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President's Message

Hindsight is such a beautiful thing. Incredibly accurate when you are 50 years old, not as much at the age of 17. As with most graduates, students are often eager to break free from high school life and its rules and regulations, often for excellent reasons. These young adults are no different from us, they are ready to set their own schedules, their own paths, and their own life decisions. For most, it will take years and many of life's challenges for them to comprehend and look back at their younger years and the impact, positive or negative, it had on them.

I too was ready to break free in 1988 to chart my own course. It took years for me to understand that the foundation for many of the decisions I have made and paths I have taken were materialized in my early years at Palma. In hindsight, I am fortunate that my parents committed to sending both my brother and me to Palma when it was far from easy for them financially. Choices between fixing cars and household appliances or paying the tuition were monthly discussions. Looking back, I know these could not have been easy times for them, but I am lucky today they had the forethought of knowing it would be the best they could offer their sons.

Luckily, over these past 32 years, Palma has made a clear commitment to helping families in this same predicament. Palma has committed each year hundreds of thousands of dollars to make our school a reality for all families who are in need, a commitment that honors the very principles of our founder, Blessed Edmund Rice. This aid is raised and generated by the hundreds of Palma families and alumni who have seen what a Palma education can provide for their boy. If you would consider helping Palma becoming a reality for another young man in our community, please let me know. I'd love to talk with you about how we can make this happen.

I look forward to seeing you all again as well as connecting with our thousands of alumni who have called Palma more than a school for the past 69 years.

Chris Dalman
President



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Board of Directors Chairman's Message

Where to begin? COVID-19, economic shutdown, Zoom, face masks, civil discord, and now wildfires. "That is so 2020," as the new saying goes. I hope that each of you and your loved ones are healthy and well.

At Palma, at least, not all 2020 headlines are troublesome. The big news, of course, has been in the President's office. After over 30 years under the guidance of Brother Dunne, we are blessed to have Chris Dalman as our new President. The Board recognizes how fortunate we are to have someone who has seen the school as a student, alum, parent, teacher, and dean. Each hat Chris has worn throughout the years gives him valuable insight into all aspects of Palma. Nearly two months into his new role, he continues to impress me with his dedication and leadership. We are excited by what the future will bring with Chris at the helm.

As we begin a new (and very different) school year, I want to thank a number of folks. Thank you to the faculty and staff at Palma who have worked diligently over the summer to prepare for whatever this next school year may bring.

Thank you also to those benefactors who have continued to support the school, even in the face of economic uncertainty. Your contributions generate an even greater impact during these times. On a related note, a special thank you to those who have been instrumental in reestablishing the Palma Foundation. Overcoming the challenges 2020 has thrown at them is remarkable. We are fortunate to have this fine institution supporting the mission of Palma School.

And finally, thank you to our parents who trust us to provide your sons with an extraordinary Edmund Rice Christian Brother education — online and (hopefully soon) in person. I appreciate your commitment to this wonderful place we call Palma.

One final thought, an English proverb that comes to mind: "a smooth sea never made a skilled mariner." My hope is that each of you gain new knowledge, skillsets, or wisdom as we navigate a wild 2020 (over Zoom, wearing masks).

Go Chieftains!

Eric G. Mueller '01

Chairman, Board of Directors



Eric Mueller '01, Chairman of the Board

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Principal's Message

What a special place this is! Despite our transition to online learning, Palma continues to set the bar higher than the rest. Our students stay engaged and our teachers are present to them in a myriad of uncommon commitments to their preparedness for leadership at the next levels. Our students are earning valid grades here and they are showing up to class from their own homes, where others are merely provided "passing" grades whether students are truly present or not.

Palma keeps its promise of developing men of character. Like you, we did not predict remote learning to finish our previous school year and to commence the current one. We are well aware that 2020 is rife with adversity, and we choose to see it as opportunities for the "teachable moment." Like you we are confronted with ample amounts of adversity: pandemic, social distancing, online learning, losses in income, racial unrest, fires, displacement, and socio-political extremes. The genuineness of our faith the world over — being more precious than gold that, though perishable — is being tested by fire (1 Peter 1:7). But here our boys of promise are being held to a higher standard while embracing the challenges and committing themselves to the grind. Here they become men of character who are growing through, and even because, of adversity. It takes more to be a Chieftain and I marvel at the golden mettle of our graduates who acquire knowledge, service and leadership from their sacrifices and commitments of hard work here at Palma.

Our faculty is poised to create the right atmosphere — online or in person — to provide the right structure, the right mentoring, the right support, and the right challenges to help our young men to embrace their potential for the future. We have built upon our successes with E-School at the end of last year, coupled with feedback from our stakeholders to ensure a college prep education with the rigor, accountability, and individual attention Chieftains deserve.

Our faculty has undergone the kind of professional development that will enhance learning experiences and varied assessments for our students online even more so than our successes of last year. We are creating ways to foster community and healthy relationships among students and teachers so students feel connected even when they are apart. We are making connections in virtual platforms, engaging students in clubs and social activities, encouraging service to those on



David Sullivan, Principal

the margins. We are prepared to pivot nimbly and efficiently into a hybrid model of cohort learning when the powers that be determine it safe to do so. This pandemic will not last forever. When the proverbial dust settles Chieftains will be poised with the preparation and education to pursue success and leadership for life.

This is going to be a year like no other! I am up for the challenge! Judging by what I am observing among our students and faculty, I can assure you that the rest of our campus is, too. I am proud and humbled to be serving the Palma Family. Go Chieftains!

David J. Sullivan *Principal*

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Advancement Office Message

It's safe to say we'll never forget 2020. Normal life looks a lot different these days, especially in education. But there is one thing that hasn't changed at Palma School: our students' education and safety are our highest priority!

Philanthropy means different things to different people, but in the end, each gift is not just about its dollar amount; it is about providing opportunity. That opportunity may mean that an extraordinary and deserving student can attend Palma because of tuition assistance, or it may mean members of the faculty can bring new teaching methodologies to the classroom, sparking new learning experiences for their students. Or it may mean that Palma can be forward thinking and upgrade the campus infrastructure with fiber optics and purchase AirPods for all teachers for seamless hybrid teaching.

For generations, the philanthropy of Palma donors has been the foundation of the school's growth and resilience. Time and time again, Palma families, alumni and friends point to our enthusiastic, diverse, respectful and supportive community as the heart of what makes the school strong. When you make a donation, that community grows even stronger. Every gift helps a young man and our future by opening doors to a Palma School education, supporting and expanding academic and extracurricular programs, enriching the campus life experience and so much more.

Palma School is a partnership. Alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff work together to honor Palma's mission and values that are now 69 years old and equally, ensure that Palma remains an educational leader today and in the future in all aspects of secondary education in the Salinas Valley. Above all, this partnership serves our students each day as they develop from boys of promise into men of character.

On behalf of Palma's Advancement Office, thank you for your ongoing commitment and generosity to Palma School — for your philanthropy and gifts of time and talent. We are deeply grateful to you.

Tray Jones

Tracy Jones
Institutional Advancement



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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.

Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education

- I Evangelize youth within the mission of the church.
- II Proclaim and witness to Catholic identity.
- III Stand in solidarity with those marginalized by poverty and injustice.
- IV Foster and invigorate a community of faith.
- V Celebrate the value and dignity of each person and nurture the development of the whole person.
- VI Collaborate and share responsibility for the mission.
- VII Pursue excellence in all endeavors.



The "Ful-ness" of Palma

Uncertainty seems to be the order of the day in 2020. Concern over COVID-19 has changed almost every aspect of life precipitating a model of business as "unusual." It's challenging to make things as normal as possible when normal no longer exists. So why then does Palma continue to thrive? The answer lies in the "ful-ness" of Palma.

PRAYERFUL

Embracing the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education doesn't just apply to students. The faculty and staff of Palma School fully subscribe to the meaning and practice of spiritual growth; recognizing its value. Through daily prayer and retreats, Palma expresses prayerful concern for students, families, the community and our world.

MEANINGFUL

The universal goal of secondary education is for students to reach a standard by which they have met the state's minimum requirements to advance. Palma's goal is to far exceed established standards and to also instill in young men the value of a meaningful life — helping them find and learn how to fulfill the purpose of their life.

HOPEFUL
Hope springs from faith, no matter what form that faith is borne. Hope is also the byproduct of confidence. Knowing in one's heart that their endeavors will bear fruit and provide value, even the value of the lesson learned in failure, fuels the uncommon motivation to continually move forward.

POWERFUL

Engaging the marginalized, those whose circumstances have left them abandoned, homeless, imprisoned or in specialized care, creates an awareness of the sacredness

of life. Compassion begets understanding and action, removes barriers and allows one to better empower those around them. Chieftains learn that power is derived from sharing it rather than from demanding it. They also learn that dignity is a human right.

SKILLFUL

Being a skilled educator is being cognizant that one never stops learning. Professional development leads to mastering best practices and the effective uses of technology. It is knowing that teaching is relational and that positive collaboration with parents and colleagues yields productive learning that's ripe for growth.

HELPFUL

Regular communication with students and parents, outside of classroom instruction, bridges the gap between home life and performance during class time — virtual or otherwise. Being helpful means working with families to achieve the best possible outcome for their sons.

RESOURCEFUL

Teaching at Palma starts with understanding fully that we are stewards of the investment being made by

families and supporters. As a result, extraordinary means are employed to ensure each dollar is used wisely and passes a simple test: *does this expenditure benefit our students?* We cannot afford to throw money at problems. Instead, we throw ourselves into collaborative and creative problem solving.

MINDFUL

Everyone's circumstance is different and is not always what appearances would lead us to believe. We make ffort to bear this in mind and not take for granted our

a conscious effort to bear this in mind and not take for granted our obligation to be responsive and patient when there is need.

GRATEFUL

More than just on campus, we live our lives with gratitude and a deep appreciation for our families and the trust they have placed in us. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve, to learn, to grow and to be an influential part of a young man's life. Every person on our campus takes seriously their role as a mentor; to be an example of integrity and character.

The "ful-ness" of Palma is difficult to contain. It permeates how we approach education, how we perceive our place in it and how we feel about our school community.

Love is seldom the first word that comes to mind when you think of a school for boys. At Palma School, it's what drives us. Love in all its "ful-ness."

College Bound

The students in the graduating class of 2020 are attending some of the finest universities in the country. We are proud to announce the colleges in which our graduates are enrolled.











































Congratulations Class of 2020





































Palma's Top Ten Men of 2020

Part of 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. Congratulations to the following 10 seniors who had the highest grade point averages in their class and received noteworthy nods from universities across the nation.



Hudson WoodUC Berkeley
Civil Engineering



Wade RiandaCornell University
Biomedical Engineering



Isaac Paulo
UCLA
Computer Science & Engineering



Joseph PiiniCal Poly San Luis Obispo *Industrial Engineering*



Ethan PavletUC Berkeley *Mechanical Engineering*



Steven Said University of Denver Mechanical Engineering



Philip SitesCal Poly San Luis Obispo *Manufacturing Engineering*



Tyler Whitehead UC Berkeley *Undeclared*



Jack BuschCal Poly San Luis Obispo *Agricultural Engineering*



David NinoCal Poly San Luis Obispo
Agricultural Engineering

High School Graduation Awards

Hudson WoodMonsignor Thomas J. Earley Gold Medal for Scholastic Proficiency ValedictorianIsaac PauloMonsignor Thomas J. Earley Gold Medal for Scholastic Proficiency SalutatorianWade RiandaMonsignor Thomas J. Earley Gold Medal for Scholastic Proficiency Salutatorian

Isaac PauloPalma Gold Medal in TheologyWade RiandaPalma Gold Medal in EnglishEthan PavletPalma Gold Medal in Social StudiesHudson WoodPalma Gold Medal in MathematicsTyler WhiteheadPalma Gold Medal in Foreign Language

Simon Bosch
Palma Gold Medal in Fine Arts
Palma Gold Medal in Music
Palma Loyalty Award
Palma Leadership Award
Alex Vasquez
Principal's Leadership Award

Isaac Paulo

Isaac Paulo Monroe Award for Proficiency in Mathematics

Hudson Wood Brother Martin D. Cunningham Award for Excellence in English

Palma Gold Medal in Science

Jacob Serrano Brother Charles J. Avendano Award for Excellence in Social Studies and Service

Ethan Pavlet W.H. "Hank" Muller Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award

Anthony Villegas Brother M.L. Crumlish Athlete of the Year Award

Junior High School Graduation Awards

Dante Zanger The Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Earley Award for Religious Studies

Noa Kawamoto English Award

Thomas Ducker Mathematics Award

Thomas Ducker Music Award
Nicolas Veliz IV Literature Award
Matthew Arbizu Social Studies Award
Anmol Ghuman Science Award

Dante Zanger Foreign Language Award

Gianni Ponce Fine Arts Award

Evan Bobadilla The Gerald D. Flowers Golden Chieftain Scholarship Award for Service

Roberto De Leon Brother Charles McManus Award for Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, and Sportsmanship

Diego VillarrealThe Palma Investors Club ScholarshipEsteban SoteloThe Father Vic Farrell Scholarship

2020 Distinguished Scholars

Congratulations to the members of Palma class of 2020 who became Distinguished Scholars. They each received special recognition for their extraordinary effort after successfully completing a rigorous set of scholar requirements.





Thomas LundyBilingual Scholar



Daniel Muñoz Bilingual Scholar



Isaac Paulo STEM+ Scholar Excellence in the Humanities Scholar



Ethan Pavlet STEM+ Scholar Excellence in the Humanities Scholar



Joseph Piini STEM+ Scholar



Wade Rianda STEM+ Scholar



Steven Said STEM+ Scholar Bilingual Scholar



Philip Sites STEM+ Scholar



Hudson Wood STEM+ Scholar Excellence in the Humanities Scholar Bilingual Scholar



The Big Man on Campus: Palma's New President

A leader on campus for more than two decades was named the second president of Palma School. Chris Dalman '88, previously serving as Assistant Principal and Dean of Students, was offered a contract by a unanimous vote of the Palma School Board of Directors. He took office on July first.

"Palma School has been, and remains to be, a beacon in my life. As a student, instructor, coach, administrator and now president, the lessons instilled daily at Palma are what have guided me to where I stand today," Mr. Dalman said. "Palma is more than a school — it's an opportunity for young men to push themselves to their highest potential. I am extremely excited to work with this incredible

faculty and staff as Palma continues its mission."

As Dean of Students, Mr. Dalman interacted with students on a daily basis, ensuring they recognized and reflected the high expectations placed upon them. "Not every young man is a scholar. Not every young man is an athlete. But every young man has the potential to take charge by embracing the highest ideals of his own convictions and

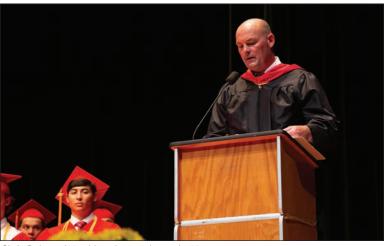
character," said Mr. Dalman. "We are in the business of building up remarkable young men to be the innovators and leaders of tomorrow."

"We welcome Chris Dalman as the new President," said Eric Mueller '01, Chairman of the Palma's Board of Directors. "Chris has a long history with Palma — as a student, alum, parent, teacher, and administrator, which will serve him well in his new role. The Board of Directors is excited by what the future holds with Chris at the helm. He will bring a renewed energy to the school, as we carry on the legacy of the Christian Brothers, particularly the work of Br. Dunne."

During his time at Palma, Mr. Dalman has served on numerous executive committees and has held positions of prominence in the areas of policy, admissions, advancement, accreditation and athletics. As a 1992 graduate of Stanford University, he went on to play eight seasons in the National Football League as a San Francisco 49er. Mr. Dalman turned his playing experience into teaching as a coach for the Atlanta Falcons and Stanford University's football program before returning to Palma in 2009 when he assumed to role as Director of Admissions.

"For the past 20 years, I have seen what a powerful presence Chris is on campus. He is respected by every constituency, including faculty, staff, students, parents, supporters and local business leaders. He is a prime candidate to assume the position of president and the school is in good hands moving forward," said Br. Patrick Dunne, C.F.C., Palma's first president and former principal. Br. Dunne stepped down after 33 years at the helm of Palma School on June 30, 2020.

Mr. Dalman takes the reins at a critical juncture — not just for Palma School, but for Catholic education in general. Enrollment has been declining nationwide for more than 50 years. Now the pandemic has forced the hand of many private schools that were barely hanging on. Some schools are able to consolidate, but most on the brink had to close their doors. Add to that the challenge many families face wanting to keep their children in Catholic school, but finding it daunting in light of reduced hours, forced furloughs or worse, lost jobs.



Chris Dalman '88 addressing graduates in 2017

Palma is fortunate to be in a position to offer tuition assistance to families with demonstrated need. Our strong programs and beloved faculty have kept student retention at about 93% over the past five years while the national average has hovered around 86%. Palma also enjoys strong support from the local business community and alumni.

"I have witnessed how the leadership here at Palma has continually been forward-

looking when it comes to technology. Because the infrastructure was already in place for students to use iPads, we had everything needed to make a quick transition to e-School," said Mr. Dalman. "The faculty moved quickly to adapt a new teaching paradigm and Palma students were able to resume full classes, albeit online, within five days of the announced closure."

Mr. Dalman's vision for Palma includes the revitalization of the Palma School Foundation to introduce new revenue streams to fund raising and strengthen the endowment fund. He is also passionate about getting out into the community to tell Palma's story. Having received the benefits of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother education, Mr. Dalman is committed to the mission started by Blessed Edmund Rice more than 200 years ago. He dreams of a day when Palma will have the resources to offer every boy who wants it a Palma education.

"Brother Dunne would say, 'miraculous things happen at Palma on a daily basis.' I only hope I can carry the mantle of these ideals half as well as the man did before me."

Exercises in Empathy Goes National

For more than six years, Palma School's Campus Ministry has been collaborating with the Correctional Training Facility (CTF) at Soledad State Prison on a program that unites inmates with students, faculty and parents. This collaboration, now called Exercises in Empathy, has been symbiotic, as it is difficult to discern who is deriving the greater benefit. It's safe to say everyone who participates is affected positively by the experience. Many students cite this as the single-most impactful activity during their years at Palma.

Mr. Jim Micheletti, Palma's Director of Campus Ministry, assisted by Ms. Mia Mirassou, created the program with a focus on compassion, empathy and restorative justice. Teaming men who have been given life sentences with private school students to discuss themes found in literature has led to raw emotions, frank discussions and more than a few surprises. During the average visit, about 25 students, staff members and parents meet with approximately 80 inmates. Breaking

into groups of 10, known as "families," they explore their personal connections to the assigned literature. Many of the "men in blue" are filled with a sense of dignity — their opinion mattering and their contribution to the group being valued. For some, this is the first time in their lives that they've been granted such an accommodation. The meeting continues with two members of each family presenting their discussion themes to the assembly. When time expires, the men in blue form a line down which all of the visitors traverse, shaking each hand.

Men in blue feel honored to have spent time with students who are destined for some of the finest universities in the country while students leave with a new

perspective and appreciation for the plight of their fellow human beings. They discover their commonality and learn the chief difference between them and many of the incarcerated is the environment in which they are raised.

An inmate organization inside CTF, the Phoenix Alliance, is populated with many of the men who meet with Palma. The experience fueled a desire to give something to the school which arrived in the form of a scholarship. Despite the little an inmate earns while working behind prison walls, they continually pass the hat and have raised more than \$30,000 to fund a Palma student. It's their way of allowing a young man to escape the fate of his circumstances.

For nearly as long as the program has been active, attempts have been made to share its value with state officials and the general public. Local television covered it in 2015 and a periodic story has appeared in a local newspaper, but the promotion has never gotten the traction it deserves. In 2017, Oprah Winfrey aired a one-hour special on restorative justice,

after which one of her producers was contacted by Palma about our story. After initial interest, we were informed they would not pursue it.

In 2019, the story reached Lisa Ling. Intrigued, she contacted Mr. Micheletti and Ms. Mirassou. Their phone conversations turned into a meeting and Ms. Ling was confident that this was a story worthy of national attention. CNN agreed. The producers and crew, along with Ms. Ling, arrived in January 2020 to create an episode of *This is Life with* Lisa Ling, a popular CNN Original Series now in its seventh season.

"Literally EVERYONE saw the value in us exploring this topic," said Mr. William Acks, the program's director and producer. "When you have everyone on the same page that means there's really something of value to share."

The timing of their arrival was fortuitous as Palma had just set a new

precedent by being allowed to hold an handful of their classmates.

assembly in the campus chapel that included two men in blue. The film crew was present to record Mr. Jason Bryant and Mr. Freddie Ortega tell their stories to Palma's upperclassmen amid a gallery of local dignitaries and appropriately tight security. The crew spent three weeks in Salinas, developing the story of the unique relationship between Palma and the prison. Syon Newson-Green '20, who was the scholarship recipient and Hudson Wood '20, Palma's 2020 valedictorian, were both featured students, along with a

"We thought that the reading program was going to be more beneficial for the inmates as they had a chance to interact

with so many bright young men who would share their thoughts on the great works with them," commented Ms. Ling. "What we found was that the program was transformative for the students and opened up a world to them that many knew little to nothing about. Not only did their hearts soften, but many of the young men shared personal aspects of their lives that they had told few people before. The Brothers in Blue were so candid about their crimes but also about their feelings that it was almost as though the Palma students were, as a result, given permission to be as emotive about things they may have otherwise never shared."

"To me, it was profound to witness two groups, who on the surface seem totally different, find common ground," said Mr. Francis Poon, one of the show's producers. "In today's divisive and vitriolic world, I think this program speaks to the power of listening with an open mind, and the profound possibility for all of us to empathize."

The new season of *This is Life with Lisa Ling* is currently in production and is targeted to begin this fall.



Lisa Ling enjoys a moment with Jack Busch '20 and Jason Bryant (seated) in the chapel





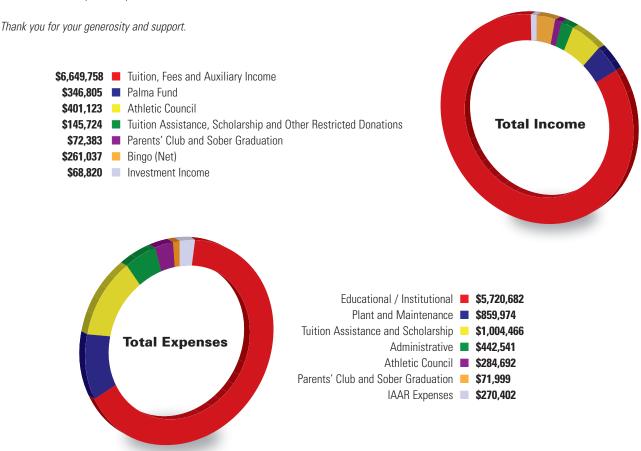
The Palma School **Foundation** is a smarter solution to fund raising. It doesn't just solicit and manage gifts **for** Palma School, it also builds bridges between Palma and the community — particularly **the** residents and businesses with no previous direct connection. A vibrant **future** starts with expanding the support base for what has become a trusted resource for our region — Palma School.



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2019-2020 Annual Report

Palma School sincerely appreciates those individuals who generously made annual, capital and endowment gifts between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. To accomplish the school's goals, it takes the support of the entire community — alumni, board members, businesses, faculty, foundations, grandparents, parents of alumni, staff and friends. Through their contributions, these valued constituents ensure that our students continue to have the very best educational experience possible.



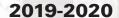
Giving for 2019-2020

Fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

We are privileged to witness the generosity of the extraordinary Palma community who believe in our future as much as they honor the past. The success of our programs and their constant improvement to the highest degree of excellence and innovation depends on your support. The future is bright for Palma School and it is Palma people (students, faculty, staff and you) who are the key to fulfilling our promise and realizing our vision. Thank you for helping us on that journey. I trust Palma School can count on your involvement and generosity again this year!

Go Chieftains!

Br. Patrick D. Dunne C.F.C. *Past President (1987-2020)*



The President's Circle

The President's Circle, established in 2008, gives special recognition to those Palma supporters who have made cumulative gifts of \$1,000 or more during the preceding fiscal year. Many families, alumni and friends choose to continue their membership in the President's Circle year after year in recognition of the superior achievements of the school. We salute the following members of this pace-setting group and hope that the power of their example will serve to encourage others to consider investing in Palma School.

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