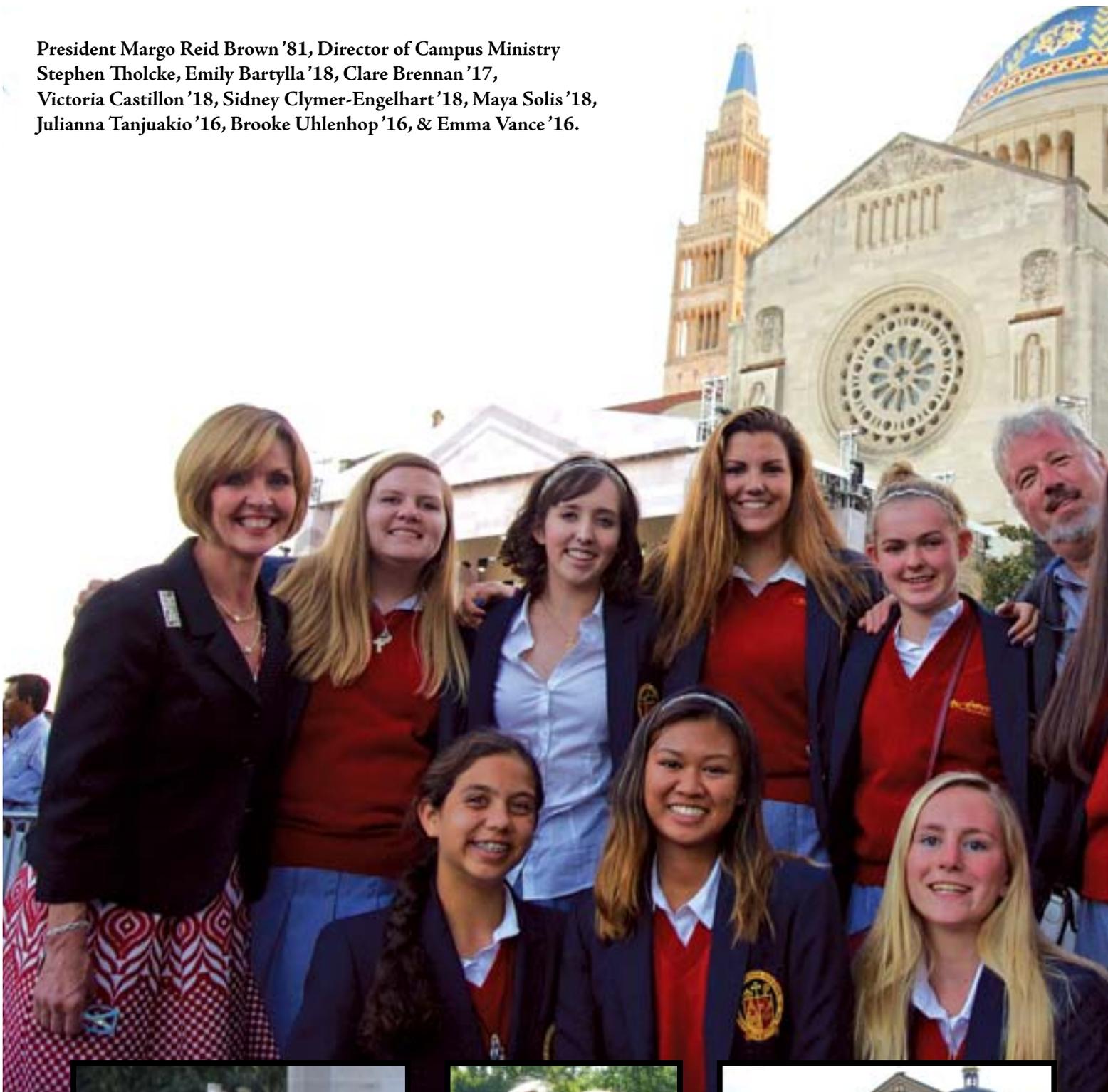
I had an incredible experience as a *Chase the Race 2016* reporter, and I learned a great deal about the fast paced world of journalism. Talking to the students at University of Houston and a political science professor allowed me to see a unique perspective on the presidential campaigns. Also, having the opportunity to interview Chris Cuomo, a television journalist with CNN, gave me an insightful look into his profession. Some more memorable moments were sitting at the CNN news desk, and seeing Ben Carson, albeit just the back of his head, and he's no longer in the race.

The students at University of Houston had truly eye opening opinions about the election, and were very open on how they felt about candidates and what issues are facing the youth today. Recurring issues that the youth on campus spoke about were college costs, women's rights and religious tolerance. I was not surprised to find out these issues mattered to the students at the University of Houston because it is one of the most diverse colleges in the country, and many of my fellow Troubies had similar opinions when I interviewed them before leaving for Houston. Students are worried about how much college is going to cost them, and many of the people I spoke to felt as if Bernie Sanders was the only candidate with a plan for how they will afford higher education. When I talked to Dr. Murray, a political science professor from University of Houston, he told me that today's youth is the first generation questioning the "American Dream", and if they are going to have a better or more successful future than their parents.

Dr. Murray also mentioned how this election is not only changing the game for future campaigns, but it is changing the dynamic of social acceptability. We have candidates like Donald Trump, who has said outrageous things, but still has a large following, and is ahead in the polls. This election is making voters question how outrageous a candidate can act and still win the election.

We are currently at a crucial moment in the election cycle, and it was eye-opening to experience one of the events up close. The next nine months will be a roller coaster of policies and debates for both parties until citizens finally vote for the candidate they believe will best lead our nation. I believe the youth's voice is pertinent to the outcome of this election, and that everyone with the ability to vote should take advantage of that opportunity. The youth in America make a voice of change. This voice of change is calling out for a candidate who speaks to their needs of affordable higher education, equal rights, and religious tolerance. Regardless of who the youth of America vote for in November, they will have been engaged in this election and have played a pivotal role in the process.

President Margo Reid Brown '81, Director of Campus Ministry  
Stephen Tholcke, Emily Bartylla '18, Clare Brennan '17,  
Victoria Castillon '18, Sidney Clymer-Engelhart '18, Maya Solis '18,  
Julianna Tanjuakio '16, Brooke Uhlenhop '16, & Emma Vance '16.





*Brooke has been a member of the St. Francis choir for four years - in both Concert and Chamber Choirs. She has been on the water polo team for two years and the swim team for three. Brooke is also an Ambassador, a member of the yearbook committee, and a member of multiple campus clubs. She has been a Girl Scout for 11 years.*

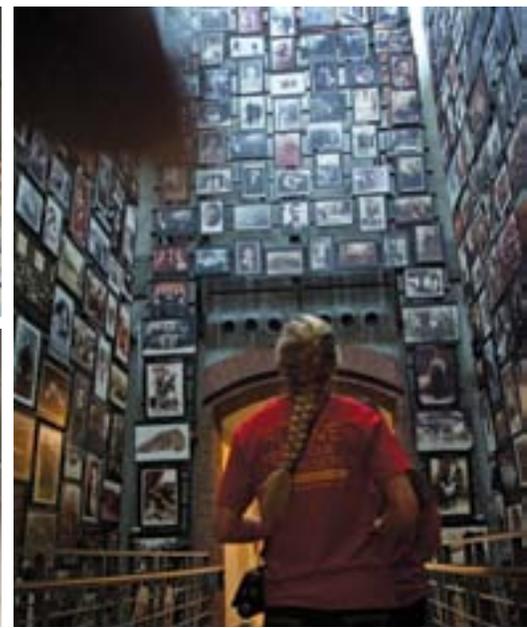
# THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

BY BROOKE UHLENHOP '16

On September 23, 2015, Blessed Junipero Serra became the first Saint to be Canonized in the United States. St. Francis was given the honor of sending a delegation to witness the Mass of Canonization with our Holy Father Pope Francis at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Washington, D.C. Two student members of the delegation, Brooke Uhlenhop '16 & Julianna Tanjuakio '16, share their life changing journey.

**Tuesday, September 22:** We left Sacramento at 5:00AM (which sounded awful but it ended up not being so bad) for the trip of a lifetime. The anticipation of the next days kept me awake and ready for our adventure. We flew from Sacramento to Washington, D.C. with a layover in Chicago. Our flight from Chicago to D.C. had a lot of other pilgrims, and the plane was buzzing with excitement. The whole time I was thinking about how I could not believe that I was going to witness history. After we landed, got settled in our hotel rooms and took a short rest, we were ready for more adventures. I love US history and I've always wanted to visit D.C. so I was - well, we all were - super excited to go to the National Mall. We took the Metro during rush hour and it was very stressful and scary for us first timers, but after a few trips, we were pros at it. Our first meal in Washington D.C. was at "Love & Pizza" and honestly it was the best pizza I have ever had. We saw almost all of the National Mall that night. Seeing the White House and sitting on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial were the highlights of my day. By the time we got back to our hotel, we were all so exhausted but excited for what was to come!

**Wednesday, September 23:** Waking up early didn't even phase me because it was the big day! We went to a cute diner in Arlington, Virginia for breakfast. We arrived at Catholic University a little bit before schedule and it was totally worth it because we ended up getting second row seats. When we walked in, we received a bag containing the event program and other scrapbook-worthy items, including a Pope rain poncho and water bottle! It really hit me that we were going to see the Holy Father when we walked up the hill and the Basilica of the National Shrine appeared before us. It was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen! Being interviewed by Cristina Mendonsa from News 10 was awesome, and I sent a text to my mom right away because we watch them every night. After waiting for what felt like a lifetime, the Pope finally arrived in his Popemobile, making his way around all the people

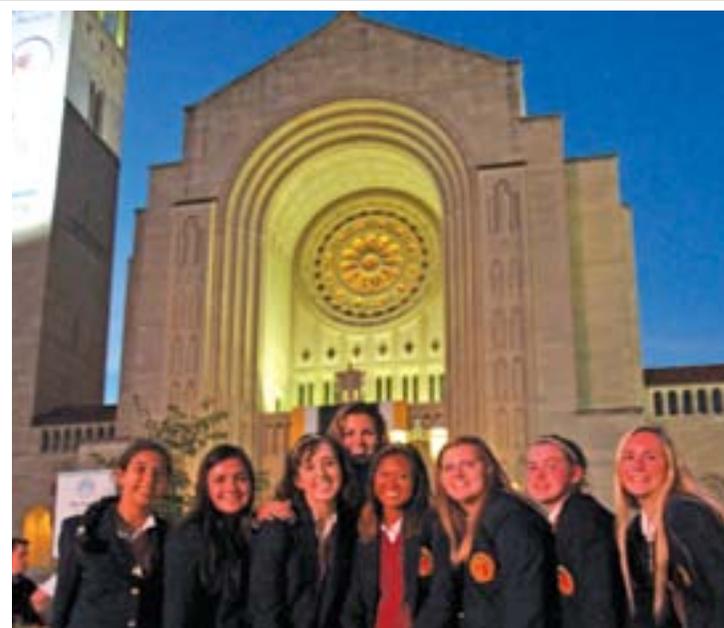


and going into the church. Being with thousands of Catholics and non-Catholics was so special; it felt like one giant family. It was amazing to see how people came together for this special event! Members of the Kennedy family, Jeb Bush, David Muir and many other political figures and celebrities were there. Even though the Pope was speaking in Spanish, I could feel the impact of what he was saying and his message of love will stick with me forever. The Mass lasted about two hours, and those were two of the most spectacular hours of each of our lives. It was definitely worth the six hours in the sun. We were on multiple live feeds of the canonization, including CNN and FOX news, which was awesome because so many people from home were able to see us. After the Mass we participated in phone interviews with Sacramento radio and TV stations and then went out to dinner. I don't know if it was because we were all starving, but that was the best Italian food I have ever had. Thinking back on that day, I still can't believe that we saw Pope Francis canonize a Saint for the first time in the United States.

**Thursday, September 24:** Even though the canonization was over, our adventures were not! Our day started with Mass at the *Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America* for a Mass of Thanksgiving for Saint Junipero Serra. People from Saint Serra's home town were there, as well as other Franciscans and other invited guests. The Monastery replicates many of the sites of the Holy Land. There we spoke to Father Ken from Saint Francis Parish in Sacramento (my parish) and he told us how he delivered the plea of canonization to Pope Francis. He also gave us relics of Saint Junipero Serra! (Another scrapbook item!) At the brunch after the Mass, we sat with two nuns from Wisconsin, two of the most insightful, outgoing, and spectacular women I have ever met. I loved hearing their stories about their journeys in life. After that we went to Georgetown

to have dinner with some alumnae who live in the area. We then walked with alumnae Tashi De Sousa '13 and Aly Pachter '15 to Georgetown University where they gave us a quick tour and lots of practical advice about college. That night is when we bonded a lot. We stayed up talking for many hours which probably wasn't a good thing, but after that, I knew these girls were going to be my friends for a long time. Also I think this was the day Clare got lost (and found!) on the metro.

**Friday, September 25:** Friday was the busiest day of the whole trip. We had a rough start and a bittersweet ending. Waking up late put us a little behind schedule. Our first stop was breakfast at the same neighborhood diner. Second was the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which was absolutely awe-inspiring. When I first arrived, I was given the name of a person who lived during the holocaust. At the end of the tour, I learned that my person perished in Auschwitz. The museum included many things that helped visitors get a feel of what life was like for Jews during World War II, which helped me learn more about the holocaust. I think we could have spent the whole day there because it was so moving. Next we visited the Capitol and House of Representatives to meet with U.S. Congressman Ami Bera. After we met with him, we had a private guided tour of the U.S. Capitol. We were there when John Boehner resigned from his role as Speaker of the House. We nearly were run over by paparazzi and news crews rushing into the press conference. Flying home was when it really hit me that I just experienced all of these amazing things. I was excited to be home but I was sad to leave the city I fell in love with, and be away from the people that shared this amazing journey with me. This trip changed my life and will be something I'll remember forever. I am thankful for St. Francis Catholic High School, my parents, and my grandparents for giving me the opportunity to experience the trip of a lifetime!



Going to Washington D.C. as one of the eight student representatives of St. Francis Catholic High School was one of the biggest blessings in my life. I'd never been to D.C. before this trip, and I loved it. Going to the tourist sights, such as the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the White House really brought to life the rich history of the United States. My favorite day of the trip was definitely the Canonization Mass of the Blessed Junípero Serra at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception at The Catholic University of America. It was incredible, going from standing in the place where history was made, to being right where history was taking place. The congregation of hundreds of thousands of people consisted of people from many different countries and cultures, who have all come together in the name of one faith. Pope Francis' homily stressed the importance of *siempre adelante*, which translates to keep moving forward. This idea is not just strictly a Catholic teaching; it is a universal message that everyone can relate to, no matter his or her religious background. Everyone can strive to keep moving forward. Since hearing this message, I have been inspired to keep moving forward each day. Overall, my four-day journey and exposure to so many different cultures uncovered the power of religion and its ability to unite people under a single faith.

**JULIANNA TANJUAKIO '16**



*Julianna is involved with Campus Ministry at St. Francis and lectors at Mass with her father at Sacred Heart Parish. She served as Student Council Ministry Coordinator her Junior year and is a Kairos intern. Julianna attended Kairos 55 her Junior year and recently led Kairos 58. Outside of school, she has been a coxswain with River City Rowing for the past three years.*

# FALL SPORTS

**CROSS COUNTRY:** The team finished eighth at the CIF State Championships, recording a Top-10 finish for the fifth consecutive season. Sydney Vandegrift '18 led the team as the Troubadours were second overall at the Sac-Joaquin Section and Delta League meets.

**GOLF:** The golf team finished fourth at the Sac-Joaquin Section Masters Tournament after winning the Delta League title and going undefeated in league play. Kate Swanson '16 joined Olivia Alcoran '19 and Patricia Sweeney '19 on the all-league team by virtue of the scores throughout the season. Swanson was named to the all-league team for the third consecutive year.

**TENNIS:** The tennis team advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Section semifinals and won the Delta League title with a 15-2 overall record under head coach Kristi Spector, including an 11-1 Delta League mark to finish tied for first with Franklin. It was the first league title since 2012. Avery Spector '16 was named the Delta League Most Valuable Player by a vote of the coaches and earned all-league honors for the third consecutive season.

**VOLLEYBALL:** The volleyball team went 20-16 on the season and finished third in the Delta League standings. The Troubadours advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Section Division II playoffs, advancing to the quarterfinals under veteran coach Alynn Wright. Ashlynn Fresques '16 joined Kelsey Grover '17 and Claire Schutz '17 on the all-league team.

**WATER POLO:** Sally Ferguson '17 scored two times in the fourth period to help St. Francis to a 6-5 victory over Davis to win the Sac-Joaquin Section Division I Championship. It was the fourth section title in water polo for St. Francis in school history and first since 2008. The Troubadours were well represented on the Sac-Joaquin Section teams selected by the area coaches, earning three first-team members and three second-team choices.

**COLLEGE COMMITMENTS:** Thirteen Troubadours participated in the Fall National Letter-of-Intent and College Commitment Celebration. Ariane Arndt '16, who will attend UC-Berkeley out of the Pac-12 Conference, headlined a class representing seven sports committing to 12 different schools including Brown, UC Berkeley, Cal-State Northridge, Colorado State, Fordham, Loyola Marymount, Michigan State, San Jose State, Santa Clara, UCLA, UC San Diego, and Yale. Five seniors signed to play soccer in college next fall at schools across the country and were celebrated at a National Signing Day ceremony. The Troubadours who signed include Hailey Barrett '16 (UC Santa Barbara,) Aly Barr '16 (William Jessup,) Erin Barr '16 (The Master's College,) Rhys Wynbrandt '16 (Hawaii Pacific,) and Ashley Newland '16 (Louisiana at Lafayette.)



## TROUBADOURS EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION IN "SPORTS ILLUSTRATED"

St. Francis basketball senior Lauren Craig and water polo senior Ally Tambornini were both recognized with features in the "Faces in the Crowd" segment of *Sports Illustrated*. Craig was in the May 2, 2016 edition and Tambornini was selected for the December 7, 2015 issue of *Sports Illustrated*. Craig is recognized for her part in helping the Troubadours reach the CIF Division I State Championship game and winning the NorCal and Delta League Championships. Tambornini helped St. Francis win the Sac-Joaquin Section title in 2015.





# TROUBIES FINISH STRONG

## MAGICAL BASKETBALL SEASON HIGHLIGHTED BY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BERTH

The St. Francis basketball team's postseason run ended with a loss in the CIF Division I State Championship but not before posting a set of accomplishments that will be remembered forever in the school's history books. "The class and grace that they showed in winning was also evident in defeat," said Head Coach Vic Pitton. "They are the epitome of what high school athletics in all about."

St. Francis lost 64-51 to Brea Olinda in their quest for the second state championship in school history. The Troubadours had not reached the state final since the school won the Division III title in 1993, bringing back memories from alumnae and fans alike. Several members of the 1993 attended the state final at Sleep Train Arena.

The Troubadours won the 2016 NorCal Division I Championship with a memorable second-half comeback to reach the CIF State Championship game. St. Francis also won the Delta League with a perfect 14-0 record, reached the Sac-Joaquin Section final against then-national No. 1 St. Mary's and finished with a 29-6 overall record.

Lauren Craig '16 was the Delta League Player of the Year and an All-Metro first-team selection. She eclipsed the 1,000-point and 1,000-rebound marks for her career, leading a group of five seniors who led the postseason run. Tia Hay '16 and Kyra Huffman '16 joined guard Janae Fairbrook '17 earning All-Metro honorable mention honors. Hay and Craig both earned All-State nominations and played in the Optimist All-Star game.

## VIC PITTON NAMED SACRAMENTO BEE COACH OF THE YEAR

Head Coach Vic Pitton was named the Sacramento Bee Girls Coach of the Year for the 2015-16 season. "It was energizing," said Pitton of coaching this team to the state finals. "The character that they had, the youthfulness they showed throughout the season and the joy they exhibited for each other and the competition was rewarding to me and made it all worth-while."

Pitton, who was also the Delta League Coach of the Year, is in his 14th season at St. Francis as the varsity basketball coach. He led teams to eight league and three section titles during his tenure and his Troubadours have earned 294 victories under his direction. The Nor Cal Championship in 2016 is the first in his career.

"It is certainly an honor to receive the award," said Pitton. "It is representative of our entire coaching staff, certainly not just me. Unless the players perform really well, you are not in consideration. It really shows for the whole program – the players who performed and the whole coaching staff that helped get them there."

Pitton was joined on the coaching staff by alumnae Sole Montemayor '01 and Maren Martinelli Christie '00 and Ron Blanchette and Bobby Williams.



# BUILT ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

## ALYNN WRIGHT HEAD VARSITY VOLLEYBALL COACH



Head Volleyball Coach Alynn Wright is one of the most decorated coaches in California prep history and she will coach her 28th year at St. Francis Catholic High School in 2016 and 31st overall as a head coach at the high school level.

St. Francis was led to the 2005 CIF State Championship and 2012 runner-up finish by Wright. Overall, the Troubadours have recorded thirteen Top-3 Nor Cal finishes and twelve Sac-Joaquin Section titles under her tutelage.

Alynn has coached four All-Americans during her career, including her own daughter Taryn '06, and tutored over 30 student-athletes who went on to play collegiate volleyball. She was named the League Coach of the Year fourteen times in her career and the Sacramento Bee has selected her Coach of the Year three times.

Coach Wright was named to the Justin Sienna High School Hall of Fame in 2012 and the Sac-Joaquin Section Hall of Fame in 2014.

## AL LOGIUDICE ASSISTANT VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH



Al LoGiudice is in his 27th season working with the St. Francis softball program in 2016. He is serving as an assistant in 2016 after leading the program as a co-head coach with his best friend Kevin Warren for the last 16 years. They have coached together off and on for 26 years.

St. Francis has won nine league titles during his tenure on the diamond and led the team to two Sac-Joaquin Section second-place finishes.

LoGiudice started coaching baseball as a student at Jesuit High School for a local league. He coached for one season at Bishop Manogue High School before moving to his current position at St. Francis and has been a teacher in the Diocese of Sacramento since 1988.

His daughter, Alexa, is a 2014 graduate of St. Francis and currently is a sophomore at Dominican University, where she is a captain on the volleyball team.

# ST. FRANCIS ATHLETICS IS COMMITTED TO THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG WOMEN

## MARYCLAIRE ROBINSON '86 HEAD VARSITY SOCCER COACH



Former University of California, Davis women's soccer coach and St. Francis alumna MaryClaire Robinson was named the head coach for the St. Francis soccer program in 2016 after serving the 2015 season as the interim head coach. "I have such fond memories of walking these halls and representing the Troubadours," said Robinson, who took over initially for Rosella Kelly. "St. Francis was instrumental in my growth personally and athletically. To have this opportunity to give back is phenomenal."

Robinson led the Troubadours to a Sac-Joaquin Section finals berth before falling to Franklin 3-0 in the championship match in her first season and earned the prestigious NSCAA Team Academic Award.

Robinson posted a 201-169-34 record during her tenure on the Aggies' sideline. She led UC Davis to titles in the Northern California Athletic Conference and the California Collegiate Athletic Association. UC Davis also advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2002 NCAA Division II tournament.

## KOLLEEN KASSIS McNAMEE '91 SFHS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR 2001-2012



Kolleen McNamee led the St. Francis Athletic Department as Athletic Director for eleven years, supervising more than 45 coaches and over 500 student-athletes in twelve different sports and 26 individual teams.

The Troubadours had tremendous success under McNamee, winning 52 Sac-Joaquin Section titles during her tenure. Behind the strength of a state championship in the sport of volleyball, St. Francis was named the Cal-Hi Sports State Girls School of the Year in 2005. The Troubadours also won a record-breaking four section titles in 2010-2011 among five section finalists.

She was recognized as the California State Athletic Directors Association (CSADA) Norm MacKensie Rookie Athletic Director of the Year in 2004 and was the CSADA Athletic Director of the Year for the Sac-Joaquin Section in 2009. She was a standout on the soccer pitch during her own career at St. Francis and is a member of the Cal Poly Hall of Fame.



*Steve Shaff is in his third year as the Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Information at St. Francis. He assists with the day-to-day operation of Athletics and coordinates all communication efforts for the department.*

# TROUBIE TV: BRINGING SF ATHLETICS TO THE WORLD

BY STEVE SHAFF

Grandma and Grandpa would love to watch their granddaughters compete in their high school athletic contests but live outside California. Now they can on TroubieTV thanks to the St. Francis Sports Media Club. "TroubieTV is a really good opportunity for me," said sophomore Grace Horner. "I don't think there is anything like this at other schools. I really enjoy announcing and broadcasting games. It is giving me experience for later in life."

TroubieTV is the Sports Media Club broadcasts of St. Francis sports games via PlayOn!, a web-streaming company specializing in high school sports, on the NFHS Network. The service is free to all St. Francis families. Over the last year, the club has showcased more than 80 Troubadour basketball, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, volleyball contests and school events like National Signing Day celebrations. "I am going to major in Sports Media and Production in college," said senior Ugonne Okugo. "I wanted to get a taste of it before I entered college. I like the club because it gives me a chance to learn how to film, produce and announce in a quick manner of time."

Assistant AD Steve Shaff, a veteran of more than 20 years in collegiate athletics, started the program at St. Francis. With the help of the Booster Club, the school was able to purchase two HD video cameras and other announcing equipment. The club started with a grass roots effort on campus and has grown to 66 students signing up this fall.

The broadcasts can be viewed live online or on your mobile device or watched on demand. The club recently showcased a varsity basketball game played against Davis High School at Sleep Train Arena. The crew sat courtside in the Kings' television location. "I loved going behind the scenes at the Kings game and I saw myself in the future doing play-by-play and player interviews at a big arena," said sophomore Marianne Hayes. "I have learned to just go for it and not hold back. I want to keep the conversations going and be really descriptive. The camera is only showing what is right in front of you. It is nice to describe the feeling in the game. I have loved learning to keep talking."

TroubieTV will show numerous contests each season from campus and other venues across Sacramento. "It is pretty cool because you can go home and watch it to evaluate your performance and accomplishments in the game," said sophomore Isabella Quiniola, who played on the junior varsity basketball team.

The purpose of the Sports Media Club is to increase exposure and help build the St. Francis brand to stakeholders by offering events for viewing with full mobile capability, including phone, Internet-enabled TV and tablet. The experiential opportunities include broadcast announcing, sports filming and production of the events. The club meets monthly at lunch to listen to speakers in the industry from the local area including Frances Wang '10 from News10 and radio personality Morgan Ragan.

TroubieTV showcased the Homecoming Rally and it was watched by over 450 people live and 250 on demand in the first few days following the event.



Top: Troubadours Bridget Foy '16, Jordan Falconer '19, Meg Anderson '16, and Amaya Barnes '17 broadcast a volleyball game this fall. Below: The Sports Media Club crew takes the show on the road to a water polo match at Jesuit High School. Hailey Barrett '16 talks about her signing her National Letter of Intent with UC Santa Barbara with Grace Horner '18 and Marianne Hayes '18 on the Signing day broadcast. The St. Francis game at Sleep Train Arena was shown live just like the NBA games every night.



# Diamond Gala

APRIL 23, 2016

On Saturday, April 23, 2016, St. Francis Catholic High School shined brightly in celebration of its 75 years with more than 450 parents, alumnae, friends and supporters toasting this great achievement at the Revelry Diamond Gala & Auction! The evening's success demonstrated the incredible generosity of our community and for the third year in a row, we raised more than \$640,000 for our Troubadours!

We were blessed with a beautiful spring evening as guests strolled the campus under diamond garland and pillars of rich flora. It was truly a red carpet entrance! Revelers took to the bid sheets as they jockeyed for their favorite silent auction items while mingling among the crowd. Our Show Choir and SF Players entertained the room with a fun decades mash-up from the 1940's to today!

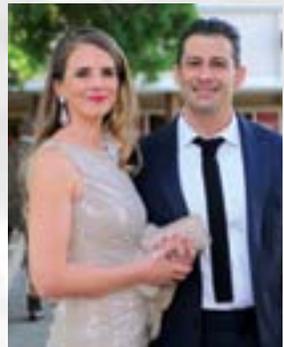
The highlight of the night was the amazing and dynamic performance by David Garibaldi. The crowd stood on their feet and never stopped applauding while portraits of the Statue of Liberty, Prince and Einstein artistically appeared on canvas. We were delighted when Garibaldi painted a surprise fourth piece – the profile of Jesus – to donate to St. Francis in recognition of our 75th Anniversary.

Through the generosity of our Revelry guests, the "Hands Up for Troubies" raised over \$130,000 earmarked for the much needed facelift to the heart of our campus, Serra Court.

A very special thank you to our Revelry Sponsors, especially our Presenting Sponsors John Cook (Cathleen '79 and Laurie '81) and Katina Raption (Lexi Karres '17) and Mel Raption Honda for their continued commitment and support of the mission of St. Francis Catholic High School. Joining our Presenting Sponsors were many St. Francis families, friends and alumnae who supported Revelry through various sponsorship levels.

The evening was a culmination of a year-long effort by our dedicated Revelry Committee under the leadership of our magnificent chairs, Maria Reid Vail '82 (Jacqueline '17 & Christina '19) and Diane Geremia McLaughlin '82 (Megan '16). More than 50 of our amazing parents demonstrated their talents and creativity in committee positions from silent auction acquisitions to live auction, decorations, dishwashing, donation entry and pickup, set-up and CLEAN-UP! An additional 150 parents volunteered during the days leading into the event and the night of Revelry to make it a huge success. We are forever grateful to our incredible parent community!

Now in its 10th year, Revelry has become the school's major fundraising event with its earnings supporting the outstanding educational programs offered at St. Francis Catholic High School. Revelry's success allows St. Francis to continue to provide enhanced opportunities for challenge and growth in a faith-filled, college-preparatory academic environment.



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# Diamond Jubilee

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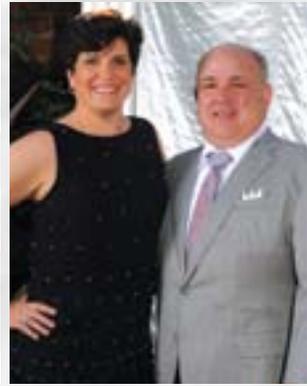
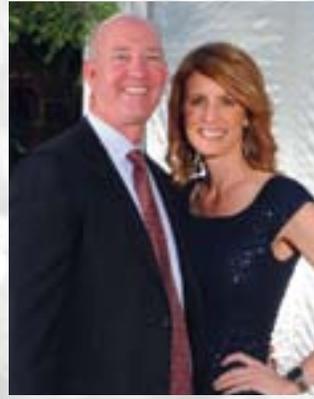
In Memory of Sandra Geary Cook '54

**Katina Rapton**

(LEXI KARRS '17)

**Mel Rapton Honda**





## *Sponsors' Cocktail Reception*

Revelry sponsors enjoyed a wonderful reception at the beautiful Arden Oaks home of Lisa and Michael Koewler on April 7th. Revelry anticipation and excitement built as sponsors received a preview glimpse of live auction items. We thank the Koewler family for their gracious hospitality!



## FEBRUARY 6, 2016 | CRAB FEED

Over 740 supporters filled the SF gym on February 6th at the annual St. Francis Crab Feed. Guests enjoyed a scrumptious meal of salad, rigatoni and meat sauce and plenty of crab—all served by our very own Troubies! Meal preparation is serious business for the dedicated crew of volunteers, many of whom have guarded the secret meat sauce recipe of “Mike the Barber” for years. The gym was rockin’ late into the night with the return of *Clean Slate!* A very special thank you to our Crab Feed Chair, Nathan Carnahan (Maddie ’16) for his dedication and the hundreds of parent volunteers who made the 2016 Crab Feed another huge success! We hope to see you next year on Saturday, February 4, 2017!



ALUMNAE IN ATTENDANCE  
AT THE CRAB FEED



# ALUMNAE UPDATES



## ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## GET INVOLVED WITH THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Please consider joining this special group of alums. All St. Francis graduates are members of the Alumnæ Association and are encouraged to serve their fellow alumnæ and the school community by sharing their talents, ideas and positive energy! All are welcome to attend the meetings. For more information about serving on the board and meeting dates, contact: Dawn Winston Cullo '91 Alumnæ & Constituent Relations [dcullo@stfrancis.org](mailto:dcullo@stfrancis.org) 916.737.5020

## 1971

**Fran Jaksich Dowell '71** was inducted into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame in Las Vegas on September 28, 2015. Her election was in her first year of eligibility and was in the category of "Director." Involved in Senior Softball since 1998, Fran became the first female Executive Director of a major softball organization in 2006. She previously served as SSUSA's National Tournament Director and Marketing Director. In both 2009 and 2012, Fran also received the National Award of Excellence from Sports Events Magazine as one of the top 12 sports promoters in America. "I am very honored to be elected into the 2015 Hall of Fame," said Fran. "I have always thought of myself as the luckiest girl in the world to have so many wonderful friends in Senior Softball." She is a former recipient of the prestigious SFHS Lifetime Achievement Award for her career in Senior Softball. In an interesting coincidence, Fran was inducted to the Hall of Fame by Terry Hennessy, the C.E.O. of Sacramento based Senior Softball USA, who is the father of SFHS graduate Jayme Hennessy '01. **1**

## 1974

**Debra Cattuzzo '74** retired in 2010 with over thirty years working as a Criminal Investigator for the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. She is currently working for a private company doing background investigations for police officer candidates for several Northern California Police agencies. Debra's daughter, Isabella, will be a freshman at St. Francis in the fall. **2**



*Sarah Hurst Dalske '97 bought a new home in Nashville and welcomed her newest addition to the family, Mary Ann Dalske, born on September 8, 2015. She was baptized in October and her godparents are Erin Apgar Van Parys '97 and husband Joel Van Parys.*

## 1985

**Jana Platina Phipps '85** attributes her passion for trimmings and accessories to wearing a school uniform. "Accessories were my tool for creative expression!" says Jana. After graduating UC Berkeley she moved to New York City to pursue a career in design. She fell in love with a trimmings factory and her career has grown to working with factories around the world. Jana develops trim collections of cords, fringes, ribbons and tapes for both home decor and fashion. She speaks and writes frequently on the art of Passementerie and is a design blogger and social media personality known as Trim Queen. **3**

## 1991

**Colleen O'Brien Warren '91** was thrilled to attend the annual congressional picnic last June on the White House lawn in Washington, D.C. Colleen lives in the bay area with her husband Rob Warren and kids Julia (11) and Max (8). **4**

In 2004 **Dawn Winston Cullo '91** started her blog which has provided her many opportunities. Recently, she attended the *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* Global Press Event in Los Angeles. Her press group interviewed Harrison Ford, Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac, Lupita Nyong'o, Director J.J. Abrams and CEO of Lucasfilm, Kathleen Kennedy. Dawn credits her time as a student at St. Francis for giving her the confidence she needs to believe in herself and follow her dreams. **5**

## 1998

**Megan Quinn Bluntzer '98** and her husband Shay welcomed a daughter, Mary Claire, on January 4, 2016. She was 7 lbs, 15 oz and 19.5 inches. Mary Claire joins her proud big brother Owen, 3 1/2 years old. **6**

## 2001

**Carah Santos Lunn '01** recently married Michael Lunn, on October 3, 2015 in San Francisco. They met when she was in medical school at Penn State, and they chose San Francisco as the destination for their wedding since they shared many wonderful memories in the city while doing her residency in Pediatrics at Stanford. Carah writes, "We shared this amazing day with so many family and friends, including several SFHS alumnæ, and my sister **Trish Santos Corns '93** who stood by my side as my matron of honor. Michael and I are both Allergists/Immunologists and work at the same medical practice in Portland, Maine. While we have enjoyed starting our lives together in New England, we are thrilled to be moving to Denver, where I previously lived when I completed my fellow-ship training in Pediatric Allergy/Immunology, this summer."

**7** *Trish Santos Corns '93 & Carah Santos Lunn '01*

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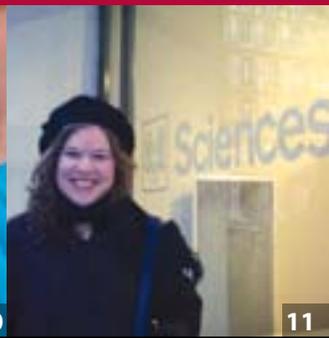
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## 2002

**Claudia Castaneda '02** is beginning her fifth year as an expatriate in Milan, Italy. She is currently completing her final thesis for a Masters in Visual Arts & Curatorial studies while working full time as the Study Abroad Milan Program Coordinator for students studying at Cattolica University, NABA, and Domus Academy. In between travel, work and research, she finds time to keep playing soccer on a couple of local teams including F.C. Pasturago. **8**

**Christine Huang '02** received her Ph.D in 2013 in biochemistry/biophysics from Columbia University in New York and is now completing her postdoctoral training at Genentech in South San Francisco. Catherine writes "There is another SFHS grad here too, **Ingrid Wertz Humke '88** and she's doing phenomenal research and we had some fun reminiscing about our time in high school." Christine shared a few of her favorite memories from her SF days: "Exploring Mr. Norman's Disney-memorabilia-laden shelves, the cat dissection in Anatomy class, trying to persuade Mr. Agos to let us through the roof hatch in his office, attempting crosswords in Mr. Schwing's class, late nights and Chex Mix dinners during Yearbook."

**Annie Arupo '02** has been working for Travelers Insurance for 10 years and currently is a bodily injury claims adjuster. She owns a home in Rancho Cordova. Annie loves to salsa and bachata dance and tries to travel as much as possible for festivals around the world for it. She absolutely loves being an aunt to her Nephew, Xavier, son of her sister **Grace Arupo Rodriguez '96**.

**Dr. Ashley Chaffin '02** is currently serving as the 1st Cavalry Division Psychiatrist at Fort Hood, TX. She has two children, Aja (5) and Roman (4), and is married to MAJ Karleton Dempsey.

**Caitlin Emmerich Collamore '02** and her husband Adam Collamore live in Fort Worth, TX. She recently became a mom to twins Maximilian and Eloise, and is enjoying staying home with them full time.

**Christina Gallawa Kellner '02** is a nurse at UC Davis in the neurosurgical ICU and also works as a house supervisor at Mark Twain Medical Center in San Andreas on a per diem basis. She's been married for the past four years but she and her husband have been together for 13 years. They're were blessed with their daughter, Zoe, 2 1/2 years ago. They own a house in Carmichael where they live with their daughter, dog and two cats.

**Erin Ryan '02** earned her Master's Degree in Social Work in 2010 and since has been dedicated in her work serving disadvantaged children and foster youth. She currently works in a south Sacramento school and has been featured on capital public radio and the Sacramento Bee for her work providing families and children with access to food, clothing and other basic needs.

## 2003

**Katie Solie Brunetti '03** graduated from the University of San Diego in 2007, and has worked at the University in the Athletic Department for the past eight years. Katie recently moved back to Sacramento with her husband, Don, and two dogs, and has accepted a position in the Advancement Department at St. Francis. Katie and Don will be welcoming their first child, a future Troubie, in May and are excited to be closer to family and to start this next chapter of their lives! **9**

**Barbara Frazier Gluvers '03** and her husband Joseph welcomed baby Emmanuelle Leigh Gluvers into their family. Baby Emmanuelle arrived at 3:07am on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 and weighed in at 8 lbs. 5 oz. and is 19 inches long. Congratulations to the Gluvers Family and big sister Olivia. **10**

**Adrienne Manuel Pendleton '03** is the French teacher at Christian Academy of Louisville in Kentucky. Her classroom is decorated with flags of French speaking countries, maps, nostalgic black-and-white photos of Paris, and an Eiffel Tour mural. She loved her years with Madame Picca and other French students at St. Francis.

**11** *Adrienne at Sciences-Po in Paris, France where she earned her masters.*

**Stephanie Culhane Provence '03** has been working as a video editor in Los Angeles for eight years. She started editing weddings and birthday parties. She has edited three feature films, (two narrative, one documentary,) many short films, as well as still doing a lot of food and travel videos for various websites. Stephanie worked for the women's website, PopSugar, as their beauty editor for three years but now is the assistant editor for season three of the Emmy award winning children's show, *Tumble Leaf*, produced by Amazon. **12**

## UPDATES

Do you have exciting changes or news to share? We love staying connected and want to hear from you. Visit the alumnae page of the website ([www.stfrancis.org/alumnae](http://www.stfrancis.org/alumnae)) to update your contact information online and to find out about upcoming events. You can also email your address, email and phone number as well as your updates and digital pictures for future *Pax et Bonum* magazines to:

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## DO YOU WORK IN THE C-STEM FIELD?

Are you an Alumna working in the Computing, Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics industry? We are looking for C-STEM Alumnae to feature in a future issue of the *Pax et Bonum* magazine and we would love to feature YOU! Please email [dcullo@stfrancis.org](mailto:dcullo@stfrancis.org) for more details.

## FOLLOW US!

Keep up with everything here at St. Francis.



## 2004

**Megan Louise Emmerich '04** married William Christopher Goebel on October 10, 2015, at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Rocklin, California. Her bridesmaids included her four sisters, who are all St. Francis alumnae, (**Caitlin Emmerich Collamore '02**, **Gillian Emmerich Edmonds '06**, **Jacqueline Emmerich '12** and **Allison Emmerich '14**) as well as her now sister-in-law, Anna Goebel. Megan and William met at Sonoma State University their freshman year, and began dating shortly after graduating. William's groomsmen included many of Megan and William's close friends from college. **13**

## 2006

**Gillian Emmerich Edmonds '06** married Matthew Michael Edmonds on November 7, 2015 in Placerville, CA. Her four sisters (all St. Francis alumnae) were bridesmaids in the wedding, along with her now sister-in-law, Jill and Matt met while attending UC Santa Barbara, and currently live in San Francisco, CA.

**14** *Megan Emmerich Goebel '04, Catlin Emmerich Collamore '02, Allison Emmerich '14, Jacqueline Emmerich '12, Rebecca Castellarin, and flower girl Cali Castellarin.*

**Elizabeth Ostapeck Jones '06** married Russell Jones in October 2015 in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Elizabeth and Russell first met working in Housing and Residence Life at Portland State University. Elizabeth now works at the University of Portland as the Academic Internship Coordinator for the College of Arts and Sciences, while Russell works with Student Leadership at Portland State. They love living in Portland and plan to stay in the area.

**15** *Several Alumnae from the Class of 2006 attended: Justine Schiele, Sarah Stark, Stephanie Souza, Elizabeth Ostapeck Jones, Dillon Fleming Roberts, Darcie Lindner, Danielle Robb, Jenna Ferri.*



*On February 20, 2016 St. Francis had five alumnae at the Aggie Shootout including Lauren Charter '15 (Cal), Brooke Vowell '12 (Cal), Emily McNamara '11 (Brown), Marisa Kolokotronis '13 (Brown) and Kat Menz '12 (Cal).*

## 2007

**Elizabeth Bisi '07** moved up to Seattle, Washington this past summer to begin working on her PhD in Clinical Psychology. Her current research focus is in looking at motor development (exploratory behavior) and language development as they relate to autism in young children.

## 2008

**Sarah Inouye Hausmann '08** is living in Tuscaloosa, AL with her husband and three children. She is a fourth semester graduate student at the University of Alabama in the counselor education department. Sarah is completing a practicum placement at a local juvenile detention center and in the process of searching for an internship in Sacramento. Sarah and her family will be moving back to Sacramento upon completion of her classes in June!

## 2010

**Jennifer Gold '10** graduated from University of Oregon in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in Public Relations. Saying goodbye to Duck land and the rain of Oregon, she moved back to Sacramento where she began a full-time marketing position at iHeartMedia. In September 2015 she began working in advertising sales for KXTV Channel 10 where she has learned how to sell on-air broadcasting and digital marketing.

## 2011

**Briana Mao '11** earned membership on the LPGA Tour for the 2016 season with a tie for 26th place finish. She was an All-ACC and ACC Academic Honor Roll selection as a senior at Virginia in 2015.

**Evanne Torrecillas '11** has had an exciting 2015. She graduated from UC Berkeley and moved back to Sacramento, where she not only enjoys living in the City of Trees and cheering on the River Cats, but also became part of the SFHS staff in the role of Registrar! **16**

## 2012

**Gabi Palmeri '12** garnered her second consecutive WCC All-Academic First Team honor this season after maintaining a 3.72 grade point average while studying Biology. The Davis, CA native was also an honoree on the 2014 Silver WCC Commissioner's Honor Roll and 2013 Bronze WCC Commissioner's Honor Roll, while earning Pepperdine Scholar-Athlete honors.

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## 2013

**Dana Vestman '13** and **Loni Kreun '13** are teammates on the Montana State volleyball team. **17**

## 2014

**Brittani Klindworth '14** has been selected to be a Resident Assistant in Mehling Hall at the University of Portland for the 2016-2017 school year. After an extensive application process and an interview, she is so excited for this opportunity.

**Kayla O'Brine '14** won her first Collegiate meet in the Hammer Throw today with a new PR of 163' 8 1/2" at the Pepperdine-UCSB-Westmont Tri Meet. **18**

**Meredith Ray '14** currently works as a Digital Media intern for the San Jose Sharks and will spend her summer this year in Bourne, Massachusetts working as a Social Media and PR Intern for the Cape Cod summer baseball league.

## 2015

**Peyton Bilo '15** qualified for the NCAA Cross Country Championships in her first season at Cal Poly. She helped the Mustangs to the Big West Conference title and finished second overall individually. She concluded her initial collegiate season as a USTFCCCA All-West Region performer, the Big West Freshman of the Year award recipient and a conference athlete of the week honoree. **19**

Former Troubadour soccer standout **Anna Gregg '15** was named to the National Soccer coaches Association of America Fall High School All-America team. Gregg, who was one of 43 named to the national team, recently completed her freshmen season at Colorado College. She saw action in 22 games and recorded two assists in her first season. **20**

**Sydney Hunter '15** and **Miranda Myers '15** ran into each other at the Mountain T's Collegiate track meet in Flagstaff, AZ competing for their colleges. Miranda currently runs for Northern Arizona University and Sydney runs for UC Riverside. **21**

**Patty Sullivan '15** qualified for the NCAA Division II Diving Championships in her first season at UC San Diego.

## THE VOGELI FAMILY

**Jane Vogeli Rojas '75** has been married for the past 38 years to Joe Rojas. Much happiness has been given to her by their children Katie Rojas Duchesne '98, Josh (Jesuit Class of '00) and Nick (CB Class of '03.) Jane writes "Life doesn't get much better when you have grandchildren! We have been blessed with three and are expecting a new grand baby in May!"

**Kitt Vogeli Haman '79** has been married to John for 34 years and they have three children, Erica Jane Haman '99, Peter and Chase. Kitt writes "We have an exciting 2016 ahead with two weddings!! I have my own Interior Design Business and I am lucky to have a career I love! Family means everything and St. Francis gave me my foundation."

**Annamarie Vogeli McSweeney '81** has been married to Brian McSweeney for 28 years. They live in Emerald Hills, 35 miles south of San Francisco. Annamarie's oldest son graduated from the United States Naval Academy and is a 1st Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He recently got married and is expecting his first child this July. Her youngest son graduated from Creighton University in May 2015 and is pursuing a career in law. Annamarie writes, "I work very part time in a women's boutique in Menlo Park which keeps me in touch with the fashion industry, something I majored in while in college. Happy 75th! Fun times...great friendships!"

**Katie Rojas Duchesne '98** is happily married to Nicolas Duchesne with two children, Lola Mary-Jane (8) and Maximus Francois (6). Their children attend St. Mary School where their grandmother, Jane Vogeli Rojas '75 is the receptionist!

After spending several years in different cities and states **Erica Haman '99**, now resides in Sacramento and is happy to be back home. When she is not working at Nelson and Associates, she can be found walking her mini-dachshund in the neighborhood with her fiancé. She is looking forward to her wedding in Half Moon Bay and hopefully a family in the future.



## MEGAN MUSILLI '12, RHODES SCHOLAR

**Megan Musilli '12** has been selected for a Rhodes Scholarship and will study medical anthropology at Oxford University in 2016. She is a mathematics major and is training to become a Navy physician.

Megan is currently serving as the Brigade Operations Officer at the United States Naval Academy. She is in one of the top command positions in her class responsible for the daily execution of the schedule for all 4,100 Midshipmen. "It's a very interesting job that is teaching me a lot about how large organizations are run at the top level," said Megan.

Besides that, she is finishing up her last semester at the Naval Academy. She is spending a lot of time looking towards the future, but also seeking to spend as much meaningful time as she can with the lifelong friends that she has made. Just as it was when she left St. Francis, there is a twinge of excitement for the future, but also a longing to not leave the comfort of loved ones behind.



**Erica Haman '99, Katie Rojas Duchesne '98, Annamarie Vogeli McSweeney '81, Kitt Vogeli Haman '79, and Jane Vogeli Rojas '75**

# CLASS REUNIONS

## IT'S REUNION TIME!

If you have graduated in a year that ends with a 6 or 1, this is your year for a Reunion. We encourage all classes to hold their reunion the weekend of our All-Alumnae Reunion Weekend, June 24-26, 2016. Please let us know how we can assist in planning your class celebration this weekend on campus. We will be celebrating these milestone graduation years all weekend and encourage reunions during this time! Please contact:

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## CLASS OF 2005: 10 YEAR REUNION

The class of 2005 gathered at 15L/ The Park Patio on November 28th, 2015 for their reunion and had a blast. They had a great time catching up and sharing plans about their upcoming holiday celebrations.



## DON'T MISS OUT!

Don't miss out on connecting with your "SFHS Sisters" We are currently looking for organizers for the following reunions:

CLASS OF 1941: 75<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

CLASS OF 1946: 70<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

CLASS OF 1951: 65<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

CLASS OF 1961: 55<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

CLASS OF 1971: 45<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

CLASS OF 1976: 40<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

CLASS OF 2011: 5<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

## CLASS OF 1995: 20 YEAR REUNION

The class of 1995 celebrated their 20 Year Reunion at The Red Rabbit Kitchen and Bar on October 2, 2015. It was an evening filled with many memories and even more laughter. Even though many of us are

able to keep in touch via Facebook, it was wonderful to see fellow classmates in-person and re-connect. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us.



1. Class of 1995 Reunion; 2. Katherine Prudhomme, Julissa Ortiz, Maria Porter, Linnea Willis; 3. Kerry Slavich, Rachel Valine, Kim Klier; 4. Chris Conti, Joy Limanon, Sylvia Romo, Maria Porter; 5. Jennifer Dougherty, Tricia Carson, Kirsten Preslar, Chris Conti, Michelle Favro

## UPCOMING REUNIONS

These classes are currently planning their reunions. Updates can be found on the St. Francis High School Reunions website at [www.stfrancishs.org/reunions](http://www.stfrancishs.org/reunions).

### CLASS OF 1956: 60 YEAR REUNION

Contact: Dawn Winston Cullo '91,  
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### CLASS OF 1966: 50 YEAR REUNION

The Class of 1966 is planning a joint reunion with Christian Brothers for **Saturday, September 17, 2016** at the California Auto Museum. Contact: Henri Santos-Coy, [henrisc@gmail.com](mailto:henrisc@gmail.com) or Patty O'Connell Suter, [psuter1@frontiernet.net](mailto:psuter1@frontiernet.net)

### CLASS OF 1981: 35 YEAR REUNION

Attention Class of 1981! The first ever All Catholic Schools Reunion will be held on **June 25, 2016** at Piatti in Pavilions, Sacramento. If you are a member of the Class of '81 from Christian Brothers, St. Francis, Jesuit, Loretto, Bishop Manogue or Mercy, send your contact information or questions to [classof1981@sbcglobal.net](mailto:classof1981@sbcglobal.net) so you don't miss this special event.

### CLASS OF 1986: 30 YEAR REUNION

Reunion will be **June 25, 2016**. Contact: Julie Sazaki '86, [britamsw@hotmail.com](mailto:britamsw@hotmail.com)

### CLASS OF 1991: 25 YEAR REUNION

Reunion will be **June 25, 2016**. Contact: Isabel Pires, [ipires13@yahoo.com](mailto:ipires13@yahoo.com)

### CLASS OF 1996: 20 YEAR REUNION

Contact: MJ Barnett, [j.yourrealtor@gmail.com](mailto:j.yourrealtor@gmail.com)

### CLASS OF 2001: 15 YEAR REUNION

Reunion will be **October 8, 2016**. Contact: Jenn Brian, [jennbrian83@yahoo.com](mailto:jennbrian83@yahoo.com)

### CLASS OF 2006: 10 YEAR REUNION

Contact: Adriana Zerio, [azerio10@gmail.com](mailto:azerio10@gmail.com); Emily Pierucci, [emilypierucci@yahoo.com](mailto:emilypierucci@yahoo.com); Julie Soto, [jsoto@flyingmonkeyproductions.org](mailto:jsoto@flyingmonkeyproductions.org)

## ALL-ALUMNAE WEEKEND JUNE 24-26, 2016

AT ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Calling all Troubadours home! Alumnae, join us for a weekend packed with fun on- and off-campus activities.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE CELEBRATION!  
[WWW.STFRANCISHS.ORG/ALUMNAE](http://WWW.STFRANCISHS.ORG/ALUMNAE)

# CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We want to stay connected with you, our Alumnae. We have developed a Class Representative program for individuals or a group of classmates to become a liaison between their class and St. Francis. Class Reps are the first to know what is happening on campus, they come to events, and they get their Troubadour sisters to come for all the fun! We need Reps who can promote and support events, create and maintain an online community, help find missing classmates, plan reunions, or just be in close touch with us here at SFHS. There is so much in store for the coming year, come be a part of it, and become a Class Representative today!

**CLASS OF 1945: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1946**  
Mary Desmond Mastalski

**CLASS OF 1947**  
Denise Desmond Franzoia  
Margarette Bauer Schwartz

**CLASS OF 1948: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1949: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1950: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1951: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1952: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1953: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1954**

Joan Barden  
Carmella Cioli  
Gladys Butz Darling

**CLASS OF 1955: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1956**  
Marikate Varanini Firpo

**CLASS OF 1957: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1958**  
Marion Azevedo Porter  
Cynthia Speed

**CLASS OF 1959**  
Carole Farris Sharkey

**CLASS OF 1960: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1961: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1962**  
Carolsue Schaden Acres

**CLASS OF 1963**  
Rosemarie Mattos Hunt

**CLASS OF 1964: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1965**  
Cindy Walker Puppione

**CLASS OF 1966**  
Patricia O'Connell Suter  
Henri Santos Coy

**CLASS OF 1967**  
Mary Geary Ellingson  
Susan Romanella Olson

**CLASS OF 1968**  
Mary Leonard Conklin

**CLASS OF 1969**  
Nancy Leonard Szydelko

**CLASS OF 1970: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1971**  
Linda Neal Danko  
Barbara Wells Zanze  
MaryAnne Riehl Campos  
Ann Marie Perry Faires

**CLASS OF 1972**  
Freeda Lapos Babson

**CLASS OF 1973**  
Kathi Moore Ridley

**CLASS OF 1974**  
Laura Macaulay Morales  
Judy Farina Montgomery  
Helen Manfredi Pierson  
Debra Cattuzzo

**CLASS OF 1975**  
Debbie Sheehan Cairns

**CLASS OF 1976**  
Karen Lawson Finn

**CLASS OF 1977**  
Kristin Thompson Higgins  
Maura Twomey

**CLASS OF 1978: Rep needed!**

**CLASS OF 1979**  
Catherine Stegner Nacey

**CLASS OF 1980**  
Cathy Park Taylor  
Mary Forster Franklin  
Anne Geremia Sadler  
Michelle McClinton Vaden  
Katy Calkin Ferguson

**CLASS OF 1981**  
Molly Geremia Wiese  
Jackie Childers

**CLASS OF 1982**  
Janae Root Davis

**CLASS OF 1983**  
Catherine Kennedy Sullivan

**CLASS OF 1984**  
Mokie Price Marchi

**CLASS OF 1985**  
Deirdre Mullins French  
Megan Whetstone Panson  
Jennifer Daft Ashley

**CLASS OF 1986**  
Angela Kufasimes Gianulias  
Julie Sasaki

**CLASS OF 1987**  
Kristian Arnold Foy  
Cindy Stinson

**CLASS OF 1988**  
Kari Keating  
Corecia Davis Woo

**CLASS OF 1989**  
Tammy Hennessy Burt  
Morgan Forrest  
Brigit O'Brien Shotts

**CLASS OF 1990**  
Amy Watson Krause  
Kara LaBella Parker  
Mexa Wanger Youngblood

**CLASS OF 1991**  
Dawn Winston Cullo  
Jennifer Perez  
Colleen O'Brien Warren

**CLASS OF 1992**  
Laura Hanusek  
Whitney Pendergast Hunt

**CLASS OF 1993**  
Anne Smith Harty  
Erin Chargin Kramer  
Monika Lopez

**CLASS OF 1994**  
Mariah Hudler  
Kathleen Lungren Jobe  
Brenda Roach  
Angela Ramos Saunders  
Anna Weitzenberg Vellanoweth

**CLASS OF 1995**  
Rena DeNigris Fischer  
Erin McGuire  
Andrea Diaz Vaughn

**CLASS OF 1996**  
Megan Barnett

**CLASS OF 1997**  
Genevieve Caridi McNulty

**CLASS OF 1998**  
Megan Curry  
Jennifer DuCray Max  
Stephanie Villanueva  
Libby Woolford

**CLASS OF 1999**  
Kiera Mickiewicz Anderson

**CLASS OF 2000**  
Sandra Pierson Whaley

**CLASS OF 2001**  
Jenna Porter Connor

**CLASS OF 2002**  
Annie Arupo

**CLASS OF 2003**  
Alicia Stefani  
Ashley Moore Thomsen

**CLASS OF 2004**  
Celina Spencer

**CLASS OF 2005**  
Hayley Higgins Figeroid  
Anneliese Guess

**CLASS OF 2006**  
Noelle Dyer Dear  
Annem Khan  
Christina Rotas

**CLASS OF 2007**  
Kailey Cost  
Sarah Couch

**CLASS OF 2008**  
Katie Mendenhall

**CLASS OF 2009**  
Jane Peterson  
Alana Piccone

**CLASS OF 2010**  
Sara Fitzsimon

**CLASS OF 2011**  
Umna Khan  
Rachel Klas  
Amelia Evrigenis

**CLASS OF 2012**  
Michelle Fat

**CLASS OF 2013**  
Carolina Brown  
Madeline Dyer  
Karly Hammack

**CLASS OF 2014**  
Katherine Chappelle  
Madisen Grinnell  
Brittani Klindworth  
Emily Laskin  
Sofia Molodanof  
Katie Schembri

**CLASS OF 2015: Rep needed!**

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE?

We are still looking for Class Representatives for the following classes, to be liaisons between your classmates and SFHS. The Class Reps will have a large role in helping promote our events for the 75th Anniversary, and will help in finding missing Alumnae. If you are interested, please contact:

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1970 \* 1978  
2015

If you know anyone who might be interested, please reach out to them and let us know! We encourage you to extend the Class Rep invite to your own friends and classmates.

## HELP BUILD OUR PHOTO ARCHIVE!

Take a walk down memory lane with your SFHS classmates at our All-Alumnae Reunion in June. We'd love to feature your keepsakes and photos of your favorite moments at St. Francis. Scan photos (at minimum 300dpi) and email them to [dcullo@stfrancis.org](mailto:dcullo@stfrancis.org). Please include approximate date, details of the event, and names of people in the photo to the extent possible. Add your personal comments! Uniforms and other keepsakes may be brought to the school office, attention to:

Dawn Cullo  
St. Francis High School  
5900 Elvas Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95819

*All items loaned will be returned to you after the All-Alumnae Reunion.*

# CALENDAR

## JUNE

### ALL-ALUMNAE WEEKEND

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**June 24-26, 2016**

Calling all Troubadours home! Alumnae, join us for a weekend packed with fun on- and off-campus activities.

### ALL-ALUMNAE RECEPTION ON CAMPUS

**Friday, June 24th at 6:00PM-10:00PM**

Come back to St. Francis High School and reconnect with your classmates. Take pictures with your mascot and dance the night away with a decade of hits and enjoy the delicious food stations. \$25 per person. Make your reservation: [www.stfrancishs.org/alumnae](http://www.stfrancishs.org/alumnae)

### INDIVIDUAL CLASS REUNIONS

**Saturday, June 25th**

Get together with your classmates for a family day at the park, or a night out with “just the girls!” Classes with reunion milestones are encouraged to hold their class reunions on this day.

### MASS & FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sunday, June 26th at 9:30AM-12:00PM**

Join your fellow Troubie Sisters for a Mass on campus and a wonderful Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast is \$10 per person, kids under twelve are free. Make your reservation: [www.stfrancishs.org/alumnae](http://www.stfrancishs.org/alumnae).

## OCTOBER

### THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS CELEBRATION

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**Saturday, October 1, 2016**

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, enjoy live music, food, and activities for the entire family.

### OPEN HOUSE

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**Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 12:00PM-3:00PM**

St. Francis Catholic High School will host an Open House for prospective families. Guests at our Open House will have the opportunity to meet and talk with all of our teachers and coaches, see a wonderful arts showcase, tour the campus, and participate in fun activities that will give them a taste of life as a Troubadour. Although pre-registration is not required, guests who want to sign up in advance can do so: [www.stfrancishs.org/openhouse](http://www.stfrancishs.org/openhouse).

### FALL MUSICAL: “LITTLE WOMEN”

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**October 14-22, 2016**

Based on Louisa May Alcott’s classic novel, it focuses on the four March sisters — Jo, Meg, Amy, and Beth — and their beloved Marmee, at home Massachusetts while the family patriarch is away serving as a Union Army chaplain during the Civil War.

## NOVEMBER

### PEARL OF THE ORIENT

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**Saturday, November 19, 2016**

Join us for the 23rd Annual Pearl of the Orient Dinner and Cultural Show. Enjoy a sumptuous feast of Filipino cuisine while experiencing the beautiful and vibrant cultural dances performed by our very own SFHS students. Experience the Philippine Islands right here at St. Francis!

## FEBRUARY

### CRAB FEED

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**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

ARE YOU READY TO GET CRACKIN’?! Don’t miss out on the best high school crab feed in town! Mark your calendar now!

For more information, visit [www.stfrancishs.org/crab-feed-dance](http://www.stfrancishs.org/crab-feed-dance).

## APRIL

### REVELRY GALA & AUCTION

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**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

Revelry is our premier fundraiser of the year. The funds raised at Revelry allow for important school programs such as scholarships, facility improvements, technology enhancements, spiritual enrichment, academic excellence, performing arts and athletic and opportunities.

For more information on Alumnae events,  
visit [www.stfrancishs.org/alumnae](http://www.stfrancishs.org/alumnae).

SING TO THE LORD, ALL CREATURES!  
WORSHIP GOD WITH YOUR JOY;  
PRAISE GOD WITH THE  
SOUND OF YOUR LAUGHTER.  
KNOW THAT WE ALL BELONG TO GOD,  
THAT GOD IS OUR SOURCE AND OUR HOME.  
ENTER GOD'S LIGHT WITH THANKSGIVING;  
FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH GOD'S PRAISE,  
FOR GOD'S GOODNESS  
IS BEYOND COMPREHENSION  
AND GOD'S DEEP LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.  
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THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY MOURNS THE LOSS OF  
THE FOLLOWING ALUMNAE:

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ALL-ALUMNAE REUNION

JUNE 24 • 25 • 26 2016

*Friday, June 24*

All-Alumnae Reception  
on the SFHS Campus

6:00-10:00pm

\$25 per person • Guests welcome

Reconnect with your classmates

Take pictures with your mascot

Dance the night away

Enjoy delicious food stations!

*Saturday, June 25*

Classes meet for individual  
reunions at a location  
of their choosing

Check online for class  
reunion locations

[www.stfrancishs.org/reunions](http://www.stfrancishs.org/reunions)

*Sunday, June 26*

Family Celebration  
on the SFHS Campus

Celebration Mass at 9:30am

Family Pancake Breakfast at 10:30am

Breakfast \$10 per person

Kids under 12 free

Explore the campus on a tour  
with current students!

MORE DETAILS & RSVP: [WWW.STFRANCISHS.ORG/RSVP75](http://WWW.STFRANCISHS.ORG/RSVP75)