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Message from the President

I am writing this message at the end of the school year, which is always a season of transition here at Bellarmine. The weather has just started to heat up, seniors are making their college decisions, and all of our students and teachers are eagerly anticipating a respite from their hard work this summer.

Transitions are also occurring on campus. Some of these changes have been easily visible, like the parking garage that we built over the course of this year on the corner of Stockton and Emory streets, or the new Jesuit residence under construction on University Avenue adjacent to O'Donnell Hall. By the time summer is over, we'll also have replaced the turf on our soccer/lacrosse field as well as our baseball field. Other transitions are harder to see, as we bid a fond farewell to some faculty members who won't be returning next year, as you can read about in the pages to follow.

As this school year draws to a close, I am profoundly grateful to Dr. Sonya Arriola for the remarkable job she has done this year as our interim principal. When we learned last spring that Kristina Luscher would be moving on to Presentation High School this year, we knew that there would not be time to conduct an adequate search for a permanent replacement. I still remember the look on Sonya's face when I asked her to serve in this capacity for a year. While she is eminently qualified for the role, Sonya is also so humble that it hadn't occurred to her that she would be a viable candidate. She took just one day to think about it before accepting my offer – and what an incredible job she has done! Sonya has not just kept us afloat this year, but she has helped us to thrive. There has been a great feeling on campus throughout this year, by students and staff, and I give Sonya enormous credit for that. She has been a steady presence and garners great respect from the staff and the students. I'm so delighted that she'll be staying at Bellarmine as she returns to Mathewson Hall to work as a member of our Advancement team and help to smooth the transition for our next principal.

Speaking of our next principal, I'm beyond excited for Rod Jemison to begin his leadership at Bellarmine this July. We can truly say that ours was a worldwide search, as Rod comes to us as the founding head of UWC ISAK Japan, yet he is delighted to return to California. I literally could not imagine a better person to lead Bellarmine into its next chapter than Rod. He is a dynamic and deeply talented leader who is passionate about education, and we will be incredibly well-served by his leadership. His depth of experience, his desire to get back to his Catholic roots, and his extremely gregarious nature are going to make him an outstanding leader. I know you're going to love getting to know Mr. Jemison!

What both of these leaders share is a remarkable generosity that has led them to say yes to serving the school as its principal. That same spirit of generosity – from our alumni, parents, faculty, students, and Jesuits – is a great part of what makes Bellarmine such an awesome place to be.

I hope to see you here on campus at some point soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Meyercord".

Chris Meyercord '88
President

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Editor's Note

Just like that, we are in the final days of summer.

The transition of seasons also reflects the transition of the academic year, with 400 seniors becoming the newest Bellarmine alumni, having received their diplomas during commencement on May 25. We also welcome more than 430 incoming Class of 2027 students and their families as they prepare for the fall semester and begin their respective Bellarmine experience.

In this edition of Bellarmine College Prep Magazine, you will read about these events and much more, including expressions of gratitude for Dr. Sonya Arriola as she concludes her year as principal and returns to her role as advisor to the president. You will also learn a bit about our new principal, Mr. Rod Jemison, and gain a sense of the enthusiasm he has as he begins this important leadership role at Bellarmine. As we often do at this time of year, we bid farewell with gratitude to some of our faculty and staff who are retiring or moving on to pursue new opportunities.

Indeed, transitions are all around us. In the words of Fred Rogers, author, minister, and host of the television program Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, "Transitions are almost always signs of growth, but they can bring feelings of loss. To get somewhere new, we may have to leave somewhere else behind."

We have left the academic year 2022-2023 behind. Summer is nearly in our rear-view mirror. Many graduates are heading off to begin their college studies. And while these milestones may cause some to have feelings of loss, we also embrace the memories and look ahead as we "get somewhere new."

Thank you for accompanying us on this journey.

Warm regards,



Brian Adams
Vice President
Office of Advancement

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The Class of 2023 celebrates!
(photo by Terry Yu)



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From the Principal's Office



Bellarmino College Preparatory

It is my great honor to offer you a few words at this conclusion of Bellarmine's 2022-2023 academic year. A few weeks ago, 400 members of the Class of 2023 graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory as the 172nd graduating class. Congratulations to the graduates and their families! Every graduate has their own moment crossing the Liccardo balcony to receive their diploma - but no one crosses that stage alone. Walking with them, in spirit, are their loved ones, teachers, coaches, mentors, and supporters who cared for them during their four years of high school. Bellarmine is proud to be a place where students are cared for as they pursue their passions across our campus. We celebrate the Class of 2023 and are grateful that we could play a role in their development as men for and with others. Go forth and set the world on fire!

As I conclude my time as interim principal here at Bellarmine, I look back on this year with a full heart and look ahead to next year with excitement. I recall the myriad moments where students took a risk on a stage, on the field, in the classroom, or on an immersion trip, and they found a moment of success they didn't know was there. I have witnessed students listening to the deep stirring of their hearts while on retreat or in daily prayer. I have also seen students be challenged, for the road through high school is not always smooth and linear. Bellarmine is a place where all of these experiences happen, a place where our students walk towards becoming the men that God intended them to be - and as always, a place where students never have to walk any part of their road alone.

Next year, we will welcome our new principal, Mr. Rod Jemison. I have had the great pleasure of working with Rod over these past few months as we plan this leadership transition. I have learned so much from him already - his wisdom, experience, and deep faith reveal themselves in our easy conversations. I look forward to his leadership as he takes our community into the next chapter of our school history.

As we turn the page on this academic year, I take comfort in the fact that schools continually renew themselves. We have already begun to welcome the students and families from the Class of 2027. We have published the school calendar for next year and will spend our summer planning everything from individual classes to school-wide professional development. In a few short weeks, I will return to my former office in Mathewson Hall and will continue to serve the school in a different capacity. We do this all in the service of our students, and in the service of a God who calls us towards something greater than ourselves.

Thank you for the many ways you remain a part of the Bellarmine tradition, whether as students or alumni, as faculty or staff, as parents, or as friends. May God bless you and your families, and as always - Go Bells!

Dr. Sonya Arriola
Principal

The Diocese of San Jose held its 8th Annual Saints in the City Recognition Celebration the evening of November 3, 2022, and six Bellarmine students were among the honorees.

The event, which honors “young disciples,” was hosted by the Diocese of San Jose Office of Youth & Young Adults and was held at St. John Vianney Parish in San Jose. The awards were presented by Bishop Oscar Cantú. Each student was nominated by their respective parishes.

Alex Amend '24 (St. Martin of Tours), Julian Montiel '26 (Sacred Heart of Jesus), Francis Nguyen '23 (Saint Clare), and James Peal '24 (Queen of Apostles) were recipients of the Saint Francis of Assisi Award, which is presented to an honoree who demonstrates strong evangelization charisms; unafraid and willing, the honoree possesses the spirit of evangelical outreach and expresses his/her faith freely, totally, fruitfully, and faithfully. He/she shepherds others to follow the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ and inspires peers to witness to a broken world; the honoree leads by example and longs to make Christ known everywhere he/she goes.

Joseph Vazhaeparampil '24 (Church of the Transfiguration) received the Saint Maria Goretti Award, presented to an honoree who exemplifies the love of Christ through his/her character and living out the virtues of faith, hope and charity. He/she is determined to reach the unreached and serve the lost, the least and the last of his/her community; the honoree is particularly sensitive to the needs of his/her brothers and sisters in seasons of trial and hopelessness; he/she gives freely without expecting anything in return simply to share God's good love to the world.

Nathaniel Shaw '24 (Holy Spirit) was the recipient of the Saint Teresa of Avila Award, recognizing him as an honoree who demonstrates maturity in Catholic spirituality; understands the beauty of the interior life and longs to attain the greatest heights of holiness; well versed in the ways of interior prayer, vocal prayer and contemplative prayer; lives every single day as an oblation to God's good providence and is resolved to find God's perfect will in every situation; he/she longs to fulfill the vocation God has planned for him/her.

Bellarmine congratulates these students and their families, with gratitude for exemplifying the school's motto of being individuals who are “for and with others.”

Saints in the City



Meet our New Principal **ROD JEMISON**

After a nationwide search and a very comprehensive process, Roderick D. “Rod” Jemison began his journey as Bellarmine principal effective in July 2023.

In the announcement made to constituents on February 3, Bellarmine president Chris Meyercord '88 noted, “I’m absolutely thrilled to have Mr. Jemison become Bellarmine’s next principal. He brings a wealth of experience in all aspects of high school work, and a deep desire to give back to his roots in Catholic education, which was so formative in his own life.”

As the founding head of school of United World College ISAK Japan (UWC ISAK Japan), at which he most recently served as advisor, Mr. Jemison’s career in education includes experience as Upper School director, Upper School dean of students, and teacher at La Jolla Country Day School in La Jolla, California; and teaching positions at The Branson School in Ross, California (where he was also head varsity girls basketball coach, head varsity golf coach, and assistant varsity basketball coach); Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, Tennessee (where he was also head junior high school football coach and assistant varsity basketball coach); and Kurikoma Junior High School in Miyagi, Japan.

“Being named principal at Bellarmine is definitely the highlight of my professional career,” said Mr. Jemison. “My family and I are thrilled by this wonderful opportunity; I am humbled and blessed to be in this position. Bellarmine is an amazing community, and I look forward to my future interactions with each and every Bell!”

A graduate of Tennessee State University, where he received his Master of Arts in Literature, and of



Morehouse College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, Mr. Jemison also studied at the University of Essex during his junior year. He was appointed national co-chair of the 2010 National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) People of Color and Student Diversity Leadership Conference and created and led implementation of a strategic plan to address issues of diversity involving students, parents, faculty, and staff.

Andy Schatzman, chair of Bellarmine’s Board of Trustees, is enthusiastic about Mr. Jemison coming to Bellarmine, saying “During my meetings with Rod, I was impressed with his breadth of experience as a Catholic-educated teacher, administrator, coach, and genuine leader. His energy and positive demeanor were contagious. We are very lucky to have Rod Jemison at Bellarmine.”

“Mr. Jemison is a charismatic leader and the students, faculty and staff, and parents thoroughly enjoyed getting

FUN FACTS

FAVORITE FOOD

"Definitely a nice flavorful ribeye steak."

FAVORITE SONG

Ain't Nobody by Chaka Khan
(also: R&B, Jazz, Yacht Music)

FAVORITE PASTIME OR HOBBY

Golf, reading, travel

FAVORITE VACATION PLACE

Taipei, Taiwan

FAVORITE MOVIE

Remember the Titans

FAVORITE TELEVISION SERIES

Fat Albert and *Sanford and Son*

FAVORITE BOOK

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

FAVORITE SEASON OF YEAR

Fall

FAVORITE QUOTATION

"The challenge is in the moment;
the time is always now."

— James Baldwin

BEST ADVICE RECEIVED

"Your curfew is midnight because nothing good happens in your life after the clock strikes 12:00."

— My mother

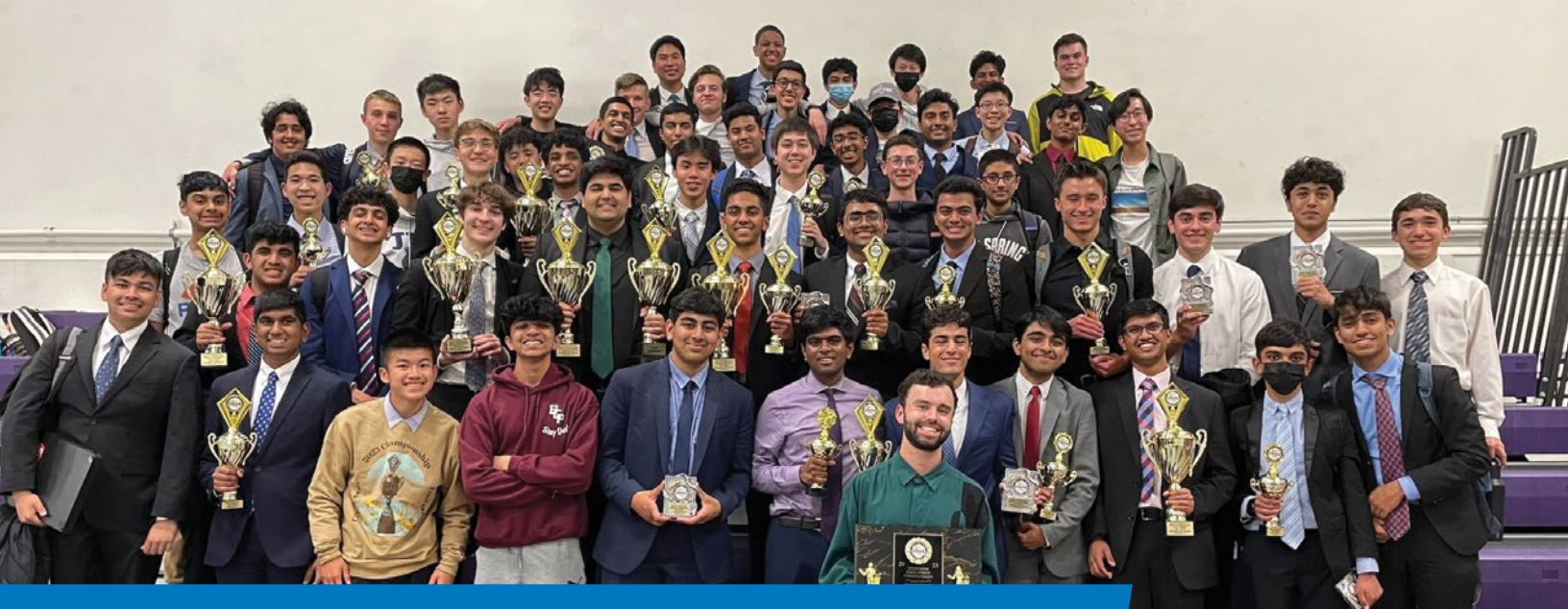


Photos of Mr. Jemison with previous students

to know him when he was here last month," noted Mr. Meyercord. "I firmly believe he will take our already excellent Catholic, Jesuit education to the next level."

Nearly 100 people participated in the interview process, led by the Principal Search Committee, which helped to determine the school's particular needs at this time, vetting the applicants for the position, interviewing the semi-finalists, and aiding in the discernment process that led to this final decision.

"Bellarmine has been tremendously blessed this year to have Dr. Sonya Arriola serving as our principal," said Mr. Meyercord, adding, "She has done an amazing job in the role, and will return to her work on strategic initiatives for the school and helping to ensure a smooth transition for Mr. Jemison. We are very fortunate to have such talented educators who are deeply committed to our students and the fulfillment of our mission to help form a community that is 'for and with others.'"



Speech & Debate Team Takes Second Consecutive State Championship

After three intense days of competition, Bellarmine College Prep's Speech and Debate team won the State championship for the second consecutive year. The Championship Tournament took place April 21-23 at Carlsbad High School.

"We brought one of our largest teams ever, with 54 students competing this weekend to defend our title as state champs," noted Aaron Langerman '11, coach. "This was a state championship won not by high flying individual champions ... Instead, it was a state championship won by the breadth of our team. We had more people make it to elimination rounds and earn sweepstakes points than any other school, and that momentum carried us in the overall sweepstakes awards."

The total tallies for sweepstakes are as follows:

- **Bellarmino College Prep** 130 points, 1st place State Champions
- **James Logan High School** 107 points, 2nd place
- **Archbishop Mitty** 103 points, 3rd place

Congratulations to all the participating students, and coaches Aaron Langerman '11, DeeDee Sullivan, Matt DeLateur '12, Vern Cleary, Xavier Liu '17, Tyler Vergho '19, Adarsh Hiremath '21, and Nathan Kang '22.

For more information, visit the California High School Speech Association site: <https://chssa.org/>

Robotics Team Takes Top Honors at Silicon Valley Regional Tournament

Bellarmino's FRC Robotics Team 254 competed in the Silicon Valley Regional Tournament held at the San Jose State University Event Center April 5-8, ranking number one at the conclusion of qualifications.

"In a repeat of the Sacramento Regional, we once again partnered with Team 1678 (Davis) and added partners Team 100 (Woodside) and Team 2489 (San Jose) for the win," noted Ann Johnson, Robotics moderator. "Both Team 100 and Team 2489 played in the elimination matches, with

Team 2489 swapping in for Team 100 in finals match 1 due to mechanical issues." The team also earned the Excellence in Engineering Award.

Ms. Johnson had praise for the Bellarmine participants as they demonstrated being individuals who are for and with others. "In addition to match play, our group of CheesyCare students once again supported other teams at the event with mechanical repairs, software updates and loaning parts/tools," she said. Team 254 also volunteered with the elementary school

FIRST Lego League (FLL) students at their event happening simultaneously at the same venue, both as reviewers (judges) and as tour guides around the pit area.

Team 254 also participated in the FRC Championships in Houston April 19-22, earning the Excellence in Engineering award, and then competed in the VEX Championships in Dallas the following week. Although repeat championships were not meant to be this year, all participants, moderators, and mentors are to be proud of their rewarding and impressive season.

Theatre Arts Awards

Bellarmino Theatre Arts received four nominations and two wins in a variety of categories from the Rita Moreno Awards, sponsored by Broadway San Jose and Children's Musical Theater San Jose. This awards competition recognizes outstanding achievement in high school musical theater north of Santa Barbara.

Bellarmino nominations included the following:

Overall Production: *Little Shop of Horrors, Menken cast*

Lead Actor: Kavan Bhatia '25 *Seymour, Little Shop, Ashman cast*

Supporting Performer: Rose Madsen '24, of Fremont High
Voice of Audrey II, Little Shop, Ashman cast

Supporting Performer: Venice Mayor '24, of Santa Clara High
Rosie/The Wedding Singer

Nominated students performed a 7-minute medley at the May 8 ceremony held at the San Jose Center for Performing Arts.

Venice Mayor won the Rita Moreno Award for Supporting Performer, and nominee Kavan Bhatia, who received the award for Lead Actor, performed a solo from *Little Shop of Horrors*. His win allowed him the honor of participating in the High School Musical Theatre Awards (NHSMTA) – also known as the Jimmy™ Awards – in New York City on June 26, where Lead Actor and Actress winners perform on a Broadway stage before industry experts and compete for scholarship opportunities.

According to The Rita Moreno Awards, the competition received 36 school productions submissions this year. Out of the 263 performers evaluated for their individual performance, 45 performers received an average score of 9 or above.

"We are so proud of our casts, crews, musicians, design teams, and you for your support!" indicated Russ Marcel '91, teacher, artistic director, and director of Bellarmino Theatre Arts in his notification to faculty and staff about the honor.

Congratulations to the student performers, crews, and faculty members involved in Bellarmino Theatre Arts, including Russ Marcel '91, Jeremy Lum '02, Peter Canavese '92, Gregg Carlson '94, Pauline Locsin-Kanter, Gina Adams, Diane Wyant, Sam Cisneros, Tiffani Lewis-Lockhart, Michael Foley, Katie McKinley, Kathleen O'Brien, Adianna Paul, and Marc McGee.



BACCALAUREATE & GRADUATION

Congratulations Class of 2023!

"As you prepare to cross the stage and launch into this next chapter of your life, take with you the lessons that Bellarmine taught you: Make time to serve others. Find God in all things. Raise your voice against injustice. Use your talents for good. When difficult times come, and they will – reach out to someone. Know that God loves you. Remember, above all else, that you are valued and loved and precious in all our eyes."

*Dr. Sonya Arriola, Principal
from her remarks at Commencement | May 25, 2023*







CLASS OF 2023

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.

JP Mitiguy

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.

Sam Otto

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.

Nate Escalada

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.

Oliver Owen

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.

Charles Damaso

Major Award Recipients

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.

Michael Moriarty

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.

Alex Almora Rios

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.

Neal Dwivedula

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.

Chandler Aldana-Taylor

Joshua Darlucio

Sonny Lowe

Ben Pfaff

Owen Botkin

Juan Lepe

Philip Miller



CLASS ACT

A Board of Fellows reception was held the evening of May 18, recognizing generous donors whose annual gifts to Bellarmine are at the \$5,000 level or beyond. This year's event included a tribute to Ron Pine '57, hired in 1977 as Bellarmine's first professional fundraiser and who, although having retired several years ago, continued working on behalf of the school until earlier this year.

More than 150 guests attended the reception, held in the Samuel A. Liccardo Center. During the event, Chris Meyercord '88, Bellarmine president, thanked the donors whose support truly makes a difference for the school community. Fr. Dick Cobb, S.J., shared reflections about Mr. Pine, who then conveyed gratitude for the school's benefactors and encouraged continued support of Bellarmine, including contributing to the current Capital Campaign that will include construction of the Wade Academic Center in honor of Fr. Jerry Wade, S.J. '55. The V. Ronald Pine '57 Lobby will be the main entrance of that new building, which seems appropriate given that Mr. Pine's fundraising achievements have been instrumental in providing access to Bellarmine for so many students over the years.



Board of Fellows Reception



Congratulations to the following members of the Bellarmine faculty and staff for their milestone years of service to our school:

10 Years

Chris Atkins
Brian Christensen
Shawn Descourouz
Carlos Jimenez '02
Simi Patel
Ben Roseberry '87
Alex Sarrett
Ben Sigrist '08

15 Years

Gina Adams
Fr. Michael Moodie, S.J.

20 Years

Derrick Bell
Don Davis
Denise Trebaol
Urszula Zabinski

25 Years

Louie Agelson
Jimmy Kniffin
Patrick Lowney '87
Laura Martínez-Serranía
Kevin McMahon '90

30 Years

Roberto Mendoza

35 Years

Rachel Shapiro

40 Years

Carlos Pedroza

We are also grateful to the members of the faculty and staff whose service to Bellarmine concluded during academic year 2022-23, including: Patrick Adams, Kathy Anberg, Sue Atkinson, Jalal Beauchman '06, Jesus Briceño, Chris Carey '95, Carolyn Fu, Jenny Gotshall, Vanessa Goulart, Grace Hartman, Samantha Janisse, Maren Lane, Ralph Metts, S.J., Wendy Phillips, Ron Pine '57, Karin Prado, Patrick Roemer '04, Sonia Torna (will teach part-time next year), Daniel Valcazar '03; and alumnus volunteer Justin Seidel '18.

Retiree Reflections

The end of academic year 2022/2023 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 Kathy Anberg, Sue Atkinson, Ralph Metts, S.J., Karin Prado, and Sonia Torna (who will teach part-time next year) for the positive impact they have had on our students and on the entire Bellarmine community. The following are reflections shared by several of those faculty and staff members about their time at the school and what the future holds for each of them.

What is your fondest memory of your years at Bellarmine?



SUE ATKINSON

SUE: My fondest memories are of the many Jesuits, colleagues, and students I am so grateful to have worked with, been on retreats with, and enjoyed special moments with.

RALPH: My fondest memory at Bellarmine is to be back at work in Jesuit high school after many years away from the daily routines that mark a Jesuit high school's life. Bellarmine is an

alive, vibrant, and challenging Jesuit high school with great diversity within the school.

KARIN: All the weddings, proms, and auctions we had; I enjoyed working for them and meeting all the nice people.

SONIA: I've been here for more than four decades, and it's difficult to think about one memory. However, faculty retreats at El Retiro, masses at the old theater, moving to O'Donnell, and the first mass at the Leontyne Chapel come to mind. I'll also remember Leo Ruth, Moe Casey, and Jim Harville singing at baccalaureate mass, and the many times our school community has come together to support one another during difficult times.

What will you miss most about Bellarmine?

SUE: Seeing everyone and interacting with them; from the grounds, maintenance, kitchen, and housekeeping to each faculty member or students coming into the office.



RALPH METTS, S.J.

RALPH: I personally will miss my interactions with the students assigned to the Academic Resource Center. I enjoy accompanying them on their academic journey, especially those students with diagnosed special learning needs.

KARIN: I will miss my manager, Jeremy (Soulia), and all my co-workers, but most of all the Jesuits. It was a pleasure working for them.

SONIA: Since I'll be here to teach two courses next year, I'll miss daily contact with students and colleagues. These interactions have been a source of joy and inspiration over the years and have helped me notice the many gifts each person brings to Bellarmine.

What do you most look forward to in your retirement?

SUE: Time to see family, taking road trips, reading, gardening, and doing volunteer work.

RALPH: Time for myself. Time for prayer and reflection. Time with my brother Jesuits at Sacred Heart Center.



KARIN PRADO

KARIN: Going on vacation, spending time with my family and 12 grandkids.

SONIA: I hope to spend time reading, walking my dogs, spending time with my family, and traveling. I also look forward to taking art and photography classes and perhaps learning another language.

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

SUE: The Bellarmine Mission and Philosophy I have always believed in and tried to do – to be a woman with and for others.

RALPH: My personal philosophy has always been how I can be of service to those who I encounter in ministry.

KARIN: Always treat people the way you like to be treated.



SONIA TORNA

SONIA: My time as a student at Santa Clara challenged me to live out my faith, but it wasn't until coming to Bellarmine that I found concrete ways to experience God's care and presence in all aspects of my daily life. I'm grateful for the Jesuits and lay women and men who have accompanied me through challenging life experiences.

What are your hopes for Bellarmine in the years ahead?

SUE: Continue to educate all students both academically and spiritually – Finding God in All Things – as they continue on to their next step in life, and always being a proud Bell!

RALPH: I hope that Bellarmine continues its long tradition of educational excellence as it continues to meet the educational needs of the ever-changing generations.

KARIN: That it stays a good educational school for our boys and a good reliable job for the employees.

SONIA: I hope that Bellarmine will continue to create a supportive environment for students, teachers, and parents. As an institution, we have the resources to make an impact on the larger community, and I know that "the best is yet to come."

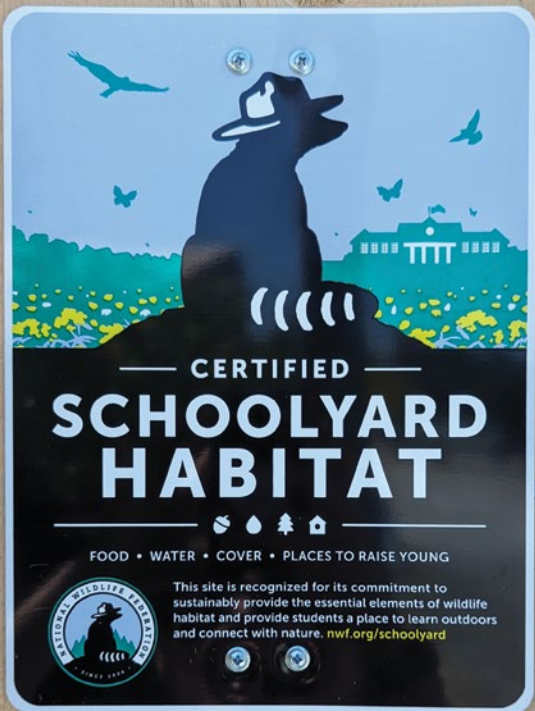


Campus Renovations

Bellarmino is taking campus parking to the next level. A new parking structure has opened at the corner of Stockton and Emory streets, across from Bob Fatjo Field and adjacent to the Wrestling Building. The four-level structure accommodates more than 400 spaces, with 38 additional charging stations for electric vehicles. The school will now have 44 electric vehicle charging stations available.

The Brigit Whims Memorial Field, where Bellarmino's soccer and lacrosse teams compete, was renovated with new turf installation completed in the month of June. Our baseball venue, Bob Fatjo Field, will also undergo renovation with new turf installation expected to be completed by the first week of August.

Garden Recognized as a Certified Schoolyard Habitat



The garden at Bellarmino College Preparatory has been recognized by the National Wildlife Federation as a Certified Schoolyard Habitat. The commemorative plaque, left, reads: "This site is recognized for its commitment to sustainably provide the essential elements of wildlife habitat and provide students a place to learn outdoors and connect with nature."

Since 1996, the National Wildlife Federation has worked to assist schools in the creation of Schoolyard Habitats®, which create and restore wildlife habitat on school grounds while providing outdoor classrooms for learning across the curriculum. There are currently more than 10,000 schools that have been certified through this program.

These wildlife habitats become places where students not only learn about wildlife species and ecosystems, but also outdoor classrooms where they hone their academic skills and nurture their innate curiosity and creativity.

As noted in its Mission of Environmental Sustainability: "As a Catholic high school in the Jesuit tradition, Bellarmino 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."





Bellarmino Recognized Nationally and Statewide for its Environmental Initiatives



Bellarmino College Preparatory has earned the distinction as a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education (ED-GRS), one of only 26 schools (and one of two high schools in California), 11 districts, and four postsecondary institutions nationwide to be so honored. Additionally, for the second time since 2021, the school has been designated as a 2023 California Green Ribbon School (CA-GRS), the corresponding state award for the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools recognition.

As announced by Tony Thurmond, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Green Ribbon program recognizes schools and school districts across the state for environmental excellence and demonstrated achievement of the three Pillars of ED-GRS, as follows:

Pillar I: Reduce environmental impact and costs;

Pillar II: Improve the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff;

Pillar III: Provide effective environmental education, which teaches many disciplines, and is especially good at effectively incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), civic skills, and green career pathways.

"Bellarmino is enormously proud of our institutional commitment to environmental sustainability," noted Dr. Sonya Arriola, Bellarmino's principal. "It is our deepest desire that our students and community see this recognition as a continued call to action – to use their collective talents to study, and ultimately address, the complex challenges facing our world around climate and sustainability."

Among the many examples of Bellarmino's sustainability programs are its unique garden, which is used for outdoor course instruction that has included 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; and the use of a co-generator for electrical power for the main campus and, as a byproduct, heating of the 600,000 gallon swimming pool.

Bellarmino builds student capacity for eco-literacy within

its sustainable engineering projects in its Maker Lab and Advanced Placement Environmental Science courses. Between the two courses, almost every student participates in some form of environmental literacy education. "The challenges posed both by the pandemic and by climate change have driven home the importance of modernizing school facilities, embracing sustainability, prioritizing health and wellness, and improving learning conditions for students, especially in underserved communities," said Miguel Cardona, U.S. Secretary of Education, in the announcement about the national Green Ribbon Schools. "I want to congratulate the educators, school leaders, students, families, and advocates engaged in this work for showing the nation that any school in any community can strive to be a green school, and in doing so, empower the next generation to build a healthier, more equitable, and more sustainable nation."

As noted earlier, Bellarmino had been named a California Green Ribbon School Gold Level honoree in 2021 and was previously recognized for its sustainability efforts, having received LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification for several of its facilities, including the 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.



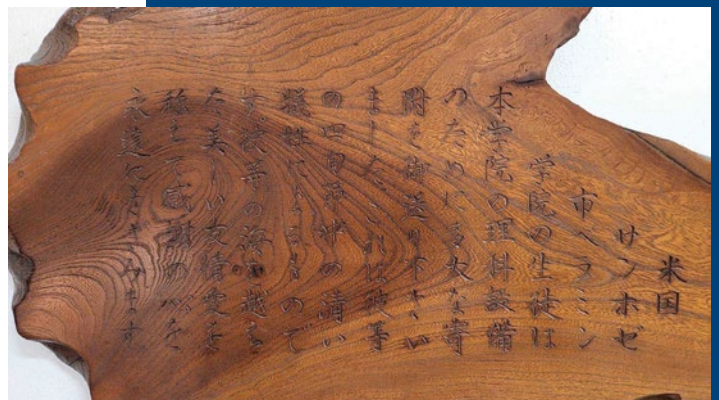
Visit by Delegation from a Jesuit School in Japan

A group of 17 students and adult leaders from Hiroshima Gakuin, a Jesuit high school in Japan, visited the campus of Bellarmine College Prep during the morning of March 22. They were accompanied by members of GPI US, whose mission is to “empower today’s youth to thrive in a global world through educational study abroad and online programs.”

Following a welcome and introductions, led by Dr. Sonya Arriola, principal; Bridgit McGarry, assistant principal for academics; Carlos Jimenez, director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging; and Cora Antonio, assistant director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging; the group, led by Bellarmine student ambassadors, toured the campus. The visiting students from Japan spoke of their interest in learning more about American culture and education and exploring the differences and similarities between Japan and the United States.

In addition to their visit to Bellarmine, the delegation’s Bay Area itinerary included stops at the Computer History Museum, Santa Clara University, U.C. Berkeley, and the Japanese American Museum in San Jose.

The two schools share an interesting bit of history. In the 1940s, post-World War II, Bellarmine students sent a donation and messages of support for the school’s early development. This gesture of empathy and generosity was commemorated on a wooden plaque (pictured below) roughly translated as follows: “The students of Bellarmine in San Jose, U.S.A., have sent a generous donation for the science facilities of our institute. This is due to their pure sacrifice during the Lenten Season. We will forever be grateful to them for their beautiful friendship and love that transcends oceans.”



47th Golden Bell Auction



Bellarmino hosted its 47th Golden Bell Auction the night of March 18. This signature fundraising event, held on campus with proceeds benefiting the Direct Tuition Assistance Fund, featured live and silent auctions, entertainment, cocktails, a wonderful dining experience and, new to the Golden Bell this year, a VIP Reception.

More than 450 guests attended the event, enjoyed the sounds of The Speakeasies, engaged with auctioneer Mark Alman, and delighted in the epicurean offerings prepared by Bellarmino chef Jeremy Soulia and his staff. Hors d'oeuvres were served by Full Circle Catering and Events, a division of Hunger at Home. Prior to the event, Mass was held in the Leontyne Chapel with Fr. Mario Prietto, S.J. and Fr. Jerry Wade, S.J. '55 as concelebrants. At our VIP Reception, premium wine from Enoteca Direct was poured by Ryan Smith '05, sommelier and proprietor of Enoteca Direct, Enoteca La Storia, and Ancora Vino in San Jose.

Special thanks to the many volunteers and staff who worked with members of the Office of Advancement in presenting the event, and all the guests, sponsors, underwriters, and auction item donors. Mark your calendar for the 48th Golden Bell Auction scheduled for March 9, 2024.



Athletics Highlights *by Kevin Saldivar '04, CAA, Director of Athletics*

CROSS COUNTRY

It was another successful season for our runners as the Bells captured their second straight WCAL championship. It was the 29th league title in the program's storied history, the most of any WCAL school. The team was runner-up at the CCS meet, finishing just two points behind Milpitas and qualifying easily for CIF Championships. They ran hard to close out the Fall, finishing 18th in the State of California and placing ahead of Milpitas to earn some satisfying revenge.

FOOTBALL

The football team qualified for the CCS Division II playoffs despite an injury-marred regular season, then hit their stride at just the right time to pull off a memorable postseason run. The Bells toppled Menlo-Atherton and Wilcox to advance to the title game, then prevailed over league rival St. Ignatius, 21-14, to claim the program's eighth CCS championship and first since 2015. The victory qualified the Bells for a CIF NorCal playoff game, which they hosted for the first time in school history. Despite rainy conditions, the squad powered their way to an impressive 35-21 win over Vanden High School to bring home their second NorCal championship. The Bells capped off their historic season with an inspired effort in the CIF Division 3A State championship game against Laguna Hills High School but came up just short in a 28-27 thriller.



WATER POLO

This was a standout season for Bellarmine water polo as the varsity team competed in a CIF NorCal championship game for the first time in school history. After finishing second to Sacred Heart Prep in both the WCAL and CCS, the Bells notched a huge victory over De La Salle in the NorCal semifinals to earn the chance to play for their first title. They battled hard, but fell yet again to SHP in the championship game to end the season as the #2 team in Northern California.



BASKETBALL

First-year head coach Alex Sarrett's tenure started with a bang as the basketball team captured the CCS Division I championship with playoff victories over Branham, Palo Alto, and Los Gatos. The program's 15th CCS championship earned the Bells a trip to CIF NorCal playoffs, where they had not won a game since 2016. The squad headed up to Moreau Catholic for the first-round matchup and pulled off a dramatic victory thanks to a last-second shot by senior Tariq Weiser. The season came to an end with a hard-fought loss to Vanden in the NorCal semifinals.



SOCCER

Despite playing one of the toughest schedules in all of California and battling through an extremely competitive WCAL, the soccer team experienced championship glory once again in 2022-23. The Bells defeated Pajaro Valley, 4-1, in the CCS Division I title game to add a 22nd CCS championship to the program's trophy case. It was Bellarmine's fifth section title in the last seven years and earned them a spot in the CIF NorCal Division II playoffs. The squad played three straight road games and traveled over 900 miles as they advanced through the NorCal bracket with shutout victories over Bishop O'Dowd and Jesuit High School. The Bells played to a 1-1 tie through regulation and overtime against top-seeded Rio Americano in the title game, then won 4-1 in penalty kicks to claim the program's second NorCal championship as senior goalkeeper Nic Thiele capped off his incredible postseason performance with a pair of penalty-kick saves.

WRESTLING

Spirits were high in the Wrestling Center this year as the Bells were finally able to experience a season unrestricted by health and safety protocols. Senior Diego Robles was the program's shining star as he claimed the WCAL championship in the 170lb. division, finished as CCS runner-up, and placed in the top 32 at the CIF State championship meet.

BASEBALL

On the baseball diamond, the Bells fought through a gauntlet of a WCAL schedule that featured seven opponents who qualified for CCS playoffs, including the top-ranked team in Northern California. The squad nonetheless turned in an impressive season, racking up 21 victories and earning the #2 seed in CCS Division II tournament. They defeated Santa Cruz in the first round and edged out league rival Serra in the semifinals to set up a showdown with Leigh High School in the championship game at Excite Ballpark. Senior Paul Montgomery rose to the occasion, tossing a complete game to lead the Bells to a 2-0 shutout victory and the program's first CCS title since 2006.

GOLF

The Bellarmine golfers played several prestigious courses this year and covered a great deal of mileage with trips to Nevada and Palm Springs. The experience prepared them well for the playoff events as the Bells won their 30th WCAL league title and finished fifth in the CCS championship tournament, highlighted by an impressive rookie campaign from freshman Ryan Pupach.

LACROSSE

On the lacrosse field, the Bells undertook an extremely challenging schedule of games in order to prepare themselves for the postseason. They ultimately fell to St. Ignatius, the #1 ranked team in California, in the semifinals of both the WCAL and CCS playoffs.

SWIM AND DIVE

Bellarmine turned in another successful season in swim program's storied history, taking home first place at the Oak Ridge Invitational, capturing the 29th WCAL championship, and qualifying for CIF State Championships. The team's top diver, senior Jack Clark, had an outstanding season finishing first at the St. Ignatius Invitational, second in the WCAL, and fifth at the State championship meet.

TENNIS

Despite numerous re-scheduled matches due to the rainy weather in the first few months of 2023, the varsity tennis team persevered and brought home the school's 39th WCAL championship, the 39th in school history. The Bells earned the #4 seed in the CCS tournament and topped Sacred Heart Prep in the first round before suffering a narrow tiebreak defeat to Saratoga High School. Individually, Martin Dimitrov (freshman) qualified for the CCS singles tournament and defeated his first-round opponent before falling in the quarterfinals.



TRACK AND FIELD

The track and field team continued its reign atop the league by racing to its 14th consecutive WCAL championship! This year the Bells were fueled by their jumpers, led by James Buellesbach (junior), who was CCS runner-up in the 110M hurdles, and Kenneth Tucker (junior), who was CCS champion in the triple jump and went onto place seventh at the CIF State championship meet.

VOLLEYBALL

The Spring volleyball season was highlighted by a championship at the Harbor High School tournament, which included a thrilling three-set win over Valley Christian. The Bells fell in the CCS playoffs to eventual NorCal champion Carmont High School.



COACH TOY is California's Coach of the Year

The National High School Strength Coaches Association (NHSSCA) has recognized our very own Michelle Toy as State Coach of the Year in California for Regions 4-5.

Coach Toy, who began her position at Bellarmine in 2012, received endorsements for the honor from both Mr. Chris Meyercord '88, Bellarmine's president, and from Mr. Patrick McCrystle, teacher and head coach of Bellarmine's track and field and cross country programs.

Per the organization, the National High School Strength Coaches Association exists to "educate, equip, and empower coaches to make a lasting impact on the lives of student-athletes" and is "committed to developing coaches that are trustworthy, knowledgeable, effective, passionate, and transformational."

Those attributes are certainly evident in Coach Toy's passion for health and fitness and her positive, enthusiastic spirit. "She has taken the position of strength and conditioning coach and turned it into a school-wide position with far-reaching positive effects for our whole 1,650-person student body," noted Mr. McCrystle in his letter of recommendation to the NHSSCA on behalf of Coach Toy. This sentiment is echoed by Mr. Meyercord in his letter of recommendation. "She fosters an atmosphere in the weight room that makes it a desired destination for people to go," he wrote, adding that "They know they'll be in a positive, encouraging environment where everyone treats the facility and one another with respect and motivates one another to get more fit."

"The moment I was nominated for State Coach of the Year for California, I felt incredibly seen," Coach Toy reflected recently. "As a woman in a male dominated industry, I often feel women get overlooked, so this nomination and selection was very validating! As a kid I competed in sports year-round and knew I wanted my career to be sports-related as well. So, to be recognized just 11 years into my career for something that I am so passionate about is surreal."

David Diaz-Infante '82 Named New Head Varsity Football Coach

Following an extensive search, David Diaz-Infante '82 has been named Bellarmine College Preparatory's new head varsity football coach. The move comes after Jalal Beauchman's '06 March announcement that he was stepping down after three seasons coaching the Bells and leading the program to CCS and CIF NorCal championships this season. Coach Diaz-Infante is a 1982 Bellarmine graduate and a member of the first CCS championship football team in 1981 for the Bells. After serving as a team captain for the Bells, Diaz-Infante played for San Jose State from 1982-1987 where he again served as team captain for a Spartans team that finished top 20 in the nation his senior year. He took his leadership skills to the NFL and played for the San Diego Chargers, Denver Broncos, and Philadelphia Eagles, winning two Super Bowl championships with the Broncos. Following his playing career, Diaz-Infante was a broadcaster for ESPN and then served as a coach for the Arizona Cardinals, New York Jets, and Los Angeles Chargers. Coach Diaz-Infante is also a member of the Athletics Hall of Fame at Bellarmine and San Jose State.

"We are very excited to announce David Diaz-Infante as the next Football Head of Program here at Bellarmine College Preparatory," said Kevin Saldivar '04, Bellarmine director of athletics. "David brings a sense of pride, tradition, and hard work from his playing days at Bellarmine, San Jose State, and the NFL. His love and enthusiasm for Bellarmine football and the life lessons that the game can teach young men is what is most exciting about this new chapter of Bellarmine football. I can't wait to see David build on the past success of the program while forging his own legacy for many years to come."

Rod Jemison, Bellarmine's new principal, echoes Saldivar's enthusiasm for Coach Diaz-Infante. "I appreciate his vision of the BCP football program as well as his progressive approach to molding student athletes in the Catholic Jesuit tradition. There is no doubt we are a better school with him back in the community."

Diaz-Infante returns to Bellarmine and brings the legacy and tradition of Bellarmine football with him. "I am beyond excited to have been given the opportunity to lead the next chapter of the storied Bellarmine football program," said Diaz-Infante. "Being named head



coach and following in the footsteps of John Hanna, Walt Arnold, Mike Janda, and Jalal Beauchman is a tremendous honor and I'm excited to add to the history and legacy those coaches have carved. Bellarmine and Bellarmine football have a rich tradition and history and I'm thankful to the school administration and athletic director for trusting me to carry that legacy forward."

In addition to coaching, Diaz-Infante will have a staff position with Bellarmine's Office of Advancement.

NCAA Signees: We have 21 athletes continuing their academic and athletic careers in college. Good luck Bells!

Chase Barman Water Polo, *Pomona Pitzer*

Kasdan Blattman Soccer, *Macalester College*

Mitch Brown Football, *San Jose State University*

Jack Clark Diving, *UC Berkeley*

Nate Escalada Football, *UC Berkeley*

Alex Hegeman Water Polo, *UC San Diego*

Chase Knight Baseball, *Fresno State University*

Kavi Krishnan Soccer, *UC Santa Barbara*

Tyler Levonduskie Track and Field, *University of Redlands*

Paul Montgomery Baseball, *Cal Poly SLO*

Michael Moriarty Baseball, *University of Puget Sound*

Oliver Powell Rowing, *Georgetown University*

Jack Raney Football, *UC Davis*

Tanish Rao Soccer, *Caltech*

Jae Reels Football, *University of San Diego*

Keagan Rhodes Soccer, *Santa Clara University*

Jackson Snapp Water Polo, *U.S. Naval Academy*

Caden Sta Maria Baseball, *University of Hawaii at Hilo*

Nic Thiele Soccer, *UC San Diego*

Jonas Thieme Rowing, *Dartmouth University*

Soham Vohra Cross Country, *Track & Field, New York University*



CLASS NOTES

1950s

Kermit Achterman '51 reports that he has been blessed with more great grandchildren. "If you would have built a four-level parking structure when I was there, you would have a level for each student-owned car."

John Pelkan '53 is blessed with three daughters and nine grandchildren, all of whom are either in college, married, or gainfully employed. He continues to grow premium wine grapes in Napa Valley.

Ariel Morales '54 is retired from state government service, exercises daily, stays active with family and friends in the San Diego area, and wrote two novels and nine short stories in the USA, Mexico, and France. "Very good memories of Bellarmine. Go Bells!"

1970s

Ray Renati '79 is preparing to climb Half Dome for the second time.

1980s

≈ **Matt Bell '85** began his new position as CEO of Pivotal in January 2023. Pivotal is the only nonprofit in Silicon Valley focused exclusively on meeting the educational and career needs of foster youth. Prior to joining Pivotal, Matt served as executive director of Via Services, and his experience includes having been chief operating officer of Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School and executive director of its Corporate Work Study program, and as vice president of marketing at Blach Construction Company.



≈ **T.C. Fuller '85** recently published his book, *Painting Over Rust: Stories from a 20-year Odyssey in the FBI*, a memoir of his time as a federal special agent. Fuller currently lives in South Carolina and serves as CEO of The Horus Group, a consulting company.

Ross Meyercord '86 was named CEO of Propel Software in November 2022. Prior to Propel, Ross – who began his career at Accenture – was Pluralsight's chief revenue officer. He also spent five years at Salesforce as global chief information officer and another two years as executive vice president of sales.

Chris Wojslaw '88 reports that he recently moved to College Station coinciding with his eldest daughter attending Texas A&M. "My wife, Melinda, and I are enjoying Texas and hopeful our two younger daughters also become A&M Aggies in the coming years. Also, 2023 marks my 30th year in the semiconductor industry where I've held engineering, marketing, and most recently senior level sales jobs. Go Bells! And Gig 'em."

1990s

≈ **Adam Kingl '90** is pleased to announce the publication of his second book, *Sparking Success: Why every leader needs to develop a creative mindset*. "As with my first book, *Next Generation Leadership*, I sincerely thanked the Bellarmine English department in my Acknowledgements for nurturing a love of writing and language. In other news, I'm on the faculty of the University College London School of Management. I also have to thank the Bellarmine Speech and Debate experience and coaching for my other career as a keynote speaker."



Dr. Eric Ramones '95 is the associate vice chancellor of Human Resources at West Valley-Mission Community College District. His passion for public service and higher education is qualified by twenty years of public human resources experience and eleven years as an adjunct professor for the graduate school of public administration at San Jose State University. He serves as president of the Board of Directors for the Northern California Community College Pool Joint Powers Authority, board member for the Association of California Community College Administrators, board member for the Association of Chief Human Resources Officers, member of the Human Resources Advisory Committee for the Statewide Association of Community Colleges, and Rotary International. Prior to West Valley-Mission, Dr. Ramones was the AVP of Human Resources at Gavilan College and the Human Resources/Internal Affairs manager for the San Jose Fire Department.

2000s

≈ **Matt Mahan '01** was elected as the 66th mayor of the City of San Jose during the November 2022 election. Matt had previously served on the San Jose City Council representing District 10. Former Bellarmine alumni who have also served as Mayor of San Jose have included **Sam Liccardo '87** and **Tom McEnergy '63**.



Conor Salcido '07, Varsity Soccer Head Coach, was recognized as Coach of the Year by West Coast Preps. With his leadership, the team was able to claim both the CCS D1 Championship and the CIF NorCal Division II Boys Soccer Championship this season.

2010s

≈ **Dr. Alexander Sasso '10** graduated in June from Midwestern Medical School with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. After he completes his residency, he hopes to eventually practice critical care medicine in the Pacific Northwest.



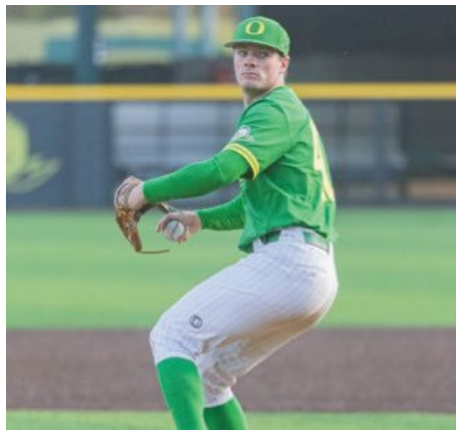
≈ **Austen Christensen '13** became engaged to Katie Polansky on April 27. He proposed while vacationing in Freiburg, Germany, where he studied abroad while attending Santa Clara University.

Seamus Ruiz-Earle '17 was recognized in the [2023 Forbes 30 Under 30 Enterprise Technology list](#). Seamus is founder of San Jose-based The Carabiner Group.

≈ **Michael Mitchell '18** has enjoyed a stellar senior season as the top starting pitcher for UC San Diego. Michael leads the team with a 1.42 ERA and helped the Tritons capture their first Big West Conference championship in program history.



≈ **Josh Mollerus '18** has had a standout senior year for the University of Oregon, serving as the team's closer. The right-hander ranks second among all PAC-12 Conference pitchers with nine saves heading into the final week of the season.



≈ **Ben Janda '19** was recently named as the 2023 recipient of Chapman University's Cecil F. Cheverton Award, the school's highest undergraduate honor. As a junior, he was selected as a Beckman Scholar as well as a recipient of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship. Ben plans to continue his education by pursuing a Ph.D. in Chemistry at UCLA.



2020s

James "Jay" Fazioli '20 has been named a 2023 Goldwater Scholar at Purdue University. The Barry Goldwater Scholarship, which recognizes exceptional sophomores and juniors across the country, is the highest undergraduate honor of its kind. The scholarship program, in honor of Senator Barry Goldwater, was created to encourage students to pursue research careers in the natural sciences, engineering, and mathematics. Jay, a junior at Purdue in the College of Science and the John Martinson Honors College studying cell, molecular, and developmental biology, plans to pursue a PhD in cellular and molecular biology. His aspiration is to enter the field of industrial biological research. "I am determined to make an impact on the world with my research," he said recently. In addition to Jay's Goldwater Scholarship, he was also awarded the 2023 Outstanding Junior Award through the department of biology at Purdue.

Branko Sciortino '20, while a junior on the Macalester College men's soccer team, was named to the Division III Academic All-District Team by the College Sports Communicators.

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What's in My Digital Estate?

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

When you begin creating or updating your estate plan, you'll likely spend the bulk of your time on these two points: determining your assets and deciding which people and charities (like Bellarmine) will receive these items after your lifetime. But have you given any thought to your online legacy and passing on your digital assets? What will happen to your e-mails, photos, and stored documents? As more and more of our lives shift to the digital realm, it is important to consider how we can pass along these digital assets.

WHAT ARE DIGITAL ASSETS?

Examples of digital assets include:

- Social networking accounts
- Email accounts
- Shopping accounts
- Online banking and billing accounts (including any cryptocurrency accounts)
- Websites and blogs
- Photo- and video-sharing accounts
- Music and gaming accounts
- Online (aka "cloud") storage

HOW CAN I SAFEGUARD MY DIGITAL ASSETS?

- Make a list of your digital assets and passwords. Include your usernames, passwords, and security questions and answers for your digital accounts.
- Find a safe place to store this information. Store the list of your digital assets and passwords in an easy to access location such as a locked file cabinet or an encrypted shared drive. Or look into companies that specialize in the digital estate planning process. You can also contact your financial advisor. They may have software that can be used for digital planning purposes.
- Make a plan for your digital assets. Since online companies and services have their own terms of service, each digital asset may need to be managed differently. Therefore, it is important to make a guide outlining what happens with each one.

- Consult your estate planning attorney. State laws differ in this area. Your attorney can draft an estate plan that addresses your digital assets. You may wish to name a digital executor—the person you entrust to carry out your wishes for your digital assets.

DOES YOUR PASSWORD PASS THE TEST?

Sequential numbers. Birthdays. One password to rule them all. These are signs of poor password management. And most of us are probably guilty of at least one of these.

Being smart about your digital footprint starts with knowing how to protect your sign-on information. Consider the following when creating and updating your passwords.

- The longer and more complicated, the better (as long as you remember it).
- Don't recycle passwords.
- Don't pick easy ones.
- Use a password manager.
- Consider two-factor authentication, which requires a password and a second form of identification, such as a code sent to your smartphone.

WHO GETS THE PASSWORDS?

They may not seem like the most valuable assets to inherit, but passwords are the keys to your digital life. Determine who should be your "data beneficiary"—a trusted friend or family member who can access your information.

What Will Your Legacy Be? Whether online or in the real world, we all leave a legacy. If you would like to learn more about ways you can include Bellarmine in your estate plan and enhance your legacy, please contact Bill Colucci '82 at 408-537-9279 to discuss your options, or email: bcolucci@bcp.org.

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

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Emeritus Bishop Patrick Joseph “P.J.” McGrath (June 11, 1945 – May 7, 2023). Bishop “P.J.” was born in Dublin, Ireland. He was ordained to the priesthood in Waterford on June 7, 1970, for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. In 1977 he earned his doctorate in canon law at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. In 1979, Bishop McGrath became Officialis of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and was appointed Rector and Pastor of Saint Mary Cathedral in 1986. Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco on January 25, 1989, he then served the Archdiocese as Vicar for Clergy, Moderator of the Curia and Vicar for Parishes. On June 30, 1998, he was named by Pope John Paul II to be Coadjutor to the Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose and was formally received into the diocese at a Mass of Welcome on September 17, 1998. Upon the retirement of Bishop Pierre DuMaine on November 27, 1999, Patrick Joseph McGrath became the second bishop of San Jose, serving in that ministry for 20 years (1999-2019). He enjoyed a warm relationship with the Jesuit community and always concluded his Bellarmine Bishop’s Mass celebrations with an enthusiastic “Go Bells!”



Remembering
Bishop McGrath

In Memoriam Tributes

Carlos Diaz '82 (October 21, 1962 – April 29, 2023). Carlos was a dedicated Bellarmine alumnus and proud father of BCP alumni. During his time as a Bellarmine parent, he was an active member of the Dads' Club Board and enjoyed providing his DJ entertainment services for the school at numerous events.



Jesus "Jesse" Gomez (July 16, 1959 – January 30, 2023). Jesse was a beloved member of the Bellarmine community. He will long be remembered for his smile and positive attitude. He loved driving students to and from games and was a favorite employee among many student athletes and coaches.

Michael J. "Mike" Kelly, Jr. '77 (August 3, 1959 – March 18, 2023). Mike was a devoted family man and caring professional whose work ethic was a model for others. Among the many gifts he shared with Bellarmine was his time and expertise as a member of the school's audit committee.



R. Donald "Don" McNeil '53 (January 11, 1936 – May 6, 2023). Don was known for his kindness, wisdom, curiosity, and gentleness. After graduating Bellarmine, he went on to Santa Clara University and then Harvard Law School. Don was a longtime counsel for Bellarmine's Board of Trustees and a member of Bellarmine's Athletic Hall of Fame for basketball.

James P. "Jim" Mieuli '56 (September 12, 1938 – November 17, 2022). Jim was a longtime supporter of Bellarmine and a constant presence at BCP events, especially the annual Fr. Joe Costa '41 Bocce Tournament, where he looked forward to reuniting with many classmates and other Bellarmine alumni.



In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Jack C. Cook, Jr. '54 (May 9, 2023).

R. Donald "Don" McNeil '53 (May 6, 2023). *Father of Thomas '91, Patrick '88, Timothy '86; grandfather of Luke '25 and William '24; longtime counsel to Bellarmine's Board of Trustees.*

Donald Torre '51 (May 1, 2023).

Donald Ralph Von Raesfeld, Sr. '44 (April 9, 2023). *Father of Donald, Jr. '68, Darryl '72, Martin '77, and Myron '79.*

Edward H. "Teddy" Smith '04 (April 9, 2023). *Brother of Charles Jr. '02; nephew of Thomas Smyth '72; cousin of Brian Smyth '10*

Matthew Miholovich '60 (March 25, 2023). *Brother of Dale '55; grandfather of Jake Magobet '17, John Magobet '20, and Ryder Magobet '24.*

Carlo Marengo '52 (March 21, 2023). *Grandfather of James '22.*

Robert Bryant '51 (March 18, 2023). *Brother of Daniel '57.*

Michael J. Kelly, Jr. '77 (March 18, 2023). *Former member of Bellarmine's Audit Committee.*

Ron Knaus '55 (March 18, 2023).

Douglas Giese '55 (March 17, 2023).

Anthony Charles Morici '61 (February 25, 2023). *Father of Antonio '93; grandfather of Alexander Gomez '20.*

Philip William Quast '56 (February 9, 2023).

Philip Keenan '65 (notification February 2023). *Brother of John.*

Donald E. Giacomini '56 (February 7, 2023). *Uncle of Geo F. III '90 and of Paul W. '92.*

Stephen Nichols '59 (February 7, 2023).

Frank S. Lico '47 (February 4, 2023). *Uncle of Frank Bisceglia '64.*

John S. Melby '84 (February 1, 2023).

John Howard '55 (January 29, 2023).

Richard Joseph "Dick" Reilley '68 (January 16, 2023).

Joseph R. Maragoni '06 (January 5, 2023).

Dennis M. Lorenzini '63 (December 28, 2022).

Kenneth Podgorsek '78 (December 25, 2022).

Philip Lawlor '59 (December 21, 2022).

Martin Joseph Ruddy III '60 (December 20, 2022).

Anthony "Tony" Jones '78 (December 10, 2022). *Brother of James '65.*

Gordon Myers '53 (December 9, 2022).

Michael I. King '52 (December 5, 2022). *Grandfather of Luke Twomey '10; father-in-law of Brendan Twomey '76.*

Dieter Gonzales '64 (November 19, 2022).

James P. "Jim" Mieuli '56 (November 17, 2022). *Son of the late Jack Mieuli '33.*

Melvin E. Berryessa '51 (November 15, 2022)

John "Jay" Cattermole '75 (November 3, 2022). *Brother of Greg '74.*

James Lippi '61 (November 3, 2022).

Kevin T. Scarpelli '57 (November 3, 2022).

John E. Chelini '52 (October 9, 2022).

Col. Philip S. Threefoot '56 (August 22, 2022).

Anthony Corica '46 (June 29, 2022).

Augustin Gurza '66 (January 8, 2022). *Brother of Edward '63, William '71, Roberto '75, and Alex '80; uncle of Daniel '16.*

Frederick J. Santana '54 (2021).

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Martha Anne Calhoun Cook (June 6, 2023). *Grandmother of Dylan Cook '23.*

Barbara Benson (May 23, 2023). *Mother of Scott Benson, Bellarmine faculty member.*

James Pagura (May 22, 2023). *Father of Alison Pagura, Bellarmine faculty member.*

Daniel Coleman (May 20, 2023). *Father of Aidan '26.*

Emeritus Bishop Patrick Joseph "PJ" McGrath (May 7, 2023). *Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose during years 1999-2019.*

Lydia Tarantino (May 5, 2023). *Grandmother of Jason Giorgetti '91.*

Sue Griffith (April 7, 2023). *Mother of Doug '82 and Ken '85 Griffith; mother-in-law of Bill Colucci '82; grandmother of Tony '07, Bryan '08, and Joey '12 Colucci.*

William San Hamel (April 1, 2023). *Father of Bill San Hamel, Bellarmine staff member.*

Antonio Amato (March 20, 2023). *Father of Michael '03.*

"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

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

Mary Joan Blaettler (March 10, 2023). *Sister of Dan '63, James S.J. '65, and John '69.*

Dr. Lawrence A.R. Ross (March 10, 2023). *Father of Jay '83; grandfather of Aaron '17 and of Matthew '14.*

Bartholomew C. "Bart" Lally (March 8, 2023). *Father of Bart '81, Jeffrey '84, and John '86; grandfather of Dean '23.*

Frank Massa (March 8, 2023). *Father of Steve '87.*

Richard Anthony Galli (March 5, 2023). *Brother-in-law of Laurel Galli, Bellarmine staff member; uncle of Giancarlo '22, Gregory '18, Antonio '12, and Samuel '07.*

James "Jim" Malander (February 9, 2023). *Father of the late Justin '90.*

Maurice Webb (February 1, 2023). *Father of Adrian '96.*

Donald David Ajluni (January 29, 2023). *Brother of Richard '77; uncle of Adam '23.*

C. Peter Robison (February 10, 2023). *Father of John '88 and Michael '87.*

Dr. Charles Eugene "Gene" Cook, Sr. (January 25, 2023). *Grandfather of Dylan Cook '23.*

Jesse Gomez (January 30, 2023). *Former Bellarmine staff member.*

Dr. Samuel Kais (January 16, 2023). *Father of Thomas '81 and Samuel '85.*

Richard "Dick" Rolla (December 28, 2022). *Father of Phil '84; grandfather of Dominic '22; brother-in-law of Dan Caputo, Jr. '63.*

Edward A. Bertaccini (December 12, 2022). *Father of Edward J. Bertaccini, M.D. '81.*

Doug Johnstone (December 7, 2022). *Father of Nathan '25.*

Shaka Jinks (December 4, 2022). *Father of Tyreke Madriz-Jinks '20.*

Manuel Rolando Villarreal (December 2, 2022). *Father of Sandra McSweeney, Bellarmine staff member and former Mothers' Guild president; father-in-law of Daniel McSweeney '84; grandfather of Jonathan McSweeney '22.*

Robert Mendonca (November 27, 2022). *Father of Alix '89.*

Jean Caroline Heard Carmichael (November 13, 2022). *Wife of Art '58; sister-in-law of Stan '56.*

Helen Catherine White (November 13, 2022). *Mother of R. Paul '63 and Stephen '69.*

Stephanie Lally (November 3, 2022). *Mother of Bart '81, Jeffrey '84, and John '86; grandmother of Dean '23. Stephanie was a Bellarmine Regent Emeritus and was the first woman to serve on Bellarmine's Board.*

Harvey Brooks (December 3, 2022). *Brother of Tekiya Gaston, Bellarmine staff member.*

Evelyn Stuck Ucovich (October 30, 2022). *Mother of Miguel '59; grandmother of Mitchel Herschbach '98.*

Elvera Melby (June 4, 2019). *Mother of John S. Melby '84.*



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Event Calendar

July 28

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

August 13

Mothers' Guild Get Acquainted Picnic
BCP Campus

August 14

Classes Resume
BCP Campus

August 26

Alumni Hall of Fame
BCP Campus

October 6

Alumni Football Tailgate
San Jose City College

October 7

Grand Reunion
BCP Campus

October 9

Bellarmino Golf Classic
Cinnabar Hills Golf Club, San Jose

October 21

Mothers' Guild Fashion Show
for Tuition Assistance
Santa Clara Convention Center

October 29

Admissions Open House
BCP Campus

November 12

Mothers' Guild presents
Grandparents' Day
BCP Campus

November 16

Dads' Club presents
Suds for Duds
Samuel A. Liccardo Center

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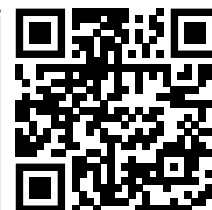
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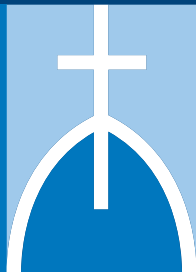


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