

PALMA

President's Report 2011-2012



What is the Palma Advantage?

Inspiration

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

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



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

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Palma School is currently accepting applications for the 2013/2014 academic year. If you know of a young man who would be a great addition to the Palma tradition, please contact Mr. Chris Dalman in the Admission Office at 831.422.6391 or email admission@palmaschool.org

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MISSION STATEMENT

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



Palma's mission to Peru in June 2012. Read about these special students on page 12.

President's Message

Dear People of Palma,

The beginning of Palma's 62nd year of service to this grand community is here. Just like last year, and the year before, etc., good things happen on this campus on a regular basis and I anticipate more of the same during this, the 2012/2013 school year.

I am certain those of you who have your sons attending Palma have a pretty good idea of what we are about — getting young men ready for college and beyond. I hope each of you — parents and students alike — enjoy the grace of distance to see clearly what takes place here on a regular basis. Sometimes, when one is too close to a situation, one's view or appreciation isn't as keen as it might be, or could be, if a bit of space and/or time were available. I've had many wonderful opportunities over my years here at Palma to witness some terrific growth take place within and beyond individuals as well as with classes and beyond a given class. Each group, or class, as is true for the individuals who make up that class, has a distinct personality as well as gifts and talents. Having enjoyed a unique position and view over my time on campus has certainly painted a picture of an overall well-balanced institution that works nicely with young men as is evidenced when the typical graduate comes to the end of his senior year. Those many good things that are so much part of the norm around here do, in fact, prepare young men well for college and beyond, year after year. It is true that traditions do not graduate.

I am equally certain that those of you who do not presently have a son attending Palma can appreciate the specialness of this grand institution we call Palma. I have been given the opportunity of seeing Palma, up close, starting my 25th year, and have witnessed a wonderful transformation in our students and staff over that particular span of time. I know this special place we all call "Palma" will, as an institution, continue to grow and get even better with each passing year. The physical changes to the campus are, of course, easily noticed and recognized as enriching improvements for the benefit of current students as well as future students. The growth of our student body and their achievements are just as remarkable as one would see at a typical Palma graduation ceremony. There is no doubt that our students are being well prepared now, better than ever before, for college and beyond. I'm fully expecting another banner year during this, the 2012/2013 school year.

This is a very proud school steeped in the rich history and positive traditions of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers. Edmund Rice opened his first school in Ireland more than 200 years ago to educate the poor street kids, urchins, who were not privileged nor "qualified" for a formal education. While the processing of education has changed greatly over the years, the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers still have schools that provide hope and a positive future for the financially challenged of the world as giftedness and academic abilities are not solely the domain of the



Brother Patrick D. Dunne, C.F.C.
President

wealthy and well positioned. While there may not be the reality of urchins running about our communities today as Edmund Rice saw in his day, there is every bit as much of a need for all young men wanting to be well prepared for college and beyond to be able to enroll and flourish here at Palma. Palma began servicing this community in 1951 and the uniqueness of a Palma education quickly became something special. It is today a wondrous institution with a remarkable record that prepares young men for college and beyond.

Palma has been and continues to be gifted with generous parents, alumni, and friends who do much to help the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers educate the poor and those in need, even right here at Palma. The challenge is upon us, all of us, to continue and enhance the traditions rich in excellence that have become the standard here at Palma.

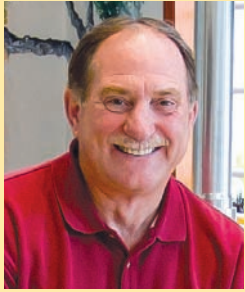
I am very much looking forward to the 2012/2013 school year. I pray that Palma will continue to be blessed with the generosity and many kindnesses that have become the standard over these past 25 years. It is my prayer that all of us, together, will be actively engaged in helping promote the growth and achievements of this place we all know as Palma, all for the benefit of our students. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Br. Patrick D. Dunne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brother Patrick D. Dunne, C.F.C.
President

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Don Chapin
Chairman of the
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Chairman's Message

What an honor it is to have been selected as the new Palma School Board Chairman. I can tell you I am most excited about our school, our board, and our direction. Such excitement would not be possible without the foundational leadership provided by all of the board chairmen and board members that have gone before me. I am so fortunate to be following John McCarthy as Chairman. John is a man who has worked very hard to make sure Palma School was successful at every level. I know John will continue to be involved in various committees, and for that we are very grateful. Thank you, John, for your hard work and this opportunity to follow you.

This year, we begin with a school board made up of some new faces. We will be welcoming Mark Faylor on board in September. Mark is the president of Peninsula Business Interiors, a local office furnishings provider. We will also be welcoming Martha Vasquez to our team this year. Martha is an insurance and service professional for AAA Insurance. I hope as you get to know Mark and Martha, you will be as impressed as I am with their passion for Palma School and their eagerness to advance our organization forward. We will be welcoming two other members to our board in September or December, and we will be sure to introduce them to the Palma community during the school year.

With the board "off and running" in September, I am most confident that Palma School will be focused and headed toward greatness. We hope to light a fire in our community that will help us all achieve our mission: providing young men in our community with an education where anything is possible, and the future is limitless.

With the incredible leadership of our president, Brother Dunne, the future continues to be very bright and stable. We are so blessed to have such a dedicated and capable leader at Palma. I look forward to working with him in the near future.

We will need the support of all of you, of course. I hope that we can continue to count on all of our friends in the community to rally behind our school leadership and continue the awesome work that has already been done. Together, we can continue to provide a quality college preparatory education for the young men of Palma School!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Chapin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



David J. Sullivan
Principal

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Principal's Message

The last four years of my service to Palma have afforded me a number of opportunities to pause and reflect about the young men who grace our hallways with their talents and leadership, their potential, and their desires for success. During their tenure as Palma students they hear often and from many people the exhortation that they make good choices as young men who represent their family names and the rest of us who champion the mission of Palma. They are reminded about the inevitability of consequences for every choice, about becoming young men of character and integrity. There are two certainties that come to mind, however, that resonate loudest for me time and again: a belief and a hope.

Belief. I believe that our graduates learn the hardships and the triumphs of hard work during their time here — that both dignity and character are formed with a good day's work. I believe that Palma School, steeped in the traditions of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education, has borne influence among our graduates on the importance of solidarity with the poor and the marginalized — that volunteerism, that service, that *caritas* ... is the **charity** with which Church and society experience renewal and rebirth. **Service to others in need** is the very **best** foundation for true and lasting joy. I believe that during their time at Palma our students endure tough challenges. I believe there is genuine rigor to their courses of study here, that there are many demands on their time — for proper balance of academics and friends, clubs and sports, work and sleep, faith and fun. I believe we have a great number of students competing for the best grades, competing for starting positions on the team, competing for leadership, for recognition. I believe it can be both difficult and quite motivating to be a member of Palma, where hundreds of boys are competing to be the best *somewhere* at *something*.

I also believe that Palma has forged in our young men some memories that they will remember fondly for a lifetime: the special value of true friendship; the fruits of self-discipline; how to write better, speak better, act better, and perform better. I believe that there are many who are teachers, coaches, role models, and mentors here at Palma who have inspired our students, motivated them, challenged them, and laughed with them. I believe there is pride in being a Palma graduate.

In addition to my belief I also have **Hope**. I have hope in the many students who graduate from Palma. Our country is wrestling right now with conflict in so many areas: economic crisis, the future of health care, the controversies involved with immigration, a current political-theological debate about creeds and religious truths vs. constitutional rights and a balance of freedom. Our country is searching for a moral compass, perhaps, amid the apparent conflicts between family values and mainstream media. This community — our country — needs young men like Palma's graduates, and I have *hope* in them. Palma's young men have been blessed abundantly with the talent and the intellect and a solid education to move on from here well prepared. They are prepared to influence their communities, prepared to give where necessity requires, prepared to be highly successful, smart, and **very generous** leaders in both the Church and in society. Graduates of Palma: **I have hope in you.** I have hope in our leaders for tomorrow.

The mission of Palma is to challenge the growth and development of the *entire* young man: spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically, and socially. This mission is a daunting task of the highest purpose, and it takes a real community to make this possible. I believe, and I have hope.

Go Chieftains!



Tracy Jones
Director of Institutional
Advancement

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Advancement Director's Message

I am always amazed at the quality and character of the young men of Palma. Year after year they display amazing talents in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in our community. I am confident that the education our students receive at Palma prepares them for leadership roles in our society. For the past eight years, it has been my privilege to help ensure the continued excellence of Palma by serving as the Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations.

As you read through this *President's Report* and the incredible things that happen at Palma, I hope you feel as proud as I do of our young men. There is no doubt in my mind that they are well prepared for the global society of the 21st century.

The high quality education found at Palma would not be possible without the generous support of those who care deeply about learning and believe in each student's potential. Donations for annual support help Palma adapt the latest research on learning to the classroom, add programs and activities, keep tuition lower for all students, provide need-based financial aid so students from all walks of life can attend, and offer outreach programs and services to our larger community. More than 29% of students at Palma receive financial aid. We are very grateful to the individuals, families, foundations, corporations and organizations for their donations between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Tracy Jones

In Honor of Cpl. Bernard Corpuz '95



The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center memorialized Cpl. Bernard Corpuz, Palma Class of 1995, with a building dedication on June 22, 2012 in recognition of his bravery and selflessness in paying the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

On June 11th, 2006, Cpl. Corpuz was en-route to Ghazni City, Afghanistan as part of a quick reactionary force responding to an earlier attack when his convoy came under enemy small arms fire. Shortly after the initial attack, an improvised explosive device detonated under his vehicle. Cpl. Corpuz was evacuated to Orgun-E, Afghanistan, where he died in the arms of a Catholic chaplain from wounds sustained during the attack. Cpl. Corpuz was 28 years old.

During his years at Palma School, Bernard Corpuz proved himself as a scholar and an athlete in soccer and track. He went on to attend Hartnell College in Salinas, California on a track scholarship and also worked in a local coffee shop and bagel bakery. In 2003, he graduated from the University of La Verne with a major in Political Science.

He joined the United States Army as a Human Intelligence Collector and was chosen to study French at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, CA. He graduated from the Defense Language Institute at the top of his class in April of 2005, and headed to



Congressman Sam Farr, Colonel Danial D. Pick and Mrs. Peggy Corpuz unveil the plaque naming a building at DLI Corpus Hall in honor of Cpl. Corpuz.



This flag is presented on behalf of a grateful nation and the United States Army as a token of appreciation for your loved one's honorable and faithful service.

Afghanistan. While in service to our country in Afghanistan, Cpl. Corpuz was a well-respected interrogator known for his hard work, caring attitude, religious views, and love of 80's metal/hair band music.

In recognition of his high professionalism as a soldier, community members and leaders gathered to dedicate building 607, the Multi Language School, as Corpuz Hall. Corpuz Hall is the newest addition to the DLIFLC campus in the 2012 fiscal year and has added much needed classroom space for the expanding foreign language training requirement within the Department of Defense.

The event was hosted by Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Commandant Col. Danial D. Pick. Colonel Pick expressed his deepest sympathies to the Corpuz family for their loss. "It is a testament to your son's character that he has already been memorialized with a Recreation Facility in Afghanistan and with a tree planted in his name at the University of LaVerne," Pick said to Corpuz's mother. "Today we do our part to memorialize your son, by naming this building Corpuz Hall."

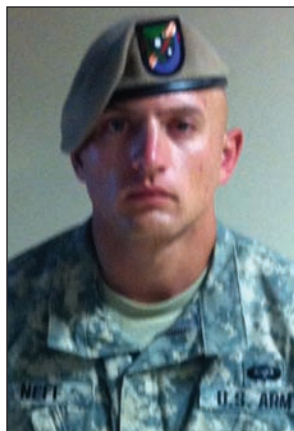
Cpl. Corpuz's awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Combat Action Badge. Cpl. Corpuz is buried at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA — Sec 60 Site 8402.



Palma School would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Bernard Corpuz. His bravery and sacrifice for our country is a constant reminder of what it means to live with honor and character. ●



Chris Neff — In Service To Our Country



Within the United States Army, there is an elite fighting force known as the Rangers — a highly trained and rapid light infantry unit specialized to be employed against any special operations targets. Whether by land, by sea, or by air, it is said, “Rangers lead the way!” On May 5, 2012, Palma alumnus Chris Neff '05 graduated from Ranger Assessment Selection Program (RASP) at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The process of becoming a Ranger has been a long journey for Chris. After graduating from California State University at Chico in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in exercise physiology, Chris had a “normal” job for almost a year-and-a-half before he realized something — he was bored.

“I think I came to realize that the typical nine-to-five job wasn’t for me,” said Chris. “It’s not that there is anything wrong with that, it just wasn’t for me. I was always interested in joining the military, and I decided that it was either now or never.”

When asked why he chose to pursue the Rangers, Chris responded, “It was definitely the challenge of becoming a Ranger that intrigued me. In order to become a Ranger, you have to push your body and mind beyond the limits that you thought possible. The toughest part about the Ranger Assessment Selection Program (RASP) is not the physical breakdown of your body, though that is tough. The toughest part is the mental challenge. Telling yourself that you can push through pain and accomplish seemingly impossible tasks despite the obstacles placed in front of you.”

Chris’ journey to RASP began in February 2011 when he enlisted in basic training. He reported to basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia on August 16, 2011, and graduated as an infantry rifleman on December 9, 2011. On January 15, 2012, Chris reported back to Basic Airborne School. Chris adds, “Airborne School was one of the best experiences of my training. You are jumping out of airplanes in the middle of the night, and really pushing your body and mind to remain disciplined.” Only about 90% of those who enlist in basic training graduate, and only 60% of those in Basic Airborne School complete the program.

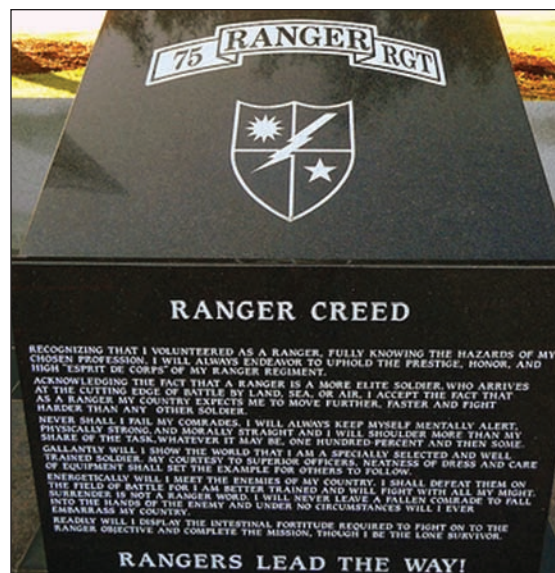
After graduating from Basic Airborne School, Chris entered the grueling 8-week RASP program in March of 2012. The course at Fort Benning is designed to push men beyond their mental and physical breaking points to determine if they can perform tasks under stress and physical exhaustion. It is not uncommon for up to 40% of the class to quit on the first

night. On average, only about 35% of those who enter RASP will become Rangers.

When discussing his experience during RASP, Chris recalls, “It was extremely hard. They present you with some of the toughest tasks to accomplish without sleep and with very little food. However, everything they do has a purpose behind it. They want to show you that even under the worst circumstances, you can still function and complete a task if you can remain mentally disciplined. Once you graduate from the Ranger program, you will be amazed at what you can accomplish.” Chris completed RASP on May 5th, 2012, and is currently stationed with the second battalion of the 75th Ranger regiment at Fort Lewis in Washington. He will be deployed to fight for his country in the Middle East in July.

Chris emphasized numerous times what an asset his education at Palma was during his military training: “Coming from an educated background and a disciplined environment was crucial during my training. The U.S. Military has recently focused on the mental aspects of military service in evaluating recruits far more than they have in the past. The hardest part of military service is the mental focus that it takes to push through obstacles and challenges that you will face in combat. An education is invaluable in preparing your mind to remain disciplined during stressful situations. Palma was instrumental in preparing me to meet the challenges I am now facing.”

Palma School would like to salute Chris Neff for his service to our country and the sacrifices he has made to protect the freedoms we all experience here in the United States. Our thoughts and prayers will be with him as he leaves for combat in the coming months. ●



Eighth Graders Stand in Solidarity at Their Santa Cruz Mountain Retreat

On May 10th, 2012, Palma's 8th graders went on retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The day began with a celebration of Mass in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, including a talk on the theme for the day, *Stand in Solidarity*, from Campus Minister Jim Micheletti.

Travelling with teachers and parent chaperones, the students then experienced a challenging ropes course adventure with Apex Adventures in Happy Valley, Santa Cruz. The ropes course fostered a community spirit amongst the students as they worked through team building exercises.



The students responded well to each element of the course with determination and a positive attitude.

Following the ropes elements, students gathered for prayer and reflection. Student leaders celebrated their classmates' accomplishments by awarding several cross necklaces and providing testimonials for certain Chieftains who exemplified heroic teamwork and the best of our *Edmund Rice Christian Brother Essential Elements*.

The Class of 2016 left the Santa Cruz Mountains with a new sense of unity and respect for one another, encouraged by the determination each demonstrated to overcome the challenges they collectively faced during the retreat.

Palma School is dedicated to shaping the entire individual: academically, spiritually, physically, and socially. Last year's 8th grade retreat was so successful because each student was challenged to grow in each of these areas. The confidence and values that were fostered during this year's retreat will help shape the character of these young men who will be leaders at Palma School in the years to come. ●





Days of Growth and Introspection — the Freshman/Sophomore Retreat

This past spring the 9th and 10th grade students of Palma partnered with Ag Against Hunger to glean the fields of Salinas for cauliflower. In the morning the students gathered in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel to begin the day with a celebration of Mass. Following the celebration of Mass, Palma Campus Minister Jim Micheletti shared some words from scripture with the students about the service of others. Incorporated into these encouraging words was a review of the life of Blessed Edmund Rice and his call to serve the poor as Christ did.

The students then went to the cauliflower fields of the Pezzini family to glean for food. The students showed tremendous hard work and discipline, and ultimately gleaned nearly 35,000 pounds of food! The freshman class gleaned nearly 16,900 pounds of cauliflower on April 25th, and the sophomore class gleaned over 17,000 pounds of cauliflower on May 1st!

Ag Against Hunger is a non-profit organization that Palma has worked with over the past two years that gleans the fields after harvest time to collect food for the poor in America. The cauliflower collected by the Palma students went to support soup kitchens and food banks across California and the entire west coast of the United States. Karen DeWitt, Executive Director of Ag Against Hunger, commented, "We enjoy working with Palma School because of the motivation and discipline of the students."

Following the gleaning, the students returned to the Chapel for a time of prayer and written reflection. The students were challenged to evaluate their experiences in the cauliflower fields and question why service to the poor is such a crucial aspect of a man of character. The freshmen and sophomore retreats were undoubtedly days of growth and introspection for the students. Palma would like to thank the students for their service and dedication, Campus Minister Jim Micheletti, and those at Ag Against Hunger for supporting the growth of the young men of Palma. ●



Service to Others — Mission to Mexico

For the 11th year in a row, Palma students traveled to Mexico during Easter Break to build houses and school classrooms. Led by Palma Business Manager George Garibay and Palma Campus Minister Jim Micheletti, 25 Palma and Notre Dame students chose to spend their time in selfless service near Tecata, Mexico. For the past five years, Palma has worked with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, a Catholic organization that serves the poor in 65 countries around the world and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. This year, the students worked with the San Eugenio De Mazenod Parish in the Tijuana suburb of Terrazas Del Valle.

For the first four days of the trip, the students and their leaders worked tirelessly to finish a house for the Barajas family. When completed, the house consisted of three bedrooms, two full bathrooms, a full kitchen,



kitchen cabinets, double-pane windows, and a strong tile roof. The house was fully insulated, complete with electricity and plumbing, and a connection to the local sewer system. In the past, the houses that were unable to connect to the sewer system were provided a septic tank.

The students wanted this to be a house that would last a lifetime for Luis Manuel Barajas, his wife

Libia Atondo Barajas, and their two children, Ailyn Barajas (age 7) and Luis Manuel Jr. (age 5). Thanks to the expert guidance of Alfonso Almeida, owner of Almeida Construction in Gilroy, the students completed a house that will last for decades. The students poured all of their energy into finishing this house in time to build another classroom for a local parish school as well.

The greatest part of the trip for everyone involved was when the house

was blessed and the keys were given over to the Barajas family. "It was a very emotional moment," says George Garibay. "The family was so grateful, and everyone had tears in their eyes. Everything culminates in that moment and the students



realize that they have changed the life of a family with their efforts. There is a transformation that occurs within our students as they begin to see the world with a different perspective. Because of their experience, I have seen time and again that our students become grateful for the blessings that they have in their lives."

Jim Micheletti was also instrumental in bringing a spirit of unity and fellowship to the experience. Students were better able to evaluate their time of service under his careful guidance. He emphasized throughout the trip that when you look beyond yourself and serve others, you find true fulfillment. The community here at Palma could not agree more with that sentiment.

Palma would like to recognize Father Tom Rush of the San Eugenio de Mazenod Parish for his continued support of our students during their time in Mexico. Palma would also like to thank George Garibay, Jim Micheletti, Robbie Gonzalez, Alfonso Almeida, the Schivo family, the Bennett family, the Winslow family, Moe Ferrigan, and all of the Palma families involved in the Mexico mission. Last, but certainly not least, Palma school would like to recognize the Palma students for their service to the impoverished of the world in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice. You make all those within the Palma community very proud. ●



Many Miracles Happen on Mountain Tops

The following is an excerpt from George Garibay's reflection on the Edmund Rice Society's 2012 mission trip to Lima, Peru. We felt his account should be shared with the Palma community. We really have some special students here at Palma School. Enjoy!

Jeremiah's 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." These words carry special meaning as I reflect back on the 2012 Palma mission trip to Lima Peru, as I am continually reminded of how blessed we all were by this experience.

Our mission to Lima, Peru was a wonderful trip. I saw how we prospered in our faith and relationships, and how we each gained hope for our future. From **Joe Paulo '12** and **Tim Carroll '12** befriending the children of the orphanage we served at, to **Michael Lopez-Garcia '15** putting a young orphan to sleep, I am constantly reminded of the blessings from our trip. When I reminisce on our conquering of Machu Picchu, and Campus Minister Jim Micheletti's thoughtful and inspirational reflections, it would be unfortunate if we were not moved in some way by our adventure.



Robbie Gonzalez and I, along with the other adults on the trip, spent our time ensuring the safety of our students. Lima is a busy, smoke-filled city, where many people spend their days struggling just to survive. Many Peruvians live below the poverty level, dwelling in homes constructed of substandard materials and floors of dirt. By American standards, their houses would be comparable to shoddy storage sheds. Yet, even within this chaos, our group found safety and joy while serving in the neighborhoods.

Through sports, our students broke down cultural and language barriers. An impromptu volleyball game against a group of Peruvian women at the park outside the center where we resided was a welcome blessing. Similarly, the soccer games with the children at the orphanage and in Dr. Tony's neighborhood helped to remove the stigma that Americans are self-absorbed and unfriendly. The fun and laughter we experienced from these games bonded us closer to the Body of Christ in our new community. The heartfelt words many of our students shared about these experiences during our daily reflections gave me hope throughout the trip. We are raising some fine young men and women who are being filled with wisdom.

During our time in Lima, we visited several establishments created to help and educate the young people of Peru. Miguel, a father whose young son suddenly became ill and died, built the orphanage we visited in Ancon. The death of his son opened his eyes to the tremendous neglect and need among the thousands of orphaned and abandoned children of Peru. The most recent arrival was a baby girl who was left on a trash heap and found when she was five days old. She was 25 days old when we arrived and is currently doing well. Miguel gave up a life of luxury and affluence to care for these children who now have a safe, clean, and caring place to live. His orphanage also teaches the children numerous skills, including cooking, cleaning, sewing, and building, giving them hope and an opportunity for a better future.

I spoke with one young resident, Nely Sisa, a 15-year-old girl who left her family living in the jungles of Peru to come to his orphanage in the hopes of gaining an education and an opportunity for a successful life. She approached me because she wanted to practice speaking English and shared that she was studying with the goal to become an engineer. In her, and in our participants, I saw the strength that can change the world.

In the midst of our adventures, our group overcame altitude sickness, stomach ailments, and a variety of discomforts. Our trials bonded us ever closer as we journeyed toward Machu Picchu, the final leg of our trip.

In Ollantaytambo, the small town two hours away from Machu Picchu, I met Olegario and Cristina, a young Incan family. They were moving a pile of sand and rock into the site of their future home, one wheelbarrow at a time. Wanting to quickly acclimate to the higher altitude and lose my headache, I asked for permission to help them with their work. That half hour shoveling dirt and rock was another moment when I witnessed the beauty and hospitality of the Incan people. As we worked, we bonded. With the task finished, I was offered a Tampico Orange drink and a home if I were ever to visit this town again. Christ's action, in the simple breaking of bread, was our example of the ease in overcoming our cultural and language barriers. The Incan people truly made me feel most welcome in our travels to this country.

Jim Micheletti often says, "Many miracles happen on mountain tops." Our climb to Machu Picchu reflected this idea and was a gift from God. Kristin Micheletti, who was severely affected by altitude sickness just the day before the climb, floated up the 1500-foot mountain with the liteness of an alpaca! **Michael Lopez-Garcia** struggled up the ascent one step at a time, refusing to get on the bus to ease the journey. Along the way, he bonded with my son, **Jonathan Garibay '15**, as they became "brothers in arms" and conquered the climb to the ruins. As we gazed out over the beauty of Peru at the summit of Machu Picchu, thinking over Mr. Micheletti's words, the divine presence of the Holy Spirit was truly there amongst us.

Another inspiring word from our Campus Minister was, "Service without reflection is like an unlit candle." I witnessed the light and the presence of the Holy Spirit during our culminating ceremony. Earlier that morning, as we explored the ruins of Ollantaytambo, I heard the beautiful sounds of a harp. As I approached the elderly musician, Juan Diego, I was so moved and captivated by the sounds that captured the spirit and culture of these people. I asked Juan Diego if he would play for us in the evening



and honor us with his musical talent, which had captured my heart. As he was blind, he was willing only if he could get someone to escort him to our hotel. After Juan played his harp all day, I confirmed the arrangement with him, as I knew the extra time I asked from him might be a hardship and a sacrifice. He said he would be honored and would arrive at 7:30.

As our final evening reflections unfolded, the beautiful sounds from Juan's harp lured others into the room. A tour guide, Juan, and woman who worked in the hotel, Maria, made their way into the room and were welcomed to participate. **Tim Carroll** read aloud from the 17th chapter of John's Gospel about Jesus washing his disciples feet. Following the reading of the passage, Jim Micheletti began to wash the students' feet to demonstrate the humility and service that Christ illustrated at the Last Supper. There was no hesitation when the students stooped to wash one another's feet. In a moving gesture, **Michael Lopez-Garcia** also washed the feet of the tour guide as if they had been life-long friends or brothers. Juan's music not only enhanced this experience, but inspired Maria to share a song she composed in Quechua to honor our Blessed Mother. Although the words were unfamiliar, the meaning was profound: "a mother never tires when she is waiting for her children."



Throughout this trip, the light of Christ was present among us in many ways. Again, I would like to thank all who made this trip possible. I thank you for the spiritual, financial, and loving support that gave us the opportunity to experience another country, culture, and ministry. My hope is that we will be able to continue to provide this kind of opportunity to others so that they might receive the same blessings we have received. To Br. Casey, Jim, Robbie, Silvia, and Mia: *Gracias por todo su amor y amistad. Que Dios los bendiga!*

Blessed Edmund Rice — Pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts — Forever.

Lovingly,
George Garibay ●

The Top Ten Men of 2012

Palma's mission is to instill in its young men a passion for learning and provide a solid educational foundation on which to build. Each year we salute the seniors whose outstanding performance in the classroom exemplifies this mission. Following are the ten seniors with the highest grade point averages in their class. They reveal their plans for college and beyond, reflect on their years at Palma, and offer sage advice to the next generation of Chieftains.



Christopher Chen
Stanford University

"During my six years at Palma, there were many busy days and sleepless nights spent trying to keep up with my busy life as a Chieftain. I have come to value the numerous opportunities that have been placed before me because of my education here at Palma. I have learned that achievement only comes as a result of hard work and much effort, and our attitude has a dramatic impact on our success if we remain positive and learn to enjoy the journey. Over the years, I have developed some amazing relationships with my teachers and classmates. I am so thankful that my teachers pushed me and guided me amidst the many challenges I faced in junior high and high school. Without them, and the support of my friends, I would not be the person I am today. Similarly, the friendships I have made at Palma will certainly last a lifetime. My one piece of advice to incoming students would be to get involved right away in one of the numerous activities that Palma has to offer. Whether it is academics, athletics, campus ministry, clubs, or any other extra-curricular activities, enjoy what you do and embrace the people that you meet."

"I have come to value the numerous opportunities that have been placed before me because of my education here at Palma."



Ryan Halbrook
University of California, Santa Barbara

"My experience at Palma has been great. I have had countless opportunities to excel and my friends here are the best. I have been challenged not only academically, but also athletically and morally. My teachers have been a huge support to me over the past six years and I am extremely grateful for the experience Palma has provided me. In addition to what I have learned in the classroom at Palma, I have also learned many important skills that will help me succeed in life. I have learned how to work hard and persevere to reach my goals. Most importantly, I have learned how to be a friend and a leader. My advice to an incoming Palma student would be to set their sights on big goals and believe they can be achieved no matter what challenges they encounter. There is a great community at Palma

that will help them achieve their goals if they are willing to work to realize them."

"I have learned how to work hard and persevere to reach my goals. Most importantly, I have learned how to be a friend and a leader."

Bradley Reyes
Stanford University



"My experience at Palma has been absolutely amazing. The teachers and the Palma community have been great, but it has been the class I grew up with over the past six years that has made my experience at Palma an unforgettable one. I couldn't have asked for better classmates, and it is their friendship that I will remember the most about my time here. At Palma I learned how I can use my education and my time to help my community and to help others who really need it. I wanted to especially thank our Campus Minister, Mr. Micheletti, who gave me the opportunity to see how my actions can positively affect the world around me. My advice to an incoming student would be to try to be a nice person and make friends with your classmates — it's that plain and simple. Contrary to popular thought, nice guys don't finish last. No matter where you may end up in life, you will succeed when you have the love and support of your friends and family at Palma."

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Alexander Hussain
Fresno Pacific University

"Looking back at these six years, my Palma experience has been very good. Every year there have been a few stellar classes that have inspired me and have made me grow in so many ways. The effort and individual attention each teacher has given me is unlike at any other school. But an even larger

part of my Palma experience would have to be the brotherhood among my classmates. This has made being at school so great that I actually looked forward to going every day. I could not ask for a better group of friends. I have learned so many things during my time at Palma. I have learned how to write a killer five paragraph essay in just 30 minutes, all of the fundamentals of calculus, the history of our nation, and the basics of Catholicism and other major religions. Over time, I realized being at an all-boys school was neither a negative nor a hindrance, but something to appreciate. This atmosphere has brought us closer together as brothers. I have learned that every person around me goes through hard times in life, just like I do. Instead of allowing these hard times to separate and divide us, we can foster relationships by breaking down walls and asking our friends how they are really doing. Lastly, and most importantly, I have learned who I am as a man of God. If I could give some advice to a new student at Palma, I would tell him to be actively involved in the lives of the people around him and to make sure he does not miss out on the life-changing opportunities ahead of him. I would make sure to remind him not to take himself too seriously, and that he should focus on improving everyone else's day around him. Finally, I would tell him to never give less than his very best, and to stay true to himself."

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Sam Thompson
Harvard University

"As I reflect on my time at Palma over these past six years, the thing that stands out the most in my mind is the brotherhood I experienced with my classmates. My friends and I grew close through our time in the classroom and on the

basketball court, and we will be friends for life. I am also thankful for the support of my teachers and the Guidance Office during the college application process. I was so well prepared for the SAT's and the college essays, and I am convinced that I would not have applied and been accepted to certain schools if I did not have their guidance. I also enjoyed my time as a seventh and eighth grader here at Palma. Not only was I better prepared for high school, but that is also when I really started to develop my friendships that would make my time in high school so much fun. I have learned so many crucial values while at Palma. If I had to choose three, they would be respect, community, and perseverance. I have learned to respect my friends, my teachers, and my parents. The bonds of fellowship and brotherhood that were fostered due to our mutual respect for one another allowed us to build a sense of community. I always felt that my teachers and coaches really cared about me and that I could come to them during any situation. I also learned to persevere through adversity and to work hard to achieve my goals. If I could give

some advice to an incoming student, it would be to buckle down academically from the very start of your first year. Moreover, I would encourage him to become involved with as many unique extra-curricular activities and sports as he can. Some of my fondest memories come from the six years that I played basketball at Palma and the friendships that I have as a result."

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Kyle Moore
United States Air Force Academy



"My experience here at Palma has definitely been an overwhelmingly positive one. Over the past six years I have met people and experienced opportunities that I could not experience anywhere else. Attending Palma has given me the chance to succeed now and in the future. I am so thankful that I made the choice to be a Chieftain. At Palma I have learned how to develop a strong work ethic. The challenging academic course load really pushed me to succeed and has taught me how to manage my time effectively. My teachers have also helped me to become a well-rounded person. I would advise incoming students to take advantage of all the opportunities Palma provides. First and foremost, take your schoolwork seriously and focus on your academic life. But don't forget to have a blast along the way. Try new extra-curricular activities and get involved in the sports that Palma has to offer. You will make some friendships that will last your whole life."

"The challenging academic course load really pushed me to succeed and has taught me how to manage my time effectively."

Charles Yan
University of California, Berkeley



"My experience at Palma has been so much fun and an overall great time in my life. I have made some friends that I will have for the rest of my life, and there are so many opportunities I would have missed out on had I not attended Palma. My experiences in the classroom and on the mock trial team gave me confidence to be myself and I am looking forward to the next part of my life in college. While at Palma, the things I learned in the classroom extended far beyond the subject matter. While I was challenged academically, I also

learned about life, morals, and what true brotherhood looks like. My education was so valuable, but it was the things I learned outside of the books that really shaped me as a person. My advice for incoming Palma students would be to get the most out of your years here. Have fun with them, because you will never get those years back. Work hard, study hard, and try to have a blast with your friends along the way.”

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Fernando Quiroz
Cornell University

“Overall, my experience at Palma has been quite a journey. It has been one filled with academics, friendships, anxieties, challenges, successes, and much more. It has been an unparalleled four-year experience that has defined me as an individual. Several challenges were overcome along the way, and my mistakes eventually led to improvement. To best sum up my experience in a few words, I would say that I have learned a tremendous amount of things that will help me to succeed in the future. I have learned many valuable lessons while at Palma. In my academic life and in my extra-curricular activities I certainly grew socially and intellectually. Likewise, in my friendships and my relationships with my teachers, I was challenged to grow as an individual. But without a doubt, the most important thing I have learned over the past four years is how to become a better man for the good of myself, the good of my family, and the good of my community. While there is no perfect advice I can give to incoming students, I would challenge them to take advantage of every opportunity made available to them and to simply enjoy life at Palma. We all choose our own paths and discover who we are through our experiences, so choose good paths.”

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Daniel Machado
Santa Clara University

“I can honestly say that I have grown up at Palma. I arrived as a small, naïve, bright-eyed freshman, and I have matured and become my own person. I have had numerous teachers who have inspired me to be the best man that I can

be — both inside and outside the classroom. Many of my friends here at Palma have become my brothers and it has truly been an amazing experience. While at Palma, I have learned to be a well-rounded person and to pursue the very best in all that I do. I have been inspired to be involved in music, pursue success in academics, and give my time in service to others. I have also learned how to live a balanced life through all of the extra-curricular activities and sports I have participated in. I have learned that an education is much more than just a GPA or a grade, but about a desire to grow in knowledge about yourself and the world around you. My advice to incoming students would be to take advantage of the opportunity that has been given to you. To be a Chieftain is a privilege. All of the necessary tools to succeed in life will be given to you here, and it is up to you to use them. Be involved with as many unique things as you can, and always pursue the very best in yourself.”

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Marcus House
University of Oregon



“To be honest, I was not one of the young men who were eagerly begging to attend Palma. I was not sure that I wanted to go here for high school, but my parents really pushed for me to be a Chieftain. However, once I began school I made some great friends and grew to love the fun brotherhood that Palma offers. The academics were challenging, and the sports were a blast. My teammates in water polo and baseball ended up being some of my closest friends that I have today. Overall my time here has been amazing and I wouldn’t have gone anywhere else. I have learned so much here at Palma. From my teachers, I have learned how to succeed academically and have gained some valuable tools that will help me at the University of Oregon. From my outstanding coaches, I have learned how to excel in sports and in life. From my classmates, I have learned how to laugh at myself and grow as an individual. Most importantly, I have learned how to make friends and grow close with young men that I now consider my brothers. My advice for incoming Palma students would be to have an open mind, and learn how to take a joke and laugh at yourself. Get ready for some of the funniest years of your life!”

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Congratulations to these outstanding young men and the entire class of 2012

College Bound

The students from the graduating class of 2012 will be attending some of the finest universities in the country. We are proud to announce the colleges our graduates will be enrolled in this fall.

Arizona State University
Butte College
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University,
San Luis Obispo
California State University
Chico
Fresno
Los Angeles
Monterey Bay
Sacramento
San Diego
San Francisco
San Jose
Sonoma
City College of San Francisco

Cornell University
Cuesta College
Drexel University
Fresno Pacific University
Grand Canyon University
Hartnell College
Harvard University
Iona College
Linfield College
McKendree University
Minot State University
Monterey Peninsula College
Pepperdine University
Phoenix College
Santa Clara University
Santa Fe University of Art and Design

Stanford University
The Art Institute of California, Los Angeles
Thomas Aquinas College
United States Air Force Academy
University of California
Berkeley
Davis
Irvine
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz
University of Oregon
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of the Pacific
William Grossmont College



High School Graduation Awards

Christopher Chen	Monsignor Thomas J. Earley Gold Medal For Scholastic Proficiency
Ryan Halbrook	Valedictorian
Timothy O'Neil Carroll	Salutatorian
Ryan Michael Halbrook	Palma Gold Medal in Theology
Ryan Michael Halbrook	Palma Gold Medal in English
Alexander Taj Hussain	Palma Gold Medal in Social Studies
Fernando Quiroz	Palma Gold Medal in Mathematics
Christopher C. Chen	Palma Gold Medal in Foreign Language
Dylan Lewis Essert	Palma Gold Medal in Science
Daniel Garrett Machado	Palma Gold Medal in Art
Ryan Michael Halbrook	Palma Gold Medal in Music
Evan Lane Schivo	Palma Gold Medal in Computer Science
Andrew Michael Steitz	Palma Loyalty Award
Christopher Chen	Palma Leadership Award
Christopher Chen	Brother Martin D. Cunningham Award for Excellence in English
Jacob Joseph Gumke	Monroe Award for Proficiency in Mathematics
Tanner Carrillo-Zazueta	Brother Frank Luke Dalton Memorial Award for Excellence in Social Studies and Service
Marcel Brinson	W.H. "Hank" Muller Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award
	Brother M.L. Crumlish Athlete of the Year Award

Junior High Graduation Awards

<i>The Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Early Award for</i>	
Religious Studies	Garret Salazar
English Award	Zachary Barry
Mathematics Award	Nicholas Ottone
Music Award	Nicholas Ottone
Literature Award	Mark Beach
Social Studies Award	Gabriel Rianda
Science Award	Zachary Ralston
Foreign Language Award	Jacob Gomez
Fine Arts Award	Andrew Valdez
Gerald D. Flowers Golden Chieftain Award for Leadership and Service	Nicholas Ottone
Fr. Vic Farrell Memorial Scholarship	Ricardo Cabrera Jr.
Brother Charles McMannus Award for Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, and Sportsmanship	Jack Richardson
Brother Edmund Rice Service Award	Francisco Rodriguez
	Nicholas Ottone
	Mark Beach

Chieftain Spring Sports

Varsity Baseball

The varsity baseball team compiled a 21-6 overall record amidst a tough Tri-County Athletic League schedule this season. This is the fourth time in the past five years that the Chieftains have reached 20 or more wins. Palma had notable victories over Hollister, two over Salinas High, and a 5-4 extra inning win over Monterey to win the Gold Glove Trophy for the second year in a row. Senior **Brandon Creecy** threw a no-hitter against North Salinas and shut out Central Catholic 1-0; he was one of five Chieftains selected to the All-TCAL team. The other All-TCAL selections were **Marcus House '12**, who had a 16-game hitting streak, **Jack Ross '13**, **Cameron Neff '13**, and sophomore slugger **Anthony Payan**. **Jack Ross**, **Cameron Neff**, and **Marcus House** were also All-County selections. This group has been responsible for two 20+ win seasons in a row and several key players will return in 2013 to make a title run in the newly formed MBL league.

JV Baseball

The Palma junior varsity baseball team had an awesome season under first year coach **Jacob Flores '06**. The Chieftains were an impressive 20-5 for the year. The team batting average was .314 and the team ERA (Earned Run Average/nine innings) was an astounding 1.78. The team's Most Valuable Player was **Jacob Regester '14**. Offensively, he batted .407 while also compiling a 0.62 ERA on the mound. The Pitcher of the Year award went to **Ryan Scarr '14** for his consistent performance the entire year. Offensive Player of the Year Awards went to **Shae Wiley '14** and **Alex Ellison '14**. The Defensive Player of the Year Award went to **Lukas Gularte '14**, and **Brian Brownfield '14** received the Coach's Award for the leadership and character he demonstrated throughout the season. Coach Jacob Flores added, "My first year coaching was amazing. I was able to have the help of my father, Andy, one of my best friends, Vaughn Costa, along with the experience of Dave Wiley. We could not have experienced the success we did this year without their help. Also, I could not have asked for a better group of kids. All of these young men were good, fun, and competitive kids who responded well to all of our coaching. I look forward to watching their success at the varsity level and I am excited to coach the next talented group of young men on JV next season."

Freshman Baseball

The 2012 freshman baseball team finished the season 12-6-1, winning 10 of their last 12 games. When the season began, the team set some goals that they wished to attain. They wanted to get acclimated to high school baseball, work hard, and continually improve. These young men endeavored to attain these goals, making the 2012 season a very successful one. With 24 players on the team, it took a total team effort, week in and week out, to perform at the level that they did. Throughout the season, four captains led the team; these four individuals received the coach's leadership award: **Brad Caraccioli**, **Michael Avila**, **Harden Spencer**, and **Jack Koster**. At the end of the year, the coaching staff felt the need to recognize three individuals for their constant and significant improvement; these student-athletes were **Dylan Antonetti**, **Angel Santiago**, and **Matt Jensen**. This 2015 class is a remarkable group of young men, and to say that the future of Palma baseball looks bright would be an understatement.

Varsity Golf

The 2012 Palma Chieftain Golf team won the Tri-County Athletic League Title for the 10th straight year! Led by 1st team all-league returner (and team MVP) **Jay Burlison '13**, fellow 1st team all-leaguer, **Marc Moreno '14**, along with 3 sport athlete, Palma starting QB and basketball star **Jack Tardieu '13**, the Chieftains were unstoppable in league play throughout the year. This team was the youngest in recent memory. The lone senior **Will Sergent '12** made a great contribution to the team with his experience and leadership. There were three freshmen on the postseason roster (along with a sophomore and two juniors). Despite their youth, this year's team achieved some memorable





accomplishments. In the postseason, Palma was the low team in their CCS Regional, finishing 3rd in the CCS Finals and 7th in the CIF Northern California Golf Finals (participating for the 6th straight year!). Along with the league title, the Chieftains won the Aptos Invitational for the 5th straight year and finished 6th out of 23 top teams in the prestigious De La Salle Invitational. Co-Captains **Will Sergent** (2nd of 130 players in the North Salinas Tourney) and **Jay Burlison** (low Chieftain in 13 of 20 events this year) set the tone for the younger players, helping them to continually improve throughout the season. 2nd team all-league players **Jack Tardieu**, **Jack Burlison '15**, and **Travis Winn '15**, along with **Caleb Cater '15**, contributed to the team's great work ethic and team chemistry to make this season extremely successful. **John Fierro '14**, **Patrick Abadilla '15**, **Christian Sergent '14** and **Drew Dankworth '13** also earned Varsity blocks by cracking the starting lineup during the season. Assessing the season, Coach **Clem Richardson '67** noted, "We knew we would be a young squad, but we also could see how much talent and dedication this group had. The coaching staff saw that we had championship material and we worked to inspire the group to reach its potential. In my 13 years at this wonderful school, this year was the most fun as the players worked so well together and brought the best out of one another. I'm really looking forward to next season."

JV Golf

The Palma junior varsity golf team enjoyed another successful season, compiling nine victories amidst a very difficult schedule. The team was led by MVP **John Fierro '14**, **Patrick Abadilla '15**, and **Christian Sergent '14**, along with **Michael Carrizosa '13**, **Carter Silva '13**, **Adrian Sahagun '14**, **Josh Gonzalez '14**, **RT Taylor '14**, **Anthony Prodis '15** and **Jay Bennett '15**. Among the coaching staff helping to develop the Palma golfers were alumni **John Oliverio '69**, and **Michael Clayton '86**. Their experience and dedication to the students undoubtedly made this season special for student-athletes and coaches alike.

Junior High Golf

The 2012 Junior High Golf Team started off their season on a positive note. A win on March 5th propelled the team to two victories in a short schedule, which was the best in the past three years. Positive growth from first year players **Bradley Daoro '16** and **Matt D'Arrigo '16** should continue to help the junior varsity team grow in the future. The two experienced players, **Brian Alarid '17** and **Gilbert Najera '17** should make the junior high team strong next year after a good showing at the MTJAL Championships. Coach Jim Watkins adds, "We are looking forward to next season and additional growth and success!"

Tennis

The Palma tennis team was like a well-oiled machine this year, having one of the best seasons in recent history. With a 14-6 record, the Chieftains racked up big wins against Salinas, Carmel and Pacific Grove. Coach Alice Cory added, "As a coach, there is no better feeling than having your program grow and get better every year." **AJ Yates '12**, **Mitchell Huntington '13**, **Christian Bengard '13**, and **Kasey Cory '15** held the top four singles spots on this year's squad. The consistency of these student-athletes led to dominating performances in almost every match. With tournament players like Christian Bengard acting as mentors, the many new players on the team were able to see what hard work and dedication looks like. The Chieftain tennis team had great camaraderie this year. The entire team would stay and watch the matches of their teammates, even when they were not scheduled to play. When the younger players were competing, it was nice for them to be able to look on the next court and get a thumbs-up from their senior teammates like **Daniel Machado** and **Evan Schivo**. The doubles teams were made up of **Justin Sampaolo '13**, **Jake Robinson '13**, **Henry Mirassou '13** and **Charlie Kesecker '13**. These young men were rock solid and became interchangeable for most of the season. They kept our mid-season winning streak alive with important wins against Aptos. Utility players like **Christian Calinawan '14** and **Matt Terra '12** could play both singles and doubles, which proved to be crucial for many close matches. The tennis team had over 20 players again this year, and coach Cory felt the only fair way to have all the boys be involved was to have open challenges all year long. In the last half hour of each practice, any student was allowed to challenge another for any spot

on the team. This idea proved to be a fun way to inspire competition and build camaraderie. The line up was never set, and each player had to continually earn his spot. Due to a season ending tie, a coin toss between Gunn High School and Palma determined the last spot in the Central Coast Section tournament. Unfortunately, Palma did not win the toss. However, the Chieftains had an excellent winning season and are looking forward to continued growth next year.

Varsity Track

After years of being a bridesmaid to large school rival San Benito, the Palma Varsity Track Team brought home a championship! This Tri-County Athletic League title was historic, as it was the first title in track and field at Palma in 15 years. This year's championship was an incredible team effort. The team was led by the four team MVP's — **Will Chilton** '14 (1st TJ, 3rd 100, 6th 200, 2nd 4x100), **Devin Hinson** '14 (1st 300H, 2nd 110HH, 4th 100, 2nd 4x100), **Nick Marquez** '13 (3rd 400, 5th in both 110 and 300H and 3rd in 4x400), and **Marcus Washington** '13 (1st LJ, 2nd 100, 3rd 200 and 2nd 4x100). Incredible contributions also came from **Ryan Keating** '12 and **Matt Clary** '12 (1st in the PV), **Marcel Brinson** '12 (2nd LJ, 4x1), **Andy Falconer** '12 (3rd 110H, 4th 300H), **Chase Pacheco** '14 (1st HJ), **Brett Koehn** '12 (2nd HJ), **Kevin Ekanem** '12 (4th HJ), **Matthias Lopez** '13 (1st SP, 6th Discus), **Ben White** '14 (6th 400, 3rd 4x4) **Spencer Gamble** '13 and **Joel Ordaz-Hoang** '13 (3rd 4x4). All of these efforts contributed to a convincing 152-133 championship victory! The season continued for Palma's top 3 players at the CCS Championships. Making the best of their efforts were **Nick Marquez**, finishing 8th in finals in the 400, **Devin Hinson**, reaching the podium in 6th place in the 300H, and **Marcus Washington**, who became the CCS Long Jump Champion! **Marcus Washington** went on to compete at the state meet and finished in 29th place against the best in California. It was truly an incredible season!



JV Track

The Junior Varsity Track Team, despite having three of the top sophomore athletes competing at the varsity level, finished 6 points from a championship with a 118-112 2nd place finish to North Salinas. This year's squad was led by co-MVP's **Steven Camcam** '15 (2nd LJ, 3rd 100,200, 4x4) and **Brandon Olivares** '14 (2nd 400, 3rd 4x1, 4x4). Also contributing to the junior varsity team's success was **Bijan Kooroshfar** '14 (4th 100, 5th 200, 3rd 4x4), **JD Delormier** '14 (3rd 800, 4x4) **Rhett Gonzalez** '10 (3rd 65H, 300H), **Jake Gavin** '14 (1st SP, 2nd Discus), **Matt Lucas** '15 (1st HJ), **Marques Cannon** '15 (6th HJ), **Jeff Burke** '14 (3rd PV), **Chris Ramirez** '15 (4th PV), **Dalton Dovolis** '14, **Domonic Fusanotti** '14 and **Kyle Markfield** '15 (3rd 4x1). The future looks bright as we look forward to these student athletes joining the championship varsity squad!



Junior High Track

The Palma School Junior High Track Team accomplished a very successful 2012 season. The 7th and 8th grade team set numerous school records while pursuing their own personal records. Throughout the season, the most important emphasis was placed on the athlete's motto of "team." The Junior High track and field team consisted of eleven young individuals with great confidence with a mission of always finishing their event. The seventh grade team included the following team members: **Dylan Dyson**, **Christian Gallardo**, **Daudi London**, **Emilio Martinez**, **Saransh Rakshak**, **Kevin Telford**, and **Isaac Thomas**. The eighth grade team included the following team members: **Damien Berber**, **Jacob Gomez**, **Jack Richardson** (team captain), **Bryce Robinson**, and **Clemente Villareal**. The season was filled with exciting finishes during the seven contests. These events included the kick-off Mission Trails Junior Athletic League (MTJAL) meet at Palma, followed by two meets at Carmel Middle School, two meets at North Monterey County High School, one meet at Carmel Middle School, and the final MTJAL Championship meet at Carmel Middle School. Palma's 4x100m relay team demonstrated our motto of "team" by finishing 1st in the 4 x 100m relay in each contest. Their combined efforts culminated in setting a new 8th grade school record of 49.32 seconds at the MTJAL Championship meet. This special group of 7th and 8th graders was also responsible for numerous first-place finishes in track and field events throughout the year. The future certainly looks bright for Palma Track and Field.





Swimming

This season, Palma looked to defend their title of TCAL Swim Champions. The season started off promising, with each student-athlete putting in hard work to improve themselves and the team. Following the loss of some key members of the team at mid-season, the season outlook changed and the remaining members grew closer together. During the dual meet season, Palma went 5-1 with the help of **Tanner Carillo-Zazueta '12**, **Jacob Gumke '12** and **Michael Saulovich '13**. The dual meet season saw widespread improvement by veteran swimmers and new comers alike. At the Tri-County Athletic League finals, Palma witnessed some exciting and heart breaking swims. T-CAL's concluded with a 3rd place league finish by Palma. Palma qualified one swimmer, **Tanner Carillo-Zazueta**, for CCS in two events, the 100m Butterfly and 100m Backstroke. This season was a season filled with fun, whether it was at the swim meets, every day in practice, during the boys favorite relaxation drill "ankles on the lane line," or water baseball with the Notre Dame team. Palma swimming is looking forward to the 2013 season with the hope of bringing the MBL Swim Title to Palma!



Varsity Volleyball

Entering this season with only two returning starters and two returning seniors, the Varsity Volleyball Team knew that it was in for an uphill battle. But with hard work and determination, led by the efforts of captains **Shivan Singh '12** and **Spencer Lane '13** (named T-CAL Defensive Player of the Year), the team finished league with a 7-9 record — only one win away from last year's win total. First time players and **A.J. Sims '12** and **Morgan Adam '12** not only learned the fundamentals of the game, but also excelled on the court, helping the Chieftains secure victories down the stretch. Freshman **Toby Wisner** and Sophomores **Jeremy Dicks** and **James Clark** were key elements to the team's success, foreshadowing a bright future for this team. With the majority of the team returning next season, the 2012-13 Varsity Volleyball team will hope to make a strong run for a league title!



JV Volleyball

With a team almost entirely comprised of first time players and little, first time assistant coach Jake Powell was charged with teaching the game. Finishing with a 4-8 record, the team found success with efforts from players like middle blocker **David Nunes '15**, whose blocking ability and determination were unmatched. Going through three starting setters during the year, freshman **Kevin Heffernan '15** stepped up to help the team win their final game of the year against rival Salinas High School. Middle blocker **Jean-Luc Adam '14** was a force at the net, learning early how to put a ball down. The success of this team was evident in the valuable skills they learned in the midst of adversity — hard work, fundamentals, and determination. All of these skills will be instrumental as these student-athletes move to the varsity level next year.



Junior High Wrestling

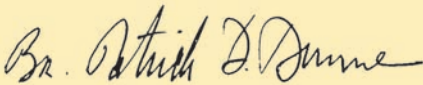
The 2012 Junior High Wrestling season was a great introduction to the sport of wrestling for the young men of Palma. The season started off with a win at the Gavilan View Invitational, led by champions **Kameron Woods '17**, **Alejandro Alonzo '16**, and **Humberto Baza '17**, and second place finishes by **Juan Aguilera '17**, **Nathaniel Fratangelo '17**, **Richard Garcia '17**, and **Elliott Mirassou '16**. Next up for the Chieftains was the opening dual against Gavilan View/Bolsa Knolls. The Chieftains were victorious again by a score of 78-12. Pin's were scored by **Kameron Woods**, **Alejandro Alonzo**, **Dylan Olivares '17**, **Justin Sanchez '16**, **Humberto Baza '17**, **Drew Dalman '17**, **Richard Garcia**, **Eric Robison '16**, and **Elliott Mirassou**. The hard work of the first year wrestlers allowed for continued success in the duals and tournaments. League dual wins against Washington, ELMS, & Carmel was the highlights of the dual part of the season. Tournament placements continued for the Chieftains at the New Brighton Tournament (2nd), the Spartan Invitational (3rd), the Fernando Duals (3rd), and the Tri-County Athletic League Championships (5th). Coach Simon Jimenez adds, "I could not have been any happier with the success of this year's team. The bond established amongst these young men was present on the wrestling mat, at Mass, and in the practice room. This particular group of young men showed that a strong work ethic and a constant desire to improve both technically and physically would result in success. The future certainly looks bright for the Chieftain Wrestling program. ●



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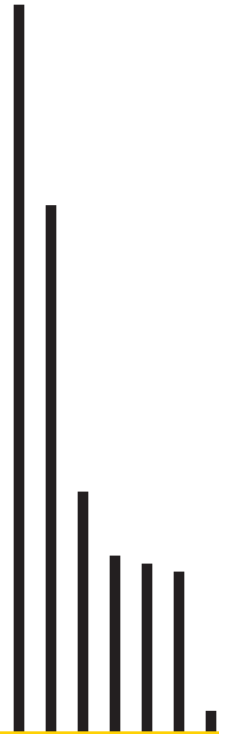
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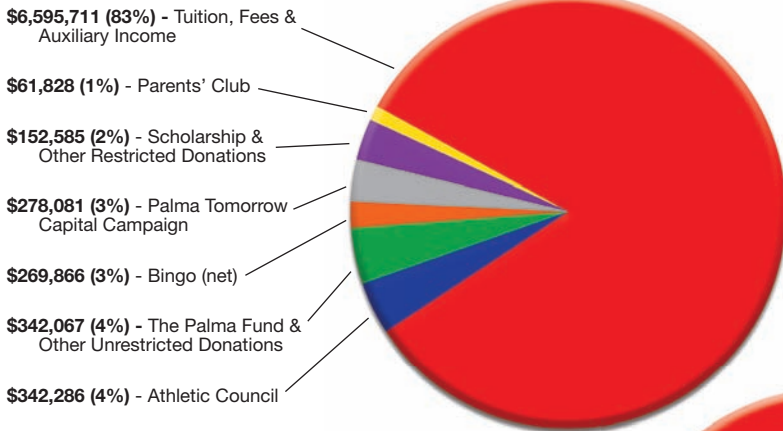
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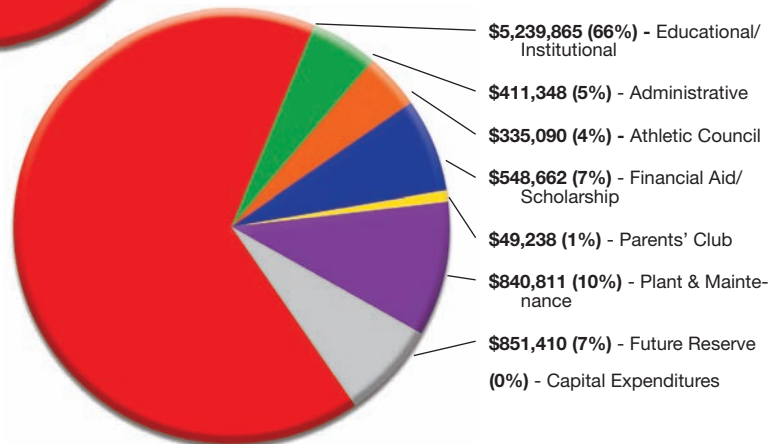


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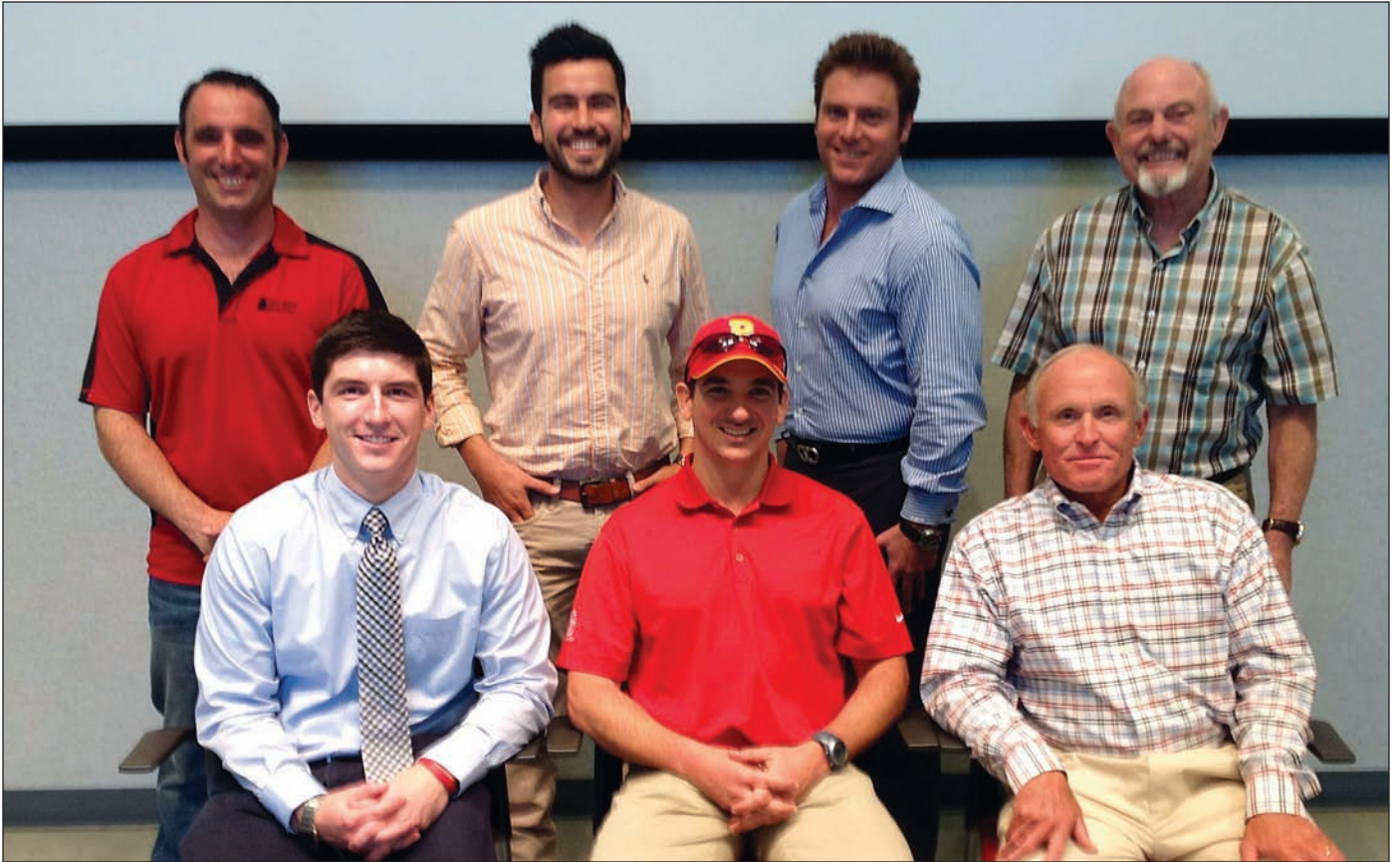
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Over the past 12 months, Palma has been working on structuring our Alumni Association. Currently, by-laws are being finalized, and Alumni Council positions are being filled.

The purpose of the Association shall be to foster communication between Palma School and Alumni worldwide; to encourage social, philanthropic, spiritual and professional interaction among alumni, faculty and students of Palma School; and to support the mission of our school by promoting the ideals of Blessed Edmund Rice. Working through God's love, Palma's mission is to find opportunities for the poor to gain a valuable diverse education and become outstanding citizens of our community. In turn, our successful students and alumni exemplify the importance and need for education. If we succeed in our mission, the world and our community become safer, healthier, and quite simply, better!

We are seven decades of Palma graduates, 58 classes, and over 4400 members strong! The seven Decade Chair positions on our Council will prove to be very important in our goal to improve communication with the individual class representatives. We hope to support annual class reunion committees, provide networking opportunities through social events, mentor current students, and celebrate the accomplishments of our

Alumni. In the light of Blessed Edmund Rice, the Alumni Association will strive to provide opportunities for less fortunate graduates through scholarships, as well.

We welcome back all alumni to visit the campus, cheer for our teams, and share past memories. Check out the Palma Facebook page for recent developments and news, as well as our website at www.palma-school.org. On our website under the Alumni page, you will find news and events updates, a list of lost and deceased Alumni, an update form for yourself or other Alumni, a survey page, and a donation page. A large part of accomplishing our goals lies in our fellow alumni who have benefitted from a Palma education and are willing to help our Association along its journey. Our ears are open to advice and welcome your comments and insights as the Association grows and becomes stronger throughout the years.

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