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## Message from the President

This summer, Fr. Richard Cobb, S.J., is being missioned to Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos. At just 89 years young, Fr. Cobb has been an incredible gift to the Bellarmine community each of the times that he has been missioned here during his 70+ years as a Jesuit. I was fortunate enough to have Fr. Cobb as my freshman English teacher in the mid '80s, and he was unlike any teacher I had learned from before. He was the first priest I ever had as a teacher, but he also was an extraordinary teacher of literature. He made Shakespeare as fun as Agatha Christie, and he taught me lessons about good writing that I carry with me to this day. Seven years later, when I was looking for my first job, Fr. Cobb was missioned to be the superior of the Jesuit Community at Loyola High School in Los Angeles, leaving an opening for a part-time English teacher and assistant admissions director, a position I was fortunate enough to be offered by Fr. Ed Reese, S.J.

When Bellarmine started our immersion program that next spring with a trip to build houses in Tijuana and we needed a place to sleep on the way down, it was only natural that I should call Fr. Cobb to see if the Loyola gym would be available. He graciously served as our host that year and for many years to come, and even gave a nice donation from the Jesuit community in support of the families we would be serving.

When he returned to Bellarmine in the early 2000s, Fr. Cobb taught a class with Mrs. Judy Alessandri supporting our Outreach students, with whom he would work very closely for years. Shortly thereafter, Fr. Cobb also took on a role with Adult Spirituality, where he shared his deep spirituality and wisdom with members of the faculty and staff and led many of us through the 19th Annotation Retreat of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Clearly, Fr. Cobb is very special to me, as I know he is to so many of our alumni. It has been a challenging past year as Fr. Bob Shinney, S.J., also moved up to Los Gatos in December, and Fr. Bob Mathewson, S.J., and Fr. Russ Roide, S.J., have passed away. I know that for each of these men, so many alumni could (and have!) shared stories about what a profound influence these Jesuits provided in their lives. For others, it was the loss of important lay teachers and coaches – like English teacher extraordinaire Jim Harville '63 or teacher and coach Larry Rogers – passing away that left us with palpable senses of loss.

Each of these losses is profound, and each of these people will be remembered and cherished for how well they have demonstrated to us what Ignatian education is all about.

And yet the next generation of teachers, coaches, and students has its own awesome impact and tremendous embodiment of what Jesuit education continues to offer our students. From Aaron Langerman '11 leading the speech team to new heights during the pandemic to the start of the Jalal Beauchman '06 era in football to Nate Sutton '00 and Conor Salcido '07 leading the Bells in baseball and soccer, the next generation is continuing to bring a dynamic embodiment of what it means to be a "man for and with others". And it's not just the alumni, either. Teachers like Lisa Yi in our science department, Dr. Sullivan in Social Science, and Kristina Luscher in the Principal's office care deeply for our students and provide rigorous instruction that helps them to realize their full potential and put it at the service of others.

It has been a year of tremendous change – from the pandemic to the loss of some iconic teachers and coaches – but that torch is being passed to some tremendous faculty and staff members, and the students we work with are remarkable and adding to the rich Bellarmine tradition. I know that in these pages you'll be excited to read about what they all have to offer.

Go Bells!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Meyercord".

Chris Meyercord '88  
President

# Bellarmino College Prep Magazine **Summer 2021**

## Editor's Note

I recently heard a phrase, reportedly going back some 1,000 years, attributed to a Celtic monk: "May I arrive at every place I enter." That hope — that prayer, if you will — aligns nicely with the words of encouragement shared often by our beloved Fr. Jerry Wade, S.J. '55, that we should "be in the moment," as well as embrace the Latin phrase, *age quod agis*: do what you are doing.

Much of what has occurred during the last school year seems to be a blur. My eyesight varies depending on when I am wearing my eyeglasses and when I am not. With them off, I can be looking but not clearly seeing.

And so it is with the time I define as being either pre-pandemic or post shelter-in-place (since we, as a society, are not yet fully in a place one may call being post-pandemic). Many of us have placed life events on a timeline that uses pre-pandemic as a reference marker. While working remotely, I was challenged to be in the moment and to arrive at every place I entered when, during much of it, I was not entering any place other than another room in my home.

Yet, to consider the entering of a place only in terms of physical space is to miss the point, I think, as one's spiritual place is also essential to one's emotional and mental states. Looking within a bit deeper, such time of relative isolation did provide an opportunity for self-reflection, to reassess priorities, and to be in the moment.

Speaking of opportunities, members of the Bellarmine community responded in amazing ways to the opportunities – and challenges – faced this past academic year. Watching faculty navigate the HyFlex model of in-person and remote instruction was inspiring, as was the positive way in which our students responded.

As we reach summer's midpoint and experience various stages of a new normal, as the sounds of Pomp and Circumstance fade in the memories of our recent graduates, and as we hold those we love and the dreams we have for the future a bit closer, I hope that you and yours will be in the moment, do what you are doing, and arrive at every place you enter.

Warm regards,



Brian Adams  
Vice President  
Office of Advancement

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Our newest alumni from the Class of 2021  
(photo by Terry Yu)



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## From the Principal's Office

Well, we made it to the end of the 2020-21 academic year, and I am so proud of the ways in which the Bellarmine community worked together to keep one another safe and healthy throughout this past year. Our students demonstrated extraordinary perseverance as athletic seasons were cut short, classes were held online, and they were asked to adjust again and again to ever-changing safety requirements. As more and more students returned, they brought energy and hope back to the campus. By the end of the academic year, over 50% of our student body was on campus for classes and even more students were involved in co-curriculars that took place in person and online.

Despite all that was happening outside of Bellarmine, our students continued to accomplish great things. Competitions and activities had a new spirit about them this year – each event had a celebratory feeling to it as students appreciated having the opportunity to interact and compete with one another. Our Speech and Debate team doubled in size, took second at the State Championships and 26 students competed in the National tournament in June, with the Bells taking the national title! Our music program offered virtual concerts to brighten our days, and our theatre department produced the musical Bubble Boy online and the spring comedy, All in the Timing, in the Carney Amphitheatre. Our Cross Country team wrapped up their season in March by sweeping the WCAL meet, Soccer won the CCS Open Division championship (their fourth consecutive CCS title), Volleyball won CCS, our Swim and Dive team honored the memory of Larry Rogers with their CCS championship this year, and Track and Field earned its 12th CCS title in June.

We were also able to celebrate our recognition as a Green Ribbon School this year, and as we transitioned a number of classes outdoors, more community members had an opportunity to enjoy the Bellarmine Garden, complete with goats, chickens and rabbits. Our Christian Service program developed creative service and advocacy opportunities for our students, and each student completed at least 15 hours of community service this year! In order to continue the important conversations taking place across our nation, our Unity Council organized and led our Racial Justice Teach-In in March. The honesty and sincerity of our students gives me great hope in the future.

The strength and compassion of the Bellarmine community is unparalleled. We hope that the summer brings rest and healing to our students, and we can't wait to see them back on campus in the fall!

Sincerely,

*Kristina Luscher*  
Principal



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# SAFE PARK PROGRAM

## CRS RICE BOWL

The Bellarmine community held a virtual CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl campaign that ran February 22 through March 5, 2021. The annual faith-in-action effort this year raised \$4,305.00 to help CRS Rice Bowl transform lives globally and locally through the Diocese of San Jose CRS Rice Bowl Grants program. Among the creative ways funds were raised was a Minecraft Stream event, hosted by the Agape Club, that generated awareness about CRS Rice Bowl, fun for those that participated, and \$350 in funds. All proceeds benefit Catholic Relief Services in its efforts to provide emergency aid, education, health care, and water to people in more than 100 countries.



For the fourth year, Bellarmine participated in the Safe Park program during which single adults and families sleeping in their vehicles had a secure parking lot space on campus from January 10 through February 28.

As a member of the Silicon Valley Safe Parking (SVSP) network, Bellarmine partnered with Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice & Empowerment, the organization responsible for the screening of our guests.

This year there were five consistent guests in the program and Bellarmine was also able to host several other folks for some brief stays. We are grateful to all the volunteers and participants, and the cooperation of the College Park Neighborhood Association.



In December 2020, Justin Sue '21 (seen here with president Chris Meyercord '88) represented Bellarmine on KPIX-TV channel 5 news as he presented a \$20,700 gift to Second Harvest of Silicon Valley. These funds were contributed by the generous Bellarmine community during the 2020 Spring Food Drive.

## Winter Warmth Drive and Spring Food Drive

Bellarmine's annual Winter Warmth Drive in November 2020 took many forms. There was a drive-through drop-off option, while others donated funds online or ordered and shipped blankets and sleeping bags to the school. The results for the HomeFirst Cold Weather Shelter Program included more than 200 blankets, 250 new sleeping bags, and more than 300 pairs of new socks. Additionally, more than 100 new blankets and sleeping bags were delivered to Sacred Heart Community Service.

Bellarmine's 2021 Spring Food Drive resulted in the raising of \$12,550, which significantly assisted Second Harvest of Silicon Valley

in providing 25,100 nutritious meals to many in need throughout the community. This achievement surpassed the school's initial goal of providing 20,000 meals.

Anne Maloney, Bellarmine's director of the Christian Service Program (CSP), expressed gratitude for the support of many in a variety of ways during the Spring Food Drive. "We are awed by the steady flow of generosity in our community and sincerely appreciate all of the support, especially during such a prolonged and challenging time of pandemic," noted Ms. Maloney. "We offer heartfelt thanks to all who helped bring awareness, encouragement, energy, creativity, and community building to this virtual drive."









## Baccalaureate & Graduation



# Class of 2021 Major Award Recipients

## Matteo Ricci Awards

Matteo Ricci was a 16th century Jesuit missionary who epitomized the Jesuit ideal of finding God in all things. Student honorees have contributed significantly to life in and out of the classroom.

Enow Akem

Roberto Davila

Jose Miranda

Colin Peattie

Jacob Wang

Frank Anderson

Max Hermosillo

Larry Nguyen

Parker Soriano

## Bellarmino Spirit Award

The Bellarmine Spirit Award is presented to that student who embraces our school's philosophy of vision, leadership and service within the broad spectrum of Bellarmine's co-curricular activities.

Stevie Chuck

## Rob Suarez Memorial Award

Honoring that student who raised our spirits when we have needed it most, bringing hope in the midst of daily struggles. This student represents the often unnoticed acts of compassion in our community.

Michael Young

## Jesuit Secondary Education Award

Presented to that student who is well-rounded, intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice in generous service to the people of God.

Joseph Sarmenta

## Pedro Arrupe Service Award

Presented to that student who has worked generously and effectively to translate into action our school's commitment to the creation of a society more Godly and just, both locally and globally.

Justin Sue

## Ignatius Loyola Award

Named for the 16th century founder of the Society of Jesus and presented to that student who has internalized his Christian faith significantly and given overwhelming evidence of his relationship with God.

Abbe Pingol

## Salutatory Award

Presented to that student whose contribution to Bellarmine's graduating class has been visible and manifold. He has represented the life and spirit of the class through his Christian values and personal integrity.

Surya Midha

## Cardinal Bellarmine Award

Named for the patron of our school, St. Robert Bellarmine, our most prestigious award is presented to that student who has personally incorporated the school's values of faith, service, and leadership, as well as a passion for justice, in every area of contribution to the school's life.

Ian da Silva

## Valedictory Award

The Valedictory Award is presented to that student who has achieved academic success, demonstrated leadership qualities, and has the ability to speak for both his class and school at commencement.

Ashok Ramkumar





CONGRATULATIONS  
**CLASS OF 2021**





## Salute to Quirino Arias: 50 Years at BCP

The presence of Quirino Arias may be felt in every spot on the Bellarmine campus. Although his title is director of facilities, perhaps caretaker is more appropriate since this gentleman truly cares for the school, its buildings, and grounds; but above all for its people. Quirino, in fact, manages a team of caring grounds and facilities employees who share his pride and work ethic, as evidence by the beauty of our campus.

Fifty years of employment is a significant milestone and an admirable achievement, and one that is marked this year by Arias who was surprised with a tribute by members of the Bellarmine community in a parking lot celebration on May 11. "I personally want to thank him for all the hard work, dedication, being fair, consistent, and just generally hard working," said Ron Miller, Bellarmine CFO, at the event. "There's not much that Quirino wouldn't do or hasn't done for the school when he's asked to do so."

"We just can't thank you enough for all that you've done and all that you've meant to Bellarmine over the years," said Chris Meyercord '88, Bellarmine president, who also noted Arias is only one of two faculty/staff members that reached 50 years of employment at Bellarmine (the other having been the late Hardy Reyerson). "You really stand as an incredible example of what it means to be a man for and with others."

Always humble, Arias expressed his love and respect for the Jesuits, said that 50 years seems like 50 days, praised the Bellarmine community for being "good people," and shared stories about his special relationship with the late Fr. Joe Costa, S.J. '41, whom he considered part of his family. He considers the Bellarmine community as an extension of his family, which explains his dedication to the school. "I don't understand the word 'no.' For me it's always 'yes.'" Thank you, Quirino, for 50 years of service to Bellarmine. We are grateful for your goodness.

## CLASS ACT

*Congratulations to the following members of the Bellarmine faculty and staff for achieving their respective milestone anniversaries during this academic year:*

### 10 Years

- Claudia Delgadillo Robles
- Diane Fellenz
- Stephen Flowers '96
- Paulo Meza
- Mike Mortensen '95
- Andres Navarro
- Melissa Scott-Florez

### 15 Years

- Jeremy Lum '02
- Katy Murphy
- Katie Passalacqua
- Diane Seadler
- Joe Williams '90

### 20 Years

- Judy Alessandri
- Carol Girauda
- Brad Lindemann

### 25 Years

- Nancy Janda
- 30 Years
- John Amarillas '80
- Scott Benson
- Patrick Schneider

### 35 Years

- Richard Cobb, S.J.

### 45 Years

- Gerald T. Wade, S.J. '55

### 50 Years

- Quirino Arias

In addition to retirees Manuel Acuna, Judy Alessandri, Mary Connolly, Mike Janda, Nancy Janda, and Bob Maguire '79; and to Jesuits Fr. Bob Shinney, S.J. and Fr. Dick Cobb, S.J. who have been missioned to Sacred Heart Jesuit Center; we are also grateful to the members of the faculty and staff whose service to Bellarmine concluded with academic year 2020-2021, including: Peter Baxter, Cristen Giangarra, Steve Hartley, Allison Pfeifer; and alumni volunteers Nick Ferrari '16 and Vince Sunzeri '15.



Two legendary members of the Bellarmine Jesuit community are no longer residing on campus in Wade Hall. Both Fr. Bob Shinney, S.J. and Fr. Dick Cobb, S.J. have been missioned by the Jesuits West Province to Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, and although their location has changed, they will very much remain a huge part of the spirit of Bellarmine.

"I will continue 19th Annotation Retreats here (at Bellarmine) and a variety of duties at Los Gatos," said Fr. Cobb, adding, "I have nothing but happy memories of my BCP days, and more will be added." With his usual wit, Fr. Shinney informed us that he is "doing very well, in fact, better than ever. They even spoil me here, but I like being spoiled."

In honor of Frs. Shinney and Cobb, we are re-publishing their respective Behind the Collar features from previous editions of this magazine. We are tremendously grateful to these outstanding Jesuit priests for their care and compassion for us all. May God bless them always and Go Bells!

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In this issue we feature Father Richard Cobb, S.J., whose years of dedicated service to Bellarmine, and to Jesuit secondary education, are as exemplary as is his friendship with Father Jerry Wade, S.J. Their relationship is so unique that they are often mistaken as brothers, and in a real sense they are, indeed, "brothers." Commenting on their friendship recently, Father Cobb said, "We've always gotten along well ... We are ourselves and we can relax together. Our conversation and presence always turn into humor and joy."

Father Cobb has had three stints at Bellarmine, the earliest going back to 1957 and the most recent beginning in 2002. Through the years, he has seen it evolve from a boarding school, and has "seen it drastically grow in size and in focus ... The core values have not changed." Father Cobb believes that the school's Ignatian focus is "more intentional" and that, "We still have wonderful kids, supporters, and benefactors."

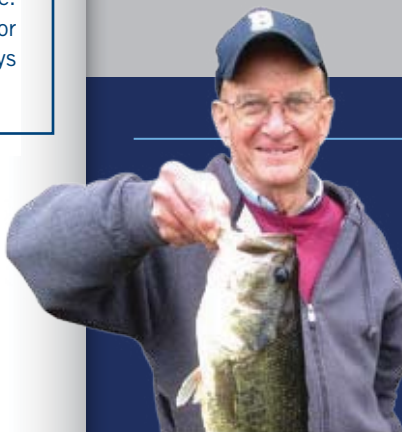
In summarizing his Bellarmine journey, Father Cobb said that the school has been "blessed with good leadership" and that he has "been very fortunate to work with just lovely people."

When asked to share a highlight of his vocation to date, without hesitation Father Cobb responds it was his 30-day silent retreat on the Mount of Olives in 1981, and the accompanying 15-day pilgrimage in Israel. He called this, "The greatest gift I've had."

We are grateful to Father Cobb for being one of the greatest gifts we have as a Bellarmine community.

# Behind the Collar

**Father Richard Cobb, S.J.**



**DATE OF BIRTH:** January 10, 1932  
**HOMETOWN:** Los Angeles, CA  
**GRADE SCHOOL:** Mother of Good Counsel, Hollywood, CA  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Loyola High School, Los Angeles, CA  
**COLLEGE:** Santa Clara University

**DATE ENTERED THE SOCIETY OF JESUS:** August 14, 1949  
**DATE ORDAINED:** June 13, 1962  
**FAVORITE PRAYER:** St. Ignatius' "Suscipe"  
**FAVORITE TYPE OF MUSIC:** Classical  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "Of Gods and Men"  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Fish  
**PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY:** "Try to 'live' my Priesthood."

## History of Assignments as a Member of The Society of Jesus:

Year(s)	Institution	Position
1957-1959	Bellarmino College Preparatory	English Teacher
1964-1974	Brophy College Prep, Phoenix, AZ	Administrator/President
1974-1978	Los Gatos Jesuit Center	Assistant to the Provincial
1979-1992	Bellarmino College Preparatory	English Teacher/Admissions
1992-1998	Loyola High School, Los Angeles	Rector/English Teacher
1998-2001	Los Gatos Jesuit Center	Rector
2002-2021	Bellarmino College Preparatory	English Teacher/Admissions /Adult Spirituality

Those who would like to recognize Father Cobb and his commitment to all students are asked to consider making a gift in his honor to Bellarmine's Direct Tuition Assistance Fund.





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This edition features Father Bob Shinney, S.J., often described as a “bright light” to all who come across him each day. His work in the Office of Advancement on the second floor of Mathewson Hall in support of the Development Department may be under the radar to many, but his passion for Bellarmine and our students – especially his unparalleled support of our student-athletes and constant presence at athletic events – is obvious with every shout-out of his mantra, “Go Bells!”



Father Shinney in Peru

Father Shinney’s dedicated service to Bellarmine has been recognized with the naming of the new Student Life Center, where his name is alongside that of his good friend and fellow Jesuit, the late Brother Wally Ryan, S.J. During the dedication ceremony of the Br. Wally Ryan, S.J. & Fr. Bob Shinney, S.J. Student Life Center, held August 29, 2012, Father Shinney concluded his remarks with, “Brother Wally Ryan and myself, we have the name of Bellarmine written on our hearts, and the Student Life Center is the heart of Bellarmine. And now our names are written on their hearts.”

# Behind the Collar

Father Bob Shinney, S.J.



**DATE OF BIRTH:** September 23, 1933  
**HOMETOWN:** El Cerrito, California  
**GRADE SCHOOL:** Fairmont Grammar School, CA  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** El Cerrito High School, CA  
**COLLEGE:** U.C. Berkley, University of San Francisco, Gonzaga University, University of Santa Clara

**DATE ENTERED THE SOCIETY OF JESUS:** August 14, 1954

**DATE ORDAINED:** June 1, 1968

**FAVORITE PRAYER:** St. Ignatius’ Prayer for Generosity

**FAVORITE TYPE OF MUSIC:** “Classical” **FAVORITE FOOD:** Carrot Cake

**PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY:** “Para lucir, sufrir; para ganar, sudar.” (rough translation: “In order to shine, you must suffer; in order to win, you must sweat.”)

## History of Assignments as a Member of The Society of Jesus:

Year(s)	Institution	Position
1962-65	Bellarmino College Preparatory	Teacher
1969-70	Jesuit High, Sacramento	Teacher
1970-74	Bellarmino College Preparatory	Teacher/Counselor Asst. Principal
1974-83	St. Ignatius College Prep	Teacher/Counselor
1983-89	Colegio San Ignacio, Piura, Peru	Teacher/Counselor
1989-92	Jesuit High, Sacramento	Counselor
1992-95	Colegio San Javier, Tacuarembó, Uruguay	Counselor
1995-2021	Bellarmino College Preparatory	Teacher/Counselor Data Processor

Those desiring a way to honor Father Shinney and his commitment to all students are asked to consider making a gift to Bellarmine’s Direct Tuition Assistance Fund and/or the Tuition Assistance Endowment.



## Retiree Reflections

The end of academic year 2020/2021 brings with it the conclusion of service to Bellarmine by several faculty and staff members who have decided that the time is right for their respective well-deserved retirement. We are grateful for the dedication of these faculty and staff members who have tallied nearly 120 years of combined service to Bellarmine. We asked Manuel Acuna, Judy Alessandri, Mary Connolly, Mike Janda, Nancy Janda, and Bob Maguire to reflect on their time at the school and what the future holds for each of them. We are grateful for the positive impact they have had on our students and on the entire Bellarmine community.



MANUEL ACUÑA



JUDY ALESSANDRI



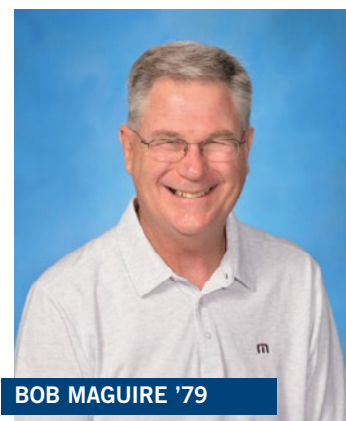
MARY CONNOLLY



MIKE JANDA



NANCY JANDA



BOB MAGUIRE '79

### What is your fondest memory of your years at Bellarmine?

**MANUEL ACUÑA:** There are so many memories. One particularly fond memory involves Spirit Week and the school rallies, when football players have a tradition of sharing their jerseys with a number of teachers -- I was lucky enough to be one of the teachers chosen every single year to sport a student jersey. One year, one of my very good students, an excellent athlete, presented me with his Bellarmine football jersey in the gym, in the middle of the crowd. I proudly wore his jersey during school the next day as well as at the football game that evening. It was amazing, magical really, to feel the energy in the stadium and to see the students participating and enjoying themselves. The presentation of jerseys by athletes to teachers is a great tradition and a unique Bellarmine experience. I know that, for me personally, wearing my students' jerseys gave me a strong sense of belonging to the Bellarmine community. There was also the time when my Modern and Classic Languages department welcomed me to Bellarmine with an invitation to a wonderful dinner. Winning, as freshman head coach, our first soccer match at home versus Saint Francis. I love running into very polite and courteous Bells wherever I travel.

**JUDY ALESSANDRI:** I have so many fond memories at Bellarmine it is hard to choose just one! My first clear memory was the excitement of attending the Bellarmine 1969 Senior Ball with my then boyfriend, Tom Alessandri. After marriage and graduate school, we returned to the Bellarmine community in 1975, Tom to teach English, coach speech and debate, direct theatre, and announce the varsity football games. Throughout the past 50 years the activities of the BCP community have been woven through the fabric of the lives of our entire family. Who would have known that more than 50 years after that prom I would be finishing my career as an educator back on this spot! I have incredible memories of my daughters performing in several productions by Bellarmine Theatre in the early/mid 1990s and 2000s alongside their director dad in yellow-chaired filled Benson Theatre and bundling up on cool days attending various sporting events, masses, and socials. Over the past 20 years on Bellarmine's campus as a learning specialist and SSD program coordinator, my fondest memories are of my early years co-teaching in the Carney basement with Fr. Dick Cobb in the FAST program, endless hours working with students in the yearbook



office, ARC, and in the SLC, and most importantly alongside two decades of exceptional students determined to succeed. I have been so fortunate to work with all of them and so very proud of their accomplishments, not only while they were students but also in the years beyond, chasing their dreams, learning from the inevitable bumps in the road, and turning their gifts and talents into meaningful relationships, work, and service.

**MARY CONNOLLY:** My fondest memory is not as an employee but rather being a parent of two Bellarmine alums. My association with Bellarmine began as a parent in Fall 2000, one year before I was hired in the Dean's office. The intermingling of the two roles has provided some of my warmest memories: standout big moments like a CCS championship to more common place happenings like a colleague commenting on a classroom event with one of my sons. Although sometimes tricky, experiencing Bellarmine as an employee and a parent deepened both my perspective and my appreciation for the school.

**MIKE JANDA:** It would be impossible for me to identify only one memory because Bellarmine has played a such a huge part in my life in so many ways over these past 42 years. There have been many milestone events in my life that occurred at Bellarmine, such as having my two sons graduate from Bellarmine in 1991 and 1993, getting married at Bellarmine in the Wade Hall chapel by Fr. McFadden, working side by side with my wife here at Bellarmine for the past 25 years, having our children and grandchildren grow up playing on the grounds and fields of Bellarmine. In addition, the memories that I will carry with me will be the wonderful interaction with the students in the classroom and with the football players on the field, as well as the times spent with my fellow coaches through the years.

**NANCY JANDA:** The Bellarmine community will always be a part of my fondest memories. Though it is ever changing and growing, there is always a sense you can count on the community to care for and be there for everyone. I will take with me the knowledge that this community will always be there for me and I will be there for the friends who have retired before me and the ones I am leaving behind.

**BOB MAGUIRE:** The appreciation dinners we had for our maintenance, grounds, and kitchen colleagues. It was great to see our colleagues enjoy these evenings with their families and it was fun to work these dinners with my fellow colleagues.

### What will you miss most about Bellarmine?

**MANUEL ACUÑA:** I will miss it all -- being an active part of the Bellarmine community, as a teacher and coach, the classes, the sports games, my colleagues, the Jesuits, the Christmas dinners, the end of year speeches, the retreats, the rallies. I will miss all of my students. I will especially miss those students that feel like they struggle at the beginning but then make every effort to come back strong. I will miss seeing my students grow up to be true Bells, as I always tell them!

**JUDY ALESSANDRI:** Bellarmine is so much more than a school. While I worked 20 years in education prior to coming to BCP, it was only when I attended my first opening day school liturgy as a faculty member in 2001 that I fully realized the scope of the Bellarmine experience for students, staff, and families. It is a vibrant community where members truly care about each other, reaching out to lift spirits during tough times, providing guidance and solace, opportunities for growth, activities, social

connections, companionship, and love. Bellarmine provides so much more than an academic education; it is an experience, a feeling, and a guiding light for living life in a meaningful way. I will miss the daily interactions with students, spiritual and personal guidance and care by the amazing Jesuits in our community, sharing stories and the ups and downs of daily life with fellow faculty and staff. I look forward to maintaining those relationships in my retirement years and continuing as a follower and cheerleader for BCP students and activities in the years to come, joining Father Shinney in a robust "Go Bells!" whenever the opportunities arise.

**MARY CONNOLLY:** Because I have missed this for the past 14 months, I know for sure that the camaraderie of the faculty and staff, the sprit and generosity of the Jesuits and the energy of the students is what I will most miss. Simple, quiet moments walking across the campus, quick "Hellos" to students and colleagues, as well as more boisterous events will be part of my forever memories.

**MIKE JANDA:** Far and away, I will miss the daily interaction with the administration, faculty, staff, students, and most particularly the Jesuits. Over my many years in Jesuit education, I have had the pleasure of building lifetime relationships with many Jesuits. I will miss seeing them on a daily basis, but I know these friendships will continue forever.

**NANCY JANDA:** Since I live in the neighborhood, I still intend to actively participate in school activities - whether it be attending sporting or theater events, keeping in touch with the Jesuits, or just enjoying the beauty of the campus on daily walks.

**BOB MAGUIRE:** I will miss many things. This includes my colleagues, spending time with our great Jesuits, our Masses, and other community activities.

### What do you most look forward to in your retirement?

**MANUEL ACUÑA:** I am planning to enjoy every single adventure that comes my way, from spending more time with my grandchildren and family, to more traveling, exercising at AVAC (where I often run into my students and alums), volunteering whenever possible, and drawing and painting (my favorite pastime).

**JUDY ALESSANDRI:** I am looking forward to the unstructured and flexible time that retirement offers to pursue my interests and spend more quality time with friends, family, and granddaughter Mia. I especially look forward to travel in months other than July (!), having more time to volunteer for projects and agencies where my passion and interests lie, and taking classes to continue to learn and grow. The backyard garden is calling for some more tender care than I have been awarding it lately. Taking walks and increased diligence with exercise without daily work excuses not to! To assuage my lifelong wanderlust, I am currently exploring future opportunities for international educational and service travel.

**MARY CONNOLLY:** Although I will not be completely obligation-free—I plan to work part time as an independent college consultant and I have four grandchildren with two more due this year—I am looking forward to flexibility in my schedule, with the ability to maybe travel in October or go to Costco mid-morning on a Tuesday!



**MIKE JANDA:** I look forward to spending more time with our family, particularly the grandchildren. I am thankful for the time to travel and for leisure activities like playing golf.

**NANCY JANDA:** My work schedule at Bellarmine was very busy — managing on-site events seven days a week for many years. I look forward to not knowing what day of the week it is, to traveling whenever we want, and to having more free time. Of course, this includes more family time, which always had to fit around my work schedule. Now, I will be on Nana time.

**BOB MAGUIRE:** Spending more time with my wife, Ellen, including taking care of our grandchildren together.

### Do you have a personal philosophy by which you live your life and/or by which you have served the Bellarmine community?

**MANUEL ACUÑA:** Enjoy the simple things in life with my family and friends. I had always wanted to be a teacher, and I think I found Bellarmine at just the right time in my career. I tried my best to be an open book for my students, to help them see the world from a practical as well as fun perspective.

**JUDY ALESSANDRI:** Be patient, be kind, be mindful of how you treat others. Spend more time listening than speaking, guiding rather than telling. Spend time and carve out space to nurture relationships and positive living habits. Show respect and value to others, especially those that are lonely or feel discarded and forgotten. Persist, problem solve through challenges. Be generous in mind and spirit, show gratitude often. Assist others in their pursuit to be the best version of themselves.

**MARY CONNOLLY:** At Bellarmine, as well as in my professional activities outside of school, I have always tried to assume good will. With students and parents in particular, this has helped me have patience in certain instances and to understand actions. Occasionally you get burned but starting from a place of good intention has been an important aspect of my life.

**MIKE JANDA:** My overall philosophy in life is to trust in God. Though at times the road in life can be bumpy, God is always there to guide you and look after you. In addition, it is worth mentioning the philosophy that our football program followed throughout the years: Play the game as hard as you can, but always with great integrity. We often told our players you should play the game in such a way as if a person watching you play would not know if you were 50 points ahead or 50 points behind and most importantly be humble and always compliment your opponent.

**NANCY JANDA:** I am ever the optimist and I consider each day a gift. After a hectic day, I always take a silent moment to thank God who led me through the day and then I rest to prepare for what awaits me the next day.

**BOB MAGUIRE:** I try to be kind, generous, and balanced and I hope I have served the Bellarmine community in this way. I try to be humble, meaning I try let God be in charge and put forth my best effort in what He has called me to do. And, to live out that will in an honest and patient way.

### What are your hopes for Bellarmine in the years ahead?

**MANUEL ACUÑA:** I hope that Bellarmine continues to follow the Jesuit tradition: an excellent education with a commitment to serve. I hope Bellarmine continues to advance a rigorous education program, to challenge and shape young men into the next generation of productive and successful leaders.

**JUDY ALESSANDRI:** One of the best things about being an educator for the past 40 years is spending a lifetime in environments that promote a love of lifelong learning, personal growth and development, and care for others. We are finally moving past one of the most challenging periods of the last century, where our connections and relationships have been distanced and technology has moved in as a primary method of communicating with others. It is my greatest hope that Bellarmine can return to the gift of close companionship, developing relationships that are face-to-face, proximate, side-by-side. To journey once again in mindful connectedness with others, body and spirit. While academics and activities are important aspects of our young men's lives and school experience, the most important lessons learned at Bellarmine are the lifelong ones – to love others more than yourself, to show care, respect, and compassion while serving at the side of others in times of need, and to be vocal and active in pursuit of social justice and equity for the marginalized and mistreated members of our society. It is my greatest hope that Bellarmine continues its mission to develop young men of conscience and character to be servant leaders for future generations.

**MARY CONNOLLY:** My short-term hope is that everyone in the Bellarmine community—faculty, staff, administration, and students—get a true summer break this year. Looking a bit more into the future, I hope Bellarmine continues to be a place of meaningful learning and unshakable encouragement for students, with high expectations combined with positive and enduring support, meeting students where they are, as they move through their years at Bellarmine. “Go forth and set the world on fire” is one of the Ignatian phrases we used often in College Counseling and to me, it captures what Bellarmine is at its best.

**MIKE JANDA:** I know that Bellarmine will continue to offer our students a quality education and will also help them grow both physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I would also hope that Bellarmine continues to carry on the traditions that were built by so many people throughout the years.

**NANCY JANDA:** The Jesuit education and life skills shared here will continue to lead Bellarmine in the future. I don't have to hope because I KNOW the Bellarmine community will continue to grow with wonderful, generous, and faith-filled students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff. Everyone gets to celebrate the gifts of Bellarmine and the Jesuit Community. GO BELLS !

**BOB MAGUIRE:** For the short term, my hope is that the Bellarmine community can get back to “normal,” especially for our students' sake. For the longer term I hope Bellarmine, as an institution, always stays centered on our Jesuit values and the whole Bellarmine community (parents, alums, students, colleagues, and our Jesuits) is blessed with peace.



# **Bellarmino College Prep Named Green Ribbon School**

## *in Recognition of Exemplary Sustainability Programs*

On April 22, Earth Day, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, officially recognized Bellarmine College Preparatory as a 2021 California Green Ribbon School Gold Level honoree.

The honor indicates that Bellarmine demonstrates exemplary achievement in three “pillars” as follows: Pillar I: reduce environmental impact and costs; Pillar II: improve the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff; and Pillar III: provide effective environmental education that teaches many disciplines and is especially good at effectively incorporating science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, civic skills, and green career pathways.

Among the many examples of Bellarmine’s sustainability programs are its unique garden, which is used for outdoor course instruction that include Botany, Marine Biology, and California History; use of biodegradable and environmentally friendly products in the kitchen; use of refillable water bottles instead of single use, disposable plastic; installation of rooftop solar panel systems; use of a co-generator for electrical power for the main campus and, as a byproduct, heating of the 600,000 gallon swimming pool.

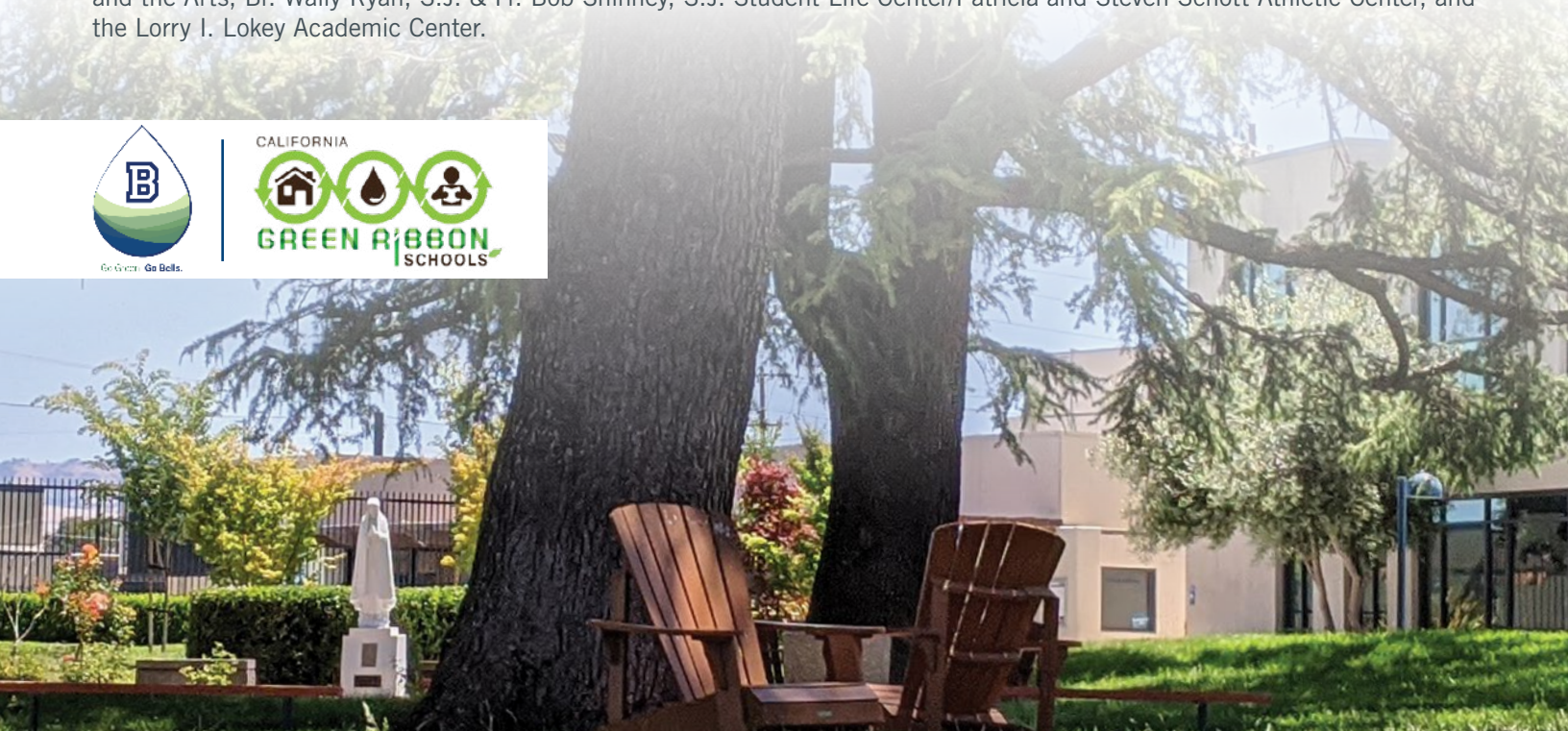
In his Green Ribbon Schools announcement, Thurmond noted that, “Environmental literacy helps not just the local school, but is the ultimate example of place-based education – immersing students in service projects that benefit the whole community.”

“I hope that we can all take a moment to appreciate how far we have come as a school toward our goal of becoming a more sustainable institution,” said Patrick Adams, Bellarmine instructor and its Green Initiatives coordinator who has been instrumental in the school’s ongoing environmental sustainability efforts. “None of this would have been possible without the vision and commitment of Bellarmine president, Chris Meyercord, and principal, Kristina Luscher, and I want to be sure that their contribution is recognized as we celebrate this wonderful achievement.”

The recognition is in-line with the Jesuits’ Universal Apostolic Preference of Caring for Our Common Home, and with the school’s Mission of Environmental Sustainability, which was adopted by the Board of Trustees in February 2017 and reads, in part: “As a Catholic high school in the Jesuit tradition, Bellarmine College Preparatory is committed to serving God by educating our community about ecological stewardship and solidarity with creation, and by modeling that stewardship and solidarity in the day-to-day operations of our school.”

“The long-term goal of the school is to achieve climate neutrality,” said Ron Miller, Bellarmine’s CFO. “We are committed to ensuring that sustainability is an integral part of planning, construction, renovation, and the operation of buildings on campus,” said Miller, who also reiterated part of the Mission of Environmental Sustainability calling for the continuation of “... practices that conserve water, promote efficient energy use, limit landfill waste and expand our recycling initiatives and our use of fair trade and organic products.”

Bellarmino was previously recognized for its sustainability efforts having received LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification for its most recently completed facilities of 148,600 sq. ft. that includes its Sobrato Center for Humanities and the Arts, Br. Wally Ryan, S.J. & Fr. Bob Shinney, S.J. Student Life Center/Patricia and Steven Schott Athletic Center, and the Lorry I. Lokey Academic Center.





# FASHION SHOW 2020 Vision: Seeing the Past Become the Future

Under the most challenging of circumstances during a pandemic year, on November 14, 2020, the Bellarmine Mothers' Guild Fashion Show Committee presented 2020 Vision: Seeing the Past Become the Future, a virtual production that resulted in the raising of much needed funds to provide tuition assistance for dozens of Bells. With one in every four of our students receiving tuition assistance, the outstanding efforts by the 66th Fashion Show Committee and the support of the community are greatly appreciated.

*Special thanks to 2020/2021 Bellarmine Mothers' Guild president Kelly Rainey, Fashion Show chair Caroline Stratz, co-chairs Michele O'Brien, Marisella Prada, and Natalie Brunello, and the entire Fashion Show team; and our gratitude for all the many behind-the-scenes and on-stage participants, underwriters, and contributors who supported this signature fundraising event for our Direct Tuition Assistance Fund and Tuition Assistance Endowment. We look forward to the 67th Mothers' Guild Fashion Show, Viva la Vida!, scheduled for October 16, 2021. For updates, visit [facebook.com/BellarminoFashionShow/](https://facebook.com/BellarminoFashionShow/)*

Andrew Sharp '21



## FR. COBB GOLF CLASSIC AND VIRTUAL AUCTION



Cobb Classic Team winners



Broadway star, Ryan Vasquez '10

When it became clear that it would not be possible to host the 2021 Golden Bell Auction in person, we decided a spring golf tournament would be the best opportunity to safely bring the Bellarmine community together and a great way to kick off the virtual auction weekend. Thus, the Fr. Cobb Golf Classic & Virtual Auction was born, which took place the last weekend of March.

The Golf Classic took place TPC Harding Park in San Francisco on March 26th. We were blessed with perfect weather on the banks of Lake Merced, which provided a gorgeous backdrop as 160 alumni, parents, and friends of Bellarmine gathered for a day of fun, camaraderie, and friendly competition on the links. The foursome of Matthew Holder '02, James Rozzi '02, Matthew Brown '01, and Brandon Valenzuela '03 took home the team title at the inaugural Cobb Classic, shooting 14 under par in the four-person scramble and winning a tie-breaker over the runner-up quartet of Joe Gentzkow '01, Andrew Kawahara '03, Josh Kawahara '01, and Ted Way.

The next evening, we hosted a Virtual Auction showcasing our students' musical talents with performances by the Advanced Jazz Ensemble, the Bellarmine Pep Band, a preview from the spring musical Bubble Boy, and a special appearance and performance by Bellarmine alumnus and Broadway star, Ryan Vasquez '10.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the event to raise vital funds for Bellarmine's Direct Tuition Assistance Program. The Golden Bell Auction will return to campus on March 12, 2022, and the Fr. Cobb Golf Classic will continue as a separate annual Spring event as well.



# A Message from the Chairs of the Boards of Trustees & Regents

As we reach the end of the academic and fiscal year, and as chairs of Bellarmine's Boards of Trustees and Regents, we wish to convey our most sincere gratitude to all members of the Bellarmine community for their resiliency, commitment, and professionalism that enabled the important work and mission of the school to continue under extraordinary circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In many ways, Bellarmine has been a model school with its HyFlex mode of instruction that allowed many students to return to campus sooner than later for classroom instruction and to experience limited co-curricular activities, within the parameters of government and health guidelines, providing a sense of normalcy during abnormal times. We salute the innovative faculty, staff, and administration – led by Chris Meyercord '88, president; and Kristina Luscher, principal -- for demonstrating such care and compassion for our students and their families. Despite any challenges the Bellarmine community encountered this past year, our faculty and staff remained steadfast as individuals who are “for and with others” as they explored, discussed, and acted on important social issues including those related to racial justice and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Of course, through it all, we were blessed with the prayers, guidance, and support of the Bellarmine Jesuit Community, led by Fr. Mario Prietto, S.J., superior.

We are also grateful to our fellow members of our Boards of Trustees and Regents — and our respective vice-chairs Andy Schatzman (Trustees) and Ray Davilla '65 (Regents) — who met virtually throughout the past year and who demonstrated their commitment to Bellarmine through their work on the boards and as members of various committees, including the following:

**Budget Committee:** Chaired by Joe Gentzkow '01, this committee's work helps ensure that the school continues to responsibly steward its financial resources generated through revenue and contributions. Working with Bellarmine's CFO, Ron Miller, priorities are set, including our mission that any qualified student at Bellarmine continues his education regardless of the financial circumstances of his family. This past year, 26% of our students received some level of tuition assistance. We are grateful to our generous benefactors, and for the work of our parent groups (Mothers' Guild and Dads' Club – specifically the amazing leadership of Caroline Stratz and the outstanding results of her Fashion Show Committee this year that benefited our Direct Tuition Assistance Fund and Tuition Assistance Endowment) and Development Department staff, led by Director of Development Pat Arnold '84, for their fundraising efforts on behalf of our students. Ensuring that Bellarmine's salaries and benefits remain competitive, while tuition increases are kept to a minimum — especially recognizing the hardships many families have experienced during the pandemic — are of great importance to the Budget Committee.

**Investment Committee:** Chaired by Prabhu Palani, this committee makes important decisions and recommendations related to the school's endowment, the percentage of draw from the endowment each year, and market trends from which the school may benefit. The overall endowment, with portfolios managed by outside capital investment managers, exceeded \$109 million as of February 28, 2021, and consists of specific endowment funds: tuition assistance, academic and co-curricular programs, faculty/staff professional enhancement, and information technology.

**Audit Committee:** Chaired by Larry McGovern, members of this committee perform a critical function related to the oversight of business practices ranging from revenue accountability to retirement funds. This committee works closely with Bellarmine's Business Office and its managers, Ron Miller, CFO; and Cathy Vivian, controller; and makes decisions related to policies and procedures following government rules and regulations and as audited each year by an outside, independent auditing firm.

**Physical Resources Committee:** Chaired by Jonathan Harvey, this committee is responsible for the strategic planning of the campus. An area of focus this year is the continuing renovation of the James A. Carney Science Center scheduled to occur during the summer. A Master Plan has also been developed, envisioning campus improvements over the next 10 years.

**Faculty Student Parent Life (FSPL) Committee:** Chaired by Robbyn Denzel, this committee has a finger on the pulse of the Bellarmine community — from faculty and staff to students and their families — to determine what needs are to be addressed and to make recommendations to the Boards accordingly. The results of these efforts — often benchmarked against other schools — benefit Bellarmine in numerous ways with an eye toward the enhancement of the Bellarmine experience for all. This past year, the efforts of this committee resulted in the elimination of the previous Work Grant Program as a requirement of those receiving tuition assistance, and in its place a more equitable focus on all students being encouraged to give back to the school by volunteering for at least one campus event during the year.

It is fair to say this past year has been like no other, and yet we remain a school community filled with many blessings. As we look forward to a strong year ahead, we congratulate our recent graduates — our newest alumni — and welcome members of the Class of 2025 and their families.

Thank you and, Go Bells!

Sincerely,

Matthew Medeiros,  
Chair, Board of Trustees

Rob Selvi '74  
Chair, Board of Regents

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## Dads' Club Golf Event

The Bellarmine Dads' Club hosted a Family Day at the Links on April 27 at San Jose's Los Lagos Golf Course. This first-time event for the Dads' Club, chaired by Dads' Club Board member Chang So, was enjoyed by 128 golfers consisting of parents, sons, grandparents, and friends. The leaderboard had the following results:

- Long Drive: Christian Moran '23
- Closest to the Pin: Michael Pence (3' 4")
- Highest Score: Jason and Josh '22 Thompson
- Lowest Score: Nicolas and Owen '22 Chavez

Thanks to all who were involved in the planning of and participation in this fun, uplifting event.



## New Athletic Director

**Bellarmine alumnus Kevin Saldivar '04 is the school's next athletic director.**

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Loyola Marymount University, Saldivar worked in the corporate world for six years and then earned his master's degree in Sports Management from Cal State Long Beach. He has spent the last seven years serving as the assistant athletic director and athletic director at Presentation High School in San Jose.

"Bellarmine has a rich academic and athletic tradition and I am very honored to be given this opportunity to serve as the next athletic director," said Saldivar in April shortly after he was announced as the new AD by principal Kristina Luscher. "As a proud graduate from the class of 2004, my four years at Bellarmine were the most important and formative years of my life and I feel very lucky to be able to support our current Bells in their high school journey. I'm excited to join the amazing community of Bellarmine coaches, faculty and staff, athletic department personnel, parents and student athletes."

Saldivar has noted his promise to keep the Bells at the center of all decision making, and to support them the best he can during their high school experience. "I look forward to challenging our student athletes to grow, to lead, to work hard, to fail, to succeed, and to learn those life lessons through sport that will carry far beyond their four years at Bellarmine."



# Athletics Update *by Louie Agelson*

Sitting down to write this re-cap of the 2020-21 Athletic year, I am drawn to the line “What a long, strange trip it’s been” in the Grateful Dead song *Truckin’*. It was exactly one year ago to the day, June 15, 2020, that we brought some of our athletes back for Return to Conditioning 1.0, fondly referred to as RTC 1.0. We finished the year with RTC 5.0.; moving from the fields to outdoor weight rooms to the batting cages to the wrestling room and ending up in the actual weight room. A year that showed promise of a season when RTC 1.0 started, to some discouraging times in the heart of winter, to joy at the end of February with the news that high school sports could resume — within health guidelines, of course. And resumed we did: 13 CIF sanctioned varsity sports, along with 3 of our 4 club sports, all at the same time! Wow, “what a long, strange trip it’s been.”

The months of March through June 2021 were broken down into two seasons, with Cross Country, Football, and Water Polo competing in Season 1 and all other sports competing in Season 2. To comply with state guidelines, the West Catholic Athletic League (WCAL) split the schools into North and South Divisions for both Season 1 and 2. Bellarmine, along with Archbishop Mitty, St. Francis, and Valley Christian competed in the south. Competition looked different with no league standings, titles, or all-league selections. None the less, all these teams competed in an abbreviated season that saw the student-athletes back on the track, field, and pool doing what they love to do and competing with those in the south division and along with non-league teams that bordered Santa Clara County. Navigating the protocols that included weekly Covid testing was no small feat, but Bellarmine’s Sports Medicine staff, coaches, and players all made it work. Additionally, Season 1 did not have any sectional, regional, or state playoffs. Despite all that, the coaches and players were educated with many off the field lessons on adaptation, perseverance, and community decision-making.

Season 2, which for the most part started in early April, had a slightly different look as guidelines from the state and county changed the landscape of play. The league play looked the same as Season 1, but CCS post-season was allowed in Season 2,

except for wrestling. The league used WCAL tournaments for qualifying into CCS, and the Bells qualified into CCS in every sport. Of the nine teams, four teams walked away CCS champions – Soccer, Swim and Dive, Track and Field, and Volleyball. Soccer traveled up to San Francisco to face Sacred Heart Cathedral, a team they had lost to in the WCAL tournament the week before in 11 rounds of penalty kicks, to win their 4th CCS title in as many years (21 total). Swim and Dive went south to San Benito High to also capture its 4th title in a row (37 overall). Volleyball masked up to play Los Gatos High School for the Division 1 title match. The excitement in the gym was a welcome return, and the Bells won in 4 sets for their 14th CCS title since 1997. The school’s 4th CCS Championship came on the last day of competition for the 20-21 school year. On a beautiful sunny day at Soquel High School, the Bells scored an unprecedented 24 points in the 3200 finals to propel them from 3rd to 1st and a record 12th CCS Track and Field team title. CCS Golf and Tennis competed in the finals, with Golf taking third and Tennis second. The remaining three teams played until the final buzzer, representing their school and programs well.

The club sports seasons were even more abbreviated than CCS seasons. But that did not stop Bellarmine’s Hockey, Rugby, and Ultimate Frisbee teams from preparing throughout the year, with both conditioning and skills training. When the opportunity arose in May to compete, all three programs got back to action. Hockey was able to play three games down in Anaheim. Rugby got a few matches in for both the A and B sides. Ultimate Frisbee had one game, but an enthusiastic number of seniors plan to continue the sport in college. Unfortunately, restrictions surrounding facilities did not allow roller hockey to gather this year; they will be back at it this coming school year.

Yes, a very different looking Athletic Year — at times it seemed more like an amusement park ride than the traditional three seasons ride we are accustomed to in high school sports. In the end, the Athletic Department is grateful to all the student-athletes for their willingness to work through pandemic conditions and make the best of the situation. Go Bells!



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# History of The Bell

*(From article that first appeared in The Cardinal, February 25, 1966)*

We seldom see the bell. It appears suddenly just before a football game, amid riotous shouting and applause. It comes clanging seemingly from the very heart of the throbbing students wildly shouting their approval at rallies in the gym. And it is mysteriously whisked away again to its nebulous house of repose.

Where did the bell come from? What is its story? The bell is one of the most unique and revered legacies from the College Park past and shining and clear-voiced symbol of the Blue and White. And like many things at Bellarmine, it has a history. This is its story.

Two years after moving to College Park from the campus of the University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara Prep changed its name to Bellarmine. It was 1929. Almost immediately local newspapers, in their coverage of the newly named school's activities and teams, tagged the mascot-less prepsters, "the Bells." The shortened version of "Bellarmine" fit the headlines better. The nickname stuck.

Late in the '30s, a student movement was organized to rid Bellarmine of the "irreverent" tag by officially adopting the name "Crusaders." But a student body vote defeated the proposal and gave official sanction to the journalists' nickname. Bellarmine was "the Bells."

It was not long before the first actual bell made its appearance. This was a former ship's bell, mounted on a cast iron tripod, and obtained, early in the '40s, by Fr. James Rooney, S.J. The original version of the Bellarmine bell served for over a decade at games, rallies, and even dances.

The relatively diminutive size of the first bell, however, its cumbersome housing, and the wear and tear it had received ringing out Bellarmine scores, made a replace desirable.

Early in 1957, Fr. James Devlin, S.J., then teaching Religion at Bellarmine, took the initiative in obtaining the present bell. Learning of the impending retirement of several Southern Pacific locomotives, Fr. Devlin contacted Mr. J.W. Corbett, vice-president of the railroad, about the possibility of acquiring a new bell for Bellarmine from one of the engines. The Southern Pacific was more than cooperative.

Mr. Frank Kurz, the S.P.'s master mechanic, made the actual choice of the replacement for our bell. But his efforts had only begun. With his assistants, Andy Sheerin and John Hines, he supervised the reconditioning of the badly tarnished bell. For three days, a lathe in the S.P. Bayshore roundhouse spun the blemished brass. High speed buffers transformed the dullness to mint-condition luster.

The next step for the bell was the Southern Pacific welding shop, where the rocker housing and base were improvised, again under Mr. Kurz' supervision. Ball-bearing joints were affixed to the axles supporting the new wheels. The housing was painted a Bellarmine blue, and white trim was added.

The bell was presented to Bellarmine at a special rally on February 7, 1957, and accepted for the student body by rally committee chairman Mike McCabe '57.

Since that day, accompanied by the cheerleaders and an honor guard of Block "B" and Rally Committee members, the bell has logged thousands of miles following Bellarmine teams, and appeared at hundreds of rallies.

Only twice has the bell been missing from campus. It was a James Lick student who, under pretext of polishing the bell for a game, persuaded a member of the staff to open the door for him. His crew carried their trophy off unnoticed. The bell was recovered that night at Townsend Field just before the Bellarmine-Lick game.

Several years later, on the morning of the annual Rally Dance, the bell was again discovered missing. An exhaustive search turned it up, at the center of the fifty-yard line on the field of a C.A.L. rival, somewhere up the Peninsula

The bell stands for Bellarmine. When it is rolled out at a rally or a game, it sums up visibly and audibly the spirit that enkindles every Bellarmine team, and every Bellarmine student. The bell links us with the past, symbolizing our mission origins at Santa Clara. The sound of the bell spells victory, confidence, and the desire to excel. The sound of the bell spells Bellarmine.



# CLASS NOTES

## 1950s

**Michael King '52** and his wife, Janet, offer their prayers to all Bellarmine students, alumni, and their families following this challenging year. Their nine children and 18 grandchildren send prayers and greetings to the Bellarmine community, as well.

**Ariel Morales '54**, now retired from California state government special programs, recently published his second international true story novel, *Life and Times of Lola Montez*. His first novel is titled *Anna Bunin*, and he also published nine short stories in the United States, Mexico, and France. Ariel informs us that the writing bug hit him at Bellarmine, that he was inspired by his teachers, and that to say he owes it to Bellarmine would be an understatement. His memories are sentimental with extreme gratitude.

**James Sellar '55** is retired and living happily in Honolulu, Hawaii. He recently moved into Arcadia retirement home.

## 1960s

✧ **Frank Bergon '61** is the focus of *Visions of a Basque American Westerner: International Perspectives on the Writings of Frank Bergon*, edited by Xabier Irujo and Iñaki Arrieta Baro. Released in December 2020, the book features nine scholars and writers from Europe and the United States who present an overview and assessment of Frank's entire literary career up to, but not including, the just-published third volume of his California trilogy: *The Toughest Kid We Knew: The Old New West: A Personal History* (June 2020). Several Bell alums are mentioned in his memoirs.



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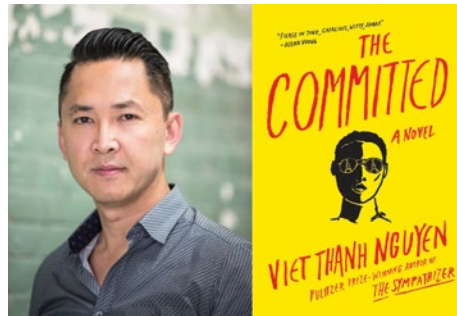
## 1980s

✧ **Nick Holt '81** was named head coach of the Varese Skorpions, a professional football team in Italy. He had been a longtime college coach prior to accepting the position, most recently serving as defensive coordinator at Purdue University. Nick's 34-year college coaching career includes 17 bowl game appearances and a BCS national championship with USC in 2003.



**Allan Priest '85** is working as a real estate broker and investor building custom homes in the greater Sacramento area. He and his wife, Jen, have been married for 28 years and currently reside in El Dorado Hills. Their children, Justin and Megan, both graduated from the University of San Diego and competed as Division I athletes.

✧ **Viet Thanh Nguyen '88** recently published his second novel, *The Committed*, which is a follow-up to his Pulitzer Prize-winning 2016 debut, *The Sympathizer*.



✧ **Robert Schechtman '88** and **Michael Lowney '83** teamed to open Pacific Catch WestCoast Fish House in Santa Clara. Michael is the general manager of the new location in Santa Clara Square Marketplace, the 11th location for the company, which opened at the end of March. Robert informs us that Michael will be relocating to San Diego this summer to be the general manager at Pacific Catch's first location outside the Nor Cal Bay Area, at the University Town Center (UTC) in La Jolla. "I had been with Pacific Catch full time for nearly 10 years, from 2006 to 2015, having been the opening GM for two locations and then moving up to become their first regional manager in the company," notes Robert. "After some time away from the company, I'm now back on the payroll as a senior manager of Special Projects, where I primarily help with the new location openings and some other support for the executive team and restaurant facilities."

## 1990s

**David Wilkov '91** was named CEO of North America for The HABA Family of Companies. HABA is an 80-year-old company based in Germany that sells high quality toys, apparel, educational products, and furniture. He resides in Riverwoods, IL with his wife, Andee, and his two children.

✧ **Jay Wilkins '93** was recently promoted to Division Chief Training at Spokane County Fire District 8 following 25 years in the fire service as firefighter/paramedic and lieutenant/paramedic. He continues to respond to large wildland fires, and currently serves as president of the International Association of Firefighters Local 3711. Jay lives in Washington with his family members, Garrett, Sam, Sophia, Olivia, and Catherine.







**Jeremy Avila '04** was appointed in February as chief counsel for California Department of Aging by Governor Gavin Newsom. Formerly a deputy district attorney for Santa Clara County, Jeremy now advises the Governor's Office and California's Health and Human Services Agency.

⌘ **Brendan Simon '98** was named artistic director of TheaterFIRST in January. The Berkeley-based production company made headlines last year for efforts towards social and economic equity in the theater industry. Brendan, who is a member of Actor's Equity Union and has worked for Kaiser Permanente Educational Theater for 20 years, will spearhead TheaterFIRST's efforts to highlight BIPOC experiences and voices.

**U.S. Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel Albert Flores '99** deployed to Afghanistan in 2020 as a military advisor to Afghan Security Forces. This was his fourth combat tour overseas, with a previous deployment to Afghanistan and two prior deployments to Iraq. Pictured is Lieutenant Colonel Flores reuniting with his wife and three children after being away from home for a year and a half.



⌘ **Eugene Bowers '04** and his wife, Alex, welcomed their first child, Axel Anthony Bowers, on December 8, 2020.

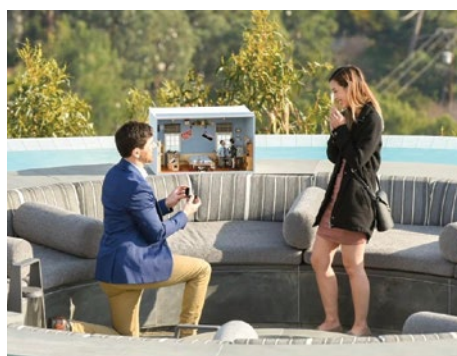
⌘ **Robert Gonzalez '04** and his wife, Natalie, welcomed their first child, Elliana Mae Gonzalez, on March 5, 2021.



**Kevin Saldivar '04** is the new athletic director for Bellarmine. Prior to joining Bellarmine, Kevin was assistant athletic director and athletic director at Presentation High in San Jose.

**Lucas Ramirez '07** was appointed as vice mayor of the City of Mountain View, California.

⌘ **Anthony Russo '08** is engaged to be married to Laura Nguyen. Tony is a senior project manager for Crest Real Estate and Laura is a marriage and family counselor and supervisor. The couple will be married in September 2021 and reside in Los Angeles.



⌘ **Michael Clay '09** was named Special Teams coach by the Philadelphia Eagles in January, making him the youngest coordinator in the National Football League and the youngest person to hold his position in the history of the Eagles franchise. He spent the previous five seasons with the San Francisco 49ers, most recently serving as assistant special teams coach since 2018. As a player, Clay starred at linebacker for the University of Oregon, earning 2nd Team All-PAC 12 honors as a senior.



⌘ **James Hill III '09** was a contestant on the U.S. premier of the ABC television network game show *The Chase* that aired in January. The former Bellarmine Quiz Bowl member defeated popular Jeopardy champion Ken Jennings.



## 2000s

**Rob Greenhalgh '91** moved back to the San Francisco Bay Area after leaving it to head to UCLA right after Bellarmine. "It's so good to be back home!"

**Matt Mahan '01** was elected in November 2020 to a seat on the San Jose City Council, serving District 10. Recently, he has also served as commissioner of San Jose's Clean Energy Citizen Advisory Commission, as well as an advisor at USC's Center for Inclusive Democracy. Matt is also co-founder and CEO of the voter network Brigade.

**Brad Mills, S.J. '02** was ordained a deacon on November 27, 2020, along with seven other Jesuit Scholastics at La Iglesia de San Ignacio in Bogota, Colombia. Brad is currently completing his Theological studies in Bogota, in preparation for his ordination into the priesthood. An alumnus of Santa Clara University, he served his residency teaching at Sacred Heart Nativity School in San Jose and worked for several years as a Jesuit Volunteer in South America. Brad will spend the Spring semester serving as a Deacon in Cartagena, Colombia.

## 2010s

**Chris Guimarin '10** was recently named product design manager at Blizzard Entertainment, a premier developer and publisher of entertainment software. He was previously director of product design at ASCAP.

**Dalan Angelo '11**, as project coordinator for BoxPower, was instrumental in providing clean, affordable solar energy for the Pallet emergency shelters built by the County of Santa Clara and benefiting 25 unhoused families. "Trying my best to put that Jesuit education to work in the emerging field of social enterprise work. Beyond this project, I'm working primarily on Tribal electrification projects throughout Alaska."





⚡ **Tanay Kothari '11**, a former Bellarmine Quiz Bowl team captain, was a contestant on the television game show Jeopardy! that aired in January.

**Bryan Waxman '11** is working as a commercial development manager for Nestle, driving the strategy behind Nesquik and Chameleon Cold Brew within convenience and natural channel retailers. In 2020, he was honored as the recipient of Nestle's Phoenix Award for taking smart risks that led to outstanding results. Bryan currently lives in the Washington, D.C. metro area with his fiancé, Shelby.

**Christopher Delgado '12** married Nicole Sato on November 30, 2019 at Deer Park Villa, in Marin, CA.

**Reiley Weekes '12** was named a Matthew Isakowitz Fellow, Class of 2021. The fellowship connects exceptional current college juniors, seniors, and graduate students with paid, summer internships in the field of commercial spaceflight, as well as with notable aerospace leaders for mentorship. As an Aerospace Engineering Ph.D. student at U.C. San Diego, Reiley researched fluid mechanics and combustion. He holds a B.S. and M.S. from U.C. San Diego in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, respectively.

**Austin Coon '14** made the most of the pandemic by breaking a world record. Austin was recognized in February by the Guinness Book of World Records after successfully tossing 93 peanuts and catching them in a can on top of his head.

**Oliver Fahrner '14, Nick Saglimbeni '15, and Ryan Lippitt '04** all work together in habitat restoration for the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration at U.C. Santa Barbara. The group is currently working on the North Campus Open Space project, which aims to restore a large area of wetlands while protecting and propagating native plant life.

**Kevin Leary '14 and Wiley Martin '14** both received graduate degrees from USF on May 21. Kevin Leary earned an MFA in Museum Studies and Wiley Martin earned a Master's in education.

**Brij Singh '15** is hockey operations manager for USA Hockey's U18 Men's National Team and is the Brendan Burke Internship recipient. His responsibilities include making travel plans and other logistics for National Team Development Program (NTDP) teams competing in domestic and international tournaments.

**Ellis J. Sutton '16**, a graduate of the USC School of Cinematic Arts, recently completed his film titled Little Drummer Boy, which is being submitted to film festivals. Sutton was writer, director and co-producer of the film

**Benjamin Ma '17** was named a Schwarzman Scholar for 2022. Schwarzman Scholars are among the world's most prestigious graduate fellowships located at Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University in Beijing. Once admitted, Scholars pursue a master's degree in Global Affairs with a core curriculum focused on three pillars: leadership, China, and global affairs.

**Alexander Skikos '17** is the author of All Roads Lead to Nowhere, described as a novel that follows seven important people who are pushed to the edge of desperation through interactions with each other, their environment, and unforeseen forces in an alternate future timeline. Alexander reports that, "The foundational idea for this novel started to form when I was at Bellarmine. In particular, the variety of English classes I took and the different types of English instruction I received inspired some of the ideas that went into the book."



⚡ **Andrew Ton '17** capped off a decorated tennis career for the United State Naval Academy, capturing his third Patriot League Player of the Year award and his second Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year honor. Andrew, who ranks among Navy's all-time leaders in singles and doubles victories, helped lead the midshipmen to their third straight Patriot League championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament in 2021.

⚡ **Cade Hall '18**, defensive lineman for San Jose State, was named Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Year to go along with a First Team All-America selection. He enjoyed a breakout senior season in 2020, racing up 10 sacks and 12 tackles for loss, helping the Spartans capture a Mountain West Conference title and earn a trip to the Arizona Bowl.



**Quinton Market '18** and his friend, Jack Rasmussen, co-founded Good Samaritans of Santa Clara Valley ([www.goodsamaritansofsiliconvalley.org](http://www.goodsamaritansofsiliconvalley.org)). As noted in a July 3, 2020 feature article in the Willow Glen Resident newspaper, the pair began their philanthropic efforts after returning home from their respective universities during the midst of the pandemic. Among the ways they helped those in need was by making lunches for and delivering them to many of the houseless individuals in the community. As quoted in the article, Quinton noted his Bellarmine influences. "I've been exposed to the Jesuit tradition of service, and I value their history of helping others."

## 2020s

⚡ **Greg Brown '20** was elected to serve as 2021 National vice chair for the Boys Scouts of America's Order of the Arrow, one of the top leadership positions for the organization's Honors Society.



**Evan Keiser '20** organized a Wine to Water filter at Fairfield University through its Humanitarian Action Club. "I appreciate the connections I was able to build with the organization at Bellarmine and I am grateful to have another opportunity to support them and fight the global water crisis!" noted Keiser.

**Jaden Morgan '20**, a member of the Stanford Black Student Union and of the executive board of the Stanford Pre Law Society, was recently named to the board of African American Community Service Agency in San Jose. He has served as president of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Jr. Greene Scholars chapter and as teen president of the Jack and Jill of America, Inc. San Jose Chapter. In 2018 and 2019, Jaden received the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award for his work in the community.

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# History of the Bellarmine Seal



Numerous Bellarmine community members own an item, such as a sweatshirt, that bears the familiar insignia that represents our school. Although many recognize the Bellarmine Coat of Arms, very few understand what the seal symbolizes.

The insignia, which is divided into four quadrants, represents some of the history of the Society of Jesus — the Jesuits. In the upper left-hand quadrant of the shield is a set of diagonal stripes. These were originally part of the shield of St. Ignatius of Loyola's maternal ancestors from his home province, Guipuzcoa, located on the north coast of Spain.

The design in the lower left corner of the shield is evidence of his own family's aristocratic status. The two standing wolves, known in heraldry as supporters, are a sign of nobility. The right to display supporters on a coat of arms was a granted privilege in the Middle Ages, and such an honor was passed on through a family. The wolves are supporting what seems to be an ordinary pot. The meaning of this item may be found in the Spanish words which together create a phrase close to the pronunciation of the family name, Loyola. The pot is also a symbol of the Loyola family's generosity, especially to the poor in times of famine.

The pine cones in the upper right quadrant originate from the shield of St. Robert Bellarmine's family. The inverted pyramid of six pine cones represents the region surrounding Montepulciano, St. Robert's hometown, a region in Italy noted for its evergreen trees.

In the final quadrant of the Coat of Arms, in the lower right there is a grizzly bear, a symbol for California first used on a flag in 1846 to symbolize independence from Mexico.

Thus, the Bellarmine seal — often seen but rarely understood — is a reminder of our place in the tradition of the Society of Jesus.



# Ignatius

500 years ago, a cannonball changed the world when it struck a soldier and shattered his leg in the Battle of Pamplona. This is the start of the Ignatian Year: a celebration of St. Ignatius of Loyola and that fateful moment of his life; the catalyst to founding the Society of Jesus. During this yearlong reflection, we ask for the grace to see all things new in Christ.





## The Gift of Information

by Bill Colucci, Esq. '82 Director of Planned Giving

As this past year has given us many opportunities to get ourselves more organized, I want to encourage you in that endeavor, especially around estate planning. Getting your affairs and papers in order is a great gift you can give to your family. More particularly, I am talking about collecting and organizing all your financial and other information that your loved ones will need to access if you become incapacitated or pass away.

Letting family members, trusted advisors, or close friends know where you have accounts, store important documents (e.g., deeds, title certificates, stock or bond certificates), the location of any safe deposit boxes, insurance policies, subscriptions, and your online presence, including social media accounts, will be immensely helpful to them. While it may be difficult to let others know the whereabouts of your business, financial, and personal records, it will make handling your affairs much easier once you are unable to do so yourself.

To accomplish this task, you may utilize any number of methods: you might go low-tech and simply write things down on some sheets of paper; or you could be a bit more tech savvy and set up an Excel spreadsheet with all your relevant information; finally, you might utilize the high-tech method of using an online, cloud-based system to capture all your important information. Being a bit of a Luddite, I feel most comfortable writing things down on paper. However, I also keep a digital copy of that information that it is accessible to my family in case they cannot find where I hid the paper. A belt and suspenders approach to most estate planning matters can be quite helpful.

The type of items you will want to list can range from the very simple to the very detailed. I also like to group them into three different categories: financial, personal, and estate planning. Of course, you should develop a list and set of categories that works best for you and your family.

In the financial section, which will likely be the largest section, you should include bank accounts, brokerage accounts, life insurance policies, retirement accounts, credit card accounts,

vehicles, business interests, the location of any ownership certificates (e.g., the pink slips to vehicles), and the addresses and location of deeds to real property you own. Knowing what you own and any account numbers affiliated with those assets are most important.

In the personal section, you may include a letter to loved ones, the names and contact information for your medical care providers, and burial instructions including the type of services you would like. You may also include a pre-written obituary. Yes, it may seem a bit morbid to write your own obituary, but hey, it is your life, so you should have a say in how it is described after you are gone. If you have minor children, the names and contact information for guardians you have named should be included here as well. Also, do not forget about pets and any memberships you might have in professional, religious, social, or charitable organizations.

In the estate planning section, you should let folks know where the original of your living trust (or will) is kept, the name and contact information for your successor trustee (or executor) and lawyer, the location of your Durable Power of Attorney and your Advanced Health Care Directive along with the names and contact information for your agents.

That is a lot of information to gather, so I do not recommend doing it all in one sitting. Take some time each week to compile one aspect or category until you have completed the task. While it may feel a bit overwhelming and uncomfortable, your loved ones and family will greatly appreciate this gift when the time comes to access all this information.

I am hopeful the above is helpful to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. In addition, as you are collecting information and thinking about planning your estate, we would be most appreciative if you would consider including a gift to Bellarmine in your plans. Your legacy support provides us with the resources to ensure that Bellarmine's Catholic, Jesuit education will continue to enrich the lives of all those who are part of the Bellarmine community.

To learn more about Planned Giving opportunities to support Bellarmine, please contact Bill Colucci, Esq. '82,

Director of Planned Giving, at **408.537.9279** or via email: [bcolucci@bcp.org](mailto:bcolucci@bcp.org).

You may also visit online: <http://plannedgiving.bcp.org>.

# *In Memoriam Tributes*

## *Fr. Robert B. Mathewson, S.J.*

*June 7, 1931 - December 6, 2020*

Father Bob Mathewson, S.J. was a man both great in stature and in the way he demonstrated care and compassion for others, especially for students experiencing challenging circumstances. At all the schools at which he served, including Brophy, Loyola, and Bellarmine, Fr. Mathewson, or “Fr. Mat” as many affectionately called him, was known for going above and beyond to ensure that any qualified student was able to receive a Jesuit education, no matter the financial circumstances of his family. This tall, imposing figure may have appeared intimidating to some, but he was kind, compassionate, and a true gentleman.

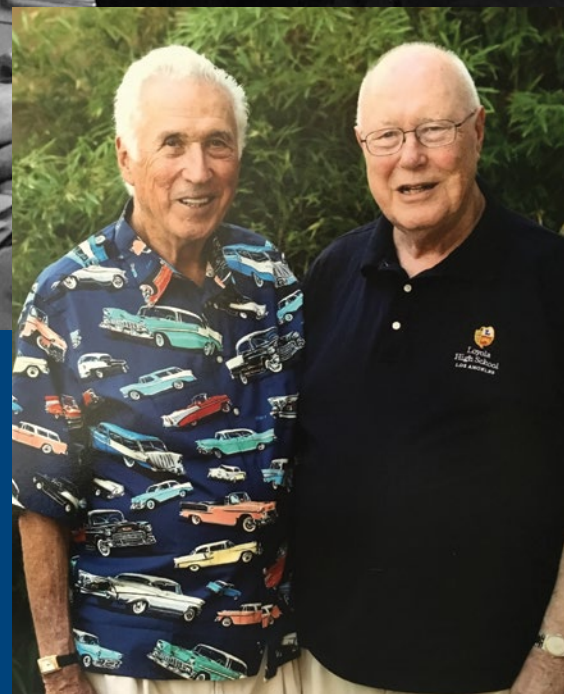
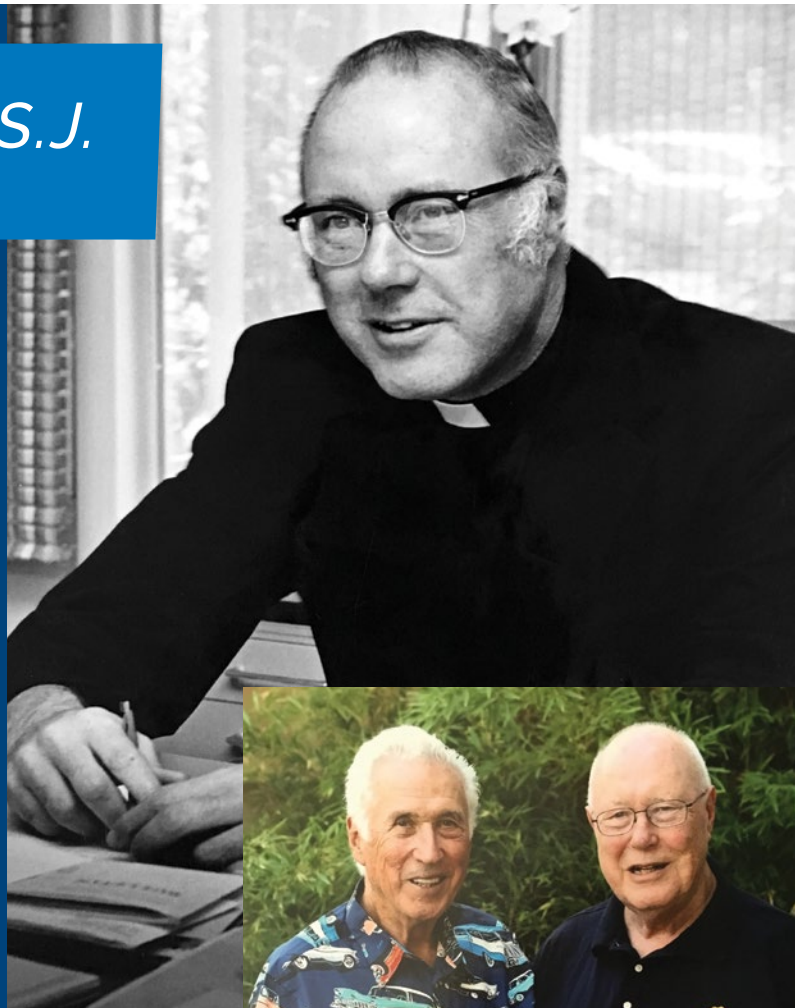
“In the many years that he worked at Bellarmine, his heart was always with students in need as he shepherded and counseled those who received tuition assistance while also ensuring that their logistical and financial needs were met,” noted Chris Meyercord '88, Bellarmine president, in December following the passing of Fr. Mathewson. “This compassionate stewardship was the catalyst for the establishment many years ago of the Fr. Robert Mathewson, S.J. Tuition Assistance Endowment at Bellarmine, and of the school’s Charles N. Mathewson Direct Tuition Assistance Fund in recognition of Fr. Mat’s brother and Bellarmine’s longtime benefactor.”

Ron Pine, Esq. '57, Bellarmine’s senior counsel for Planned Giving, was hired by Fr. Mathewson in 1977 as Bellarmine’s first professional director of development. He remembers his good friend with great affection and respect. “When I first met Bob Mathewson in the Fall of 1976, I immediately realized I had just met the most intelligent person I had known. I still revered him as such until the day he passed away.”

Both Meyercord and Pine recalled the numerous and transformative contributions that Mathewson made at Bellarmine and throughout the Province, including the innovative changes he initiated in the late '60s and '70s to class schedules, curriculum, counseling, and athletics. Such contributions were recognized in 2013 when Mathewson received an honorary doctorate degree from Santa Clara University.

“As a respected former principal and president, he made tremendous and greatly needed improvements to the schools where he worked,” noted Meyercord. “Notably, he hired the first female faculty member at Bellarmine when he brought on Joan Lundgard as our Librarian more than 50 years ago, as commemorated on a dedication plaque outside the Mathewson Library Classroom. Fr. Mathewson also changed the schedule at Bellarmine to meet the needs of individual students and introduced a weekly rotation, an innovation that was soon adopted by all the other Jesuit schools in the then California Province.”

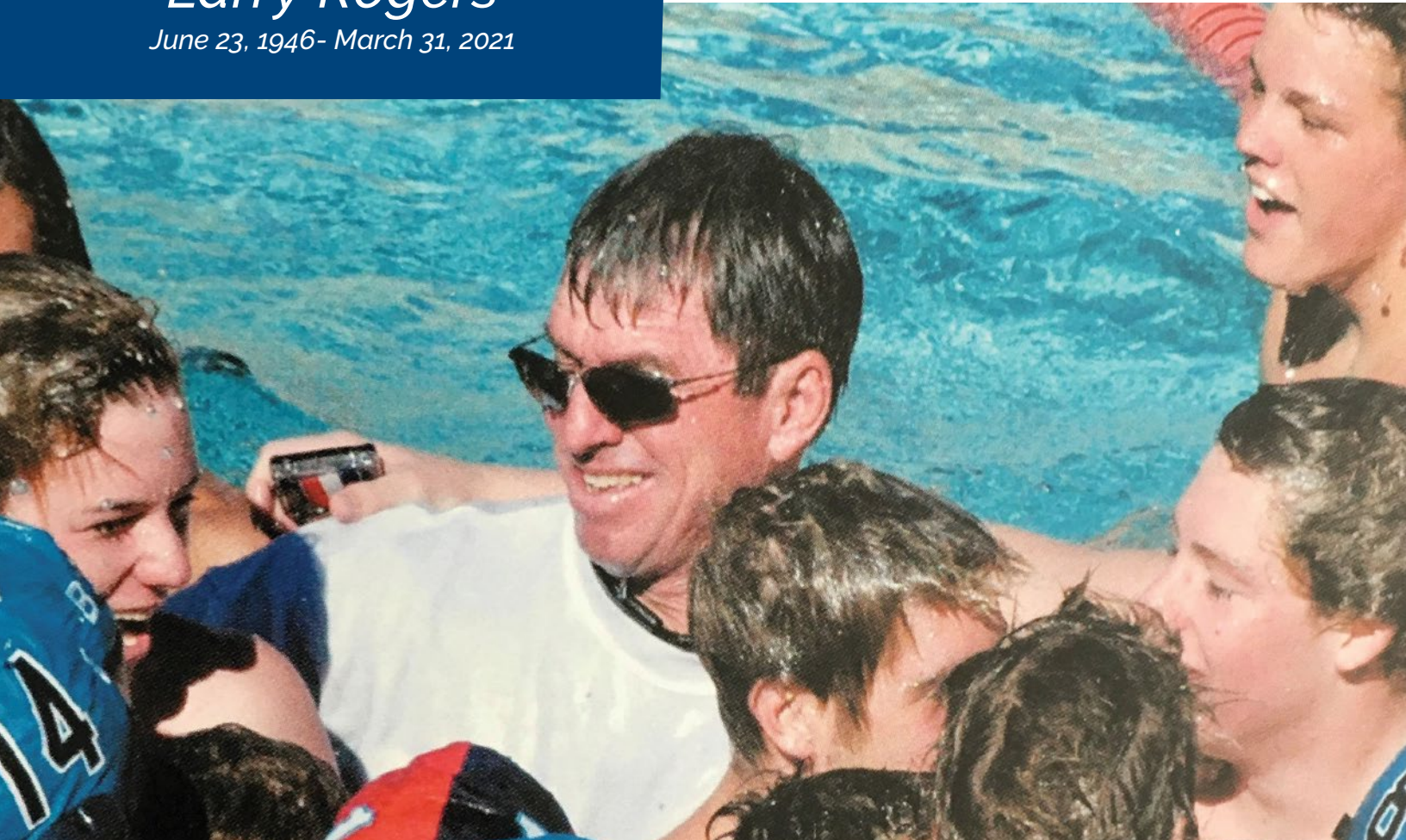
Fr. Mathewson, who retired in 2018, is greatly missed, but the positive impact he had on Jesuit secondary education will continue to touch lives.





# Larry Rogers

June 23, 1946- March 31, 2021



Using aquatic metaphors to describe his influence, one may say that Larry Rogers encouraged his student athletes to dive deep and challenge themselves; to not simply tread water but reach for their very best in life. As noted by numerous alumni since his passing, the legendary coach could be tough on the pool deck, but he truly cared for his swimmers and water polo players, in and out of the pool.

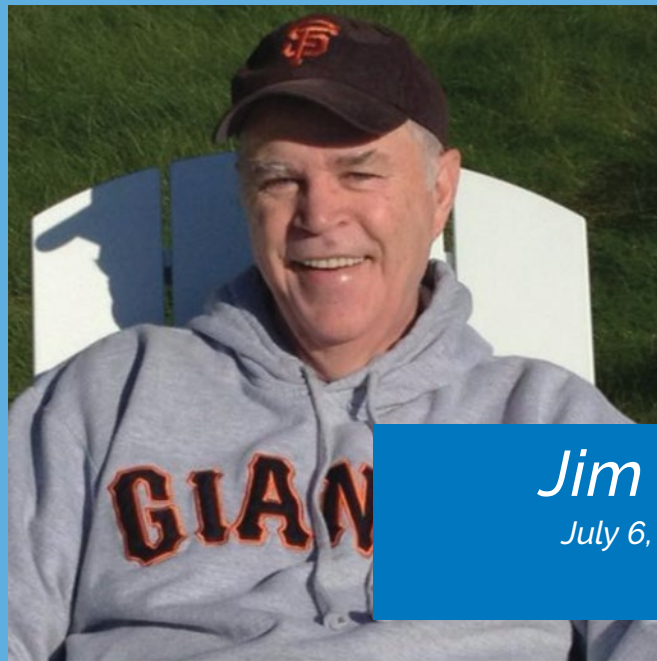
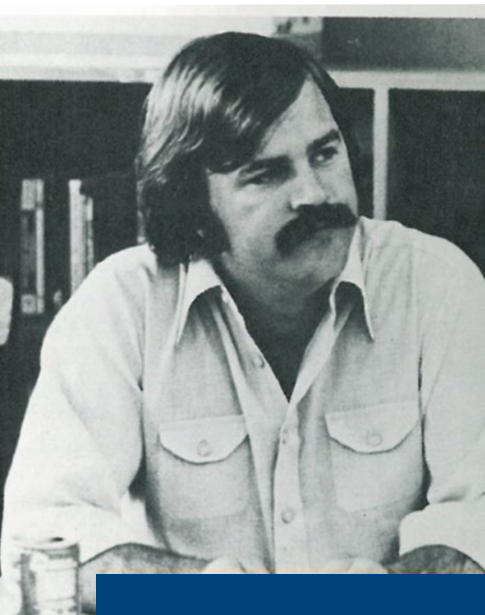
Rogers, who is survived by his wife, Nancy, and their children Brook '98 and Drew, taught World History for many years at Bellarmine and will long be remembered for his storied 48-year coaching career. "Rogers' swimming teams were beyond dominant, including 'the streak,' as it came to be known, when Bellarmine's swim team won the section title for 31 consecutive years, a record that it is hard to imagine ever being broken," recalled Chris Meyercord '88, Bellarmine president.

In his April 2, 2021, San Jose Mercury News article about Rogers, sportswriter Darren Sabreda noted, "No coach has captured more California Interscholastic Federation section championships than Rogers. He won 59 CCS titles — 34 in boys swimming, 25 in boys water polo.

He won two water polo championships at Monta Vista in 1975 and 1980, and all 57 of his other titles came at Bellarmine, beginning in 1982."

Much has been and will be written about Coach Rogers' remarkable accomplishments, about the difference he made in the lives of countless individuals, and how he influenced and motivated so many during his teaching and coaching career.

For this tribute, Larry Rogers has the final word in the following quotations from his retirement reflection published in the summer 2017 edition of this publication, in response to the question about his personal philosophy by which he had lived his life and/or by which he had served the Bellarmine community: "My life has been lived by values I learned from my parents, coaches, and teammates. To work hard, be honest, give everything you have, always be on time, support and work with your teammates, and respect all opponents and situations. If you can do all those things, good things will happen and if not, you will learn something about yourself and the situation. Failure is not a bad thing; it is another chance to succeed and learn."



## *Jim Harville '63*

*July 6, 1945 - January 7, 2021*

*by Bill Healy*

After the advent of COVID-19, Jim and I had stopped having our monthly breakfasts at Bill's Café in Willow Glen and our contacts had been mostly through Facebook or song shares via Spotify. So in January, when I heard that he had passed away, I, like many others, in and out of the Bellarmine community, was devastated.

I first met Jim in 1974, when I was a first-year English teacher. I remember being in awe of him. He was an absolutely brilliant teacher who understood not only the beauty of the literature he taught but the powerful transformative effect it could have upon a person's life. And he was able to communicate that power to his students. He had created the amazing Bellarmine English elective system, which included some of his own courses like The Kurt Vonnegut Seminar, Comedy and Tragedy, and the James Joyce Seminar. The man actually taught a James Joyce Seminar that featured a detailed analysis of Ulysses. Who else could pull that off with high school students? He was also very kind and helpful to this unskilled rookie teacher. In addition, he was a talented musician, and my colleagues and I spent many evenings listening to his band "Beggar's Opera" at various Bay Area locations. Also, whether from the back of the classroom or the audience of a theatre, he had the most wonderful laugh I have ever heard. On top of all that, he was just plain "cool" (he drove a 240z).

Beginning in 1987, I came to know another, deeper side of Jim. He had just gone into recovery for alcoholism around the same time I had begun my own journey in Al-Anon, and we began sharing more personal aspects of our lives with one another, with Jim often the one providing insight and counsel to me.

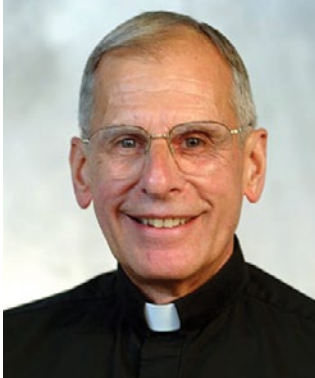
In 1989, I joined the speech and debate program as a coach where I worked by Jim's side for a couple of decades, not only deepening our friendship but also deepening my appreciation for his brilliance as a teacher. Jim had built the most successful speech and debate program in the State of California and one of the best in the nation. The program had over 150 students each year and won numerous individual and team championships. But Jim's teaching went well beyond helping students master speaking and debating skills. He had created a program that focused on learning how to both win and to lose with grace. A program which required students not only to improve their individual skills, but to coach and help others in the program to grow as well. A program that required all students to stay until the very end of long tournament days even if they had been eliminated so that they could cheer on their teammates at the awards ceremony. In short, he was teaching them how to be men for and with others, not just skilled speakers.

For many years, Jim and I were in a prayer group with Chris Meyercord and other colleagues that met weekly at lunch to share our lives and our faith, and I joined Jim in helping to lead a number of Kairos retreats where he freely shared his experience, strength, and hope with student retreatants. After his retirement, we would meet for breakfast, where he would help me put things in perspective in my own life as well as offer his awesome tips regarding music, film, and literature. Over the years, Jim offered his wisdom and experience not only in those settings but with many other members of the Bell community and many, many others throughout the South Bay. He was both a dear friend and a wise counselor to many.

Jim was the consummate teacher, whether it be in the classroom, on the stage, or in life. And I and so many others miss him deeply.



# *In Memoriam*



***Fr. Russ Roide, S.J.*** (December 10, 1938 – April 13, 2021), a dedicated Jesuit for 60 years whose numerous assignments included serving the Bellarmine community in various ministries, is at rest. Fr. Russ was known for his service in campus ministry and pastoral ministry throughout the Jesuits West Province and across the U.S. and abroad. His leadership included having been the president and rector at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco from 1975-1979 and pastor and superior of St. Francis Xavier in Phoenix from 2002-2006. He was a former faculty member and served at Bellarmine in 1965-1968, 1973-1975 (including briefly as president in 1975), and 2012-2017 (including as spiritual advisor to parents and to the Dads' Club Board). Many alumni have recalled that Fr. Roide helped make possible the first Bellarmine musical, which also introduced the participation of girls from local high schools in Bellarmine's Theater Program, an opportunity which continues to this very day.

***David John Micheletti '70*** (September 29, 1952 - February 2, 2021), enjoyed a successful career of more than 46 years in the Risk Management Insurance business, and he was a dedicated Bellarmine alumnus who was part of a significant legacy at Bellarmine. Dave was the father of Chris '97 and Matt '98; his late mother, Lorna, was a former Bellarmine Mothers' Guild president; his late father, Mel '49, was a former Dads' Club president; and he was the brother of Rob '73, John '75, Jim '84, and of the late Paul '77. He will long be remembered for his kindness, affability, and solid work ethic.



***Elizabeth "Liz" Moley*** (March 9, 1939 - April 22, 2021), had a calling to help others through a deep Catholic faith. As noted in her obituary, "True to Ignatian teachings, she found God in all things, promoted education and sought social justice for all." Her passions included helping refugees with resettlement in the Bay Area, providing education for those in need, and teaching English as a second language to recent immigrants. Liz's dedicated support of Bellarmine included her having been a former member of its Board of Regents. In addition to daughters Susan Frances and Joanna, Liz and her husband, Richard, are the parents of Bellarmine alumni Andrew '82, a Bellarmine Trustee; and Peter '85.

*The Bellarmine Community joins in prayerful remembrance of alumni, family, and friends who have died.*

**ALUMNI**

**Tony Pacheco '61** (May 2021).

**Sam Spooner '58** (May 10, 2021).

**Adam H. Marks '96** (May 9, 2021).  
*Brother of Craig '91.*

**Fr. Robert B. Grimaldi, S.J. '55** (May 5, 2021).

**Sam McCullagh '64** (May 5, 2021). *Brother of George '66 and Stephen '68.*

**James Thomas Kennedy '60** (April 26, 2021).

**Dr. Richard E. Keady '56** (March 28, 2021).  
*Father of James A. Keady '02.*

**S. Xavier Cortes '17** (March 26, 2021).

**Brian Chase '05** (March 19, 2021). *Son of former BCP staff member Gayle Chase.*

**Phillip J. Lauro '65** (March 18, 2021). *Brother of Larry '66 and Jeff '71.*

**William P. Van Dorn '50** (March 16, 2021). *Brother of the late Chuck '47 and the late Jack '45.*

**James P. Korbel '56** (March 9, 2021). *Father of Joshua '94 and the late Derek '90; brother of Dan '59 and Rick '68.*

**Donald J. Callejon '48** (February 27, 2021). *Father of Rick '71.*

**Thomas Boudinot '49** (February 26, 2021).

**Michael Collins Brown '65** (February 21, 2021).  
*Father of Michael, Jr. '90 and Thomas '94.*

**Richard Harold Maher '45** (February 17, 2021).  
*Former administrator at Bellarmine.*

**Benny Robert Dinapoli '52** (February 10, 2021).

**Leroy (Lee) Francis Block '54** (February 5, 2021).  
*Father of Brian '90; brother of the late Delbert '54.*

**John J. Hardy '40** (February 3, 2021).

**David John Micheletti '70** (February 2, 2021).  
*Father of Chris '97 and Matt '98; son of the late Mel '49; brother of Rob '73, John '75, Jim '84, and of the late Paul '77.*

**Justice Eugene M. Premo '53** (January 25, 2021).  
*Father of Patrick '85 and Richard '86; brother of the late John '55; nephew of the late faculty member, Bob Fatjo '26.*

**David W. Archibald '57** (January 20, 2021).

**Francis X. Thomas '86** (January 20, 2021). *Brother of James '77, Christopher '79, Eli '80, and Gregory '81.*

**Robert G. Winsor '50** (January 20, 2021). *Father of Daniel '88.*

**Paul Vantress '64** (January 16, 2021).

**James Harville '63** (January 7, 2021). *Longtime Bellarmine faculty member and speech and debate coach. Brother of former Bellarmine librarian Kathy Harville.*

**Robert "Bob" L. Trincherro, Jr. '85** (January 5, 2021).  
*Father of Jason '88; son of the late Robert, Sr. '36.*

**Paul Alan Caro '58** (December 26, 2020). *Brother of Fr. Bob Caro, S.J. '54 and the late Bill Caro '50.*

**Richard Ignatius Havey '58** (December 26, 2020).

**Dr. David J. Sanchez, Jr. '57** (December 12, 2020).

**James "Jim" Kramer '81** (December 8, 2020).

**Fr. Bernard J. Bush, S.J. '51** (December 7, 2020).  
*Brother of Bob '53 and Jerry '54.*

**Joseph Francis Ruiz '67** (December 7, 2020). *Brother of Sal '71.*

**Leonard "Gus" D. Goscila '47** (November 30, 2020).  
*Brother of the late John Goscila '44.*

**Kyle S. Watson '10** (November 30, 2020). *Brother of Connor '12.*

**William "Bill" B. Gretz '47** (November 29, 2020).  
*Brother-in-Law of Lon Normandin '52 and Vic Prosper '55.*

**Frank Leone '54** (November 28, 2020).

**Michael P. Caporale '89** (November 15, 2020).

**Derek Pater James '02** (November 7, 2020).

**David Pace '69** (October 22, 2020).

**Jeffrey Peters '57** (September 29, 2020). *Grandfather of Cameron '14 and Dominic '17.*

**Michael Ropers '52** (September 6, 2020). *Brother of the late Mark Ropers '56.*

**James "Jim" Patrick Caley, D.D.S. '74** (August 11, 2020).

**Thomas Weekes '69** (May 10, 2020). *Father of Reiley '12; brother of Rusty '67 and Terry '72.*

**Mark Ropers '56** (April 19, 2020). *Brother of the late Michael Ropers '52.*

*"Lord, welcome into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed from this present life to be with you. Grant them rest and a place with the spirits of the just, and give them the life that knows no age, the reward that passes not away."*

– St. Ignatius of Loyola



# In Memoriam *(continued)*

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Roberto Orellana** (June 5, 2021). *Father of Juan-Carlos '97.*

**Marie Russo** (May 30, 2021). *Mother of Matthew '73; grandmother of Christopher '01.*

**Geraldine Steinberg** (May 22, 2021). *Mother of Thomas '74.*

**Consuelo (Connie) O'Brien** (May 16, 2021). *Mother of Michael '73; wife of the late James '48; sister of Ed Foster '52.*

**Janell Ellen Scalora** (May 16, 2021). *Mother of David '93 and Michael '94.*

**Mary Constance Houret** (May 2, 2021). *Wife of the late Paul J. Houret, Jr. '43; sister-in-law of the late Robert J. Houret '45.*

**Sandi Selvi** (May 2, 2021). *Wife of Rob Selvi '74, chair of Bellarmine's Board of Regents; mother of Jim '04.*

**Olga Reyes Graciano** (April 30, 2021). *Grandmother of Jonathan Borca '06 and Daniel Borca '04.*

**Katherine "Kay" Frangadakis** (April 26, 2021). *Grandmother of George '89.*

**James M. Harris** (April 25, 2021). *Father of James L. Harris '94.*

**Chuong Nguyen** (April 24, 2021). *Father of Kenny '23.*

**Melvyn Matsushima, D.D.S.** (April 22, 2021). *Father of Ross '89.*

**Elizabeth Moley** (April 22, 2021). *Mother of Andrew '82 and Peter '85. Former member of Bellarmine's Board of Regents.*

**Charles "Chuck" Geschke** (April 16, 2021). *Grandfather of Matthew '15.*

**Fr. Russell J. Roide, S.J.** (April 12, 2021). *Former faculty member, administrator, and member of the Bellarmine Jesuit community.*

**William Radzinski** (April 7, 2021). *Father of Jeff '83.*

**Larry Rogers** (March 31, 2021). *Retired faculty member and legendary swimming/water polo coach. Husband of Nancy; father of Brook '98 and Drew.*

**Dolores Fino** (March 28, 2021). *Mother of staff member Denise Trebaol; grandmother of Michael Trebaol '04 and Joseph Trebaol '02.*

**Patricia Elizabeth Hannum** (March 23, 2021). *Mother of Edmund P. Hannum III '87.*

**Syd John Raineri** (March 15, 2021). *Father of former Dads' Club Board member Alan Raineri; grandfather of John '13 and Wyatt '16.*

**Frances "Betty" Lent** (March 12, 2021). *Mother of Charles '71.*

**Janet Elizabeth Fahrner** (March 11, 2021). *Wife of Hugh '50; grandmother of Ryan Aberg '08 and Oliver Fahrner '14.*

**Jean Marie Agelson** (February 21, 2021). *Mother of Louis Agelson, Bellarmine faculty member; grandmother of Dylan '13.*

**Anna Marie Gruba** (February 21, 2021). *Mother of Steven '66; sister of Fr. John Baumann, S.J. '56 and of the late William Bauman '52.*

**Filipinas Lising Antonio** (February 16, 2021). *Mother of Cora Antonio, Bellarmine faculty member.*

**James F. "Jim" O'Brien** (February 15, 2021). *Father of Daniel '90.*

**Mary Jane Lucid** (February 6, 2021). *Mother of Thomas '75.*

**Laura Angelina DiNapoli Sheehan** (February 1, 2021). *Mother of Daniel '72, Gregory '74, Mark '74, and Jeffrey '77.*

**Admina Becerra Frame** (January 31, 2021). *Mother of Alan '88.*

**Jeanne Maryann Hartigan** (January 27, 2021). *Mother of Martin Hartigan '85; mother-in-law of Edward Engler '89.*

**Francis J. Palermo** (January 24, 2021). *Father of Bellarmine vocal director Gina Adams; father-in-law of staff member Brian Adams, Michael Zeppa '93, and the late Steven Zeppa '90; grandfather of Nicholas Adams '03, Jeffrey Adams '06, David Zeppa '10, and Andrew Zeppa '13.*

**Monica Mackin** (January 17, 2021). *Wife of the late Thomas Mackin '53; sister of the late Larry Helfter '56 and the late Phil Helfter '62; cousin of Monty Steadman '60.*

**William J. Keane** (January 16, 2021). *Father of William '78, Thomas '79, Christopher '81, David '83, Brogan (Michael) '84, Stephen '87, and Bryan '92.*

**Andrew G. Henriques** (January 13, 2021). *Father of Donald '75.*

**Gregory A. Bakeis** (January 11, 2021). *Father of Ben '15 and Alex '17.*

**Anne Biagini** (January 7, 2021). *Mother of Thomas '70, Paul '73, and Mark '78.*

**Judith Jeanne O'Brien** (January 6, 2021). *Mother of Scott '90 and Matt '93; sister of Dick Ferrari '63 and Gerry Ferrari '66; daughter of the late Louis "Tubby" Ferrari '35.*

**Lillian Zappelli** (January 5, 2021). *Mother of Robert '65.*

**Stephen S. Cusenza** (January 2, 2021). *Uncle of Chris Creech '06, Greg Creech '06, and Nick Creech '03, Bellarmine faculty member.*

**Lydia J. Frias** (January 2, 2021). *Mother of Mark '74.*

**Fr. William Leininger** (January 2, 2021). *Brother of Richard '60 and Bob '63.*

**Janet Marian Mello** (December 27, 2020). *Former Bellarmine staff member.*

**Kerry Michelle Hamilton** (December 26, 2020). *Sister of Christian Hamilton '87.*

**Judge John S. McInerney** (December 26, 2020). *Father of Tim '87.*

**Michael Dillon** (December 14, 2020). *Father of Declan '09 and Bryce '14.*

**Fr. Carlton Whitten, S.J.** (December 10, 2020). *Former Bellarmine faculty member.*

**Fr. Bob Mathewson, S.J.** (December 6, 2020). *Former president and principal of Bellarmine and longtime member of the Bellarmine Jesuit community.*

**Marshall Matz** (December 3, 2020). *Grandfather of Nicolas Vargas '17.*

**Connor Patrick Metz** (December 3, 2020). *Brother of Nicholas '23.*

**Harvey Knoernschild, M.D.** (November 29, 2020). *Step-father of Craig Walker '83.*

**Mary Lee Baiocchi** (November 21, 2020). *Wife of Jerry '48.*

**Douglas M. Harper, M.D.** (November 15, 2020). *Father of Michael, M.D. '83 and William, M.D. '87.*

**Michael Gallagher** (November 10, 2020). *Brother of Charles '92 and Daniel '98.*

**Robert L. Lewis** (November 2, 2020). *Father of Jeremy '93 and Keith '03.*

**Fr. Robert T. Walsh, S.J.** (October 24, 2020). *Former Bellarmine faculty member.*

**Fr. George A. Carroll, S.J.** (October 23, 2020). *Former Bellarmine faculty member.*

**Eleanor Mary Murabito** (October 22, 2020). *Mother of Anthony '84.*

**James "Jim" Joseph Rauen** (October 21, 2020). *Father of James Rauen '85.*

**Felix Cappelloni** (October 19, 2020). *Father of Bob '67.*

**JoAnn B. O'Hara** (October 14, 2020). *Mother of Clancy '79 and Cassidy '84.*

**Yvonne Ann Bonacorsi** (October 9, 2020). *Mother of Mike '70.*

**Thomas Paul Genovese** (October 8, 2020). *Father of Kyle '12 and Connor '15.*

**Marianne (Langholff) Morrisey** (October 5, 2020). *Mother of the late John Langholff '75.*

**Michael Leo Chiechi** (October 3, 2020). *Father of Marty '62.*

**Dolores Fawn Powers** (September 5, 2020). *Grandmother of Rael L. Jensen '17*



*NOTE: Listings are based on information known to us prior to publication deadlines.*



# Event Calendar

**July 24**

Fr. Joe Costa '41  
Alumni Bocce Tournament  
*Campo di Bocce, Los Gatos*

**August 28**

Alumni Hall of Fame  
*BCP Campus*

**September 23**

Tribute to Steve Pinkston  
*BCP Campus*

**September 24-26**

Alumni Grand Reunion Weekend  
*BCP Campus*

**October 11**

Bellarmino Golf Classic  
*Cinnabar Hills Golf Club, San Jose*

**October 16**

Mothers' Guild Fashion Show  
for Tuition Assistance  
*BCP Campus*

**October 22-24**

BCP Alumni Golden Reunion Weekend  
*BCP Campus*

**November 7**

Admissions Open House  
*BCP Campus*

**March 12, 2022**

Golden Bell Auction  
*BCP Campus*

*Event dates and/or venues subject to change. Please visit [bcp.org](http://bcp.org) or follow Bellarmine on social media @bellarminebells for updates.*



*There's never been a year like this past one - yet there's much to be grateful for. Come celebrate with us on **October 16** at The Bellarmine Mothers' Guild 67th Annual Fashion Show for Tuition Assistance! This special event promises fun, fellowship, and a few new surprises. We can't wait to celebrate together!*

*For updates, visit [facebook.com/BellarminoFashionShow](https://facebook.com/BellarminoFashionShow).*

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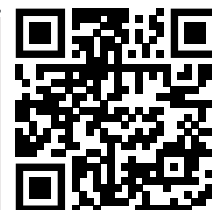
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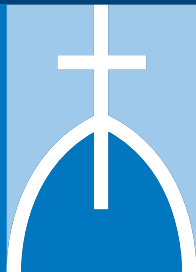


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