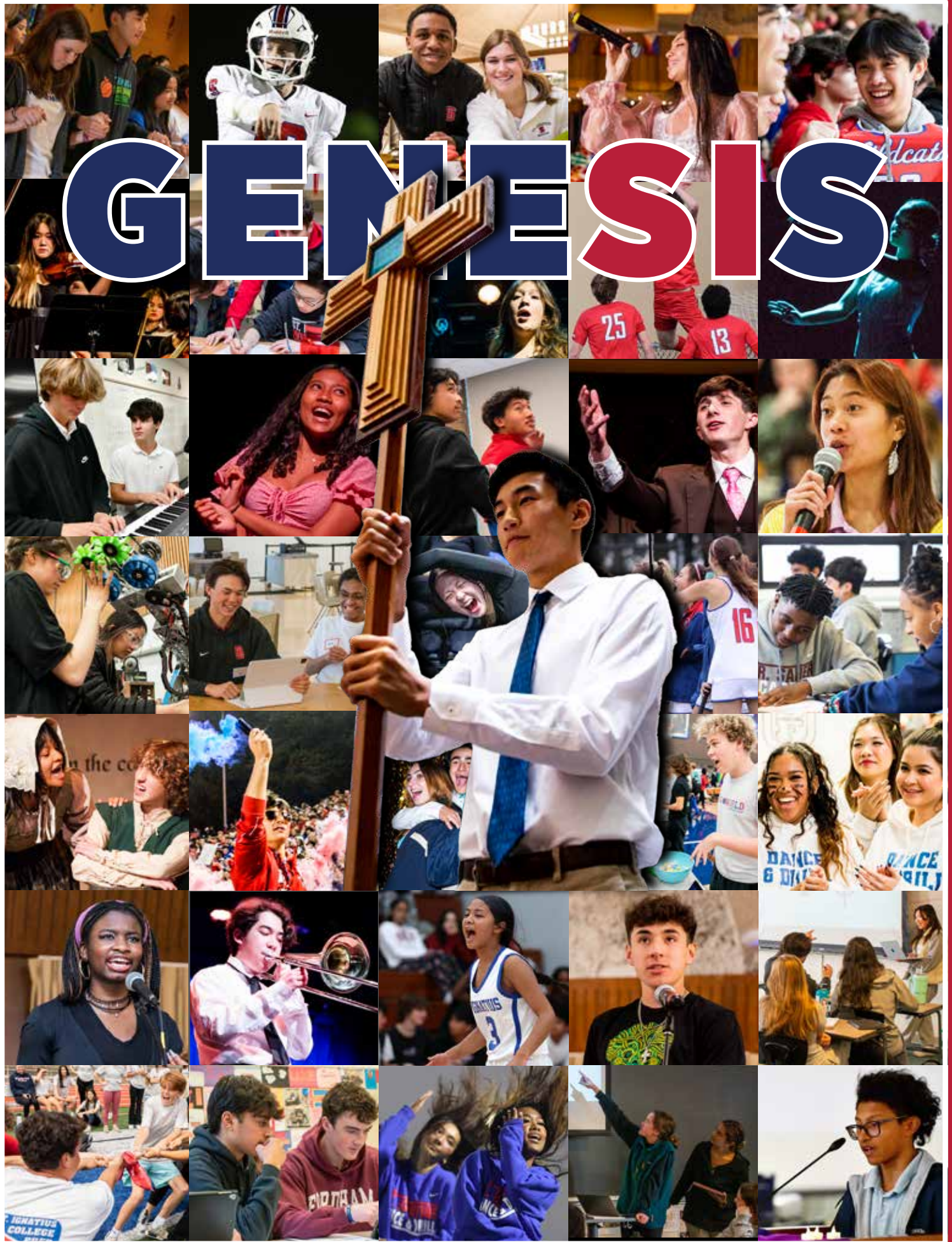


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- Demonstrated basic leadership skills, including integrity, vision, creativity, a strong work ethic, and the ability to gain trust and inspire
- Demonstrated an ability to influence others in a way that promotes justice and Gospel values

From SI's Graduate at Graduation Profile





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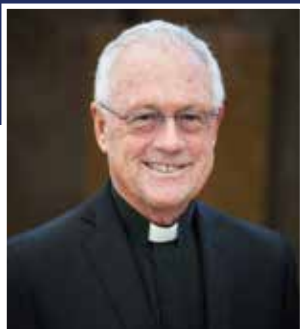
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SI Community,

Whenever a crisis or tragedy dominates the news, I hear the same refrains: "This was a failure of leadership," and, "Where are our leaders?"

Gallup has conducted polls on Americans' confidence in major institutions going back decades, and recent results suggest erosion of trust in our leaders, with the 2022 numbers representing historically low levels of confidence in government, news media, law enforcement, organized religion, and other institutions.

When people ask me about our nation's lack of leadership, I respond with more questions: What does good leadership look like to you? What kind of leadership do you want to see in this situation? Perhaps the most uncomfortable part of all this is that there is no one single answer to these questions because great leaders bring to bear the fundamentals of their personalities and their core principles in their leadership.

At SI, we recognize that leadership is not a one-size-fits-all proposition, and therefore seek to fulfill our mission of forming young people ready for leadership by giving them many different kinds of adult leader role models and many different kinds of opportunities to lead. Whether with a club, affinity group, athletic team, in Campus Ministry with InSIgnis, at a volunteering commitment, in the classroom, or in SI's hallways, we encourage students to find their voices, use the gifts God has bestowed upon them, and take initiative to make the world a better, more loving place.

In this issue of GENESIS, we are sharing stories about several alums who have taken on leadership roles: in foreign service, in their community, and after returning to work at SI. We are also sharing highlights from the school year so far, and updates from alums around the world.

Thank you for being a part of the Wildcat family, and we hope you enjoy reading.

Blessings,
Edward A. Reese, S.J.
Edward A. Reese, S.J.

SI students supporting their track and field teammates



THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS



Dear Alums and Friends,

For many of us, the most visible leaders in our society are in the political arena, whether at local, state, or national levels. These are people who have charisma, excellent speaking skills, and the ability to be popular.

But using only those measures of leadership misses the mark. Leadership can be exercised everywhere, in large acts and small, in ways that demand attention or that require few others noticing.

I am certain you will agree that our current times are more volatile than ever. Everywhere, there seems to be upset, tension, suspicion, and fear.

In these turbulent times, our Ignatian education can help. Whether you are a leader, or seeking leadership in others, the teachings of St. Ignatius are instructive. In following those teachings, we value discernment, the ability to consciously choose and take effective and responsible action, in the sense of the "contemplative in action" — being closer to God means, in part, being closer to the world, and taking on the responsibilities attendant to being a person with and for others.

In this edition of Genesis we feature alums who are leading in many different areas of society. We hope that you can join them in trying to create solutions to the difficulties we face as a society and help create space for honesty, vulnerability, and healing.

For 500 years the Jesuits have been molding young adults on how to change the world through heroic leadership. Now, more than ever, the world needs our attention and action.

We are - - SI!

Handwritten signature of Tom Hsieh '83.

Tom Hsieh '83

Students help put together food boxes as part of the annual SI Christmas Drive



NEWS FROM SI



NFL HALL OF FAMER HONORS CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

At SI's home football game against St. Francis, Dan Fouts '69 attended, joined the livestream broadcast, and at halftime helped honor SI's 1962 and 2012 championship football teams.

FSA HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Fr. Sauer Academy Parents Club hosted its inaugural Harvest Festival on Oct. 16, held on SI's Gordon Practice Field. There were classic carnival games, an assortment of yummy treats, face painting, and several different kinds of bounce houses for all to enjoy. A special thanks to FSA Parents Club President Robin Herman and all the students and families who worked hard to put on the event.



HEAD OF THE CHARLES

In October, students and alumni of SI's rowing program competed in the largest regatta in the world, the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. The Men's Youth Four+, with coxswain Alexander O'Neil '24, Miles Boushey '23, Jack Callahan '23, Ethan Louie '23, and Oliver Wagner '24, along with Jack Stecher '23 and Philip Luongo III '23, placed 48th out of 90 crews in their event. The Men's Alumni Eight+, with coxswain Franco Arieta '97, John Cranston '99, Eric Tiret '97, Tim Sweeney '10, Tim Larson '06, Taylor Evans '12, John Paul (JP) Sekulich '97, Kevin Schmidt '97, and Samuel Nelsen '06 competing against predominantly collegiate alumni crews, placed 29th out of 46 crews.

JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE HOSTS SUCCESSFUL LUDI OCTOBRES

Oct. 22, SI JCL had the honor of hosting the first in-person California Junior Classical League event since fall 2019. The event was a huge success, hosting more than 750 guests. Congratulations to Grace Brady '23, who called the event to order; SI students on the planning committee, Thomas Fong '23, Ava Ralph '23, Nicholas Sokolov '23, Carmen Aaronson '24, CJ Lindstrand '24, Spencer Phillips '24, Penny Pyo '24, Keoni Liwanag '25, and Rini Saha '25; and teachers Grace Curcio and Annie Huynh, who provided guidance.



SI STUDENTS SPEAK AT IGNATIAN FAMILY TEACH-IN FOR JUSTICE

In late October, three SI students spoke onstage at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, the largest annual Catholic social justice gathering in the United States. Ann Anish '23 gave a talk, titled "Leveraging Your Privilege," in which she recounted experiences of defining her Asian-ness and discovering her capacity for leadership at SI. Raven Shaw '23 and Andre Ignoffo '24 gave a talk, titled "Who We Are: Inside and Out," which called for attendees to truly engage with their peers, see them as they wish to be seen, and commit to acting at their schools to further human dignity and justice.

Watch Raven and Andre's speech



Watch Ann's speech



ALAS SHOWCASE AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This school year marks the 50th anniversary of the Association of Latin American Students, now an affinity group that fosters community and positive identity exploration and formation for Latinx students. In October, ALAS hosted the annual Latinx Showcase, themed "Mi Gente," featuring performances and other celebrations of the gifts, talents, and contributions of the Latinx community at SI.





COLLEGE TOUR INSPIRES AND EMPOWERS

In October, during the quarter break, students in SI's Magis High School Program visited University of Redlands, UC Riverside, UC Irvine, Chapman University, and Loyola Marymount University. The annual four-day college tour gives students an opportunity to visit a variety of schools and learn about the programs they offer from school officials, current students, and recent SI alums.

MAYOR VISITS FOR BSU 50TH

The SI Alumni Association hosted a 50th anniversary celebration for the Black Student Union, featuring an address from San Francisco Mayor London Breed.



FIRST-GEN SI ALUMS INSPIRE

In November, Timmy Chong '14, Sened Haddad '16, Sabrina Santander '16, Carolina Hernandez '17, Paloma Chavez '18, Crystal Alcaraz '20, Leo Daniels '21, and Denise Ugarte '21 returned to campus and participated in a panel in which they shared their struggles and triumphs as first-generation college students, and offered advice to students embarking on similar paths.



CHRISTMAS DRIVE

This year's Christmas Drive was another big success, and brought our entire SI community together. In addition to student volunteers who worked hard throughout the drive, former SI parents Frank and Monica Verducci provided a truck, and Sal Rizzo '02 donated all the produce to accompany the boxes. In all, our community was able to put together 275 food boxes and gift cards for San Francisco families. Thank you for all your support, SI!



PASKO

In December, the SI Parents Asian Club hosted Pasko, the popular pan-Asian Christmas celebration featuring food, performances, and fellowship in the Carlin Commons. This was the 14th edition of Pasko, and once again it sold out quickly. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped put on this wonderful event, and to the many student performers who shared their talents.

SI SENIOR LAUDED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco Volunteer Impact Report highlighted the service of Jino Chung '23 at a construction project in San Francisco's Diamond Heights.

Read the report





IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS

On Jan. 17, 2023, more than 400 people came to SI's campus to attend *Beyond Kanye and Kyrie: Renewing the Historic Black-Jewish Alliance*, a Rap Sessions panel discussion featuring Bakari Kitwana, W. Kamau Bell, Mira Stern '06, Dr. Courtney Desiree Morris, and Adam Mansbach.

Watch video of the panel and Q&A



BSU SHOWCASE

In February, the Black Student Union's annual showcase featured student performances and speeches in front of a full Carlin Commons. In addition, Jerome Williams '75 was presented SI's Black Excellence Award in recognition of the countless hours he has devoted to philanthropic causes, including The Thurgood Marshall Fund and the United Negro College Fund, and his work as one of the founders of the New Roads Education Fund, which is dedicated to supporting SI students in need of financial assistance.

Several SI classmates attended the BSU showcase to see the ceremony. Pictured around Mr. Williams holding the award, from left: Michael Bowie '75, Dan Salvemini '75, Tom Stack '75, Juan Mitchell '75, Dan Kelleher '75, and Marty Murphy '75.



SPEECH AND DEBATE

SI's speech and debate team wrapped up a successful season that featured strong showings on both the team and individual levels. Highlights included qualifying for districts competition for the first time in more than a decade, multiple tournaments in which debaters finished undefeated, and seeing Tristan Dionosio '25 and Lucia Garcia-Martinez '25 reach the quarterfinals of the UC Berkeley Speech and Debate Invitational in February.



WILDCATS FIND SUCCESS AT ROBOTICS COMPETITION

The SI robotics team, FRC Team 5924 - Golden Gate Robotics, participated successfully in this year's FIRST San Francisco Regional, making it to the competition's playoffs. The last seven years, the event has been hosted on SI's campus.



ARMENIAN CLUB HOSTS FILMMAKER

SI's Armenian Club held a screening of "The Hidden Map," a documentary about Armenian genocide and architecture. The director, Ani Hovannisian, attended and took questions from students. Pictured, left to right: Armenian Club moderator John Stiegeler '74, Armenian Club co-president Sophene Panosian '24, Dr. Tasia Davis, Ani Hovannisian, and Armenian Club co-president Adelia Tovarlan '24.



ADVOCACY IN SACRAMENTO

SI students joined students from eight Catholic high schools across the state, including five Jesuit high schools, to call on elected officials in Sacramento to take action on climate change, housing, and migration. Before meeting with state legislators and their staff, the students participated in public witness on the Capitol steps.



ALUM RETURNS FOR READING AND WRITING WORKSHOP

As part of a Women's History Month event in March, Gina Balibrera '01 gave a reading from her upcoming novel, *The Volcano Daughters*, answered students' questions about her life as a writer, and led a creative writing exercise.

MORE NEWS FROM SI



AN SI SENIOR'S UNEXPECTED PAGEANT JOURNEY

The annual Miss Chinatown USA Pageant is held in San Francisco around the Lunar New Year, bringing together remarkable contestants from across the country. In her first-ever pageant, Stephanie Sun '23 finished in second place, earning the titles of Miss Chinese Chamber of Commerce and First Princess. She spoke about the experience and what she learned. The conversation has been edited for clarity and brevity.

SI: How did you decide to enter the Miss Chinatown USA Pageant?

I did not grow up thinking I would do something like this, but my parents wanted me to try this one because they saw it as an opportunity to expand my network, meet more people, and establish a name for myself. At first, I was reluctant to do it, but I remember my dad telling me this could be an opportunity that would impact my entire future, and I think in the end they were right, and I am glad I did it.

Is there a story from your experience competing in the pageant that sticks with you?

Yes. Before, whenever I had to do any public speaking, even something as simple as a classroom presentation or just raising my hand in class, I would always shake a bit. It is something I knew I should eventually overcome, but I did not think I would try it at a pageant.

We had a week and a half of rehearsals and training before the pageant, and we would go over random questions that, in the competition, would be given to us in the moment. In those practices, I did not know how to answer. I stuttered pretty badly.

Then, the night before, we got the set of questions we would be answering, and they were pretty hard because they were about Chinese culture and not about our individual selves. We were also going to choose a question at random on stage, so there was even more uncertainty and anxiety. I was stressing out at my laptop brainstorming answers after a full day of rehearsals.

The competition, itself, felt very different, standing in front of hundreds of people under the beaming lights, knowing it is being broadcast, and knowing everyone is looking at you. I got really lucky that I received the question I most wanted to answer. It let me talk about how I appreciate San Francisco's Chinatown, first because of the memories I have made here with my family, but also because from Chinatown you can look out at Angel Island and the Golden Gate Bridge, which both stood as symbols of prosperity, opportunity, and the American Dream for my parents when immigrating to the U.S. I spoke eloquently and with so much passion, that I amazed not only my family in the audience, but also myself.

I will never forget the roaring applause I received, and it is a moment I am very proud of. Ever since, I have felt like a whole new person.

Are you going to continue competing in pageants?

I am considering it. I might enter Miss Asian Global in August, but I am not sure. This pageant was a lot of work and stress, and I needed time to rest afterward, but I might enter again because the whole process — meeting people, conquering fears, putting myself out there — has changed my whole perspective on what I can accomplish and am capable of.

IN MAY 2022, ALYCIA TAM '23 WON THE MISS TEEN CHINATOWN SAN FRANCISCO PAGEANT. SHE SAID:

"Miss Teen Chinatown San Francisco was my first pageant, and hopefully not the last! I grew up watching Miss Hong Kong with my mom, and listening to all the beautiful and powerful Chinese women on camera inspired me to start my own Asian representation endeavors. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment training, singing, and dancing with my pageant sisters while bonding over our shared experiences of being Asian American in our society today.

"My crown and sash are the least significant takeaways from my pageant experience. Rather, the work I've done, such as publicly speaking at the Autumn Moon Festival Parade in front of 40,000 visitors, and volunteering with the Chinatown Lions Club and Chinese Newcomers Service Center to hand out 5,000 food bags at the annual Chinatown Food Drive, are what I am most proud of. I look forward to advancing my goals of Asian representation and defying racial and gender norms in the future!"



LEADING PEERS IN HARMONY

During this year's Winter Choral Concerts, two students stepped off the risers to the front of the stage in order to conduct the singers. Gaby Freedland '23 and James Nicolson '23 are both accomplished performers, but also relished the opportunity to take on new leadership roles.

"I am so impressed with how both Gaby and James worked with the choir during rehearsals for these pieces and how they masterfully led their peers in our concerts," said Choral Director Audrey Gomes. "From the choir retreat when they took mini lessons in conducting from Dr. Scot Hanna-Weir, the director of choral activities at Santa Clara University, to the final performances, they were focused and dedicated to both improving themselves and helping all the other singers."

Freedland led the choir in a rendition of "Glow," by Eric Whitacre, which is performed in a complex mixed meter, while Nicolson led the



choir for "Light of a Clear Blue Morning," as arranged by Craig Hella Johnson, which has up to eight simultaneous lines.

"It was more challenging than I expected," Freedland said. "I knew the parts, but it was very different to not be singing anymore. To conduct, you need to understand where the choir is doing well, where it is doing less well, and how to fix it — whether that is adjusting rhythm or something else. At the end of the day, we are all the same age and learning from each other."

Nicolson added, "It was fun being on the other side and having that kind of control over the music. If you are in the choir and performing, generally, we have to stay still and are limited in the kinds of motions we can do. But when you are conducting, you have a lot more freedom to get into the music and show it with your body. Your back is to the audience, but the choir sees you, and so everything you do will be reflected in the music."

BELONGING, KINSHIP, COMMUNITY

SI held a Social Justice Summit at the end of February focused on building belonging, kinship, and community at our school and beyond. During an all-school assembly, Greg Boyle, S.J., of Homeboy Industries, delivered a keynote address along with Stephanie Lane and Ivy Navarrete, both of whom went through the Homeboy Industries gang intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program. Their stories focused on the power of forging kinship with others, not just to empower those who have suffered, but also for the benefit of those who are offering support. As Fr. Greg said during his talk, "You do not go from SI to the margins to make a difference — you go from

SI to the margins to be made different." Joining them onstage for introductions and an opening prayer were student leaders Ann Anish '23, Norah Higgins '23, and Ashley S. Chung '24.

Later in the week, students from the Arrupe Social Justice Council hosted events after school and during lunches. On that Friday, both students and adults participated in an all-school event conducted within classrooms in which students shared questions, discussed, and reflected upon Fr. Greg's message and the communities to which we all belong.





WILDCAT ALUMNI NETWORK

The Wildcat Alumni Network is a series of videos about SI history, SI alums, and current SI students. If you want to receive these videos via email, make sure your information is up to date on www.siprep.org/alumni, and below, check out a few of our recent favorites.



Watch!



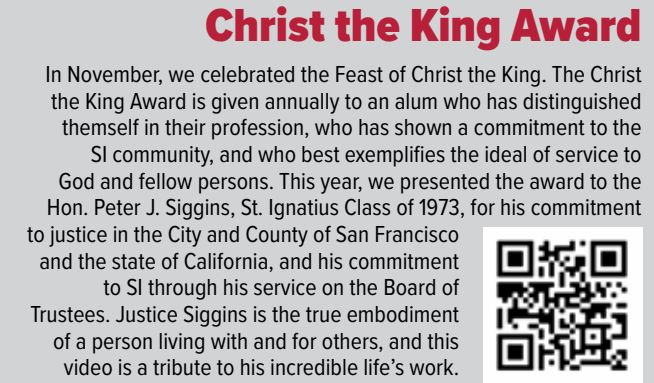
Red and Blue Angel

In October, we had the distinct honor of welcoming Lt. Scott Goossens '06 of the United States Navy back to campus to celebrate San Francisco's Fleet Week. Lt. Goossens is currently a Blue Angels pilot flying as the No. 3 F/A-18 Super.



Lt. Goossens spent the day meeting with students, teachers, and the Admiral Callaghan Society board, and spoke to juniors and seniors about his path to military service. This video provides some insight into Lt. Goossens's story.

Watch!



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Cooking with Cats

One of the best ways to build community and friendship is by sharing a meal together — especially a home cooked meal! We visited the homes and businesses of three alums who have a passion for cooking and they each shared with us a fun family-friendly recipe.



Check out their recipes and the stories behind them, and you might even feel inspired to share the recipes with your own family.

Watch!

SIATHLETICS



FALL 2022

Men's Cross Country
Varsity | 1st Place Finish in WCAL
JV | 2nd Place Finish in WCAL
Frosh | 3rd Place Finish in WCAL

Women's Cross Country
Varsity | 3rd Place Finish in WCAL
JV | 3rd Place Finish in WCAL
Frosh | 2nd Place Finish in WCAL

Field Hockey
Varsity | 9-10-2
JV | 12-0-3

Football
Varsity | 6-7
JV | 8-1
Frosh | 6-3

Women's Golf
Varsity | 4-7
JV | 6-4

Women's Tennis
Varsity | 17-4
JV | 11-2

Women's Volleyball
Varsity | 15-18
JV | 11-4
Frosh | 18-0

Men's Water Polo
Varsity | 15-4
JV | 9-9-1
Frosh | 4-8

Women's Water Polo
Varsity | 14-10
JV | 11-5



WINTER 2023

Men's Basketball

Varsity | 14-14
JV | 23-1
Frosh Red | 20-3
Frosh Blue | 16-7

Women's Basketball

Varsity | 12-15
JV | 15-6
Frosh/Soph | 6-9

Men's Soccer

Varsity | 14-5-3
JV | 15-2-1
Frosh | 7-6-3

Women's Soccer

Varsity | 12-6-4
JV | 13-3
Frosh | 6-4-2

Nora Mannion '23: Student, Athlete, Leader, Advocate

Nora Mannion '23 has had an incredible four years at SI, excelling in the classroom, on the volleyball court, and as leader and advocate for women around the world. The St. Cecilia graduate and DePaul University volleyball commit has embodied all the characteristics of SI's Graduate at Graduation: a young adult who is Open to Growth, Intellectual, Religious, Loving, Committed to Justice, and Called to Leadership.

Nora is an exemplary student and filled her senior schedule with classes like AP Chemistry, AP Statistics, AP English Literature, and Psychology Honors. As an athlete, she played basketball her frosh year and ran track for four years, but her biggest impact was on the volleyball court.



Nora excelled during her junior and senior years, which is especially impressive considering the volleyball season was canceled her sophomore year. Nora was named a captain her senior year, played an integral role on the team as the libero, and earned First Team All-WCAL honors. At her senior banquet, Nora earned the Fighting Spirit Award, the top award in the women's volleyball program. At DePaul University, she plans to major in Sports Communication & Law, a hybrid major where she can earn two degrees.

Beyond the classroom and the court, Nora is very involved in all areas of SI, embracing the ethos of being an Ignatian with and for others. She is an InSignis leader, where she helps with the all-school morning prayer and as a student-leader for a spring retreat. She is a member of the Block Club, Service Club, and the Girls in Journalism Club, where she writes monthly articles. Last summer, she participated in the school Immersion Program, traveling to Wheeling, West Virginia, where her group focused on rural poverty and ecological justice. Nora is also the co-president of the Daraja Club, which raises money and awareness about the lack of educational opportunities for young women in the world. The club supports the Daraja Academy in Kenya, an all-girls secondary school that offers students a chance to receive a high school education.

Nora is a multi-dimensional student, athlete, leader, and advocate living out the Prayer of St. Ignatius every day: she is generous, she gives without counting the cost, and she serves God. We are proud of her, thankful for her time at SI, and looking forward to what is next. **S**





only cooling off this team experienced in the postseason. SI was well represented in the WCAL All-League Teams: Gigo Sarimsakci '25 was named First Team, Rodoni and Jack Sandler '24 were named Second Team, and Brody Paine '25 was named Honorable Mention.

The recent success of SI Men's Water Polo can be attributed to a number of things. Youth San Francisco water polo club play has exposed more young athletes to the sport, SI rents two larger pools during the season so water polo players have better training for games played in regulation-sized pools, and our aquatic programs have improved their dryland fitness and training program with a more year-round approach. However, the single most important part of this success is a very qualified coaching staff led by Coach Roberts, who, in his second year at the helm, has brought success, confidence, and excitement to SI water polo. **S**

The San Francisco sports landscape is dominated with sports like soccer, basketball, volleyball, and baseball. Most youth who get to the water take swimming lessons or play around in a pool while on a family vacation. But a sport making inroads in the city is water polo, which SI has offered for more than 30 years and just won our second men's NorCal championship, coming on the heels of our first championship in 2020 and a section championship in 2019.

The season didn't begin like a championship year as the Wildcats got off to a rough start, losing to De La Salle and St. Francis. The team also played in the very challenging Scott Roche Invitational, where there were a number of close games, but SI did not get their first victory until the tenth game of the season.

Iron sharpens iron, however, and their slow start did not deter them. Rather, it strengthened their relationships and accountability, and SI water polo finished the regular season on a 10-5 run, earning a No. 2 seed in the Division 2 Central Coast Section playoffs.

Then, the Wildcats absolutely dominated the postseason. Led by a number of players, especially Jack Rodoni '24 and goal scorer Gigo Sarimsakci '25, SI defeated Carmel, 10-5, in the quarterfinals, defeated Santa Cruz, 11-5, in the semifinals, and in the section championship game, defeated Soquel, 16-9. It was a tremendous run, but they were not done. SI entered the NorCal tournament as the No. 2 seed in Division 3, defeated Sonora, 22-10, in the quarterfinal, defeated Clovis West, 18-11, in the semifinal, and in the NorCal championship, defeated Gunn, 13-9.

When the final buzzer sounded, there was a tremendous celebration on the deck of the pool. As is tradition to the victor in the championship game, the entire team, including Head Coach John Roberts, jumped in the pool to celebrate and that act alone was the



IGNATIAN GUILD FASHION SHOW



The Class of 2023 began their final semester at SI by gathering for fashion show rehearsals. On Jan. 21-22, 2023, the seniors electrified the runway in McCullough Gymnasium for "California Love," the 53rd Annual Ignatian Guild Fashion Show.



FATHERS' CLUB AUCTION



Surfin' In The Sunset was the theme for the 33rd Annual Fathers' Club Auction! More than 700 guests came out to support SI's Scholarship Fund dressed in their best surfer outfits. Thanks to the vision of Auction Chair Michael Rossetto '83, SI was turned into a magical beach wonderland complete with surfboards, cabanas, and live music. Both the live and online auctions provided bidders with some fantastic prizes. However, the real winners of the night were the 25% of SI students who receive financial assistance each year.

PERFORMING ARTS



FALL
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ORCHESTRA



WINTER
CHORAL
CONCERT



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NOISES
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'When I Got to SI, it Opened My Eyes to the World'

In December, 2022, Manuel P. Micaller, Jr. '89 was confirmed by the United States Senate to be the country's next ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Mr. Micaller has had a long career in the Foreign Service, serving in Washington, D.C., Turkmenistan, Russia, Morocco, Mongolia, and Nepal, as well as Tajikistan previously. Recently, he spoke with GENESIS about his experience at SI, life in the Foreign Service, and what he has learned from great leaders. This conversation has been edited for clarity and brevity.

GENESIS: How would you say your time at SI influenced your career?

Those geeks who loved reading the newspaper and watching Peter Jennings and Dan Rather. But SI was certainly a turning point.

When I got to SI, it opened my eyes to the world. I vividly recall studying history, government, other countries and cultures, and teachers' enthusiasm for those subjects, particularly Shel Zarkin, Robert Vergara '76, and John Stiegeler '74. They fueled my interest and started shaping it more in the direction of the international realm.

Another thing I took from SI and influential mentors there was the power of language. I had phenomenal English teachers, like John Murphy, S.J., and Jim Bjorkquist '65. I also studied Latin with Roland Dodd, S.J., and Mary McCarty, which gave me a great foundation for all of the languages I have studied since. Overall, I learned the power and importance of communications, of knowing how to write, how to speak clearly and concisely, and how to adjust one's language for different audiences. This is what we do every day as diplomats: We explain. We defend our values. We correct misinformation and disinformation. All that comes back to language.

Finally, perhaps the most important value and message I received from SI was a commitment to service, of being men and women for others. Doing this work is answering a call to service that we can't do remotely. We have to represent our country, our values, and our national security interests on the ground, which involves relationship-building on many levels.

Micaller: Even before entering SI, when I was in junior high, I became very interested in current events. I was one of

GENESIS: You said you see the work of a diplomat as explaining. Can you tell us more about that, especially in light of how you have worked under administrations of both major political parties?

We try to advance it. But an equally important part of the job is to represent America — its diversity, its history, its culture, and its values.

What do you do when elected leaders' policies conflict with your own values? Our role is to carry out the president's foreign policy. We all have our personal views, but we have to be non-partisan in the execution of our duties, especially overseas.

The State Department learned long ago the value of listening to people with differing views on policy, so there are channels where even the most junior employee may send a dissenting message directly to the Secretary of State and make their case, unfiltered. If you have availed yourself of the opportunity to convey your dissent and the outcome did not address the misalignment with your values, resignation is an option. Throughout our history, there have been courageous Foreign Service officers who have resigned on principle for that very reason.

GENESIS: What is your leadership style, and what do you appreciate in leaders?

Micaller: I have had terrific professional role models and mentors, in addition to being influenced by leadership principles of scholars such as Daniel Goleman in books like "Primal Leadership" and "Emotional Intelligence."

I am drawn to people-centric leadership, which starts with attracting and recruiting good people. Then I seek to mentor, develop, and empower them to do important work that is meaningful to them.

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Facing page: In 2018, as Chargé d'Affaires, a.i., in Mongolia, Micaller greeted Mongolian troops returning from a peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan.

Left: Micaller's swearing-in as ambassador to Tajikistan was witnessed by his mother, Monina Micaller, and brother, Jose Micaller '84.



I think a lot about a meeting I had with the legendary American diplomat Bob Blake in 2010, before going to Dushanbe, Tajikistan, for my first assignment there as the political and economic section chief. When you are about to leave for a post, you receive briefings and make a series of courtesy calls, and the very last office call I had was with Mr. Blake, the assistant secretary for South and Central Asia.

In that conversation, we could have talked about grand strategy. He could have asked big foreign policy questions. However, his focus was on the safety, security, and well-being of people. Yes, in this job, we have to prioritize safety and security everywhere, but he went beyond that.

He said, because I was going into a leadership role, I had to take care of all our people, which meant fighting for resources they might need, getting them training, and generally keeping front of mind their health, morale, and well-being. I was struck that this senior leader in the State Department had chosen to prioritize these elements in our meeting, and I have carried that with me through the rest of my career as an approach I have tried to model.

That goes hand in hand with what I learned working under Colin Powell. When he became Secretary of State, he focused on modernizing and reforming our institution and our organizational culture. He prioritized getting us resources and training, including leadership and management training — before Powell, not everyone in the State Department had the internet on their desktops.

On one level, that is putting people first, taking care of them, and giving them the resources they need. But on the next level, by fundamentally changing the State Department's organizational culture, I learned from leaders like Powell and Blake the need for

constant innovation so that we do not get mired or stuck in old ways. We need to be continually innovating, taking smart risks, and reforming how we do things, because the world has not stopped changing, so how can we as an organization?

GENESIS: What advice would you offer to current SI students and recent graduates?

Micaller: What has worked for me, where SI set me up well, and that I believe is applicable across both industries and the public sector, is to master

the fundamentals. They never go away. Like I said earlier, at SI, I learned how to write and the power of language, and I draw on those skills to this day. Writing, expressing ideas, and effective communication are what drive decision-making and policy.

I also want to say a bit about the need for being a lifelong learner. Because the world is constantly changing, we need to refresh our knowledge base. One year, when I was assigned to Washington, I would put in a full day at the State Department, then take night classes toward a master's in business administration.

What relevance does a business degree have to a government employee? One of my roles as an economic officer and diplomat is to advocate for American businesses to help secure trade deals. So, for my own credibility and effectiveness I needed to better understand businesses and business practices. And I have tried to bring private sector best practices from this experience to government work. Second, within an embassy, we have a public diplomacy section, a political section, and consular and administrative functions. If I wanted to rise up and lead other people and ultimately an embassy, I had to understand those diverse specializations, which meant constantly learning and developing my skillset.



Several other SI alums attended Amb. Micaller's swearing-in. From left: Chip Meyers '79, Amb. Micaller, Mike O'Connell '91, and Abraham Paulose '84.

WHAT MAKES GOOD LEADERS?



“Good leaders can listen to the people, advocate for them, and take action for their needs.”

Chiara Speaks '23

“A good leader is someone who leads with compassion; they are open to change and open to other people who may influence their decisions.”

Jack Duffy '25



“A good leader, whether a coach, a teacher, or a classmate, leads by example and is a good role model to others.”

Jayden Ma '24



LISTENING, LEARNING, LEADING

Assistant Principal for Academics
Danielle Devencenzi Cronin '97
shares why listening is key to her
leadership style

"I think I am a good listener, but it is something I have had to practice even more in this job — to really listen deeply to what a person is saying, or to what a group of people are saying collectively."

In her office on the ground floor of SI's H Wing, Assistant Principal for Academics Danielle Devencenzi Cronin '97 has a small round table where she will often sit with people for meetings, leaning forward, listening intently to the conversation. On a recent morning, she sat at that table and spoke to GENESIS about why she became an educator, what she learned from mentors, and what is next for SI's academic programs.

When she was a student at SI, Ms. Devencenzi Cronin did not envision becoming an educator.

"I loved the people, the environment, and traditions, but some classes were a real struggle for me," she said. "I knew I could get by, but I was not valedictorian, and I remember feeling that math and science were not my favorite subjects. Today, I remind myself of that when thinking about how we have students who struggle in certain subjects. There are students who give everything they have to achieve in the classroom what comes easily to other students, and those moments should be celebrated."

It was not until college that she discovered her passion for education, particularly social science, when she took a criminal justice course that changed her life's trajectory.

"I had a professor at American University, in Washington, D.C., named Katherine Kravitz, who had been a prosecutor and a public defender. She taught us all different aspects of the legal system by bringing us outside the four walls of the classroom, taking us to different places and having us meet experts. That was an important class for me. Before that, I had never thought about becoming a teacher, but eventually I realized I wanted to give other students their own catalytic moments that could turn around their lives and help them discover their passions."

After earning her master's degree, Ms. Devencenzi Cronin began teaching in SI's Social Science Department in 2003. As with most young teachers, she said, she had a lot to learn, and is grateful for her supportive colleagues.

"I had wonderful mentors in the department," she said. "Just to name a few, Art Cecchin '63, Shel Zatzkin, Bob Drucker '58, and Bill Morlock '49 took the time to show newer teachers what it meant to be a social science teacher at SI, and, really, they were the ones who, years later, convinced me I could be the department chair. As the chair, I felt I was stretching myself in the best kind of way, helping lead different conversations about curriculum and instruction, and laying out a vision for where we all wanted the department to go."



"...I am trying to build relationships and listen to faculty and staff — so many of them are experts in multiple fields..."

She tells a story about running into a former student that goes a long way toward illustrating why teaching is so fulfilling for her.

"I team-teach a criminal justice class with Justice Peter Siggins '73, and one of our priorities is to have students meet people and go places to engage with their subjects in the real world. So, we took our students to meet several of the judges who sit on the California Supreme Court, and while we were at the courthouse, I walked one of my former students, Joe Begovich '15. He works for the San Francisco medical examiner's office, and he took the time to explain his job to the class and why he chose that profession. Not only that, but for a later project, students in the class interviewed him and were able to have a deep conversation about issues in San Francisco where he has direct expertise, such as fentanyl-related deaths. Seeing that kind of active learning in our students and passionate interaction from a former student was immensely satisfying."

When it comes to leading SI's academic programs, Ms. Devencenzi Cronin emphasized that she is especially grateful for the opportunity to learn from everyone around her.

"In 2019, when the opportunity to become an assistant principal came up, I was driven by my mentors' confidence in me, so I approached it in a way similar to how I had approached being a department chair, knowing I would stretch myself, and it has been an awesome experience," she said. "The way I try to lead is through keen listening. I think I am a good listener, but it is something I have had to practice even more in this job — to really listen deeply to what a person is saying, or to what a group of people are saying collectively. We talk a lot about putting students at the center of our decisions, and often I find that SI's kids are able to articulate how they best learn and what they want from school. I embrace building relationships and listening to what they have to say."

However, she said, that does not mean simply going along with whatever students want, and SI's faculty is a group of dynamic, talented people with a wealth of knowledge and wisdom to tap.

"At the same time, I am trying to build relationships and listen to faculty and staff — so many of them are experts in multiple fields — so that we can serve students to the best of our abilities. What do students and teachers need in this moment? What do teachers think about how we can prepare students to not just achieve in academics, but apply what they have learned in the classroom to being men and women with and for others out in the world?"

This upcoming school year, she is excited to launch a new academic department at SI. The Technology and Engineering Department is intended to clarify certain pathways of study that, previously, were split across the Math Department and Science Department. Thanks to the work of Director of Strategic Initiatives Bill Gotch, new department chair Brian Murphy, and others, Ms. Devencenzi Cronin said SI students will gain the opportunity to pursue even more advanced skills and knowledge while still in high school and beyond.



"We have had engineering and technology-intensive classes for a long time, and every year we see students discover their capacity for innovation and creativity under the guidance of great teachers. By formalizing the department and adding more classes for computer science and other areas of study, I think it will encourage more participation and help students go to higher levels, whatever that means for them," she said.

Ms. Devencenzi Cronin said that she is proud of SI's students and faculty, and that the opportunity to work with them every day is what drives her.

"Some faculty have been here for four decades. Some are new to the school this year. Whether I am with a veteran teacher or a new teacher, administrator or student, I think I lead best when I listen more than I speak, when I am patient, when I make room for laughter — when I truly get to know the people I serve." 



MAKING AN IMPACT

To Honor Her Brother, Katherine Bloom Makes a Bequest to SI

Katherine Bloom grew up around SI in the 1950s and 1960s. Her mother worked in the school treasurer's office, and her older brother, Richard Bloom, graduated in the Class of 1960. A few years after graduation, Richard joined the Marine Corps, and the Bloom family suffered a great tragedy when he died in 1966 while piloting a plane in Vietnam.

Ms. Bloom was devastated by her brother's death, but she was also grateful for the experience he received in high school, and now, many decades later, she has chosen to honor his life by gifting her estate to SI.

"Richard was outstanding in every way," Ms. Bloom said. "Whether it was athletics or academics, he just always seemed to know what to do, and he was well respected by his classmates at SI and, later, fellow pilots."

She said the best way she can honor his memory is to ensure future students receive a high-quality education. Because she had long admired how Jesuits run schools, and because she was deeply impressed with SI students when she visited the Sunset campus a short time ago, making a bequest to her brother's alma mater felt like the best way to achieve that goal.

"I am pleased to work with SI to set up a scholarship fund that will help kids. There are a lot of options for how to engage with philanthropy, but I am so happy to know that there will be generations of students to come who will receive an SI education thanks to this fund, and each of them will get to learn a little bit about my brother, and perhaps take a little inspiration from him to go and lead full, passionate lives, themselves."

If you have named SI in your estate plan, or intend to, or would simply like more information, please contact Annie Reilly, SI Advancement, at (415) 731-7500 ext. 5122, or areilly@siprep.org. You can also learn more about ways to make an impact with a future gift at siprep.planmylegacy.org



'This Is a Way for Me To Bring Everything Full-Circle'

Chris Fox '99 is in his second decade as a full-time events DJ, which has given him the opportunity to work for himself and be a part of joyous occasions for innumerable people, both working at nightclubs and at all kinds of events.

"My mom is a chef, and she used to be a caterer. That is what really sent me in this direction, helping her at events when I was young, and then all of her support as I started my own business," he said. "It was incredibly helpful to have a person in my life able to tell me, 'I did this. You can do this.' She worked for herself and had her own company, and that was inspiring. It is a job that I take very seriously, with tons of preparation for each event I do. But also, I am playing music, doing what I like, and I get to be around a lot of smiling people."

Mr. Fox has stayed connected to other SI alums from multiple classes, and he has also come back to SI to DJ events, including the annual Fathers' Club Auction and Chairman Circle Party. As part of these gigs, he donates a portion of his fee to support financial assistance at SI.

He said, "I was given a scholarship to attend SI and I would not have been able to go without it. There are smart kids from every walk of life who deserve a chance to get this education. We were all taught to live by the code of being 'people for others.' So this is a way for me to bring everything full-circle, and I hope I am helping kids the same way I was helped. To this day, I am grateful for my experience at SI and the lasting connections I made."

Chris Fox is a San Francisco-based DJ specializing in weddings and other private events. You can find more information about him and contact him through his website, www.foxsounds.net

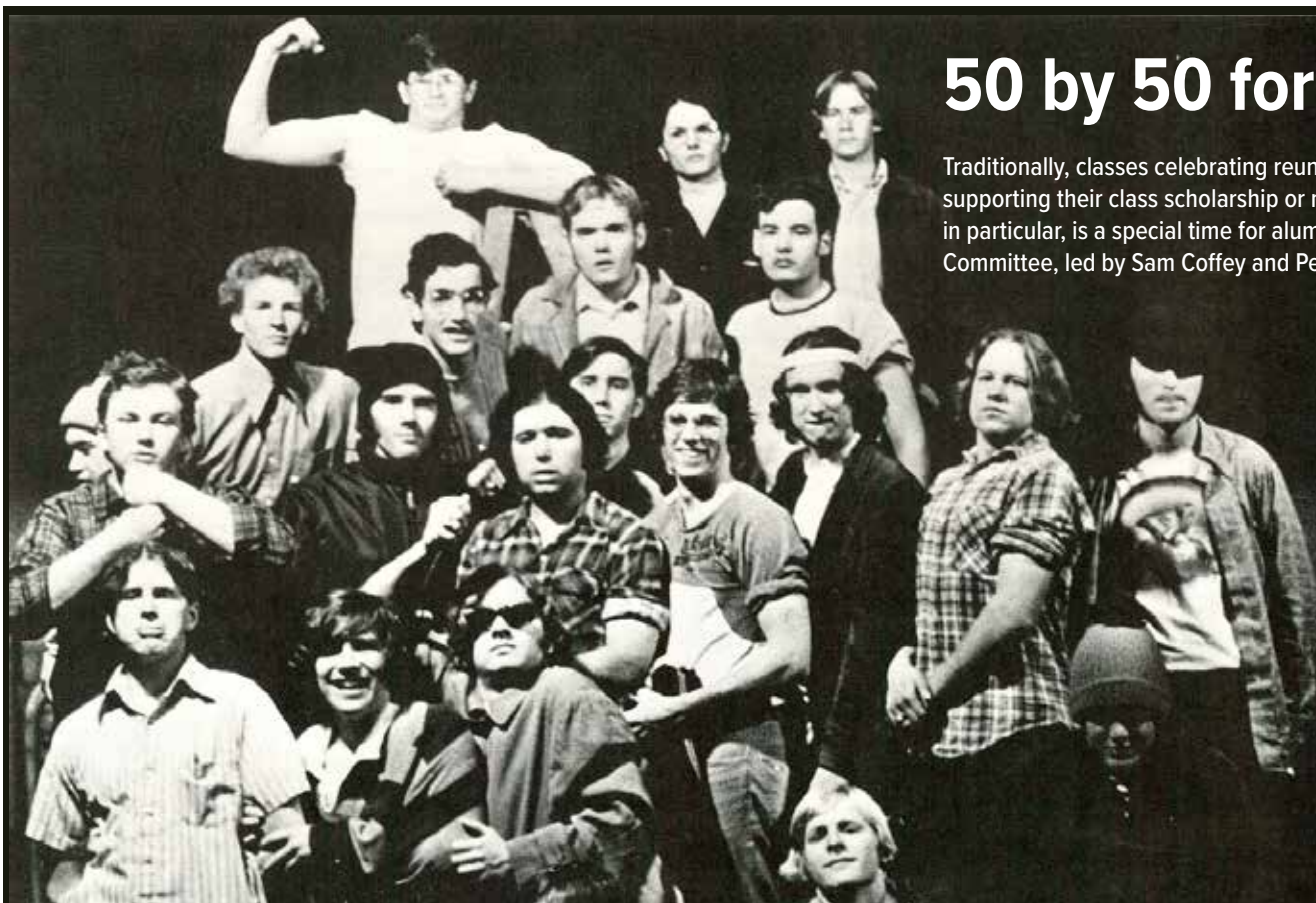


50 by 50 for the Class of 1974

Traditionally, classes celebrating reunions have organized class campaigns to give back to today's students, either by supporting their class scholarship or making a gift in memory of a classmate. The 50th Reunion, or Golden Diploma milestone, in particular, is a special time for alums to make an impact on the next generations of Ignatians. The Class of 1974 Campaign Committee, led by Sam Coffey and Pete Balestreri, has begun a unique and memorable campaign to mark the occasion.

The committee has asked classmates to commemorate their 50th reunion by naming SI in their Will or Trust, or by naming SI as beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. Those donors will be recognized as Fr. Carlin Heritage Society members, and by making this kind of planned gift, they will help secure SI's long-term funding. The goal is for 50 classmates to commit to supporting this effort in celebration of their 50th reunion. They are nearly halfway there — onward to 50 by 50!

To learn more about how to join in this Class of '74 reunion campaign, or start a campaign for your own class, please contact Annie Reilly, Planned Giving Manager, at areilly@siprep.org or Franco Arieta '97, Associate Director of Advancement, Alumni at farieta@siprep.org.





PRESIDENT'S CABINET RECEPTION

On Dec. 1, 2022, SI held the annual President's Cabinet Reception. This event is our way of thanking our generous donors who give at the \$5,000+ level each fiscal year, as well as our Carlin Society members who have included SI in their estate plans. Guests were greeted by students singing carols and our mascot, Iggy the Wildcat, was ready to pose for a picture with everyone. Orchestra students entertained as guests mingled in the festively decorated Student Center and Wilsey Library, and enjoyed an assortment of appetizers.



Charlene and
Nam Quach



Douglas Draper, S.J.,
with Iggy



Previous Christ the King
Award recipient and former
SI trustee Burl Toler '74, with
his wife, Susan Toler, and Iggy



(Left to right) Margot Lancelotti,
Kevin Morrison, Pat Stecher, and
Mike Stecher '62

Christ the King Award 2022: PETER SIGGINS '73

On Nov. 20, 2022, SI bestowed the Christ the King Award upon the Hon. Peter J. Siggins '73. The Christ the King Award is the highest honor St. Ignatius can give an alum of the school.

The St. Ignatius Alumni Board chose Justice Siggins for a combination of his professional accomplishments as a former California Appellate Court Justice and his pro-bono work in the Jesuit community for various schools, including SI.

Justice Siggins was asked to join the SI Board of Trustees by Greg Bonfiglio, S.J., in 2014. During his time on the board, he was instrumental in reforming its governance structure, helping ensure the school's long term stability, and served as its chair from 2018 to 2020.

Justice Siggins served St. Ignatius in a multitude of important ways:

- He served as a Trustee from 2014 to 2021
- He led the search committee to hire Edward A. Reese, S.J., as SI's 31st president
- He worked with a committee to reconstitute SI's governance structure, creating one board with clear roles and responsibilities
- He was instrumental in the Jesuits West Province sponsorship process
- He has been a generous supporter of our alma mater, especially the Fr. Sauer Academy and our scholarship endowment, of which he is an ardent proponent, desiring an Ignatian education be available to all who desire it

In addition to his volunteerism for SI, Justice Siggins has a long history of public service in the legal, judicial, and Catholic communities.

He served as an Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal, First Appellate District-Division Three. Prior to that, he served as Chief Deputy Attorney General in the California Attorney General's Office, and served Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as Interim Chief of Staff and the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary.

A native San Franciscan, Justice Siggins graduated from Loyola Marymount University and Hastings College of the Law. He was a trustee of Jesuit High School of Sacramento from 2002 to 2012 and a trustee for the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University. Justice Siggins and his wife, Veronique Leband Siggins, live in Marin County and have two sons, two daughters, and three grandchildren.



SIALUMNISPOTLIGHT

TIM LEONOUKAKIS '72

"Cory's Ride is a reflection of the values we learned at SI"

"We want to harness the power of the bike and do something that can lift up kids in our community."

Tim Leonoudakis '72 is speaking about Cory's Ride, the Marin County Bicycle Coalition program that he and his wife, Suzanne, founded after the passing of their son, Cory Leonoudakis '13, who was a lifelong cycling enthusiast. The program provides bicycles and equipment to middle school and high school students, targeting those who could not otherwise afford them, and over the course of a year, those students receive education and training designed to teach them not only cycling basics, but also how to develop independence, responsibility, and leadership skills.

"From a macro perspective, Cory's Ride is a reflection of the values we learned at SI: the importance of community, of giving back, of helping others," Tim said. "We are walking the talk that we got there."

The program is in its third year, and to spread the word, they turned to someone familiar: Tim's brother, Jon Leonoudakis '76. An accomplished documentarian, Jon teamed with Karl Mondon '75 to shoot a promotional video laying out how Cory's Ride empowers Marin teenagers and how members of the public can get involved.

"We have distributed 50 bikes over the last three years," Tim said. "Our goal is to get to 150, so we are trying to raise enough money to help fund that effort. We have seen young people who had not previously been on a bike start cruising around their communities, and it is a game-changer in so many ways. Through Cory's Ride, they are developing leadership, camaraderie, responsibility, and a healthier lifestyle. And they are simply having a lot of fun on their bikes. It would be wonderful if people watch the video, and, if possible, donate. But also, we want you to be inspired to get out on a bike, yourself."



Watch the Cory's Ride video



TERESA MARIE CARIÑO PETERSEN '09

"I am drawn to the 'contemplative in action' model"

In February, the Ignatian Solidarity Network named Teresa Marie Cariño Petersen '09 a recipient of its Moira Erin O'Donnell Emerging Leaders for Justice Award. After graduating from SI, Ms. Petersen earned a degree in Theology and Religious Studies from the University of San Francisco, where she also served as a student leader in the school's ministry office and participated in multiple immersion programs.

After spending time in New York City in social justice and youth organizing roles, she moved back to the Bay Area, worked at St. Ignatius parish, then joined Sacred Heart Preparatory in Atherton as an immersion coordinator, recently earning a master's degree in Theological Studies from the Jesuit School of Theology. Additionally, she has preached extensively and written for the Ignatian Solidarity Network, National Catholic Reporter, and Catholic Women Preach.

"It's easy to trace my journey back to my time at SI," she said. "Those years were formational and foundational to my work in justice. When I went on immersion and took a social ethics class, I learned about systemic injustice, all of which informed my choices for other activities. My senior year, I became very involved in Campus Ministry, which I continue to love doing."

Throughout her career, whether working directly with Jesuits or not, she employs a Jesuit-informed approach.

"I am drawn to the 'contemplative in action' model, and the call to be men and women with and for others. Jesuit education puts a strong emphasis on academic rigor, while also insisting we be fully engaged with the reality of the vulnerable and oppressed, and use the gifts of our education to do something about it."



CONNOR GERAGHTY '09

"None of us are perfect, but we are growing together"

The Fr. Sauer Academy's new assistant principal, Connor Geraghty '09, has been a teacher at the middle school on SI's campus since its founding in 2017. Thus, he has a unique perspective on how the middle school's mission overlaps with the high school's.

"I have worked at the elementary and high school levels, and middle school is a sweet spot where students have a good deal of independence and can do many things on their own, but unlike older high school students they are still at the beginning of their formation," he said. "One of the coolest things about being at FSA from the start is that I have gotten to see students who are in SI's Class of 2024, who will be seniors next year, start in sixth grade at the middle school and grow into the wonderful young people they are today. So many of those FSA alums who are SI students now come back to tutor the younger kids, or just to visit. I can take aside a sixth grader, point to those high school students, and

let the younger kid know that they can follow that path, too, in just a few years."

Mr. Geraghty added that he is grateful for Fr. Sauer Academy Principal Reese Bayze's leadership of the middle school, and that he is looking forward to further helping shape the FSA experience for students, their families, and staff.

"I think Ms. Bayze is a great leader because she is incredibly adept at identifying problems and putting systems in place to fix those problems. Putting out immediate fires is part of the job, but I deeply appreciate her dedication to constantly improving our school in a way that prevents fires in the future. As a teacher, I think about how a lot of my job in leading students involves being patient, but really, that should be true of any leadership situation: Understanding people's humanity, centering that, and modeling patience helps everyone recognize that none of us are perfect, but we are growing together."



Keeping in Touch



1950s

On April 27, Mission Dolores Academy's 2023 Benefit Luncheon was held in honor of **Charlie Gagan, S.J. '55**.



1960s

Alan Saunders '64, former national champion and national record holder, Junior Olympic champion and Prep All-American swimmer while at SI, was inducted into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame in September as part of its Class of 2022.

William McShane '68 recently retired from a 40-year career as a research scientist in industry and government. He is currently a part-time professor of chemistry at Georgia Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville, Georgia, and is still married to the same beautiful bride for 51 years.

Ricardo Muñoz '68 (A) delivered the commencement address to the University of San Francisco's Nursing and Health Professions graduates on Dec. 16, 2022 — 54 years after he delivered his valedictory address to his own St. Ignatius classmates. Ricardo's exemplary work in preventing and treating depression, creating clinical services at San Francisco General

Hospital in Spanish and English, including underrepresented students in research training, and conducting clinical research online with worldwide populations brought him to the attention of USF for this important commencement address.

John Donohue '69 (B) received the Ring of Honor award at the Coalition United for Black Enterprise inaugural luncheon on Nov. 19, 2022. NBC Sports Bay Area host Bonta Hill was the featured guest speaker at the event. John retired from coaching baseball at Lowell with 735 wins, which ranks him No. 11 on the list of winningest coaches in all of California.

Donald Williams '69 (C) was elected mayor of Calistoga on Dec. 2, 2022. Donald served the city of Calistoga from 2018-2022 as a member of the city council.

1970s

Tim Flaherty '74 is a real estate and business litigation attorney and the managing partner of the San Francisco office of Clark Hill PLC. He was elected to the Pleasant Hill city council in 2012 and re-elected in 2018 and 2022. Tim currently serves as the mayor of Pleasant Hill.



Back in September 2022, Christopher's Kitchen, owned by **Chris Costello '78, (D)** was honored to cater an intimate party for 40 at a private home in San Francisco. The guest of honor was President Barack Obama, who posed for a picture with some of Christopher's staff, including **Tess Costello '14** (far right).

1980s

Martin Kilbridge '84 (E) has been appointed President of Academy of the Holy Names, an all-girls Catholic school in Albany, New York.

Tony Maffei '85 (F), current Battalion Chief for the North County Fire Authority in Daly City, celebrated 33 years with the department this April. Earlier this year, Tony had the distinct honor of pinning Wings of Gold on his son, **Stefano Maffei '14**, in front of his mother and classmates at his graduation from Naval Flight Training in Florida. Stefano will be stationed in San Diego for the near future.

1990s

Ryan Johnstone '90 has retired from the corporate world and is now teaching history and economics at Judge Memorial Catholic High School in Salt Lake City. He is deeply grateful to the Jesuits and his SI teachers for providing him outstanding teaching role models.



Angelo Claudio '93 (G) is a licensed architect and landscape architect practicing at his firm in the East Bay: Claudio Studio Architects. Angelo recently accepted a faculty position at the University of San Francisco Architecture Department as an adjunct professor.

2000s

Benjamin Leong '02 (H) was appointed the Physician Director for the Center for Healthy Living and Physician Education for the Kaiser Permanente Downey service area. In response to this great achievement, he said, "I'm excited to bring my background in culinary medicine and nutrition education to this role and to further the food is medicine concept in health care delivery and medical education."

Zachary Love '08, Charlie Jatt '08, and Bus Leonard '08 (I) spent 10 days rafting the Grand Canyon this August.

Hieu (Nick) '09 and Chantal Nguyen '13 (J) were featured as a multigenerational family in the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Medical Honor Society. Nick is an anesthesiologist in Southern California, and Chantal is a physical medicine and rehabilitation resident at Stanford.



Submit your stories and update your information so we can keep you informed about reunions and other events. www.siprep.org/alumni



2010s

Danielle (Borja) Lynk '10 (K) will be the new Communications Manager for Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, a nonprofit organization that promotes leadership, empowerment, and policy for the Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander community nationally. Previously, Danielle worked for eight years in urban education in Milwaukee. She was a classroom educator for six years and then became the director of marketing and development for two years to help promote programming and lead fundraising efforts for her school. She is now focused on promoting LEAP to AANHPI individuals across a variety of sectors, who seek advancement in their career, and to also lead fundraising campaigns to expand LEAP's impact to more individuals across the nation.



Gianna Columbini '14 (L) married Bryan Hidalgo on Oct. 21, 2022 in Palm Desert. Several of Gianna's former SI classmates were her bridesmaids: Sarah Jensen, Julia (Moore)



Right: Alumni in Amsterdam A large group of SI alumni from two generations spent the summer of 2022 on a tour of Europe and are photographed here aboard a water taxi in Amsterdam.

(From left to right) **Liam Fitzpatrick '12**, **Chris Miglio '18**, **Rob Bertain '18**, **Nick Miglio '19**, **Paul Fitzpatrick '80**, **Joe Hurley '80**, **Kevin Sheehan '14**, **Kelly Sheehan '10**, **Noelle Hurley '22**, **Conor Fitzpatrick '18**, **Rex Bales '22**, **Bradley Barry '22**, **Jessica Barry '17**, and **Ryan Barry '20**.



O'Bryan, Sydney (Hultman) Lucia, Julia Arnett, Clara Lane, and Maid of Honor Genevieve Feiner '11.

With her mother, **Eileen Kerrigan '15 (M)** has co-founded a mobile spray tanning business in the Bay Area called Golden Glow. Both she and her mother are trained by Isabel Alysa, who is a spray tan artist to Kim Kardashian, Kylie Jenner, Jennifer Lopez, Miley Cyrus, and many other celebrities.

Lauren McNevin '17 (N) (U.S. Army) making friends with locals in Poland near the Belarus border.

Last year, **Lauren McNevin '17** and **Travis Greer '16 (O)** became West Point Old Grads class of '21 and newly minted 2nd Lieutenants! The photo shows McNevin with 1st Cavalry FA, Ft. Hood, and Greer with 3rd ID Armor in Ft. Benning, joined by **Regan Greer '17**, a West Point '22 Firstie Cadet sporting her chic Red Sash.

Correction: Due to an editing error, in the last issue, the captions and photos for Kristen (Farrell) Porras '12 and Savannah Valverde Twiggs '12 were switched.



Kristen (Farrell) Porras '12 married Christopher Porras on August 12, 2022 in Napa Valley.



Savannah Valverde Twiggs '12 married Charles Edward Sharp III on May 21, 2022 in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

Hello!



D.J. Murphy '07 and his wife, Holly, welcomed their second child, Mackenzie Abigail, on Dec. 5, 2022 in Lafayette, California.



Madeleine Moore '07 and Eddie Howe are overjoyed to welcome their first child, Edward David, born on Dec. 30, 2022. Madeleine and Eddie met in Tanzania where they lived and worked for more than five years — Madeleine in designing public health programs and Eddie building businesses in agriculture and hospitality. They now live in Amsterdam, where they welcomed Edward. They continue to work and spend time in East Africa, as well as in their hometowns, San Francisco and Auckland, New Zealand.



Ryan Coen '10, his wife, Juliet, and big sister Ellen, welcomed Conall James in June. The Coen family makes their home in Portland, Oregon.

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Remembering Paul Hanley '63



“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.”
— Hebrews 13:2

By Chad Evans

I had the privilege and joy to share a classroom with Paul Hanley for most of a decade. When I met Paul, he was teaching full-time in the Religious Studies Department, though he wore a number of hats during his three decades at SI, from designing the school’s first website, to starting a photography club, directing Kairos retreats, making documentary films, and more. Relentlessly creative, irreverent, generous, sarcastic, curious, and unfailingly kind, Paul was a mentor, colleague, confidant, and friend of mine for more than 20 years. During those years, I witnessed Paul entertaining angels in so many places, starting with his classroom.

Ignatius of Loyola did not intend to start schools. His goal was to engage in spiritual relationships, helping individuals uncover their own belovedness in God’s eyes. From this starting point, Ignatian education has aimed to embody *cura personalis*, a care for “the whole person,” or what modern educators refer to as, “differentiated instruction.”

In his last year teaching at SI, Paul asked each one of his students to meet with him individually, for what he called a “colloquy” — in Ignatian spirituality, a colloquy is an honest conversation between a retreatant and God, speaking as one would speak to a friend. I watched as Paul met with more than 100 sophomores in the first month of school, asking each of them, “What do you love about school? What makes you happy? How do you learn?” That was the context for all of Paul’s work as an educator: modeling *cura personalis* by knowing and loving the students in front of him; knowing and loving his discipline; respecting the sacred classroom space that a teacher can create; and always being willing to detonate his lesson plan to meet the needs of his students.

Of course, this was true not just for his students. Paul and I traveled together to Houston — me to see the Dead Sea Scrolls, Paul to conduct interviews for his series of films on the spirituality and practice of Ignatian education. I talked him into driving up to Austin

for a bit, me to eat tacos, Paul to conduct interviews for his series of films on the spirituality and practice of Ignatian education. We arrived at our motel just before midnight. It was bitterly cold. I was tired and wanted to get to bed, hoping our check-in would be quick and painless. Paul, on the other hand, struck up a conversation with the night clerk as if he was a long-time friend.

Paul: “How is this job? Are they treating you well? What’s it like to work nights? What do you love about it? Have you met some interesting people?” Me: “Paul, can we please go to sleep now?”

As a colleague, Paul inspired and challenged me. He had both a brilliant familiarity with Scripture, and a genius for illuminating its complexity. Walking by room 207 one day, I found his sophomores reading the entirety of Mark’s gospel aloud together, in turns. Paul assigned jobs to a variety of students, including a young man who was instructed to leap from his chair and shout, “Immediately!”



The Hanley family, left to right: Sean Hanley '03, Kathy Hanley, Sarah Veltkamp '01, Paul Hanley '63, and Kevin Davis

any time that word appeared in the text, which is more than 40 instances. Pretty soon, every sophomore teacher was doing the same activity with their classes.

This year, I spent New Year’s Day with Paul and his family in Portland, Oregon. Though he was weakened, he remained himself: funny, wise, irreverent, and profoundly grateful for the beauty and joy of the life he lived.

I was on Kairos, the retreat Paul gave so much of his heart to during his time at SI, when I received the news that Paul had died. Along with my tears, I also laughed and felt grateful — not just for my friendship with Paul, but also for having learned from him how to be a teacher, a friend, and a disciple.

Paul Hanley knew no strangers, but he was always entertaining. I believe that the angels in heaven are laughing with him as I write this. Rest well, dear friend.

Paul Hanley '63 passed away on Feb. 15, 2023, in Portland, Oregon, where he lived. A memorial will be held June 17, 2023, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Pedro Point Firehouse in Pacifica.

Chad Evans is a religious studies teacher at SI.

Read Mr. Hanley's speech he gave at SI's 2009 transition liturgy upon his retirement after 29 years of teaching at his alma mater



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