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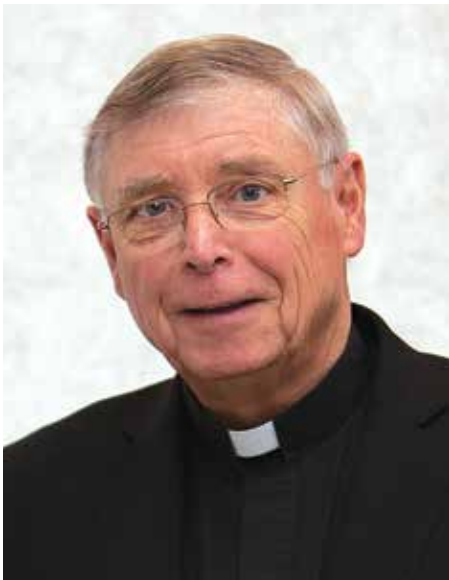


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Letter from the

President



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

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*We are well versed
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The graduation of Palma's Senior Class of 2019, our 65th graduation, marks the completion of Palma's 68th year of service to the wider community. This year's class of 81 seniors, our smallest class on campus, joins the select group of over 3,000 graduates, I believe, whom have been well prepared for college and beyond. The accomplishments of many graduates have been well documented in taking up places of honor and/or leadership in our community and elsewhere, be it in an agriculture-related business or in our justice system, or in the medical and other professions that are focused on others and making our society, our neighborhoods, safer and friendlier. Palma graduates, for the most part, continue to go onto bigger and better accomplishments on a larger stage. Most are honorable folks who have been gifted with the ability to see the wider picture. Most are generous and friendly and have an understanding of what sometimes isn't too clear to the untrained eye. Most have mastered the gift of helping those who are not as fortunate in their state of life as others have been so blessed. Some are generous to a fault and do not seek nor want notoriety. Still others are terrific people who offer what they can in appreciation for what they have been given at home and here at Palma.

Getting prepared for college and beyond is no small accomplishment. I can't imagine the real-dollar expense in raising a child today, from birth through high school. I see hundreds of young men each day and sometimes wonder the expense involved in raising just one son in today's environment. I certainly have no familiarity with what it costs to keep a typical teen in this area properly clothed and fed and housed for a day, a week, a month, a year. Thankfully, it all seems to be taking place on a regular basis for the five hundred-plus young men who frequent this campus on a daily basis.

As far as getting students ready for college is part of our mission, making the courses available to our students is much more than putting together a listing of courses on the website or in a course catalog. Hundreds of hours are given by faculty and staff in meetings to prepare curricula and handbooks and lesson plans to make the "in-class" part of education effective and key in preparing our young men for college. While we are extremely proud to offer some 20 AP classes and five foreign languages from which our students can select a course of studies for a given school year, we know a goodly number of our students will elect non-AP classes to fill-out their academic schedules. We strive to prepare all our students for a successful term of enrollment at Palma and ready each for the experience of a life-time and the making of life-long friends here at Palma.

Getting young men prepared for college and beyond, in a school setting, is no small challenge. From a school side, Palma spends, I've been told, in excess of \$18,000 per student in real-dollar costs. Each family knows what their Palma expenses are so each Palma family should have a pretty good idea of the differential between their tuition bill and the Palma's cost per student to run the school. Call it what you want, it is a subsidy of a considerable amount to each and every family with a son attending Palma. Gifts to the school and the Palma Fund, our annual solicitation of our families and friends, are tasked with the responsibility of addressing, overall, the bulk of each and every family subsidy. The real challenge comes from the how and when it is addressed. Obviously, there are limitations to the expenditures most families make over a given year. So, too, is the family income, for most, known to be limited and spread over a given period of time. While tuition payments are not tax-deductible, donations beyond those tuition dollars certainly are.

Palma's financial well-being is reflected, usually, in tuition and the ability of our families to make complete payments in a timely manner as we, like many other Edmund Rice Christian Brother schools, are a tuition-driven institution. We depend upon the generosity of alumni and friends of the school to help us each and every year. As enrollment continues to grow, so too should the financial well-being of the school. As finances permit, academic offerings and improvements to the physical plant evolve. We are well versed in our mission in the preparation of young men. We don't do this as we once did — we do it better than ever before and look forward to the challenges that will make Palma stronger and better prepared in executing our mission.

Please feel welcome to accept the challenge of involving yourself and your family in growing Palma for those known and unknown challenges as we go forward together. Today and tomorrow, it is all for our boys. Thank you. ●

Letter from the

Principal



David Sullivan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

The spring semester is that annual time of year when the rhythm of a Chieftain's life is packed with excitement, anxiety, anticipation, and so much more. AP exam testing will be underway during the first two weeks of May; eager students are serving on international service trips; 15 teams are competing in 11 different sports; final exams and summative testing are competing with longer days and that notorious epidemic known to some as senioritis. College decision deadlines are pressing upon our seniors, and from the looks of our marquis showcasing college destinations across the country posted outside the Guidance/Admissions Building, this is yet another banner year for our graduates; they are matriculating to some very strong institutions in higher education! Among a goodly number of our seniors here, in particular, there is a palpable desire among them to forge meaningful relationships with one another that will leave a lasting and honorable legacy for a class that has persevered with good character.

As the reality of the close of another successful school year approaches I cannot help but to reflect on the gift of education. The greatest challenge of teaching (and parenting) is to love unconditionally. It is a love that is balanced by the need for forgiveness and sincerity, to insure consequences for our sons that result from choices, both good and bad, both for our benefit in growth and development to being better people for a world that needs us so. It is my genuine hope that our young men learn to love and be loved during their time here at Palma. Effective teaching requires the ultimate gift of self to students every day. Teachers who are committed to that higher standard of their vocations know that their students will never be able to show enough gratitude for that ultimate gift of self, but they love our students anyway.

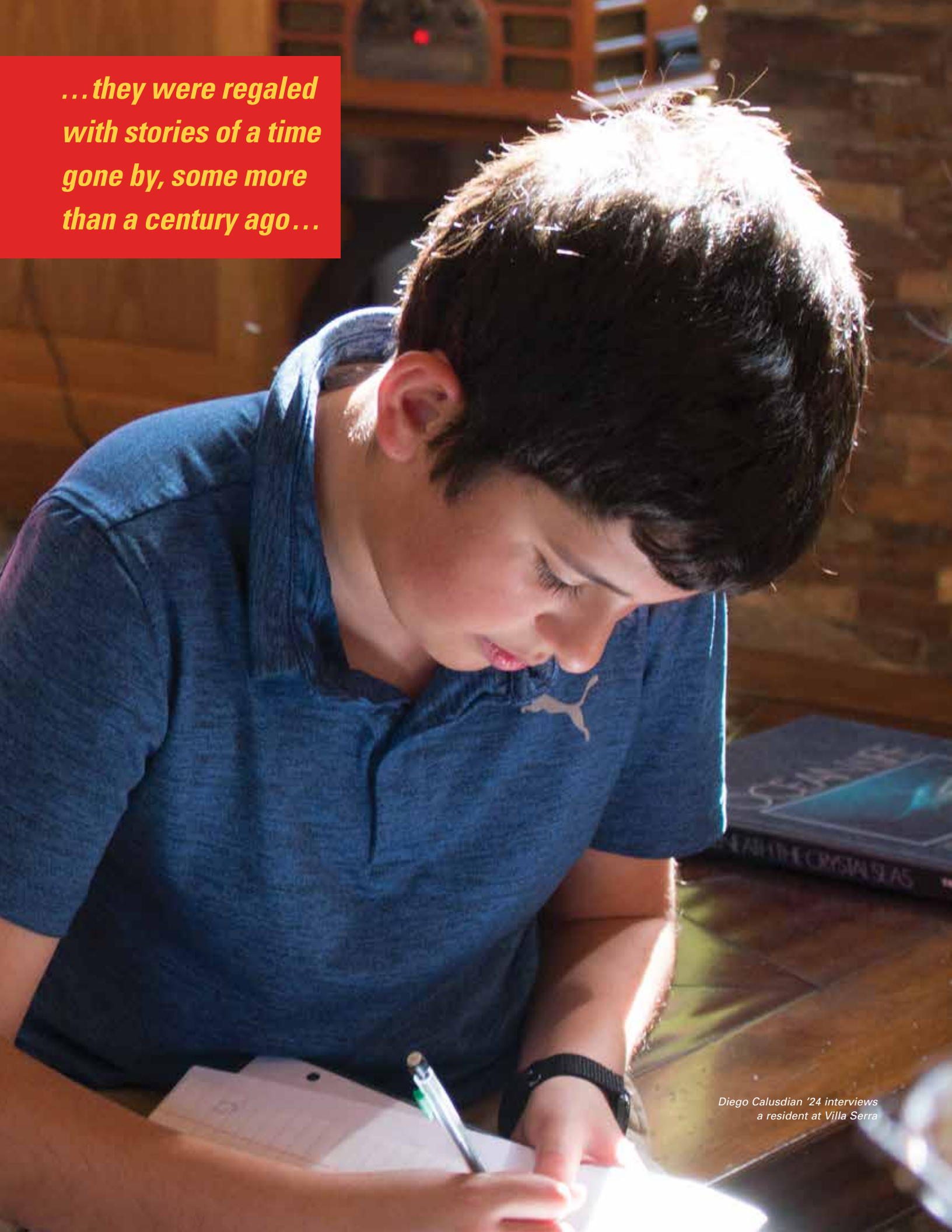
Life, we know, is not perfect, and neither is the gift of education. As students we make mistakes, we fail, we struggle to stay motivated. As teachers we misperceive, misjudge, miscalculate, we struggle to motivate. It may even be the very imperfection inherent in the process of learning that empowers learning to happen ever more fully. What a gift it is to experience wonder, to encounter the "aha!" moment, to move beyond the status quo of ignorance to enlightenment — to learn! Learning is a deeply human experience. It happens first in our homes among our parents, our first teachers. Later in schools it is a process that requires relational experiences among teachers and students, theorists and evidence acquired by those who research. It is the reason why I believe in schools, where such interactions are happening every day.

Learning is all the more reason why I believe in Palma, where the process of education requires an investment of the whole person — physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. We value our young men and we care for their success even beyond their current GPAs. Our mission here is to prepare the sons of Palma for success beyond Palma, in college, in the community, in their families, and ultimately for Heaven. Here's to another successful school year at Palma!

Go Chieftains ●

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*Diego Calusdian '24 interviews
a resident at Villa Serra*

Campus Ministry:

Senior Citizens Tell Their Stories to Seventh Graders in Dual Discipline Exercise

The symbiosis could not have been more evident when Mrs. Emily McClain, English 7 instructor, answered Campus Ministry Director Jim Micheletti's call for class assignments that would tie-in with community service. Members of the Edmund Rice Society have made several visits to Villa Serra, a retirement community and assisted living facility, in the past year and the English 7 book assignment was a perfect fit for Chieftains to impact lives — both of residents there and their own.



Gabriel Ovando '24

Mrs. McClain had assigned her English 7 students the book *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. It's the story of a utopian society of the future where all pain and evil is removed at the cost of removing all joy and excitement, to create an atmosphere of safety and security called "Sameness." At 12 years of age, people are considered adults and a job assignment, suitable to their aptitude, is made. The lead character, Jonas, is chosen to meet with the Giver, who alone has memories of what life was like before Sameness. As he passes down the memories, Jonas realizes what has been lost.



Rolando Infante '24 and Esteban Sotelo '24



Corbin Osborn '24 and Esteban Berrelleza '24

Mrs. McClain saw the opportunity for her students to "receive memories" held by people a couple of generations older and arranged the field trip to Villa Serra.

The interviewees, most of whom were in their 80s and 90s, were happy to accommodate the boys as they spread out in the common area and patio to conduct their interviews. The young Chieftains, 14 in all, listened intently as they were regaled with stories of a time gone by, some more than a century ago.

Seventh graders who participated in the interviews were: **Esteban Berrelleza, Evan Bobadilla, Diego Calusdian, Luke Garner, Rolando Infante, Steven McCarty, Drew Molinari, Jaideep Nahal, Corbin Osborn, Gabriel Ovando, Ryder Ritchie, Leo Santana, Esteban Sotelo** and **Nicolas Veliz**.

The students gained insight about the experiences of their elders, and perhaps, an appreciation for the times in which they are living. Their reports illustrated a real connection to the past and a meaningful time shared with people from a world that existed long ago. ●



Drew Molinari '24 and Evan Bobadilla '24

Mentor Profile:

By Doing A Little, Doug Saucedo Does A Lot

Mr. Doug Saucedo's teaching and coaching philosophies are the same: "give students as little as possible, but as much as necessary." Upon first catch, it sounds a bit shiftless, but in reality it's a sound teaching strategy wherein students learn through a step-by-step process, with no shortcuts, so they are able to understand why they are doing what they are doing. It's one of many strategies Mr. Saucedo has developed over his 36-year teaching career — 33 of which have been here at Palma.

Mr. Saucedo grew up with two brothers and a sister in Watsonville. His father drove a long-haul produce truck, which he later traded in for a smaller, local route, eventually driving a delivery truck for the Colombo Bread Company. His mother worked as a librarian at the Pajaro Public Library and finished her career working at Aromas Junior High School as a secretary. All of the Saucedo children were athletes at Watsonville High School. Mr. Saucedo (a three-sport athlete) was also a quarterback and pitcher at Cabrillo College. He went on to Cal State Hayward, playing football as a punter while majoring in Recreation with a minor in Mathematics.

Despite their father spending time on the road, he and their mother were coaches and counselors to their four children and they remain Mr. Saucedo's biggest influence today.

After graduation in 1979, Mr. Saucedo played semi-pro football for the San Jose Tigers, part of the NFL's "farm system." In the two years spent punting for the Tigers, his sports agent arranged for try-outs as a punter with the Dallas Cowboys, Los Angeles Rams, San Diego Chargers and Seattle Seahawks — two of which came close to inking a deal, but fell short, leaving him to re-evaluate his future.

After a brief stint in construction he was rudderless. His mother advised him to fill his time as a substitute teacher and he soon found himself in front of all grade levels in the Pajaro Valley School District. The experience was surprisingly rewarding. In his second year, he stayed on the high school level subbing on a near-daily basis. He was hired full-time to fill a vacated math position, which lasted one year after which the vacating teacher wanted, and was granted, his job back. His older brother was teaching at Palma at the time and encouraged Mr. Saucedo to apply for a math instructor position here. He was hired by then principal Br. Segovich.

In his first year at Palma, he also coached freshman football with Bill Kelly. Norm Costa moved him up to JV in his second year, then he moved on to coach baseball and eventually golf before circling back to freshman football head coach in 2017.

Becoming a Better Teacher and Coach

For years, Mr. Saucedo has owned horses and credits learning to ride for how he developed his teaching and coaching philosophy. Using non-verbal commands to motivate a horse to respond requires consistent and concise instruction. It's all about applying pressure so you do as little as possible but as much as necessary.

"I squeeze a little and I squeeze back and in if I want him to go forward. I keep squeezing until he moves correctly. If he starts backing up, I squeeze harder. I might have to do a lot to get him to move forward at first, but pretty soon just thinking about it is all I have to do and my horse will respond. It's the same thing in a math class and on the football field. If I can do as little as possible but as much as necessary, the boys will learn it. And, when they finally get it, they won't have to do a lot of work."

Mr. Saucedo finds that when he feeds students a little, but the right amount of information they will begin to ask questions and start doing the work to learn the lesson. He also believes students need to learn that it is OK to fail, as long as they understand why they failed so that they don't make the same mistake again. *"When they understand a lesson, you see their eyes open up with a smile. They get it."*

Making Math Relatable

In his math classes, Mr. Saucedo uses real-life examples in place of formulas. Using an example of batter boards on a construction site to determine a right angle is easier for boys to understand than explaining Pythagoras' Theorem in abstract. Explaining math using things the boys have seen makes the lesson relatable. *"It's not just a formula — here is the reason you need to know this."*

Another strategy employed by Mr. Saucedo is the configuration of his classroom. Years ago he determined that students pay better

attention in a "learning environment" versus the traditional classroom. He replaced all of the desks with tables and comfortable swivel chairs. He arranged the tables lengthwise in the classroom so all of the students fit within two rows instead of six or eight rows deep. Plus, arranging the tables lengthwise places the windows behind the students, eliminating the temptation to be distracted by things happening outside.

Technology plays a positive role in his classroom. Projecting his laptop or tablet onto a big screen allows him to walk around the classroom while instructing. And, using technology like Jamboard and Google Classroom enables him to post class notes every day and interact with students' iPads. A student is also able to contact Mr. Saucedo in the evening and show him the problem that is giving him trouble. Visually working the problem together gives students a better understanding of the work.

When not in the classroom, Mr. Saucedo mentors Palma grads on their kicking skills. He currently works with **Miguel Mendez '15** at Grambling State and **Matt Mercurio '17** at San Jose State. **Michael Carrizosa '13** has become like a son to him and he continues to work with "Mac" while he tries out for pro teams after setting kicking records at SJSU. When not coaching he loves being with his wife, either riding horses or just hanging out together.

Helping students succeed while enjoying his job is why Mr. Saucedo comes back every year. And, Chieftains are happy that he does. ●



Coaching the league champion freshman football team.



"It's not just a formula — here is the reason you need to know this."

Student Art: **Artistic Expression**

Students in Ms. Pagliaro's art classes use a variety of media through which to express their creativity.



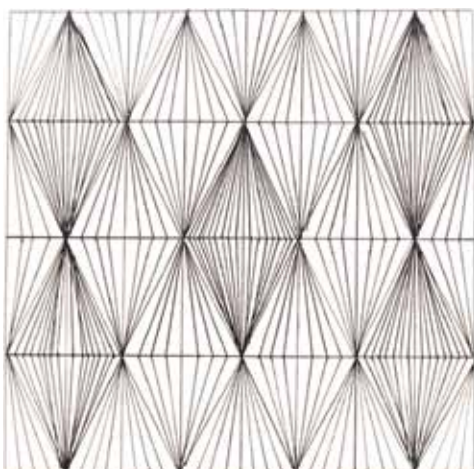
Viet Hoang Nguyen '21



Daniel Dominguez '20



Ben Wood '20



Adam Bucholtz '22



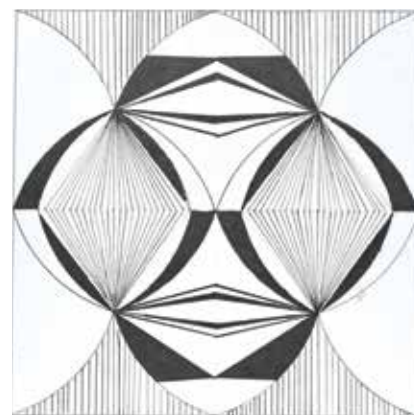
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Ramon Guzman '19

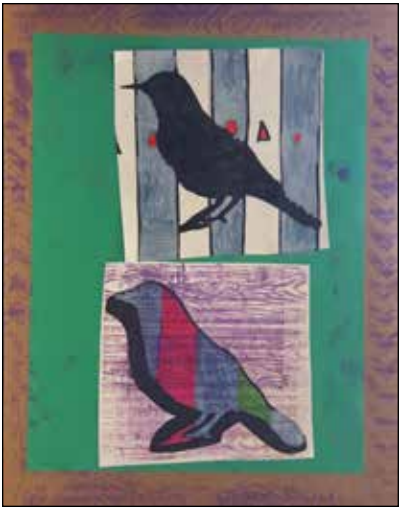


Daniel Cabrera '20



Gabe Nale '20

Steve McCarty '24



Isaiah Jacinto '24



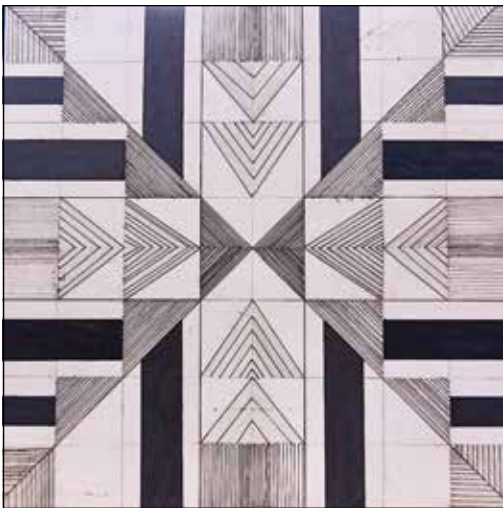
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Ryan Cahalan '22



Jake Strachan '20

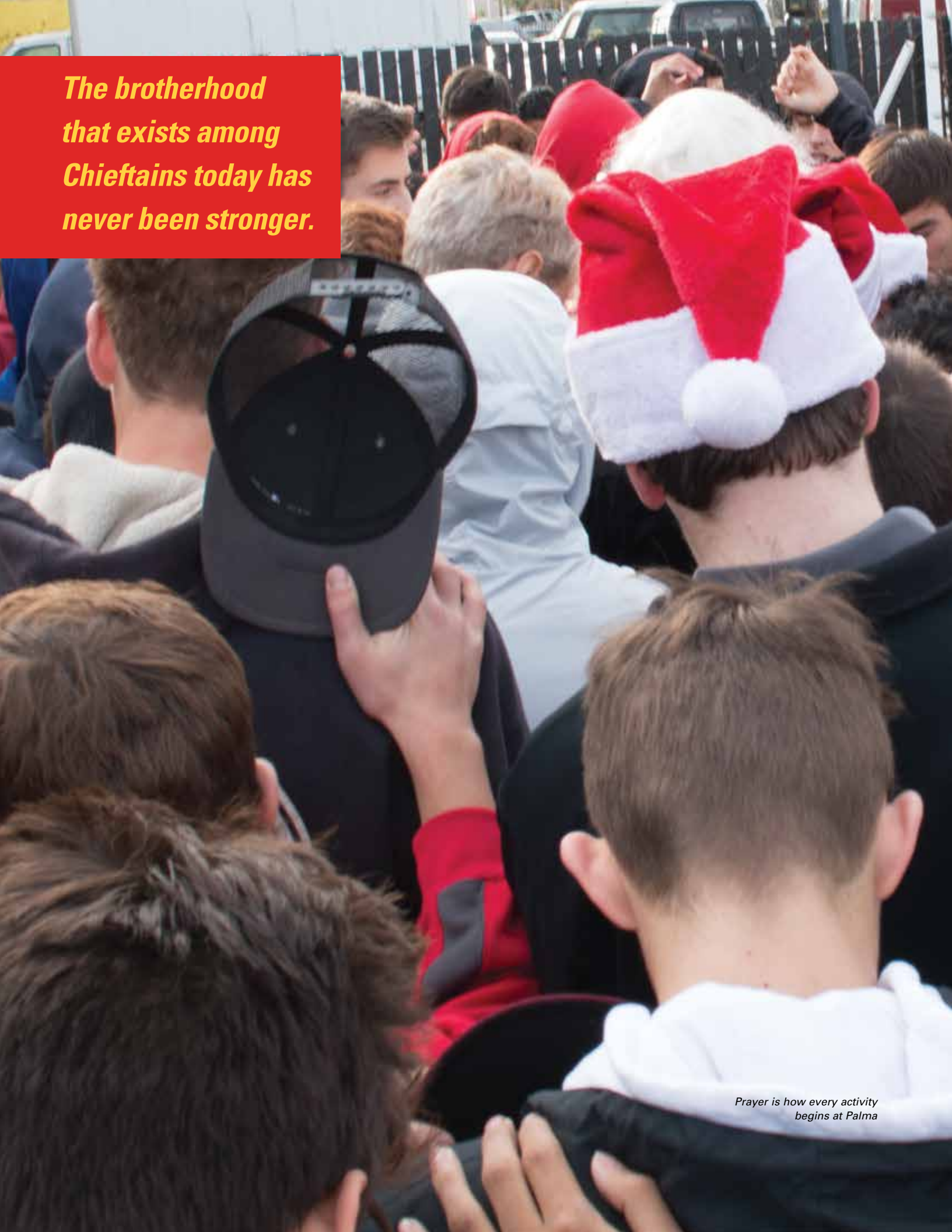


Michael Evergreen '22



Aiden Freeman '23

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never been stronger.*



*Prayer is how every activity
begins at Palma*

Today's Palma: **Welcome to the Counter Culture**

Not needing anything seems to be the natural precursor to expecting everything. At least that was the case when baby boomers came of age in the early 1960s. The trajectory of life widely accepted as the American Dream was wholly rejected by many who believed in the experiential over material and the spiritual over religion, giving rise to a counter culture.

Nearly 60 years later, America is much different. Popular culture is driven, in large part, by the internet and social networks. Reality has been redefined by posts and sound-bites, and information travels at a pace that makes a 30-second commercial lag like an epic movie. When one surveys the current landscape, it's obvious that Palma could be considered the new "counter culture"...at least to a lot of American society. But to us, it's business as usual.

What have you heard about the goings on on today's high school and middle school campuses? It's not widely reported, but here is what is going on on Palma's campus.

Young men between the ages of 12 and 18 arrive on campus well groomed wearing collared shirts, slacks or shorts and outer wear that shows pride in Palma or are emblazoned with the names of top universities. The demeanor before the bell is as rambunctious as you would expect from teen-aged boys, but the banter is respectful and appropriate.

Competition is fierce, and not limited to the arena of sport, as Chieftains often compete for the best grades and highest GPA. As fervent the competition is the support. It's not often one hears a high school peer comment to a friend after a test, "you could have done better." The brotherhood that exists among Chieftains today has never been stronger.

Student life has Chieftains stretched to their limits. In large measure, however, it's because they *want* to be involved with the myriad things going on at Palma more than they *have* to be involved. Most students want to play at least one sport and are encouraged by their teachers and peers to tryout for new sports. On a campus where enthusiastic support supplants harsh judgment, it's easy to attempt something new that may be beyond one's sphere of comfort.

Campus Ministry is the heart of student life. Despite a required 60 hours of service, most students exceed that amount on their own accord. Perhaps it's due to outreach programs that are personally meaningful, bolstered by a clear connection to responsibility modeled after Jesus Christ. One does not need to be Christian to feel the connection with our fellow men as presented by lessons learned through service.

Palma students routinely travel to gang-stressed areas in East Salinas to tutor young students who find refuge in after-school programs. They travel monthly to a migrant worker camp to bring food and necessities. They engage with people in the Chinatown section of Salinas and spend quality time with the elderly and infirmed at Villa Serra.

Some of the most rewarding outreach service activities are the visits with inmates at the California Training Facility at Soledad State Prison. Students explore the themes of books with inmates and by so doing remove the mask of prejudice against the incarcerated. The results of young men, who are destined for some of the finest universities in America, listening to and interacting with men who have lived lives of gangs and crime is profound. The encounter has less to do with literacy and more to do with dignity. The "men inside" are treated with a respect some have never known.



Student ambassadors at the annual Open House

The warden reports an improved environment in the prison. The inmates are so impressed with the Chieftains with whom they have interacted that they are actively funding a scholarship for a Palma student. Not only do many of the men inside sacrifice the meager wages they earn in prison, but also solicit friends to contribute to the scholarship. They recognize that if someone had cared about them as much as they see these Chieftain care, their lives would have been completely different. Hope and dignity are in short supply behind

prison walls, but Palma makes regular stops bringing an abundant supply.

What may be even more remarkable is the number of Chieftains who cheerfully provide service in numbers during their breaks. Every year during the Christmas break, a bus-load of Chieftains travel to Pajaro bringing food and gifts and stay most of the day helping to distribute all of the donated goods to families in need. During their Easter break, a group travels to Mexico to build a home for an impoverished family. And every summer another group travels to Peru to build a home there. Making time to serve during their time off is a regular event at Palma.

Service continues on campus as well. Chieftains serve as tutors for struggling classmates, Altar Servers at daily Mass, Ushers and Lectures as school-wide Masses and student ambassadors for visiting potential Chieftains and their families.

Polite, respectful, responsible, accountable and helpful young men can be found here and there. But they are the norm at Palma School. Take a look around and see if you don't agree that, when contrasted with popular culture, Palma School is the counter culture. ●

Campus Club Spotlight: Ecology Club Makes Palma Greener

The Ecology Club stepped up their game this year. Not only did they develop a campaign to create awareness about how we can each better care for our planet, but also took several bold steps to help everyone achieve new goals.

With the help of moderator Mrs. Teresa Christensen the club has designed posters to remind students of wastefulness and how to avoid contributing to our landfills by bringing zero waste lunches and using the many recycling bins located around campus.

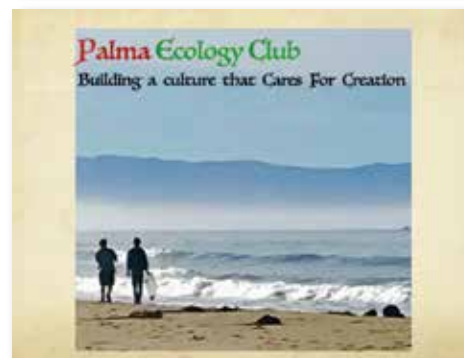
In addition, club members ascertained compost bins, donated by Sacred Heart School, to begin a composting project after learning about it through participation at Salinas Valley Recycles. Students also conducted a used athletic shoe drive earlier in the year that netted 84 pairs of shoes that will be recycled.



In October, club members participated in a Waste Assessment (above) conducted along with Salinas Valley Recycles as part of the Wally Waste Not Award program that SVR sponsors. They sorted through one day's worth of Palma trash and separated the waste into four categories: Mixed Recycling Material, Food Waste, Liquids and Garbage. Another assessment is scheduled for April to determine the effects of their awareness campaign and other efforts made on campus. The Wally Waste Not program also has club members participating in a variety of waste reduction activities. If the club is successful in accomplishing all their assigned tasks, they will be awarded \$2,000. The students decided they would like to use any award to purchase and donate solar lights and fog catchers to the families and community that Palma serves each year as part of the Campus Ministry Peru Immersion Trip.

In March, **David Daniels '19** and **Edwin Espinola '19** gave a presentation to Palma faculty and staff during their faculty meeting. Daniels and **Sam Lavorato '19** also gave a spirited presentation at an assembly for the student body. Lavorato also made a presentation to the Parents' Club.

Members of the Ecology Club: **David Daniels '19** (President), **Sam Lavorato '19** (Vice President), **Matt Bassetti '20**, **Edwin Espinola '19**, **Danny Munoz '20**, **Gabe Nale '20**, **Isaac Paulo '20**, **Ethan Pavlet '20**, **Wade Rianda '20**, **Oscar Rubio '19**, **Jacob Serrano '20**, **PJ Singh '20**, **AJ Suniga '20** and **Ben Wood '20**. ●



AROUND CAMPUS

Three Chieftains Selected for Boys State

Following interviews at high schools around Salinas, the representative from the American Legion selected Chieftains to fill three of the five open spots for Boys State. **Sam Lavorato '19, Marco Pezzini '19** and **Thomas Padilla '19** were accepted into the program. Boys State is a program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government. Founded in 1935, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs. Congratulations Chieftains on this outstanding representation!



What I Did On My Summer Vacation

It has become a common site to see Palma students delivering rice and beans to farm workers near Soledad during their summer break. On Thursday, July 26, **Julian Garcia '21, Alex Moret '19, Paul Filice '69, Austin Martinez '20, and Caspar Sylvania '19** joined Mrs. Mia Mirassou to share part of their summer time with those in need.

Palma Board Member and President of the Palma Alumni Association Jeff Pulford is Honored at the 2018 Philanthropy Luncheon

Jeff Pulford '65 was recognized at the 2018 National Philanthropy Luncheon for his commitment to Palma School. From board member to Alumni Association President, Jeff's enthusiasm, leadership and dedication, especially in developing alumni relations, make him a powerful presence in the Palma community and we are grateful. Thank you, Jeff, for all you do and congratulations on this recognition. ●



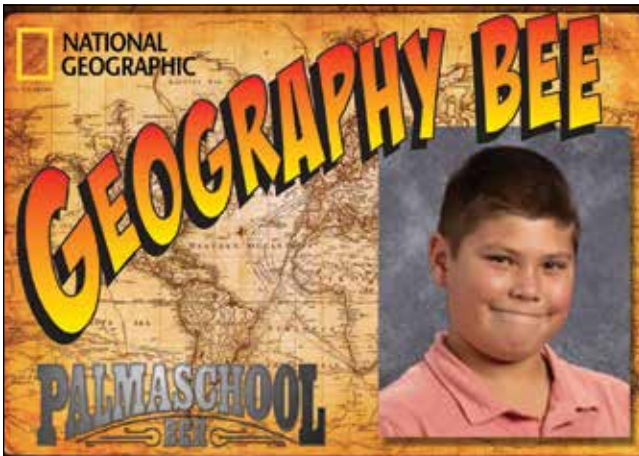
34 Barrels of Food in the House

Palma School's ASB created a canned food drive for the Monterey County Food Bank. Twenty barrels were delivered to be filled, but another 14 were needed as students amassed 34 barrels of canned goods. That's how Chieftains do it!



Geography Bee

Tommy Ducker '24 outlasted the 10 Palma junior high finalists in the National Geographic Geography Bee held on campus in October.



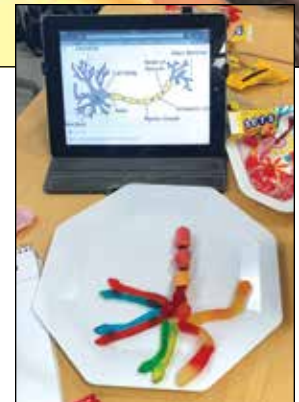
Rainbow Over Palma

This stunning rainbow was captured by business manager George Garibay one morning in November. At the end of every rainbow is a pot of gold.



AP Psychology

Students in Mr. Beesley's AP Psychology class created models of neurons and neurotransmitters out of gummy worms, Red Vines, Skittles, Dots and Starburst candies. The best part was eating them afterward.



AP Literature Collaboration

Students from Notre Dame's and Palma's AP Literature classes got together in Palma's MPB to discuss the book, *The Awakening*, by Kate Chopin. Spirited and frank discussions filled the room of approximately 50 students. The session was moderated by Ms. Mary K Thomas of Notre Dame High School and Ms. Sarah DeSantis of Palma.

Palma School Tradition: Red and Gold Day on August 11th

The warm Salinas sun shown brightly on Palma's annual Red & Gold Chieftain Spirit Day. With the smells of BBQ tri-tip wafting through the morning air while the live band played in the background, visitors were treated to football scrimmages, fun games, good food and plenty of hospitality. It was a fun day for all. ●



Peer Tutoring

Students are teaching students in English class. New weekly vocabulary scholars and grammar scholars teach fellow Chieftains for four minutes of each class. Peer tutoring builds confidence, expands attention and can even make English more fun.

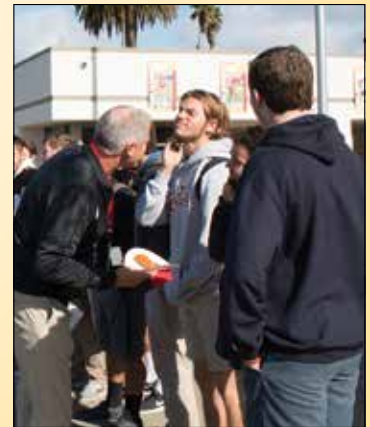


Rabbi David Holtzberg

Seniors in World Religions/Theology 12 classes attended a lecture given by Rabbi David Holtzberg. Rabbi David, who practices in the Hasidic tradition, spoke of Judaism and what it means for him to practice his faith. He shared Biblical stories of the history of Judaism along with explaining various customs and traditions before opening the room to questions. Born in Israel and educated in New York, Rabbi David is the director the Chabad of Monterey, which conducts hospital and prison visitations, holiday activities, Jewish festivals and counseling.

Palma School Tradition: No Shave November 2018

"No Shave November" was a great success with 15 Chieftains going native to raise a total of \$1,250 for the American Cancer Society. In addition, participants were judged on a variety of criteria to determine (l to r): **Michael Culcasi '20** – Lumberjack (Best Overall) Beard, **Alex Thomas '19** – Best Mustache, **Dane Golden '20** – Longest Beard, **Joseph DaSilva '22** – Cleanest Beard, and **Nick Slater '20**, Naked Mole Rat Best Beard. ●



Help at Rancho Cielo

Students helped bag produce and stack crates at Rancho Cielo in August. The produce bags were delivered to employees of Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital to take home for their families. The boys who worked hard and got the job done in less than four hours were **Diego Guajardo '19**, **Sam Lathos '19**, **Jayden Perez '22**, **Luke Alvarez '22**, **Mike MacNeil '22**, **Kasey Mena '22**, **Joe DaSilva '22**, **Nathan Dodd '19**, **Cole Cook '20**, **Jack Lanini '19**, **Kyle Batacan '22**, **Gabe Nale '20**, **Marco Pezzini '19** and **Javier Avila '22**.



Ecology Club Hits the Beach

Members of Palma School's Ecology Club, accompanied by club moderator Mrs. Teresa Christensen and campus ministry's Mrs. Mia Mirassou, spent time cleaning up Zmudowski State Beach in Moss Landing last fall. The cleanup was hosted by the Monterey Bay chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. After two hours of work, they collected 28 pounds of trash and recyclables ridding the beach of plastic straws, bottle caps and styrofoam. Pictured here are: **Sam Lavorato '19**, **Ben Wood '20**, **Isaac Paulo '20**, Mrs. Teresa Christensen, **Oscar Rubio '19**, Mrs. Mia Mirassou and members of the Surfrider Foundation.

National Merit Commended Students

Seniors **Jack Lanini** and **Marco Pezzini** were selected as 2019 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students. Of the more than 1.6 million entries, only the top 3% are awarded the honor of Commended Student. "The young men named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," stated a spokesperson for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.



Where For Art Thou?

During the Open House in November, the English department put on a scene from *Romeo & Juliet*. The stellar performance, featuring **Leo Lizaola '21**, **Jayson DaSilva '21** and **Jack Kaminskis '21** was enjoyed by all.



Wrestling Teams Delivers

In November, members of the wrestling teams took time out to deliver food to farmworker families at Camp Jimenez near Soledad.



SEAP Visits

Research Meteorologist Arunas Kuciauskas spoke with students about the Science Engineering Apprenticeship Program (SEAP) offered at the Naval Research Lab in Monterey. The internship is an eight-week program that allows students hands-on experience working alongside research scientists as they develop tools to better visualize and predict weather, aerosol, dust and pollution patterns in the atmosphere.



Chinese New Year

Mrs. Sun's AP Chinese class took a trip to Dynasty Court Restaurant in Salinas to celebrate Chinese New Year. They conversed with their waiter in Chinese and received traditional new year's red money envelopes. The red envelopes, given to children for good fortune, are called "hongbao" in Mandarin or "lai see" in Cantonese. Students behind Mrs. Sun are **Joe Lynn '19**, **Hudson Wood '20** and **Grant Gatanga '19**.

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 Santa Claus makes a stop to visit the families and children. More than 400 families took part in this year's Christmas expression of generosity and solidarity. ●



JV Basketball Workout

The junior varsity basketball team took time out of their training schedule to deliver food to farmworker families in Monterey County. Thank you Coach Leo for arranging the outreach and students for lending your strength and faith.



FIRST Tech Challenge

January's FIRST Tech Challenge was a certain challenge for the Armored Patriots, Palma's robotics team. Technical difficulties plagued this year's team, but their spirits remained high. Team members are: **Samantha Batson** (NDHS), **Blake Mitchell '17** (*Team Mentor*), **Isaac Paulo '20**, **Luke McKenzie '20**, **Daniel Fitzgerald '20**, **Hudson Wood '20**, **Henry McKelvie '20**, and **Joshua Hernandez '20**.



Spelling Bee Goes to Collins

Bradley Collins '23 outlasted the 16 contenders from junior high to become the representative from Palma at the county-wide spelling bee. He is seen here with spelling bee moderators Mr. Chris Dalman '88, Mr. Raul Rico '03 and Mr. Rob Viarengo '86.



Utopia Projects

Mrs. McClain's 7th graders worked on "utopia projects" in preparation for reading *The Giver*. Students researched the differences between utopias and dystopias. The assignment was coordinated with Mr. Long's teaching cartography, so it was a cross-disciplinary project between Art, English, Technology, and Science!





Planning a Trip Across America

Sophomores in English II read *Travels with Charley — in Search of America* by John Steinbeck. Students (in groups of two) were then given a budget and a car and had to plan a seven-day trip across America.

Mock Trial Finishes Third

Mock Trial 2019 wrapped up with a third place finish. Special recognition for their outstanding performances went to **Marco Pezzini '19** as a prosecution attorney and **Andy Ottone '22** as a prosecution witness. Congratulations to the entire mock trial team for another laudable year representing Palma School in court. ●



Palma School Tradition: St. Patrick's Luncheon

New and long-time friends, parents, faculty and alumni gathered in the Steve Clayton Memorial Gym for the 50th Annual St. Patrick's Luncheon. Held on March 13th, the luncheon was a big success for Palma's Parents' Club and for those who partook in the festivities and great food. Lunch included hot corned beef with potatoes, carrots and cabbage complete with salads and desserts. Photos were offered at the photo booth and lucky winners were the recipients of a myriad of great raffle prizes. A delicious corned beef or pastrami sandwich lunch was available for pick up from the friendly volunteers in the parking lot. ●



Chieftain Athletics

Fall / Winter Sports Wrap



The 2018-19 school year saw a shift in the make up of Monterey Bay area high school athletic teams with the formation of the Pacific Coast Athletic League (PCAL). Within the league Palma was placed in the Gabilan Division for most of its sports teams, which is made up of the best six to eight teams out of the 30 schools in the PCAL.

Varsity Football

Gabilan Division Champions

The varsity squad completed the season with a 10-2 record and their 35th consecutive trip to the playoffs. After a week-four loss, the Chieftains let University of San Diego-bound **Grant Sergent '19** loose to open up the offense with his air attack, winning seven in a row while scoring a minimum of 35 points in each contest. A dramatic win on Aptos' home turf propelled the Chieftains to another Gabilan Division Championship title. Aptos avenged the loss defeating the Chieftains in round two of the CCS Playoffs. **Grant Sergent '19** was named the Gabilan Division Offensive Player of the Year after throwing 27 touchdowns with only 2 interceptions on 232 attempts. Also named to the All-Division First Team were **Anthony Villegas '20**, **Jon Jon Bering '20**, **Micah Olivas '20** and **Michael Lizaola '19**. First Team Defense honors went to **Mateo Martinez '19** and **Matthew Morales '19**. All-Division Second Team honors went to **Sam Lathos '19**, **Marco Pezzini '19**, and **Noah Pulealii '21**.



Freshman running back Joseph Cardinale (#6) moves the ball

Freshman Football

Gabilan Division Champions

The frosh Chieftains blasted through the season with a perfect 10-0 record to earn the Gabilan Division Championship for the second year in a row. Freshmen **Luke Alvarez**, **Joe Cardinale**, **Ethan Chrisman**, **Jake Mahler**, **Michael Rossi** and **Jeremy Valenzuela** performed at an impressive level all year.



Grant Sergent '19 (#7) sets to open the passing game while Anthony Villegas '20 (#4) fakes the hand off and Noah Pulealii '21 (#73) and Oki Hautau '21 (#54) hold the line

JV Football

Junior Varsity finished with a 6-3 overall record which was an impressive feat given the unusual number of players pulled up to Varsity during the season. **Christian Avila '21**, **Guy Bessey '21**, **Blake Cornell '21**, **Kolby Gooder '20**, **Stephen Lipe '21**, **Jordan Morales-Amador '21** and **Noah Paz '21** performed solidly all season, creating the core around which the team rallied.

Cross Country

The team finished fourth in the PCAL championships after an up and down season due to injuries, including the loss of league leader **Sam Lavorato '19** who was out for the season. Despite the injuries, they scored a second place team finish in the Salinas City Championships.

Tommy Padilla '19 represented Palma at the CIF Cross Country State Championships. He was the sixth fastest runner from Monterey County and placed 31st statewide in Division Four. Padilla accomplished a lot in cross-country at Palma including: first freshman to qualify for State, fastest freshman time in a 5k, three-time State qualifier, two-time all league runner up (behind Sam Lavorato '19), and three-time Salinas City Championship runner up (twice behind Sam Lavorato '19).



Tommy Padilla '19

Varsity Water Polo

Chieftain Varsity Water Polo was placed in the Mission Division of PCAL where they finished in third place with a 10-4 record. **David Daniels '19** anchored the team all year earning Mission Division Player of the Year honors. Other notable performers include **Kevin Beach '19** (first year goal keeper), **Wade Rianda '20** and **EJ Fulgencio '21**.



David Daniels '19 passes the ball

JV Water Polo

The Water Polo program is enjoying a resurgence in popularity evidenced by the first year in many that Palma sported a JV team. With a 6-11 overall record, the newest water polo Chieftains worked hard all season, gaining valuable experience to fill next year's Varsity roster. **Gavin Ducker '22** and **Kyle Batacan '22** led the charge on this young team.

Junior High Volleyball

The Junior High Volleyball team got off to a slow start, but was able to end their 4-8 season on a high note by winning three of their last four matches. **Anthony Secondo '23**, **Joey Barros '23** and **Henry Brown '23** were team leaders.



Junior High Volleyball



Colin Neff '19 (#32) clears the way for Feras Masarweh '20 (#24)

Varsity Basketball

Concluding a challenging pre-season line up, the Chieftains finished second in the Scattini Tournament. This season saw a lot of close games going the opponent's way including a 2-point home loss to Monterey (who wound up making it to the state championship semi-finals), a 1-point loss to Alisal and split wins with Salinas, each winning on the other's home court. The hoopsters finished 13-13 overall with a fourth place finish in the Gabilan Division. **Colin Neff '19** earned Second Team All League and **Alex Vasquez '20** was named to the Richard Chamberlin Sportsmanship Team. Palma earned the Elgie Bellizio Team Sportsmanship award. Other noteworthy performances were made by seniors **Brenden Cannon** and **Donte Jean-Pierre**.

JV Basketball

Gabilan Division Champions

Junior Varsity dominated the courts finishing the season with a 22-1 overall record and League Championship. The season was the result of a solid team effort by sophomores **JT Amaral**, **Owen Bengard**, **Gianvito Carriglio**, **Jacob Davidson**, **Aidan Dobbins**, **Aaron Garibay**, **Nathaniel Gonzalez**, **Jack Kaminskis**, **Noah Paz**, **Anthony Scattini**, **Isaiah Williams** and freshmen **Joey Finley** and **Ryan Roggio**.



Aaron Garibay '21 (#22) puts up two

Freshman Basketball

Despite their outstanding 21-3 overall record, the freshmen placed second in the Gabilan Division due to two of their losses coming from the undefeated division champion. Their heroic effort was led by **Colton Amaral, Ryan Cahalan, Joe Cardinale, Luke Rossi** and **Cade Wheeler**.

8th Grade Basketball

The eighth graders played hard and improved as the season progressed, but could not amass more than four wins in their 4-11 season. They placed fifth in league just missing the playoffs.

7th Grade Basketball

The 7th grade team finished the season tied for second place with an overall 9-6 record. A coin toss officially placed them in third place for the tournament where their season ended with a road loss in overtime.

Varsity Soccer

Varsity Soccer found themselves in a highly competitive division ending their season in sixth place with a 5-10-5 record. After a slow start, they won four of their last five matches to finish out the season with an agonizing 2-1 loss at Salinas. The young team had only three seniors: **Alex Campos, Edwin Espinola** and **Nathan Hernandez-Corona**. Three All-League selections were earned by juniors **Gabe Nale** (First Team All League and Defensive MVP), and **Salvador Lopez** and **Everardo Ruiz-Contreras** both receiving Second Team All League nods.

JV Soccer

The JV team wound up with a 2-10-3 record. **Jakob Reinhardt '20** did an admirable job as the keeper.

Junior High Soccer

Junior High finished their season in third place with a 6-5-3 overall record. They suffered their season-ending loss in the semi-final game of the MTJAL playoff. **Owen Sargenti '23** and **Suyesh Niraula '23** led the team.

Wrestling

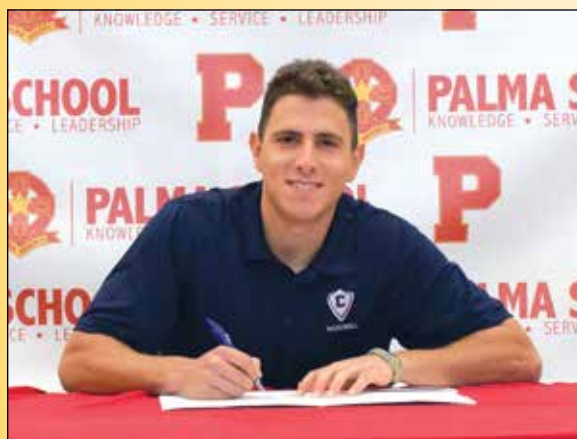
The young grapplers wrestled their way to a second place division finish; their 5-1 dual-meet record only tarnished by a loss to Gilroy. **Saul Gonzalez '19, Misha Lomboy '22, Kasey Mena '22** and **Zak Thompson '21** all earned Second Team All League honors. Eleven wrestlers qualified for CCS and all made it to day two of the competition. **Saul Gonzalez '19** finished second at CCS and went 2-2 at the State Meet. **Zak Thompson '21** also finished second at CCS and in the top 16 at State. ●



Zak Thompson '21 takes down his opponent

Student-Athlete:

Invited to Play at the College Level



Baseball Scholarship

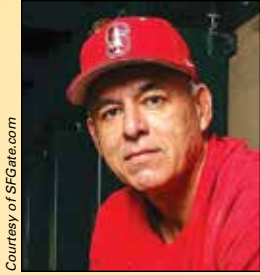
Jerry Flores '19 has signed with Concordia University to play baseball in 2020 for the Cavaliers.



Football Scholarship

Grant Sergent '19 has signed with the University of San Diego as a quarterback for the Toreros.

Palma Ath-lumni



David Esquer '83
Head Baseball Coach
Stanford University
SV Athletic Hall of Fame



Tony Hill '98
Head Football Athletic Trainer
Colorado State University



Brian Reader '07
*Recruiting Coordinator/
 Running Backs Coach*
University of Idaho



David Fales '09
Quarterback
Miami Dolphins



Mitch Kidd '14
Quarterback
Columbus Lions
National Arena League

Student Athlete Alumni

Jack Burlison '15

Golf Scholarship

Cameron Crone '15

Baseball

Austin Hussain '15

Swimming Scholarship

Miguel Mendez '15

Football Scholarship

Wyatt Maker '16

Basketball Scholarship

Liam McMillin '16

Rugby

Jack Richardson '16

Football Scholarship

Matt Smith '16

Baseball

Orlando Yopez '16

Football

Francisco Arevalo '17

Soccer Scholarship

Jamaree Bouyea '17

Basketball Scholarship

Kyler Crone '17



Baseball

Drew Dalman '17



Football Scholarship

Anthony DeSantis '17



Baseball Scholarship

Richard Hernandez '17



Football Scholarship

Robert Hernandez '17



Football Scholarship

Cameron Jones '17



Basketball

Emilio Martinez '17



Football Scholarship

Matt Mercurio '17



Football

Joey Burlison '18



Golf Scholarship

Michael Carrillo '18



Golf Scholarship

Santo DeFranco '18



Football Scholarship

Vince Flores '18



Baseball Scholarship

Sam Stoutenborough '18



Baseball Scholarship

Nick Sullivan '18



Swimming Scholarship

Octavio Rubio '18



Cross Country

Zach Taylor '18



Football

Palma Alumni Association: Second Annual Alumni Weekend

The second 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.

Another great time was had by all in attendance and plans are already underway for the third Alumni Weekend, coming October 4-6, 2019. ●



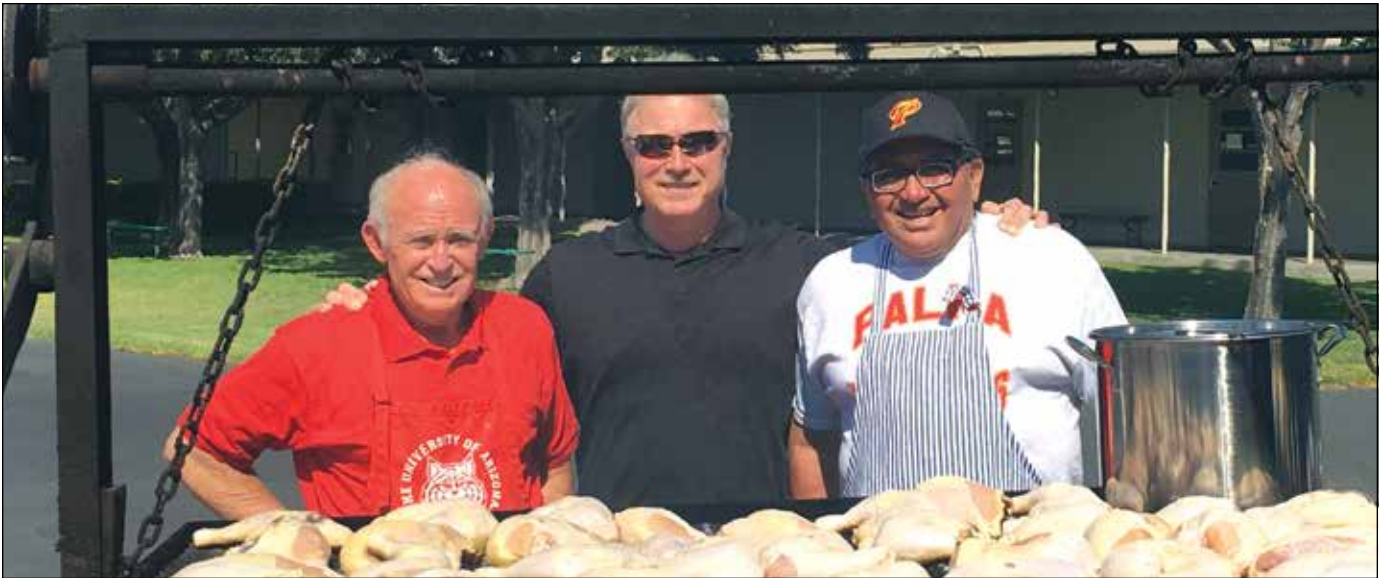
Halftime at Friday night's football game at Rabobank Stadium



Richard Jufiar '69 at Saturday's barbecue on campus



*Pam (Hack) King '63 and Martha (Bernasconi) Botelho '63
with Mark Botelho '63*



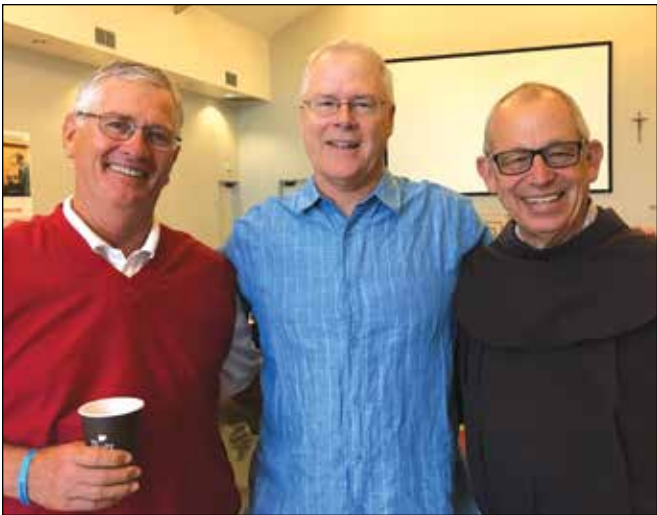
Jeff Pulford '65, Michael Zabrycki '79 and Richard Jufiar '69



Michael Zabrycki '79, Chris Mulé '92 and Max Agpaa '72



Kerri and Chris Mulé '92 at Sunday's reception after Mass



Clem Richardson '67, Pat Donohue '74 and Fr. Ken Laverone '69



Frank Rossi '71 (left) and Jim Scattini '60 (right)

Classmates: ***Alumni Updates***

1958

Dick DeLuna celebrated his 80th birthday in Tuscany, Italy with his whole family (right).



Bill "Popo" Salmina with his new grandson, Sammy Salmina. He was born on December 17, 2018. Bill reports this photo shows them both in their favorite positions.



1959

Patricia O'Brien - Sister Charleen says "hi" with a selfie.



1959

Roberta (Fano) Huntington sent this photo of a recent family wedding. Family means "Palma" with this many alumni and current students present.

- Chris Huntington '82**
- Neil Beach '21**
- Mark Beach '16**
- Mitchell Huntington '13**
- Matt Huntington '08**
- Nick Huntington '86**
- Luke Huntington '14**
- Kevin Beach '19**



1961

Barbara Pybas writes: "A group from the class of 1961 met for lunch at San Juan Oaks Golf Club on September 14, 2018. One of the gals traveled all the way from Scotland to join us." Seen here are: (back row) **Kathy Ferrasci, Barbara Lavorato, Gini Luttrell, Diane Agnew, Patricia Coelho** (from Scotland), **Joan Scattini** and **Nancy Johnson**; (front row) **Maria Novack, Donna Hewitt, Marilyn Wagner, Barbara Pybas, Barbara Seiler** and **Francesca Henderson**.



1964

Mary (Garlinger) McMahon with her husband Mike.



David Zwingman reports that the only significant change since his last correspondence is that Hurricane Harvey (in the fall of 2017) did a drastic amount of damage in his area. "We had about 50+ inches of rain in a short period of time plus all the water draining out of Houston which flooded the whole region around here. As my place is on some of the 'highest ground' of these flat areas and the house is somewhat elevated above the land around it, I had about 18 inches of water in the house alone which did a large amount of internal damage and severe losses of almost everything. The back side of my property is lower and had about 4+ feet of water and destroyed all my sheds and woodworking shop and equipment. I am one of the lucky people to at least get the house rebuilt. I moved back into the house in late June 2018 and am still trying to set up the household again. It has been fun to say the least! I hate the fact that I have to purchase new household items but I will not replace all the furniture for awhile, if ever. I probably will not rebuild the sheds and workshop. There are a lot of houses and other properties, etc., around here that have not even started rebuilding. There will be places like that for several years. I wish you all the best and a safe enjoyable 2019."



1966

Marian and **Manuel Martinez** (below) continue to stay active with their six grandchildren. They enjoy going to their sporting events. **Luke Martinez '19** is a senior at Palma. **Gavin Martinez '24** is in 7th grade at Palma. Luke and Gavin, along with little brother Jacob, love to play football. Hannah is away at College, Bella is an 8th grader and Maya is a 5th grader at Sacred Heart School. Manuel is an Assistant Football Coach with his sons **Dave Martinez '87** and **Tim Martinez '89**



1968

After 43 years in the IT profession, **Mike Leonardich** and his wife Suzanne retired and moved to the Pacific Northwest. They reside in Vancouver, Washington and are enjoying all the area has to offer. They frequently host California family and friends and take great pride sharing the lovely natural beauty of the area. Mike and Suzanne will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this year! They are also expecting their first grandchild this August. In the spirit of giving back to the Community, Mike has become a volunteer tax preparer for the AARP Foundation and spends many of his weekdays preparing tax returns for seniors and low income members of the Vancouver community.

SAVE the DATE



Class of '69 Reunion

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 • 5-10pm
Bayonet & Black Horse, Seaside, CA



1976

John D'Arrigo remains active in the Salinas Valley ag industry and President/CEO and Chairman of the Board of D'Arrigo Brothers Company of California. He is an ardent supporter of the agriculture industry and actively participates in many related organizations. He is past chairman of the Western Growers Association and the Grower Shipper Association, and is currently a board member of the Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement. He has been instrumental in developing services to help farmworkers and their families with their healthcare needs and access to the medical treatment. John was recently voted Citizen of the Year by the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce.



1981

Maureen and **Brent Eastman's** daughter, Amanda, got married in Austin, Texas in June. Several of Brent's classmates from '81 (and several other Palma alums) came including from the class of '81: **Dave Tottino, Jim Scattini, Mike Spencer, Dan Coleman, Kelly McDermott, Dave Bernardasci and John Brigantino.**



Steve Roth recently took a new position as a Program Manager for Aecom. He has re-located to Stuttgart, Germany in support of a new contract providing network and infrastructure modernization to US sites throughout Europe.

On January 3, 2019, **Ed Laverone** was involved in a horrific head-on collision with a wrong way driver on Highway 108 west of Sonora. He suffered almost 30 broken bones and spent six months in medical facilities. He is grateful for his three daughters, family, including his brother **Fr. Ken Laverone '69**, his friends and especially his former Palma classmates **Mark Basetti** and **John Pellerin** who put updates out to the Palma/ND Community. He wishes to thank all of you who sent cards, prayers and well-wishes. The prayers were instrumental for him to survive those first few weeks. They gave him the strength to fight through the worst times. He is now mending and has just purchased a home in Lincoln Hills, east of Sacramento.



1983

Jim Deaver writes: "Let's get the bad out first. I lost my wife Karen on April 30 of 2018 to a brain tumor. We were together for 25 years of marriage and I will not forget all that she did for me and my boys. She was a special lady. I'm doing good now and still teaching and coaching three sports here going on 25 years. I love what I do here in Redding at Enterprise HS. My oldest boy Colton graduated this year from UC Santa Cruz in Marine Biology and lives in Aptos in our beach house there. My youngest Jason lives in Aptos as well with his brother and attends MPC and is on the golf team. We three are very close and spend a lot of time in Aptos and going to country concerts. Life has surprised us at times but we lean on each other and the Lord to get us through. Sure am missing all my high school buddies!!"

1985

Joe Flores has lived in Scotts Valley the last 16 years. He's getting ready to retire from the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office where he started his career in 1989. Liz is a partner at a CPA/investment firm in San Jose. Their son, Joshua, is a junior at San Lorenzo Valley High School...he is getting straight A's and is excited about his future endeavors! Joe and Liz are so proud of him!! Joe and Liz love traveling, with Mexico and Hawaii being their favorites, but report that Thailand is right up there. They are planning a trip this year to Australia to visit friends. They also enjoy a round of golf, going to Santa Cruz Warriors games, going to concerts and spending time with their family and friends.





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Saturday, October 5, 2019

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1987



Susie and **Dave Martinez** stay busy with their four children Hannah, **Luke Martinez '19**, **Gavin Martinez '24** and youngest brother Jacob's School and Sport Activities. Luke is a Senior at Palma and has been accepted to Oregon University and is waiting to hear from other Colleges to which he's applied. Gavin is a 7th grader at Palma.

Hannah is away at School in Southern California and Jacob is 3rd grader. Dave continues to coach football at Palma with his brother **Tim Martinez '89** and his Dad, **Manuel Martinez '66**.

1988

Michael Annotti writes: "Hope you're doing well. I had a great year with many new musical experiences, recording new songs now. For more info, visit michaelannotti.com."



Gavin Kisting celebrated his 30 year high school reunion on October 20, 2018 with Palma class of 1988 at Il Fornaio in Carmel. Pictured here are (left to right): **Andy Tribble, Matt Cava, Gavin Kisting** and **Bret Nielsen**.



1989

Tim Martinez and his wife Jessica keep busy with their two daughters Bella and Maya. Both girls play travel softball and they're currently playing basketball as well. Bella, 13, will be a freshman at Notre Dame next year. Maya, 10, will be a sixth grader at Sacred Heart School. Tim and his girls take a picture before going to the Father-Daughter Dance. Tim is Head Junior Varsity Football Coach and teaches math honors classes at Palma.



1994

Shawn Golden sends greetings from San Antonio! Shawn and Lauren celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary this year. Their children: Madison (11), McKinley (9), and Monroe (7) keep them busy with ballet, jazz, hip hop, folklorico, Irish dance, fencing and tennis. When they are not occupied with school events or running their health care business, they enjoy going to Baylor football and basketball games, tending cattle, and hunting and fishing at their ranch, "*Tres Presidentes*." They hope all is well with the Palma family.



Roy Guerini writes: "We have been married 16 years, have three children and Roy is a Farm Manager for Tom Bengard Ranches. We enjoy watching our daughters compete at rodeos and our son (**Logan '23**) play basketball throughout the year."



1995

The "bee-quel" to **Brian Courrejou's** children's book *No Bees Please* was just released in February. The new book is called *MORE BEES PLEASE* and is currently available at Amazon.com and Ellosir.com (which is his direct ordering site). Brian is still with the *Candid Camera* television show as Production Manager.



1996

Khalid "Kal" Rosa (known at Palma as Roy James Rosa) graduated from the Data Science masters program at Regis University in Fall 2017. This is his third degree from Regis and his 5th masters degree overall. Kal is also an affiliate faculty member at Regis (since 2014). He now teaches and develops courses for the Data Science program. He is pictured with his wife (Jackie) and their new daughter, Bernice "Berne" Sanders Rosa at the 2017 Fall commencement. They welcomed her into the world on May 6, 2017. Kal also contracts full-time with the DaVita Medical Group in Denver as a systems administrator. The Rosas continue to reside in Denver, CO.



1997

Scott Henningsen reports: "I am a single dad raising my awesome five-year-old son Ethan. He is attending Sacred Heart School and really likes it. We moved from Salinas to San Benancio in 2016. I am still operating my antique automobile restoration shop, Henningsen Machine Shop, with eight employees near Spreckels. I started my business in high school, (22 years ago!!) and it is still running strong. We restore several cars that are shown in the local Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Ethan and I enjoy doing several things such as hiking, fishing and riding motorcycles."



Michael Spencer says, "We were blessed with the birth of our daughter Natalie Yvonne in September 2018. She is now five-months-old and full of energy. Her sister Caroline is soon to be three-years-old and is going to be an engineer artist ballerina superstar, from what we can tell. I am still working at SSC Pacific and took a role leading a branch of the Navy Network Design Facility. I also completed a role as a Subject Matter Expert for a DARPA program. I am the president of Scripps Mesa Fireworks Incorporated which is the charitable organization that organizes and does fundraising for the 4th of July Fireworks Show over Mira Mesa every year."



1998

George Beach recently announced that he expanded his business service area to include the states of Hawaii and Kansas. Louisiana is up next!

Nicholas Chavez is a professional videographer in Las Vegas at David Saxe and MG Studios.



1999

Andrew Kipsey is working at Calvary Monterey Church as Executive Pastor (responsible for administration, finance, staff, systems) for the past five years, after a 10-year accounting and finance career, mostly in produce at Fresh Express and organicgirl produce. He has been married to Danielle for 10 years. Their two oldest, Berhe (6) and Tirhas (6 at beginning of Feb) are adopted from Ethiopia and are amazing. They brought them home five years ago. Their youngest, Quinn (3 at end of Feb) was a wonderful surprise addition as well. "We love hiking, riding bikes, getting Ethiopian food in San Jose, and trips back to the midwest to see Danielle's family (summer preferably)." They are currently living in East Garrison.



2002



Ryan Felix and his wife Sarah celebrated their son Liam's first birthday. A future Chieftain! Ryan is an Engineer for Cal Fire.

2003

Mike Perez is still performing music under the guise of the MIKE PZ TRIO and MIKE PZ and the Associates... working hard and traveling all over to do shows in the U.S. and abroad.



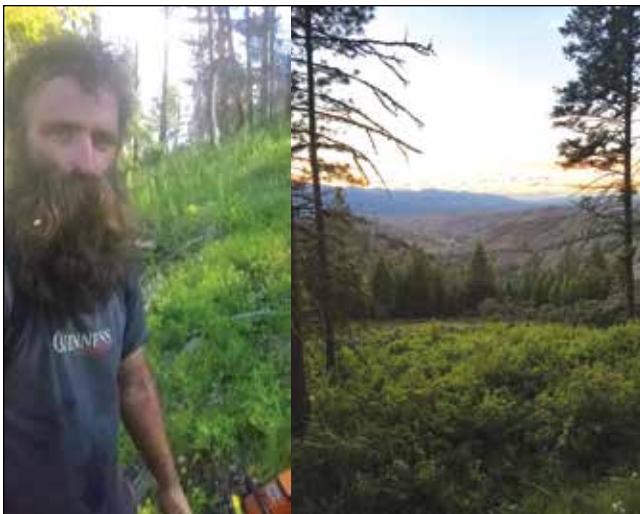
2004

Nick Sterrett is in his 11th year teaching at Palma! His wife, Chelsea, teaches Science and Math at Notre Dame. This year, she even has Palma boys in her 0 period AP Environmental Science class. The Sterretts are expecting their third child this Spring.



2006

Vincent Roth sent us these photos.



2008

Stephen Dotseth got married on April 21, 2018 at Mountain Shadows in Paradise Valley, AZ. His wife, Brielle, and he were lucky enough to have their wedding featured on *Confetti Daydreams* (<https://confettidaydreams.com/blush-mint-arizona-wedding-circular-floral-arch/>). Stephen has lived in Scottsdale for the past five years since graduating college and is moving to Chandler, Arizona soon. He works as a Senior Audit Analyst for ON Semiconductor, a Fortune 500 company. He has been fortunate to travel to Asia for work and experience different cultures and cuisines.



2009

After graduating with a bachelors and masters from the University of the Pacific in 2013 and 2016 respectively, **Albert Santa Cruz** started working as an exercise physiologist at a Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation facility in Emeryville, CA. He is happily engaged to his college sweetheart and their wedding date is May 2020. His fiancé's name is Meryl.

Ryan Singh (shown here with his brother **Shivan '12**) graduated from Saint Mary's College in 2013 and is working as a supervisor for Homeland Security.



Members of the Palma 2009 CCS baseball team reunited at the wedding of **Joe Carnazzo '10**. Shown here are (l to r): **Justin Terrill '09**, **DJ Slaton '10**, **Joe Carnazzo '10**, **Phil Giammanco '87**, **Nick Noroian '02**, **Jacob Naval '09** and **Chad Whitehead '10**.

2010



Cristian Plascencia reports: "I've been living in Austin, Texas since I graduated from California Lutheran University with a bachelors degree in Exercise Science. I've grown into the Senior Durability and Sport Performance coach at the Onnit Gym HQ. Daily activities include working with basketball athletes at University of Texas (Longhorns) and working with professional and collegiate athletes at the Onnit Gym."

2011

Caisen Mirassou graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a double-major in History and Theological Studies and a minor in Philosophy in 2015. After graduation, he went on to serve as a volunteer in the Los Angeles-based Ignatian Service Corps, working at Verbum Dei High School, before beginning graduate studies in Theology at the University of Oxford in 2016. He is pictured at his graduation on March 2, 2019, holding a copy of his dissertation, *"How Can a Study of Moral Psychology Informed by Jonathan Haidt Aid the Development of Intra-Ecclesial Dialogue on Amoris Lætitia in the Roman Catholic Church?"*



2012

Shivan Singh (see photo on the previous page) graduated from the University of San Francisco in 2016. He is currently attending Chapman University working on his Doctor of Physical Therapy. He is on track to graduate in 2021.

2013

Brian Brownfield writes, "I have been the Sports Information Coordinator for Menlo College, my *alma mater*, since graduation in December of 2016. The athletic programs at Menlo have been on the rise in recent months, as I got to cover the very first national championship in the 92-year history of Menlo College; our Women's Wrestling team winning the 2019 WCWA National Championship in Georgia. I have continued on as 'The Voice of the Menlo Oaks,' and that has landed me several big opportunities. I have called five conference championships for the Golden State Athletic Conference, the Opening Round of the 2018 NAIA World Series, and most recently, the 2018 NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship, which was broadcast live on ESPN3. I hope everyone back home is doing well."



Tyler Pastorius graduated from Full Sail University on February 8 with a degree in Sports Marketing and Media! Earlier in the year he launched his own sports website (thelockerroomtalk.blog) and brought on **Chris Piini '07** (another alumni from Palma) to help out with some of the content for the website.

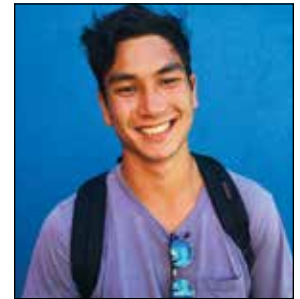
Josiah Tyler Pulealii graduated from the University of San Diego in May of 2018 receiving his bachelors in Accounting. He is returning to school in a year to pursue his Masters. In the meantime, Josiah works full time as a Junior Accountant at Signature Analytics in San Diego.



Thomas Stone is working as a commercial diver.

2014

Marc Moreno-Takegami completed his bachelor of science in Health and Human Services at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles this past May and in September took his education, skills and desire to help others to Peru through the Peace Corps to work as a youth development volunteer. "I hope that I can increase my understanding of other people, especially those who are vulnerable and marginalized in the world today, and use that newfound understanding to make the world a better place."



2016

Liam McMillan took time out from his officer training at West Point to send us this pic.



2017

Richard and **Robert Hernandez** are doing great except for having to deal with the midwest cold, but nothing that they can't handle. Robert got accepted last summer for a medical internship in Omaha and he just applied to another 10-week internship this summer for cancer research. During the winter course he did an internship in the hospital with various doctors and was able to go to the OR to see surgeries being performed. Richard is moving toward accounting. They are both doing really well in their academics and still playing football. They report that Palma really prepared them for college.

Josh Rawson got to work on several different political campaigns and has narrowed his major down to Political Science. He is currently attending MPC and is hoping to transfer to SDSU next year.

Stanley Smith sent us: "Hi there. Well, I currently am attending Hartnell and this is my last semester here and will be transferring to pursue my degree in Agriculture Business. I will hopefully be attending either Cal Poly, Fresno or Chico. I have my best friend with me a.k.a. my black lab 'Po.' I am working for Nutrien Ag Solutions and coincidentally the Palma capstone project my senior year actually led me to get this job, which is awesome!!! I love working on pickup trucks and spending time with my friends and family. Love going shooting. The biggest thing I miss from Palma is the great brotherhood and, of course, football."



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2018

Kyle Haas reports these newly minted Class of 2018 graduates enjoyed some fun and sun in Kauai as they prepared to embark on university life. He sent a photo of "the boys" in Kauai shortly after graduation. Pictured here are: (back row) **John Sutherland, Kyle Haas, Rhett Haas, Sam Robinson** and **PJ Schlegel**; (front row) **Casey Edward** and **Aaron Barlow**. #PalmAlumni #Brotherhood ●



IN MEMORIAM

- 1954 **Veronica (Gumper) Silacci** passed away on Oct. 15, 2018
- 1957 **Rosalee (Atkins) Johnson** passed away on September 6, 2018
- 1961 **Marynell (Horsley) Runyon** passed away on August 19, 2018
- 1964 **Gary Breschini** passed away on June 5, 2018
- 1964 **Albert Friedrich** passed away on February 28, 2019
- 1965 **Gary Grimes** passed away on September 6, 2018
- 1972 **Richard Polk** passed away on March 6, 2019
- 1978 **David Perez** passed away on February 9, 2019
- 1983 **Leo Arredondo** passed away on March 7, 2018
- 1984 **Michael McDermott** passed away on March 27, 2019
- 1988 **Matthew Dean** passed away on May 20, 2018
- 1993 **Joseph Diaz** passed away on January 1, 2019
- 1997 **Brian Trenner** passed away on August 1, 2018
- 2000 **Roberto Pacheco, III** passed away on March 30, 2018
- 2001 **Tim Bunker** passed away on September 13, 2018

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 and Tom Nunes Jr. '69

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

Thomas Nunes '24, son of Thomas Nunes '95, grandson of Thomas Nunes, Jr. '69

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

Owen Sargenti '23, son of David Sargenti '93, grandson of Alice (Richardson) Wilson '64

Anthony Scattini '21, son of Jim Scattini '81, grandson of Joan (Botelho) Scattini '61 & James Scattini '60

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

CLASS OF 2019

Andrew Ausonio, son of Andrew Ausonio '79

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

Christopher Campo, son of Frank Campo '89

Nathan Dodd, grandson of Roy Martinez '66

Joseph Esquivel, son of Joseph Esquivel '89

Jack Lanini, son of Lon Lanini '87

Samuel Lathos, son of Jason Lathos '86

Sam Lavorato, son of Sam Lavorato, III '83,
grandson of Sam Lavorato Jr. '55

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

Matthew Morales, son of Israel Morales Jr. '90

Adam Pantoja, stepson of Joseph Panziera '96

Daniel Pezzini, son of John Pezzini '78

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

Benjamin Zanger, son of Charles Zanger '83

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 Fano, grandson of Patsy (Shellooe) Fano
'61 & Neil Fano Jr. '60

Anthony Freese, son of Carl Freese '88

Nate Haro, son of Richard Haro '87

Aidan Lafferty, grandson of James Lipe '57

Joseph Piini, son of Robert Piini '73

Samual Pry-Henion, son of Jeffrey Henion '86

Wade Rianda, son of Jeff Rianda '83

Jake Strachan, grandson of Chip Campion '68

CLASS OF 2021

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

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

Neil Beach, grandson of
Roberta (Fano) 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

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

Dino Lazzarini, stepson of Gary Silacci '81,
grandson of Joanne (Hartnell) Silacci '5

Anthony Scattini, son of Jim Scattini '81,
grandson of Joan (Botelho) Scattini '61 &
James Scattini '60

CLASS OF 2022

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

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 (JH) '82

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

CLASS OF 2023

Logan Guerini, son of Roy Guerini '94

Carl Nielsen, son of Gerry Nielsen '79

Christian Rodriguez, son of
Fabian Rodriguez '97

Owen Sargenti, son of David Sargenti '93,
grandson of Alice Richardson Wilson '64

Anthony Secondo, son of Adam Secondo '94

Joseph Silacci, son of Mark Silacci '82

Logan Umbarger, stepson of
Joseph Panziera '96

CLASS OF 2024

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

Matthew Arbizu, son of Rene Arbizu '97

Nicholas Bengard, son of Thomas Bengard '87

Jack Giammanco, son of
Phillip Giammanco '87

Gavin Martinez, son of David Martinez '87,
grandson of Manuel Martinez '66

Drew Molinari, son of Perry Molinari '83

Thomas Nunes, son of Thomas Nunes '95,
grandson of Thomas Nunes, Jr. '69

Corbin Osborn, son of Ezra Osborn '95

Nicolas Veliz, IV, son of Nicolas Veliz, III '95

Lukas Zanger, son of Gene Zanger '80



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