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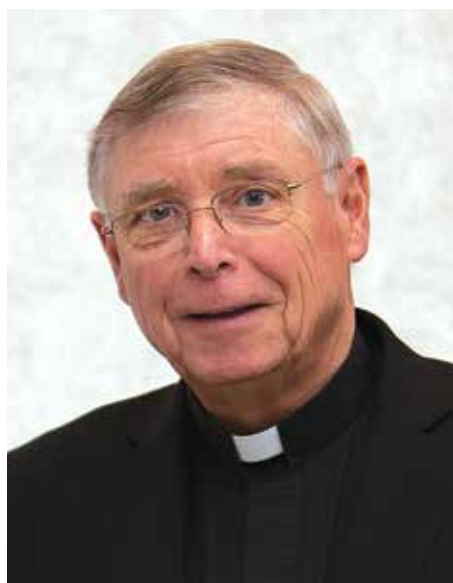


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Letter From The

President



Rev. Arthur D. Dunne

The commitment to brotherhood was begun at home, continues here at school, and is part and parcel of the whole young man going forward.

I've learned a lot of neat things during my time at Palma and, as well, maybe a few things that weren't so neat. These 30 years have flown by very quickly and seem, in many ways, to be a flash in the calendar of time and activity. I've had the opportunity of seeing thousands of boys develop into outstanding young men — that is the norm and what we've come to expect of our students and, beyond matriculation, of our graduates and alumni, from the first graduates in 1955 to the present day, the Class of 2017. We certainly bask in the successes of our students and alumni — and there has been plenty of basking over the years. Like any family, we also have learned of a limited number of situations involving disappointment and sadness; thankfully, those episodes have been few in number when looking at the larger picture.

One of the many Palma aspects I've been delighted with over these years has been the awareness of and sharing in the common ground Palma students and graduates have with each other, no matter the year of graduation or zip code of residence. That common ground is a brotherhood our young men experience with and for each other that is easily observed; I see examples of this every day at lunchtime and after school just on the other side of my office window. Lots of wholesomeness and brotherhood being developed. Having shared a room with my own brother for the first 16 years of my life, I know the fondness and challenges family brotherhood provides. Having been a Christian Brother for more than 50 years, I also know the theology and philosophy of professed religious brotherhood, up close and personal in the very best possible way. The other type of brotherhood I know is that of a college fraternity that is responsible, more often than not, for a reinforcement of positive directives learned long ago at home but with new friends and for a common benevolent cause. Each of these types of brotherhood provides a basis for appreciation and possibilities of growth and trust and support that are so sorely needed in today's world.

The bottom line in brotherhood is that no one can do it alone; we need and depend upon others to respond and accept the challenges in order for that particular level of brotherhood to be successful. I know that to be the case in religious brotherhood, in college fraternities, and in growing through adolescence here on the Palma campus. Without others, there is no growth nor flourishing nor delight. With others, there are all sorts of possibilities and those are the ingredients on which we are counting. The current group of Palma students give evidence of believing in and living the brotherhood well among themselves on a daily basis while here on campus as well as at events taking place under the Palma umbrella off campus. Chieftain brotherhood certainly appears to be alive and well here at Palma.

More than just a few times have I heard how polite and impressive are our students when one comes across an individual Chieftain or a larger gathering of Chieftains. One could certainly make the case that our faculty and staff and parents all benefit from this brand of brotherhood that is so unique to Palma. So, too, do the alumni and the wider community. I can't count the number of times I've heard local employers tell me that they are always eager to hire a Palma student or grad as they've always made lasting impressions, for the most part, from that initial meeting, in making eye contact, having a firm handshake, and in getting the task at hand done well.

Our parents have done a remarkable job in training their sons at an early age to be aware of others and the resulting impressions one gives, intended or not. Yes, there is a learning curve as our young men move on from the 7th grade to the 8th, etc., as growth takes place and improvements occur. I much appreciate the encounters I have with our students, day in and day out; I understand that I always see the very best side of these young men and that is good. Some folks chastise me for being so impressed in my belief that our students are more than just a cut above average. Every young man is capable of some terrific accomplishments over the course of his lifetime on this earth. What those accomplishments turn out to be will play out in due time. The commitment to brotherhood was begun at home, continues here at school, and is part and parcel of the whole young man going forward. This is the hallmark of respect. Respect can be taught at home; it can be polished-up here at school. It is a never-ending assignment that needs to be carried out and practiced on a regular basis — at home, here at school, over the weekends, on vacation, all part of those accomplishments that will be tallied next to our names in due time.

Letter From The

Principal



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Fall".

Our graduating class has demonstrated they are men of character, ready to take their knowledge, service and leadership to the next level.

The 2016-2017 school year has been an extraordinary one for Palma School. We are seeing programs we launched years ago come into fruition. We were blessed to have a Christian Brother team on campus to give us an outside perspective on how well we are serving our students and families as an Edmund Rice Christian Brother school. Our President, Br. Dunne, has made time to gather with various representatives of our family of constituents to look inward in order to look forward. All of this has been done for one reason — well, this year, for 472 reasons to be exact; they are our current students.

I am excited about the “senior capstone project” making its Palma debut after six years of planning. This summative presentation and experience give our seniors the opportunity to look back at what they have accomplished and how they have matured during their time at Palma. Each capstone will chronicle the graduating senior’s growth in one or more of the ISOs: Spiritual/Moral, Intellectual, Physical, or Social. Through this reflection, our seniors are poised to take the next step in their journeys while the rest of us look on them with awe and draw inspiration from their testimonies.

Another event new to us this year was a night of articulation with Catholic primary schools in our area. Math, English, and science teachers, as well as members of the administrations of five local Catholic schools, came to Palma to share experiences in education to help streamline the articulation from primary education to the classes we offer at Palma. Primary educators who know what students can expect at Palma are better able to prepare their students for junior high and high school. The evening was energizing for the attendees and filled with the promise of more successful articulation gatherings to come.

For the first time, members of our admissions team hosted a meeting to launch our Parent Ambassadors initiative. An old idea made new, this will provide information and avenues for current Palma parents to assist admissions in identifying potential families, among other things. Parent Ambassadors will also welcome newly enrolled families, offering friendly liaison and helpful insights about their new community.

We launched our new website in March. Its updated look and easy navigation is designed to tell the Palma story to first-time visitors who are inquiring about Palma. The site still links to RenWeb for all current student information. Our tech team made sure the transition from old to new was seamless. If you haven’t yet, I encourage you to peruse the new site.

Also in March, a team of four Edmund Rice Christian Brother educators from Hawaii to New York spent several days on our campus observing our teachers and students, meeting with faculty, staff, students and a representative group of parents, and participating in life here at Palma. Prior to their departure, they gave the faculty a preliminary report. Among many good things to come out of their visit was a refined appreciation for the exceptional contribution our parents make in support of the mission at Palma. Every member of the visiting team was impressed with our boys — their demeanor, reverence, and dedication to service — all of which would not be possible without ardent parental support. Each member echoed remarks about how they intend to emulate the brotherhood our young men share when they return to their schools.

Our graduating class has demonstrated they are men of character, ready to take their knowledge, service and leadership to the next level. We had unprecedented success in sports, evidenced by the myriad of MBL league championships displayed on banners in front of the school.

Palma is truly a special place. Our Palma family remains committed to ensuring a future influenced by faith-filled, educated and mission-driven 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 our common passion for Palma.

Go Chieftains!

Chieftain Traditions: **Brotherhood is the Difference**

Cellular telephones and the Internet have changed the way people relate to one another. Conversations, once conducted face-to-face, are routinely convened electronically. Social media, cell phone apps and text messaging have created new opportunities to communicate while at the same time provide cover for unprecedented discourteous discourse. Today's students live in a world where means of communication evolve so rapidly that often they are the ones who establish the rules of etiquette...or accept the lack thereof. The unintended consequence of all this new electronic communication is the degradation of social skills.

Although Palma School is not immune to the modern world, being rooted in Christian values goes a long way toward setting baselines for behavior and good conduct. These principles instill a sense of right and wrong that work to influence Chieftains' actions, especially when no one is looking. Of course, all of this would be rendered moot if not for the indefatigable support of Chieftain parents who both inculcate and perpetuate these values at home.

The Palma Difference

Many faith-based and public schools could accurately lay claim to the aforementioned. The difference at Palma School, however, is brotherhood. Borne of the charisma of Blessed Edmund Rice, Chieftains work and worship together. There are never-ending opportunities to serve others out in our community and on campus.

Collaborating in service is the first pillar of Chieftain brotherhood. It nearly becomes "selflessness squared" because it includes the need to help each other help others. The young men at Palma, who return from the shared experience of service, become closer having discovered the merits of their working as a team.

Service influences the second pillar of brotherhood: camaraderie, or the mutual trust felt among Chieftains. Service has a tendency to leave one vulnerable and exposed by his rawest emotions. Chieftains learn that this is considered a strength and find support among their classmates. Camaraderie is cyclical as trust leads to openness, which leads to more trust and more openness.

Trust bolsters the third pillar of Chieftain brotherhood: responsibility. Chieftains quickly recognize when need outweighs want and students feel compelled to work hard; not just to accomplish their goal, but to make sure they are shouldering the burden equally. More times than not, the "burden" of manual labor or sacrificed time is not an issue, so they

operate in collaboration out of the joy of serving God and others. Service fuels service which creates the intrinsic virtue of willingness.

Willingness is the fourth pillar of brotherhood. There are few, if any, instances when a call for assistance isn't answered both immediately and enthusiastically. It becomes a pleasant logistical chore to accommodate an over abundance of willing volunteers. Chieftains are bound by a minimum of 60 volunteer hours, but few boast a number so low. Most volunteer hours wind up in the hundreds by graduation. The school uses hours for accounting — campus ministry measures their contribution by the

number of lives they have changed; including their own.

Chieftain brotherhood permeates the campus. It makes every student feel welcomed and part of the larger community. Projecting beyond the goals of diversity, the brotherhood creates a culture of inclusivity that allows Chieftains to recognize their common identity before all else. There is measurable pride being a Chieftain that stems from accomplishment. Everyone shares in the accomplishments of each student, whether it be a successful service mission, acceptance into a prestigious university, participating in a laborious endeavor or competing well on the field, court or in the pool.

Brotherhood also blurs lines between subsets of students. Varsity athletes extend friendship to seventh graders. Upperclassmen mentor lowerclass-

men. Club membership ranges from the newest to the preparing to graduate. Chieftains don't feel intimidated by their classmates, so they experience a freedom to let their personality out, making them each a shining star in their own, unique way.

Chieftain brotherhood is a powerful force on campus. It's not only responsible for students who are engaged and compelled to do well, it encourages students to stretch their wings by providing a soft place to land. It exercises the values of teamwork and camaraderie. One could argue that Palma dominates the Monterey Bay League, not by the talent on the teams, but by the team in all the talent.


Brotherhood is the first thing a student acquires from a Palma School education. It helps him feel grounded while reaching to heaven. Meaningful bonds forged by brotherhood make school years memorable and friendships that will last their lifetime. Despite living in the midst of a culture showing the stresses of their divides, Chieftains celebrate the strength of their bonds. Go brotherhood. Go Chieftains. ●



Strength in unity — it turns peer pressure into peer power

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*Mike Bergez
Theology Department Chair
and teacher*

Mentor Profile:

A Life of Faith and a Life of Service Mean Mike Bergez Fits All of the Definitions of Role Model

Mike Bergez is, quite simply, a role model for everyone... a model son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, teacher, colleague and friend. He is the product of a life of faith that started in the least likely of places.

Mr. Bergez was born and raised in San Francisco. He is one of six children, being number five in line with a 10-year span between himself and his oldest brother. It was a magical, yet turbulent, time coming of age in the heart of San Francisco in the waning years of the Vietnam War — years sharply juxtaposed by the “Summer of Love” and a brand of free expression that was the cursory product of a generation that wanted for naught. Despite the distractions and temptations, Mr. Bergez remained steadfast to his faith, thanks to the strong Catholic household of his parents.

His father was a large, strong man whose heavy hand landed a cleaver every day in a local butcher shop. His mother was a stay-at-home mom who tended the household until the youngest were self-sufficient enough for her to add an office job to her busy days. The family of five boys and one girl was compelled, mostly by their mother, to toe the Catholic line. Success in that endeavor was sometimes fleeting for a few of his brothers, but she did better than most considering the influences of the era. Unexpectedly, his father was a gentle giant who rarely raised his voice, so his mother was the one who, in a mom’s special way, exacted firm but loving discipline and somehow managed to keep the family of eight clothed, fed and organized.

Like his siblings before and after, Mr. Bergez attended Catholic schools. He graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep in 1974 and moved to southern California to attend Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

One month into college life he had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

This profound experience provoked a deep desire for earnest fellowship with other Christians, which, happily, and maybe not so coincidentally, emerged at a time when a community of like-minded Christian men and women was forming on campus. After all, this was during a time, post Vatican II, when the Holy Spirit was a fervent catalyst for casting a similar desire in thousands of people — so much so that historians refer to it as an explosion of “new movements” in the Church, many of which resulted in the formation of new communities and missionary work.

Mr. Bergez was among the first members of the community called City of the Lord — a community that continues to thrive today in Arizona and California. Strong bonds were formed in this co-ed community and a conscious effort was made to avoid exclusive relationships so they could better focus on their relationships with God and one another as a group. This dynamic was also a blessing, for it was in this community where he met the young woman, Eve Anderson, who would eventually say “I do.”

“I was blessed with a great opportunity to get to know Eve as a friend,” said Mr. Bergez. “Those years would come to define the rest of my life.”

Shortly after graduating with degrees in English and Theology in 1978, the Bergez family were married and moved into a small house in the San Fernando Valley, just north of Los Angeles. Mr. Bergez began his career as a theology teacher, first at Alemany High School, then Loyola High School. He also embarked upon a career as a father as children soon followed. In addition to teaching and fatherhood, he also began work on a Masters Degree at Mt. St. Mary’s College.

The Bergez family remained active in the City of the Lord community (as they do today) and in the late 1980s, Mr. Bergez was approached with the opportunity to help a fledgling community in Monterey County.

Since he was from San Francisco and Eve from Monterey, it was a no-brainer to make the migration north. With the help of a colleague, they secured a house in Salinas and Mr. Bergez took the position of English teacher, theology teacher and Campus Minister at Notre Dame High School.

Around that same time, Br. Patrick Dunne, C.F.C. was installed as the principal at Palma School. Mr. Bergez witnessed the changes that Br. Dunne brought to Palma and when an opportunity arose in 1990 to move his occupation down the street, he jumped at the chance. He has been teaching at Palma ever since.



Mr. Bergez teaching Theology 9

Although his theology credentials have enhanced Mr. Bergez’s employability in Catholic schools, his first love is English and he always relishes chances to teach, discuss and dig deeper into English. His easy and natural leadership style does more than keep order in his classroom. It gives Palma students an example to model.

Today, Mr. Bergez chairs the Theology Department, having recently served as the Summer School Director and Freshman Class Advisor — all positions of leadership on the front lines, mixing with the public and new families. His humble, welcoming demeanor provides a positive first experience for parents. His kind interaction with students, along with a firm and fair bearing in the classroom and demonstrative Catholic values, are more reasons why boys of promise become men of character at Palma.

Of all of his blessings, Mr. Bergez holds dearest that of his family. After 35 years of marriage and six grown children (all Catholic schooled), the Bergez family now welcome grandchildren — six so far. With the kids dispersed throughout the country, frequent flyer miles could be on the rise.

A life of faith and a life of service. Mr. Bergez fits all of the definitions of role model — the beneficiaries of which are everyone who is blessed to live, work, study with, and learn from him. ●

Big Plans for September 2017: Palma School Alumni Association

With a direct connection to Palma's rich history and an eye on its bright future, the Palma School Alumni Association is making great strides to increase its numbers and renew its presence on campus. Chaired by Jeff Pulford '65, the alumni association council consists of 16 members ranging in graduation years of 1957 to 2010. Their goal is to foster communications between Palma School and alumni worldwide and encourage social, philanthropic, spiritual and professional interaction among alumni, faculty and students of Palma School.

In the last two years, a dedicated group of alumni volunteers has worked tirelessly to revive the once waning organization in order to bring new relevance to this exclusive membership. With support from Brother Patrick Dunne, C.F.C., Palma School President, and Tracy Jones, Director of Alumni Relations and Institutional Advancement, the Council is rebuilding an organization that will serve as a vital resource for the Palma community; both alumni and current families.

The association is actively seeking to re-establish contact with as many alumni as possible, planning events to facilitate interaction and building a professional resource pool from which the extended Palma community is able to develop personal and professional collaborations. "This is a collection of highly successful individuals who have a shared past," said Jeff Pulford '65, "it seems like a wasted opportunity to not continue to provide support for one another."

The group is building its network by identifying an alum who will serve as the liaison for their decade. In turn, each decade chair will attempt to maintain contact with a representative from each class in his (or her prior to 1965) decade.

In addition to the camaraderie the alumni would share, the group can offer mentors to current students and professional contacts for newly graduated Chieftains. The council also recognizes its potential to be a fund raising resource for Palma School to continue the legacy of excellence and build on the solid foundation of achievement enjoyed by the school.

"The challenge has been re-establishing connections with alumni who are dispersed around the country and world," remarked George Beach '98, the council's social media chair. "Our Facebook presence has helped us tremendously to that end. Our presence on the new Palma School website will also help us connect with classmates."

Class reunions have always been successful venues for bringing the bond of shared high school experiences back to the minds of alumni. The association council wants to help class representatives facilitate their reunions by providing contact information and as much requested assistance as possible. The association will benefit by receiving additional contact information from class reunion chairs.



Palma Alumni assembled a dodgeball team in 2016.

In the works for September 2017 is a giant, multi-class alumni weekend. The party will kick-off (literally) at the Homecoming game on Friday, September 22nd, against Aptos. An afternoon barbecue is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd, on Palma's campus. Alumni are free to make plans on Saturday evening, or, for classes scheduling reunions, Saturday will be opportune for individual class get-togethers. Sunday will close the multi-class reunion with Mass at the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel on campus, followed by a continental brunch in the Multi-Purpose Building. Keep an eye on social media, the school's website, email and your mailbox for more information about this exciting weekend of reacquainting and making new acquaintances with fellow Chieftains. ●



Palma alumni were recognized at the alumni football game held on October 7, 2016.



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New alumni association logo

*Some members of the Palma School Alumni Association Council
(l to r): Mario Tejada '01, Jeff Pulford '65, Richard Jufiar '69,
Dave Ciollino '76, Mark Lema '87 and Martha Botelho '63.*

Campus Ministry: Letters from the “Men Inside”

This is the third year that Palma School has collaborated, through the novels of Steinbeck, with inmates at the CDCR facility in Soledad. Spearheaded at Palma by Director of Campus Ministry Jim Micheletti and Mrs. Mia Mirassou, the program has touched the lives of inmates in the prison’s Life C.Y.C.L.E. program in profound ways.

It’s more than exploring the themes in John Steinbeck’s novels. It is a connection to a community that gives the men inside hope. They find themselves in an unfamiliar world where people care about their opinions and take an interest in them as men. Students, parents and faculty members who participate in the program make the inmates feel valued, just by being present and engaging in the conversations.

Hope turns to inspiration for most in the program and prison officials verify that this interaction has had positive repercussions among the population. Inmates must earn their way into the Life C.Y.C.L.E. program and each spot is now coveted. Many of the participants feel compelled to write Mr. Micheletti. Some of their comments follow.

“A guy that went to board the day after me went home last Friday. I thought that could have been me, then I thought if it was me, I wouldn’t have been able to participate in the next Palma event... I know that me being here is a part of God’s plan. If I continue to look at every event in my life as a gift from God and his purpose, no matter what is going on, it brings joy, peace and community. God is good.”

“I really value our friendship and you are someone I look to as a mentor. You are the kind of person I need in my life, not only in here, but once I get out as well.”

“I have a parole hearing coming up in 10 months and I feel very good about this one. Whatever the Lord’s plan is, I’m cool with it... You always say you look for evidence of hope every day. Mr. Micheletti, thanks to people like you and Mia, I am evidence of hope. I refuse to leave a legacy of just being a CDC number.”

“God bless you and the rest of those incredible young men who have quite possibly affected our lives more than we have theirs. It is definitely a blessing to be a part of this incredible collaboration.”

“On February 2nd, it was 25 years in prison for me, and it was also the day my oldest sister passed away. She had never been able to come visit me. For me and for many others, that is why the time we spend with you and those brave young men has been so precious and valuable.”

“I myself have been incarcerated for 26 years, since the age of 18, and have never come across a person who is more committed to the betterment of humanity and flat out willing to go that extra mile to invest in

people and allow them to see their own potential. I have many successful and inspiring stories/testimonies where Mr. Micheletti has had a direct impact on the men/Life C.Y.C.L.E. program. Mr. Micheletti has added value to well over 100 men inside these walls by just being himself and being the perfect example of humility and being of service and in service to others. I personally have been impacted by Mr. Micheletti from his approach to inspire us not only to change but to strive for transformation and live a life of service and to reach our highest potential.”

“This was a wonderful experience for me to interact with society, sharing, reading the book Of Mice and Men. I learned a lot and will carry those lessons with me for life. The kids were smart and I had no problem learning from them. Their speech was honest and they were innocent. I just felt like showing them that not all people in prison are hopelessly lost.”



Jim Micheletti (left) and Mia Mirassou accept certificates of appreciation from members of Life C.Y.C.L.E. at CDCR facility in Soledad.

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“I buried myself in drugs, gangs and a criminal lifestyle for the first 20 years of my incarceration until I met Mr. Micheletti. Many people know that if seeds don’t receive nourishment, water, love and sunshine, they won’t grow. The same is true for human beings. Jim Micheletti has not only provided me with all of these things, but he also provided hundreds of men in this prison with the same exact things. He believed in many of us when we didn’t believe in ourselves. He seen in us what we were unable to see. He trusted us and introduced us to many of his students from Palma High School and brought two totally different worlds together and helped change the world for the better in the process.

He has also helped change the culture of this prison by spending two days of the month with us. He may never know the gifts he has given to us men in prison. Men leave our meetings inspired, encouraged and hopeful. These are all things that are scarce behind these walls. Many men have never had the opportunity to visit their families for over 20-30 years while they have been in prison. Jim’s presence here instills selflessness, integrity and compassion and gives us all a taste of humanity and human kindness that we have never known before.”

“To know that there are people who care about us prisoners was impactful to me.”

“When I see the faith that you guys still have in us I’m filled with emotion and love and it strengthens me to not give up and continue in my self-help. I just want to say sorry for at one time in my life when I lived recklessly, causing so much pain and making this world a worse place. Thank you for your grace, mercy and compassion.”

Through campus ministry, the Palma community continues to make a difference in the lives of many in the Salinas Valley and Central Coast. These programs are borne of and embody the true essence of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother education. ●

AROUND CAMPUS



Olympians Spend Time with Chieftains

On Tuesday, August 9, Palma instructor and former Olympian Victor Plata (left) was joined by former Olympian Tim Hutten to talk competitive athletics and share their experiences with the community. Plata, a triathlete in the 2004 Athens Olympics talked about motivation and perseverance. Hutten, a member of the U.S. Men's Water Polo team in the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games, told aspiring Olympians that they "need to do what other people are not willing to do." Hutten talked about the hours of preparation necessary to be a champion. The presentation was given in the Multi-Purpose Building on Palma's campus.

Chieftains: Helping When There is Need

A great group of Chieftains, who offered their time despite being on summer break, answered the call to help deliver rice and beans to farm laborer families. We are very grateful and blessed to have young men like these at Palma School: **Cameron Jones '17, Nikhil Manimaran '17, Mark Beach '16, Kevin Beach '19, Alex Thomas '19, Dylan Dizan '17, Dane Dizan '19, Omar Garcia '17, and Oliver Mirassou '17.**



Lucia and Michael Boggiatto Honored at Philanthropy Luncheon

Lucia and Michael Boggiatto were honored at the 25th Annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon held at Spanish Bay on Friday, November 18. Nominated by Palma School, the Boggiattos have donated generously and given countless hours to the school. Their dedication has helped shape Palma into the unparalleled educational opportunity it is today. Heartfelt gratitude to the Boggiattos. Pictured here are Michael, Lucia and Geno ('05) Boggiatto.



Dino Lazzerini '21 Wins Artichoke Festival Art Contest

Dino Lazzerini '21 entered the Agro Art competition at the Artichoke Festival on Saturday, June 4, held at the Monterey Fairgrounds. Entries had to be made from 90% vegetables and 10% artichokes. The festival supplies all of the veggies. The crowds loved it and apparently so did the judges as Lazzerini was awarded first prize in the middle school division.



Community and Character

Palma School class of 2018 assembled in the MPB to recite original works they penned about community and character. Salinas Police Chief Kelly McMillin opened the event with an inspiring talk about what it means to have character. Then, the young men of 2018 treated those gathered to their personal thoughts; some lyrical and some in prose. The event was capped by a luncheon for the class and their guests.



Photo courtesy Jonabel Perez.

New Altar Blessed

Most Reverend Richard Garcia, Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey, applies the Sacred Chrism to the new altar in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel during the fifth Lenten Mass on April 5th. The new altar was hand-made and donated to Palma School by former Chairman of the Board John McCarthy.



Neil Beach '21 Muscles His Way to a National Third Place Ranking

Neil Beach '21 competed in the 2016 USA Weightlifting Youth National Championships in Austin, Texas. Beach took 2nd place in the Clean and Jerk and 3rd place overall in the nation in the 13U/ 44 kg weight class.



Palma Strawberries

Students from the Introduction to Salinas Valley Agriculture class present Br. Dunne with their final harvest of the 2015-2016 school year. The berries were grown in the school ag “field” behind A wing. The strawberries were the last crop the Chieftains planted, concluding a season that began with red and green leaf lettuce and included cauliflower.



Chieftains Give to Our Community

On December 13, 2016, Mr. Bergez’s freshmen theology class wrapped and delivered donated gifts to the students at L.I.F.E., Inc. An acronym for “Life Is For Everyone,” L.I.F.E., Inc. supports a safe community with a structured after-school program for children in East Salinas. The ninth graders brought the gifts to the children and shared in a Christmas party with them. For some of the children, this may be the only Christmas gift they receive.

Heritage Music Festival:

Symphonic Band Strikes the Right Chord

The Palma Symphonic Band, under the direction of Stephen Uccello, placed first at the Heritage Music Festival in Anaheim, California, on April 8, 2016. The 21-member band, which includes two Notre Dame students, proved their virtuosity in the three-band competition. In addition

to the first place finish, they also earned the Spirit Of Anaheim trophy, given for their honorable behavior and exemplary spirit. For the Palma Symphonic Band, this award is Opus 2. ●





Parents Club Donates New Chairs

Heartfelt gratitude is extended to the Palma School Parents Club for their donation of new chairs. The gym looks awesome set up for graduation. Thank you for this and all of your donated time and effort throughout the year. You are another reason of why Palma is so blessed.



"We're Going to Need a Bigger Truck"

Chieftains were asked to conduct a canned food drive to collect donations for the Food Bank of Monterey County. The driver arrived to find 36 barrels filled with more than three tons of food! They had to go back to get a bigger truck.



Students Help Out at Earthquakes Game

Several members of Palma School's Junior High soccer team were invited by MLS's California Earthquakes to provide assistance during the game on Friday, August 19. The Chieftains acted as "Ball Kids" during the game and



were able to get up close to the professionals for a fun and inspiring evening. Coaches Jorge Rico '08 and Raul Rico '03 arranged the outing. They were also able to meet Erik Torres (below), Mexico International player who had just returned from participating in the Summer Olympic Games in Rio.



Palma Participates in Take-a-Kid Mountain Biking Day

Isaac Thomas '17 led members of the mountain bike team at Take-a-Kid Mountain Biking Day held on Saturday, October 1st. More than 100 children and their families enjoyed this annual MORCA event.



Chieftain Christmas Tradition: Casa de la Cultura in Pajaro

Palma School students, parents, faculty members and alumni delivered a busload of food to Casa de la Cultura in Pajaro. Casa de la Cultura provides food and gifts for farmworker families from around the Central

Coast. Even Bishop Garcia and Santa make a stop to visit the families and children. More than 200 families took part in this Christmas expression of generosity and solidarity. ●





Bell's Books Supports Prison Visits

By mere happenstance, Campus Ministry's Mia Mirassou told Faith Bell, owner of Bell's Books in Palo Alto, about Palma's Steinbeck project with the inmates at CDCR in Soledad. So impressed by the program was Faith that she donated books for both *The Grapes of Wrath* and *Of Mice and Men*. To show our appreciation, a poster was created to display in her store, thanking her for her generosity. It was signed by all of the inmates in the program. Pictured above are Christopher Storer (Faith's husband) with original artwork inspired by *The Grapes of Wrath* created by an inmate, and Faith Bell with the poster.



Palma Representatives Travel to India

Br. Patrick Dunne, C.F.C. and Fred Doherty were members of the North American delegation at the Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Congress. The five-day congress, held at St Joseph's and St George's Colleges in Kolkata, India, included more than 200 delegates representing 25 countries. The Congress was not a conference, but an experience that involved a variety of different processes that enabled the group to share, reflect, dialogue and vision. There were also opportunities to socialize, network and build community among this rich and diverse group of experienced educators.

The Evidence Has Been Presented:

Mock Trial Team Places Third by the Slightest Margin

Contentions were made and objections overruled at the Mock Trial competition, sponsored by Lyceum of Monterey County, held February 6-11 at the Monterey County courthouse in Monterey. Mr. Rob Viarengo was team moderator while Kelly McCarthy-Sutherland of Anthony Lombardo & Associates and Matt Ottone of Ottone, Leach and Ray were mentors. The team came in third overall finishing just .5% behind second. **Jake Ottone '18** was awarded Outstanding Defense Pretrial Attorney

and **Frank Campo '17** was named Outstanding Prosecution Attorney. Mock Trial team (l to r), back row: Mr. Rob Viarengo, Mr. Matthew Ottone, **Chase Kesecker '17, Alex Thomas '19, Ben Snow '17**; second row: Ms. Kelly McCarthy Sutherland, **Jake Ottone '18, Michael Perez '18, TJ Mendoza '18, Kyle Sutherland '20, Tariq Barnett '18**; front row: **Isaiah Corpus '20, Brandon Ng '17, Jacob Fajnor '17, Tristan Wahl '17, Casey Edwards '18, and Wade Rianda '20.** ●



Photos courtesy Jonabel Perez.



Political Cartoon Published

Isaiah Corpus '20 created a political cartoon lampooning a story about the Lewiston Idaho Police Department's acquisition of a Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle. The vehicle was available through the federal 1033 program, but the city of Lewiston had to pay \$2000 for delivery. The expenditure left the city coffers a bit short when it came to hiring drivers to man the snow plows after the first major storm. Isaiah came up with the political satire and it was published in the January 18 edition of the *Lewiston Tribune* along with his grandfather, Richard Schaefer's comment: "Nothing more to add. What more can I say when my grandson's drawing says it all?"



Chinese Class Visits SF's Chinatown

Students in Mrs. Lei Sun's Chinese class spent a fun day in San Francisco's Chinatown. The trip provided insight into Chinese culture and was an opportunity to celebrate Chinese new year. Students ordered food in Chinese, practiced their skills with chopsticks and enjoyed shopping and sightseeing. Many thanks to the drivers and chaperones who helped make this trip fun and successful.



Olympian Makes the Speaking Circuit

Victor Plata frequently takes his Olympic experiences on the road as a motivational speaker. The latest stop for his powerful message was Buena Vista Middle School. Plata touches a chord with kids, parents and teachers when he speaks of the importance of setting goals and the "struggle" to achieve your dreams. His motto: "what other men have done, I can do" resonates with his audience and truly does provide motivation and inspiration.



From Yorkshire Moors to Notre Dame

"...how any one could ever imagine unquiet slumbers for the sleepers in that quiet earth." The AP Literature class joined with students from Notre Dame High School to discuss themes and characters from the novel *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte. Mrs. DeSantis and Mrs. Thomas moderated the discussion, which centered around Catherine and Heathcliff, and love and vengeance.



Jazz Band Performs at Sacred Heart

The Jazz Band performed a mini concert at Sacred Heart School. Among their selections was the Sacred Heart school song, which the children loved singing with the band playing in the background.



Soccer Teams Score Big Assist

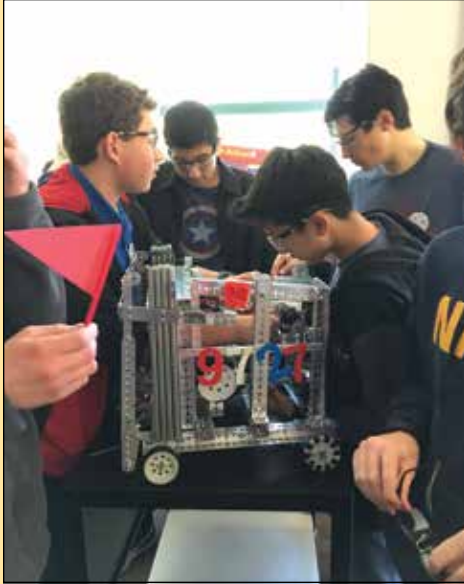
Student-athletes on the varsity and junior varsity soccer teams visited the Center for L.I.F.E. in Salinas to assist younger students with their studies. Tutoring is just one part of Palma School's outreach into our community.

Robotics Club

Armored Patriots Compete in FTC Tournament

Palma School's Robotics Club, the Armored Patriots, attended their second tournament of the season on Saturday, January 28. Sixteen teams from around northern California were registered to compete at Cisco's headquarters in San Jose. When the last gear ground and servo

snapped, the Armored Patriots had a solid third place finish. It was not enough to qualify for the NorCals this year, but it was a great day for Mr. O'Brien and the Robotics Club! Pictured (l to r) are: **Omar Garcia '17, Phat Le '18, Joshua Alfaro '18, Dylan Dizon '17, Jack Lanini '19, Isaac Paulo '20, Blake Mitchell '17 (Team Captain), Evan McNiel '17, Luke McKenzie '20, Dane Dizon '19, Steven Said '20, Daniel Soto '17,** and Mr. O'Brien. ●



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Dizon.



Thomas Lundy '20 Places First in Big Sur Half Marathon

Freshman **Thomas Lundy** crossed the finish line in first place at the 14th annual Big Sur Half Marathon held in Monterey. Lundy ran the 13.1-mile course in 1:30:01, out pacing his nearest competitor in the 15 and under division by more than four minutes.



Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program

A junior high reading comprehension program started on February 7th. This new, one-on-one peer mentoring program pairs a junior high student with an upperclassman who is a member of the National Honor Society. This unique brand of peer mentoring helps younger students prepare for the rigors of the high school curriculum. It also illustrates the benefits of having both junior high and high schools in close collaboration along with Palma's brand of brotherhood that serves to lift fellow Chieftains in the spirit of teamwork. Program participants meet in the library every Tuesday and Thursday. ●

Living the Essential Elements: Palma Receives High Marks From EE Evaluation Team



Visiting Edmund Rice educators (l to r): Dexter Asuncion, Kieran Daly, Michael LaLiberte and Br. Lawrence Murphy, C.F.C.

Every six years, a team travels to Edmund Rice Christian Brother schools to evaluate how well they are “living the Essential Elements.” This year’s visit, conducted March 21-23, focused on Essential Elements Three and Four. The visiting team was comprised of four educators that included Dexter Asuncion from Damien High School in Honolulu, Hawaii; Kieran Daly from Iona School in New Rochelle, New York; Michael LaLiberte from Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester, New York; and Br. Lawrence Murphy, C.F.C. from the Office of Educational Services.

The team spent three days observing the campus, visiting classes in session and meeting with faculty, staff, students and a group of parents. The result of each visit is a report that evaluates how well the school is living up to the promise of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother education, commend the school community on what they are doing well and provide recommendations for areas deemed needing improvement.

As of this writing, the team’s final report had not yet be received by Palma School. However, the team did deliver a preliminary report to the faculty prior to their departure. The word they used most to describe Palma was “impressive.”

“The things that we saw were very, very impressive. You, the faculty, are very, very impressive. Your kids are tremendously impressive. You have great community here. You’re doing a great job,” said Br. Murphy in his opening remarks. He went on to explain the report process. Before relinquishing the microphone to Mr. Daly, Br. Murphy continued, “A great

experience for us yesterday was your Capstone program. Now my understanding is that’s been six years in the making and you’re having kids basically create portfolios reflecting about what it is to be a Palma graduate — to be a Palma man. Well that’s awesome. I asked Brother Dunne and David if next year when we have the school leaders’ meeting, would you present that to all the schools in the province and tell us how it came out; and tell us how it is going for you?”

Mr. Daly spoke next. “I want to start by saying, ‘wow!’” He enthused about how Palma had instilled the sense of brotherhood on campus and how beneficial it is to the students and community. He was moved by finding Essential Element Seven in a science classroom making the connection between academics and the mission of Palma “seamless” and “well integrated.” Mr. Daly also appreciated the attention students pay to prayer and their commitment to service. He found the visits to Soledad prison to be fascinating and the results of that ministry powerful.

Mr. LaLiberte, although tasked with providing some preliminary recommendations, began with, “I have tremendous respect for the work and what you have been able to build here. When I think of all the Christian Brother schools I’ve had the opportunity to visit, your school really is the epitome of what I see as a Christian Brother education.”

Overall, the scrutiny was a positive experience for both the visiting team and Palma. While waiting for the full results of their report, we are inspired by their initial observations and grateful for all we have here. ●

Essential Element III

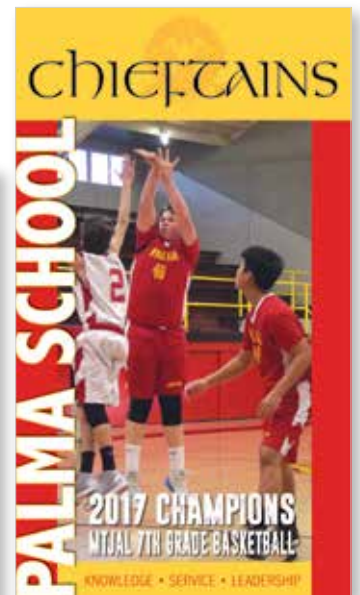
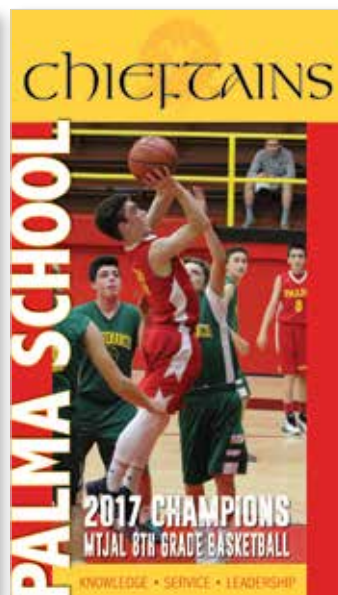
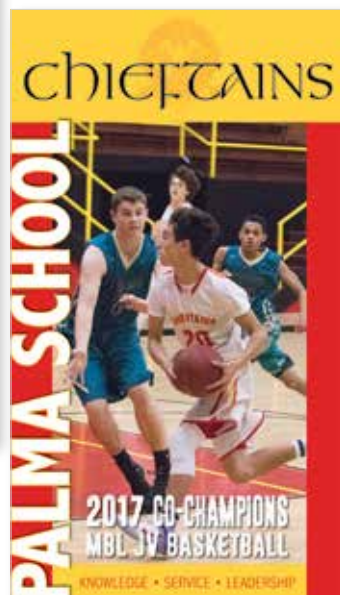
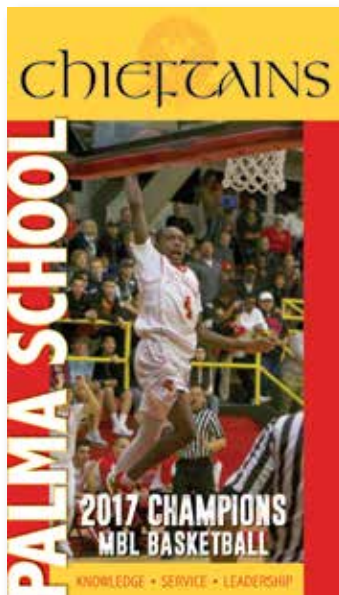
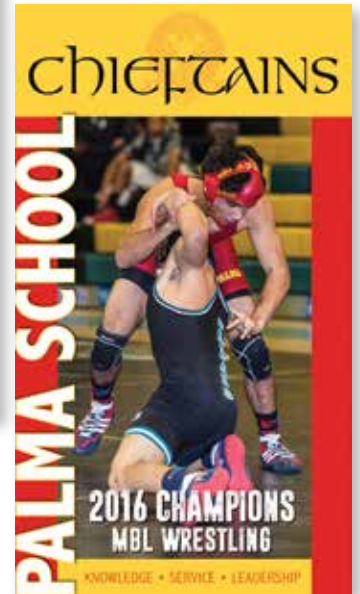
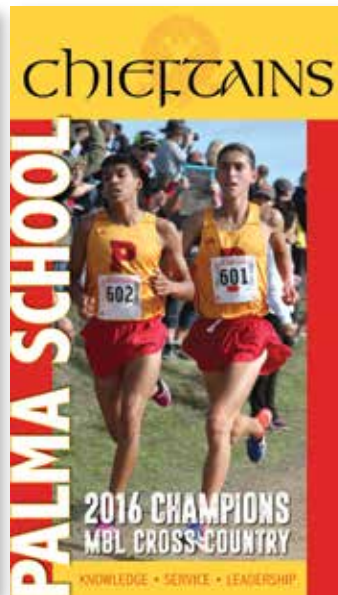
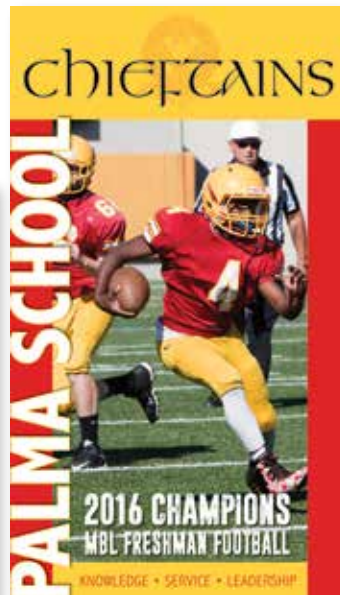
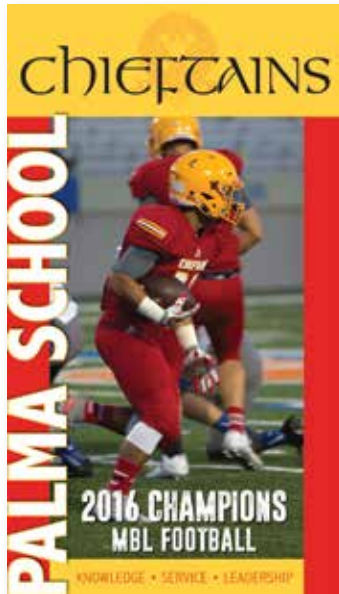
Stand in Solidarity with those Marginalized by Poverty and Injustice.

Essential Element IV

Foster and Invigorate a Community of Faith.

Sports

Chieftains Dominate



Chieftain Fall Sports



Stanford-bound Drew Dalman '17 (#54) wreaked havoc on both sides of the ball.



Emilio Martinez '17 (#27) breaks into the clear on his way to setting season records.

Varsity Football — MBL Gabilan Division Champions

The 2016 Monterey Bay League Champion Palma Chieftains varsity football team took the program to new heights as they became **the first team in Monterey County history to make it to the Northern California Regional Bowl Game**. Led once again by head coach **Jeff Carnazzo '85**, the Chieftains ended the regular season with a 10-4 record and a loss in the CCS Open Division title game to Valley Christian. The two tough preseason losses to Sutter and Saint Francis helped prepare the Chieftains for the rigors of the MBL Gabilan Division. The Chieftains proceeded to go 6-0 in league with an exciting victory over rival Hollister in the last game of the regular season. The offense was led by MBL Offensive Player of the Year **Emilio Martinez '17** who rushed for a Palma record 2300 yards. Martinez also obliterated the Palma all-time rushing record and ended his career with nearly 5000 yards and 69 touchdowns! He set the single game rushing record against Saratoga when he ran for 308 yards. Martinez has been offered numerous football scholarships and we will look forward to watching him play college football. The offensive line was led by MBL Most Valuable Player **Drew Dalman '17** who accepted an athletic scholarship to Stanford University. The dominant line consisted of Dalman, **Beau Winslow '17, Robert Hernandez '17, Nick Georgalos '18, Josh Koberg '17 and Sam Robinson '18. Zach Flores '17** threw for over 1000 yards and **Isaiah Blanco '17** was the leading receiver. The defense gave

up only 52 points in league play. They were led by Monterey County defensive MVP Dalman as well as LBs **Mikey Zaragoza '17, Stan Smith '17** and DL **Richard Hernandez '17 and Nick Barba '17**. The secondary was led by **Tristan Wahl '17 and Vianni Fratangelo '17**.

Junior Varsity Football

The JV football team had another dramatic turn-around season. After going 3-6-1 as freshmen, this year's team went 6-4 including four shutouts and seven games of holding their opponents to single digits. They started the season by going 2-2 in non-league games. This included beating Sacred Heart Prep. 28-7 and shutting out Aptos 35-0. An early injury to starting QB **Grant Sergent '19** in week one, led to **Aidan Butler '19** stepping in and taking the team to a 2-1 record. In league play the JV's went 4-2. League was highlighted by the defense, which had three shutouts and gave up a combined 15 points in five games. The offense was headed by second year QB **Grant Sergent '19**, who had another sensational year. His primary targets were **Andrew Rivera '19, Sam Lathos '19, Marco Pezzini '19, Matthew Morales '19, and Adam Pantoja '19**. The ground game was led by running backs **Mateo Martinez '19 and Diego Guajardo '19**. The pass and run game's success would not have been possible without the dominant offensive line of **Joey Esquivel '19, TC Enosara '18, Tyler Aday '18, Mateo Leyba '18, Emmanuel Marroquin '19, and Michael Lizaola '19**. The Chieftain defense was the



2016 Varsity Football team

strength of the team and only allowed two teams to score over 12 points. The defense was led by LB's and captains **Sam Lathos '19**, **Emmanuel Marroquin '19**, **Diego Guajardo '19** and **Luke Martinez '19**. They benefited from the outstanding defensive line play of **Joey Esquivel '19**, **Michael Lizaola '19**, **Mateo Leyba '18**, **TC Enosara '18** and **Jeric Magsambol '19**. Making plays in the secondary were **Matthew Morales '19**, **Andrew Rivera '19**, **Mateo Martinez '19**, **Marco Pezzini '19** and **Adam Pantoja '19**. This was not a surprising turn around for the young Chieftains as they are a talented group of athletes. Coach **Tim Martinez '89** said, "I am as proud of this team as any that I have coached in the past 23 years. The fact that they are never satisfied says a lot about the character of the team." Expectations will always be high for any underclassmen at Palma but the future looks bright.

Freshman Football —

MBL Gabilan Division Champions



Blake Anderson '20 takes a pass

The Palma freshman football team had a very successful season finishing the year at 9-1 and being crowned MBL champions. The team was led by QB's **Jon-Jon Berring** and **Luke Brigantino**, while RB **Anthony Villegas** gained over 1200 yards and rushed for 21 touchdowns. The offensive line was anchored by center **Cole Cook** and supported by **Jose Velasquez**, **Daniel Cabrera**, **Isaiah Saldana**, and a host of other line-

men. **Micah Olivas**, **Vinny Crivello**, and **Michael Macias** were also offensive standouts. On the defensive side of the ball, lineman **Felix Perez**, **Blake Anderson**, and **Quinten Arellano** put a stop to the running games of nearly all teams we played. Behind them were our stout linebackers, **Donnovan MacAbee**, **Matt Isaia**, and **Brent Eastman**. The secondary was comprised of **Jacob Herbst**, **Abel Escobar**, **Ben Eastman**, and several others who had a knack for finding the ball.

High School Cross Country —

MBL Gabilan Division Champions

The 2016 cross-country season was one to remember. Our varsity boys won their second team league title in four years and were led by sophomores **Sam Lavorato** winning the individual league title and **Thomas Padilla** placing third. Our JV and F/S teams also won their team titles and were led by **Michael Vollstedt** winning the JV race and **Phillip Sites** placing third in the F/S race. Our varsity boys moved on to compete at the



Varsity Cross Country team

CCS Championships obtaining an eighth place team finish with **Sam Lavorato '19** and **Thomas Padilla '19** placing second and fourth respectively, giving them individual qualifying spots to the CIF State Championships. At the state level, our boys placed 32th (Sam) and 36th (Thomas) in the D4 race. With this experience obtained at the state meet, both as sophomores, our goal for next cross-country season is to qualify the team to the state meet.

Junior High School Cross Country

Our Junior High cross-country team obtained a tough fifth place at the league championships. Our young Chieftains kept improving every race throughout the season in a very competitive league. Given that this was a rebuilding year for our junior high team, they performed well to the expectations and had a lot of fun! With the majority of our team members being seventh graders, the future looks very promising!

Varsity Water Polo

The Chieftain varsity squad was led by senior and co-captain **Sam Given** with 66 goals on the season, becoming Palma's all-time leading scorer with 222 goals over four years. Given was also named to First Team All-League in the Gabilan League and was Palma Water Polo MVP. Senior co-captain **Armando Borrego** led the Chieftains in goals with 69 saves. Always a leader and team motivator during crucial moments, Borrego brought home the Good of the Game award. Senior **Eziah Cortez** and junior **Will Van Ruler** shared the coach's award, each progressing tremendously over the course of the season and giving a solid effort on both sides of the ball. Senior **Ethan Schriver** bounced back from an early-season hand injury to hold down the center position, while junior **David Daniels** notched a breakthrough 33 goals, a preview of big things to come. The 2017 season will see an upcoming class fill some big shoes, and will no doubt be an exciting and groundbreaking year.



Sam Given '17 fights off a defender to make another shot on goal

Junior Varsity Water Polo

The junior varsity water polo team was comprised entirely of freshmen. With such a young team of first-time water polo players, the focus of the season was on building fundamental skills and learning how to be a team. Despite few wins, a friendly rivalry developed with Stevenson that made for three high-energy contests, including one that went into overtime. A highlight of the season was taking third place at the Wilcox Frosh-Soph Tournament. It is the first trophy finish for the JV team in many appearances at the tournament. In addition, every player scored at least one goal. The only regular non-freshman on the team was goalie **Ravi Johnson '18**. With an arm honed from playing baseball, Johnson was as effective in the field as he was in the goal. For the second year in a row, Johnson's experience and leadership in goal earned him the team award "For the Good of the Game" — recognizing his outstanding character, and contri-

contributions to the team and the sport. MVP honors went to **Wade Rianda '20**. Rianda was the team's high scorer, with his biggest total earned in a five-goal outing against Carmel. Rianda also took a few turns in the goal. **Henry McKelvie '20** and **Simon Bosch '20** earned the Coaches Award for their tireless work ethic and steadfast attendance. **Matt Bassetti '20** and **Mateo Trujillo '20** were the fastest swimmers on the team and were effective offensive threats. The strongest defenders on the team included **Nick Slater '20**, **Danny Munoz '20**, and **Kekoa Yasuda '20**.

Junior High Volleyball

Palma's Junior High volleyball had some well-fought matches. The boys played well as a team learning the fundamentals of the game along the way. Even though the season was challenging, the boys had fun working together as a team. Assistant Coaches **Michael Morasca '19** and **Ben Wood '20** lent their talents to the team. Individual contributions came from all the boys, however the most inspirational player was **Darius Amador '21**. **Jake Davidson's '21** experience proved to be a great asset

to the team and helped him earn the title of this year's MVP. Newcomer **Josh Bassetti '22** was selected as most improved. ●



Winter Sports

Varsity Basketball —

MBL Gabilan Division Champions

Once again the Chieftain varsity basketball team had a strong season capturing their third MBL Gabilan Division Championship in a row, received yet another CCS Open Division invitation and were first seed in the NorCal Division IV Playoffs. Significant contributions were made by all



(above) MBL Gabilan Division Coach of the Year, Kelley Lopez, (right) Nikhil Manimaran '17, (below) MBL Gabilan Division MVP Jamaree Bouyee '17

of the members of this squad, most notably by division MVP for the second year in a row, **Jamaree Bouyee '17**. **Cameron Jones '17** was named



to the MBL Gabilan Division All-Defensive Team. **Nikhil Manimaran '17** was an All MBL Gabilan Division team selection. The Chieftains went 12-0 in MBL play and wound up falling short of their second NorCal Championship in as many years to a tough team from Vallejo. They finished with a final season record of 25-5. Coach Kelley Lopez was honored with Coach of the Year in the MBL Gabilan Division.

Junior Varsity Basketball —

MBL Gabilan Division Co-Champions

The Palma JV basketball team made huge strides in their season, growing individually and working unfailingly together as a team. They made a strong showing from the beginning and played hard throughout the season winning all but two league games earning them a shared MBL Gabilan Division League Champions title. Their season record, 18-6, exemplifies the team's work ethic and dedication. Outstanding season performers were: Co-MVP's, **Sam Lathos '19** and **Brendan Cannon '19**; offensive standout **Dante Jean-Pierre '19**; defensive dynamo **Marco Pezzini '19**; rebound leader, **Avery Nicholson '19**; and the intense competitor, **Matthew Morales '19**.

Freshman Basketball

The '16-'17 freshman team had many accolades during the season. The season started off with a bang with the team winning the Salinas High Freshman Round-Up Tournament. A few weeks later, the young Chieftains went on to win the Watsonville High Holiday Tournament in convincing fashion. The Chieftains,



Freshman basketball

who had contributions from all 16 members on the roster, finished the grueling Monterey Bay League-Gabilan Division league season undefeated with a record of 10-0. The team finished the season with a very impressive record of 22-1. The future looks bright for these young Chieftains.

8th Grade Basketball — MTJAL Champions

The 8th Grade basketball team was a determined bunch! The year began with 15 Palma student-athletes willingly working hard to learn the fundamentals of man-to-man defense. They did a masterful job. On offense, all five positions played a role in scoring and rebounding. Hard work was our goal and teamwork was our overriding quality. The season opened with a loss to eventual round-robin winner All Saints, and we struggled to stay competitive at the halfway mark with a 6-5 record. However, that is where the character of the team began to assert itself. Over the next six games and into the playoffs, the players refused to lose. They were the winners of eight straight games, which earned them a MTJAL Championship. The 15-member *TEAM* refused to be denied, and every member contributed something special. It was a great season.



Eighth Grade basketball

7th Grade Basketball — MTJAL Champions

The 2017 7th grade basketball season was a memorable one as the team finished the season 15-0 and MTJAL Champs! The season began with the Scattini 8th grade tourney at Palma where the team secured its first win over Sacred Heart of Watsonville. The following two games posed a decided challenge in facing the eventual 8th grade MTJAL champs Palma and the eventual 2nd seed 8th grade PG team. Palma 7 hung tough with PG 8 coming within six in the fourth quarter before falling behind late for a 12-point loss while the Palma 8 team won decidedly over the Palma 7s for third place in the tourney. The team used these two losses as fuel entering into the 7th grade MTJAL season. The 7s gelled quickly starting the season with a lopsided victory over Buena Vista before entering into a tough two-game road schedule with perennial adversaries PG and Carmel. Both games were tight and not decided until the fourth quarter but the 7s showed their resolve and came out victorious in both games. Palma 7 cruised through the heart of their season schedule with victories over North County, All Saints, Carmel and Buena Vista before entering into a season closing showdown with San Benancio. The first meeting between the two teams featured both teams with undefeated records in league play. The Palma 7s played on the road in front of a loud, raucous crowd at San Benancio and came away with a commanding victory 56-28. Palma closed the season at home against San Benancio in a much tighter game

coming away with the victory 46-34. The MTJAL playoffs featured games against PG and Carmel. Firing on all cylinders, Palma 7 raced to an early lead against PG and closed out their county rival in convincing fashion 44-15 to set up a championship game with Carmel. The championship did not disappoint with a ton of action and drama. Four of the five Palma 7 starters fouled out of the game as Palma garnered 31 fouls in 24 minutes of play — perhaps setting a foul record in 7th grade basketball. “Family” was the team’s motto all season and the tight-knit group rallied around one another with strong bench play late in the third quarter and all of the fourth quarter to seal a victory 47-34. The team showed their Palma character by closing their season standing as a team in front of the crowd and thanking their parents and fans post-game.



Co-Captain Branden Werner '17 (left) is the first soccer player in Palma history to be named MBL Pacific League co-MVP. Co-Captain Francisco Arevalo (right) has accepted a soccer scholarship to Hastings College

Varsity Soccer

8-3-1 in league record, 11-6-1 overall. Led by seniors **Branden Werner** and **Francisco Arevalo** the Chieftains enjoyed a good season finishing third in the MBL Pacific. **Branden Werner '17** was named league Co-MVP; a first for Palma soccer and **Francisco Arevalo '17** was offered a scholarship to continue his soccer career at Division 2 national champion Hastings College. Francisco and Branden made the MBL first team while **Finian Rawson '18** and **Benjamin Gutierrez '18** made the second team all league. The team developed a great bond, played for each other and it showed on the field. We had great contribution from the whole team. **Dominic Nale '20** and Finian lead the attack. Gabriel did a great job in goal blocking shots when teams got past our tenacious defense.

Junior Varsity Soccer

1-7-2 in league; 3-11-2 overall. The JV team learned a lot this year and competed against every team! They were led by **Reno DiTullio '18** on defense, **Everardo Ruiz-Contreras '20** in the midfield and **Rhett Haas '18** at forward. The boys had a lot of fun both during practice and during games and, just like the varsity team, developed a great brotherhood.

Junior High Soccer

Led by **Jorge Rico '08** and Elmer Larios the Palma Junior High soccer team finished third in the MTJAL and second in the IPAL league. Junior High soccer had its biggest turn out in years and fielded two teams. Both teams had a lot of fun and learned much during the season. The boys set a good foundation and will build on that this coming season.

Varsity Wrestling —

MBL Pacific League Champions

After capturing the MBL Pacific League championships they competed in the MBL league championships. The medalists included 8th place medal-



Francisco Arevalo '17

ist sophomore **Sammy Banuelos**, 7th place medal winners included **Alex Andrade '20** and **Jose Calderon '19** and **Tyler Houck '19**. **Jacob Herbst '20** finished in 5th place and **Humberto Baza '17** and **Michael Lizaola '19** finished in 4th place. The Chieftains had two wrestlers competing in the finals in **Saul**

Gonzalez '19 and **Michael Zaragoza '17**. Gonzalez finished in second while Zaragoza won his second straight MBL wrestling crown. The Chieftains qualified seven wrestlers to the CCS finals. Those competing included **Jacob Herbst '20**, **Alex Andrade '20**, **Saul Gonzalez '19**, **Tyler Houck '19**, **Michael Zaragoza '17**, **Humberto Baza '17** and **Michael Lizaola '19**. They had four wrestling still wrestling on the second day and finished the day with two medalists, **Saul Gonzalez '19** and **Michael Zaragoza '17**. Saul finished with a 5th place medal and became a two-time CCS place winner. Michael joined a very select group of three-time CCS medalists as he finished the day in 4th. At the league tournament they finished in 6th place with a very young and tough team that only graduates two out of the 11 varsity wrestlers. At the CCS championships tournament they finished in 16th place out of the 77 teams competing.

Junior Varsity Wrestling

There were three medal winners at the MBL JV league championships. Two finalist on the day were **Danny Andrade '20** and **Jeric Magsambol '19**. Both wrestlers had very close matches but eventually ended up with a runner-up finish. Our last medalist was **Matthew Bassetti '20** who came away with a 4th place finish.

Junior High Wrestling

The Junior High wrestling team competed at the Bolsa Knolls Middle School Invitational. All of the Chieftain wrestlers finished the day in a medal match and



JH wrestlers place third at Bolsa Knolls Invitational

earned a third place finish as a team. **Joseph Varela '21**, **Blake Cornell '21**, and **Oscar Iracheta '21** all placed first in their weight while **Joseph Bermudez '21**, **Joseph Dasilva '22** and **Leo Lizaola '21** finished a respectable second. ●

Student-Athletes:

Invited to Play at the College Level



Four Football Scholarships Awarded

(From left to right) Chieftain running back, all-time leading rusher and 2016 MBL Offensive Player of the Year, **Emilio Martinez '17**, signed his national letter of intent to play football at the University of San Diego. Monterey Bay League Most Valuable Player, **Drew Dalman '17** chose Stanford University among the numerous offers he received. Power brothers on both the O and D Lines, **Robert Hernandez '17** and **Richard Hernandez '17** will both be playing for Hastings College in the fall.



Soccer Scholarship

Until **Francisco Arevalo '17**, Palma hadn't had a soccer scholarship recipient since 1985. Francisco has signed to play soccer for the Broncos of Hastings College.



Baseball Scholarship

Anthony DeSantis '17, has signed to play baseball at the University of Kansas. The stand-out shortstop will make a great addition to the Jayhawks.

Palma Ath-lumni

1983

David Esquer (right) reached 500 wins as Cal Bears baseball coach with the victory over Washington State on Sunday, May 29th, 2016.



Courtesy of UC Berkeley Athletics

1997

Nicholas Enriquez has assumed the role of Volunteer Assistant at Stanford University. Enriquez goes to The Farm after four seasons at San Jose State. He spent the previous eight years at Dartmouth where he helped lead the team to back-to-back Ivy League titles (2009, 2010), the Big Green's first victory at an NCAA Regional in 23 years, and the program's first 30-win season.



Courtesy of NBA

2007

Orlando Johnson (left) signed a camp deal with the Milwaukee Bucks in September. Johnson has played for the Phoenix Suns, New Orleans Pelicans and the Austin Spurs D-League team.

2009

David Fales (right) has signed with the Miami Dolphins. He was originally drafted by the Chicago Bears in the 6th round in 2014. Photo courtesy Chicago Bears website.



Courtesy of Chicago Bears

2011

Matthew Pinizzotto finished 20 under at the Bogey Hills Invitational to take home the trophy and his first professional win. Pinizzotto shot 68, 66, 67 and a final round 63 on the Bogey Hills Country Club course in St. Charles, Missouri.

2013



Courtesy of UCLA Athletics

Noah Allen transferred to the University of Hawaii for the 2016-2017 season. The 6-foot-7 forward/guard was not able to excel at UCLA. He will finish up his undergraduate and pursue a graduate degree at Hawaii. The move has proved prudent as the college senior has had a resurgence against teams in the Big West, leading the division with 18.5 points per game.

Michael Carrizosa was awarded a full football scholarship for 2016-2017. The "Group of Five" highlights college athletes who did not quite garner national attention, but had impressive seasons. Carrizosa was named first-team in the Group of Five with 60 punts on the 2016 season, averaging 44.2 yards per punt with impressive hang-times, including a season-high 5.37 seconds.



Courtesy of San Jose Mercury News



Courtesy of Univ. of Virginia Athletics

After missing the 2015 football season at Arizona State to focus on his classes, **Jack Powers** distributed his release from the Sun Devils and was picked up by the University of Virginia. UVA's head coach, Bronco Mendenhall, was quick to pick up Powers and allow him to return to his favored position on the D-line.

2015

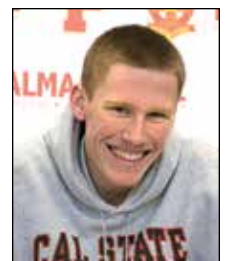
Austin Hussain swam in the NCAA Division II Nationals in 2016 and was named "All-American." He was also honored as "Freshman of the Year" at Fresno Pacific where he holds the third fastest time in school history in the 200 free, 1:38.53.

2016



Matt Smith (left) plays baseball at UC Davis.

Wyatt Maker (right) is on the basketball team at CSU East Bay.



Zach Ralston (left) plays football at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College.

Jack Richardson (right) is on the roster of the



Stanford University football team.

Two Chieftains Named to the 2017 Salinas Valley Sports Hall of Fame

Among the nine athletes and one team selected to be inducted into the Salinas Valley Sports Hall of Fame were two Chieftains; **Bob Burlison '74** and **Dave Esquer '83**. This fifth Salinas Hall of Fame class was inducted on August 26, 2016, at the Storm Center in Salinas.

Classmates: Alumni Updates

1958

Buzz Green sent this photo of him with his sons and grandsons. Alive and well in Austin Texas, having survived stage four throat cancer and cardiac arrest leading to a quadruple bypass. "Growing old ain't for wussies."



1960

Rudy Maglenty reports, "Yes, I'm alive and well and living in Richmond, CA for 20 years. I left Salinas in 1964 and moved to the city that same year. Since then, I have moved several times, finally settling in Richmond. So far, I know that several of my classmates have left our world, yet there are still a few of us left from the class of '60. I'd like to say 'hello' to some of my classmates such as **Jim Scattini**, **Jim Shebl**, **John O'Brien**, and the rest and some members of the Class of '61. I think they still remember me. I'm still alive and well at the age of 75 and still growing stronger. My hat's off to good old Palma."

Daniel Sahagun spent five years working at Safeway, four years in the US Marines, then worked in high tech for 30 years. During that time, he lived in France for two years. He also worked in the retail auto industry in



The Palma girls class of 1961 reunion luncheon was held in October of 2016. Pictured are: (standing) Gini, Kathy, Marietta, Patsy, Joan, Barbara, Karen, Mary Alice; (seated) Donna, Maria, Barbara. (Borchert Pybas was the organizer.)

customer relations for ten years. He still keeps busy as an associate with World Financial Group, a Transamerica company. He has two daughters, one beautiful granddaughter and a wonderful grandson.

1961

Barbara Battagin Seiler and Martin have been married 49 years, have two daughters, the youngest is living and working (for Krispy Kream) in N. Carolina. Their older daughter has two children. Andrew, who is two-and-a-half and twins Giavanna, and Vivianna who are one-and-a-half. She lives in Morgan Hill, has a nanny and works for ADT. "Life is wonderful. I can't believe how much fun having grandbabies would be."

1962

Kathy and **Allen Hayes**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last August with a renewal of wedding vows at Saint Mary Church in Gilroy. They met as sophomores at Santa Clara University in 1964 and were married upon graduation. Allen then posted to Germany where he worked as an engineer for Chevron Germany until returning to the United States in 1972. He then changed careers and started his practice in the financial services industry until his retirement in August of 2016. He and his wife Kathy are pictured here at their Anniversary Celebration with 10 of their 17 children and 17 of their 23 grandchildren. Three of their boys, **Michael '83**, **Matthew '87** and **Maxwell '91** are graduates of Palma and one of their daughters Mary ('93) is a graduate of Notre Dame. Allen was one of the founding directors of the newly formed Alumni Association and is the immediate Past President.

They have moved to Prunedale where they are enjoying their retirement and spending as much time as possible traveling and seeing the world as "newly weds!"



Robbie Scattini says not much is new. "We are still heavily active with the school in that Laurie is coaching the cheer squads and we are going into basketball playoffs. Between the two of us we are at every football and basketball game Palma has. We took four of the Palma cheerleaders who were selected to NYC to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade."

Nancy Wilson Jones had some new activities over the last year. Her granddaughter Maddy moved in with them and is attending MPC. She has been accepted at CSUMB for the Fall 2017 semester where she will study the pre-law. "So it has been fun living with a teenager again. Rick, Maddy and I will be going to Giants Spring Training this month — should be fun. We are also planning a summer road trip to Whidbey Island in Washington to visit friends there."

1963

Dr. Allan DeSerpa is married to Dr. Marjorie Baldwin. Although he is now retired from teaching, she is still an active professor at ASU specializing in Health Economics. They are both prolific authors. In between writing book and articles about economics, Allan wrote three books about bridge. His latest book, *Sixpack Repack: Keycards and Queecards in the Twilight Zone*, develops an intricate system for bidding slams. It is heralded by a top bridge professional as a "monumental step forward." Marjorie's latest book (*Beyond Schizophrenia: Living and Working with a Serious Mental Illness*) intertwines her professional research and personal experiences with her son's recovery. It is already making a difference to families blind-sided by having to care for loved ones afflicted with mental illness. During his teaching tenure, Allan has garnered many awards. To learn more about these, and to see his last lecture, search "Allan DeSerpa" online.



Mary Ellen (Bowlin) Briel has lived in St Paul, MN for nearly 40 years, teaching high school English until retiring in 2008. Since then, she's travelled quite a lot, using her far-flung children, or their empty houses, as an excuse to miss St Paul winters. She has taught English and writing quite literally all over the world: Thailand, India, and most recently, Greece. "I'll head back to Athens in a couple months to The Melissa Project, an initiative for young Syrian women who come from shelters, squats, and NGO tents, spread from across the city." When in Minnesota, she works part-time at Vision Loss Resources in Minneapolis, teaching — of course! — English and writing to people who are newly blind or visually impaired. "Feeling very blessed these days."

Carolyn Moranda Sanders has been married 51 years, is retired, and is still in Salinas taking one day at a time.



1964

David C. Zwingman writes, "After earning degrees in Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering with a specialty in Guidance, Navigation and Control (GNC) Avionics, I did missile research and development in the military. After the service, I worked at the Johnson Space Center (JSC) in the NASA Space Program from the final years of the Apollo Program through the Space Shuttle period. After the first shuttle flight, I started working with development teams for the International Space Station Project as part of the GNC development team. I retired from industry in 2001. While working with NASA, I also taught college in the fields of Avionics and Computer Science. I retired from teaching college in 2005. When I retired, Barbara (my wife) was still teaching for the local school district. She got me started helping in the advanced mathematics, physics and computer science at the high school. I have been there ever since. I primarily work with the upper level students in advance mathematics, physics, engineering concepts and computer programming. Yes, I really enjoy it and it keeps me sane! One of the big activities I have done for the school district is mentor the national computer gaming competition teams since 2005 until this year. I am currently living in Friendswood, Texas. Barbara and I have two daughters, both married. The joy Barbara and I had was seeing our children grow up and become successful in their fields of endeavors followed the joy of all the grandchildren. Barbara knew and enjoyed all our grandchildren before she died. We have six grandchildren ranging from kindergarten to graduating from high school and going to college next year. In my spare time, I visit my children and grandchildren. The grandchildren live outside of Texas which means some traveling. Every time I visit with the grandchildren, I am amazed how much they have grown and matured."



1965

Kevin Melliush graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in Agriculture Business, followed by a stint in the army. He worked for Spreckels Sugar Company for 25 years before retiring. After and during that time he ranched in Oregon until widowed in 2004. Kevin worked for 12 years as a crop insurance adjuster, retiring for good in 2012. He is remarried and lives near Bonanza, Oregon. Together, they have four children, 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Most of their time is spent fishing and on family hunting trips.

1966

Jim Hernandez continues to enjoy retirement as well as keeping busy with duties of being an active grandpa. Jim volunteers time at his local library and takes an active role in sponsoring contests that promote literacy, good-will, and culture, as well as assisting people in researching their genetic history. He has become quite the seasoned genetic researcher, spending well-over 30 years diving deep into family history, where he has uncovered many interesting lineages as well as connections to people all over the world. When not analyzing new genetic markers, Jim also has an impressive green-thumb as he raises and nurtures over 100 Sago Palms both in the front and backyard. People from around town are known to stop and ask Jim for sago advice. Many are pleasantly surprised when Jim

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generously gifts them with one of his own Sagos to enjoy. Jim enjoys spending time with his eight grandchildren taking them to and from school, to basketball practice and games, soccer, track, and softball, too. His oldest granddaughter is in her junior year as a Bio-Chem major at Notre Dame de Namur and works as a Resident Assistant. He has two freshman in high school, one in middle school, and four in elementary. Jim's oldest daughter, Monica, started her 20th year in education and her fourth year as an elementary school principal. His second oldest daughter, Rita, is a Special Education Analyst, and his youngest, son Jaime begins his 14th year at Pepsi-Cola as a Key Account Salesman. Jim and Linda celebrated 47 years of marriage in June. Together they attend many family reunions and host family BBQs and swim parties. Sundays are still



reserved for football long after Jim and his son have hung up their gear. You can find most of the family cheering on their beloved Raiders while enjoying snacks and music. Jim's sense of community service is something both he and his wife have instilled in their children and they take great pride in staying politically active and cultivating that love of community involvement. After a long day of activity, Jim retreats to his book collection where he keeps his mind fresh as a life-long learner and reader of non-fiction books.

John Moccia retired in 1999 as a chief in the Federal Probation and Pretrial Services Agency in the District of Hawaii. He and his wife Joan Marie currently reside in Bend, Oregon where he attempts the life of a crime writer. He's had a couple of shows produced for television (one for Showtime and a ghostwritten project for the Lifetime channel) and is currently completing his fifth novel.

1967

Richard Martins is a retired pharmacist and has written a novel. *The Trench* is an epic (lengthy) fantasy set in a hidden world here on earth.

In 2016 Barbara and **Clem Richardson** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary (she's a saint). Kelly ND '94 is a school teacher in San Jose, married to Andre Salles-Cunha (swim coach) with two daughters (Jenna and Maya). Polly ND '96 is a financial consultant with RBC Wealth Management in San Francisco. **Jack '00** has been in the film business, making music videos and a full-length movie, *The Makings of You*, which showed at various film festivals. He spoke at Mr. Viarengo's film studies class when the movie showed locally at the Carmel Film Festival. Clem is still working in R&D for Church Brothers Farms and actively engaged in

Christians in Commerce. "With 2017 being our 50th year since Palma graduation I'm wondering if there is some leadership and energy to put a reunion together? Our band, "The Flat Rock Boys" (all Palma Grads from the 60's and 70's — **Bill Lorentz, Mike Lauritson, Jon Fano** and **Jimmy Rossi**) has had the privilege of playing at various reunions in the past few years and it has been a blast getting to interact with the classes ahead of and behind us (at least behind me!). Especially fun was playing for the class of '66 who were a year ahead of my class so we had a lot of the stories from back in the day. They looked great! Another blessing in the past year for me was getting behind the microphone for Palma football on the radio after a 17 year hiatus. Part of my responsibility was to interview players and coaches for the broadcast. It was especially fun getting to hear the responses of the Palma students playing football and later the basketball team. The class of 2017 is especially impressive as the football

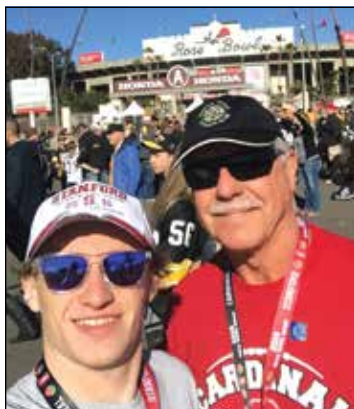


Clem Richardson receiving the Blessed Edmund Rice Service Award in 2017

team made the first-ever State Playoff Championship and the basketball team is preparing for another run at the State title (Runner up last season). These young men have all been impressive in their response, their love for Palma and their teammates. Clearly, Palma is training some wonderful leaders for the next generation. I'm in my 18th year of coaching for the Chieftain Golf team and it is hard to describe the many ways it has enriched my life. Besides helping the players be their best on the course and in life, I have had many friends help us as coaches. One such example is my childhood friend, lifelong golfing buddy (along with Chip Campion and Mike Cling) **John Oliverio '69**. "Johnny O" passed away walking his dog on November 18th in the hills behind our homes (we lived two doors down from one another). Johnny loved Palma and dedicated himself to the Scattini Basketball Tournament, the Notre Dame Golf Team and all he could do for the Palma Golf Team. Johnny was elected to the Palma Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. The MVP award for the Scattini Tournament now is named after him. Not only did he work tirelessly and well in administration and community building, but he also taught me lessons about going the extra mile for the players under our care. I was privileged to help the family and friends of Johnny O with a Memorial Service in January at the Palma Multipurpose Room. It was standing room only as we honored one of Palma's finest servants. Grant him a heavenly reward."

1970

Ric Morrison has been a member of the Monterey County Association of Realtors (MCAR) since 1988 during which time he has served as a MCAR Grievance Committee Member. He was Chairman of the Board for Rank Advancement and committee member for Carmel



Valley Boy Scout Troop 127 and also an Assistant Coach for the Carmel High School Boys' Tennis Team. Ric is a volunteer at Carmel Youth Center and director of ice cream cart sales at Pebble Beach AT&T Golf Tournament. His 18-year-old son Adam is a 4.1 senior at Carmel High School with over 300 hours of community service, an Eagle Scout, four-year varsity tennis team starter (team undefeated in MBL last season) and headed to college next year to study civil engineering at Cal Poly SLO.

1971

Deacon Rick Gutierrez is enjoying retirement life and living in Spreckels while serving at Sacred Heart Parish in Salinas. "I enjoyed a visit to the Holy Land with Fr. Michael Miller and 32 friends that has brought so much meaning to my ministry. I recently volunteered for the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and enjoyed spending time with friends who I work with once a year. I hope to enter the Palma School Golf Tournament that will be held on April 28 and I am looking forward to seeing some of my old friends. I can still recall the wonderful years that Palma High provided for me as a student."

Jim Morisoli sold his pharmacy in San Bernardino after 28 years of ownership. He moved from Highland, CA to San Clemente, CA. Semi-retired, he is now working at his son's pharmacy as co-owner/Pharmacist in Carlsbad, CA. He has two new granddaughters ages 19 mos and 15 mos. "Living life large at the beach!!!!"

1974

Dave Barich writes, "I took a great trip with my 90-year-old dad, Marion Barich, and my sister Barbara Fellini (ND '81). We took part in an Honor Flight to Washington DC to honor WWII veterans. The goal of the Bay Area Honor Flight program is to raise money and send deserving WWII vets back on a tour to DC. My Dad has four sons who attended Palma and two daughters who attended Notre Dame."



1975

Pete Gnosca reports he is in good health, "thank God." His children are doing well. Miriam is a regional manager for Lagunitas Brewery and loves her job. Amelia is married and living in San Francisco and working for the best salon in the city. **Jack '11** is in the Marines and is in Japan now. "Gosh, haven't seen him in a long time but talk on the weekends." **John**

'14 is going to college and coaching football at Palma and doing well. Last, but not least, Sam, our guardian angel — “we miss you and love you, son.”

1976

On November 16, 2016 **John D'Arrigo**, President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board D'Arrigo Bros. Co., of California, was presented with the Steinbeck Center Valley of the World Ag Leader Award which honors an individual whose work has broken new ground and/or who has added significantly to the industry while making a difference in the community in which they live. Under his leadership, D'Arrigo Bros. Co., of California continued to expand the company's cooling facilities by adding a 52,000-square-foot addition to their cold room, adding 15 additional loading bays, a 25,000-square-foot packaging facility, and a 30,000-square-foot shade structure for inspection and cooling of berries. In addition, the company added a 2.2MW Solar Ranch Power Project that will generate approximately 4,320,600 kWh annually and will help reduce CO₂ emissions equivalent to not driving 7,282,000 miles annually. The project is the largest customer-owned net metered solar power project in Monterey County.



David Ebert continues to run the Pacific Shark Research Center at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, and serves as an advisor for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. “My ‘Lost Sharks’ research program has taken me to five continents and about nine (or is it 10?) countries in the past 18 months. During my travels I am continuing to discover and name new shark species. I recently had my 27th book published, with another eight books in preparation. I recently completed a project for the National Geographic Society, which featured my research and one of my discoveries, a new ghost shark species, that was featured in their on-line news. I have recently returned from trips to Chile, Costa Rica, and the Middle East, and am now heading off to Asia to film my latest episode for Discovery Channel’s Shark Week, which will air in June 2017. In between my world travels I have been doing aerial surveys on white sharks in Monterey, and boy, there sure is a lot of them out!” The photo shows Dave attending a workshop on shark conservation in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, February 2017.

1978

David Nawrocki recently moved back from Kuwait (again). His youngest son was baptized at St. Ambrose in Annandale, VA, where he bought a house. David started work as a process improvement SME (contractor) at the Joint Staff J6 in the Pentagon, currently filling in as the Incident Manager. He finished a Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Administration at University of Maryland, University College and started a Master of

Science in Management with a specialization in Emergency Management at University of Maryland, University College. He also started a Master of Science in Environmental Policy and Management at American Military University.

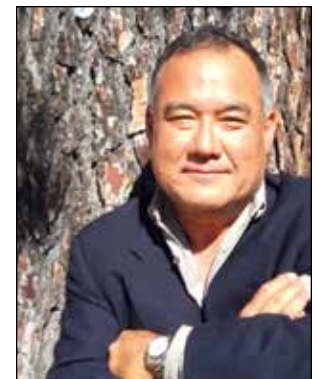
1979

Zahid Noorani says, “it was an unbelievably wonderful surprise to be contacted by the alumni section of Palma High. The Palma T- shirt is one of the best gifts received so far – reminds me of my youth! As you may know I was a foreign student and joined Palma in my senior year. Coming to Salinas and Palma was a scary but an outstanding experience. The friendliness and warmth of the people of Salinas was unbelievable. I must have been a novelty for my fellow students just as much the experience was unusual for me. It was an easy integration especially once I got involved in the extra curricular activities like soccer and tennis. Attended the football games and the track meets. I still remember some of my teachers — Mr. Wright for history and Mr. Prescott for English and my soccer coach as well. They were very supportive and made the transition so much easier. I am still in touch with some of my Palma friends like **John Bell '80** and **Tom Wolf '79** — their families were so welcoming to a foreign student living alone, in a foreign country for the first time. I remember them very fondly. After graduating from Palma, I spent two years at Hartnell College then attended San Diego State University and graduated in the class of '85 with a bachelors as well as an MBA. I moved to NY in 1986 to work for a bank and spent a couple of years in NY trading foreign exchange/currencies for the bank. I was transferred from there to various locations like Tokyo, Hong Kong, London and the Middle East to work for the bank. I remained in the financial sector till 1998 and then changed careers in to a media job working for a sports broadcaster called Ten Sports based out of Dubai, United Arab Emirates. An absolute golf addict and fanatic, I can't wait to retire and just play golf all the time. I am married to a lovely lad, Nyla, who is a teacher at the American school in Dubai. I have two sons ages 25 (working for NBC universal in LA) and Zain, 17, in his last year of high school.”



1980

David Walker is living and working in Northwest Las Vegas in the Centennial Hills suburbs for a Private Equity Group dealing with Information Security (InfoSec), investment and development of Internet of Things (IoT) and Cognitive Machine Learning Technologies, and a few real estate ventures. He would love to connect with any class of 1980 Palma/Notre Dame alums on LinkedIn. You can find him at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/davidwalkeralum/>



1981

Ben Beesley is a realtor with Keller Williams Coastal Estates in Carmel and has recently been elected as the Chair of the Board of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce. Born in Carmel and baptized at the Carmel Mission, Ben has been active in the community and selling residential real estate since 2002.

Scott Howard reports, "All is well. I'm a news director at the NBC/CBS local affiliate TV station for the Chico-Redding market. Our TV station has been busy covering the Oroville Dam/spillway crisis. Still thinking about what could have happened is really unfathomable and I was right there when the evac orders were issued. (The pic I sent of myself is from an abandoned house fire in Chico I had to jump out of this past Friday early morning. Fun stuff.) Next year, I will have been in the news business (newspaper and TV broadcast) for 30 years."



In October, **Ed Laverone** visited his oldest (Erin) and youngest daughter (Stephanie) who live in Austin. They were joined at the Texas Chili Parlour by Amanda Eastman (daughter of **Brent '81**) and his niece Shelley Aubuchon (daughter of Janet Laverone Aubuchon ND '75).



Christopher Mychajluk writes, "my lovely wife of 30 years and I are living in Petaluma, CA and I am currently a superintendent for a Christian school in Novato. Two of our girls have graduated from college and are working in SF with a third (and recently married) finishing up her college this year. Our fourth daughter is in 9th grade. I must say that Palma was a great experience for me and I'm proud to say I'm an alumni."

1982

Paul Miller married Regina Donatoni (ND '81) in 1989. They have two children, Elizabeth (born 1990) and Megan (born 1994). Paul became a police officer for the City of Gonzales in 1993 and was appointed Chief of

Police in 2007. Regina is a wine production manager for Constellation Brands (Gonzales, Soledad and Paso Robles). Their daughter Elizabeth graduated from CSU Monterey Bay in 2012. She is employed as a police officer at the CSUMB Police Department and is engaged to be married in 2018. Their daughter Megan graduated from CSU Northridge in 2016. She is employed as a retail manager in Salinas. Paul is planning to retire in 2017 and will be looking for the next chapter of his life, though he is not sure what yet. He and Regina plan to travel and enjoy life.



1983

Things are going well for the **Jim Deaver** family in Redding. He is still teaching and coaching three sports at Enterprise HS and has his youngest (Jason) with him, who is a junior. His oldest (Colton) is a junior in college at UC Santa Cruz. His wife is still a counselor at Foothill HS — one of his rival schools! They are excited as they just purchased a beach house in Aptos at Rio Del Mar where his oldest is living and they will spend a lot of time there as well. Jim will be in Salinas in April for track and looks forward to seeing his old friends and old stomping grounds. He says he is always a Chieftain fan!



1984

Roger Christensen is still farming in the San Luis Valley of Colorado... potatoes and small grains organically.

The **Mike Mifsud** family lives in Campbell, Ca. Max (20, left) is a sophomore at Loyola University, Chicago majoring in biology and neuroscience (double major). He plays rugby and is involved in student government. Marcus (15) is a freshman at Bellarmine College Preparatory. He had great football and basketball seasons and will play baseball or rugby in the spring. Michelle (married to Mike for 22 years) teaches part time at their children's elementary school, Saint Frances Cabrini. She works full time at

running a tight ship! Monica (18) is a senior at Presentation High School. She throws shot and discus on the varsity track team, is involved in dance and will attend one of three schools in the fall (St. Mary's College, Gonzaga University or University of Portland). Mike's business, M3 Automation, has been up and running for eight years.



He provides components and systems for robotics, industrial and machine automation.

1985

Chris Lane is in his 23rd year at the Salinas Police Department where he is currently a sergeant in the Investigations Bureau. "My greatest accomplishment has to do with my family. I am going to celebrate 25 years of marriage to Andrea. We are enjoying our "empty nest" as our three children are out on their own, kind of. **Spencer '13** graduated in



December from Concordia University in Irvine as an English major, with minors in creative writing and English literature. He has applied for several graduate schools and is waiting for acceptance to see where his



adventure will continue. While excelling in his studies, he also had a successful volleyball career. **Cameron '14** lives in Boise, Idaho and is working full time, waiting to turn 21 so he can begin his career in law enforcement. He is enjoying the beautiful

state of Idaho. He has learned to hunt and loves the outdoors. We are very excited for him to become a police officer and serve his community. Jennifer (ND '16) is finishing her freshman year at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. She had a very successful year on the volleyball court and can't wait for the season to start up in the fall. She misses the California weather and is looking forward to the sun of summer at home. We can't wait either!!"

1987

John Amaral sent this family photo of himself with wife Mendy, daughter Meghan (ND '19), son **JT '21** and youngest son Brady.



1988

Michael Annotti is a singer/songwriter who is "changing lives note-by-note and coat-by-coat." As a 49er Faithful, he has performed the national anthem at Levi Stadium before a Niner game and has created a video about the Faithful. Both are available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqumZ2kFems> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rH-JbA1B1mzc>

Bryan Peterson is living in Colorado and has been in the restaurant business for 27 years.

1992

Steven Zenk is the head football coach at Salinas High School.

1995

Marco Camargo (left) is the proud dad of their third child, Damien Antonio Camargo who was born on Nov. 4, 2016, arriving at 19 inches and 7lbs, 3.5 oz. The Camargos are living in Orange County and loving the new addition to their family!



1996

Khalid (formerly Roy) Rosa married Jacqueline Arguello on February 2, 2016 in a private ceremony in Denver, CO. They plan to continue living in the Denver area with their three dogs and four newts. They are expecting their first child in May of 2017. Khalid recently joined DaVita Kidney Care as a solution delivery manager and technical subject matter expert. He continues to teach IT courses as an affiliate faculty member at Regis University. Khalid is currently two semesters away from completing his fifth masters degree, an MS in data science at Regis University. Once completed, he plans to continue work in mobile software development and then begin work on his PhD in computer science, systems engineering, or applied science.



1997

Michael Spencer and his wife Jennifer have been busy raising their daughter Caroline Maria who will be turning one in May. It has been an exciting experience watching her as she learns new things every day. Michael continues to work at the Space and Naval Warfare (SPAWAR) Systems Center Pacific as a Network Designer for the US Navy Network Design

Facility. He has recently traveled to Denmark to provide training to the Joint Data Link Operations Center (JDLOC) and to Fort Bragg to provide a brief to the Worldwide Interoperability Working Group (WIWG) and Joint Interface Control Officer (JICO) Symposium. In his free time, he serves as the President of Scripps Mesa Fireworks, Inc, the non-profit organization that provides funding and coordination for the 4th of July Fireworks Show in Mira Mesa, California.

Nic Uldall lives in Imperial, CA and works as the ranch manager for Mission Ranches in the Imperial Valley. He has two beautiful daughters, ages 6 and 4, and a lovely wife.

1998

Alex Salmoun is a mortgage loan advisor working for Kal Financial in Carmel.

1999

Kevin McHenry is living in Minnesota and working as a yardmaster for Union Pacific Railroad out of South Saint Paul. He is happily married to Kyla and the proud father of Madeline, 3 years old and Charlie, 1 year old. Kevin reports, "missing California but enjoying beautiful, though sometimes cold, Minnesota."

2000

Elizabeth and **Cody Noghera** welcomed their first child, Jordan James Noghera in January 2017. This year, the happy couple will celebrate nine years of marriage together, together with their new addition, one of the many "firsts" they will cherish with little JJ.

Anton and **Stefan Salameh** have been commercial airline pilots since graduating college. They were able to fly as pilot and co-pilot for United for the first time last fall. In flight entertainment screens featured the Chieftains on their flight.



2001

John Ferrigan joined a startup called Farmers Business Network as the product designer. They were recently featured as one of *Fast Company's 50 Most Innovative Companies in the World* for 2017.

Azher Khan purchased a home in Fairfax, Virginia (suburb of Washington DC) in August 2015. He currently works for the US federal government in the DC area. He and his wife Farozan have two kids: Zaamin (age 8) and Haaniah (age 6).

2002

Cody Andrus reports a lot has happened this past year! "My husband Alex appeared on Food Network's *Chopped*, to benefit the non-profit soup kitchen he runs. He won! We used some of the prize money to take our first trip to Paris last April. I've attached a photo from our trip here. As Associate Director of Marketing here at Lincoln Center Theater, I helped shepherd the recent Broadway revival of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *The King And I* to four Tony Award wins and the show is currently touring the country. I was also elected to the office of President for the church council of our parish, Trinity Lower East Side."



2003



Mike Perez is still performing live with his band Mike PZ and The Associates. They just did an interview in November 2016 at John Michael's rockbox at MCOE and opened for Ozomatli in December of last year.

Dr. Patrick Reyes, his wife Carrie, and son Asher, celebrated the birth of Carmelita Elisheva Reyes on Tuesday, January 17. Patrick was recently selected to participate in Duke Leadership Initiative's Convocation of Christian Leaders and serve as faculty for the Children Defense Fund's graduate intensive, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry.

Raul Rico, who is director of admissions and soccer coach at Palma School recently welcomed his first child, a son, Leonel (right), born in November 2016.



2004

In July of 2015, **Wes Crockett** and his wife had their first child, Andrew.



He is now 18 months. Wes is currently working on his masters degree at Virginia Tech. He will be getting his Masters of Information Technology. In January of this year, he began working for Sun Maid Growers of California as their Database Administrator.

Matthew Scholink went to Europe for five weeks, visiting eight different countries. He was out of the US from June 12-July 15, traveling with a friend from Arizona with whom he was in ministry in 2006-07.



Nick Sterrett (below) is teaching English and Latin for the 9th year at Palma. His wife, Chelsea, is teaching Science at Notre Dame. Their three-year-old and almost-two-year-old keep them happy and busy.



2005

Frank Smythe (right) is a member of the Cal Fire emergency response air program. He worked the Soberanes Fire where his unit was charged with, among other duties, dropping and extracting front-line firefighters.



2006

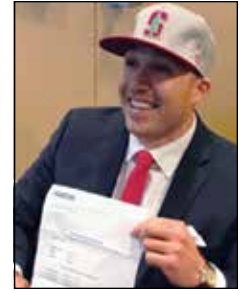
Christopher Castillo is a professional banker at Lighthouse Bank in Santa Cruz and a professional musician with *The Lightfighters* in Monterey. He currently lives in Santa Cruz.



Andi Bean and **Jaron Schneider** were married at Testarossa Winery in Los Gatos on September 19, 2016. Fellow Chieftain, **Elliot Zanger**, served as one of his groomsmen.

2008

Multi-sport athlete **John Bonano** (right) has been accepted to do his residency in orthopedic surgery at Stanford.



Maekin Healy (below) graduated from the National Fire Academy Program at Cogswell Polytechnical College with a bachelor's degree in Fire Prevention in 2013. That same year, he was hired as a full-time Firefighter with the City of Santa Clara Fire Department. He is currently assigned to Truck-92 in central Santa Clara, where he enjoys fighting fires, helping the community, and instructing new Firefighters at the training center. In 2014, he played for the South Bay Ice Hockey Team in the California Athletic Firemen's Association Olympics. They won a Silver Medal.



2009

Rian Singh has been working as a TSA agent for the Department of Homeland Security since graduating from Saint Mary's College. He is seen here on a recent family vacation to the Fiji Islands.



2011

Jack Gnosca is currently in the US Marine Corps stationed in Japan.



2012

Kyle Moore completed his education at the US Air Force Academy and was commissioned a second lieutenant on 02 Jun 2016. In addition to his commission, Kyle received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.





Shivan Singh graduated from the University of San Francisco in 2016 with a degree in physical therapy. He is currently working on his Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) while working at Damon Anderson Physical Therapy. He is seen here during a recent family vacation in the Fiji Islands.

2014

This past fall semester, **Max Fiege** interned at the Center for Tech Innovation at the Brookings Institution, where he conducted research on the role of the government in promoting private sector innovation in the digital and energy industries. Since then, he has enjoyed his time studying abroad at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, which has allowed him to gain a newfound appreciation for kilts and rugby. Moreover, he's excited to check out the birthplace of the Christian Brothers in Dublin, Ireland — once a Chieftain, always a Chieftain! Looking forward to the summer, he is excited to begin his internship with Deloitte's commercial cyber security practice in San Francisco.



John Gnosca (right) is going to college, coaching freshman football at Palma and doing well.

JohnAngelo Pezzini (below) was among a group of students, faculty and industry members who traveled to Belize to install solar panels at San Pedro Roman Catholic School. The project was coordinated through Cal Poly SLO's Construction Management School. The installation was discontinued in 2012 when Tom Glavinish, the Kansas University professor who started the project, passed away. Cal Poly students decided to continue the work. The project is ongoing and the students hope to return to Belize to continue to install solar panels for the school.



2015

Kevin Estrada-Haro is a sophomore at Texas A&M and has been really enjoying his time in College Station, Texas. He is majoring in agribusiness and looks forward to going back home to the Salinas Valley and working as a produce or fertilizer salesman after he graduates. He recently spent

his winter break in Zacatecas, Mexico with his grandparents and helped his grandpa out with his cattle. Pictured here are classmates **Adrian Mendoza** (now at Arizona State) on the left and **Kevin Estrada-Haro '15** on the right at the Texas A&M vs. Tennessee football game in October 2016.



Michael Levine is currently attending Oregon State University pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. Last year he took an eight-month break from classes to join the Oregon Army National Guard. He graduated boot camp on August 5th, 2016 and AIT three months later on November 2nd. He is currently active guard attending monthly drills with his unit in Clackamas, OR.

2016

Matthew Gastello and **Liam McMillin**, along with Notre Dame alum Gabrielle "Ellie" Milanesa are at the US Military Academy, West Point. They are pictured here after finishing their first summer training. ●



IN MEMORIAM

- 1955 **Adolph Cimino** passed away on February 5, 2016
- 1955 **Larry Menges** passed away on December 15, 2016
- 1959 **Thomas Gorman** passed away on March 17, 2017
- 1960 **Frank Bernardasci** passed away on March 23, 2016
- 1961 **James Reed** passed away on February 12, 2017
- 1963 **David Thorup** passed away on April 8, 2016
- 1967 **Bradley Johnson** passed away on December 17, 2016
- 1969 **John Oliverio** passed away on November 18, 2016
- 1970 **John Garcia** passed away on August 7, 2016
- 1973 **Chris Huttenhoff** passed away on June 22, 2016
- 1973 **Frank Seydel** passed away on October 25, 2016
- 1977 **Chris Hitchcock** passed away on April 3, 2017
- 1978 **Roy Sammut** passed away on March 28, 2016
- 1980 **Doug Turner** passed away on September 8, 2016
- 1989 **Victor Worden II** passed away on December 21, 2016
- 1994 **Robert Pitman** passed away on November 2, 2016

Decades of Tradition: Chieftain Legacies

THREE GENERATION LEGACIES

Colton Amaral '22, son of Chad Amaral '92, grandson of John Amaral '67

Drew Amaral '21, son of Matt Amaral '92, grandson of John Amaral '67

John "JT" Amaral '21, son of John Amaral, Jr. '87, grandson of John Amaral '67

Samuel Given '17, son of John Given '80, grandson of Rebecca (Gallegos) Mier '64

Sam Lavorato '19 & Louis Lavorato '21, sons of Sam Lavorato III '83, grandsons of Sam Lavorato Jr. '55

Dino Lazzarini '21, stepson of Gary Silacci '81, grandson of Joanne (Hartnell) Silacci '55

Luke Martinez '19, son of David Martinez '87, grandson of Manuel Martinez '66

Luke Rossi '22, son of Michael Rossi '94, grandson of Vic Rossi '68

Dominic Scattini '18, son of Jim Scattini '81, grandson of Joan (Botehlo) Scattini '61 & James Scattini '60

Zachary Scattini '19, son of Greg Scattini '86, grandson of Joan (Botehlo) Scattini '61 & James Scattini '60, grandson of Susan (Tolan) Corl '59

Andrew Souza '17, son of Brian Souza, Sr. '84, grandson of Pam (Stolich) Souza '64 & Raymond Souza '63

Carson Souza '17 & Quintin Souza '18, sons of Richard Souza '87, grandsons of Pam (Stolich) Souza '64 & Raymond Souza '63

CLASS OF 2017

Brian Alarid, son of Joseph 'Alarid '77

Frank Campo III, son of Frank Campo, Jr. '89

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 (Jr. High) '53

Matthew Dunston, son of William Dunstan (Jr. High) '82

Nathaniel Fratangelo, son of Chip Fratangelo '83

Evan Haro, son of Richard Haro '87

Oliver Mirassou, son of Gregory Mirassou '84

Devin Molinari, son of Perry Molinari '83

Brandon Ng, son of Lit Ng Jr. '75

CLASS OF 2018

Michael Bengard, son of Thomas Bengard '87

Joseph Burlison, son of Robert Burlison '74

Alejandro Cabrera, son of Ricky Cabrera '84

Nikko Crivello, son of Joseph Crivello '91

Reno DiTullio, son of Reno DiTullio Jr. '88

Cody Laycock, grandson of Donald Turner '60

Jacob Ottone, son of Matthew Ottone (Jr. High) '82

Chad Sayer, grandson of R. Jay DeSerpa '61

Liam Short, son of Roger Short '81

Brookes Spencer, grandson of Roy Martinez '66

William Van Ruler, grandson of Patsy (Shelloe) Fanoë '61 & Neil Fanoë Jr. '60

CLASS OF 2019

Kevin Beach, grandson of Roberta (Fanoë) Huntington '59

Christopher Campo, son of Frank Campo '89

Nathan Dodd, grandson of Roy Martinez '66

Joseph Esquivel, son of Joseph Esquivel '89

Christopher Jurevich, son of Steven Jurevich '80

Jack Lanini, son of Lon Lanini '87

Samuel Lathos, son of Jason Lathos '86

Matthew Morales, son of Israel Morales Jr. '90

Adam Pantoja, stepson of Joseph Panziera '96

Daniel Pezzini, son of John Pezzini '78

CLASS OF 2020

Luke Brigantino, son of Vincent Brigantino '82

Vincent Crivello, son of Joseph Crivello '91

Benjamin Eastman, son of Brent Eastman '81

Michael Eastman, son of Brent Eastman '81

Sean Fanoë, grandson of Patsy (Shelloe) Fanoë '61 & Neil Fanoë Jr. '60

Anthony Freese, son of Carl Freese '88

Nate Haro, son of Richard Haro '87

Samual Henion, son of Jeffrey Henion '86

Aidan Lafferty, grandson of James Lipe '57

Evan Pia, son of Jim Pia '80

Joseph Piini, son of Robert Piini '73

Wade Rianda, son of Jeff Rianda '83

Jake Strachan, grandson of Chip Campion '68

CLASS OF 2021

Neil Beach, grandson of Roberta (Fanoë) Huntington '59

Owen Bengard, son of Thomas Bengard '87

Jacob Davidson, son of John Davidson '88

Jack Ferrasci, son of Kenneth Ferrasci '75

Jack Kaminskis, grandson of Janet (Klos) Richards '59

CLASS OF 2022

Noah Andersen, grandson of Lydia (Lavorato) Andersen '57

Joseph DaSilva, son of Bryan DaSilva '90

Alec Ferrasci, son of Kenneth Ferrasci '75

James Ferrasci, son of Kenneth Ferrasci '75

Anthony Giammanco, son of Phillip Giammanco '87

Christian Hamlet, son of Jason Hamlet '95 and stepson of Henry Esler, Jr. '97

Michael Lomboy, son of Edward Lomboy '91

Haden Mitchell, grandson of Camille (Campbell) Mitchell '59

Andrew Ottone, son of Matthew Ottone (Jr. High) '82

Luke Rossi, son of Michael Rossi '94, grandson of Vic Rossi '68



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