

PALMA HIGH SCHOOL



IMPACT REPORT

PALMA SCHOOL'S ANNUAL REPORT

FALL 2023



“The will of God be done in this and everything we undertake.”

BLESSED EDMUND RICE

Founder of the Christian Brothers

1762-1844

OUR MISSION

Palma School 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.*

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Top Ten Men of 2023

Congratulations to these graduates who had the highest grade point averages in the class of 2023.



Marc Asuncion
UCLA



Caleb Chung
UCLA



David Hodges
UC Davis



Matt Iverson
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo



Blake Butler
UC Santa Barbara



Carl Nielsen
Purdue University



Adan Magaña
UC Santa Cruz



Brendan Watson
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo



Suyesh Niraula
UC Davis



Kyle Abendano-Real
UC Davis

Dear Palma Family

As I enter my fourth year as president, it is never lost on me the great history of our school, the thousands of young people who have walked its halls and the countless number of families who, for the past 70-plus years, have supported this little school on 919 Iverson Street. This little school was created on the backs and from the resources of a handful of local people who wished to create a top-notch Catholic school environment for the young people along our Central Coast. Because of their generosity, Palma opened its doors to students in the fall of 1951 and over the years has grown into an academic/athletic powerhouse.

This publication is a thank you to the hundreds of people who give in any way possible to our school. We hope to show you where and how your gifts are used as we honor our alums and donors along the way. Palma could never fulfill its mission without your generosity and support.

Many changes are on the horizon at Palma School, and I am so excited to see them come to fruition. What will never change is the strength and mission of Palma School: providing a first-rate Catholic school education to all of the young students along our Central Coast. I thank you for helping create this reality.

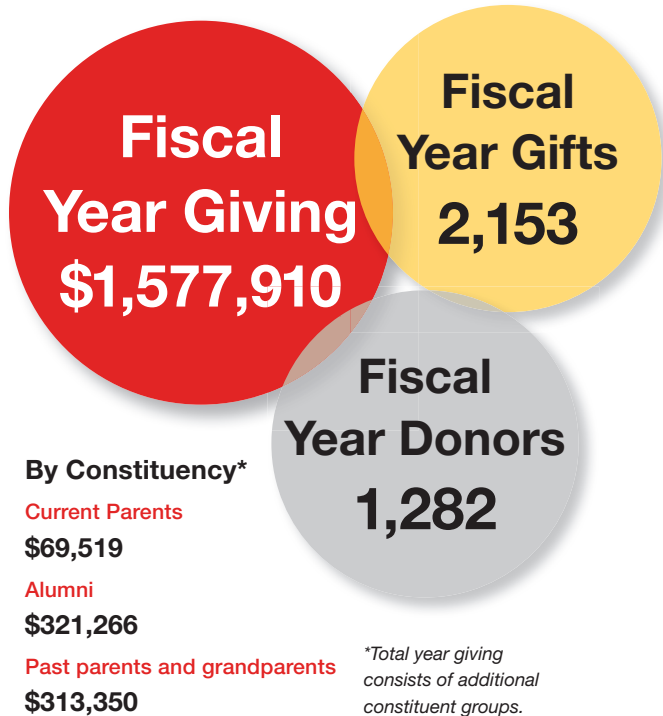


Chris Dalman '88
President



Fiscal Year 2022-23 Giving

We are proud to report another year of strong support from our donors whose contributions help us fulfill our mission of forming students in the Palma tradition.



The Palma Fund 2022-23 Overview

For decades, the incredible Palma community and its benefactors have been charged with bridging the gap between tuition and what it actually costs to education a student. From academic support, spiritual engagement, technology, plant maintenance, and operation expenses, the Palma Fund supports it all. But perhaps more importantly, the Palma Fund assures that every student has the opportunity to experience all that Palma School has to offer.

Palma Fund & Donor Unrestricted
\$270,042

Number of Donations
770

TUITION ASSISTANCE & SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

2022-23 Tuition Assistance	2022-23 Scholarships	Total Endowment
\$159,346	\$381,427	\$4,315,181

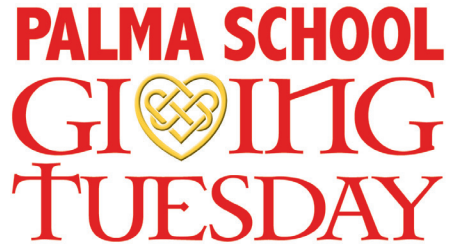
TUITION ASSISTANCE & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Percent Receiving Assistance	Total Awarded	Average Award
43%	\$743,577	\$3,645

Impact of Giving Days

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. All Giving Tuesday donations go to Tuition Assistance.



114 gifts totaled
\$67,982

78% of gifts
over \$100

22% of gifts
under \$100

Chieftain Day of Giving

Chieftain Day of Giving happens annually in April when the incredible Palma community comes together to generously give back and help provide the funds necessary for every student to experience a Palma education.



118 gifts
gifts from alumni, educators, grandparents,
friends and students

\$30,730
for the Palma Fund

Supporters Impact Campus Life

TUITION ONLY COVERS 87% OF THE COST TO EDUCATE A STUDENT AT PALMA. THE BALANCE, ALONG WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CAMPUS, ALL COME FROM ANNUAL FUND RAISING.



From a new school van that increases enrollment to renovated classrooms, bathrooms, meetings spaces and much needed new roof and windows, the generosity of the Palma family of supporters impacts the lives of students every day.

Renovation Meets Vision



One of the many projects planned for our transition to a coed campus is a major renovation of the gym. New locker and team rooms reflect the pride and storied history of our athletic programs that will be showcased in impressive displays in the gym's expanded foyer.

Stories of Impact



Richard
Hernandez '17

"Palma changed my world. Tuition assistance gave me the opportunity to learn alongside my brothers at Palma. It gave me considerable latitude to pursue a higher education and play collegiate athletics."



Robert
Hernandez '17

"Many students, including myself, have experienced financial insecurities to receive a quality education. However, as a beneficiary of tuition assistance, I was able to attend Palma, which immersed me in an unmatched culture of spiritual, physical, and intellectual excellence."



Von
Swim '25

“The scholarship that I received freshman year means so much to me because it gives me an opportunity to be who I am and gives me a chance in Palma School to thrive and succeed. Without the scholarship I might not be in the position I am now, I am thankful from deep down.”



Moises
Linares '27

“The tuition assistance will make a huge impact in making my educational experience at Palma because it will allow me an opportunity that was previously closed due to the financial burden it would have put on my mom to pay for my education alone. It is because of this assistance that I will be able to join you and many others at Palma School.”