

## **AMEN NEWS**

### Connections

#### Letter from the NEW AMEN Chair

JULIE HUGHES

Dear AMEN members,

I hope that your summer is off to a great start and you have plans for some upcoming fun! It is hard to even fathom that another summer is already here and it has been almost 18 months since many of us have gathered together in AMEN social circles and/or meetings. Bring it on!

This past crazy year has provided me much reflection time, family time, and A LOT of personal time. Maybe too much at some points! The benefit to so much free time was the opportunity to take the time to reflect upon things that make me happy, the things I want to learn about or learn to do. Being resilient and open to change, having the perseverance not to give up when things got tough like I might have done before; knowing I had a lot of time to figure it out, enabled me to become more open to new things and new experiences.

CURIOUSITY. BE CURIOUS. I hope that you had the opportunity to experience some of the same as well.

As the in-coming chair of AMEN, and I am really excited to continue to be part of such an incredible group of women, I encourage you to continue to be curious as we gear up and begin to jump back into our "old" routines in a new way. I challenge you to try new things, attend activities that you might not have tried in the past, meet new AMEN members and ask questions to truly get to know a few new people. One thing that was clear to me during the pandemic when it came to "Zoom" activities and meetings was how amazing our membership group is and how many really interesting women I met that I had never encountered before.

As our social circles begin to meet again, participate in the activities that you had been in, but also try a new one! Encourage a friend to join you. Our membership group is full of engaging and wonderful women who have so much to offer and share. BE CURIOUS.

Looking forward to embarking on new things this coming year with you!

Julie Hughes

### Thank you Betsy and 2020-2021 AMEN Board

It was a very challenging AMEN year but this group of ladies did an incredible job!!!



### AMEN 2021 2022 Board Members

Following are the members who have volunteered to fulfill board positions for the 2021-22 year. I am extremely grateful for each and every person!

Chair-Elect: <u>Sarah Bonini</u> Advisor: <u>Betsy Noonen</u>

BMG/Alumni Liaison: <u>Sandy Gruwell</u> Fall Celebrations: <u>Beverly Bonovich</u>

Merchandising: <u>Lisa Christianson</u> and <u>Laurie Prestine</u>

Social Circles: <u>Kathy Armistead</u>
Membership: <u>Lenore Grant</u>
AMEN Moderator: <u>Diane Seadler</u>

Spirituality and Wellness: Gigi Harvey and Maria von Massenhausen

Recording and Corresponding Secretary: Sarah Westfall

Spring Celebrations: <u>Heidi Burke</u> Treasurer: Mary Sanchirico

Communications: Catherine Christofferson

### **Upcoming Social Activities!**

#### Wine Wednesday

Join us the second Wednesday of each month. NO RSVP NECESSARY. Open to all AMEN members and friends! Any questions, contact Julie Hughes at <u>julievhughes@gmail.com</u> Location: Enoteca La Storia, Los Gatos at 5pm. See you September 8<sup>th</sup>!



We are forming a new Social Circle - *Pickle Ball*The fun will begin in the fall. Be on the look out for sign-ups and additional details in August. Get your paddles ready!

#### DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THIS KITCHEN!

Dear Moms of Bell Grads,

It's time to renew your AMEN Membership today and stay a part of an amazing LIVE social network. For those of you returning, looking forward to the 2021-2022!! Or maybe you never joined the Alumni Mothers Extended Network after your son graduated. It's never too late! There are many "social circles" which include activities such as gourmet cooking, hiking, gardening, wine tasting, movies, golfing, baking, travel discussion, book clubs, volunteering, spiritual discussion and many more.

To learn more about our **Social Circles**, visit the **AMEN Website** - <u>www.bcp.org/amen</u> for an overview of our current groups along with the group chair contact information.

We are a community of over 250 women that come together to unite our common bond of motherhood and friendship. Activities include:

- Diverse **Social Circles** celebrating our interests
- Community Service opportunities
- Bi-annual **Social Events** where the entire community of AMEN comes together to celebrate
- Support The Angel Fund which gives aid to Bell students in need

Membership is free, but a suggested \$25 donation will help support **The Angel Fund.** 

### SIGN UP HERE

We can't wait to see you again soon! And as always, GO BELLS!

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# Fr. Wade and Fr. Cobb celebrate big anniversaries!

Congratulations to these Bellarmine legends on reaching two remarkable milestones this year! Fr. Wade and Fr. Cobb celebrated their 45th and 35th anniversaries at Bellarmine – that is 80 years of dedicated service to our community. We are so incredibly grateful for everything that they have done and continue to do for us!



### Dedication of Joan Lungard eponymous library classroom.

Hired in 1968, the school's first female faculty member, Joan Lundgard (photographed here with Bellarmine's first female principal, Kristina Luscher) was back on campus last week to celebrate the dedication of her eponymous library classroom.

We hope you enjoyed your visit, and it was great to have you back on campus! Thank you, Joan.





### Congratulations to the Class of 2021!





## Bellarmine's Track and Field win 12<sup>th</sup> CCS Title!

Congratulations to the Bellarmine Track and Field team on winning the CCS Championships!

The Bells, led by Coach McCrystle, clinched the victory in a stunning, exhilarating finish to bring home a CCS record 12th Track and Field title



# Bellarmine's Swimming and Diving Team win 35<sup>th</sup> Title!!

Congratulations to Bellarmine's Swimming and Diving team on winning the 2021 CCS Championship! This marks the team's 35th CCS championship title in the last 36 years, and the team honored the impact of longtime swim coach Larry Rogers throughout their celebration.



# Bellarmine's Varsity Soccer Team wins in 4<sup>th</sup> CCS Title in a row!

Congratulations to the Bellarmine varsity soccer team on winning the 2021 CCS Open Division championship and their fourth consecutive CCS title! The Bells ended the season with a spectacular 12-0-2 record and secured the title with a win over Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep.





### Bellarmine's Volleyball Team wins CCS Title!

Congratulations to this year's volleyball team on winning the Central Coast Section Division 1 Championship! Finishing the season with a 10-9 record, the Bells secured the championship title with a victory over Los Gatos HS. Go Bells!



The Bellarmine Speech & Debate Team finished the **National Tournament** as the **nation's top ranked team**! Congratulations!

Congratulations to **ADARSH HIREMATH '21** and **SURYA MIDHA '21**, this year's National Champions in **Policy Debate!** 

GO BELLS!

### Events Coming up



25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fr. Joe Costa, SJ '41 Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Campo di Bocce - Los Gatos

#### Sign Up!

### Virtual Connections

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The Angel Fund	<u>Donate</u>
AMEN Merchandise	https://www.bcp.org/amen/fundraising
AMEN Facebook Group	https://www.facebook.com/groups/663667830385009/about/