



PALMA TODAY

A publication for alumni, family and friends of Palma School

What is the Palma Advantage?

Inspiration

It's what motivates Palma students to excel. It's the inspiration that each student discovers when he looks beyond himself in service of others. It's the inspiration that comes from a faculty and staff who possess an unwavering dedication to each boy's success. And, it's the inspiration that comes from a community that doesn't just talk about supporting their school — but puts that support into action.



Every time you attend a school event, cheer on the Chieftains, or make a donation, you inspire a new generation at Palma. Your participation demonstrates confidence in Palma boys that, in turn, instills the self-confidence that inspires them to take on greater challenges and push their own limits to new measures of achievement.



Your commitment inspires the faculty to earn the support given them, generating an atmosphere on campus that cultivates growth and success. The strength of your resolve inspires others to follow your lead, building a community of commitment.

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Palma is dedicated to providing young men an excellent college preparatory education in a Roman Catholic environment that embraces The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education and challenges each individual to develop spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically and socially.



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A message from the President

Brother Dunne

The official end of another school year is not that far away as the varied year-ending aspects that bring a given school year to closure are coming upon us. For some, it can't come soon enough. For others, it is coming all too quickly. Either way, the double-digit days will certainly give way to single-digit days and then it will be over. Never again will we have this same cast of characters that make-up our current enrollment together in one place. And it has been a terrific year in many, many ways.

I sometimes hear graduates of many years ago lamenting about how "tough" it was at Palma in those "good 'ld days" going back several decades or more. It is almost as if they might suggest that today's students are missing-out on how things were a long, long time ago on this campus and on other campuses throughout the entire country. And they are right! There is no doubt about it — today's Palma is not your grandfather's Palma and that is certainly good as far as I am concerned. I can't imagine teaching, or learning for that matter, in an environment that wasn't promoting student growth and responsibility in a positive manner as we see it today. I can't imagine not wanting to come to school, as a teacher or student, to actually enjoy the challenges of learning and improving.

We have a very special place here at Palma as we have some of the brightest and nicest students around. This is the place where no one will make fun of you for wanting to succeed. Our faculty and staff are known to go the extra mile in helping students learn in a wide variety of manners. Our students today and next year, obviously, are not the students of yesteryear. I look at the class offerings in the course catalog for the 2012/2013 school year and there are some truly impressive offerings — five foreign

languages (Chinese, Italian, Korean, Latin, and Spanish), twenty-one honors classes, thirteen AP courses, and a wide array of visual and performing arts offerings. I don't want to give the impression that every one of our students will graduate with the highest honors and be sought after by the very best colleges and universities in the country. We continue with a proven program that is over 60 years in the making, the program being one of preparing young men for college and beyond. A program of taking a young man and helping form him into an educated and well-rounded individual, well prepared for the next level — and beyond. That "beyond" is always in our plans as that is where all of our students, eventually, will be for the rest of their lives after their formal education of high school and college is completed.

I know many parents have struggled financially to send their son to Palma. Their commitment to prepare for the next level is remarkable. Parents who purposely sacrifice for their son's advancement and education have the right plan in place for success. I know it is also more than dollars that are involved in the Palma education. It is a special buy-in involving time as one gives their favorite adolescent male the advantage of a lifetime.

As we prepare to graduate Palma's Class of 2012, let's take a moment to not only congratulate the members of this exceptional class, let's take a moment to say a loud and sincere "Well done" to their parents who have made it all possible. Let's also take a moment to congratulate our faculty and staff for working so well with our students on a regular basis. They are truly what make this great place we all know as "Palma" continue to flourish year after year, class after class. Thank you — well done!

Br. Arthur D. Dunne



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A message from the Principal

David Sullivan

Since the Fall of 1951, Palma has been making a lasting difference in the lives of students and families throughout the Salinas Valley and beyond. The mission of Palma continues to be to prepare young men for excellence in college and so much more. Palma's legacy is one that challenges each young man to develop spiritually/morally, intellectually, physically, and socially. There is ample evidence of Palma's success with this among numerous Palma alumni who have moved on to make a tremendous impact in our community and so many others elsewhere. We celebrate Palma's legacy of excellence in education for over six decades!

Academically, Palma continues to provide a rigorous and highly competitive college preparatory atmosphere. Palma now offers 21 honors classes, 13 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and 5 foreign languages. The Fine Arts Department offers courses in studio art, architectural design, film studies and award-winning bands for junior high and high school, along with a high school jazz ensemble. It is estimated that the Senior Class 2011 donated over 7,100 hours of service to the counties of Monterey, San Benito & Santa Cruz. Palma athletics has earned some 123 league championships and 22 Central Coast Section (CCS) championships.

In November 2011, Palma School successfully completed an evaluation on **The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian**

Brother Education. The evaluation ensures our school's ongoing commitment to and development of the mission of the school through a process of reflection and self-study. The evaluation culminates in a site visit by a team of professionals in education. This visiting team spent nearly a week with us to observe and to interview various members of the Palma community, and they delivered a glowing report in praise of our school. One member of the team commented, "You have a wonderful faculty, staff, coaches, administration, board of directors, parents, and...students! I was very impressed by your school's spirituality, outreach, academics, athletics and overall sense of unity. It is my intention to share my experience with everyone... Thank you for being such a good example of what a Christian Brother School should be! Blessings...*Palma Merenti!*"

Palma is truly a special place. The Palma Family has been committed to ensuring a future influenced by faith-filled and educated leaders who are willing and capable of forging new paths for a better tomorrow. We make conscious commitments to cultivate a community where all are to be welcomed, celebrated and affirmed with the awareness that we are investing in perhaps the most important endeavor of all: the education of young men in mind, body and soul. We ALL play an important role in the mission of Palma. I thank you for your generosity, your prayers and your passion for excellence in Palma education. *Go Chieftains!*

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Legacy Students

One of the most fundamental elements of the foundation of Palma School is our tradition of excellence. This tradition creates a passion for Palma that our alumni carry for decades after they have left the classroom. Their passion is evident in the choice many alumni make to send their sons to be educated at Palma. The continuity and tradition of excellence that extends from generation to generation is truly remarkable. It is a lasting legacy.



High School Fourth Row (Left to Right): Jacob Given ('13), Shae Wiley ('14), Cameron Lane ('14), Cole Rianda ('14), Benjamin Laycock ('14), William Chilton ('14), Spencer Lane ('13), Alan Sims Jr. ('12), David Nunes ('15), Devin Morales ('12), Matthew Vultaggio ('12), Harrison Spencer ('14), Luke Huntington ('14), Henry Mirassou ('13). **Third Row (Left to Right):** Carlo Aliotti ('13), Michael D'Arrigo ('13), Matthew "Cord" Given ('13), Taylor Dow ('12), Zachary Panziera ('14), Daniel Machado ('12), Jacob Taylor ('13), Nathaniel Zanger ('12), Bart Bonfantini ('13), Christopher Duby ('13), Lucas Mirassou ('14). **Second Row (Left to Right):** Angel Martinez ('14), Charles Byers ('13), Jay Burlison ('13), Branden Hontalas ('13), Mitchell Huntington ('13), Tanner Carrillo-Zazueta ('12), Stephen Guzman ('12), Mitchell Kidd ('14), Dalton Dovolis ('14), Dominic Zanger ('13), Wesley Daoro ('12), Christian Bengard ('13), Rhett Gonzalez ('14). **First Row (Left to Right):** Matthew Costa ('15), Rick Keaton ('15), John Baillie ('15), Hayden Spencer, Dominic Vultaggio ('15), Kevin Piffero ('14), Devin Hinson ('14), Cody Lipe ('15), Kevin Bass ('15), Dominic Frantangelo ('15), Barrett Bonfantini ('15), Jeffrey Burke ('14), John Gnosca ('14).
*Not Pictured: Brad Caraccioli ('15), Cody Martinez ('15), Nicholas Cimino ('15), R. Marcus House ('12), Sawyer Swanston ('12), Stephen Thomas ('13).



Junior High: Third Row (Left to Right) Nicholas Ottone ('16), Elliot Mirassou ('16), Bradley Daoro ('16), Daniel Carnazzo ('17), Brandon Ng ('17), Evan Haro ('17), Gabriel Rianda ('16). **Second Row (Left to Right)** Oliver Mirassou ('17), Matthew D'Arrigo ('16), Jackson Baillie ('16), Drew Dalman ('17), Jacob Ratti ('16). **First Row (Left to Right)** Nathan Frantangelo ('17), Adam Costa ('17), Devin Molinari ('17), Mark Beach ('16), Brian Alarid ('17), Ricardo Cabrera ('16). *Not Pictured: Jared Cook ('16), Matthew Smith ('16), Zachary Tamagni ('16).

Three Generation Legacies

Christian Bengard '13, son of Bardin Bengard '79, grandson of Butch Massa '58

Jacob Given '13, son of John Given '80, grandson of Rebecca (Gallegos) Mier '64

Mitchell Huntington '13, son of Chris Huntington '82, grandson of Roberta (Fano) Huntington '59

Jacob Taylor '13, son of Richard Souza '87, grandson of Raymond Souza '63 & Pam (Stolich) Souza '64

Luke Huntington '14, son of Nick Huntington '86, grandson of Roberta (Fano) Huntington '59

Jacob Ratti '16, son of John Ratti '83, grandson of Marietta Federico '61

Class of 2012

Tanner Carrillo-Zazueta, son of Greg Zazueta '72

Wesley Daoro, son of Sam Daoro '80

Taylor Dow, son of James Dow '84

Stephen Guzman, son of Joe Guzman '79

Marcus House, son of Mark House '79

Daniel Machado, son of Gary Machado '77

Devin Morales, son of Israel Morales '90

Alan Sims Jr., son of Alan Sims '78*

Sawyer Swanston, son of Marty Swanston '82*

Matthew Vultaggio, grandson of Marilyn (Menges) Lorentz '59

Nathaniel Zanger, son of Michael Zanger '82

Class of 2013

Carlo Aliotti, son of Daniel Aliotti '77

Christian Bengard, son of Bardin Bengard '79, grandson of Butch Massa '58

Bart Bonfantini, grandson of Butch Massa '58

Jay Burlison, son of Robert Burlison '74

Charles Byers, son of Charles Byers '89

Michael D'Arrigo, son of John D'Arrigo '76

Christopher Duby, grandson of Randall Parola '68

Jacob Given, son of John Given '80, grandson of Rebecca (Gallegos) Mier '64

Matthew Given, son of Vern Given '79

Branden Hontalas, son of Ted Hontalas '81

Mitchell Huntington, son of Chris Huntington '82, grandson of Roberta (Fano) Huntington '59

Spencer Lane, son of Christopher Lane '85

Henry Mirrasou, son of Gregory Mirrasou '84

Jacob Taylor, son of Richard Souza '87, grandson of Raymond Souza '63 & Pam (Stolich) Souza '64

Stephen Thomas, grandson of Butch Massa '58

Dominic Zanger, son of Michael Zanger '82

Class of 2014

Jeffrey Burke, son of Richard Burke '70

Zane Caulk, son of Eric Short '87

William Chilton, son of Greg Chilton '80*

Dalton Dovolis, son of Angelo Dovolis '80

John Gnosca, son of Peter Gnosca '75

Rhett Gonzalez, grandson of Robert Pitman '61

Devin Hinson, son of Victor Hinson '90

Luke Huntington, son of Nick Huntington '86, grandson of Roberta (Fano) Huntington '59

Mitchell Kidd, grandson of Timothy Smith '60

Cameron Lane, son of Christopher Lane '85

Benjamin Laycock, grandson of Donald Turner '60

Lucas Mirassou, son of Mark Mirassou '80

Zachary Panziera, son of Mathew Panziera '92

Kevin Piffero, son of Gary Piffero '83

Cole Rianda, son of Jeff Rianda '83

Harrison Spencer, grandson of Camille (Campbell) Mitchell '59

Shae Wiley, son of David Wiley '85

Class of 2015

John Baillie, son of John Baillie '77*

Kevin Bass, son of James Bass '88

Barret Bonfantini, grandson of Butch Massa '58

Brad Caraccioli, son of Phillip Caraccioli '81

Matthew Costa, son of Steven Costa '86

Dominic DeSantis, grandson of Sally (Smith) Rhodes '53 (Jr. High)

Dominic Fratangelo, son of Chip Fratangelo '83

Rick Keaton Jr., grandson of Albert Gozzelino '59

Cody Lipe, grandson of James W. Lipe '57

Cody Martinez, son of Paul T. Ussery '92

David Nunes, son of David Nunes '71

Dominic Vultaggio, grandson of Marilyn (Menges) Lorentz '59

Class of 2016

Jackson Baillie, son of John Baillie '77*

Mark Beach, son grandson of Roberta (Fano) Huntington '59

Ricardo Cabrera, son of Ricky Cabrera '84

Jared Cook, son of Jason Cook '90

Bradley Daoro, son of Samuel Daoro '80

Matthew D'Arrigo, son of John D'Arrigo '76

Nicholas Ottone, son of Matthew Ottone '82 (junior high)

Jacob Ratti, son of John Ratti '83, grandson of Marietta Federico '61

Gabriel Rianda, son of Jeff Rianda '83

Matthew Smith, son of Jason Smith '87

Zachery Tamagni, son of John Tamagni '73

Class of 2017

Brian Alarid, son of Joe Alarid '77

Daniel Carnazzo, son of Daniel Carnazzo '87

Adam Costa, son of Steven Costa '86

Drew Dalman, son of Chris Dalman '88

Anthony DeSantis, grandson of Sally (Smith) Rhodes '53 (Jr. High)

Nathaniel Fratangelo, son of Vince C. Fratangelo '83

Evan Haro, son of Richard B. Haro '87

Oliver Mirassou, son of Gregory Mirassou '84

Devin Molinari, son of Perry Molinari '83

Brandon Ng, son of Lit Ng, Jr. '75

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ACADEMICS

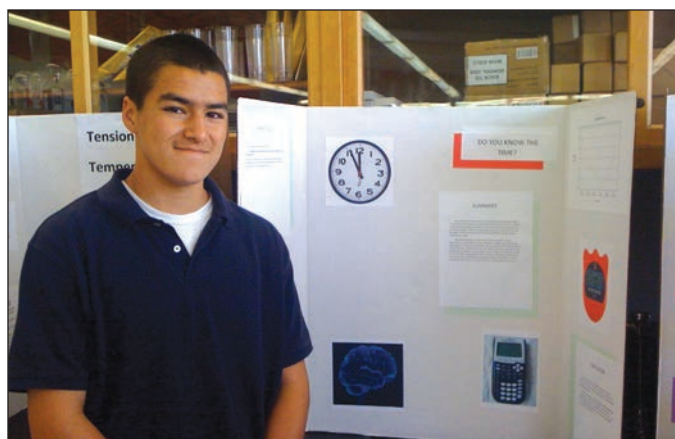
EXCELLENCE IN CLASSROOM

Science Fair

Friday, February 10, marked the culmination of the 5th Annual Palma School Science Fair. Sophomores from Mr. John Chipley's chemistry classes presented the findings of their respective experiments on topics ranging from "Do Seedlings Give Off Heat?" to "How Video Games Affect Your Heart Rate." In the months prior to the competition, students conducted independent research on project topics they choose. Throughout the process, Palma AP Chemistry students acted as mentors to other students during the research, hypothesis, data analysis, and presentation stages of the project. The assignment was designed to be both educational and enjoyable, and from some of the creative topics students chose, it appears that they enjoyed the project.

One project was extraordinarily unusual. **Terry Lee's** experiment, entitled "Gauss Rifle," examined how various amounts of magnets affect the trajectory speed of metal objects. His experiments conclusively demonstrated that the more magnets a Gauss Rifle possesses, the faster the metal objects are expelled from the final magnet. In fact, his experiment showed that the trajectory speed would theoretically increase infinitely, until the magnets themselves broke due to the force of the metal objects.

Mr. Chipley designed the projects to focus on critical thinking and reasoning skills needed to collect, analyze, and communicate empirical data effectively. The months of experimentation and preparation taught the students organization, discipline, and determination. Mr. Chipley encouraged his students to adopt the primary trait of his chemistry

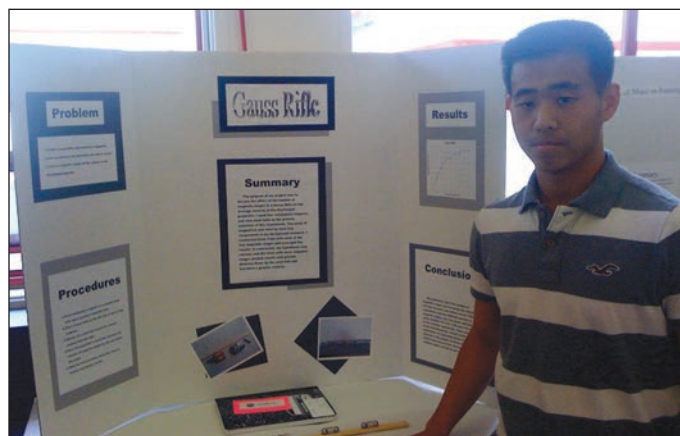


Do U Know the Time? First place entry by John Budde

"mascot," the honey badger. "The honey badger," Mr. Chipley explained, "is tenacious, relentless, and determined to achieve its goal. In a similar manner, I teach my students to be tenacious in their pursuit of excellence. My goal is to prepare each student for success at the college level and beyond."

Moreover, the same critical thinking and reasoning skills needed to collect, analyze, and communicate data effectively are the same skills used in all areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. "What each student learned during this project," Mr. Chipley said, "are crucial skills applicable to the core areas of science and mathematics at all levels of learning."

Palma would like to thank the efforts of Mr. John Chipley for coordinating the Science Fair and all the work he did preparing the scientific minds of tomorrow. Palma would also like to congratulate the chemistry students for their excellent projects. They make all those within the Palma community proud to wear the Red and Gold! *Go Chieftains!*



Gauss Rifle entry by Terry Lee was awarded second place

Place	Student	Project Name
1st	John Budde '14	Do U Know the Time
2nd	Terry Lee '14	Gauss Rifle
3rd	Brian Riordan '13	What's Cooking Under the Sun
4th	Carlo Aliotti '13	Line Strength and Temperature
5th	Dominic Fusanotti '14	How Overcrowding Affects Plant Growth

Tomorrow's High-Tech Scientists

Have you ever been watching an episode of *CSI* or *Law and Order* when one of the detectives discovers DNA at a crime scene and requests a DNA test? Do you have any idea how to match someone's DNA to a hair sample at a crime scene? To get an answer to this question, you could simply ask a student in one of Palma's AP Biology classes.

One of the numerous labs the students conduct each year is an Electrophoresis Lab, in which each student learns how to distinguish and match DNA samples. During this lab, students cut bacterial DNA with restriction enzymes and run the DNA across an electrophoresis gel in order to create a DNA imprint. These DNA imprints, created in Palma's electrophoresis chambers, are then uploaded into Palma's special network interface software. From there, the DNA imprint can be downloaded to individual computers to create unique graphs and data relevant to each student's specific DNA sample.

You may be asking yourself, "What does all this mean?" All of that might sound pretty confusing to us, but it comes pretty easily to our AP Biology seniors. **Jacob Ongaro '13** and **Devin Beatie '13** were among the students who explained this complex process as if it were as simple as riding a bike.

Mr. Tony Ryan, the head of the Science Department for the past 12 years and a teacher here at Palma for a total of 31 years, explains that the recent technology updates to the Science Department have made these labs possible. Along with the electrophoresis chambers and the



Students run DNA across an electrophoresis gel.

special network interface software, Palma has introduced state-of-the-art Vernier Technology, three new micro-centrifuges, titration chambers, and highly accurate electronic balances.

The technology used in the Science Department here at Palma is the same technology used in colleges across the state of California, allowing Palma's AP science classes to prepare students for excellence in college and beyond. Palma would like to thank Mr. Ryan, Mr. Chipley, and Mr. Henry for their efforts in educating the scientific minds of the young men here at Palma.

Carnazzo Helps Students Tackle History

When most people in Monterey County think about Palma Varsity Football Coach **Jeff Carnazzo '85**, they primarily associate him with the on-field achievements his teams have had over the past decade. His 115 wins since the 2000-2001 season are astounding, but there might be a more impressive achievement that few have noticed.



Mr. Carnazzo

Prior to suiting up for afternoon football practices, Coach Carnazzo is the AP United States History teacher at Palma School. He uses the same intensity and discipline that inspires his players to prepare the young men of Palma for the AP U.S. History Test. This exam is administered in early May of each school year to determine whether the students have achieved a college-level comprehension of the subject. Those with a score of three or better (the test is out of five) receive a passing score as well as college credit transferrable to most universities.

The test is a grueling three hours and fifteen minutes long, meant to test both factual knowledge of United States history as well as writing ability. Of the 400,000 students who take this test annually, nearly half of them do not pass. According to College Board, in 2011 the pass rate was a mere 52.8%. Despite these statistics, Coach Carnazzo's pass rate is consistently between 85% and 95% each and every year!

How is this level of success possible? "The success of these students," answers Mr. Carnazzo, "lies in the extraordinary work ethic and dedication each student is required to give in my class."

Beginning in January, five months before the AP exam is scheduled to

take place, students from his AP U.S. History classes are required to arrive at the Palma Cislini Library at 5:45 am on Fridays, more than two hours before the first school bell rings to start the day. During this time of preparation, the students take previous AP U.S. History tests to prepare for the exam at the end of the year. When the students take the actual exam in May, they have already completed nearly ten exams from previous years.

“By the time they take the actual AP test,” adds Mr. Carnazzo, “their ability to write effectively and proficiently is like second nature to them. A lot of that ability comes from the amazing job our English Department does in preparing them to write at the college level.”

It seems apparent that the same discipline Coach Carnazzo uses to lead the Chieftains to victory on the gridiron is used to lead his students to victory within the classroom. When asked what his first priority is between the two, Mr. Carnazzo didn’t hesitate in responding, “The classroom always comes first in my mind. These young men are stu-



AP U.S. History students meet at Cislini Library early Friday morning to take practice AP exams

dents first and athletes second.” His actions as an educator at Palma for almost two decades stand as a testament to that belief.

Creativity and Culture in the Classroom

Story by **Nick Ottone**, Palma Class of 2016

When a student at Palma has to choose a foreign language class, he has a lot of options. He could choose Spanish, a popular choice, or Latin, which could improve his SAT score. He could take Italian, where he could eat pasta and pizza, or even take Korean next year. Although they are all very good choices, the most interesting language class of them all is definitely Chinese.

A diverse and culturally rich language, Mandarin Chinese is taught by Mrs. Sun at Palma at two levels, Chinese 1 and Chinese 2 Honors. Every student learns the four fundamentals of foreign language: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The students learn these skills through a variety of activities ranging from reading Mandarin dialogues to acting out a restaurant scene. While these activities are fun, the class really starts to heat up when the Chinese culture is brought in.

Chinese culture is colorful and diverse, and this is reflected in the activities students take part in during class. For example, in order to learn how to handle chopsticks and identify colors, both classes were given chopsticks, a bowl full of M&M’s, and another empty bowl. Mrs. Sun then instructed the students to practice using their chopsticks by transporting M&M’s from one bowl to the other. After a few minutes of practice, the competition began. For 30 minutes, students raced each other to put all the M&M’s from one bowl to the other to win the coveted metal chopsticks. At the end of the day, two students, one from each class, walked away with metal chopsticks. The rest walked away with M&M’s to enjoy!

The most fun activity that the Chinese classes participated in this year was the Chinese New Year party. During the double period on January 25th, both Chinese classes assembled in the cafeteria to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Before the food was set out, the animals from the



Chinese culture is interspersed equally with the language instruction

zodiac were discussed and described, especially the dragon, whose year is 2012. After that, a book was read about Chinese New Year traditions, and the stereo was turned on. Chinese music filled the air while the students spoke Chinese in order to eat the banquet set before them. A variety of Chinese foods were available, and this attracted several of the Palma teachers. Everyone there enjoyed the festive day.

The Palma Mandarin Chinese class is by no means a traditional language class. Culture is interspersed almost equally with the language instruction. No matter what is happening, the students are always learning something new, whether it’s about the colors or how to say “Hello!” Mrs. Sun has really brought creativity to the classroom, making Mandarin Chinese one of the most enjoyable classes on campus! ●

ACTIVITIES

AND CLUBS

Man of Many Talents — Andy Steitz '12

Many incoming students question how they can make the most out of their time here at Palma School. What is the right balance between academics and extra-curricular activities? What sports should they play? What clubs should they join? One student who has been at Palma for the past six years had many similar questions when he began his journey in 7th grade.

"I knew I wanted to be involved with things at Palma as soon as I graduated from middle school and entered into my freshman year," said ASB President Andy Steitz. "I am so glad I made the decisions that I did, because my extra-curricular activities have really made my time at Palma exceptional." Andy's resume of activities is so extensive, it would be difficult for a small village of people to accomplish what he has accomplished during his time here at Palma School.

During his freshman year, Andy played football and baseball, was a part of the Model United Nations Club, and was also the President of the Interact Club. This was all on top of a large scholastic course load, but Andy was just getting started.

In his sophomore year at Palma, Andy played Junior Varsity football and baseball, was a part of the Model UN Club, was the President of the Interact Club, formed the Investor's Club, and was also the sophomore class Vice President. All of these activities were still balanced alongside a tough academic schedule, yet Andy continued to flourish.

Most people in his position might be content with their level of commitment, but not Andy. During his junior year, he once again raised the stakes. Rather than playing football and baseball, he decided he would try varsity water polo and varsity volleyball. "I wanted a new challenge," said Andy. "I thought of it as an adventure, a new obstacle to overcome." With the time commitment needed to master a new sport, most people would need to reduce the amount of time they spent in other extra-curricular activities. If it has not become apparent yet, it turns out that Andy is not like "most people."

Not only did Andy continue his commitment to the Model UN Club, the



Andy Steitz reads to a child at DeGroot

Interact Club, and the Investor's Club, he decided to pledge more of his time to Palma. In the Associated Student Body (ASB), Andy was the junior class president. He also took up a leadership role in CORE, a group of upperclassmen who helped incoming students learn more about the Palma tradition. If that was not enough, Andy also joined the Action Leadership Team. This group of juniors and seniors worked closely with Campus Ministry, advocating for the poor in our local area. Andy has worked with Ag Against Hunger, Palma's numerous food drives, and the weekly student tutoring at the Center for Life in East Salinas.

Andy will be finishing his Palma career with the same enthusiasm he has demonstrated in his first five years as a Chieftain. He has maintained all of the commitments he held his junior year and has taken on the role of ASB President. When asked about his time here at Palma, Andy responded, "My time here has been amazing. The teachers, the coaches, and all those who are a part of the Palma community have collectively made my time here very special. I want to thank them for teaching me what it means to be a well-rounded man of character."

Mock Trial Place an Impressive Fourth

Did wealthy political scion Ryan Buschell murder his classmate Becca Abeles to keep her from turning him in for cheating and prevent the loss of his \$20 million inheritance? That was the issue at the heart of *People v. Buschell*, the case presented by 17 Palma students who participated in the annual Monterey County Mock Trial, sponsored by the Lyceum of Monterey County and the Law Office of Michael J. Whilden. Besides Palma, this year's participating high schools were Alisal, Carmel, Everett Alvarez, Monterey, Pacific Grove, and Salinas.

Under the guidance of Mr. Robert Viarengo and attorney coaches, students on the Mock Trial team used critical thinking and interpersonal skills to prepare and argue both sides of the case. Throughout the competition, students argued before real judges and attorneys, switching between defense and prosecution roles each round. The five-round competition, from January 26th until February 4th, concluded four months of preparation by Palma's team of dedicated students: **Nick Babaian '13**, **Dylan Essert '13**, **Ben Delbick '14**, **Andrew Falkenberg '14**, **Aengus Fanoë '13**, **Max Fiege '14**, **Freddie Frumkin '13**, **Andrew Karaman '13**, **Cody Martinez '15**, **Mike Panetta '15**, **Fernando Quiroz '12**, **Cole Rianda '14**, **Jake Robinson '13**, **Andrew Schlegel '13**, **Blaine Sutliff '14**, **Brayden Tollefson '13**, **Austin Wahl '13**, and **Charles Yan '12**. Congratulations to each of these young men for an exceptional fourth place finish this year at the Monterey County Mock Trial competition.

When asked about the lessons the students learned from Mock Trial, Mr. Viarengo explained, "The creativity and critical thinking skills necessary to prepare for this year's Mock Trial case were tremendous. The students really learned how gray our legal system can be at times. *People vs. Buschell* was designed to be complex and somewhat ambiguous, allowing students enough information to argue both sides of the case. The style of argument the students used was critical to the decision the judges made. More often than not, the judges had different verdicts for different teams depending on how well they structured their arguments."

Senior **Charles Yan**, who played the defendant in the trial, described his experience: "This is my fourth year participating in Mock Trial. It has been so much fun and I have made a lot of great friends. As a witness,



Palma's Mock Trial team

I had to try to become someone else while I was on the witness stand. I had to know the case as if it were real, as if I were truly the person who had witnessed the events surrounding the murder. When I started Mock Trial four years ago, I was really shy and quiet. One great thing I have learned is how to open up, speak with confidence, and be myself." Senior **Fernando Quiroz**, who won an award for Outstanding Prosecution Attorney, had similar nostalgic feelings about his four years on Mock Trial. "Mock Trial has taught me so many things over the past four years. It has taught me how to think on my feet, how to speak clearly and effectively in a public setting, and has also been a lot of fun."

Along with Fernando Quiroz's award for Outstanding Prosecuting Attorney, junior **Andrew Karaman** won an award for Outstanding Bailiff, and senior **Dylan Essert** won the Courtroom Artist Competition. Dylan went to the state competition in March.

Palma would like to thank the attorney coaches who committed their time to training the students: Kelly McCarthy-Sutherland, Matt Ottone, and John Bailey. Palma would also like to thank the Mock Trial coach, Mr. Robert Viarengo, for his dedication to the young men of the Palma Mock Trial team. Most importantly, Palma would like to recognize the students for another amazing year of Mock Trial! Their hard work and commitment to excellence reflect the values we all adhere to at Palma School.

Palma Band at Lincoln Review

The award-winning Palma music program continues to impress audiences and judges alike. Our students were once again selected to participate in regional honor performing groups and the band continues to entertain audiences on and off campus.

This year, Palma's Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble traveled to Stockton on Saturday, November 19, for the 35th Annual Lincoln Band Review of Champions. Dozens of bands compete at this festival and students are adjudicated on their musicianship, tone, technique, perfor-

mance accuracy, and stage presence. This year, the Palma Symphonic Band took 2nd Place out of four bands in the Class D Concert Competition. Our Jazz Ensemble did not place, but students put on a great performance featuring saxophone soloists **J.D. DeLorimier '14** and **Luis Martinez '13**.

The program is pleased to recognize individuals who had the opportunity to represent Palma as members of our local honor ensembles. **Gabriel Rianda '16** and **Nicholas Ottone '16** were selected for the



Palma Band

Central Coast Section Middle School Honor Band. **Rick Keaton '15** was selected for the Central Coast Section High School Honor Orchestra. **Daniel Machado '12** was selected as the drummer for the Monterey County High School All-Star Band, an ensemble hosted by the Monterey Jazz Festival. Congratulations to these student musicians!

The Palma Band Boosters would like to thank everyone who has been involved in raising money for the music program. The program has been able to acquire new instruments and equipment for students, provide transportation and entry fees for performance events, and purchase a new sound system. Community attendance at our Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner, Christmas Concert, and Spring Concert have all been tremendous this past year, and we look forward to your continued support of the Palma Music program.

Boxing Club

The Palma Boxing Club works out every Gold Day Schedule. Instructed by Campus Minister Jim Micheletti (aka, "Old One Punch"), 20 Chieftains learn the basics of footwork and hand positions, strikes, and combinations. The Boxing Club would like to thank Mrs. Dina Eastwood, wife of Mr. Clint Eastwood, who donated all of the equipment. Every workout is a ministry of muscle ending in prayer and announcements about current service opportunities. Many of these "pious pugilists" are faithfully present at Mass and fight the good fight for charity and justice in the community.



Boxing Club meets most Thursdays in the morning for a fun workout and some fellowship.



Gamer Club

In the works for more than a year, Palma was pleased to introduce the newest activity for Chieftain students, the Gamer Club. Founded and led by current President, **Samuel Lum '13**, this extra-curricular option allows students to enter the virtual world of video games with their friends on campus! Between 15 and 20 students meet every few weeks in order to test their skills against Palma's elite gamers.

Each meeting, four different gaming consoles are hooked into four televisions, and the madness begins! Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, and Wii consoles are the most predominant, and the games vary from week to week. Samuel Lum adds, "We are really happy to finally have a Gamer Club on campus. It is a fun time for one to hang out with friends and play multi-player games."

When asked what the most popular game was, Samuel responded, "Super Smash Brothers Brawl is a popular one. Gamers get pretty competitive, but it always remains light-hearted fun." All Palma students are welcome to join the Gamer Club. The only requirements are a spirit of youth and a love of video games! ●

CAMPUS MINISTRY

AT PALMA

DeGroot Home

On Friday, February 3rd, Campus Minister Jim Micheletti and the Palma Action Leadership Team went on retreat to San Luis Obispo. Palma Action Leaders **Evan Schivo** '12, **Tim Carroll** '12, **Andy Steitz** '12, **Henry Mirassou** '13, **Daniel Machado** '12, and **Matthias Lopez** '13 started the day with Mass in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel. Then the group went to the DeGroot Home for medically fragile children in San Luis Obispo.

Action Leaders read aloud, played music, and simply enjoyed standing in solidarity with these children, many of whom were abandoned by their parents and suffer from severe brain injuries because of parental drug use and/or other abuse. After serving at the DeGroot Home, Action Leadership spent time in prayer and reflection at the Mission of San Luis Obispo.

The whole day proved to be a mission of faith building and witnessing to our shared Catholic identity. The images of Palma students providing a healing touch carry the weight of emotions that filled the trip to the DeGroot Home.

Palma would like to thank those at the DeGroot Home who made this trip possible, as well as the Palma Action Leaders for serving the chil-



Senior Tim Carroll at DeGroot Home

dren of the DeGroot Home with compassion. They have made the entire Palma community very proud. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the children of the DeGroot Home, and the courageous staff who reflect Christ's love in their service to them.



Evan Schivo

Evan Schivo '12 and the Action Leadership Team

Over the past few years, Palma has been directly influenced by the efforts of the Action Leadership Team. This select group of upper classmen works to transform Palma through their leadership and their commitment to Campus Ministry. **Evan Schivo**, a senior at Palma, has been a core member of the Action Leadership Team and Palma's Campus Ministry. Over the past two years Evan has worked hand-in-hand with Palma's Campus Minister Jim Micheletti in order to serve those less fortunate in the Salinas Valley. "My commitment to Campus Ministry," Evan explained, "really began two years ago when the Action Leadership team flew to Florida for a four-day convention with Br. Edmund Rice Schools from across the Western Hemisphere. There were schools from South America, Canada, and throughout the United States, all there to learn about how to reach the poor in our local areas. The biggest thing we learned from this convention was the difference between temporarily helping the poor and advocating for the poor by addressing the source of their problems."

Upon their return from Florida, Evan Schivo, ASB President **Andy Steitz** '12, and Mr. Micheletti put their heads together to implement all that they had learned from their

trip. "Mr. Micheletti showed us that a lot of poverty stems from a lack of education, so we decided to start our ministry with the Center For Life in East Salinas." For the past two years, Evan and his classmates have tutored children from gang stressed areas at the Center For Life every Tuesday. "We wanted to really focus in on the source of gang violence," Evan continued, "which we felt was spurred by the lack of education in the impoverished areas of Salinas."

Alongside his commitment to the Center For Life, Evan has helped glean the fields of Salinas for food for the poor, served at Dorothy's Kitchen, run a weekly Bingo game for the retired ladies of Madonna Manor, and provide Christmas presents for the poor children of our area every December.

More recently, Evan was a part of an Action Leadership Team visit to the DeGroot Home in San Luis Obispo, a place for children with severe mental and physical handicaps. The experience with the kids there had a profound impact on Evan and the other Palma students who attended. "Most of the children," Evan recalled, "had severe brain damage and were unable to speak, walk, or even breathe on their own. We read to them and I played my guitar. We really just wanted to try and make them smile. Those kids really showed me how many blessings I have in my life. It was a terrific experience."

Evan Schivo is a great example of a man of character, the type of person Palma School challenges young boys to become. Beyond shaping



Evan Schivo plays music for the children

the minds of the boys here at Palma, the dedicated faculty and staff aim to shape the whole person, preparing our students for college *and beyond*. Evan's scholastic and extra-curricular accomplishments have earned him acceptance into Fresno State University, where he plans to be a Bulldog in the Fall of 2012. Thank you, Evan, for representing our school so well! ●



Action Leadership Team (l to r): Evan Schivo '12, Andy Steitz '12, Daniel Machado '12, Tim Carroll '12, Henry Mirassou '13, and Matthias Lopez '13

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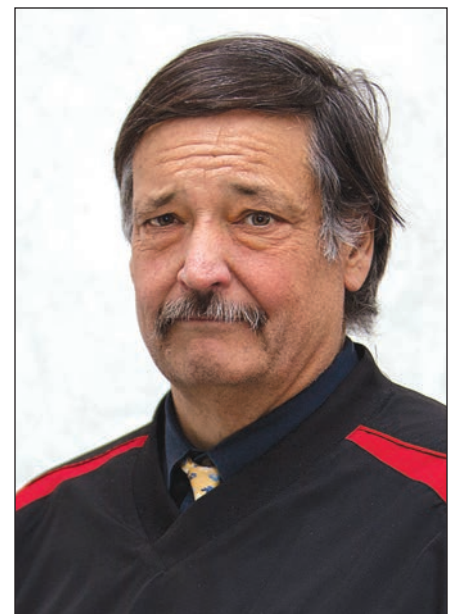
EXCELLENCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Steve Clayton Honored With 2011 CCS Distinguished Service Award

Mr. Steve Clayton, Palma Athletic Director, was selected as a recipient of the 2011 Central Coast Section Distinguished Service Award, which is intended to honor those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Central Coast Section and the California Interscholastic Federation over a period of years. This award is reserved for outstanding individuals who have made personal and professional sacrifices in order to promote, develop, and positively influence interscholastic athletics.

Mr. Steve Clayton, a Palma School valedictorian, has been instrumental in directing the Chieftains successful athletic program since his return in 1992. Upon his graduation from UC Davis, where he was an offensive tackle on the football team, he coached football, basketball, softball, track, golf, and even cheerleading at San Jose and Salinas schools. Mr. Clayton has also dedicated many hours working as tournament director for the CCS in softball, football, basketball, and cross country, emerging as one of the leaders in the ranks of Athletic Directors in the CCS and the state. He has been a presenter at the California State Athletic Director Convention and has been honored as the CCS Athletic Director of the Year. He has also been recognized by the NIAAA as the State Award of Merit recipient for his expertise and tireless dedication to athletic directors, student-athletes, and coaches in the CCS and the state of California.

Mr. Steve Clayton joins Br. Patrick Dunne, who won the award in 2006, as the second Palma representative on this distinguished list of honorees. Palma would like to congratulate Mr. Steve Clayton for this exceptional accomplishment. It is most deserved!



Palma Athletic Director, Steve Clayton '76

Marcel Brinson Signs with Minot State

Palma School is proud to announce that **Marcel Brinson '12** has signed a letter of intent to play football at Minot State in North Dakota. Marcel's outstanding on-field performance, excellent academic record, and remarkable character all contributed to Minot State's proposed scholarship.

Marcel was a cornerstone of Palma's CCS Division IV Championship Football team this season. As a wide receiver and defensive back, Marcel was voted the team's Most Valuable Player along with running back Jack Myers. Marcel's unique abilities were showcased on the defensive side of the ball, where he proved to be a shutdown corner and

a hard-hitting safety. One of Marcel's greatest assets as a safety was his intelligence and decision-making ability. He was able to make game saving tackles in space, accurately anticipate wide receivers' routes, and deliver bone-jarring hits.

Beyond his on-field ability, Marcel is a young man of remarkable character. His unparalleled work-ethic and commitment to his teammates made him a leader for the CCS Champion Chieftains.

When asked about his son's accomplishments, Marlowe Brinson replied, "We could not be more proud of our son. As proud as we are of



Back (l to r): Jeff Carnazzo '85, Julian Harris '05, Nick Noroian '02. Front (l to r): Mrs. Sherida Brinson, Marcel Brinson '12, Mr. Marlowe Brinson

his on-field accomplishments, we care more about the humility and dedication that he has demonstrated to get to this point of success. We have raised him to place his faith in God as the highest priority in his life, followed by his commitment to his family. When you place your faith in God and stay true to your family, the rest of life will fall into place. He has made great decisions to put himself in a situation for success. He has worked so hard, not only in his training for football, but also in his dedication to academics. We would like to thank Palma and Coach Jeff Carnazzo for creating an environment where success was possible for our son."

With a big smile, Marcel warmly added, "It is an overwhelming feeling. I am so thankful to have my family here. All of the hard work that it has taken to get to this point was worth it. I am excited to go on to college and compete at the next level. It is going to be a challenge, but I am looking forward to it!"

Palma would like to congratulate Marcel and wish him the best of luck at Minot State next year. The character and determination that has defined his time here at Palma will surely lead him to success wherever life takes him. Good luck Marcel, and Go Chieftains!

Jack Myers Signs with McKendree

Palma running back **Jack Myers** '12 signed a scholarship to play football at McKendree University in Illinois. His signing followed a phenomenal season in which he led the Chieftains to a Division IV Championship with one of the most impressive post-season performances on record.

Myers played his best in Palma's biggest games. In the playoffs, Myers accumulated nearly 600 yards and 10 TDs in the Chieftains' three post-season games. In Palma's Division IV championship game against Carmel, Myers ran for 231 yards on 31 carries and scored three touchdowns. Myers was also named the Tri-County Athletic League's Most Valuable Offensive Player this past season, churning out 1,017 yards and 15 touchdowns in the regular season.

Paul Apilado, the center and anchor of Palma's offensive line, said, "Blocking for Jack is great. He is a humble guy who works hard. He makes us look really good out there."

Friend and teammate, Marcel Brinson, added, "He is our brother. He's been there for us on and off the field. He deserves all of the success he has achieved."

Jack could arguably have been one of the most productive running backs in Palma history, placing him in a category of excellence with some elite players. "He deserves to be up there with the all-time great



Left to Right: Chris Dalman '88, Nick Noroian '02, Mr. Steve Soper, Jack Myers '12, Jeff Carnazzo '85, Mr. Mark Myers

running backs to come through Palma," said Coach Carnazzo. "We could not be more proud of what he has accomplished here and we would like to extend our sincerest congratulations to Jack Myers for a tremendous career at Palma." ●

SPORTS

Chieftain Sports Scorecard: *Fall & Winter*

Football

Varsity

The Palma Varsity Football team, led by head coach Jeff Carnazzo, finished a very successful season with an 11-1-1 record and an eleventh CCS Championship!

In the Division IV Championship game, the Chieftains defeated the 12-0 Carmel Padres 33-21 at Monterey Peninsula College. The crowd at the Championship game was estimated to be between six and eight thousand people.

Running back **Jack Myers** '12 ran for 253 yards and scored three touchdowns against Carmel. Quarterback **Jack Tardieu** '13 managed a very efficient offense, adding two rushing touchdowns of his own. The offensive line, consisting of **Spencer Seeley** '13 (All-League), **Josiah Pulealii** '13, **Paul Apilado** '12, **Sawyer Swanston** '12 (All-League), **A.J. Sims** '12 (All-League), and **Cameron Neff** '13 (All-League 2nd team), played an outstanding game as well.

Carmel entered the game averaging 55 points per contest, but the Palma defense was solid and held the Padres to only 21 points. Inside linebacker **Alex Rodoni** '13 recovered two key fumbles that proved to be crucial in limiting the Carmel offense. The defense was led by **Jack Powers** '13 (All-T-CAL, MVP lineman), **Hildelv Manzur** '13 (All-League lineman), **Tyler Escoto** '13 (2nd team All-League), **Fabian Ortiz** '12, **Alex Rodoni** '13, **Ryan Sarmiento** '12 (All-League), **Marcel Brinson** '12 (All-League), **Jack Ross** '13 (All-League), **Devin Morales** '12 (All-League), **Austin Wahl** '13 (2nd team All-League), and **Nick Ruiz** '12.



CCS Title

Team awards recipients included the following:

- Most Valuable Player – **Jack Myers** '12
- Most Valuable Player – **Marcel Brinson** '12
- Most Valuable Offensive Lineman – **Sawyer Swanston** '12
- Most Valuable Offensive Lineman – **A.J. Sims** '12
- Cassidy Memorial Award – **Hildelv Manzur** '13
- Most Valuable Defensive Player – **Jack Powers** '13
- Rubio Memorial Award – **Nick Ruiz** '12
- Br. O'Grady Leadership Award – **Ryan Sarmiento** '12
- Coaches' Award – **Paul Apilado** '12
- Coaches' Award – **Devin Morales** '12

Junior Varsity

For the first time since 2001, the Palma Junior Varsity Football team finished the season undefeated. Led by team MVP **Brandon Olivares** '14, the Junior Varsity team won the Tri-County Athletic League Championship in record-breaking fashion. Offensively, the team shattered the Junior Varsity record for most points scored in a season with 360. Defensively, the team tied the record for points allowed during a season with only 100 points in ten games.

During their remarkable season, running back **Brandon Olivares** scored 31 TD's (new JV record) and ran for over 1900 yards (another JV record). His tremendous success was due to the outstanding blocking of offensive linemen: **Cole Rianda** '14, **James Meeks** '14, **Zack Zender** '14, **Ben Laycock** '14, **Shea Wiley** '14, **Alex Normil** '14, and **Tim Jimenez** '14.

An important asset to the 10-0 season was the play of the defense. Playing behind a dominant Defensive Line (**Anthony Payan** '14, **Zack**



Chieftains are led onto the field by bagpiper Drew Barker '06

Zender '14, James Meeks '14, Ben Laycock '14, and Brian Banuelos '14), Linebacker's **Terry Lee '14, Dominic Fusanotti '14,** and **Zack Panziera '14** only allowed 10 points per game. After wins against St. Francis, St. Joseph, and Cardinal Newman, Impact Player of the Year **Chris Vargas '14** inspired a great comeback against Salinas High by throwing two touchdown passes and returning a kick-off for another score.

Moving to the slot position on offense, Chris handed the team over to freshman quarterback **Marcus Cannon '15.** Marcus would go 5-0 as the starting quarterback. **Ryan Scarr '14** and **Will Chilton '14** were the biggest weapons in the passing game. This season's undefeated performance was a great turnaround for a team that went 7-3 and finished in 3rd place in the Tri-County Athletic League as freshmen. The future looks bright for Palma Football.

Other awards recipients included the following:

- Most Valuable Offensive Player – **Cole Rianda '14**
- Most Valuable Back – **Will Chilton '14**
- Most Valuable Offensive Lineman – **Shae Wiley '14**
- Most Valuable Defensive Player – **Zack Zender '14**
- Most Valuable Defensive Lineman – **Anthony Payan '14**
- Most Valuable Defensive Lineman – **James Meeks '14**
- Most Valuable Defensive Back – **Dominic Fusanotti '14**
- Most Valuable Defensive Backer – **Zach Panziera '14**

Freshman

The Frosh football team was led to an 8-2 record this past season by a coaching staff consisting entirely of Palma Alumni. Head coach, **Nick LaFountain '98** was supported by assistant coaches **Julian Harris '05, Frank Smythe '05, Tommy Marquez '04, Craig Borba '04, Michael Niduaa '04, Victor Hinson '90, Dave Wiley '85, and Joe Carnazzo '10.**

The highlights from this past season include victories over rivals Salinas High School and San Benito High School, and a second place finish in T-CAL behind undefeated Alvarez. One of the greatest achievements of the freshman season was that all 76 students remained academically eligible the entire season and finished with a combined team GPA of 3.3. For his efforts both on and off the field, **David Nunez** received the Scholar-Athlete award for his team high GPA of 4.1.

On the field, the team was led by **Brad Carracioli** (Most Valuable Player award recipient), **Chrystian Harrigan** (Most Valuable Offensive Player), and **Wesley Pezzini** (Most Valuable Defensive Player). The Brother O'Grady Spirit Award recipient was **Toby Wisner.** This award is given to the athlete who best exemplifies the Palma Chieftain tradition of excellence, loyalty, and values.

Other awards recipients included the following:

- Most Valuable Offensive Lineman – **Dominic Fratangelo**
- Most Valuable Defensive Lineman – **Eduardo Barbosa**
- Most Valuable Defensive Lineman – **Christian Martorella**
- Most Valuable Special Teams Player – **Kevin Estrada-Haro**
- Most Valuable Special Teams Player – **Miguel Mendez**
- Most Improved Player – **Joe Coffelt**



Varsity Water Polo

Water Polo

Varsity

The 2011 Varsity Water Polo Team secured their first league championship with a record of 13-1 in league play (18-7 overall)! Some of the season's highlights included wins over Ygnacio Valley and San Benito at the prestigious NCS-CCS Challenge in September. **Michael Saulovich '13** led the team with 55 goals and 13 assists. Goalkeeper **Jacob Gumke '12** recorded another 286 saves, bringing his career total to 502 saves. **Tanner Carrillo-Zazueta '12** led the league with 66 steals, while league co-MVP **Nick Yeo '12** finished his career at Palma with 105 goals and 17 assists.

Palma players that were recognized with team and league honors included the following:

- Nick Yeo '12:** MVP, Varsity Water Polo; 1st Team All-TCAL; TCAL Senior-of-the-Year; TCAL Co-MVP
- Tanner Carrillo-Zazueta '12:** MVP Defense, Varsity Water Polo; 1st Team All-TCAL
- Michael Saulovich '13:** MVP Offense, Varsity Water Polo; 1st Team All-TCAL
- Michael D'Arrigo '13:** Coaches' Award, Varsity Water Polo; 2nd Team All-TCAL
- Jacob Gumke '12:** Coaches' Award, Varsity Water Polo; 2nd Team All-TCAL
- Jake Ongaro '13:** TCAL Richard Chamberlin Sportsmanship Award

Junior Varsity

The Palma Junior Varsity Water Polo team, led by coach **C.C. Salmina '87,** had an exciting and successful season. **Blake Martella '15** and **Jeremy Dicks '14** led the Chieftains to seven wins and one loss in league play, and nine wins and twelve losses overall against a tough non-league schedule. The Junior Varsity team's participation in four tournaments helped them play at a higher level when they faced their league opponents. The future is very bright for Water Polo at Palma!

Team awards recipients included the following:

- MVP Offense: **Blake Martella '15**
- MVP Defense: **Jeremy Dicks '14**
- Coaches Award: **Andrew Wooler '15**
- Coaches Award: **Jackson Kesecker '15**

Volleyball

Junior High

The 2011 Junior High Volleyball team was made up of a determined group of individuals. With only one returning player, the odds were stacked against the relatively inexperienced Junior High Volleyball team. Following a tough 0-3 start to the season, the young men persevered through adversity to finish with enough wins for a playoff berth as the fourth seed in the year-end tournament.

The Chieftain volleyball team was led by the exceptional setting skills of 7th grade standout, **Gabe Ghigliotto** '17, and a big middle hitter in **Zack Ralston** '16 (co-MVP). The team captain and co-MVP, **Matt Fusanotti** '16, demonstrated incredible passing and digging skills that robbed other teams of numerous kills. The season culminated in Palma beating the first seed, Junipero Serra School, in the semifinals to move on to face Catalina in the finals. It took a determined group of young men, embodying the integrity and commitment to excellence that Palma Athletics stands for, to accomplish what Palma's Junior High Volleyball team did this year.

Cross Country

Varsity & Junior Varsity

In Varsity Cross Country news, the Palma students ran strong and fast in spite of some injuries and difficulties throughout the season. Under new leadership by second year Palma theology teacher, Stephen Valgos, Palma varsity runners finished the season with 3 wins and 3 losses. The Junior Varsity runners, also coached by Mr. Valgos, finished the season with 2 wins and 4 losses on the season. Overall, Palma finished in 4th place in TCAL and 43rd out of 65 teams at the Crystal Springs CCS meet.

Between the Varsity and Junior Varsity, the team swelled to almost 30 runners this year. The Varsity team, led by team captains **Chris Chen** '12 and **Nathaniel Zanger** '12, boasted an average three-mile race time of 17:42 at the CCS meet. Senior **Chris Chen** finished his senior year with a season best three-mile race time of 17:12, an improvement of almost two minutes from his best freshman year time of 19:05. **Nate Zanger**, not far behind, ended his senior year with a speedy 17:22 three-mile race time, an improvement of nearly two minutes from his sophomore three-mile race time of 19:17.



Varsity Cross Country

Other consistent Varsity standouts were **Hunter Rehbein** '13, **Dominic Zanger** '13, **Joshua Cunanan** '15, and **Austin Churchill** '13; all are expected to return next season. **Aengus Fano** '12 and **Brayden Tollefson** '13 also made consistent and valuable contributions to the team's success despite injuries.

When asked about this year's season, Coach Valgos said, "I couldn't have asked for a more hard-working and fun group of young men. The change in leadership was difficult for them, but they stepped up, made adjustments, ran hard and did their best. I couldn't be happier with their hard work, determination, and perseverance. The Notre Dame cross-country coaches, Mandy Lebow and Brenda Tollefson, were an invaluable resource without whom we would not have been half as successful as we were."

Stephen is already looking forward to next season and hopes to see new runners join this year's dedicated group. Palma's motto this year was taken from 1 Corinthians 9:24, "All runners run in the race but only one wins the prize. Run so as to win." Mr. Valgos would like to congratulate his runners for doing just that.

Team awards recipients included the following:

Varsity

- Most Valuable Runner: **Chris Chen** '12
- Coach's Award: **Josh Cunanan** '15
- Coach's Award: **Hunter Rehbein** '13
- Most Improved Runner: **Austin Churchill** '13
- Leadership Award: **Brayden Tollefson** '13

Junior Varsity

- Most Valuable Runner: **Luis Martinez** '13

Junior High

The Palma Junior High Cross Country team had a very successful 2011 season. Six dedicated seventh grade runners prepared themselves for the season with rigorous drills and street running. Our runners competed in six meets at Carmel Middle School and North Monterey County Middle School. Their efforts culminated in achieving first place medals at each meet.

Below are the new school records for Junior High Cross Country:

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| 1st place: | time: 13:26 | 2011 | Christian Gallardo '17 |
| 2nd place: | time: 14:17 | 2011 | Dominic Valdez '17 |
| 3rd place: | time: 14:33 | 2011 | Evan McNeil '17 |
| 4th place: | time: 14:36 | 2011 | Andrew Gutierrez '17 |
| 5th place: | time: 15:43 | 2011 | Isaac Thomas '17 |

Wrestling

Varsity & Junior Varsity

It was a banner year for the Chieftain wrestling family. This talented group of young men climbed higher on the Central Coast Section ladder than any Varsity Wrestling team in Palma history, placing second in the entire Central Coast Section. Each league within the CCS sends its top qualifiers from each weight class to compete at the elite CCS tournament. In remarkable fashion, the Chieftains qualified every one of their varsity wrestlers in all fourteen weight classes, a feat only accomplished by one other school under the CCS umbrella. Qualifiers includ-



Varsity Wrestling

ed: **Hunter Rehbein '13, Adam Lucero '15, Nick Busby '12, Martin Martinez '14, Alex Garcia '15, Christian Palacios '13, Reed Worthy '13, Bart Bonfantini '13, Robert Caldwell '14, Timmy Jimenez '14, Ryan Sarmiento '12, Cole Rianda '14, Tyler Escoto '13, and Hildelv Manzur '13.**

Eight Chieftains ended their season in the Top 12 in the CCS Tournament: **Hunter Rehbein, Alex Garcia, Christian Palacios, Reed Worthy, Robert Caldwell, Ryan Sarmiento, Tyler Escoto** and **Hildelv Manzur**. **Tyler Escoto** took home a fourth place medal, narrowly missing a state berth. Second-place CCS medalists **Hunter Rehbein, Ryan Sarmiento** and **Hildelv Manzur** each qualified for a coveted spot at the elite California State Tournament in Bakersfield.

In addition to their individual accomplishments, this tight-knit group of Chieftains also racked up a number of team trophies throughout the season. Their accomplishments included the following victories: 1st Place at the Golden Gate Invitational, 1st Place at the Apple Cider Classic, 1st Place at the Jim Root Classic, 1st Place at the El Camino Colt Classic, and Top 40 at the Sierra Nevada Classic in Reno, Nevada. Ten of the 14 Varsity Chieftain wrestlers ranked in the "Top 20" in all of CCS at season's end: **Hunter Rehbein, Martin Martinez, Alex Garcia, Christian Palacios, Reed Worthy, Bart Bonfantini, Robert Caldwell, Ryan Sarmiento, Tyler Escoto** and **Hildelv Manzur**. With only one of these ten wrestlers graduating, the 2012-2013 season looks very promising.

The Chieftain Junior Varsity Team dominated the Tri-County Athletic League and ended their season Team League Champions. They boasted an astonishing six individual league champions: **Barrett Bonfantini '15, Luis Martinez '13, Greg Stefani '13, Travis Gumke '14, John Sheets '14, and Zach Zender '14**. Second-place finishers included **Bijan Kooroshfar '14, Cody Martinez '15, and Jack Gillott '15**.

Soccer Varsity

Under the superb leadership of team captain **Tim Carroll '12**, the Varsity Soccer team put together a campaign that impressed the league's coaches with their tenacity and spirit. With only one returning senior, coach Scott Corner knew from the start that it would be a challenging year. Starting five juniors and four sophomores, this year's team showed moments of greatness. When the Varsity team played nationally ranked Alisal High School, the Chieftains battled to a 1-0 loss behind a

fantastic defensive effort by **Eddie Paz '13** in goal. Against eventual CCS qualifier Carmel High School, the Chieftains fought to a 1-0 win off a spectacular 78th minute free kick from **Eduardo Munoz '13**.

Though there were times of inconsistency due to the youth of the varsity team, they matured down the stretch and gained valuable varsity experience against quality opponents. They also learned some life lessons about how to play as a team at high levels of competition. Next year will be an exciting season when the varsity team returns a wealth of experienced players. Great job Chieftains!

Palma players that were recognized with team and league honors included the following:

Tim Carroll '12: Team Captain, Varsity Soccer; 1st Team All-TCAL; Monterey County All-Star Team

A.J. Yates '12: Coaches Award, Varsity Soccer; 2nd Team All-TCAL; Monterey County All-Star Team

Eduardo Munoz '13: Coaches Award, Varsity Soccer

J.R. Budde '14: TCAL Richard Chamberlin Sportsmanship Award

Eddie Paz '13: "For-the-Good-of-the-Game", Varsity Soccer

Junior Varsity

The 2011-2012 Junior Varsity Soccer team showed great improvement throughout the season, both individually and collectively. There were some incredible goals scored as well as some amazing defensive moments. The team felt the impact towards the end of the season when **Eddie Paz '14**, the starting goalie, was moved to the varsity team due to injuries. Coach C.C. Salmina is looking forward to seeing these young men develop into stronger student athletes in the seasons to come.

The individual awards were given out to the following players:

Junior Varsity MVP: **Eddie Paz '14**

Junior Varsity MVP Offense: **Jean Luc Adam '14**

Junior Varsity MVP Defense: **Steven Camcam '15**

Junior Varsity Most Improved: **Jimmy Clark '14**

Junior Varsity Coaches Award: **Matthew Garibay '14**

Junior High

It was a challenging season for the Palma Junior High Soccer team, finishing the season with a record of 3-7-2 in the MTJAL. With only two returning starters, the team relied heavily on some dynamic 7th graders. The team's Most Valuable Player **Branden Werner '17** connected with Offensive MVP **Daudi London '17** for numerous goals throughout the season. Defensive MVP **Kyler Crone '17**, alongside the speedy **Matt Smith '16** and the tenacious **Andrew Luker '16**, anchored the Palma defense. **Gabe Rianda '16** performed valiantly as the team's goalkeeper, having no previous experience at the position. The team won with humility and lost with dignity, and Coach **Nick Sterrett '04** is excited to coach the talented group that will be returning next year.

Basketball Varsity

In his eighth season as head coach, Paul Alioto led the Chieftains to a fifth Tri-County Athletic League title by finishing 11-1 in league play. The Chieftains have compiled an astounding 63-9 record in the last six years of TCAL play. This year's team faced the most difficult pre-season schedule in the last eight years; despite some early struggles, the team



Junior Jack Tardieu

never lost faith in one another. A season sweep of Salinas High School highlighted league play, and a win at Mission Preparatory in San Luis Obispo was the biggest win of the non-league schedule.

Noah Allen '13, Jack Powers '13, and Jack Tardieu '13 led the team offensively. **Marcus Washington '13 and Jack Burlison '15** were defensive nightmares, harassing opponents into numerous turnovers. Seniors **Joe Paulo, Shivan Singh, Sam Thompson, Devin Morales, and Jay Felix** were the leaders who kept the Chieftains focused on their goals all season long with their hustle and their commitment to excellence.

The varsity squad received the number one seed in the CCS Division IV Playoffs, finishing the regular season with a 16-8 overall record. This year was the seventh year in a row that the Chieftains have reached the CCS Semifinals. **Jack Powers** and **Noah Allen** were honored with First Team All-TCAL selections, while **Jack Tardieu** and **Joe Paulo** garnered Second Team honors. **Noah Allen** was selected as the Tri-County Athletic League MVP, as well as the MVP of Monterey County by both the *Monterey Herald* and the *Salinas Californian* newspapers.

Junior Varsity

It was a great year for the Palma Junior Varsity basketball team. They were a positive, hard-working group that had great team chemistry. The year started with coach Jerod Stewart bringing up three freshmen to fill out an eight-man roster. Following two tough losses to Archbishop Mitty High School and Bellarmine Preparatory, the team went on to win the remaining 22 games on the schedule. Their impressive streak included wins against Piedmont Hills, Santa Cruz, Soquel, Valley Christian, and St. Francis.

The Junior Varsity team finished league play with a perfect 12-0 record. Their stout defense limited their opponents to 28.75 points per game, while their outstanding offense averaged 58.0 points per game! The average margin of victory was nearly 30 points per game! **Mason Miguel '14** led the team with 35 three-point field goals, and **Chrystian Harrigan '15** averaged nine points per game as a freshman. The team accomplished their astounding 22-2 record without having a single player's scoring average in double digits. It was a true team effort!

Team Awards included:

- Coach's Award: **Max Fiege '14**
- Most Improved Player: **Hans Baltizar '14**
- Defensive Player of the Year: **Dalton Davolis '14**
- Defensive Player of the Year: **Mason Miguel '14**
- Offensive Player of the Year: **Will Chilton '14**

Hustle Award: **Dominic Fusinotti '14**

Most Outstanding Player of the Year: **Jacob Regester '14**

Freshmen

The Freshman Basketball team was led by point guards **Matt Lucas, Adrian Valdez, Chris Childs, and Justin Nobida-Lagrimas**. The presence of **David Nunes, Dylan Antonetti, Kasey Cory, Andrew Wooler, Marques Cannon, and Adam Romero** inside made the Chieftains competitive on the boards. The versatility of **Cameron Crone, Devon Esquerra, Joe Coffelt, Kevin Bass, Nick Cimino, and Sebastian Camacho** kept defenses on their heels. The young Chieftains finished strong, winning six of their last seven games, which included beating Salinas High School at Salinas. A strong pre-season schedule was highlighted by a victory over Bellarmine Preparatory at the end of December.

Team awards recipients included the following:

- Coach's Award: **Cameron Crone**
- Hustle Award: **Andrew Wooler**
- Most Improved: **Adam Romero**
- Offensive Player of the Year: **Justin Nobida-Lagrimas**
- Defensive Player of the Year: **Devin Esquera**
- Most Outstanding Player: **Matt Lucas**

Eighth Grade

The Palma 8th grade basketball team finished with an undefeated league record of 14-0, and an impressive overall record of 22-2. The Chieftains earned a 1st place finish in the MTJAL as a result. The only losses on the season came in two separate tournaments, the Mickey Linehan Memorial Tournament and the Evergreen Tournament, against eventual tournament champions.

The team was filled with outstanding athletes, skilled basketball players, and fierce competitors. Co-MVP **Josh Keselica's** electricity at point-guard, combined with co-MVP **Liam McMillian's** defensive presence and offensive skill, proved to be too much for most teams. In the exciting season finale against Carmel, the team battled back from a 10-point deficit at halftime to tie the game up with 20 seconds left. Defensive standouts **Zach Barry** and **Zac Tamagni** closed up all the passing lanes and allowed Josh Keselica to steal the ball from Carmel's point-guard, dribble the length of the court, and score a lay-up as the buzzer sounded! It was an outstanding finish to the season and the championship could not have been more deserved.

Seventh Grade

The Palma 7th grade basketball team developed an aggressive full-court press this season. The press proved daunting to opponents, and the team went undefeated in regular season play — a perfect 14-0! Led by **Daniel Soto** and **Emilio Martinez**, the team learned many aspects of the Palma system — one-dribble lay-ups, man-to-man defense, and systematic work on basketball fundamentals. The team excelled in competition and showed true sportsmanship to their opponents.

Randy Cory came on in mid-season to contribute to the starting five, along with **Dylan Olivares, Drew Dalman, Daniel Soto, and Emilio Martinez**. However, the entire team of 15 players became a dedicated, cohesive unit. They collectively came together and reached an improved level of play. The future is promising for Palma basketball! ●

ALUMNI

UPDATE

1955

Adolph B. Cimino will be turning 76 this coming April. "I am fortunate in so many ways. I am so very thankful for the discipleship, mentorship, and friendship of Msr **Danny Lopez**, retired, class of '55. I am also thankful for Br. Avendano, one of the first Palma teachers. Both of these men helped keep me in line and keep the Holy Spirit alive in my life. God bless them."

Monsignor Dan Lopez retired two years ago from a position as a pastor in a Fresno Diocese. He is currently helping out at the local parishes in the Salinas area. Dan now lives at the same house he grew up in with his dogs and cats! Dan writes, "I still love to do my Elvis impersonations at different celebrations. I recently performed at an event at Sacred Heart!"

1957

Lurine Pelucca Larson graduated in 1957 from Palma — the third graduating class — back in the days when it was a co-ed high school. Her class was the first to go through Palma — from Grade 7 through Grade 12. Lurine and her husband have two beautiful daughters. Lurine was the first paid secretary at Palma — she was hired in June 1959 after she graduated from Hartnell Jr. College. Before that time, mothers of students volunteered in the business office. Lurine has another first in the job category. When her family moved to the San Jose area, she volunteered as a secretary at Holy Family Parish. She worked in both the Parish Office as well as in the Catechetical Office. After a few months, she was offered the position as Parish Secretary and Catechetical Secretary — dividing her time between the 2 offices. She retired from Holy Family on April 1, 2005. Lurine still "works" at Holy Family one day a week, but as a volunteer. Lurine adds, "I enjoy reading about our Palma Alumni. The ladies from my graduating class have a luncheon reunion the last Saturday of October at a local restaurant in Salinas. It is a wonderful time to reacquaint with one another and reminisce about our days at Palma."

1959

Paul Campos (Ridgerest). Most noteworthy item this past year was the dream of a lifetime. My partner Jim and I flew to Sydney, Australia and boarded a cruise ship for an around-the-world cruise. We spent 104 days cruising in a



Paul Campos '59

westerly direction back to Australia. The trip included 44 ports of call in some very exotic countries — from Malaysia on to the Suez Canal, into the Mediterranean, on up to Norway and the U.K., through the Panama Canal, up the Mexican coastline to Los Angeles, then to Hawaii, and down through the South Pacific back to Sydney. We hope to return to some of the amazing places we visited. Back home, Jim manages the Carmel Valley Art Association Gallery, and I maintain our 10-acre property.

Roberta Fanoe Huntington is the proud grandmother one Palma alumnus (**Matt Huntington** '08), and three current Palma students (**Mitchell Huntington** '13, **Luke Huntington** '14, and **Mark Beach** '16). Pictured is Roberta with the whole Huntington/Beach family!



Roberta Fanoe Huntington '59 with the whole Huntington/Beach family

Gayle Pinkney was a school secretary at the middle school in the Evergreen School District. She is presently retired. Gayle has three children and six grandchildren. Her oldest child, and only daughter, teaches science. Both of Gayle's sons work in the tech industry.

1961

James Reed is currently semi-retired as a corporate pilot and flight instructor. More recently, he has been working part-time for Legacy Citation jet aircraft, where he does initial and recurrent training in various models of twin-engine aircraft. In his spare time, James is an active motorcyclist and glider pilot. James concludes: "My children have gifted us with 11 grandchildren. It is still hard to believe that it has been 50 years since graduation from Palma. Go Chieftains!"

Walter David Herbert Even though it has been 10 years since its initial publication, Walter's book *Phantom Driver* is still selling! It is available on Amazon. You can also Google "Walton David Herbert Phantom Driver Amazon" and it will come right up. Walter adds, "All is well up in Billings, Montana. I am now working on a new book entitled, *Capitalism For The Masses*."



Back row, L to R: Kathy Garlinger Paolino, Barbara Battagin Seiler, Maria Duron Villarreal
Middle row, L to R: Marietta Tosto Federico, Mary Alice Doner Rothstein, Gini Wilson Luttrell, Marilyn Meidinger Wagner, Kathy Sheehy Ferrasci, Donna Joyce Hewitt. Front row, L to R: Maureen Bruce Laurence, Barbara Borchert Pybas, Nancy Reif Johnson, Karen Fanoe Archer. Seated is Maria Lopez Novack

Barbara Pybas sent in a photo of her and all the girls of the Palma Class of 1961 at their 50th reunion. They had a blast reminiscing on their fun times at Palma together.

1962

Don Dedeaux retired from the Auto Club in Southern California on January 1, 2009 after 40 years in the Claims Department. He is currently a member of the Ridge Association representing homeowners. Don also runs a golf club of 30 members who have played once per month past 23 years. Sadly, Don's wife, Corinne, passed away from liver cancer on December 7, 2007. Don has two children and three grandchildren. His daughter is a Licensed Vocational Nurse, and his son works for a specialty meat company in New Jersey.



Don Dedeaux '62

Elisabeth Guthrie-Nolan After graduating from Hartnell Community College and California State University at Fresno, Elisabeth lived in the Bay Area in San Francisco where she worked as a Creative Director for advertising agencies. In 2000, family matters brought Elisabeth back to Salinas where she semi-retired in 2004. She is currently self-employed and still does advertising projects. Her flexible schedule allows her to spend quality time with her grandchildren and great granddaughter. Elisabeth concludes, "I am very thankful to be able to spend all the time that I do with my family. Life is great!"

1963

Patricia Ann (Berta) Hall finally retired in mid-December 2011. Her plans for the future include traveling, working on some art projects, and writing a book. She is also looking forward to spending more time with her family and getting reacquainted with old friends.

Gary T. Potter and his wife Cherrelyn are retired and do a lot of traveling. They have two beautiful time-shares in Telluride, Colorado and Kaua'i, Hawaii, so they are in those places or trading for time-shares around the world. They play a lot of golf and make a lot of road trips. In order to honor the memory of their son Chris, Gary and his wife developed the Chris Massey Foundation, which awards financial scholarships to high school seniors to help with their college expenses. The foundation's website is www.chrismasseyfoundation.org.

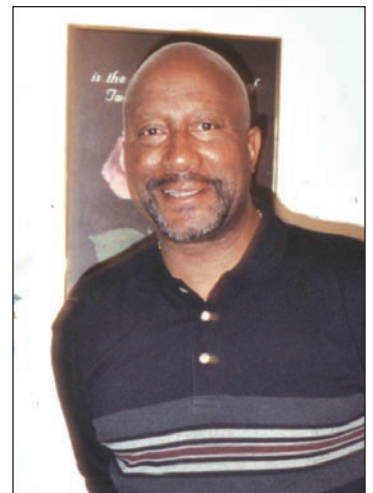


Gary T. Potter '63

Barbara Whitehead (Lavagnino) 2011 was an up-and-down year for Barbara. On the bright side, Barbara is now a "retired" Registered Nurse. On the sad side, her husband Richard passed away after a long illness. She is keeping busy with visits from old and new friends, her four grandchildren, her parents, walks, and pilates.

1964

Paul George Jr. is currently retired and has been living in Anchorage, Alaska since 1987. Paul has one son, Marvin George, who lives in Alaska as well. He does not have any grandchildren yet, but who knows what the future holds! Paul enjoys coaching youth baseball (ages 12-14). He also plays in a city basketball league for men 40-years-old and up. Paul loves spending time with his wonderful spouse Kathy. Kathy still works at the Native Hospital in Anchorage, but plans on retiring next year.



Paul George '64



Mary Garlinger McMahon '64

Mary Garlinger McMahon This year Mary's younger daughter was married in September at Park City, Utah. The picture shows David and Amy Kopp (son-in-law and daughter) Millie, Augie, my husband Mike, Addy, Ben and Jen, Ava, Mary and Mary's mother, Pat.

1965

Ken Poppa After 15 years at the American School in Tokyo, Ken will be retiring from teaching and moving on to a new chapter in his life. Ken plans on running a small home-stay/cooking experience in a delightful Ligurian hilltop village in Italy. Ken will also continue to spend part of his year in the City of Smiles, Bangkok, Thailand. Check out Ken's new project at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Il-Gallo/126629077402593>

1966

Richard Del Chiaro has been living in Sacramento for the past 43 years, where he continues to work in construction. Richard is involved with Senior softball and has been playing music with various groups in the area. Richard jokes, "I am a member of what is known as the 'Old Farts,' that being Palma alumni from the 1960's to the 1990's. This group of men and women, from Notre Dame and Salinas as well, gather at intervals to meet and associate. I believe this is quite a unique band of friends. We've been at this for 20 years. A few families apart of this exclusive club include: the Lauritsons, Fanoes, Richardsons, Panellis, Panzieras, Willrodts, and Rossis. My life is better because of the friendships I have with those in this group."

Manuel Martinez and his wife Marian are retired. Manuel had two



Manuel Martinez '66 & Wife Marian along with the whole gang



Steve Murphy '66 with nephew Geno Boggiatto '05

sons graduate from Palma, **Dave Martinez**, class of 1987, and **Tim Martinez**, class of 1989. Manuel has six grandchildren: Hannah, Luke, Gavin, Jacob, Bella, and Maya. He enjoys spending most of his time coaching their different sports teams.

Steve Murphy and his wife Valerie are still living the good life in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Steve adds, "We are doing what we like best, dancing and RV'ing!" Steve's nephew, **Geno Boggiatto** class of '05, graduated from the School of Architecture at University of Southern California in May of 2010.

1967

Bradley Johnson retired from the United States Air Force in 1988. During his years in the service, he spent a year-and-a-half in Vietnam, four years in Spain, and four years in Germany. The rest of his time in service to our country was spent in the United States. Bradley's wife also spent time in the United States Air Force and is now retired. They currently reside in Oceanside, California. After his retirement from the United States Air Force, Bradley was self-employed until recently when his health started to deteriorate due to Alzheimer's. "I would love to hear from my classmates," says Bradley, "so feel free to email me at time4u@sbcglobal.net."

Clem Richardson Last September, Clem and his wife, Barbara, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at Lake Tahoe alongside their three children: Kelly (ND '94), Polly (ND '96), and **Jack** (Palma '00). Kelly's husband, Andre, and their two children, Jenna and Maya, were there to celebrate with them as well. Clem adds, "Our 40th wedding anniversary stands as a testimony to my wife's patience!" Clem reported for hip replacement surgery the next day. He remains actively engaged with Palma, as he has been since the late '80s. Clem has been involved with The Foundation Board, announcing Palma Football games, and coaching the golf team since the 2000-2001 season. Clem concludes: "Besides family, work in the produce business with Church Brothers LLC, and my Palma involvement, I'm active in Christians in Commerce (an ecumenical businessmen's organization) where God changed my life many years ago on a retreat weekend. I also follow the local sports teams and get to sing with my friends and cousins in the Flat Rock Boys music group. We've played at a few Palma reunions in recent years and always have a great time being with our childhood friends."

1968

Mike Leonardich's youngest son, Joseph, graduated from the University of Oregon last year. His brother, Daniel, will receive his MBA in May from the University of San Francisco. Mike is a senior Information technology manager for Motorola Mobility and manages all Motorola data centers throughout North America. His wife Suzanne is starting her ninth year at a law firm that processes loans for small business associates of the United States government.

1970

Richard Burke enjoys spending quality time with his family, especially over the recent holiday. Richard adds, "The holidays are about reconnecting with each other, listening, sharing, and caring about what is important to your spouse, children, and the friends in your life. Gifts are a kind gesture, but loving each other is the real meaning of Christmas to me." Richard's family Christmas photo is featured below.



Richard Burke '70

Richard Otto is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments and his office is located in Watsonville. He is involved with the Watsonville Rotary, Boy Scouts, and is also a board member of the Pajaro Valley Health Trust Fund. Richard now has three granddaughters who are just over one year old. His mother still lives in her house in Salinas, right behind the Palma campus. While attending Palma, Richard and his brothers used to make a quick entrance (or exit) to class through a secret door in their fence! Richard just recently returned from a fly-fishing to trip to Christmas Island for bonefish in February 2012.



Richard and a Cutthroat caught at Lake Pyramid, NV



Deacon Rick Gutierrez '71

1971

Deacon **Rick Gutierrez** is very active with his ministry work at Sacred Heart Church in the Salinas Valley. Rick was also active in the class reunion committee, which held their 40-year reunion last year. Rick still resides in Spreckels and loves to get together with his old Palma classmates whenever he can.

1974

Jim Suibielski and his wife Lisa retired in 2009 and moved to Gilbert, Arizona. Jim has spent 30 years in law enforcement and retired from the Livermore Police Department as a sergeant. Lisa has spent 35 years as a registered nurse. Jim currently works as a law enforcement consultant with the Chandler Arizona police department. They have two children and four grandchildren and plan to do plenty of traveling in the near future.

1975

Joe Annotti has been the President and CEO of American Fraternal Alliance since 2008. He has been married to his wife Jody since 1981. They have two sons, Joseph and Ben. Joseph Annotti and his wife Lee-Ann currently reside in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Joe's other son Ben is from Chicago, IL (*back row, far left in navy golf shirt*).



Annotti family

Joe Given has been coaching for the past 30+ years. He holds numerous state and section records, including the second most wins in California high school softball history. He coached both softball and



Joe Given '75

basketball at Notre Dame, and was an assistant coach this past year for the Notre Dame volleyball team. He retired from coaching softball in 2010, and was elected to the California Coaches Hall of Fame in 2011 by the California Coaches Association. *Submitted by Carrie Pierce*

Peter Gnosca All is well in the Gnosca household! Peter's daughter Amelia is engaged and is getting married in September. Peter's daughter Miriam is also engaged! His son Jack is in his first year at Menlo College, and he loves the Bay Area. Peter's son **John** is a sophomore at Palma and had an amazing football season in the fall. The J.V. team went undefeated! Life is great for Peter as well; he continually looks forward to running into old classmates from his time here at Palma.

Joseph G. Kaslin has been working in the produce business for over 30 years. Joe and his wife Linda will be celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary this year! Their son, Nicholas, is a student at the University of Hawaii after serving in the United States Air Force for eight years. Their daughter, Alyssa, works for a fruit shipping company in Lodi and will be getting married in the fall. Their youngest daughter, Brittany, recently graduated from CSU Chico and now works for Results Radio.



Joseph Kaslin '75

Mark Kollmann In addition to his responsibilities managing Procurement & Contracting for a major capital construction project at the BP-Husky Refining LLC Refinery in Toledo, OH, Mark was asked to take on another project running concurrently at the BP Whiting Refinery in Indiana. The project there is a \$1B+ revamp of a primary crude oil processing plant. They are basically building a new unit around an existing one. The project is slated to run through late-summer 2013, so Mark has picked up an apartment in Chicago to stay in between his "commutes" home to Orange County on weekends. Mark's wife Jill is holding down the fort in

Fountain Valley and working as a consultant in the transportation sector. Their oldest son, Ryan, is going to the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs where he is taking classes in digital security. Their youngest son, Brett, is in his third year of film school at Cal State Fullerton.

Victor Valdez Jr. is an ironworker/foreman for TC Steel. Last year he was welding in Iraq. The photo is of Victor at one Saddam Hussain's palaces in Iraq.



Victor Valdez Jr. '75

1976

Jack Little is currently finishing up his master's program in history. He is now in his 13th year at Imperial High School in Imperial, California. He recently was cast in a walk-on scene in a western movie filming in the Palm Desert area. Jack has been coaching Imperial High School's Decathlon team for the past 13 years. In his spare time he continues his work on the *Palma Class of 1976* book. Jack has also been a member of the Rell Cowboys Association for the preservation of the Western movies and TV shows. The photo, titled *Stand By Me*, is Jack and six of his seniors just before a performance before the school to the tune of Ben E. King "*Stand By Me*." It was on Youtube. It was done at the good-bye assembly at the school.



Jack Little '76

1977

Joe Piedimonte is now the Controller for Church Brothers Produce in Salinas. For the last 40 years, the Church family has learned produce from the ground up. Tom and Steve Church maintain the spirit of a family owned business, employing the core values of integrity, industriousness, innovation and improvement in developing a viable company to service the industry they grew up in.

1979

Martin Rager currently volunteers at Turner Park in San Andreas. He organizes annual fundraisers for Halloween and St. Patrick's Day. The park is located at 287 Treat Avenue in San Andreas. The District owns and maintains Turner Park. Amenities include a gazebo, picnic tables, barbecues, a playground, kitchen, bathrooms, horseshoe pits and a skate park. The facility is available to the public for rent.

1981

Brent Eastman started Brent Eastman Insurance Services, Inc. in 2005. They just bought an office in Salinas and are now located at 51 Katherine Avenue, a mere three blocks from where Brent was born and raised. Brent and his wife have five children, with each of their godfathers being fellow graduates from Palma in 1981. Amanda is a senior at Cal State Channel Islands. **Sam**, a Palma graduate in 2010, is a freshman at Northern Arizona University. Cammie is a freshman at Notre Dame High School. Last, but not least, their twins, Ben and Brent, are in the fourth grade at Washington Union. Brent was just promoted to Third Vice President of the California Rodeo. His tenure as President will start in six years. Brent also became President of Partners For Peace earlier in the year. Brent is currently on the board for Public Recreation Unlimited, which is actively working on the funding for Palma's new home football stadium out at Muni. Palma's new field is scheduled to be ready for the start of the 2013 football season.

Scott Howard has been in the news business for the past 24 years. Currently, he is the news director for Catamount Broadcasting, which operates a CBS/NBC and CW combination of affiliates in Chico, including KHSL and KNVN. "After graduating from Chico State in 1985, I worked part-time in Hollister as a city hall reporter for the then start-up weekly, *The Pinnacle*." Scott then moved to Tracy to take a reporting job with the *Tracy Press*. Later on, he would work for the Alameda Newspaper Group's *Tri-Valley Herald*. In 1998, Scott transitioned into TV news, moving to Chico and working for KNVN as an assignment manager. He has been on the TV side since then. Incidentally, Scott did a 4-1/2 year stint in Reno, working the assignment desk between 2007 and summer of 2011 for ABC affiliate KOLO. Scott concludes his update: "I have two daughters, ages 24 and 22 and a son, 17. I have been married to my beautiful wife Janine Howard for the past 26 years. Go Chieftains!"



Scott Howard '81

Jeff York is President and CEO of Coast Hills Federal Credit Union in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. Jeff recently testified to Congress on behalf of America's credit unions regarding legislation to help small businesses obtain loans from credit unions. If passed, credit unions could help small businesses create more than 100,000 new jobs in the first year and infuse billions of dollars into the economy without costing taxpayers a dime.

1982

Gary LeKander and his family have been very supportive of Palma since he and his two brothers (**Daniel LeKander**, class of '84, and **David LeKander**, class of '83) graduated. His two sisters also graduated from Notre Dame around the same time. Gary's biggest test is when Palma plays Cardinal Newman in football. He and his family currently live in Santa Rosa and his stepson is a freshman at Cardinal Newman. Gary says, "I have a hard time figuring out who I want to win!"

1985

Ed Christiansen and his family currently live in Clayton, CA in the East Bay, where Ed is a First Vice President with Merrill Lynch. Ed has been in the securities industry since his retirement from the U.S. Army as a

captain in 1994. His wife Theresa, a speech and language pathologist, and his three children: Trevor, Kendall and Cameron, just returned from Los Angeles after his son Trevor's team defended their football State Championship for the De La Salle Spartans. Concluding his update, Ed adds, "We continue to raise our kids with the same faith and values we experienced in our respective high school years at Palma and Central Catholic."



Ed Christiansen '81

Mike O'Grady is currently living in Los Angeles with his wife, Tracy, and her family. Mike is employed in international sales and marketing of fresh fruit and vegetables, mostly to Asia. His family still resides in Salinas, and Mike tries to visit every few months. In his spare time, Mike enjoys running, weight lifting, traveling, and reading.

1986

Paul Cracknell is the Group Vice President of Operations for the United States and Baja, Mexico for Driscoll Strawberry Associates. He is married to Erin and has two children, Noah and Emily. He and his family reside in San Luis Obispo, CA (see photo for Joe Annotti '75, page 24).



Djalma Gomes '86

Djalma Gomes is married to his beautiful wife, Andrea, and they have a wonderful seven-year-old son. Professionally, Djalma is an expert consultant in project, program, and portfolio management and he has been working as a project manager specialist for the past 14 years. Djalma is also a post-graduate teacher at Mackenzie University (one of the best universities at Sao Paulo) and volunteer teacher for poor teenagers. His professional profile can be found at: <http://br.linkedin.com/pub/djalma-gomes-djalma-gomes-yahoo-com/0/126/33>

1987

Mike Callender and his family have been living in Santa Clara, CA for the past eight years. Mike is currently the Application Operations Manager for a cloud computing company called Exigen Expert Markets. Mike adds, "In my spare time I am the Manager/Gopher (more gopher than manager!) for my 16-year-old daughter who is a model. She has done work for Pottery Barn, been featured on the cover of the 'Clue' board game Paris edition, and was just in



Mike Callender '87

'Hell Yeah' magazine. I try and drive by the school whenever I am in town and the additions look great! I have included a picture of us from a trip to Alaska at a dog sled facility!"

Kevin Christiansen and his wife Lisa have lived in Clayton, CA for 12 years and have three children attending St. Agnes School in Concord, CA: Riley (nine-years-old, 4th grade), Brady (seven-years-old, 1st grade) and Cally (six-years-old, K). Both he and his wife have been in the computer software/hardware industry for 18 years and try to get down to the Monterey Peninsula as much as they can to visit family. Kevin concludes, "We are active in our children's school and in our community. Currently, I am the president of Clayton Valley Little League and really enjoying playing baseball with my sons!"



Kevin Christiansen '87

Dave Martinez loves spending time with his family. Dave and his wife, Susie have four children: Hannah (15), Luke (11), Gavin (5), and Jacob (2). Dave's brother, **Tim**, and father, **Manuel**, also went to Palma.



Dave Martinez '87

1988

Ryan Angle has been living down on the Central Coast of California in Arroyo Grande for close to 20 years now with his beautiful wife Kacey of 17+ years. Ryan and Kacey have 3 children, Hannah (14), Patrick (13) and Connor (10). Ryan is the chief operating officer of LR Baggs Corp., which is a growing company that manufactures acoustic guitar pickups and preamps. Basically, any artist who plays acoustic guitar on stage could be using one of their products. His company works with artists such as James Taylor, Tom Petty, Sugarland, Coldplay, and many others. Ryan says, "I look back fondly on my days at Palma High School when I was playing three sports a year and trying to keep on top of my studies at the same time. I now realize that is where I first started building a foundation of discipline, focus and organization that has helped me throughout my college years and into my adult work and family life." Ryan is currently the president of a local youth basketball recreational

league that has close to 1,000 kids participating. He also coaches his three kids in numerous sports during the year and is on the board of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Needless to say, he is "as busy as ever and enjoying every minute of it." Ryan still follows Palma sports and enjoys getting a chance to see the current teams play when they come down to Arroyo Grande. Ryan comments, "It is nice to see the 'Palma' tradition of winning and sportsmanship being carried on by coaches who are friends or former classmates." Ryan adds, "I have been blessed with a wife who, although she thinks I am nuts at times and is probably right, is amazingly supportive and encouraging of our hectic life. There was not a day in high school or college that I did not have some sort of practice after school and now my kids are on a very similar path. Our kids are amazingly lucky also to have a huge extended family here in our area. I have 32 nieces and nephews under the age of 17 who all live in Arroyo Grande and who we get to see on a regular basis. So, there is never a dull moment in the Angle house and I would not have it any other way."



Ryan Angle '88

Michael Georgariou As of January 1, 2012, Michael became a partner of Stephen D. Sprenkle who has practiced workers' compensation law on behalf of injured workers in Salinas and the surrounding areas for over 38 years. The name of the firm is Sprenkle & Georgariou, LLP, Attorneys at Law.

Bret Nielsen is currently living in Westlake Village, which is a suburb of Los Angeles, with his wife Paige and their two daughters: Kendal (6) and Summer (3). Bret is the Senior Vice President of Leasing and Asset



Bret Nielsen '88

Management for Caruso Affiliated, where he has worked for the past 15 years. Caruso Affiliated is a real estate development company, specializing in retail, residential and resort properties. For the past five years, Bret has also worked as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Southern California, his alma mater where he received both his Bachelors and Masters degrees. His wife and girls enjoy spending most of their time outdoors and with friends. When asked about his time at Palma, Bret replied, "I miss my days at Palma. They were some of the best years of my life and I appreciate all the friendships I made there."

1989

Tim Martinez continues to teach at Palma School. Tim is also the Head Coach of the Junior Varsity Chieftain Football team. This past season, his team went undefeated, finishing with a perfect 10-0 record. Tim loves to spend time with his wife, Jessica, and his two daughters, Bella (6) and Maya (3).



Tim Martinez '89

1990

Christian McColgan has been living in Austin, Texas since 1994. He worked in the music production business locally and nationally for 12 years. More recently, Christian has been working with AT&T for the past five years. Christian adds, "Austin is great, and I would encourage any Palma graduates to come check it out."



Edwin Sargenti '90

Edwin Sargenti currently works as a senior project manager for PSC Industrial Outsourcing. He is a general contractor in the demolition, asbestos, and hazardous waste field. Edwin is married to his wife Lupe and they have two kids Isabella (6) and Brayden (4). He enjoys making wine, elk hunting in Colorado, racing in Baja, Mexico, camping at the lake, and riding motorcycles with his kids.

1992

Ken Buzelle is currently employed as an inspector at Boeing in Auburn, Washington. He has been employed at Boeing for four-and-a-half years. Ken started in the propulsion systems division (PSD) as a mechanic in Seattle, Washington, and was eventually transferred to Everett. After three years, he moved to Quality Assurance on the 787 program. After a year-and-a-half, he transferred to Auburn. Ken and his family currently reside in Tacoma, WA. His wife Jeri (pictured) is a Para-educator for the Bethel School district and they have two kids. Their daughter Michelle (not pictured) is a junior in high school, and their son Nick

(pictured) is in the 5th grade. Ken says, "In my free time I like to go watch the Seattle Thunderbirds Hockey team play (they are a semi-pro team one level under the NHL). My family and I also enjoy traveling around



Ken Buzelle '92

Washington, Oregon, and Canada. We also have three other members of our family, two dogs and a cat!"

Matthew Vosti was one of the many kids who were bussed up from Gonzales to Salinas every school day for six years. He has been working in the wine-grape industry since graduating from California Polytechnic Institute at San Luis Obispo. Currently, Matthew is running his own viticulture consulting business in Napa Valley, advising local growers and wineries on pests/disease status, fertility, and overall quality control. His office is the cab of his work truck, and he loves the view from his desk. Matthew is contracted with growers in Napa and Sonoma County, but his work has taken him all over the west coast and as far as South Africa. Matthew lives with his wife, Samantha, and two cats in the town of Napa. Matthew says, "At Palma I fell in love with science. Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Chambers were amazing teachers and people, and always did their best to answer my many questions concerning just about everything I could think of at that moment in time. Brother Dalton will always have a special place in my heart; he was an amazing human being. I am really looking forward to seeing all of my classmates at our 20-year class reunion next year!"



Matthew Vosti '92

1995

Christopher Orpilla Currently, Christopher is pursuing postgraduate degrees after spending a little over six years working for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Manchester United Ownership group as a financial manager. Christopher is pursuing a masters degree in Sport Business Management (MSBM) and a masters degree in Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Central Florida DeVos School of Sport Business Management.

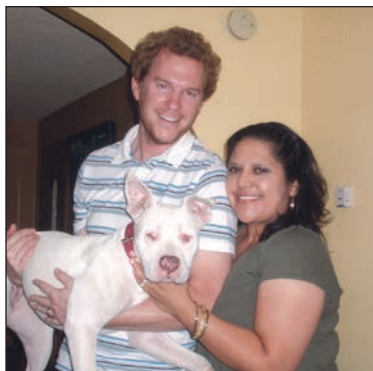
1996

Khalid "Roy" Rosa is the proud son of Suzanne Moreno of Salinas, CA. Khalid lives in Lone Tree, Colorado, and graduated in August from Regis University with an MBA in finance and accounting. Khalid is now pursuing two graduate certificates with Regis in project management and executive leadership. On October 31, 2011, Khalid joined ChannellInsight

(a division of InfoNow) in Denver, as a programmer analyst and an on-boarding engineer.

1997

Kyle Klonc and his wife Connie celebrated their two-year anniversary on February 16, 2012. They are both teachers for Banning Unified School District in Riverside County. They recently moved into their first home and have been enjoying it tremendously! They also stay busy with their two-year-old, red-nosed pit-bull, Lacey. Kyle adds, "There still isn't anything better than hitting up the links on a bright, sunny day!"



Kyle Klonc '97



Major Ryan Orozco '97

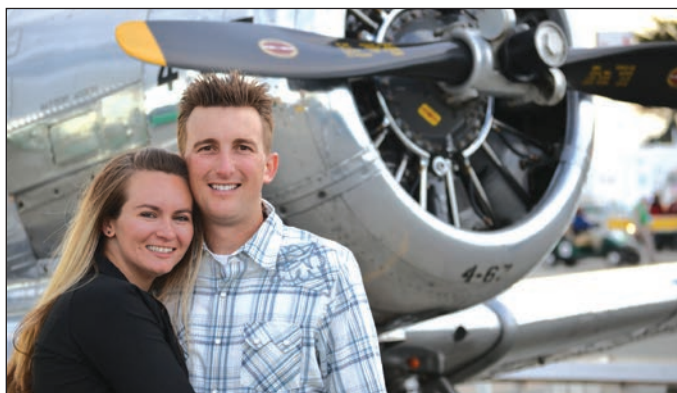
Major **Ryan Orozco** continues to reside in Quantico, VA, and currently alternates duties throughout the year as a Company Commander and Logistics Officer at Officer Candidates School, USMC. This year, he and his wife Kate were blessed in July with their first child, Lilah Maria. In October, he was

blessed with a promotion to the rank of Major. Ryan and his family plan to stay in Virginia until at least 2013.

Anthony Schipper currently works for Schipper Designs in San Juan Bautista, California. Anthony and his wife Katie were recently blessed with a son. Edward Harrison Schipper was born on March 13, 2012 at 1:31 am. Anthony and Katie could not be happier!

1998

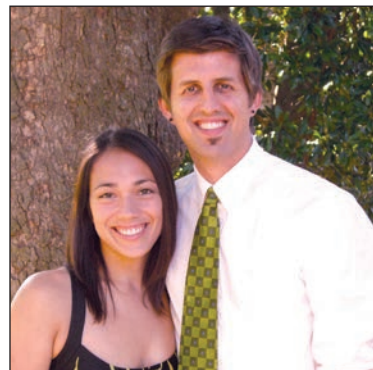
Peter Barone currently lives in Spreckels, CA. For the past seven years he has been working at FoodSource, an Agricultural-based company located in Monterey. Peter was recently engaged, and in June 2012 will



Peter Barone '98

be getting married to Katrina Carmichael. As a hobby Peter received his private pilots license in 2010 and enjoys flying around the valley.

Steve Boutry currently lives in Boston, MA. He is married to Amy Boutry, a beautiful and brilliant woman! Steve is the Director of Campus Ministry with Sojourn Collegiate Ministry. He oversees Sojourn's efforts throughout the city, but spends most of his time at Boston University and UMASS-Boston. Steve preaches regularly at REUNION Christian Church, which meets in Boston's historic Back Back neighborhood. Steve also writes and blogs extensively about campus ministry, leadership, and integration.



Steve Boutry '98



Nick LaFountain '98

Nick LaFountain and his wife Melissa were welcomed with their first child, Lauren Taylor, on May 10, 2011. Nick works as the Director of Technology at Palma School, and is also the freshman football coach. Lauren and her mother Melissa were excited to see her dad at every home game for Palma this season. Nick and Melissa could not be happier with the new addition to their family.

Nick and Melissa could not be happier with the new addition to their family.

1999

Casey Aguilar is head varsity baseball coach at Gonzales High School. Casey adds, "I would like to thank all the coaches I had at Palma for sharing their knowledge of the game with me during my years at Palma. My goal is to bring the Palma winning tradition on and off the field to my team."

Daniel Alonzo recently graduated from Golden Gate University's Edward Ageno School of Business in August with a Masters of Business Administration degree. He currently resides in Salinas, CA, where he continues to work as a sales account manager for a local agriculture firm.

Kevin McHenry was recently hired on with Union Pacific Railroad as a freight conductor/engineer! Kevin works with Union Pacific Railroad out of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

2000

Robby Massera is currently living in Bakersfield, California where he is a farm equipment sales representative for Mobile Ag. Robby travels all over the southern San Joaquin Valley and occasionally out of the

state for equipment shows and meetings. He is a graduate of Fresno State. Robby adds, "I still travel frequently to Salinas to visit family and still continue to follow the happenings of Palma School. Go Chieftains!"

2002

Aaron Cask was recently married on September 30, 2011 to his beautiful wife Taylor. They are expecting their first child on May 27th! Aaron currently works as the office administrator at the Rubin Orthopedic Group in Sacramento, California.



Aaron Cask '02

2003

Peter Gabrio lives in Orange County where he is a bank manager for Wells Fargo. He has spent the last two years helping customers succeed financially as a personal banker. In August, he proposed to his girlfriend of six years. They are planning to be married on the one-year anniversary of their engagement. Peter adds, "There is no doubt that Palma prepared me for the professional atmosphere of the retail banking industry. I often receive compliments on my ability to articulate new ideas in writing and speech. I am eternally grateful to the English Department at Palma for teaching me how to express myself coherently. Such an attribute is surprisingly uncommon in the 'Information Generation' and has given me an invaluable competitive advantage."

2004

Wesley Crockett currently works for an agricultural technology company called PureSense, where he is a software support engineer. While not at work, Wesley spends most his time as a Jr. High leader for his church's youth ministry program. In the past year, Wesley married the love of his life, Heather. They were married in late October at a small winery in Fresno, California.



Wesley Crockett '04

2005

Kelty Lanham Since graduating from Palma in 2005, Kelty has graduated from the University of San Diego, where he majored in Electrical Engineering. Following graduation, Kelty was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy. Shortly after, he was selected for flight school and graduated from primary flight training in Milton, Florida in September 2011. Kelty was recently accepted into the jet-training pipeline in Meridian, Missouri. He will be living there for the next year for training. After this training Kelty will be winged as a Naval Aviator and begin training in the F/A-18 Hornet!

Ty Sabaska had been living in Santa Barbara County working in vineyards for the last two years since he graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a bachelors degree in wine and viticulture. Recently, he was offered a position as a vineyard manager in Piacines, which is located 10 miles east of Hollister. After accepting the position, Ty moved

back into the Monterey County area and is now working full-time with Mesa Vineyard Management, which is based out of Templeton, California.

2006

Brendan Bartley attended Hartnell Junior College where he achieved an AA



Fresh Monterey Bay Stripers caught by Ty and his dad

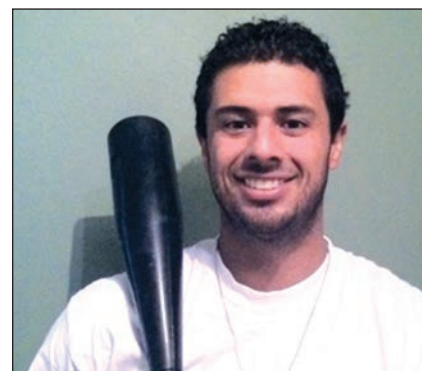
degree in transfer studies. While attending Hartnell, Brendan played one year of baseball under Danny Theresa and two years of football under Matt Collins. Brendan transferred to the University of California at Davis in January 2010 and began working toward a BS in Managerial Economics. In the summer of 2010, Brendan managed a small business in the Salinas and Pleasanton areas that generated nearly \$75,000. He then took part in a financial training internship at Morgan Stanley in the downtown Sacramento office in the fall of 2011. Brendan graduated from UC Davis in December 2011. He is currently living in the Los Angeles area where he is seeking to apply his degree toward a career in finance. Since his junior year of high school at Palma, Brendan has



Brendan Bartley '06

been in a relationship with Jennifer Marchello (Notre Dame class of '05). They have a one-year old English Bulldog named Minnie Mouse. Brendan is still close with his classmates from Palma. He visits Salinas whenever he can to see his old classmates—**TJ Crouch** ('06), **Michael Willrodt** ('06), and **Michael Delorey** ('06).

Jacob Flores In the fall of 2010, Jacob received a Bachelors of Science degree in Kinesiology from CSU Monterey Bay. His area of emphasis during his studies concerned exercise science. He is currently working as a personal trainer and an exercise physiologist at the Peninsula Wellness Center in Marina. He holds four different Personal Trainer certifications, including one from the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). His baseball career ended this last spring to a shoulder injury, but he has moved on to coaching. Jake adds, "I am very excited to be involved with Palma JV Baseball team during the 2012 spring semester."



Jacob Flores '06

Cory Miyamoto is currently pursuing his Master of Science degree in Geotechnical Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. His studies this semester have ranged from earthquake engineering to engineering geology. He spent this past summer as a project engineer intern for Webcor Concrete, helping the firm in the ongoing renovation of California's Memorial Stadium, home of the California Golden Bears football team. The stadium is also being seismically retrofitted; the Hayward Fault runs directly underneath the playing field. He expects to graduate in May 2012, after which he hopes to become a practicing engineer. Congratulations Chieftains on the CCS Division IV football title and Go Bears!



Cory Miyamoto '06



Dave Pezzini '06

David Pezzini graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the spring of 2011 with a degree in civil engineering, and is now working while pursuing a master's degree from Cal Poly. He currently works for a civil engineering firm located in San Luis Obispo. David is studying for a double Masters degree in Water Engineering and an MBA at the same time.

Brandon Pursel graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelors of Science in Civil and Materials Engineering. Brandon's degree emphasized a strong background of structural engineering as well as hydrological engineering. Brandon also had some experience with undergraduate research in geotechnical engineering. He currently resides in downtown Chicago where he is employed with the United States Environmental Protection Agency at their Region 5 headquarters in downtown Chicago as an engineering hydrologist. Brandon intends to get his professional engineering license in the state of Illinois in five years.

Jaron Schneider After working for two years in the photographic lighting industry in consumer marketing, Jaron decided it was time for a change. He made the move to San Francisco where he took a job at Glass Lewis & Co, a leader in global corporate governance. The sole marketing specialist for a global presence, Jaron works closely with the sales team to promote a positive brand message and fantastic customer service for a continually growing company. During his free time, Jaron also helps run one of the most popular behind-the-scenes photo and video websites at Fstoppers.com, which sees over 800,000 page views per month.



Jaron Schneider '06

2007

Orlando Johnson returned to UC Santa Barbara for his senior season after initially making himself available for the NBA Draft. Orlando was a member of Team USA at the World University Games in August of 2011, played in all eight Team USA Games (7-1), and made four starts. Orlando also held the distinct honor bearing our nation's flag for the American delegation at the opening ceremonies in Shenzhen, China. In the past year, Orlando participated as a counselor at the Kevin Durant Nike Skills Academy in Chicago in June, and then the LeBron James Nike Skills Academy in Akron in July. Orlando was named a member of the Rivals.com Preseason Mid-Major All-American Team for the second straight year. According to UC Santa Barbara Athletic Department, Orlando is easily one of the best players in UCSB history. Last year, Johnson averaged 21.1 points, 6.2 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game as a junior, was named First Team All-Big West, First Team All-District 9, and Mid-Major All-American. He was also selected Big West Tournament MVP for the second straight year. In the league tournament, Johnson led the fifth-seeded Gauchos to wins over three higher seeded teams, including top-seeded Long Beach State in the title game. He averaged an astounding 28.3 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.7 assists in the Big West Tournament. This past season, Orlando led UC Santa Barbara, averaging 20.0 points, 6.0 rebounds, and 3.0 assists per contest. He also broke UC Santa Barbara's all-time scoring record. Orlando declared for the upcoming NBA Draft having completed his last year of eligibility. It should be exciting to watch a Palma Chieftain play on basketball's biggest stage!



Orlando Johnson '07

Cody LeLievre is currently employed at Gold Coast Aviation Service Inc. at the Salinas Airport. He moved back to Salinas after completing his A.S. in Science for Aviation Maintenance Technology and receiving his A&P License. Cody worked at Gold Coast Aviation while attending Palma, and when he received his A&P license two years ago, he started working full-time. The company is owned by Cody's grandfather, and they are their own bosses. As you can tell, Cody is engulfed in aviation. At Gold Coast Aviation, they work with piston engine aircraft. "Our specialty is vintage aircraft with radial engines." They also specialize in radial engines and engine overhauls. Cody is currently enrolled at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and taking online classes to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology. He ultimately wishes to earn a pilot's license once a significant portion of his Bachelor's degree is completed. He now lives with Steve McShane, the councilman for District 3 and owner of McShane's Nursery. Cody adds, "It's a great house and awesome for networking and meeting new and different types of people. For fun outside of work, I enjoy flying planes with the customers we work with at Gold Coast Aviation."

2008

Anthony Baca is coming to a close on his college career. He will be graduating in the fall semester of 2012 with a degree in Economics from San Diego State University. In addition to school, he is currently a partner of AtomicPages LLC — a web hosting,



Anthony Baca '08

design, and development company based out of San Diego, CA. As for Anthony's personal life, he is still with his high school sweetheart and Notre Dame Alumna, Bianca Kofman. Anthony adds, "We love going to the snow, the lake, and being spontaneous. We have met many great people in San Diego and hope to live here following graduation."

2009

Eddie Martinez Early in 2011, Eddie graduated from a small culinary school in Marina called "Shoreline." Shortly after graduation, Eddie went on to work at the restaurant inside of the Monterey Bay Aquarium. After working there for a few months, Eddie decided that it was time for him to further his culinary education and return to school. He decided to attend the French Culinary Institute in Campbell. Eddie recently graduated from the French Culinary Institute as well. Eddie is now going to work at a few different restaurants, simply to test some new techniques and gain more experience. Eddie explains, "The French Culinary Institute is a six-month course that offers intense hands on training. At the French Culinary Institute I learned excellent knife skills, an in-depth knowledge of different cooking techniques, food cost management, butchering, as well as a knowledge of different foods used in French cuisine."



Gabe Quiroz '10

2010

Gabriel Quiroz left the country after graduation and studied in Spain for six months. Gabriel then moved to New York to experience life in the Big Apple! He is currently studying management and finance. He is also involved in a business internship in Florida working for Walt Disney Studios. In his spare time, Gabriel and some college friends have been trying to start their own Internet business!

Colby Varley is attending California State University, Fresno, as a sophomore. He is an Agricultural Business major and a member of the Ag Business Club. As well as studying, Colby works for the Salinas-based company, Drew-Massa Transportation. In his spare time, Colby enjoys using his class A license and dispatching. ●

In Memoriam

Palma holds the families and friends of the following alumni in its thoughts and prayers.

Carl Presti '57 01/21/2012

Gloria (Costa) Shanley '59 01/05/2012

Thomas Nelson '73 03/08/2012

Mark T. Schmidt '01 03/16/2012

Jason Phillips '88 03/25/2012

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