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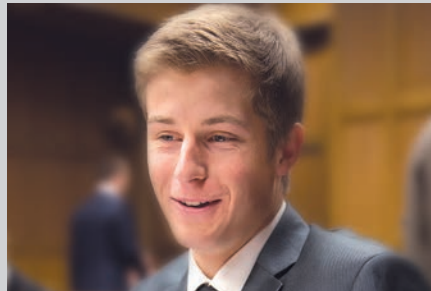
CLASS OF 2017

- Valedictorian, STEM+ Scholar
- Robotics, Game & Yearbook Clubs
- Two missions to Mexico
- Palma Symphonic and Jazz Bands
- Monterey Jazz Festival All-Star Band

Omar arrived with a willingness to learn new things. He played tennis and found he excelled at nearly every challenge that Palma presented. He was awarded the Presidential Scholarship at Santa Clara University where he is majoring in computer science.

A STORY OF

## *Leadership*



**Jacob Fajnor**

CLASS OF 2017

- President's Award, Academic Excellence
- Academic Achievement Award in Mathematical Sciences
- Award for Excellence in Service
- Restorative Justice at CTF Soledad

Jacob learned the values of hard work, dedication and camaraderie through leadership opportunities in CORE, Mock Trial, four years of baseball and eight years as a junior life guard. Jacob is attending UC Berkeley, majoring in Economics and Applied Mathematics.

A STORY OF

## *Discovery*



**Dylan Dizon**

CLASS OF 2017

- STEM+ Scholar
- Excellence in English, Music, Social Sciences
- Robotics and Yearbook Clubs, Band
- Mission to Mexico
- Mountain Biking Team

Dylan regards his classmates and instructors at Palma as his second family. He credits his six years here as instrumental in developing his appreciation for nature and God. Dylan is attending USC with a major in Engineering and minor in music.

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Letter from the

# President



Br. Patrick D. Dunne, C.F.C.

*Br. Patrick D. Dunne*

*We have some exciting plans on the drawing board, just as did our founders.*

May the sights and smells of this spring season be a delight to you and your senses as we are now experiencing the true beauty of California with the greenest hills, the blooming and blossoming trees, the wild flowers along the roadways, and the longer hours of daylight. Being here right now gives evidence that things are good, that we are indeed in a great place, a place that can transcend time and politics if we only let it. All we need to do is to take the time to see what is so close to us that we sometimes are guilty of indifference as we tend to take things for granted. I have never been a big fan of “taking the time to smell the flowers” but that message is getting louder and clearer for me with each passing year.

The “sights and smells” as well as the sounds of spring are indeed in ample supply on campus as numerous athletic and non-athletic endeavors are in the midst of their final efforts for excellence as the 2017/18 school year winds down. And what a remarkable year it has been. Most importantly, our young men continue to engage themselves in the rigors of academic excellence as each struggles with the challenges of self-discipline and discovery of what each is capable of as an adolescent young man. Achievement and personal bests are not the sole domain of athletes preparing to peak at the most opportune moment in a given season or mark in the academic calendar. “Palma Merenti,” our school motto, means: “the reward to the one who earns it.” Earning it, in my view, is a process, moving from one level of accomplishment to another. Palma fully understands each of us learns differently and has a varied assortment of challenges with which to deal along the way of life; and for that variety we are truly grateful.

The founders of Palma back in the late 1940s, in addressing their hopes and fears, did some terrific work in the planning and opening in 1951 of this grand place we all today know as Palma. From being a co-educational institution from the get-go, until 1964, this campus was without equal with girls and boys learning and growing on the same campus. Palma has gone on to become more than just a good school; it is the place to be in transforming boys into outstanding young men. It has become the place where students are known by name rather than number. It is the place where one is encouraged to be a true brother to his classmates, in good times as well as in times of challenge.

While I hesitate to put any one program on a pedestal, things have never been better at Palma. I say this knowing our academics have never been better as evidenced in the 2018/19 course catalog offerings. I say this knowing our music program has grown into a terrific level of accomplishment on all three levels — the sounds of music are alive and well here at Palma. I say this knowing that we have record number of students involved in our extremely competitive athletic program. I say this being very proud of our technology, our resource program, our dual enrollment courses, as well as our scholar programs: Stem+ Scholar, Excellence in the Humanities Scholar, and our Certified Bilingual Scholar. And I say this as we have an outstanding service component through Campus Ministry that reaches into the other side of town, down the Salinas Valley into the state-run correctional institutions, and into the opportunities of international service to those in need beyond the U.S. southern border, near Tecate, Baja California, as well as in providing relief for and to those marginalized in Lima, Peru. Service is one of our key components, along with Knowledge and Leadership as key identifiers of what we are about. Service is right in the middle, as a conduit for knowledge turning into leadership.

As great as all this is, we need to do more. Just as our founders did almost 70 years ago in planning and hoping and realizing their dreams come to fruition into what we today know and enjoy as Palma, there is a process in place to solicit input from our current parents, students, and faculty and staff via the annual surveys, in individual meetings, at informal gatherings, at the local market, and, of course, from those dedicated to the ministry of the parking lot. Much has been heard and much has been discussed like, I would expect, took place some 70 years ago.

We have some exciting plans on the drawing board, just as did our founders. We have an obligation to provide our students with all the tools possible in helping them develop into well-rounded individuals, well prepared for the next level and beyond. Palma cannot afford to stand still and not improve as we are committed to excellence in each and every aspect of being a top-notch college-prep school for young men at this point, at this time, in this place we all call Palma. Thank you and best wishes for a grand completion of this 2017/2018 school year.

Letter from the

# Principal



David Sullivan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Palma School's students are challenged to take risks for the right reasons — about extending themselves to become young men who are LEADERS — by what they say and, more importantly, by what they do — who they are in and out of the classrooms, on and off these hallowed grounds we proudly call Palma. They are mentored and coached here by exceptionally dedicated teachers and role models to grow, to take risks, to volunteer of themselves, and to learn, all of which require hard work and determination. We challenge Palma students to be leaders; to be Palma Chieftains.

In an effort to increase the challenge on our campus culture to grow in our outreach to those “marginalized by poverty and injustice” (Essential Elements of a Christian Brother Education, III), Palma School hosted a guest appearance by the founder of Homeboy Industries, Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J. Fr. Boyle traveled with two of his homeboys from Boyle Heights in East Los Angeles to deliver a powerful presentation to a packed crowd of our upper classmen (juniors and seniors), parents, and community members in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel on the morning of Friday, February 2. Their presentations were preceded by a Mass concelebrated by Bishop Garcia (Diocese of Monterey), Fr. Boyle, and Palma Chaplains, Fr. Manny Recera and Fr. Rob Sullivan. Anecdotes were shared, with profound reflections on the theme of restorative justice. Fr. Boyle is the “real deal,” noted for his work with gang members, providing them counseling, jobs and hope. These are individuals who live on the margins. Paroled inmate and friend of Palma, Johnny Placencia, shared his gratitude for the event and then encouraged students to continue to explore ways of doing good and promoting advocacy. It was a powerful event, one on which we hope to build in the coming school year.

This year brings yet another number of rightful accolades of achievement in academic and co-curricular success in athletics, mock trial, junior high spelling bee and geography bee, college acceptances, scholarships, international mission trips, partnerships with prison inmates, and more. Beyond all the success I marvel at the remarkable and palpable sense of community here on campus and among the rest of the Palma Family. Every young man truly matters here...not just to his parents, teachers, mentors, and coaches, but especially to his Chieftain brothers. What a hallowed place for me to serve as principal!

*Go Chieftains!*

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coaches, but especially to his Chieftain brothers.*

## Campus Ministry: Fr. Greg Boyle Comes to Palma

*"What Martin Luther King says about church could well be said of your time here at Palma. It's not the place you come to, it will always be the place you go from. And, you go from here to imagine a world looking differently than it currently looks. You're called to go from here to create a community of kinship, such that God, in fact, might recognize it. Mother Teresa diagnosed the world's ills correctly when she suggested that 'the problem of the world is that we've just forgotten that we belong to each other.' How do we stand against forgetting that? How do we imagine with God a circle of compassion and then imagine nobody standing outside that circle? How do we go from Palma to dismantle the barriers that exclude? How do we go, as your great bishop (Garcia) and Pope Francis invite us, to stand at the margins with the poor and the powerless and the voiceless...to stand with those whose dignity has been denied and those whose burdens are more than they can bear? How do we go from Palma to stand with the easily despised and the readily left out; with the demonized so that the demonizing will stop? And with the disposable so that the day will come when we stop throwing people away?"*



Mass was celebrated by (l to r): Fr. Manny Recera, Bishop Richard Garcia, Fr. Greg Boyle and Fr. Rob Sullivan

Fr. Greg Boyle's opening remarks, given in a presentation to Palma juniors and seniors following Mass on February 2nd, both challenge our definition of compassion and, at the same time, explain what he has put into action for more than three decades.

The former pastor of Dolores Mission Church in Los Angeles, Fr. Greg is the author of two best-selling books, *Tattoos on the Heart*, *the Power of Boundless Compassion* and *Barking to the Choir*, *the Power of Radical Kinship*, wherein he tells stories of his approach to justice.

"Nothing stops a bullet like a job," Fr. Greg quips. The proof is in the many successes of former gang members. Fr. Greg asked to be assigned to the poorest, most gang plagued neighborhood in Los Angeles and began his ministry by riding a bike to get to know his neighbors. He came to realize that work would be the antidote to the gang lifestyle and that two things needed to happen so he began with providing tattoo removal and, with some help from a Hollywood agent who wanted to do something about the gang problem, started Homeboy Bakery in an abandoned neighborhood building.

His formula of bringing rival gang members together to work side-by-side earning an honest living turned Homeboy Bakery into Homeboy Industries, an \$8.5 million operation that employs hundreds of former gang members. No doubt, the results Fr. Greg is able to ascertain are due, in large measure, to his brand of compassion...the kind God is offering.

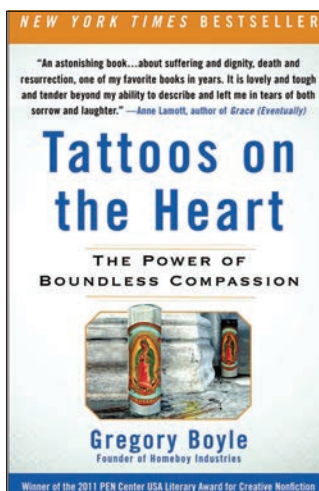
His message of compassion reinforces the lessons and activities already instituted here. Palma students routinely venture off campus to tutor younger students in gang-stressed areas, engage with the homeless, offer food and basic necessities to farm-worker families, visit the elderly and disabled, share literacy with men in prison and build homes for the poor in Mexico and Peru. Going to the margins to meet people in need. The lessons learned emphasize pondering who is the service provider and who is the service recipient, allowing students to determine it's mutual.

Fr. Greg continued, *"You will go from here and create a community of kinship, and then you'll need to brace yourselves because if you stand at the margins the only place, and the only way, that the margins get erased is if you stand there; people will accuse you of wasting your time. But, the prophet Jeremiah writes, 'in this place of which you say it is a waste there will be heard again the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness; the voices of those who sing'...and you go from here so that those voices can be heard."*

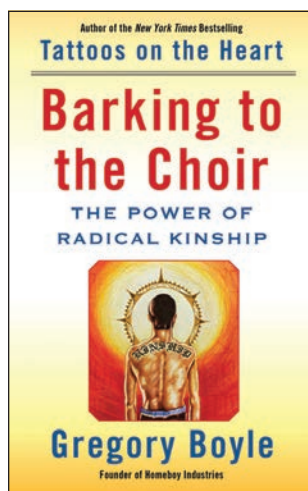
This is, perhaps, the most important lesson offered at Palma...that we all will go from this place to make a better world. We are reminded to look at others, and ourselves, and think we are all exactly who God intended us to be. It is our mutual cry for help that creates kinship.

Fr. Greg concluded his presentation by prognosticating about our students, *"My sense of you already is that you*

*have ceased to care whether anyone accuses you of wasting your time... you will go from here and other voices will be heard."* ●

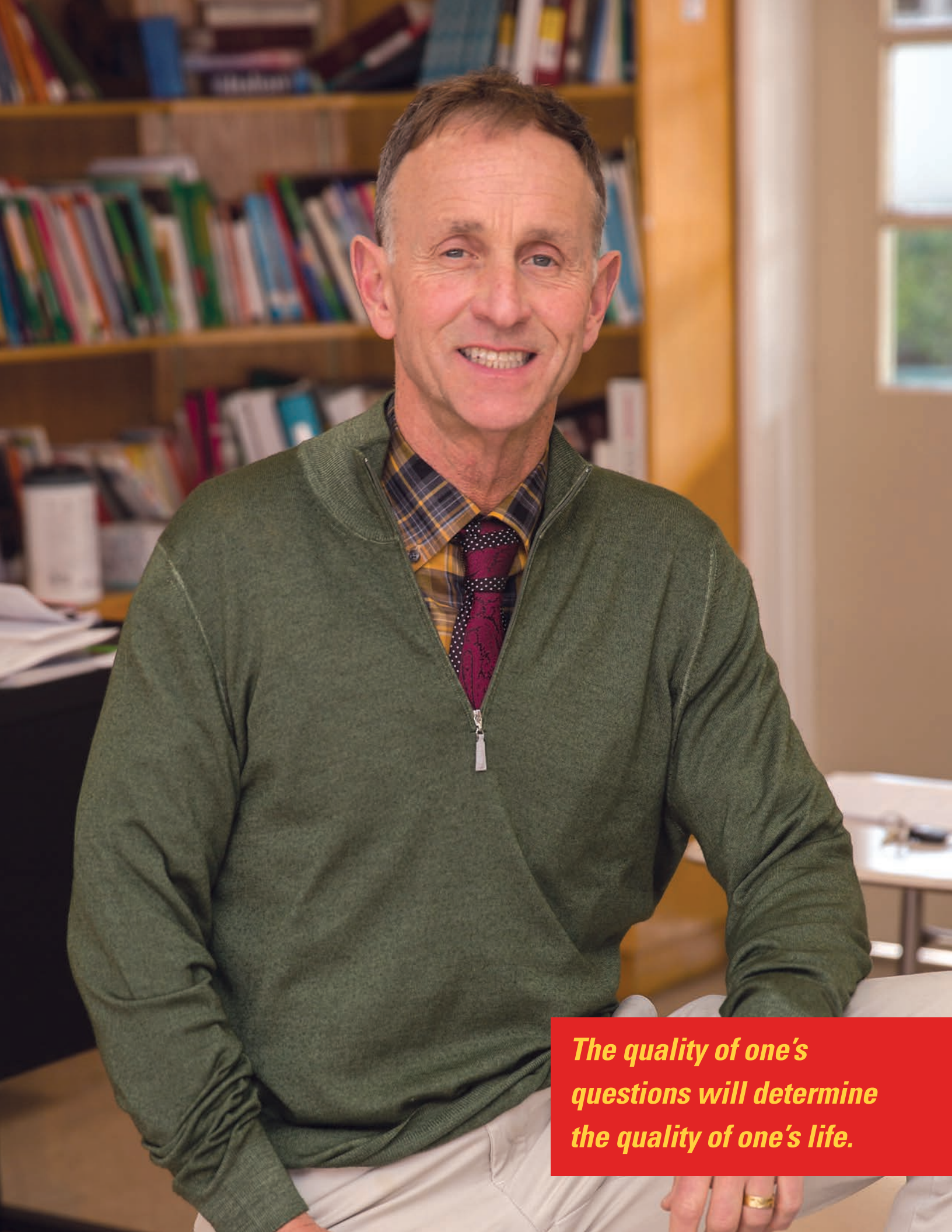


Both best-sellers by Fr. Greg Boyle are full of engaging stories of triumph over despair.





*Fr. Gregory Boyle speaks to Juniors and Seniors in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, February 2, 2018.*



*The quality of one's questions will determine the quality of one's life.*



## **Mentor Profile:**

# **The Multiple Layers and Singular Purpose of Fred Doherty**

“Take a breath in. Now let it out. Take another breath in. Let it out. Be present.” The class reads a Bible verse or two aloud, taking turns on each sentence, then prays. This is how Fred Doherty begins each of his theology classes, inviting students to shed distractions so they are able to focus, with their full presence, during their time together. Mr. Doherty, by most standards, is a great teacher, but teaching wasn’t always on his radar.

From his early childhood growing up in Clare, Michigan, Mr. Doherty knew he was going to be a businessman of some sort. After all, he was raised working at the Doherty Hotel, a family-owned business started by his great grandfather in 1924 that continues to thrive today. From age 11, Mr. Doherty toiled to master every aspect of running a hotel, from housekeeping and general maintenance to front desk, food service and management. This unique upbringing, alongside his seven siblings, also afforded him the opportunity to meet local and state officials as the centrally located Doherty Hotel was in a strategic location from which to traverse the state of Michigan.

Following spiritual awakenings that began as early as high school, Mr. Doherty attended the University of Notre Dame. During a summer archeology program, he traveled to Israel, which piqued his interest in exploring spirituality in more depth as he spent time with seminarians and people of different religions and philosophies while traveling from site to site around the country. He graduated from Notre Dame in 1981 with a degree in Philosophy.

As the summer following Notre Dame waned, he found himself on a clear path to undertake advanced studies in Rome signing up to attend classes at Angelicum, the Pontifical University of Thomas Aquinas, under Fr. Jordan Aumann, O.P. (1916-2007). Fr. Jordan was a renowned author and theologian who taught Spiritual Theology. Successful completion at Angelicum led to a brief return to Michigan before packing his bags yet again...this time for Washington DC.

Mr. Doherty enrolled in a graduate program at Georgetown University. Despite his international philosophical expedition, Mr. Doherty completed his Masters degree in Business Administration in 1985. While in our nation’s capitol, he also married which prompted his move to the west coast settling in San Francisco. After a year, the Doherty’s moved to Carmel Valley to make the central coast their permanent home.

Mr. Doherty worked as a Vice President of Lending for a national land development company for four years. It allowed him to provide well for his

family, but left him unfulfilled as the spiritual nudgings he’d been experiencing since high school still occupied the recesses of his being. He determined at this point that his destiny could better be realized as a teacher. In 1991, he responded to an advertisement soliciting a theology teacher at Palma School and Br. Dunne brought him on board.

Over the decades, Mr. Doherty has developed his own style of teaching, borne largely out of the philosophy that the quality of one’s questions will determine the quality of one’s life. He invites students to view his classroom as an opportunity to learn how to learn by asking, “what do I want to learn today?” The question does not infer that the lesson plan will be modified. Instead, it asks students to focus on what they will take away from the day’s lesson and *how* they will learn in order to meet their goals.

Theology is one of the few subjects wherein this style of teaching can be effective and provides freedom from rote memorization. A time-honored method of teaching theological constructs has been through allegory. Learning in abstract allows students to apply principles to their own lives.

Mr. Doherty has also created an ambience in the classroom that allows for success when applying multiple intelligences. The multiple intelligences theory, which has been gaining momentum in recent years, espouses that people learn in different ways, employing visual-spatial, bodily-kinesthetic, musical, interpersonal, intrapersonal, linguistic and logical-mathematical methods of learning in varying degrees. By practicing a variety of teaching techniques and classroom modalities, students are able to engage using their most efficient learning intelligence. It’s the path of least resistance between lesson and learned.

During his time at Palma, Mr. Doherty took a three-year leave of absence to do research and pursue a deeper understanding of theology. Add traveling around the world, including chaperoning Palma students in Rome, Pompeii and Herculaneum in 2008, trips to India, east Africa and joining (or, more accurately, forming) a learning community in Perugia, Italy, Mr. Doherty brings a unique depth to Palma from which students have much to draw.

Mr. Doherty invokes introspection in his students, the results of which are deeper connections with the lessons being taught. Ever reminding students to be in the present and avail themselves to the blessings that surround them is how he teaches within the mission of Palma School and why current students, and alums alike, include Mr. Doherty in the ranks of their favorite teachers. ●



*The Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan*

## ***His Spirit Will Live On:***

# ***Chris Hitchcock Inspirational Science Award and Scholarship***



**Chris Hitchcock '77** passed away on April 3, 2017. He may have been little known to the Palma community outside of his class, but may well have been one of Palma's and Notre Dame's greatest sons. He was a great student, and what is more, a great individual with an amazing heart, soul and will. Despite the challenge of having cerebral palsy, Chris graduated as one of four valedictorians and won many scholastic awards. More importantly, he won tremendous admiration, love and respect for the person he was. Anyone who crossed paths with Chris automatically became lifelong friends. He had a heart of gold and never forgot anyone's birthday, anniversary nor special occasion.

Chris went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in zoology and master's degree in physiological ecology from UC Davis. He intended to enter med school to become a doctor, but poor health had other plans. Although he was unable to achieve his goals, perhaps he and we can be of assistance to others in achieving theirs.

In Chris' honor, the Hitchcock family, the Palma/Notre Dame Class of 1977 and friends are announcing, and now accepting donations for, the first annual Chris Hitchcock Inspirational Science Award and Scholarship for a graduating senior in 2018. The recipient will be strongly oriented toward the sciences and, more importantly, someone with a great heart and intellect like Chris. This award will keep Chris' spirit working to inspire and benefit one graduate now and many more in the future, to the greater benefit to Palma/Notre Dame as a whole.



*Chris Hitchcock at graduation in 1977*

We have a plan to provide a yearly scholarship of \$1,000 to a worthy graduate. To finance such an award, the goal is to raise \$30,000 to perpetuate the fund.

To securely donate, go online to [palmaschool.org](http://palmaschool.org), click the "Giving" tab, then "Online Giving." In the box "This gift is in memory of" type: *Chris Hitchcock Scholarship Fund*. If you wish to donate with a check, please send it to Palma School, 919 Iverson Street, Salinas, CA 93901. Please make it payable to Palma School and write "*Chris Hitchcock Scholarship Fund*" on the memo line.

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Also, please check [christopherhitchcocksscholarship.com](http://christopherhitchcocksscholarship.com) for more background information about Chris and his impact on others, comments from friends, progress toward the goal and a link to [palmaschool.org](http://palmaschool.org). ●



## Chieftain Traditions:

# Seventeen Years in the Making — Mission Mexico 2018

Palma students have been making the trek to the border region of Mexico since 2002 to build homes and dignity for impoverished families. The first group of Blessed Edmund Rice Society members was organized by **Mr. Willie Beesley '86** through Amor Ministries.

Mr. Beesley was unable to continue after 2003 and the program was going to be dropped, but students saw it differently. **Kyle Leliaert '04** and **Dennis Adams '03** approached Mr. George Garibay and asked that he take the lead. Although hesitant at first, having no real construction experience, he enlisted the help of Palma dads. Mr. Mark Leliaert agreed to be co-moderator with Mr. Garibay. Mr. John Anderson was in charge of construction, Mr. Kevin Maher arranged for transportation, and Mr. Gerald Novara took on the responsibility of feeding the hungry crew.

In 2007, Mr. Alfonso Almeida, a builder from Gilroy, got involved by providing an idea for a better house. To this point, they had been building two-room, slant roofed homes onto barely cured cement foundations. Mr. Almeida's plan included separate bedrooms with doors, a bathroom and a large room for living and kitchen space. The only problem was the participants did not have the skills to build this improved structure. The



issue was resolved, however, when Mr. Almeida decided to join the crew. He has been traveling to Mexico with Palma students ever since.

Unlike most of the other groups who build homes in Mexico, Chieftains are able to get hands-on experience, learning the skills necessary to participate alongside seasoned builders. They help with nearly every aspect of the build, including truss installation and roofing, window installation, hanging drywall, pulling electrical wiring and installing fixtures.

The homes built by Palma are not only built well, but are re-visited every year to ensure no problems have arisen and to take care of any that have. This is a form of "generational justice," building houses that will serve families for generations and provide each with the means to build a solid future passing down a legacy designed to withstand the test of time.

There must be more to these trips than just building a home as many Chieftains willingly give up their Easter break, year-after-year, to participate — some building all four years during high school. Mission Mexico is yet another remarkable testament to the charisma of Blessed Edmund Rice and the quality of families that make up the Palma community. ●



Fr. Rob Sullivan blesses the family and their new home

## Giving Ways:

# No Frills Tax Move That Pays Big Dividends

by Mike Corlett '72

Many sophisticated solicitations coming from respectable charities are complicated, involving various trusts, appraisals, estate planning lawyers, CPAs, insurance agents, financial advisors, and the like. Many of these were devised prior to the new tax laws and don't consider current opportunities. All told, you can spend big dollars just learning how they work.

Can you, in your lifetime, save income taxes currently, avoid capital gains taxes, help a charity, and put cash in your pocket without writing a check? You can, and in the process avoid at least five of the seven more complicated paths to tax savings.

It's very simple. Donate publicly traded stock that has gone up in value and for which you have a low tax basis (cost). For donations of almost anything over \$5,000, you need an appraisal. But for securities that have market quotations readily available, not so.

By donating appreciated stock, you get:

- A charitable donation for the value of the stock on the date of donation, not what you paid for it
- Immediate tax benefits at the combined rates of your Federal and State marginal tax rates for the donation

- Avoidance of capital gains tax you would incur if you were to sell the stock
- A charity that benefits by selling the stock with no tax consequences

Let's use an example of someone I know who did exactly this. I'll call him "Uncle Paul" (not his real name). Uncle Paul tells me he donated "some old railroad stock" to Palma School that, a few decades back, he paid less than \$10 per share. It was now worth more than 10 times that amount. He chortled to me "Heck, I would have paid thousands of dollars of taxes if I would have sold it. Instead, I made thousands of dollars by donating it." What I like about his story is the sheer simplicity and ease of it. He told me he handled it over the phone with the Palma office. He could not figure out why more people don't take advantage of it, especially since the new tax law provides no capital gains relief.

I agree with Uncle Paul. Sometimes, the best ideas can be very simple. Many newspaper columnists are advocating that in today's tax climate, one should consider bunching donations together in one year to make sure there is a tax benefit. There is no easier way to drive that charitable donation total upward than donating appreciated stock. ●



## Tapping Creativity: Palma Art Expo



Students in Ms. Tonkin's art classes are graded the same way as professional artists: by participating in a juried exhibition. Parents, faculty, staff and fellow students are invited to view the artists' works, hear what inspired the artist and ask questions before filling out a form to grade each artist. Students learn more than how to channel their creativity through several media; they also learn how to interact with, and present to, their audience. ●



Upper left: Nathan Hernandez-Corona '19 shares his studio artwork with Student Center Supervisor Jessica Harless.  
Upper right: Christian Hamlet '22 explains his studio artwork to his grandparents.  
Lower left: Luke Moran-Murphy '23 shows off his studio artwork.  
Lower right: Sean Gonzalez '19 gives Amy Essick, Art Curator from CHOMP, a tour of his digital portfolio.



# AROUND CAMPUS

## *Where There's A Chore, There's A Chieftain*

Palma students volunteered in August to stuff bags of produce for the Rancho Cielo Family Fun Day event. All of the proceeds from the bag sales support the great work at Rancho Cielo. It was a hot day, but the Chieftains came through. Pictured are (back row, l to r): **Trevor Mendoza '18, Kyle Sutherland '20, Marco Pezzini '19, Diego Guajardo '19;** (front row): **Kevin Beach '19, Kyle Haas '18, Reilly Corner '18, PJ Schlegel '18, Sam Lathos '19 and John Sutherland '18.**



## *Thomas Lundy '20 Places First — Again*

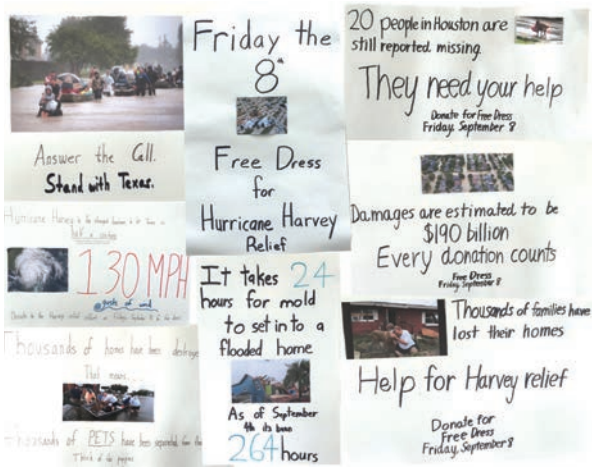
Sophomore **Thomas Lundy** crossed the finish line in first place in his age division at the Salinas Valley Half Marathon on Saturday, August 5th. It was a hilly course and a tough race, but Lundy gutted it out to win for the second time in as many years.



## *Palma Board of Directors Chairman Don Chapin is Honored at the 2017 Philanthropy Luncheon*

Don Chapin was honored at the 26th Annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon held at Spanish Bay on November 17. Nominated by Palma School, Mr. Chapin's enthusiasm for Palma is infinite. His selfless contributions of time and treasure inspire others to follow his lead. Thank you, Don, for your altruistic dedication. Palma is fortunate to have you as our Board Chair and friend. Shown here are Barbara and Don Chapin. ●





### Chieftains Answer the Call

Before the rains stopped falling over Texas, Palma student **Michael Perez '18** contacted Campus Ministry and asked "what can we do?" They decided the Blessed Edmund Rice Society would raise money to send to Catholic Charities in Houston through a Free Dress Day. The amount of donation was left up to each donor. **Kevin Beach '19, Jake Ottone '18, Vince Flores '18, Jaden Mendoza '20, and Alex Thomas '19** joined in the effort by creating posters to display around campus. The fund raiser officially began at 7:15 a.m. on a Friday and before the first bell at 8:10, the group had raised \$3,973.

### Service is the Center of Chieftain Life

A great group of Chieftains continually answer 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: **Nick Amaral '19, Thomas Amaral '19, Josh Delapena '21, Ryan Delapena '22, Declan Grant '19, Erick Lombardi '21, Alex Moret '22, and Ray Sillano '19.**



### Palma School Tradition: Red and Gold Day on August 12th

Football scrimmages, games, great food, and a farmers' market made up this year's annual Red and Gold Day. It was also a good opportunity for clubs to talk with incoming students. The games included a dunk tank where many of the faculty took turns getting dunked. At right is Mr. Sullivan's turn in the tank. ●



## High School All-Star Band:

# Palma Musicians Play at the Monterey Jazz Festival

Each year, the Monterey Jazz Festival selects top students from across Monterey County to participate in the High School All-Star Band led by MJF Education Director Paul Contos. The All-Stars perform across Monterey County, at the Next Generation Jazz Festival, and far beyond,

testing their chops on the bandstand while bringing great music to the community. Selected from Palma School were **Nathan Kline '18** on tenor sax and **Chase Kesecker '17** on drums and **Omar Garcia '17** on alto and tenor saxophones. ●



## Stephen Uccello Plays at Monterey Jazz Festival

People familiar with Palma's award-winning music program will know Stephen Uccello as the Director of Bands. When not directing at Palma he is a very active musician. Uccello played bass at this year's 60th Monterey Jazz Festival with John Nava and the Latin Jazz Collective. He also plays with Andy Weis and the Monterey Jazz All Stars. ●



## AIM Asks Students to Help

Susan Stilwell and Coral Barrett of AIM made a presentation to Digital Art students about working on an ad campaign to help young people find mental health support when needed. Their campaign was displayed at an AIM rally in Pacific Grove on October 22. AIM for Mental Health is a children's nonprofit based on the Monterey Peninsula. AIM is building a movement devoted to the mental health of children, teens, and young adults by funding clinical research to find better treatments and cures, raising awareness, and improving access to effective treatments. One in five youth struggle with their mental health.



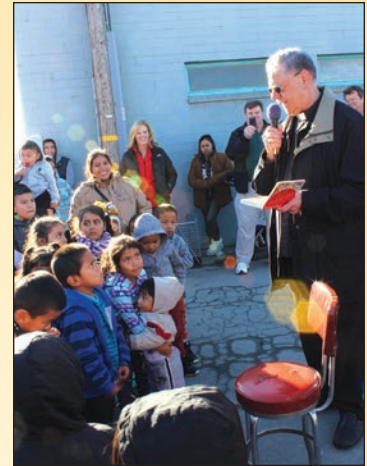
## 9/11 Commemorated in Salinas

**Jake Ottone '18, Isaiah Corpus '20, Nathan Leavitt '18, Liam Short '18, Rhett Haas '18, Zach Taylor '18, Kyle Haas '18, Trevor Mendoza '18, John Sutherland '18, and Marco Pezzini '19** joined Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Corpus at the 9/11 commemoration held at the Salinas Police Station.

## ***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 400 families took part in this year's Christmas expression of generosity and solidarity. ●







### **Spreading Christmas Cheer at the Center for L.I.F.E. in Salinas**

Feeding people is what community service is all about. In this case, feeding the souls of children Chieftains tutor in East Salinas by sharing gifts at Christmas time. Even without gifts in hand, the children look forward to their visits with the Chieftains who provide help with their homework, reading and math skills.

### **Above and Beyond**

Eight Chieftains: **Erick Lombardi '21, Jaden Mendoza '20, Jakob Reinhardt '20, Carlos Esquivel '21, Trevor Mendoza '18, Julian Garcia '21, Finian Rawson '18, Jake Ottone '18** and one alum (**Nick Ottone '16** – not pictured) helped deliver rice and beans to our South County farm workers. These guys were troopers. It took one hour and 20 minutes to get from Gonzales to Soledad due to really heavy traffic (normally a 10-minute drive. They could have bailed, but a Chieftain does what is necessary. The new motto for Campus Ministry: "Always An Adventure!"



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### **And The Winner Is...**

After the dust had settled and the last ball was flung across the gym, the team "Humble Imaginations" emerged as 2017 Dodgeball Champions. Shown above are **Sam Stoutenborough '18, Joey Burlison '18, Sacramento Figueroa '18, Mrs. Stephanie Maker, Vinnie Caudill '18, Garrett Maker '18 and Alex Fierro '18.**



### **Sovereign State 67**

A group of Seniors, who used to meet for lunch in the back of a pickup truck, have adopted a parking space to make their own during lunch. Bringing chairs and an umbrella, members of "Sovereign State 67" (located in parking spot 67) now call the space home every lunch period. One day in September, Sovereign State 67 invited Br. Patrick Dunne to join them for lunch. Pictured here (l to r): **Alejandro Cabrera, Jason Hoech, Zach Taylor, Reno DiTullio, Douglas McDougall, Br. Dunne, Reilly Corner, Ravi Johnson, Cody Laycock, Patrick Briley** (seated), and **Nathan Kline.**





### Can You Spell W-I-N-N-E-R?

On February 1, Palma eighth grader **Colton Amaral** correctly spelled the word "marmalade" to win the 2018 Palma Junior High School Spelling Bee. After initial rounds, the field was narrowed to 15 boys from which Amaral took the top prize. Congratulations Colton! He's pictured here with Mr. Rob Viarengo '86, Mr. Chris Dalman '88 and Mr. Jim Micheletti.

### Chinese New Year — A Palma Tradition

Students in Mrs. Sun's Chinese classes have made it a tradition to celebrate Chinese New Years with food and games. This year, Chinese New Years was celebrated on February 16, ushering in the year of the dog. ●



### Mock Trial:

## First Place Missed By Five Points

It was an exciting close to the Mock Trial season for Palma, with our team making it to the championship round for the first time since 2014, ultimately coming in second after an incredibly narrow loss to returning county and state champions Carmel High School. Only five points out of the hundreds awarded by the three scoring judges separated the two teams, with two of the scorers tipping the win to Carmel and one to Palma. Our team reached the final round this year after notching up a victory over perennial powerhouse Pacific Grove earlier that day, the first time Palma has defeated PG in over a decade. Along the way, our team also beat Catalina and Stevenson, losing only once in the preliminary rounds, to Carmel by .4%.



Individual awards (above) were won by four of our students: **Alex Thomas '19** for outstanding bailiff, **Patrick Briley '18** for outstanding prosecution trial attorney, **Jacob Ottone '18** for outstanding prosecution pretrial attorney and **Michael Perez '18** for outstanding court clerk.



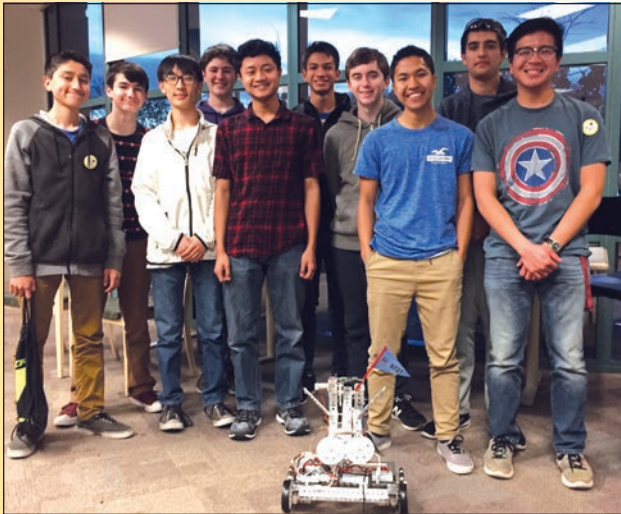
2018 Mock Trial Team: **John Sutherland '18, Michael Perez '18, Reno DiTullio '18, Jake Ottone '18, Tariq Barnett '18, Kyle Sutherland '20, Casey Edwards '18, Alex Thomas '19, Patrick Briley '18, Sam Robinson '18, Nathan Dodd '19, Chris Campo '19, Isaiah Corpus '20, Marco Pennini '19, and Wade Rianda '20.** Not pictured: **David Daniels '20, Ben Eastman '20, and Gabe Nale '20.**

Many thanks go to the fine efforts of longtime attorney coaches, Kelly Sutherland and Matt Ottone, along with two new attorney coaches, Matthew L'Heureux and Lana Nassoura. ●

## ***Armored Patriots:***

# ***FIRST Tech Challenge a Good Experience***

The Armored Patriots, Palma's robotics team, competed in the FIRST Tech Challenge on Saturday, January 27th held at Cisco headquarters in San Jose. The team of 10 put their robot through its paces of retrieving and stacking blocks. After the qualifying rounds, the Armored Patriots were in 9th place, but had accumulated the third highest point total. They were selected by a qualifying team to be part of their alliance in the semi-finals. Although they did not advance to the finals, it was a good experience for the young Chieftain team and they came home pleased with the way their robot performed. ●



Pictured at left:

**Jacob Serrano '20**  
**Hudson Wood '20**  
**Christian Ko '18**  
**Henry Mckelvie '20**  
**Michael Perez '18**  
**Finnian Rawson '18**  
**Isaac Paulo '20**  
**Erin Limbo '19**  
**Sukhjot Ghuman '18**  
**Phat Le '18**



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A problem with the Palma School Facebook page resulted in us having to create a new page. If you have not already done so, please make the new page your official Palma School connection:

**[facebook.com/palmachieftains](https://facebook.com/palmachieftains)**

The old page ([facebook.com/palmaschool](https://facebook.com/palmaschool)) is no longer being updated and will be deleted in 2018.

# *The Blessed Edmund Rice Society: Tacky Ball Fund Raiser Lives Up To Its Name*

On February 2nd, the Blessed Edmund Rice Society was the beneficiary of the Tacky Ball, a fund raiser held at CSUMB @ Salinas City Center (formerly the Steinbeck Center). The evening included games, a silent auction,

barbecued ribeye steak dinner and dancing. Despite the silly costumes, the evening raised some serious funds for student outreach to our community, Mexico and Peru thanks to many generous donors. ●

Photos courtesy Sheryl Bjorn



Linda Grier, Nancy Ausonio, DL Grier



Kori Lukasko, Jim Lipe and Mendy Amaral



Amy and Matt Haas



Glen and Jodi Kaminskis



The Tacky Ball committee: Dee Delapena, Mia Mirassou, Lori Lazzerini, Michele Beach and Suzie Boutonnet



Reno and Tiffany DiTullio



Nick and Kristi Haas



Matthew Ottone, Margaret and George Garibay, Stephanie Ottone



Cecilia and Ricky Cabrera

# Chieftain Fall Sports



QB Grant Sergent '19 under center Joseph Esquivel '19, flanked by lineman Nicholas Georgalos '18 with Diego Guajardo '19 and Anthony Villegas '20 in the backfield

## Varsity Football

One of the greatest lessons learned in the sport of football is overcoming adversity. Every team has it at some point in the season. Some teams more than others. Everyone knows injuries are a part of sports but losing players before the season starts is a definite challenge. Early in the season the Chieftains struggled with losses to powerhouses' Saint Francis and Menlo Atherton. In those losses though, growth and progress was seen. The last play of the game vs SF, a **Grant Sergent '19** to **Casey Edwards '18** TD pass that to many may have seemed insignificant but to Palma, it was improvement. A major step in the right direction occurred in a week three win against a gritty Menlo team with the emergence of **Liam Short '18** who moved from CB to ILB and sophomore RB **Anthony Villegas**. Short turned the game around with a blocked punt and a tackle of the punter behind the LOS. After struggling in the first half Villegas ripped off a 64-yard TD run that was a precursor to many more throughout the season. The Chieftains could have hit rock bottom after losing the first league game to a very good Aptos team but they did not. They came back and played well enough to shut out Alvarez backed by Villegas's 167 yards and two TD performance. The turning point of the season may have come in the Salinas game. It was senior night for them and they trotted out 52 seniors! Palma dressed 33 total players on that night. It wasn't supposed to be close. The Chieftains showed grit and determination from the get go and, even though they say there are no moral victories in football, that was the moment when the players understood that "the process" was working. From that point on the Chieftains went on a tear. They rattled off five wins in a row. Highlights included **Anthony Villegas '20** record-breaking night when he rushed for a Palma single-game record 327 yards and three TDs. The offensive line that blocked for him was anchored by **Mike Lizaola '19** and **Nick Georgalos '18**. And, **Grant Sergent '19** threw for 1,600 yards and 11 TDs. Who can ever forget "the drive" and "the catch" against Hollister! After Hollister scored and took the lead 27-23 Palma took over on its own 33-yard line with one minute to play and only one timeout. With

### "The Catch"



completions to **Andrew Rivera '19**, two to **Dominic Scattini '18**, **Zachary Taylor '18** and one to **Anthony Villegas '20** who smartly went out of bounds with 2.8 seconds to go the scene was set for heroics. In what will go down as one of the biggest passes and catches in Palma history, **Grant Sergent** calmly dropped back in the pocket and threw a ball that appeared

to be a little long but **Dominic Scattini** made an unbelievable catch over his shoulder in the back corner of the end zone that set off a huge celebration. The victory secured us a #3 seed in the Open Division and a second meeting with Seaside and their excellent RB Demarcus Hawkins. The defense worked hard all week and led by LB **PJ Schlegel '18**, DE **Santo Defranco '18**, LB **Peter Powers '18**, FS **Jon Jon Berring '20** and shut down CB **Mateo Martinez '19**, they held him to minimal yards in our playoff victory. The year didn't quite end as the Chieftains would have liked as they ran into a very good team in Terra Nova. This team will not be defined by that loss. This team laid the groundwork for the future. This senior class will leave a legacy of hard work, improvement and class. The future looks bright for the Palma football program.



Michael Macias '20 prepares to shred the defense

## Junior Varsity Football — MBL Gabilan Division Champions

The 2017 Palma JV Football team saw a return to championship football. For the first time in four years the JV completed an undefeated league season and were lone MBL champions. The team ended up with a 7-2-1 overall record. On offense, the team was led by two talented QB's **Luke Brigantino '20** and transfer **Joseph Castaneda '20**. Luke's primary targets were **Micah Olivas '20**, **Adam Pantoja '19**, **Michael Macias '20**, **Tyler Whitehead '20**, and **Matt Isaias '20**. Matt was part of a one-two punch combo that controlled the ground attack. Along with **Luke Martinez '19**, Matt was a feature of one of the best two-back systems to ever play for Coach **Tim Martinez '89** in 18 years. The pass and run game's success would not have been possible without the dominant offensive line of **Jose Velasquez '20**, **Erick** and **Edward Marquez '20**, **Daniel Santos '20**, **Dane Golden '20**, **Alex Silva '20**, and **Cole Cook '20**. The Chieftains had a tough pre-season schedule that started the team off 0-2. The team would win its last pre-season game and would roll through league undefeated and go 7-0-1 in the process. The team's late season success was made possible by a dominating defense. The defense was led by inside LB's **Matt Isaias '20** and **Brent Eastman '20**. They benefited from the outstanding defensive line play of **Edward Marquez '20**, **Erick Marquez '20**, **Daniel Santos '20**, and **Jose Velasquez '20**. Making plays in the secondary were **Adam Pantoja '19**, **Abel Escobar**

'20, and **Micah Olivas '20**. Setting the edge for the defense were OLB's **Luke Martinez '20**, **Jacob Herbst '20**, and **Kenny Carpenter '19**. Going from 0-2 to 7-0-1 and MBL Champions was an amazing turnaround, but it came as no surprise to Coach Martinez. "Guys never gave up and continued to get better. I am so proud of what the team was able to accomplish together." Expectations will be high for this class, but the future looks bright for Palma football.



*Antone Mercurio '21 (#23) moves in on the defender as Sean Parra '21 (#32) tries to round the corner*

## Freshman Football — MBL Gabilan Division Champions

The Palma freshman football team had a very successful season finishing the year at 7-1 and being crowned MBL champions. The team was led by QB's **JT Amaral** and **Braydon Etheridge**, while the running game was spread evenly between **Guy Bessey**, **Noah Paz** and **Sean Parra**. The big offensive line was anchored by center **Leo Lizaola** (6'1"/195) and supported by **Nathan Gonzalez** (5'11"/220), **Oscar Iracheta** (5'8"/235), **Mason Roddy** (6'2"/220), **Noah Pulealii** (6'4"/260) and on the ends **Oki Hautau** (6'0"/220) and **Owen Bengard** (6'4"/190), and a host of other linemen. On the defensive side of the ball, lineman **Blake Cornell** (6'2"/200), **Leo Lizaola**, **Nathan Gonzalez**, **David Santos** (6'0"/210) **Richard Amirsehhi** (5'9"/195) and **Gianvito Carriglio** (6'1"/220) put a stop to the running games of nearly all teams we played. Behind them were our stout linebackers, **Oki Hautau**, **Stephen Lipe**, **Braydon Etheridge**, **Ian Murdock**, **Sean Parra** and **Kyler Im**. The secondary was comprised of **Drew Amaral**, **Anthony Scattini**, **Noah Paz**, **JT Amaral** and **Adam Penrose-Gonzalez** and several others who had a knack for finding the ball and shutting down the opposing teams' passing game. Special teams also had a great season. Here is where a lot of fresh names got in the mix. We had six different kickers, who all kicked an extra point in one game and had three different kick-off kickers. Our special team won two games for us this year. The two most important games of the year were Salinas High, with a 38-yard field goal, and Hollister, with an



*QB Braydon Etheridge '21 calls the signals behind center Mizael Lizaola '21 while RB Guy Bessey '21 waits for the snap*

## High School Cross Country



*Sam Lavorato '19 alone in the lead*

In the 2017 cross-country season, the Chieftains joined the Gabilan division of the Monterey Bay League after capturing the varsity league title and the Avis Kelly award for the best program in the Pacific Division in 2016. Even though the Chieftains were competing against stronger and larger programs, they ended up placing second as a team in the varsity division, third place in the junior varsity division, and fifth place in the frosh-soph division; surpris-

ing everyone in the league. In the Central Coast Championships (CCS) our varsity team placed fifth and missed the state meet by a nine-point difference from the third place finisher. The biggest highlight of this season was that our varsity team won the Salinas City Championship by a one-point difference and ended a drought. The last time the Chieftains won this title was in 2006. In the individual side, **Sam Lavorato '19** won the Salinas City Championship individual title for the third straight year. He also won the individual league title in the MBL for the second straight year and placed third individually in CCS to qualify for the second year straight to the CIF State Championships where he placed 41st. **Tommy Padilla '19** came back strong from a nine-week injury that kept him away from training and racing for most of the season helping the team place second with his strong second place performance at league right behind Sam. He also had a strong performance at CCS placing eighth but missed qualifying for the state championships by one spot. Both Tommy and Sam qualified unattached to the prestigious Foot Locker West Regional Championship in Walnut, CA where they placed 84th and 107th respectively. With only two seniors on the varsity team graduating and a core of junior varsity and frosh-soph runners moving up, the future of our team looks strong entering a new competitive league for the 2018 season.



*Caspar Sylvania '19 and Michael Kaczynski '20 push through the pack*

## Varsity Water Polo

The 2017 Palma varsity water polo team performed with great heart and resolve, and with a record of 9-5 earned fourth place in the league. The Chieftains qualified for the MBL League Tournament, but were beaten in the first round by eventual league champion, San Benito. Fearless play by **Will Van Ruler '18** and **David Daniels '19** led to a combined 129 goals between them for the season. Van Ruler earned Second Team All-League honors, and Daniels earned "Junior of the Year" honors from the league coaches, and was also recognized as the team MVP. Goalie

**Ravi Johnson '18** showed exemplary leadership in front of the cage, rallying the team in victory, and consoling it in defeat. Johnson's record of 144 "saves" was one of the best in the league. Johnson's dedication and leadership as the goalie earned him the team "Coaches Award," and First Team All-League honors. **Wade Rianda '20** was recognized for his outstanding play and sportsmanship by being selected for the "All League Sportsmanship Team." Rianda scored 22 goals, which tied speedy swimmer **Pedro Siguenza '19** for the third-highest goals scored on the team. Rianda also took a few turns in the goal. **EJ Fulgencio '21**, **Kevin Martinez '21**, and **Mateo Trujillo '20** were the fastest underclassmen swimmers on the team, and portend a successful future next season. The strongest defenders on the team included **Matt Bassetti '20**, **Danny Munoz '20**, and reserve goalie, **Kevin Beach '19**. With only three graduating seniors, and a strong returning roster, the team is one to watch in 2018.



Ravi Johnson '18



David Daniels '20 lines up to score

## Junior High Volleyball

The Palma Junior High volleyball team made some major strides throughout the year. Starting out with only six players, six more were eventually added to the team. The boys found their competitive spirit a few weeks into practice, and from then on made leaps and bounds as the season went on. Despite some major age differences, the boys pulled together and finished the regular season 7-5 with a secured spot in the playoffs. Although the loss in the first round of playoffs was a tough pill to swallow, the boys battled hard for three sets making it a bitter sweet end to the season. Every boy on the team contributed in some way throughout the



Back row (l to r): Alec Ferrasci '22, Cade Wheeler '22, Ryan Cahalan '22, Kyle Batacan '22, Zechariah Hernandez '23, Coach Ari Lysacek. Front row (l to r): Gabe Martinez '23, Anthony Secondo '23, Joe Silacci '23, Josh Bassetti '22, Noah Andersen '22. Not shown: Henry Brown '23, Aiden Clarke '23

season, however the most impactful player on the team was **Cade Wheeler '22**. His height and athleticism has proven to make him a natural leader on the court. The team exceedingly looked up to our captains, **Ryan Cahalan '22** and **Noah Anderson '22** who had a solid impact throughout the season as well. **Joshua Bassetti '22** and **Anthony Secondo '23** shared the coach's award for being two of the most encouraging and uplifting players to everyone on the team. ●

## Jose Calderón '19 Invited to Play at PGA Championship Invitational



Palma three-sport athlete **Jose Calderón '19** is pictured here being introduced as the First Tee of Monterey County playing representative in the Pure Insurance 2017 PGA Champion Invitational. Calderón's playing partner was Esteban Toledo, the 2015 Champion of this tournament (beating eight-time Major PGA Champion Tom Watson by a stroke).

# Winter Sports

## Varsity Basketball

The Varsity basketball team fought its way to a 14-13 record this past season. They finished 6-6 in the Monterey Bay League, however that record could be a little misleading as four of their six league losses were by three points or less. The Chieftains did capture their third straight Scattini Tournament title in December, with a tough win over Whitney High School. The Chieftains were led by four-year starter **Garrett Maker '18**, and fellow seniors **Sacramento Figueroa**, **Joey Burlison**, **Peyton Seelye**, **Peter Powers** and **Eric Roggio**.



Varsity forward Garrett Maker '18 puts up two

## Junior Varsity Basketball — MBL Gabilan Division Co-Champions

Coach Leo Seymour made the jump from the Freshman ranks this season to coach the JV squad. The team finished 21-3, and avenged losses to each team that beat them this season. Most Valuable Player **Tyler Whitehead '20**, and Coach's Award recipient **DJ Patton '21** led the team to an MBL Championship, along with two preseason tournament titles at San Lorenzo Valley and Salinas High School.



Philip Sites '20 (#24) with the floater

## Freshman Basketball — MBL Gabilan Division Co-Champions

The Freshman boys had an outstanding season under first-year head coach Adam Stebbins, going 23-0 and winning an MBL Championship. They won the Salinas High School preseason tournament, as well as the Watsonville Christmas Tournament. Along the way they faced some adversity in some

really tight games, yet they were able to continuously find ways to win. They were led by Most Valuable Player **JT Amaral**, Defensive Player of the Year **Noah Paz**, and Coach's Award recipient **Aiden Dobbins**, who may have made the season's most memorable shot in a buzzer beating three at Palma to be Salinas.

## "Buzzer Beater"



Owen Bengard '21 (#22) out stretches the defense

## 8th Grade Basketball — MTJAL Champions

After losing the first game of the season, Palma's 8th Grade Gold Team quickly turned things around. The team rolled through the Mickey Linehan Memorial Tournament and later went on to claim the league title. Led by stellar guard play from **Nate Jean-Pierre** and the inside dominance of **Ryan Cahalan**, the team ended up with a record of 17-2. Coach **Nick Sterrett '04** was proud of the way all the players improved throughout the season.

Palma's Gold Team defeated the Red Team in a very competitive game. The Red Team leaders were **Joseph Finley** and **Luke Rossi**; however, all 22 players on both teams contributed to a very successful season. It was exciting to have the two 8th grade teams claim first and second places in the league.



Nate Jean-Pierre '22 (#11) with the rebound



## 7th Grade Basketball

This season's seventh graders worked hard on the court but struggled during the season winning only two games. In keeping with Palma's philosophy that you learn more from a loss than you do from a win, the seventh graders set the ground work for success on next year's eighth grade squad.



Salvador Lopez '20 (#6), Finian Rawson '18 (#8) and Dominic Nale '20 (#21) on the pitch.

## Varsity Soccer

6-12-2 overall. Led by seniors **Michael Vollstedt '18** who picked up First Team All League honors and **Gabriel Nale '20** who picked up All League Second Team honors the Chieftains fought hard all season. The team developed a great bond, played for each other and it showed on the field. We had great contributions from the whole team.

## Junior Varsity Soccer

3-11 overall. The JV team learned a lot this year and competed against every team! They were led by a good group of sophomores and freshman. 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 Coach Rogelio Jacinto the Palma Junior High soccer team finished third in the MTJAL. The boys set a good foundation on which to build this coming season.

## Wrestling

Wrestling's 3-3 season in dual matches, with wins over Salinas, Christopher and Alisal, by no means reflects the strength of the team, as they excelled in tournaments and in the post-season. At the Monterey Bay League Championships, 10 grapplers placed including **Zachary Thompson '21**, **Sammy Banuelos '19**, **Alex Andrade '20**, **Felipe Gudino '21**, **Saul Gonzalez '19**, **Tyler Houck '19**, **Jose Calderón '19**, **Leo Lizaola '21**, **Blake Cornell '21** and **Michael Lizaola '19**, who was also First Team All-MBL while **Zachary Thompson** and **Saul Gonzalez** were both Second Team All-MBL. **Sammy Banuelos** and **Alex Andrade** finished in seventh Place. **Felipe Gudino** and **Tyler Houck** both finished in fifth place. **Jose Calderón**, **Leo Lizaola** and **Blake Cornell** finished in fourth place and our other wrestler competing was **Rudy Zepeda '21** who finished in the top 12. At the Central Coast Section Championships we had a very good showing finishing in ninth place out of the 80 teams that were competing. Three of our wrestlers finished in the top three and qualified for the CIF State Championships. **Zachary Thompson**, **Saul Gonzalez**, and **Michael Lizaola** garnered All-Section honors in their respective weight classes. Thompson and Lizaola finished in third place

and Gonzalez finished in second. Other wrestlers who competed and won matches for us were **Alex Andrade**, **Felipe Gudino**, **Tyler Houck**, **Jose Calderon**, **Leo Lizaola** and **Blake Cornell**. At the CIF State Championships **Zachary Thompson** and **Michael Lizaola** both lost their two first bouts in really close matches. **Saul Gonzalez** finished the tournament 1-2 with a win over a wrestler from Lemoore High School. In the JV division, the three placers were **Danny Andrade '20**, **Daniel Dominguez '20** and **Brent Eastman '20**. **Danny Andrade** was a JV league champion and Daniel and Brent both finished in third place. The great thing about our program this year is we will return everyone next year and have a great crop of Junior High wrestlers coming up. ●



Alex Andrade '20 leverages his opponent

## Student-Athlete: Invited to Play at the College Level



## Baseball Scholarship

**Sam "Stout" Stoutenborough '18** has signed to pitch for the Bears of UC Berkeley. The 6'3" right-hander recorded a 9-1 season with an ERA of 0.61 and batting average of .373 in his junior year. As a sophomore he recorded 58 strikeouts in 52 innings of work on his way to a 6-1 record. His honors include: 2017 League MVP, 2017 Monterey County MVP, 1st team All-League (2016 & 2017), 1st team All-County (2016 & 2017), 1st team All-CCS, 1st team All-State (CA), Ranked in the Top 500 nationally.

# Palma Ath-lumni

## 1967

**Clem Richardson's** peers on the Central Coast have selected Clem as the Boys Golf Honor Coach for 2017-18, citing his accomplishments in golf going far beyond wins and losses. A special presentation will be made on May 15th during the CCS Boys Golf Championships at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch.



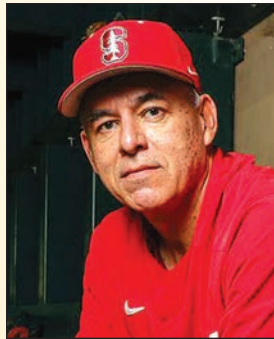
## 1974



**Bob Burlison** was inducted into the Salinas Valley Sports Hall of Fame in August 2017. He earned the basketball league MVP title both his junior and senior year, first-team All NorCal his senior year, and Palma's all-time leading scoring title. He went on to help San Diego State win a PCAL title and NCAA berth. He returned to Palma and coached the Chieftains to their 1992 state D-IV championship.

## 1983

After 18 seasons as the Cal baseball head coach (leading the Bears to four NCAA Regionals and their first World Series appearance since 1992), **David Esquer** accepted the head baseball coaching position at Stanford, from where he graduated in 1987 and where he was a star shortstop. He was inducted into the Salinas Valley Athletic Hall of Fame in August 2017.



## 2009



**David Fales** signed with the Miami Dolphins after two years with the Chicago Bears. He was waived by the team on September 2, 2017 then brought back on October 24, 2017. On March 15, 2018, Fales re-signed with the Dolphins.

## 2011

**Matthew Pinizzotto** placed second at the Golden State Tour's Q-School Prep on the North Course at Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club on August 16, 2017. Finishing four strokes behind the leader, Pinizzotto shot a final round 69 to close out the tournament six under par.



## 2013

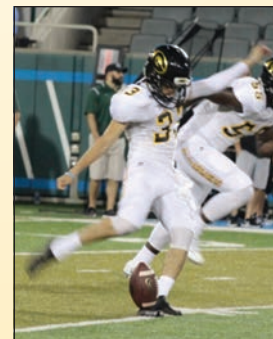


**Noah Allen** earned All-Big West First Team honors at the University of Hawaii. He led the team in points (15.7 ppg), rebounds (5.8 rpg) and steals (35), averaging the most points in the Big West (18.5 ppg) during league play. He was the first UH player in 21 years and only the fifth in school history to score 30 points or more in four games during a season.

**Michael Carrizosa** completed four seasons with the SJSU Spartans. He holds the school's career record in punting average at 44.0 ypp and punting yards (9,907) with 12 career punts of 60 or more yards. Michael set the San Jose State single-season punting record in 2015 averaging 47.5 ypp.



## 2015



**Miguel Mendez** completed two years at Hartnell College as a four-star kicker and committed to Grambling State where he was a backup to primary kicker/punter Marc Orozco this past season.

## 2016



**Wyatt Maker**  
is on the basketball team at CSU East Bay.



**Zach Ralston**  
plays football at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College.



**Jack Richardson**  
is at Stanford and started the Cardinal and White Spring Game as quarterback this season.



**Matt Smith**  
plays baseball at UC Davis.

## 2017



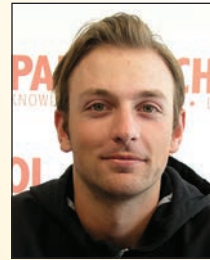
**Francisco Arevalo**  
plays soccer for Hastings College.



**Jamaree Bouyea**  
plays basketball at the University of San Francisco.



**Drew Dalman**  
plays football at Stanford University.



**Anthony DeSantis**  
plays baseball at the University of Kansas.

## 2017



**Richard Hernandez**  
plays football at Hastings College.



**Robert Hernandez**  
plays football at Hastings College.



**Emilio Martinez**  
plays football at the University of San Diego.



**Matthew Mercurio**  
is a kicker on the San Jose State football team.

## ***Phil Giammanco '87 Named Head Coach of Varsity Baseball at Palma***



A 1987 graduate of Palma, Phil Giammanco began teaching at Palma in 1994. During his tenure he has coached football at all levels and was a part of three CCS championship teams. He has been involved with Palma's baseball program since 1994, heading the program in 2001. With the baseball program, Giammanco has won two league titles and one CCS championship. He was named Monterey County Coach of the Year and Monterey Bay League Coach of the Year in 2004 and 2009. Giammanco is adding Varsity Baseball Head Coach to his current duties of guidance counselor and National Honors Society advisor.

"As a past head of the program, Phil brings years of experience to the position as well as a history of success. Phil understands what makes Palma such a special place and I am looking forward to working with him." stated Rob Bishop, Athletic Director.

Giammanco officially began his duties as Varsity Baseball Head Coach on January 1, 2018.

# **Palma Alumni Association: First Annual Alumni Weekend**

The first annual Alumni Weekend brought alums from many years and many places to enjoy a Friday night football game, Saturday barbecue on campus and Sunday morning Mass at the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel.

The weekend's success has been followed up by a new website for Palma Alumni ([palmaalumni.com](http://palmaalumni.com)) and plans are underway for the next Alumni weekend this fall on September 21st. ●

Photos courtesy Chris Mulé '92





## **Classmates:** **Alumni Updates**

### **1958**

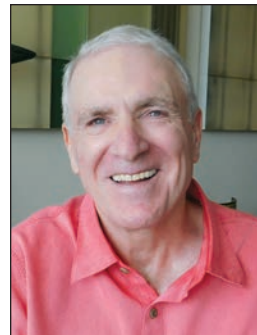
Classmates from the class of '58 recently got together. Pictured are (l to r): Brian Cahill, Gary Fossat and Buzz Green.



### **1963**

**Ed Dowd** joined the US Air Force in 1965 and was honorably discharged as a sergeant in 1969. He graduated from Santa Clara University with a BS degree in 1972 and embarked on a successful career in investment real estate and finance, founding his own company, EMD Properties, in 1981. It now owns and operates 1,000 rental units in the South Bay area of San Francisco. Among his many accomplishments Ed was appointed by

Governor Jerry Brown to the California State Athletic Commission where he eventually became Vice Chairman. He represented the state of California at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Ed was a founder of San Jose National Bank and Commerce Savings and Loan in Sacramento. In 1993 Ed was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS), a diagnosis he considers "one of the best things that ever happened" to him as it helped broaden his life's focus. Ed developed a love of art and a passion for philanthropy focusing on the causes that are closest to his heart and experiences. He made his first significant grant to the Palo Alto Medical Foundation's Mountain View campus where he receives medical care. The grant for the Main Entry Pavilion included the installation of a Chihuly glass sculpture name "Joyous." Ed made a grant for the construction of the new Edward M. Dowd Art and Art History building at Santa Clara University. The 43,000 square foot building opened to students in 2016. This also included an art glass sculpture by the world renowned artist Dale Chihuly. He made a very meaningful grant to the Defenders Lodge in Palo Alto. It was made in honor of his Uncle Colonel Owen Walsh who served in the US Army from 1945 until retiring in 1974. His significant gift to the National MS Society established the Edward M. Dowd Personal Advocate Program and expands the Society's services to people living with MS. The gift has accelerated expansion of personalized care management and support for those needing specialized services — regardless of where they live. Ed has been inspired by so many people and hopes his gifts will inspire others to follow suit.



**Classmates of '63: Vickie and Andy Pomo, Ed Dowd (seated), Martha (Bernasconi) Botelho and Mark Botelho.**

## 1964

**David C. Zwingman** visited Palma School in February to speak to engineering students and share his experiences at NASA and in the world of science and engineering. He sent medallions (below) he has been given over the years to Palma.



## 1966



Marian and **Manuel Martinez** have two sons, **Dave '87** and **Tim '89**. They also have six grandchildren Hannah, **Luke '19**, Bella, Gavin, Maya and Jacob. Luke '19 is a third-generation Palma student and Gavin will be a seventh grader

at Palma next year. Manuel is retired and enjoys coaching the grandkids' sports teams. Manuel and Dave are Assistant JV Football Coaches and Tim is Head JV Football Coach at Palma.

## 1972



**Palma Class Reunion 1972** held on October 28, 2017 in the Palma Multi-Purpose Room. Left to right: Steve Bassi, John Gargiulo, Mike Corlett, Jim Otto, Mike Bercilla, Steve Villegas, Mark Franco, Jeff Pereira, Eric Eckhart, Max Agpaoa (front), Gordon Dill (middle), Phil Fortino (rear), Greg Zazueta and Pete Kovacich. Camera Shy: Dennis Donohue and Tim Haag.



**John Felix** and Jan are grandparents to future Palma student baby Liam. John and Jan have moved back to Salinas after being away for 30 years. John is Chief Engineer at the Portola Hotel in Monterey. He has one son **Ryan '02**. John and Jan are happy to be back in the area with family and friends.

## 1976

Under the leadership of **John D'Arrigo** (President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board), D'Arrigo California continues to invest in solar energy by increasing the company's solar power production. The D'Arrigo California project is the largest customer-owned net metered solar power project in Monterey County and is expected to generate 3.3 megawatts (MW) of electricity helping to reduce operational costs and improve efficiencies at their facility in Salinas and select ranch meters in the Salinas Valley. In 2010, John founded The Agriculture Leadership Council (TALC) in partnership with Natividad Medical Foundation raising over \$2.5 million to date. TALC is providing health care for agricultural workers and



their families by purchasing critical lifesaving medical equipment and supporting indigenous interpreting services for patients at Natividad Medical Center.

**Peter Romero** writes: Pretty amazing that we were able to have a vacation with our whole family... **Danny '04**, Megan '05 (Notre Dame) and **Michael '09**...and of course myself ('76). We had a great time in Hawaii celebrating my 60th birthday... only missing Megan's husband (he was skiing in Utah).



## 1978

**Mike Cimino** sends us a photo of himself with his daughter, son and two granddaughters.



## 1979

Following 25 “short” years in Houston, **Michael Zabrycki** is very excited to be back home on the Monterey Peninsula. He’s expanded his real estate business to the Salinas/ Monterey area continuing with the same philosophy of excellence in customer care and service that he provided his loyal clients in The Woodlands, Texas as a RE/MAX agent.



## 1981



**Brent Eastman** (left) was elected president of the California Rodeo Association in 2017. As president, Eastman will oversee rodeo operations through October 2019. *Photo courtesy of Interface Visual.*

**Ed Laverone** was involved in a major head-on collision on January 3 on Highway 108 outside of Oakdale on his way to his cabin. He sustained major injuries to his ribs, legs, arms and pelvis and remains hospitalized as he recuperates. “Patience is definitely my mantra, along with being positive about the future. I can honestly say the prayers I have been gifted with have truly made the difference in my recovery going well,” Ed says. He appreciates all well wishes from his class of 81 classmates and looks forward to fully recovering and returning to his house in Twain Harte to enjoy his retirement.

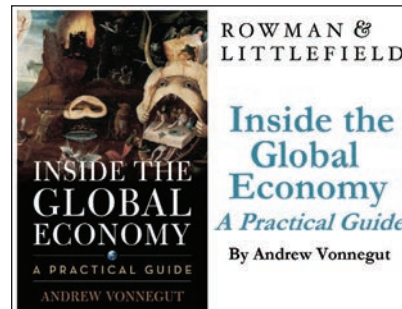
## 1982

**Mark Looram** reports he is still living in Hong Kong but spends about four months of the year in San Francisco. He has been traveling quite a bit to some fun destination like Angkor Wat, Cambodia, New Zealand, Japan and Alaska.

## 1984

**Dr. Andrew Vonnegut**

has been teaching economics at UC Santa Barbara since 2013 after 15 years of economic advising for governments around the world. His specialties include economic policy research, financial analysis, impact evaluations and policy formation. He recently published a new book, *Inside The Global Economy, A Practical Guide*.



## 1987

**Paul Marsh** sends greetings from Kailua Kona, Hawaii where he vacationed with his family in February 2018. He is seen here with his wife Eve and children Ben, Wil, Alex and Josh.



Susie and **Dave Martinez** have four children. Hannah attends MPC, **Luke '19** a Junior at Palma, Gavin will be a 7th grader at Palma next year and last, but not least, Jacob is a second grader at Spreckels Elementary. All



four play sports from track to football and basketball. In Dave’s free time he coaches his children’s sports Teams. Dave is currently the Assistant JV Football Coach with his dad **Manuel '66**, and his brother **Tim '89** is Head JV Football Coach at Palma.





**Graduates who have gone on to serve others through the church gathered at Palma School in 2017. Shown here are (l to r): Rev. Richard Bullene '71, Rev. Ken Laverone '69, Monsignor Danny Lopez '55, Deacon Rick Gutierrez '71 and Rev. Dennis Petersen '76.**

## 1992

**Chris Mulé** writes that Anthony (age 11) is finishing up 5th grade at Spreckels. Chris and Kerri are six months into their newly remodeled dental office in Salinas. Abigail, our two-year-old Border Collie-Kelpie mix is keeping Gabby, our 17-year-old Lhasa Apso on her toes.



## 1998



**George Beach** reports: the last 12 months have been a whirlwind. Kevin and I built a new home in Reno. I'm running my full-service insurance agency in California with the goal to expand into Nevada by the end of this summer. Thanks to Kevin's job, we've been fortunate to travel to Las Vegas,

Orlando, Osaka, and Tokyo earlier this year.

**Kyle Brown** reports this last year flew by as our kids are growing faster than ever. Our son, Kenny, is turning two this month and our daughter, Charlotte, is turning six next month. Kenny is full of energy and curiosity, exploring the world around him with gusto. Charlotte has been doing great in kindergarten and she has followed her father's footsteps and is now involved in martial arts classes. Learning something new everyday! Kyle and Bonnie have traveled to several classes and conferences around the state for commercial and agricultural appraisal. Kyle earned his MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute in November 2016 and Bonnie earned her MAI designation in May 2017. This is the highest designation awarded in our profession. We are working hard at the office, while also remodeling our home, and enjoying each day with our sweet kids. Life is good and we are so grateful.



## 2002

**Ryan Felix** and his wife Sarah welcomed their first baby, Liam, in May. Ryan is a Cal Fire Fireman and had been very busy fighting all the big fires in California. He enjoys spending his free time with his family, especially with the new addition Liam.



## 2005

**Garrett Kaprielian** (below) and his wife, Shelly, moved back to Salinas last April with their 2-1/2 year old daughter, Emmy. Garrett works as a project manager for Whitson Engineers in Ryan Ranch and lives in South Salinas. They have loved coming home to raise their daughter close to family and life-long friends. (Family photo credit goes to **Geno Boggiatto '05**, who is Emmy's Godfather.)



**Matt Lopez** is now a fire engineer with the Gonzales Fire Department. After graduating from Palma he attended Fresno State then enlisted in the California National Guard as a C130 engine mechanic. Lopez also earned his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification while enlisted. He is now following in his father's footsteps, who was a Salinas firefighter and fire engineer. What young man doesn't dream of one day driving a fire engine?



**John Neff** graduated with a BA in History from SJSU then continued his education by relocating to Washington state to complete a Masters in Teaching program at the University of Washington. He is now blessed to be teaching History and Language Arts at Centennial Middle School in Snohomish, WA. Apart from teaching, he currently serves as an assistant swimming coach for the men's and women's swim and dive programs at Snohomish and Glacier Peak High School. Additionally, he is the head coach of SHS/GPHS Water Polo and their feeder club SnoPeak Water Polo. He resides in Everett, WA.

### 2013

**Jose "Luis" Fletes** was sworn in to protect and to serve in a ceremony held on August 29, 2017. He was among seven people who were sworn in as new Salinas police officers. Fletes possesses an associate's degree in administration of justice from MPC.



### 2017

**Dylan Dizon** (below) sent a photo of his new status as a Trojan, but extends his appreciation to Palma for the opportunity. He met with current students when they toured USC and went to Anaheim to watch the Palma Symphonic Band perform. Dylan writes, "Congrats to Mr. Uccello and the Band! I wish to stay in close contact and I wish the best for all current and future Chieftains." ●



## IN MEMORIAM

- 1957 **Merle Young, Jr.** passed away on July 11, 2017
- 1958 **Butch Massa** passed away on December 9, 2017
- 1962 **Armand Cimino** passed away on July 31, 2017
- 1962 **Michael Fano** passed away on August 31, 2017
- 1964 **Matt Joyce** passed away on December 7, 2017
- 1964 **Karen (Rippey) Mosqueda** passed away on February 9, 2018
- 1966 **Robert Lindstrand** passed away on May 2, 2017
- 1966 **William Borofka** passed away on January 14, 2018
- 1967 **Charles Marriott** passed away on October 2, 2017
- 1974 **Steve Gerow** passed away on May 10, 2017
- 1983 **Leo Arredondo** passed away on March 17, 2018
- 1996 **Tommy Coloma** passed away on June 9, 2017
- 2000 **Roberto Pacheco, III** passed away on March 30, 2018
- 2003 **Allen Bengtson, Jr.** passed away on December 3, 2017
- 2004 **Frank Donangelo** passed away on October 14, 2017
- 2009 **Alexander Mottau** passed away on February 8, 2018

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**Members of the class of '17 recently got together before heading off to college: Tristan Wahl, Zach Flores, Matt Mercurio, Drew Souza, Emilio Martinez, Stan Smith, Vianni Fratangelo, Humberto Baza and Drew Dalman.** ●



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