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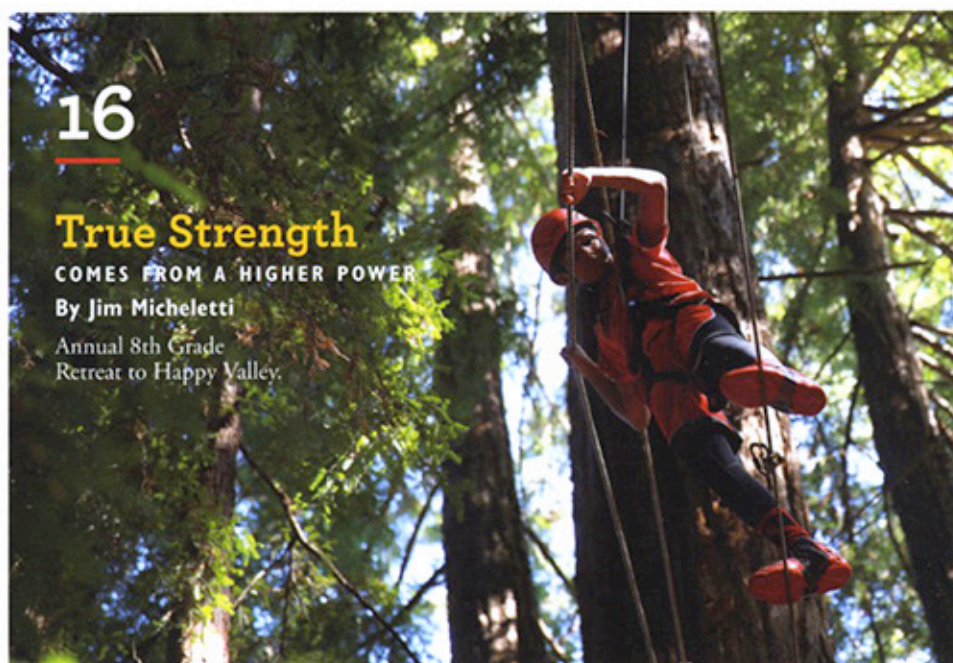
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## LETTER FROM THE

# President

**S**pring greetings to each of you. While the workings of the solar system tell us that winter is over and the wonders of Spring and Summer will soon be upon us on a regular schedule, much work remains to get done before this school year, the 2014/2015 version, is put to rest.

This edition of Palma School Today provides good evidence of extraordinary things happening here on this campus on a regular basis for a good part of this school year. We sometimes have no idea of where we will be led in a given year or the challenges we will encounter and be expected to accept and embrace during that year in order to make things work well, all for the common good. That, in and of itself, is the wonder and magic of this place we all know as Palma.

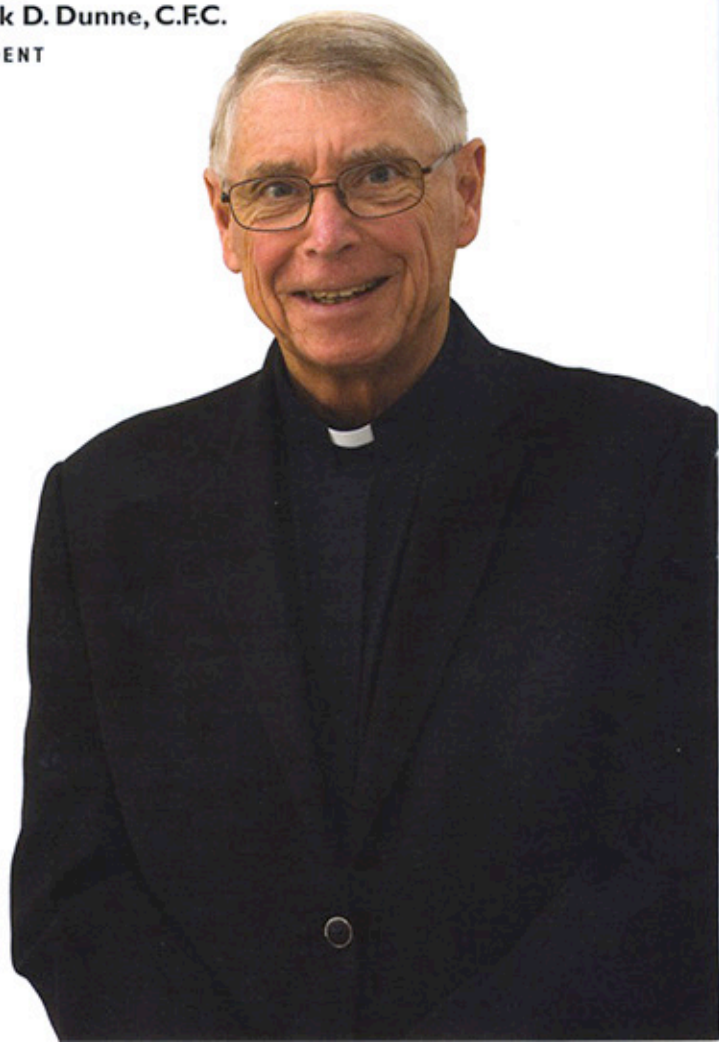
While we are almost at the point of the year where one can relish in reminiscing about the accomplishments of our seniors, the Class of 2015, there is no doubt in my mind that the Class will meet and exceed the bar set by last year's class, the Class of 2014. Things like that happen here, year after year, on a regular basis. It is never a case of if but, rather, when. What a terrific instrument this school has become in preparing young men for college and beyond. It is absolutely true that opportunities abound for those who are prepared to seize the moment and acknowledge a situation for what it really is or could be. Palma students are nicely prepared to move on and do well in college and beyond. I much enjoy visiting with graduates who stop in every so often to talk about their real-life experiences since their Palma graduation. Without exception, each graduate tells me how well prepared he was, how he competed so nicely in the university setting, how well-rounded he has found himself to be, and how prepared he is for the next level of competition in the work place and beyond. Palma is a great place where boys are not just allowed to flourish but are expected and encouraged to be men as experiences help create well-rounded individuals.

Just a glance at some of the items covered in this edition reveal the ebb and flow of society in general and of Palma in particular. New teachers add much to the flavor and mix of this school. There is evidence of care and concern for more than just the academic and physical as we have retreats and dedication of an athletic facility in memory of one who did much for the Palma cause and who left us too soon. We have notice of alumni accomplishments as well as the progress of our athletic teams. I'll be the first to admit that there is an expectation of success on the athletic field for individuals and teams wearing the

Palma colors; it is the same expectation we have for each individual to grow and succeed in the classroom and elsewhere. Success needs to be seen beyond the number of victories in a given season; success needs to be seen as growth, the importance of team work, and learning about the lessons of life, sometimes up close and personal.

All of us are responsible for helping create and maintain the wonders of Palma, some more so than others. Special accolades, of course, go to the parents who are responsible for some terrific young men. It doesn't happen all by itself. Thanks to our teachers and staff and coaches, good efforts begun at home are reinforced here at school, in the classrooms and at the extracurricular endeavors that seem to abound at Palma. It is apparent to me that there is a great team in place here that results in extraordinary things happening day in and day out. I thank you for your contributions to the Palma cause. Indeed, the bar has been set for next year's seniors and those who will follow. *Go Chieftains!*

**Brother**  
**Patrick D. Dunne, C.F.C.**  
**PRESIDENT**





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## LETTER FROM THE

# Principal

**T**he college preparatory experience that Palma provides to young men is second to none. In an environment where 35 Honors and Advanced Placement courses are offered; 22 students have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation over the last six years alone; 48 Palma seniors have graduated with the distinction of "AP Scholar", scoring a passage rate of at least a "3" or better on three or more Advanced Placement (AP) Exams since 2010; and 16 California Boys' State Delegates to Sacramento over the last six summers. With an award winning music and arts program, a thriving athletic program, and an increasingly richer variety of extracurricular clubs and activities, Palma is matriculating students to some of the best universities in the country.

I am most proud, however, of Palma's purposeful approach to sewing the seeds of spiritual growth among a diverse body of students during their high school experiences here. Palma's student service requirement is rooted in the Christian Brother tradition. Students meet and, in many cases, greatly exceed the 60-hour minimum service requirement. Palma's Campus Ministry and the Brother Edmund Rice Society have partnered over the years to create a plethora of opportunities for students to experience service locally and internationally, and this experience is enhanced by multiple components for reflection inspiring transformation for the server and the served alike. Many institutions call upon Palma students to assist with parish and community events, to assist with the aggregation and delivery of food to local agencies and even to various folks' front doors, to help the city's homeless, and the elderly / lonely being cared for in local retirement communities. Students also serve weekly at the Center for Life in East Salinas, tutoring and mentoring students in a gang stressed neighborhood. The community raves about the quality of Palma students' service.

The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Education call us to "educate and advocate for peace, justice, global awareness, and care for the earth," and to "stand in solidarity with those marginalized by poverty and injustice". Under the leadership of Palma's dynamic Director of Campus Ministry, with terrific support from Palma faculty and staff, student retreats are more directly grounded in a service-based

foundation as a focus from which students can experience learning and reflection in a more meaningful way. Whereas most retreats are planned so as to create quiet time and space for introspection and prayer, Palma student retreats begin with the challenge for young men to get busy serving with their hands in order to ready their hearts for true meaning and engagement created by the fruit of their labor. This is the kind of learning that goes way beyond the confines of a classroom. Such service is authentic and even uncomfortable at times, and it often empowers students to bond in communion with one another, in solidarity with those less fortunate, and with God. *Go Chieftains!*

**David Sullivan**

**PRINCIPAL**

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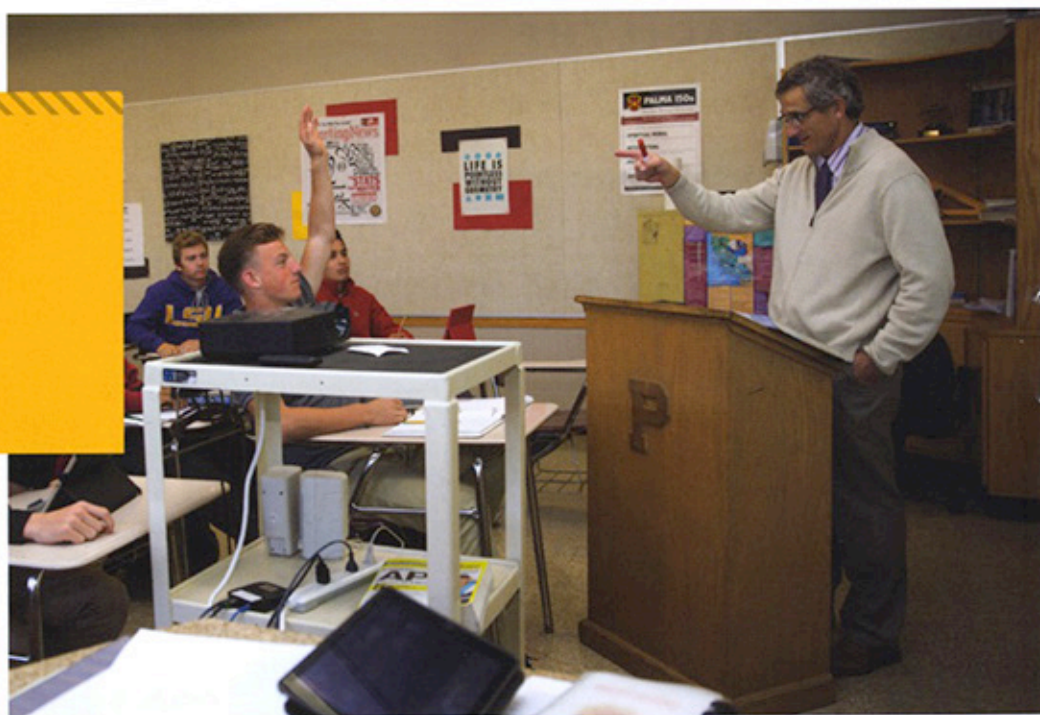
# Jon Christensen

## BALANCE

**A**fter 30 years in the army Jon Christensen decided he wasn't ready to retire fully. After living throughout the country and abroad, including a stint teaching at West Point in New York, he and his wife Teresa agreed when it was time to retire, Monterey was where they wanted to be. Both California natives, with families in Sacramento, Christensen also taught at the Navel Post Graduate School during his tenure in the military. Upon retirement, Palma was a natural fit.

Christensen compares much of what he learned in the military of duty, honor and country to Palma's ISOs. The Palma ISOs are based on The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education. Guided by this philosophy, Palma educates young men who take responsibility for:

**Spiritual / Moral:** living as individuals with a strong foundation in Christian values and beliefs. **Intellectual:** demonstrating an appreciation for learning in a changing world by thinking and acting critically, independently, creatively and collaboratively. **Physical:** developing the knowledge to make healthful choices, to maximize skills for lifelong enjoyment of physical activity, and to master sportsmanship. **Social:** interacting with others effectively and in a manner that reflects the Christian values of respect, compassion, and service.



"Palma has set up their students for success because of the ISOs" Christensen states. These are not part of other high schools that he has seen. He ran track, wrestled and played football while in high school himself and has a different appreciation for the students who balance all of their extra curricular activities as well as studies that make up his classroom at Palma. He runs after school and believes that teachers should set a good example both in and out of the classroom. "At 52 I still enjoy running and keeping fit. Mental, physical and spiritual, if those are in balance then your life will be balanced."

When talking about motivating his students, Christensen says that "Everyone has the potential to get an A, and with positive reinforcement students are able to realize their potential." Because of his years in the military, he has taken that knowledge and transferred it to the classroom. "In the military, life was all about solving a problem. And that is how I have set up my classroom. In life, my students would not be asked to integrate an equation but they will be asked to problem solve; meaning they need to

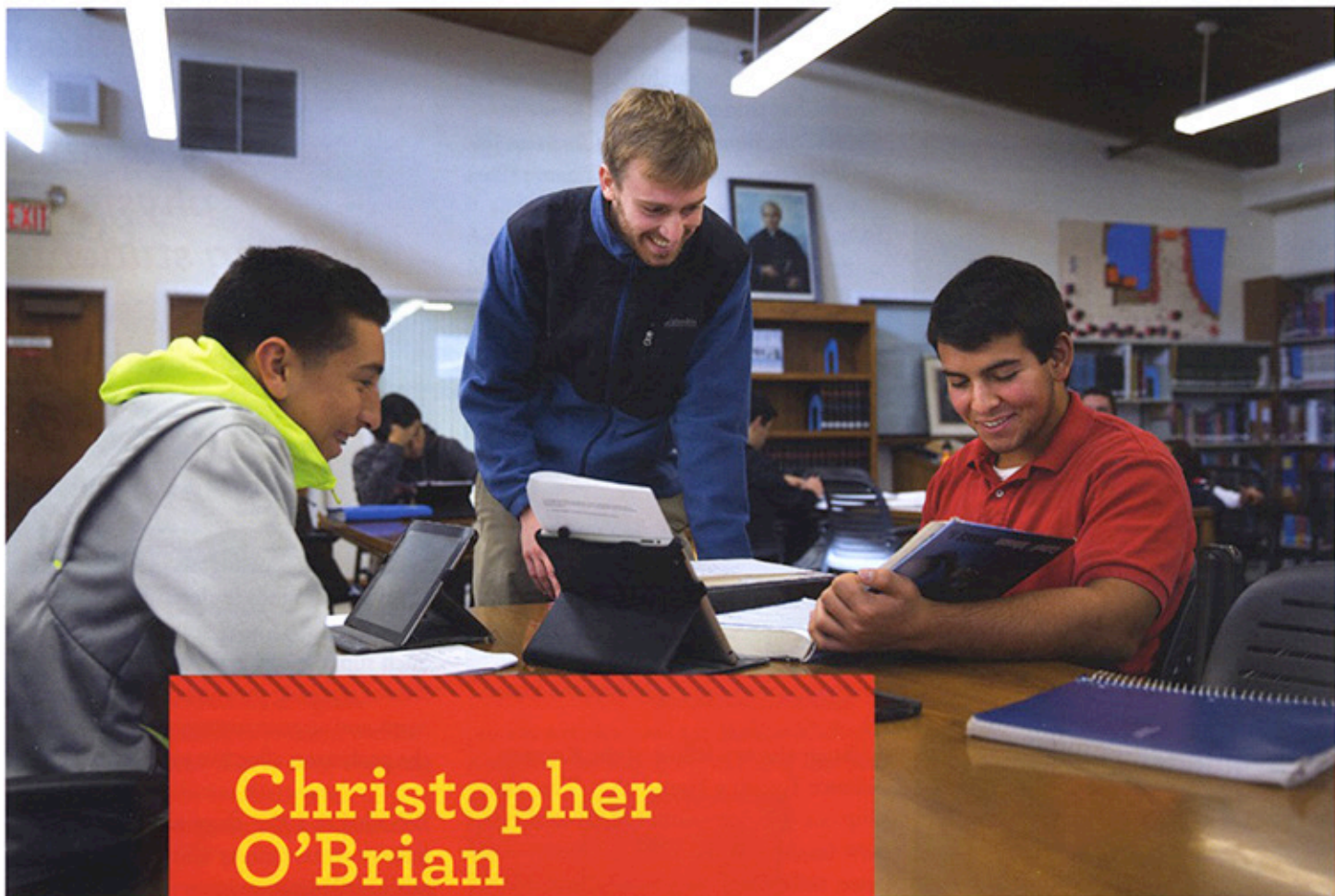
wade through meaningful information and create a simple solution."

When asked what he would like his students to remember about him after they have moved on, he says, "Hopefully, that I have made them curious and a lifelong learner which is a habit as well. I hope my students know how to self motivate, and get up everyday and learn something."

When visiting one of Christensen's AP Statistics, AP Calculus, AP BC Calculus or Honors or standard Geometry classes one would see an interactive and involved classroom. Students assimilate situations by breaking down problems into pieces with methodology. The thought process and discipline are what gets students to the next step. With a mixture of lecture and in class problems and labs to keep students motivated and interested, with visual models in 3-D and good software, students are able to interact with the classroom materials.

Although incredibly busy with a full schedule of classes, Mr. Christensen remains well rounded and balanced just like his students at Palma. ●





## Christopher O'Brien

FIRST-YEAR TEACHER

Orlando Yepez '16, Aaron Zender '16

**F**or Christopher O'Brien, first-year teacher at Palma High School in Salinas, it wasn't rocket science that led him into teaching, though it could have been.

O'Brien, 24, is the new physics/pre-calculus instructor at Palma. He holds a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's in education — both from Stanford University. He is credentialed to teach physics and mathematics.

At Stanford, he worked as a research assistant in the university's radiation oncology department where he helped develop a new method for molecular imaging during electron radiation therapy.

But it was more a matter of the heart and soul that fueled his passion for teaching.

O'Brien sat in his classroom situated at the rear of the Palma campus and shared that "ah ha" moment. While at Stanford, he interned one summer at the Bay Area Urban Project, a drug and alcohol recovery center in Oakland. He was tutoring a guy about his own age, he said, who was studying for the GED exam. They became close. The young man passed the GED.

That experience helped O'Brien realize the value of teaching, his gift for it and how much of a difference he could make in the lives of others.

"I realized that I like to help people ... and I was good at explaining things," he said.

O'Brien is in his second year of teaching. Last year he taught freshman physics at a parochial high school in his home state, New Jersey. ▶





▶ He said he returned to the West Coast to marry his wife, Sarah. They met at Stanford as students and now reside in Santa Cruz. She works for a Christian fellowship program based at UC Santa Cruz.

He commutes to Salinas daily; a Palma student catches a ride with him.

As for his practical teaching skills, such as classroom management, O'Brien said physics and pre-calculus tend to attract motivated students. He doesn't have to deal with class clowns or behavioral distractions.

"The most challenging thing about teaching is the amount of energy and time it takes to prepare for a good class," he said. "I could always use more time to prepare in order to improve something, but have to do the best I can with the time I have."

O'Brien also is a fellow of the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation. The fellowship is a five-year commitment to support new teachers in the STEM subjects — science, technology, engineering and math.

Jeffrey J. Rozelle, director of the Knowles Teaching Fellows Program, said the foundation's mission is to find the top teachers entering the profession and support them for the rest of their careers.

"Our hope is that we are drawing from the best new math and science teachers in country," he said.

In the first five years, fellows are given an annual stipend and can apply for more funding for their classroom equipment and supplies. The fellows also can pursue professional development at Knowles' expense. Each class of fellows — O'Brien is among 31 other teachers selected in 2014 — meets three times a year and join an online network to stay in touch and share teaching experiences, Rozelle said.

After five years, the teachers become senior fellows for the rest of their careers, if they choose, Rozelle said.

*"The most rewarding thing about teaching physics is helping students understand how the world around them works."*

The program reflects our belief that mentoring and supporting new teachers helps them develop into leaders," he said.

Such support can make a difference in an area of teaching in which about half of the math and science instructors bail out of the profession after five years, Rozelle said.

Founded in 1999, there are 250 Knowles fellows across nation; 150 new and 100 senior fellows.

Rozelle, who sits on the selection committee, said among the qualities that impressed them about O'Brien was his commitment to teaching.

O'Brien wrote in an email: "I would say the most rewarding thing about teaching for me is forming relationships with students and helping them to grow in all areas of life."

"The most rewarding thing about teaching physics is helping students understand how the world around them works. It's exciting when students have an "ah-ha" moment and something clicks."

"Teaching is a profession in which I can teach a subject I love, form meaningful relationships, and positively impact students in all areas of their lives," O'Brien said. •

*Excerpt from Salinas Californian, Roberto M. Robledo, September 2014.*



# Steve Clayton Memorial Gym Dedication

A LETTER FROM BROTHER DUNNE, DECEMBER 14, 2014



Father Ron Shirley

Each of us, after we complete our earthly journey, will be judged by our loving God and those remaining behind as a person who left the world a better place, or not. We will be looked upon as one who wasn't afraid of getting his hands dirty, or not. We will be looked upon as one who put in the time, or not. We will be looked upon as one who had great passion for coaching, or not. We will be looked upon as one who loved teaching his classes, or not. We will be looked upon as one who was totally committed to his school, or not.

Friends are gathered here today, just a bit more than a year from the sudden loss of Steve Clayton, to keep Steve's memory alive and to also honor him for touching us as we hadn't been touched before. Steve Clayton's role as a key member of the Palma family was always in the spotlight and was meant to be that way from our first meeting. Steve's dedication to his teaching, to his coaching, to his running a high-profile athletic program was remarkable; his word was good and his reputation impeccable. There was never any doubt but that he wore his Red and Gold well and with great pride in promoting academics and athletics as the key pairing he knew them to be here at Palma, in that order: academics and athletics. While the Palma colors ran deep from within, Steve was color-blind when it came to students on this campus and beyond - it was all for the kids - Palma kids as well as those competing with and against Palma. Steve had the gift of insight and could see the larger picture that escapes so many.

None of us had the opportunity to say our goodbyes nor the chance to thank Steve for his many contributions to the Palma cause and beyond. Death often comes like a thief in the night - none of us saw Steve not being here, not being available, not hosting an awards program on that fateful Sunday fifth-three weeks ago. Is he missed? He certainly is. And that is the challenge and reality those left behind have to deal with, day in, day out. I know Steve well enough to know that he would want all of us to take what he had established and find a way to take it to the next level, to build on it. I also know Steve was proud of what he had built and formed and cajoled while here at Palma.

Steve Clayton was a man of many talents and gifts. He was the cause for many exceptional things to happen on his watch as Palma teacher, coach, and athletic director. He wore many hats; he filled many shoes. While none of us can wear the hats as he did nor fill the shoes as he did, we can take comfort in what we have now because of Steve Clayton. This magnificent structure, built in 1951, in which Steve spent way too much time, has always been simply known as the Palma Gym. Today it is officially known as the Steve Clayton Memorial Gym.

May each of us accept the challenge to build on what Steve gave us and in so doing, honor his memory and be our way of finally saying "Thank You" to him. May Steve rest in peace.

**Brother Patrick D. Dunne, C.F.C.**  
PRESIDENT





# MOCK TRIAL

2015

**A**fter graduating 12 members of its team last year, Palma anticipated that this would be a rebuilding year. Instead, the team performed at a very high level, impressing all of the attorneys and judges who saw them in action. Palma was one judge's call away from being in the finals as one of Monterey County's top two teams.

In the final round of the competition, Palma's defense team went to trial vs. Carmel's prosecution team. The Chieftains received a tied score from the three scoring attorneys—the scoring attorneys were unable to pick a winner.

In the end, the judge had to break the tie, and he chose Carmel to go to the finals. With most of the team returning next year, hopes are high for the competition in 2016! ●

Aaron Zender '16, Nick Ottone '16, Alexander Serrano '16

The Lyceum of Monterey County provided special recognition to the following Palma students for their outstanding performances:

**Nicholas Ottone**  
OUTSTANDING PROSECUTION  
PRETRIAL MOTION ATTORNEY

**Michael Panetta**  
OUTSTANDING PROSECUTION ATTORNEY

**Liam McMillin**  
OUTSTANDING PROSECUTION WITNESS

**Patrick Briley**  
OUTSTANDING DEFENSE WITNESS

**Kevin Bass**  
1ST PLACE, JOURNALIST

*Palma's Mock Trial Team was coached by attorneys Matthew Ottone of Ottone, Leach and Ray, and Kelly McCarthy Sutherland of Anthony Lombardo & Associates (with additional help from Megan Sutherland), and Teacher Coach Rob Viarengo of Palma School.*





## Palma Student Places 1st in Monterey County Journalist Mock Trial

Palma student, Kevin Bass, earned 1st Place for courtroom journalism in the 2015 Mock Trial Competition of the Lyceum of Monterey County. The finals were hosted on Saturday, February 7, 2015. Kevin competed at the California State competition in Riverside March 20-22 representing Palma School and competed against 22 journalist that were a part of their mock trial competition teams representing 33 counties and 34 schools. Here is the article he submitted that placed him above the rest of the competition in Monterey County.

# Grad Student Found Guilty in Treason Theft

BY KEVIN BASS, PALMA SCHOOL

**MONTEREY—** In front of a packed gallery at the Monterey County Courthouse on Monday evening, Evan Shem was found guilty of stealing the painting Treason. Shem stole the painting from Marty McCulloch, Shem's former art history professor at Hamiltonia University where she is currently a graduate student. "Ms. Shem had decided that you can put a price on trust," according to Alexander Serrano for the prosecution.

The painting was stolen from McCulloch last summer during his annual Fourth of July party at his mansion in Hamiltonia. Shem, an intern to McCulloch, acted as a docent and showed some 200 guests the art gallery. The next day McCulloch discovered the painting to be a fake, and called the police.

Both the prosecution and the defense called their own expert witnesses, but oddly they offered completely contradictory opinions. Expert witness for the prosecution, Bernie Worcester, used the method of connoisseurship to determine that the painting found in Shem's apartment was in fact the original Treason.

However, the defense called Jamie Sardegna to the stand to claim that in her expert opinion the authentic Treason was still hanging in McCulloch's mansion, and that no crime had been committed. Like Worcester, Sardegna used the method of connoisseurship and yet the two experts came to exactly opposite conclusions.

During closing arguments defense attorney Noah Thanos asked "does a lack of evidence mean an inside job, or a crime that only occurred in McCulloch's mind?"

When asked about which expert he believed, Judge Mark Hood said he was "persuaded by the combination of the prosecution's witness and the owner's, [McCulloch's], opinion."

McCulloch was given the painting by his deceased father Edward McCulloch, who left him as the heir to a railroad fortune. Although other paintings in McCulloch's gallery were as valuable as three million dollars, Treason was appraised at just \$100,000. An extremely emotional McCulloch called it "merely a family heirloom that means very much to me; and Ms. Shem apparently."

In addition to the argument that the painting was never stolen, the defense tried to imply that Shem's roommate Charlie Gibbons stole the painting and replaced it with one of many replicas Shem admitted to making.

Gibbons was seen leaving a hallway attached to the gallery the night of the party, giving him the opportunity to take Treason. The defense however was unable to provide a motive for his stealing the painting.

When asked about the most convincing piece of evidence, Judge Hood said that he was sure of Shem's guilt because of his "having motive and opportunity to steal the item." Judge Hood decided the verdict as this was a bench trial, meaning there was no jury.

Before the trial, a defense motion to suppress evidence obtained during an unlawful search was granted. It was ruled that Detective Reese Barron was not acting in good faith when he searched Shem's carport on July 7.

No date has been set for sentencing. ●



# Annual Mother-Son Dinner & Dance

FEBRUARY 21, 2015

The Annual Mother-Son Dinner & Dance was held February 21, 2015 at the Monterey Hyatt for the Palma High School students and their Mothers. The tradition continued this year hosted by the Palma Parents' Club. Chaired by Marie Spencer the Palma Parents Club hosts the ever-popular Mother-Son Dance, which allows all of our Palma Moms to have a special date with their son.



Jonathan & Gayla Jurivech and Stefano & Danielle Pezzini



Angel & Veronica Santiago



Ryan & Sue Read



Regina Bassetti, Tina Lavorato & Kim Anders-Burgess



Jacob, Amy & Rhett Haas



Jack & Lorri Koster







Domenico Garrieri &amp; Lindsey Rockwood



Margaret &amp; George Garibay and Jim Micheletti

## Tacky Ball

FEBRUARY, 2015

The Blessed Edmund Rice Society hosted the 3rd Annual Tacky Ball in February, which was a great success. Many willing hands and hearts joined forces to create an evening of fun and fundraising for our brothers and sisters here in our community and abroad. Spirits, dancing, prizes, auction, and fun attire abounded with the presence of all creating the most important function of the event: the elevation for those enduring deprivation.



Doug &amp; Jan Gambier



Erica &amp; Scott Corner



Art Alvarado and the Palma BBQ Crew



Kerri &amp; Chris Mulé

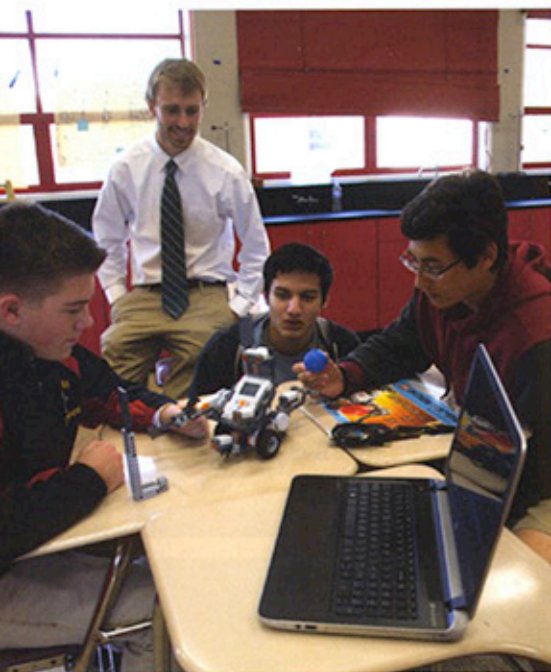


Liz &amp; Greg Chilton



Tom Koster &amp; Mayor Dennis Donahue





## Robotics Club

New this year, Palma is in the preliminary stages of our own Robotics Club; being lead by Mr. O'Brien and interested high school students. This first year, they are preparing for the potential official kick off and preparation for competition next year. The goal of the Club is for students to develop skills and experience for STEM related careers while promoting team spirit, leadership skills and event organizing skills.

"Palma has given our son a solid academic foundation while helping him develop spiritually. Palma's mission that promotes brotherhood and camaraderie is inline with our family's goal to raise an intelligent, compassionate young man who will have a positive effect on the world."

**SAM '83 & TINA LAVORATO** Parents of Samuel Lavorato, Class Of 2019

"Palma School has been a life-changing experience for our son. He has excelled academically and been accepted to leading U.S. universities. But more importantly, he has developed into a more mature, responsible, and empathetic whole person because of the Palma faculty, staff and philosophy. A great experience for him was tutoring middle school students in east Salinas. Palma organized this as part of their outreach service program. At Palma, it's not about "me". It's about "we" and how we can serve society."

**FATHER / MOTHER** Class of 2015

"Not only does Palma bring out the best in our boys academically but it also challenges them to grow into responsible, respectful and compassionate individuals. We are thankful every day to the Palma community for providing our sons the opportunities they need to succeed in life and become outstanding men."

**THE DIZON'S** Proud Palma parents of Dylan, Class of 2017 & Dane, Class of 2019

"We have two children who attended Palma; both were greatly enriched by the experience. In short, Palma prepared them to greet the world as confident young men. It addressed their spiritual, academic and athletic aspirations. Watching them develop, with Palma's sure guidance, has been a joy."

**MATT & RENEE ZENDER** Parents of Zack Zender, Class of 2014 / UCLA Class of 2018 and Aaron Zender, Class of 2016

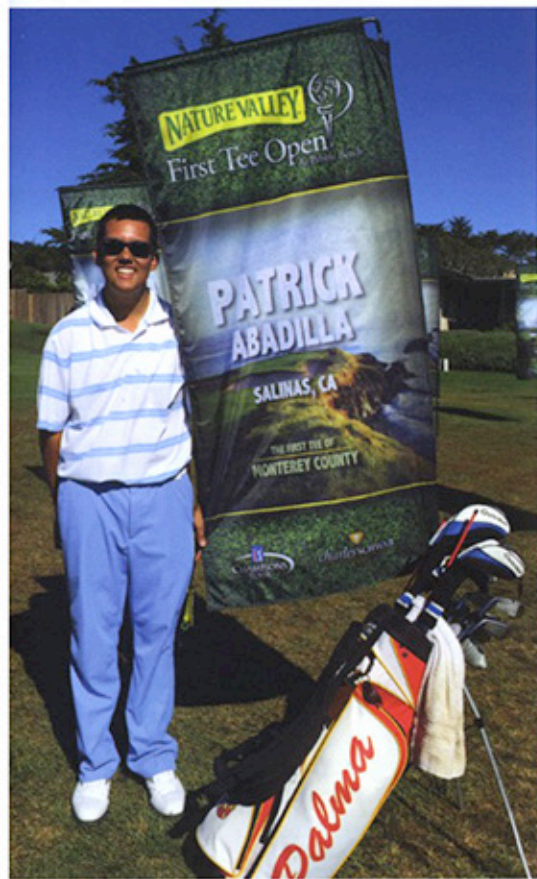
"My son, attending Palma, has been positive for my son by offering him a small, personalized, family oriented environment. He has bonded with lifelong friends and has nothing but respect for his teachers. He has had many mentors that he looks up to for guidance and support. My son attended public school until 7th grade. The reason I chose Palma was the smaller campus. He has had some outstanding teachers that truly care about his education and development."

**TIFFANY RALSTON** Parent of Zachary Ralston, Class of 2016

"Both of my sons started at Palma School in 7th grade and I have been continuously impressed with the high standards expected from them both in and out of the classroom. My oldest went to Peru last summer to build a house and volunteer at an orphanage. He had access to a rigorous college preparatory curriculum which has prepared him well for his future. Our family has benefited spiritually from our Palma experience. Both through campus ministry but also the great Chieftain spirit that is evident at so many sporting events. The boys are held to a different standard at Palma. A higher standard. It was what we were looking for and we found it at Palma."

**LORRI KOSTER** Parent of Jack Koster, Class of 2015 and Sam Koster, Class of 2018





## The First Tee Open

PATRICK ABADILLA

Senior Palma golfer Patrick Abadilla, competed as a junior golfer at the Nature Valley First Tee Open. He also had the opportunity to pair with eight-time PGA Tour winner Champion pro Brad Faxon Jr. in the Coca-Cola Champions Challenge, which kicked off the First Tee Open golf tournament at Pebble Beach Golf Links.

Abadilla was one of eighty-one participants representing 56 chapters of The First Tee that were selected to play in the Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach, an official Champions Tour event hosted by Monterey Peninsula Foundation. The event was held September 26-28 and televised internationally on Golf Channel.

Patrick was one of those selected by a national panel of judges that evaluated participants' playing ability and comprehension of the life skills and core values learned through their involvement with The First Tee.

The juniors were then teamed with 81 Champions Tour players and 162 amateurs as they competed for the pro-junior title at Pebble Beach Golf Links and Poppy Hills Golf Course.

The First Tee is a nonprofit youth development organization with programs centered on building character through Nine Core Values™: honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy, and judgment.

Clint Eastwood is chairman of the event and Arnold Palmer, World Golf Hall of Fame member and Trustee of The First Tee, is honorary co-chair.

In its 11th year, more than 550 participants from The First Tee chapters have benefited from the opportunity to play in the tournament by meeting and learning from Champions Tour players and amateurs in the field, utilizing the leadership and life skills they have acquired at their chapters. The Nature Valley First Tee Open is one of 15 national opportunities provided by The First Tee home office to encourage and motivate young people as they progress through the program and toward high school graduation.

Regarding his First Tee Open bid, Patrick told Monterey Herald reporter Tommy Wright: "I'm so blessed that The First Tee helped me through the program. I've gone up the stepladder and now I'm here and actually playing in it."

Abadilla earned a \$1,000 donation for The First Tee of Monterey County with his performance in the Coca-Cola Champions Challenge. The first four holes of the competition were halved, and the final hole was played for a \$30,000 total and the remainder of the purse was divided among other chapters.

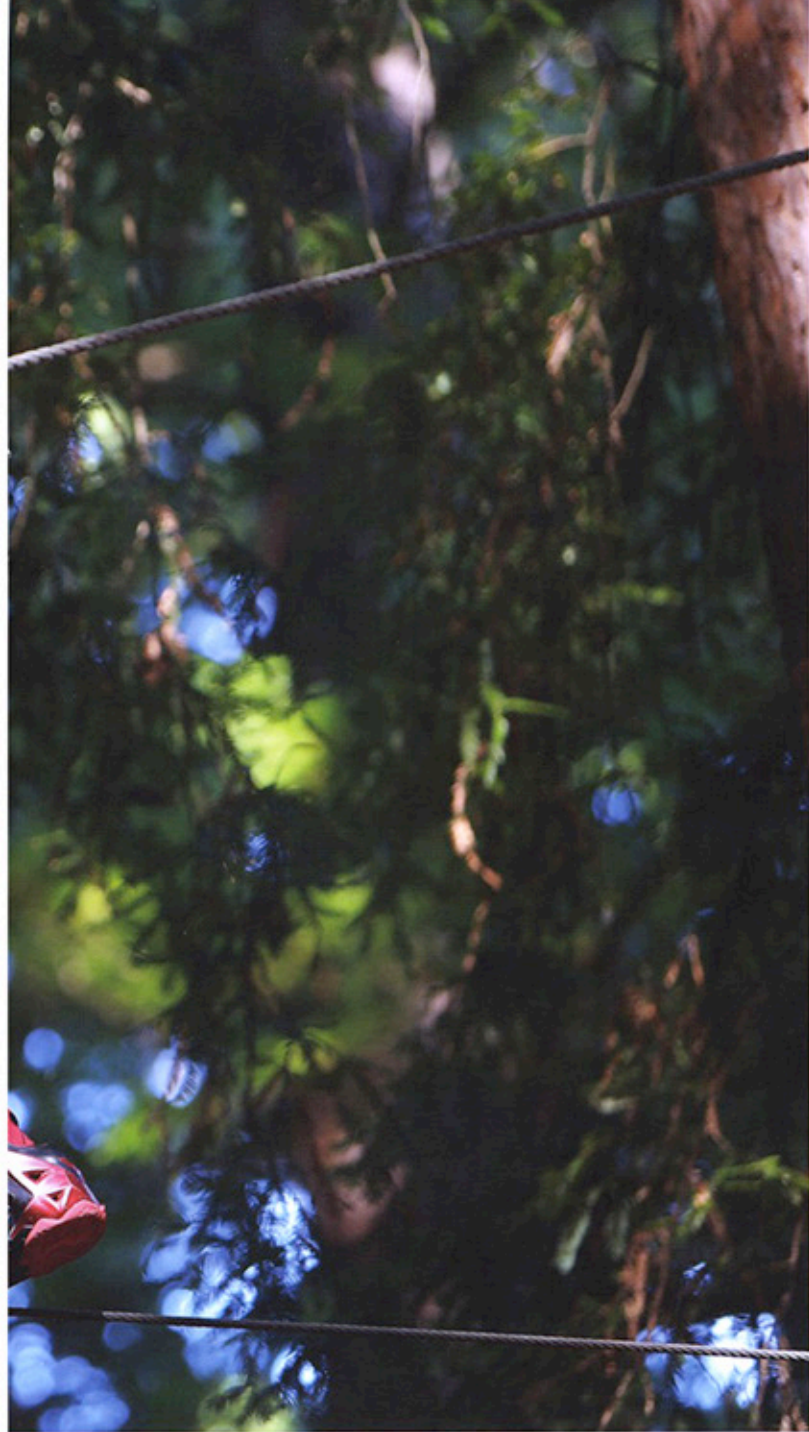
Abadilla was one of only two golfers representing the Monterey County chapter of The First Tee. ●

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# True Strength Comes from a Higher Power

BY JIM MICHELETTI

It is ironic. It is called the 8th Grade Retreat, but really it is an 8th grade advance into prayer and class solidarity.

Every fall, Palma's 8th grade participates in Mass in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, receives word on the goals and gifts of the day, and then boards a bus for Happy Valley in Santa Cruz.

"Happy" describes well the group's feeling for the day. Boys work in teams belaying each other in ropes course elements low and high. The idea of a "ropes course" originated with Outward Bound, which instilled a certain marital character and esprit de corps in young men. Several large corporations from the Silicon Valley use this same course in Santa Cruz as team building days for their employees.

The day concludes with prayer and reflection in an outdoor chapel nestled in the redwoods. Students celebrate each other for their courage and leadership. Students relate their experience to the Gospel story of "The Vine and the Branches" and how true strength comes from connection to a higher power. The class returns to Palma more unified and dedicated to the good they can achieve working together. One motto from the day speaks loudest: "No one of us is smarter than all of us." ●





# FALL SPORTS

PALMA CHIEFTAINS



Dominic Valdez '17

## FOOTBALL VARSITY

The 2014 MBL Champion Palma Chieftains finished the year 9-2. The offense was led by Sophomore 1st Team All-MBL RB **Emilio Martinez '17** and Junior QB **Jack Richardson '16** who found success behind a strong offensive line, which included 1st Team All-MBL C **Drew Dalman '17**, 1st Team All-MBL LG **Dylan Antonetti '15**, LT **Trever Seeley '15**, RG **Aaron Zender '16**, RT **Zachary Ralston '16** and 1st Team All-MBL TE **Adrian Valdez '15**. The defense was anchored by MBL Defensive lineman of the Year **Eduardo Barbosa '15**, and All-MBL DBs **Joe Coffelt '15** and **Justin Nobida-Lagrimas '15** along with DE **Angel Maldonado '16**. LBs **Zachary Barry '16** and **Xavier Woods '15** led the team in tackles and DE **Kasey Cory '15** led the team in quarterback sacks. Individual awards were given to the following student-athletes: MBL Most Valuable Offensive Lineman, **Dylan Antonetti**. MBL Most Valuable Defensive Lineman, **Eduardo Barbosa**. MBL Rookie of the Year/Underclassman of Year,



Emilio Martinez '17

**Emilio Martinez**. Elgie Bellizio Sportsmanship Award, **Matt Jensen '15**. 1st Team Offense: RB **Emilio Martinez**, OL **Dylan Antonetti**, OL **Drew Dalman**, TE **Adrian Valdez**. 1st Team Defense: DL **Eduardo Barbosa**, DB **Justin Nobida-Lagrimas**. 2nd Team Defense: LB **Zach Barry**, DB **Joe Coffelt**, DL **Christian Aoelua '15**, DL **Kasey Cory**.

## FOOTBALL JR VARSITY

The 2014 Palma JV Football team had another championship season finishing with a record of 9-1 and in the process put up some amazing numbers. The team scored 324 points

and only allowed 94. Becoming the 3rd JV team ever to allow under 100 points for the season. On offense, the team outscored its opponents by 230 points and averaged 32.4 point per game. The offense was led by talented QB **Zach Flores '17**, who threw for 19 TD's. His primary targets were **Isaiah Blanco '17** (11 TD's), **Vianni Fratangelo '17**, **Tristan Wahl '17**, **Kevin Telford '17**, and **Evan Haro '17**. The ground game was lead by running back sensation **Kevin Telford '17**, who accounted for 21 TD's. The pass and run game's success would not have been possible without the dominant offensive line of **Robert Hernandez '17**, **Richard Hernandez '17**, **Beau Winslow '17**, **Andrew Mendoza '17**, **Nick Barba '17**, and **Josh Koberg '17**. The Chieftains ran through a tough pre-season schedule (4-0) outscoring it opponents 139-24, including 2 shutouts. In league, the team went 5-1 and would go on to be Co-MBL league champions. The team's success was made possible by a dominating defense. The Chieftain defense held its opponents to 94 points, the second lowest point total in JV history. The defense was led by inside LB's **Humberto Baza '17** and **Mikey Zaragoza '17**. They benefited



from the outstanding defensive line play of **Richard Hernandez '17**, **Robert Hernandez '17**, **Nick Barba '17**, and **Cy Mathews '17**. Making plays in the secondary were **Tristan Whal '17**, **Justin Parra '17**, and **Isaiah Blanco '17**. Setting the edge for the defense were OLB's **Kevin Telford '17** and **Jack Fling '17**. Most memorable moments from the season were **Vito Ferrante's '17** TD reception on the last play against St. Francis and **Zack Flores '17** leading the team to a win over rival Salinas with a broken hand. Expectations will be high for this class, but the future looks bright for Palma Football.

## FOOTBALL FROSH

The 2014 Freshmen Football Season started off with a huge 9-0 victory over Hollister. The young class of **2018** Chieftain defense, led by **Nick Georgalos** logged their first ever shutout in high school, and **Garrett Maker** connected with **Zach Davis** on a 64 yard TD pass to seal the first win. The season would see its ups and downs, as the frosh compiled a 5-5 record, but there were several players that showed promise and should be the foundation for future championship seasons. **Lucky Cabrera, TC Enosara, Kyle Haas**, and **Santo DeFranco** were rock solid on the defensive line, and **Nick Georgalos, Nathan Leavitt, PJ Schlegel, Brookes Spencer**, and **Alex Fierro** were all part of a tough linebacking core. Corners **Liam Short** and **Ryland**

**Gooder**, along with safeties **Vinny Caudill** and **Reno DiTullio** were a ball-hawking secondary that rounded out the solid defense. The Offense was led by **Garrett Maker**, who threw for over 1,000 yards and 10 TD's. When he wasn't throwing the ball, he handed it off to **Zach Davis** who rushed for close to 900 yards. Garrett's favorite targets were **Dominic Scattini, Casey Cannon, Matt Macias, Zach Taylor, Sam Stoutenborough, Alex Fierro**, and **Sam Robinson**. The strength of the team came from a core group who played nearly every snap on offense. **PJ Schlegel, TJ Gugale, Nick Georgalos, Nikko Crivello, Santo DeFranco**, and **Cody Laycock** were solid and durable the entire season. Special Team standouts were **Riley Corner** and **Ben Gutierrez**.

## WATER POLO VARSITY

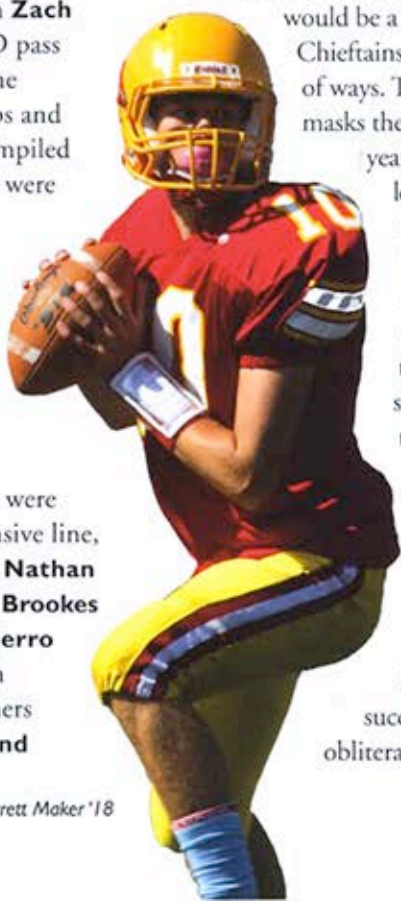
We always knew that promotion of Palma Water Polo to the MBL-Gabilan would be a tough assignment, but the Chieftains measured up in a variety of ways. Their 2-10 (10-14) record masks the competitive ability of this year's squad, with 9 of their 14 losses being within 3 points or fewer. And, there are other ways to measure success. After two leagues losses to Salinas, Palma showed their maturity when the 7th seeded Chieftains defeated the number 2 Cowboys 10-8 in the MBL tournament, holding the Cowboys to 3 2nd half goals and ending their shot at a league title. Always a good win! And, there were other successes. **Samuel Given '17** obliterated the Palma record book



Andrew Wooler '15

for steals. As a freshman, Sam led both MBL divisions with 78 steals. The move to the Gabilan division didn't appear to hamper his defensive prowess as he added 58 more to his tally, second only to the MBL-Gabilan MVP. The second leading Palma all-time steal leader is **Michael D'Arrigo '12** with 92. **Andrew Wooler '15** was not hampered by the move to the Gabilan either as he added 64 goals to his tally, bringing his three-year total to 192, a new Palma record. **Blake Martella '15** raised his career total to 153 goals (#2 all-time for Palma). **Michael Saulovich '12** held the previous mark with 129 goals.

**Andrew Wooler '15** earned MBL-Gabilan 1st team honors and was named the Palma MVP. **Samuel Given '17** earned MBL-Gabilan 2nd team honors, was named the MBL-Gabilan Sophomore-of-the-Year, and also earned Coach Corner's "For-the-Good-of-the-Game" award for his leadership through sacrifice, camaraderie, and selfless play. **Nicholas Kimes '16**, Palma's premier 2-M Defender brought his career steal total to 90, earned 2nd Team honors, and received a Palma Coaches Award. **Blake Martella '15** earned 2nd team honors and a Palma Coaches Award, too. **Jackson Kesecker '15** capped his water polo career being named to the MBL-Gabilan "Pursuing Victory with Honor" team. Jackson had 5 goals and 5 steals this season and embraced his role as a bench player, always working hard in practice to make his teammates better.



Garrett Maker '18





## WATER POLO

### JR VARSITY

The 2014 Palma junior varsity water polo team totaled a 7-5 (15-9) MBL-Gabilan League record. Despite early victories against most league opponents, the Chieftains suffered injuries and illnesses toward the end of the season that cost them some close matches. However, late-season losses did not reflect the team's consistent and inspired play in their first year in the upper-tier Gabilan League.

Goalie **Nick Hatch '16**, led the team's defense with 135 saves, and earned the team MVP award. **Max House '18** was the top offensive player for the Chieftains, amassing a team-best 49 goals and 27 steals. Tied with House for steals, **Douglas Jackson '17**, contributed as both an offensive and defensive threat, and showed his resilience by playing in every single game – a feat matched only by **Armando Borrego '17**. **Ethan Shriver '17** led the team in assists with 17, as well as scoring 20 goals (5th best on the team). **Josef Kolpaczyk '17** was consistently the fastest swimmer for the team, and was a consistent asset at both ends of the pool, even playing in the goalie position when needed.

**Jacob Haas '18** was one of many

players that exemplified the best of Palma water polo in 2014. Haas joined the team for the first time as a junior, quickly learned the fundamentals of the sport, and became one of the most productive and versatile players on the team.

## CROSS COUNTRY

### HIGH SCHOOL

This cross-country season was a rebuilding year for our Chieftains. We had new additions from every class level. Although we lost half of our varsity team from last year, we had a good group of athletes that stepped it up. Our very own **Michael Vollstedt '18** was our team's MVP this year that ran the second fastest freshman time for a 5k in Palma School history. This year we ended up 7th place in the Pacific Division due to injuries that our top runners were dealing with all season long. With a very young team, the future looks bright!

## VOLLEYBALL

### JR HIGH SCHOOL

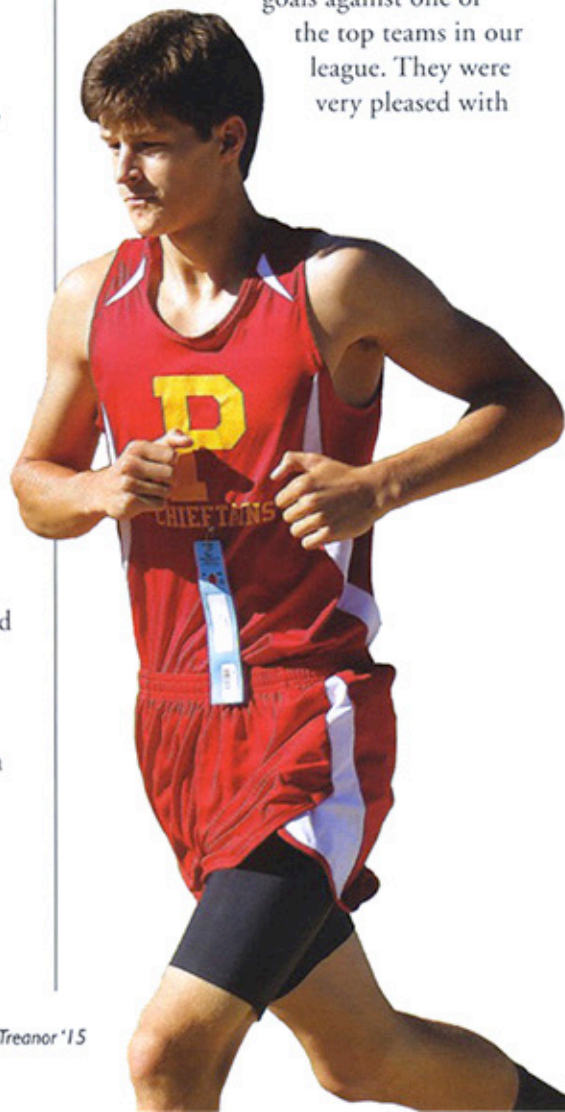
The 2014 Palma Junior High Red and Gold volleyball teams both had a very successful season. Both teams completed the season with a cumulative 10-10 record. The strength of the defense was led by **Wade Rianda '20** and **Evan Pia '20**. The Palma Gold team ended the season making it to Playoffs and playing against Carmel Middle School in their final playoff game. The Chieftains from both the Palma Red and Palma Gold team learned to adjust when necessary or when changes were made. They also learned the importance of teamwork and communication during the season.

## SOCCER

### JR HIGH SCHOOL

With a team of mostly 7th graders and many who had never played soccer competitively, we knew, as a team, it was going to be a good year for learning. The boys definitely improved much over the course of the season. Although we lost the game, the boys were very excited when we got our first goal in an away match against San Benancio. It gave them some validation for all of their hard work this season. If you look back at game one at North Monterey County and saw their last game, played with 9 players at Carmel Middle School, one would be able to tell how hard the boys were willing to work. The core of the team stepped

up and were able to get two goals against one of the top teams in our league. They were very pleased with



Schylar Treanor '15





Daniel Soto '17, Angel Santiago '15, Schyler Treanor '15, Mark Beach '16, Michael Vollstedt '18

*"I was very proud that they never gave up over the entire season, as there were many times we could have. That shows true heart."*

**Andrea Davis**  
JR HIGH SOCCER COACH

their fight in that game and with the improvements and work ethic they put in every day at practice. Coach Andrea Davis said, "I was very proud that they never gave up over the entire season, as there were many times we could have. That shows true heart. I am very proud of this team and hope that we will have more returners next year so we can continue to grow and improve all together as a team and hopefully improve the middle school soccer at Palma."



Adolfo Campos '19, Joshua Recta '19

## CROSS COUNTRY

### JR HIGH SCHOOL

The 2014 Cross-Country season was one to highlight for the history books. The Chieftains had a great group of kids who placed 3rd as a team with some individual standouts. This group of young Chieftains have been training together for the past two years and the results have shown how hard work and dedication in a sport like Cross-Country are rewarded.

**Sam Lavorato** (8th grade) lead the

team all season long finishing first place in all the league meets and a 3rd place individual finish in the championship race. He took down the league 2.2 mile league record (12:06 record before) and finished with a time of 11:41. After dealing with an injury the week of the championships, the individual crown was open for other school top runners, but **Tommy Padilla** (8th grade) was the individual stand out for the Chieftains and placed first to take the crown. The future for this group of Chieftains look bright!



Tommy Padilla '19, Sam Lavorato '19



# WINTER SPORTS

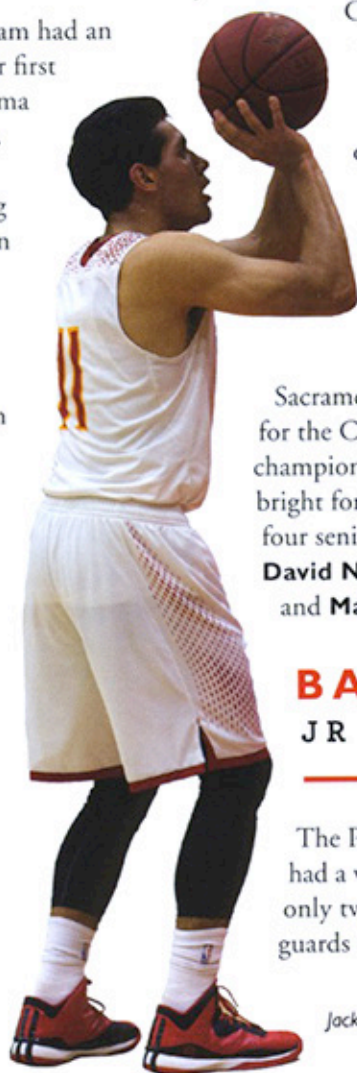
PALMA CHIEFTAINS



Joshua Alfaro '18

## BASKETBALL VARSITY

The Varsity basketball team had an outstanding season under first year head coach, and Palma alum, **Kelley Lopez '01**. The Chieftains finished with a 23-6 record, going 12-0 in the MBL Gabilan division and capturing the league title. **Wyatt Maker '16** was the league Most Valuable player, and was joined on the first team all-league squad by **Jack Burlison '15**, **Jack Brusa '16** and **Jamaree Bouyea '17** also garnered All-League selections, making the second team, while **Garrett Maker '18** was part of the All-League Sportsmanship team. Some of the other highlights of the Chieftains great season were being selected to the CCS Open



Division Playoffs, which is recognition that you are considered one of the 8 best teams in the entire section, and a #5 seed in the Northern

California playoffs. The Chieftains were awarded a first round home playoff game against West Campus of Sacramento, which we won 69-64. Their season ultimately ended in the quarterfinals of the Northern California playoffs to Capital Christian of

Sacramento, who went on to play for the California Division 4 state championship. The future looks bright for the Chieftains, who lose four seniors, **Jack Burlison**, **David Nunes**, **Matt Lucas**, and **Marques Cannon**.

## BASKETBALL JR VARSITY

The Palma JV basketball team had a very successful season, losing only two games. They were led by guards **Sacramento Figueroa**

Jack Burlison '15



Derek Bucholtz '17

'18, **Clemente Villareal '16**, **Nikhil Manimaran '17**, **Derek Bucholtz '17**, **Jake Rasmussen '17**, **Josh Fraser '16**, and **Christian Gallardo '17**. The real strength of the team came from the play of big men **Cameron Jones '17**, **Ryan Quinby '17**, **Evan Haro '17**, and **Duy Luu '18**.



## BASKETBALL

### FROSH

Palma Freshman Basketball opened the 2014-2015 season with a bang by winning the Jose Solis Freshman Basketball Tournament at Alisal High School. The team went on to finish the grueling preseason schedule 9-2, led by a varying cast of players. Playing in the toughest league in area, the Chieftains battled to a 6-6 league record. Finishing the season with an overall record of 15-8, the Chieftain freshman, look to keep the Palma winning tradition at alive.



Michael Carrillo '18



Anthony Pacheco '15

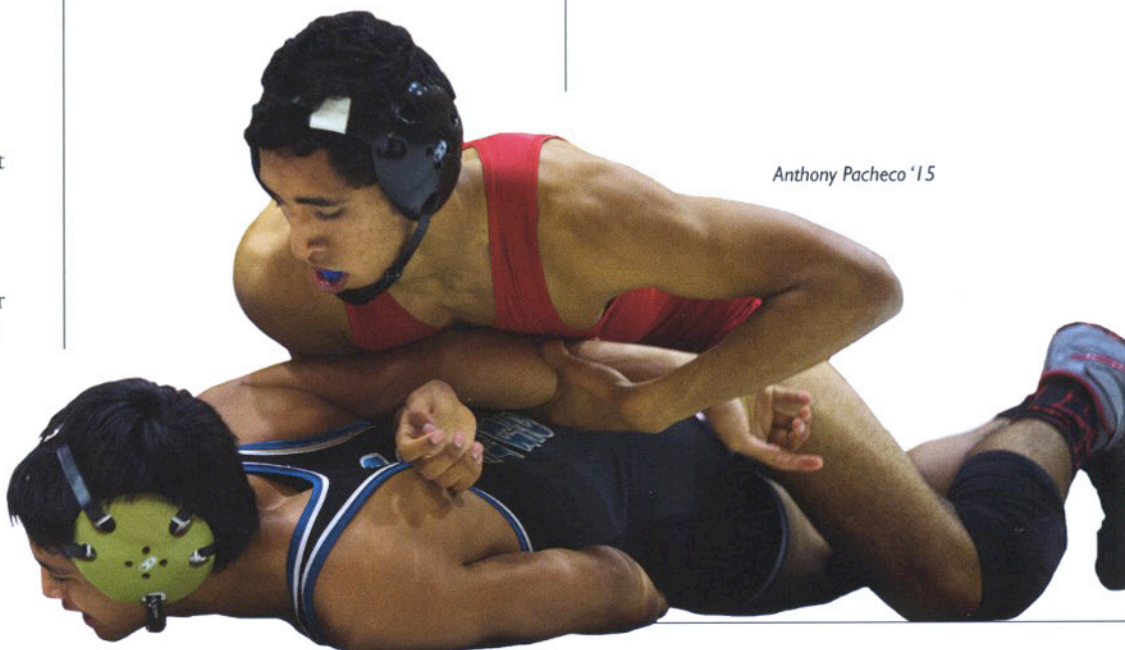
the CCS Championships, along with sophomore 132lbs **Michael Zaragoza '17** finishing in 4th place. As a team, Palma sent 10 wrestlers to the CCS Championships. With the tradition of competitive Chieftain wrestlers the future is very positive. 113lbs Senior **Jacob Gutierrez '15**, 120lbs Freshman **Liam Short '18**, 126lbs Senior **Anthony Pacheco '15**, 132lbs

Sophomore **Michael Zaragoza '17**, 138lbs Senior **Gerardo Suarez '15**, 145lbs Senior **Barret Bonfantini '15**, 152lbs Senior **Dominic Fratangelo '15**, 160lbs Sophomore **Humberto Baza '17**, 170lbs Sophomore **Cy Matthews '17**, 197lbs Junior **Jared Cook '16**, 220lbs Junior **Robert Batson '16**, and 285lbs Senior **Eduardo Barbosa '15** all placing in the M.B.L and qualifying for CCS.

## WRESTLING

### VARSITY

The Palma High School 2014-15 Wrestling season was one of the most memorable season to date as we had a smaller but very competitive team with nine seniors and four of them wrestling in the program since Junior High. Once again Palma led the way with qualifying two wrestlers to the CIF State Wrestling Championship in Bakersfield. Seniors 145lbs **Barret Bonfantini '15** and 152lbs **Dominic Fratangelo '15** both finished their season at this prestigious event. Both Dominic and Barret finished as runner-ups at



Anthony Pacheco '15



## SOCCER VARSITY

The Chieftains, 6-4-2 (10-6-3), generated a little excitement around campus on the way to recording their first 10-win season since 2009 and a 2nd place finish in the MBL-Pacific. The campaign included an exciting 5-game win streak during the month of January. Four hard fought matches were won in the last 10-minutes, including a 1-0 win over 3rd place Christopher to take sole possession of 2nd place down the stretch.

**Miguel Mendez '15** capped a 2-year varsity career with 21 goals this season, setting a new one-season record for Palma, a record previously shared by **Shaine Karleen '01** (15 goals senior season) and **Silvano Botta '07** (15 goals sophomore season). Mendez finishes number 2 on the all-time list with 27 goals behind Daniel Johnson '11 who finished his career with 35 goals. Mendez was named to the MBL-Pacific 1st Team and the Palma MVP for his play this season.

The midfield was anchored by **Branden Werner '17**, who completed his second varsity campaign. With vision to spare, Branden was the brains of the operation, constantly directing traffic on both offense and defense, and demonstrating exceptional leadership as a sophomore. Branden was named to the MBL-Pacific 1st Team.

Sweeper **Francisco Arevalo '17** played with size and patience while directing a 1st line that surrendered only 3.05 shots per game. Francisco also had 2 goals (including a beautiful header off a corner kick against N. Salinas), 2 assists, and was named to the MBL-Pacific 1st Team.



Chad Sayer '18, Hansi Hell '18, Pedro Gomez '17

**Hayden Spencer '15** and **Steven Camcam '15** finished their Palma careers being named to the MBL-Pacific 2nd Team and earned Palma Coaches Awards for their solid and mature work on defense. Wing Midfielder **Matthew Gastello '16** was also named to the MBL-Pacific 2nd Team and received Palma's "For-the-Good-of-the-Game" Award for his tireless work up and down the left side of the field. **Stefano Pezzini '16** earned the MBL-Pacific's Sportsmanship Award for his work in goal.

Stefano surrendered 27 goals and made 43 saves in over 1000 minutes in goal, including 3 shutouts.



Stefano Pezzini '16

Palma will return six starters and several experienced bench players next year and look forward to another successful season in the MBL-Pacific.

## SOCCER JR VARSITY

The Palma Junior Varsity Soccer team for the 2014 – 2015 season featured a number of the most intelligent soccer minded individuals I have ever coached. I noticed a few games into the season that there were multiple game situations where no verbal communication was necessary between players. I finally asked those players if they were playing on the same competitive travel team and the answer was a resounding yes. I have coached one other team where we were able to play multiple formations and this group easily surpassed that team by being able to adapt (even in the middle of a match) to a change in formation to counter another team's strengths or take advantage of their weaknesses.

This inventive play resulted in many scoring opportunities and that, along with his leadership by example, resulted in **Eugenio Williams '18** earning the Most Valuable Player Award this season.



He was unable to participate in the last matches due to injury and was greatly missed on the field. Eugenio even asked to set up a defensive formation against an opponent this season. He drew it up and explained it to the team prior to the match. We had a few chances to score, even with only one forward, and it made for one of the most exciting matches of the season.

**Finian Rawson '18** was an exciting player to watch and played almost the entire match in every one throughout the season. He enjoys playing up at forward but was willing to play every other position on the field as needed. His gutsy play and team leading (tied with one other player) goal total, despite playing a lot of defense towards the later part of the season, resulted in him earning a much deserved Coaches Award.

We had a few players who really stood out in regards to their willingness and ability to play solid defense.

**Patrick Briley '18** worked tirelessly at practice to become a more intelligent and stronger defender throughout the season. He would approach me following a match (and sometimes at halftime) and always cite a specific play and ask what he could have done differently in that situation. His conviction toward improving his skill set and becoming a stronger player for his team resulted in him earning a Coaches Award for his hard work throughout the season.

There is always a player each year that surprises me. When this individual came out for soccer he was nursing a year old injury and I didn't think he was going to make it through an entire season. I was dead wrong. He worked very hard and moved up from a substitute player to a starter and ended the season with some stretches of great play throughout many matches. **Saul Jauregui '17** definitely showed the entire team what hard work can do to improve yourself and it was a pleasure watching him end the season on such a high note. Coach Salmina.



Colin Neff '19

## BASKETBALL 8TH GRADE

Palma 8th grade boys basketball junior high graduating class of 2015 were the Champions of the MTJAL with a record of 12-4. Notable players that demonstrated leadership, skill, tenacity, and a competitive edge; **Vincent Gonzales, Donte Jean-Pierre, Mateo Martinez, Dominic Ballesteros, Sam Lathos, Sebastian Gomez, and Colin Neff.** Coached by Miguel Martinez, the Chieftains will make an impact next year as they move on in their basketball careers.

## BASKETBALL 7TH GRADE

This was the first year for Head Basketball Coach Manuel Martinez for the seventh grade. The young Chieftains carried 15 players and ended with a 9-6 Season Record. **Evan Pia, Carl Richardson and A.J. Suniga** were our starting guards with excellent ball dribbling skills. **Evan Pia** was our Season's M.V.P., **Carl Richardson** was Offensive Player of the Year and **A.J. Suniga**, along with **Feras Masarweh**,

*"I want to thank all the players for making my first year as Coach an enjoyable year."*

**Manuel Martinez**  
7TH GRADE BASKETBALL COACH

received The Coach's Award. **Nicolas Slater** received The Most Improved Player of the Year and **Mayo Rubalcava** was our Defensive Player of the Year, as his hard work in defense helped our big men under the basket get rebounds as well as make big stops. **Joe Piini** and **Feras Masarweh** were our standouts getting the bulk of our rebounds. **Jose Velasquez** was our relief player and did a great job all season. **Vincent Crivello, Sean Fanoie, Michael Macias and Wade Rianda** did a great job relieving our guards by making baskets and keeping us in the game. **Phil Sites, Kyle Sutherland and Tyler Whitehead** completed our team by playing guards, forwards and, when needed, as centers. This seventh grade team was the best free-throw shooting team, making over 70% of their free-throws. Coach Manuel Martinez states: "I want to thank all the players for making my first year as Coach an enjoyable year."



A.J. Suniga '20



## Dominc Fratangelo

BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY



Dominic Fratangelo, Class of 2015, signed to Briar Cliff University in October 2014. He has wrestled for Palma for the past 5 years. He has wrestled year round for 3 years and is a returning CCS placer. He received an athletic and academic scholarship to Briar Cliff. Wrestling for Palma High School has taught Dominic discipline, ethics and a willingness to constantly challenge himself. He looks forward to continue his wrestling career in Iowa.

## Andrew Wooler

UC DAVIS



Andrew Wooler set a Palma High School record of 192 goals, with 77 coming in his junior year. He captured All-Monterey Bay League Gabilan Division honors as a senior; All-MBL first-team honors and MBL Pacific Division Co-MVP as a junior; and MBL Pacific Division Sophomore of the Year accolades in 2012-13. His 66 career assists also rank second in school history. A veteran of Otter Bay Water Polo Club, he will be playing for UC Davis this next year.

## Austin Hussain

FRESNO PACIFIC



Making Fresno Pacific his next step was an easy choice for Austin Hussain. Because of the Christian atmosphere, the relatively small student body, and the excellent swim team, he knew FPU was the right fit for him. Much like Palma, the student body is small enough so that faculty members can take time to invest individually in each student's education. Also, the whole swim team—from the coaches to the athletes—have a close bond that is further improved by the Christian atmosphere, which makes it easy to connect with new people. "I can tell Fresno Pacific is a special place, and I can not wait to be a part of it."












# Student-Athletes Succeed in the Classroom

## GPA OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

These accomplishments by our student-athletes reflect the emphasis our coaches and teams put on our primary academic mission. Student-athletes share many qualities — they are confident, competitive, and hard-wired to win and to do what it takes to get the job done. In a recent study, the results of academic success demonstrated student-athletes achieving greater than non-athletes. The study's purpose was to examine the correlation between athletic involvement and academic success in high school students.

## PALMA SCHOOL FALL TEAM AVERAGE

3.26  FOOTBALL VARSITY	3.29  FOOTBALL JR VARSITY	3.1  FOOTBALL FROSH
3.97  CROSS COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOL	3.81  WATER POLO VARSITY	3.03  WATER POLO JR VARSITY
3.61  CROSS COUNTRY JR HIGH SCHOOL	3.49  SOCCER JR HIGH SCHOOL	3.54  VOLLEYBALL JR HIGH SCHOOL

## PALMA SCHOOL WINTER TEAM AVERAGE

3.565  BASKETBALL VARSITY	3.069  BASKETBALL JR VARSITY	3.445  BASKETBALL FROSH
3.676  SOCCER VARSITY	3.235  SOCCER JR VARSITY	3.041  WRESTLING VARSITY
3.159  BASKETBALL 8TH GRADE	3.798  BASKETBALL 7TH GRADE	





## PALMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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(non-voting)

Tracy Jones

# Alumni Council President Update

DR. CHRISTOPHER MULE '92  
PRESIDENT

## Dear Palma Alumni,

The Palma Alumni Council continues to grow as we roll into 2015. The class of 1974 celebrated their 40th class reunion and showed up in full force at our annual Alumni promoted football game last year versus Salinas High. We also helped support reunions for the classes of '64, '69, and '84. It has been nice to see class reunions holding their receptions at Palma's multipurpose room with slideshows, dancing, and outside catering. Br. Dunne has helped coordinate campus tours of the school for the reunions as well. A big thank you to Jeff Pulford, our 1960's Decade Chair and Reunion Committee Chair who has created a "Reunion Resource Guide". This guide is great for those alumni in charge of their reunions and looking for information to get the ball rolling. All alumni are more than welcome to contact Tracy Jones at Palma for more information or a copy of the resource guide at (831) 422-5713.

Our alumni withstood some healthy competition in the annual Alumni v. current students' soccer and basketball games on Thanksgiving weekend. The Council was happy to donate alumni t-shirts and provide pizza to all participating alumni. Coach Scott Corner setup the round robin soccer tournament, and Coach Kelly Lopez coordinated the thrilling basketball game in which the alumni prevailed after forcing overtime.

We continue to promote the many events that take place in and around the Palma community – such as The Edmund Rice Society's annual fundraising event in February, "The Tacky Ball" in an effort to raise funds for their missionary trips to Mexico and Peru, building homes for the underprivileged. "Home for the Holidays" in November was another great fundraising event for both Palma and Notre Dame which raised close to \$30,000 for scholarships and tuition aid. Some additional events include the annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and the annual Palma golf tournament in May.

Last year's 2nd Annual Alumni Association meeting, "Brat's n Beer", was a lot of fun and well attended. The meeting allows an opportunity for all Palma alumni to hear from your Alumni Council and meet your members in person. The meeting also allows a forum for the Council to hear from all of you, to provide input on how our Council can better serve our Alumni and Palma School, and find ways



we can improve. We are hoping to see even more of our alumni at our 3rd Annual Meeting on May 15th @5:30pm in Palma's multipurpose room right next to the parking lot. Keep your eye out for postcards, flyers, and email blasts for more info for "Brats n Beers 2".

In the next couple of months, the Council will be reaching out to our Alumni in the form of an online questionnaire. The purpose of this questionnaire is to gain insight and words of advice/wisdom which will be distributed to this year's graduating seniors. We are hoping to strengthen the bonds between our current and future alumni by providing a form of networking within the Palma Alumni community.

The Alumni Council continues to fill our class representative positions, and we are still in need of a Decade Chair for the 1970's and 2010's as well as many of our individual Class Representative positions. We are in need of volunteers. Please contact me at [cmuledrill@aol.com](mailto:cmuledrill@aol.com) or 831-596-6479. We would like to thank all alumni who have given back to Palma – not just in monetary donations, but in time, and talent. Alumni giving continues to grow every year – THANK YOU! Another big thank you to our Council members, Decade chairs, and Class Representatives who have all provided such great input and committed their time to make our Council successful and help support our alumni.

We are seven decades of Palma graduates, 60 classes, and over 4400 members strong!

The purpose of the Alumni Association shall be to foster communication between Palma School and Alumni worldwide; to encourage social, philanthropic, spiritual and professional interaction among alumni, faculty and students of Palma School; and to support the mission of our school by promoting the ideals of Blessed Edmund Rice. Working through God's love, Palma's mission is to find opportunities for the poor to gain a valuable diverse education and become outstanding citizens of our community. In turn, our successful students and alumni exemplify the importance and need for education. If we succeed in our mission, the world and our community becomes safer, healthier, and quite simply, better!

We welcome back all alumni to visit the campus, cheer for our teams, and share past memories. For recent developments and news, check out the Palma Facebook page, as well as our website at [www.palmaschool.org](http://www.palmaschool.org). On our website under the Alumni page, you will find news and events' updates, a list of lost and deceased Alumni, an update form for you or other Alumni, a survey page, and a donation page. A large part of accomplishing our goals lies in our fellow alumni who have benefitted from a Palma education and are willing to help our Association along its journey. Our ears are open to advice and we welcome your comments and insights as the Association grows.

Respectfully,

**Dr. Christopher Mulé '92**  
PRESIDENT



## Brats n' Beers

Join us for the  
**Brats n' Beers**  
Annual Alumni  
Association Meeting

**FRIDAY, MAY 15TH**  
**5:30 PM**

**Palma Multipurpose Building**  
**(MPB)**

Introduction to your Alumni Council, and a forum for the Council to hear from all our Palma Alumni.

Provide input on how our Council can better serve our Alumni and Palma School, and find ways we can improve.





## 50<sup>TH</sup> Reunion

CLASS OF 1964

The Palma Class of 1964 celebrated their 50th reunion. Gathering together to reminisce about times at Palma and their pride at forever being a Chieftain.



Colleen Walsh Holcomb, Becky Gallegos Mier, Darlene Cadile Harmon, Jeanne Johnson Robinson, Pam Stolich Souza



Alice Richardson Wilson, Maureen Coyle England



Cal Kezeli, Rudy Hernandez



Mary Garlinger McMahon, Danny Alipaz ('64 Student Body Presidents)

## 40<sup>TH</sup> Reunion

CLASS OF 1974

The class of 1974 fêted their 40th class reunion and celebrated the Chieftain Pride at our annual Alumni promoted football game last year versus Salinas High.



### ALUMNI GAMES

## Alumni vs. Current Students

### SOCCER & BASKETBALL RESULTS

**H**eld annually the Saturday after Thanksgiving at Palma, our alumni withstood some healthy competition in the Alumni vs. current students' soccer and basketball games. The Alumni Council donated alumni t-shirts and provided pizza to all participating alumni.

Thank you to Coach Scott Corner who setup the round robin soccer tournament. The Alumni 7 v. 7 Tournament over Thanksgiving weekend was well attended despite the weather. We started with a prayer for Xavier Mottu '09 and the clouds cleared as play began. The double-elimination tournament came down to an exciting championship match between alumni from the 1988 and 2009 CCS teams. In the end, youth overcame experience...by quite a large margin! It was great to see players (and their parents, spouses, and children) from four decades celebrating Palma soccer. And thank you to Coach Kelly Lopez who coordinated the thrilling basketball game in which the alumni prevailed after forcing overtime!



## ALUMNI GAMES



Alumni including members of the Class of '74



Nick '04 & Kyle '11 Sterrett



# Alumni

## UPDATES

### 1956

**MARION (LEWIS) BESMEHN** received an MA in Storytelling/Reading from East Tennessee State University in 1994, and is a professional storyteller. In 2000, she and her husband retired and are living in the mouth of Carmel Valley. "It's taken me a while to collect and write down my oral family stories and come to grips with my own personal story growing up in Salinas after immigrating to the US from Wales. I have kept in contact with Marilyn & Joan since Palma. In many ways the book would not be possible without their friendship. Marilyn's painting is perfect for the cover. Since high school, we have always known Marilyn is an Artist." Marion writes.

### 1961

**KAREN (FANOE) ARCHER** and her husband, Tom, are enjoying life in Pleasanton. She has retired from her career as a Hospice nurse.



**NOEL '61 AND JONNI SCHWEEN**

### 1962

**ALLEN HAYES** and his wife, Kathy, are looking forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They keep very busy being grandparents to 17 grandchildren! Allen is a financial advisor and continues to serve on the Palma's Alumni Council as the Vice President.

**ARMAND CIMINO** writes, "This is MY time to shine. This is what remains after a forty four year business career: Graduation: YES, New family members: YES, Wedding: YES, Career: YES, Hobbies: YES, College: YES, and...Etc.: YES!" Armand sent the Alumni Office a photo of his Palma High Block P sweater. "There is a patch of a football, which represented our 1961 undefeated football team and a star, which represents that I was a Captain of my Sophomore Junior Varsity football team." The wonderful story is that he gave it to his grandson, Nick Cimino '15 "so Nick can carry forward 'Palma Merenti.' It is uplifting that, after more than fifty years, it continues!"



**DON DEDEAUX** retired after 40 years with the Automobile Club of Southern California. He worked in the claims department as a claims field adjuster, Sr. field adjuster and Manager. He now has more time for one of his favorite past times, golf! Don runs a golf club with 30 members who play the 1st Saturday of every month for the past 25 years. In his spare time he travelled to Toronto, Canada last June and New Orleans last May. His other great love is for his grandchildren!

### 1964



**JOHN BRISBINE** works in commercial construction for BCM Construction

Co. Inc. He and his wife of 40 years live in Durham, Ca.

**PAT NICTER** has been busy helping the Palma Alumni Office and, if we say so ourselves, she has done an incredible job! She is living in a cottage in Carmel-by-the-Sea. In her spare time she is studying computers and is a volunteer teaching in 3rd grade in Carmel Valley.



**DAVID ZWINGMAN** writes: "I have had a wonderful career". He is a retired licensed Professional Engineer and a true "Rocket Scientist and Engineer" who worked and supported NASA Johnson Space Center Space Program primarily in space vehicle avionics (primarily software) which includes the guidance, navigation and control (GN&C), hardware and software, both as designer/developer and working with the flight Astronauts and ground flight controllers. He also interfaced with the NASA support industry throughout the country in the design, development and implementation GN&C systems for space vehicles and payloads also with the governmental agencies from Europe, Russia and Japan. David was part of the team working on the future GN&C conceptual design team for future space vehicles. Just before his retirement, he was the GN&C Software Test Manager for the Space Shuttle Level 1, 2 and 3 GN&C Flight Software. His career spanned the latter Apollo Program, the Space Shuttle Program, International Space Station and future space systems. While working at the NASA Johnson Space Center, he was also a College Professor of Advanced Database



Theory and Vehicle Mechanics. David writes, "Over my entire career since leaving Palma, I have earned several college degrees and professional certifications as well as a Licensed Professional Engineer in Avionics. The greatest reward for my career is being with a project from conception through design and development to fully operational and mission complete and, in addition, knowing that my work will have a part in the future of space exploration. On a personal note, my wife (whom I met in college) and I were married for over 42+ years and have two daughters and six grandchildren. Unfortunately, my wife died in March 2014; our daughters, their spouses and grandchildren (ranging from toddler to high school) keep me going!" Since retiring, he has been working with the local School District as a part-time teaching specialist in advanced math and science - "Keeps my old mind productive!", is a member of the Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree and continues to serve as part of the Knights of Columbus Texas State Council Charity Team and Chair of the Educational Grant Program.

## 1965



**JEFF PULFORD** loves to race sail boats! He has participated in the Rolex Big Boat Series in San Francisco Bay for several years in his Sydney 38, "Bustin-Loose". They placed second in 2014 in his division. Jeff and his wife, Tia, are also very proud new grandparents to twin boys born in January!

## 1966



**ERNIE BEST** writes that he recently retired after 35 years with Quinn Co.

## 1967

**BRADLEY JOHNSON** joined the United States Air Force after graduating from Palma. He was stationed in various states and overseas and was a crew chief for F4, U2, and F15's. He met his wife Sharon and her two children while stationed in Germany. In 1988, he retired from the USAF while stationed in Arizona, and established his own business; buying/selling/collecting high-grade watches and clocks. They moved in 1999 to Vista, California and they just celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary. Bradley writes, "I don't get to travel much these days as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's keeps me home; however, I would love to hear from my friends and hear what is happening at Palma School."



**PHIL FONDALE** writes that he and his wife, Cindy, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this past August. Their two children and three grandchildren live in Washington state. They are enjoying their retirement in "slow paced Amador County" where they have lived for the past ten years. They are both very

active in their parish and Phil is still very involved with the Young Men's Institute, a Catholic men's fraternal organization.

## 1975



**PETER GNOSCA** reports that it has been a very good year for his family. His oldest daughter won Salesperson of the Year "she can sell anything!" for her company. His next daughter just graduated from a top Beauty College in the country and is working at a top salon in San Francisco, Jack '11, is living his dream and is in the marines and John '14, received a 4.0 GPA from his first semester at college! Yes, life is great!

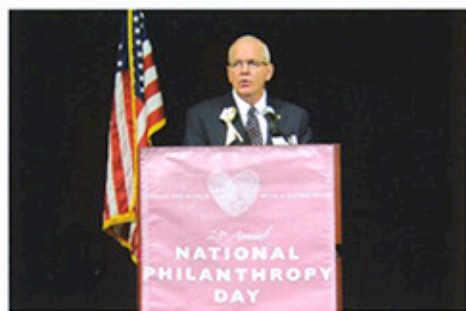
## 1976



**DAVID EBERT** is currently the Program Director for the Pacific Shark Research Center, a research faculty member at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, an honorary research associate at the California Academy of Sciences. He also currently serves as an advisor and consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on shark and ray related issues. Dave has been researching sharks and rays around the world, on six continents and in over 20 countries, focusing on the biology, ecology and systematics of this enigmatic fish group. Most recently he has



been studying sharks in the Western Indian Ocean, around the islands of Mauritius and the Seychelles. In addition, he had authored 19 books, including a popular field guide to the sharks of the world, and has over 350 publications "a feat that must have Brother Cunningham rolling in his grave given how poorly I did in his sophomore English class" he writes. Dave's research has recently been featured on Discovery Channel's Shark Week, and will be the subject of a forthcoming segment this year on the British Broadcasting Corporation's Nature program entitled "Shark".



**JOHN D'ARRIGO** and his fellow Agricultural Leadership Council (TALC) members are a collective of leading Salinas Valley agricultural businesses and farm families. They were recently honored as the 2014 Outstanding Philanthropic Service Organization. The award acknowledges TALC's contributions of more than \$1.25 million to date in philanthropic support to Natividad Medical Center. Many of The Agricultural Leadership Council members are either alumni of Palma or have family members that are alumni of Palma.

## 1977



**CURT CRACKEL** had "another world adventure" in October 2014. He began his journey in France where he saw the

D-day landing site in Normandy and continued on to see the wild gorillas in Uganda. "I got knocked down two days in a row by gorillas but not attacked, more like playful pushing. I was laughing the whole time!" he writes. From there Curt traveled to Egypt for two weeks and finished the trip with a stop in Dubai to see the tallest building in the world...The Burj Khalifa.

## 1978



**THE SON'S OF DANIELLE & JOHN PEZZINI '78** John Angelo '14, Stefano '16, Marco '19, and Nicolas '29).

## 1980



**DAN RYAN** reunited for Christmas with children at their San Francisco home. Dan and his wife, Alice, live full time in Hong Kong. Their daughters Lucy and Maggie attend Purdue University in Indiana and son A.J. attends The Lawrenceville School, a boarding school in New Jersey. When at their SF home, the Ryans are just blocks from Robb Eklund (80') and family, so they were able to celebrate often together during the holidays. In addition, they were also able to reunite and enjoy a San Francisco Giants game, with Dan Fiorio (80') and family, earlier in 2014.

## 1981



**SCOTT HOWARD** writes "Janine and I have a lot to celebrate this summer. Our 30th wedding anniversary was in July and our son, Tyler's 21st birthday in August. Tyler is in his second year at Oregon State studying mechanical engineering. Meanwhile, our older daughter Megan is working in Washington, D.C. and our middle child, Katie, is director/teacher for a big preschool program in Morro Bay. I'm still herding cats as News Director at Action News Now where we do news for the local CBS, NBC and CW affiliate in Chico. We are blessed."



**ED LAYERONE** reports that he retired once again from law enforcement at the end of 2014. He is now concentrating on completing his doctorate and his consulting business. He is enjoying free time with his daughters, his fiancé Amy and traveling.



**HAMIL CUPERO** and his family travel to Indiana frequently as their two sons attend



the University of Notre Dame. "Michael will be graduating in May and then attending law school somewhere in Texas. Andrew is a sophomore who plays on the Notre Dame Soccer Team which won the National Championship in 2013. He is presently enrolled in the business school and also thinking about law school. Kelly and I look forward to retiring just as soon as we finish paying for our kids education!"

## 1982



**MARK LOORAM** continues to split his time between Hong Kong and San Francisco. In December, he visited the Mackenzie Basin at the base of Mount Cook on the South Island of New Zealand for some of the best fly fishing in the world.

## 1983



**JIM DEEVER** lives in Redding and is still teaching and coaching at Enterprise High School. Actually, it is his 21st year at Enterprise after five years at Gilroy High. His wife is a counselor at their rival High school! Jim writes that it is such a joy to be able to work at a place where your children attend. Their oldest son is attending UC Santa Cruz studying Marine Biology while their youngest son is a freshman at Enterprise. "Needless to say, we come back to the area a lot, myself for Cross Country and Track meets to see old friends.

My family still lives in Gilroy so we visit often. My wife and sons love the beach and surfing so we spend lots of time in Santa Cruz on vacations. One day after retirement we hope to move back to the area and enjoy the coast once again. Hope all is well with Palma, as it meant a lot to me growing up! I do what I do today because of the great teachers and guidance I was fortunate to have while at Palma."

## 1987

**PAUL MARSH** and his wife, Eve, live in



Olathe, Kansas. With four boys under 14 years of age, they are busy and keep very active with their boy's activities.



**DAVE MARTINEZ** Pictured are Dave's children, Hannah, Luke, Gavin, and Jacob.

## 1988



**GAVIN KISTINGER** and his wife, Claudia recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They "feel very blessed that our

oldest has obtained his Masters of Science in Toxicology from St. John's University in New York and will remain with the University as he works on his Doctorate. Zachary, our youngest graduated from Montana Tech, with a degree in Mining Engineering. He has made Chicago his home."



**MICHAEL ANNOTI** has signed with ArtistReach, a talent agency in New York; they work to book artists for national TV shows such as Saturday Night Live. He also recently partnered with The Brenin Group in Atlanta, to begin building a team of their financial backing partners with the intention of recording, producing and promoting his next album to be released in 2015. Michael is also involved with philanthropic work helping to raise money for underprivileged youth. He performed at benefits for the Vernon Davis Foundation, the grand opening of the ReThinkIt exhibit, Art Matters, One Family benefit concert held in Santa Cruz that helps collect donations of warm blankets, clothes, shoes and food for the homeless and families in need in the Santa Cruz, Salinas, and Hollister area and a toy giveaway over the holidays. His single, "Everything is changing" #16 on the iTunes charts!

## 1989



**TIM MARTINEZ** Pictured are Tim's daughters Bella and Maya.



## 1996



**KHALID "ROY" ROSA** is living in the beautiful mile high city of Denver. He graduated from Regis University in Denver with an MS in Organization Leadership in May of 2014. In March of 2014 Roy was accepted into the MS in Database Technologies program and in October, the graduate certificate in Data Science program as well at Regis University. Currently he holds an affiliate faculty position with Regis University to teach online courses for the School of Computer and Information Sciences. If that doesn't keep him busy enough, last August, he began working full-time for the US Department of the Interior's data center in Lakewood, CO as a systems automation programmer.

## 1997



**SCOTT HENNINSEN** writes "Things are going well in our family." "We recently spent some time in Las Vegas for a mommy daddy vacation while grandma watched the baby!" Their son, Ethan, is 18 months old, very healthy and full of energy!

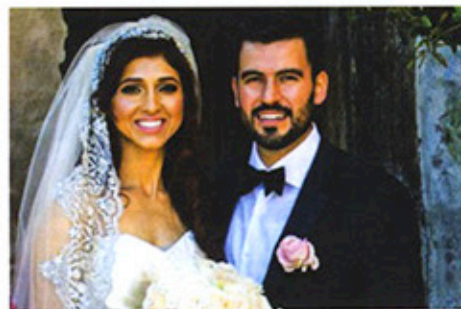
## 1998

**ANTHONY MAZZUCA** graduated from Cal Poly SLO in 2003 with a BS in Crop Science. He and his wife, Michele, live in Spreckels with their three wonderful children, Owen (5), Avery (3), and Emmett (1). Anthony has worked a Sales and Commodity Manager for Tanimura & Antle for the past 11 years. In addition, he and Michele are owners of Maxwell & Oliver - Home Cooked Goods, a business they started in 2014. They cook and deliver "Goodie" Boxes (various baked goods) throughout the year. In his "free" time he enjoys coaching his children's sports teams, playing Pump House Pedro, cooking, and spending time with his family and friends.

## 2000

**JIM & JESSIE BRYAN** welcomed Catherine Bryan who made her appearance in mid-January joining her big sister, Georgia. Her proud parents are ecstatic.

## 2001



**MARIO TEJEDA** married wife Vanessa on a beautiful day in August, at Mission San Carlos Borromeo del Río Carmelo. After all the work of planning a wedding, they traveled to Greece for their honeymoon. Since 2008, Mario has worked for Taylor Farms in Salinas, CA and is expecting to earn his MBA from Santa Clara University by the end of 2015.



**NICK LISICA** and his wife, Shannon, recently celebrated their one year anniversary with a (delayed) honeymoon to Rome, Florence, Venice, and Paris! They celebrated New Year's Eve under the Eiffel Tower.

## 2002

**KEVIN FRIEDRICH** got married and got a new job in 2014! Kevin is now the Assistant Manager for the Nyer Urness House located in Ballard, WA (previously the Volunteer and In-kind Gift Coordinator). This exciting project provides formerly homeless men and women with safe and comfortable permanent housing. Compass Housing Alliance is a not-for-profit organization, established in 1920, that offers services and housing options for people who are struggling with homelessness and poverty in the Seattle area. The organization supports the homeless through providing shelters, transitional housing, permanent housing and by developing affordable housing units for tenants with low incomes.

**CODY ANDRUS** loves living in New York and recently started a new job as Associate Director of Marketing for Lincoln Center Theater.



**ELLIOT VALLEJO** and his wife live in Walla Walla, and as the saying goes... you never know who you may run into.



On a recent wine tasting trip, at a few of the many wineries in the area, by chance, stopped at Corvus Cellars, where they ran into one of the owners, Palma alumnus, Steve Lessard '84!

## 2003



**CHRISTIAN PIÑÓN** has been a Work Practice Apprentice at the San Francisco Zen Center since April, 2014. It is a residential Zen training program involving meditation, ceremony, classes, and work practice. "I have been enjoying being a part of the kitchen crew, preparing fresh organic vegetarian meals for the community."



**MIKE PEREZ** is currently working at Royal Pacific Foods in Gilroy. He continues his love of music and is still playing blues rock with his group "Mike PZ & The Associates."

**NICK CAVA, DANNY MAGANA, JOEY MELO & KELLEN GRIFFIN** are all Physical Therapists. It seems that there must have been something in the water in 2003. This amazing class produced not one or two...but four Physical Therapists: Joey & Kellen even work in the same practice which is owned by another Palma Alumnus, John Farahmand '92.

## 2004

**NICK STERRETT** is in his seventh year of teaching at Palma, he teaches English I and 3, all Latin classes, as well as serving as the Activities Advisor. Last July, Nick finished his Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Notre Dame. Nick, his wife, Chelsea, and Archer are waiting for the next member of their family, a baby girl due in May.

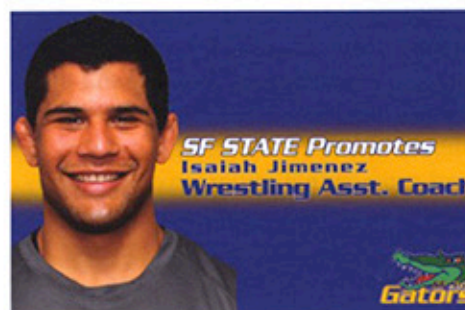


**MICHAEL KONG** and his wife, Amanda proudly welcome new son Andrew Michael Kong born on March 21, weighing 7lbs. 7oz.



**JAMES ALMEIDA** writes that he just started a new job at Datadog in New York City as their Web Developer & Designer.

## 2008



**ISAIAH JIMENEZ** has been named as SF State assistant wrestling coach by Coach

Lars Jensen for the 2014-2015 season. Jimenez spent the past season on the staff as a volunteer for the Gators. "Isaiah had a stellar career with us and we look for him to help us continue our winning tradition and have positive influence on our student-athletes," stated Coach Jensen. Isaiah, a recent SF State graduate wrestled for the school for four seasons. In his senior year, Jimenez went 24-9 with five pins en route to a fifth place finish at the 2013 NCAA Division II National Wrestling Championships to earn All-American status at 165. He is currently sixth all-time in takedowns and eighth in points scored and finished 86-65 to finish eighth all-time on the Gator all-time wins list. Isaiah resides in Walnut Creek and has as Bachelor's of Science Degree from SF State in Kinesiology.

**CHRISTOPHER SANDOVAL** graduated from UCSB and joined the Army. He is a cryptologic linguist. He is primarily responsible for identifying foreign communications using signals equipment. Their role is crucial as the nation's defense depends largely on information that comes from foreign languages. He will be attending the Defense Language Institute in Monterey.

## 2009

**KYLE RIDDLE** recently graduated from Chico State in December. He has moved to Fresno for a job as a Financial Analyst with Rabobank's Food and Ag division.



**RIAN SINGH** works for the San Francisco 49ers in Guest Services. What a place to work...Levi Stadium! He provides guests with a consistent level of friend-

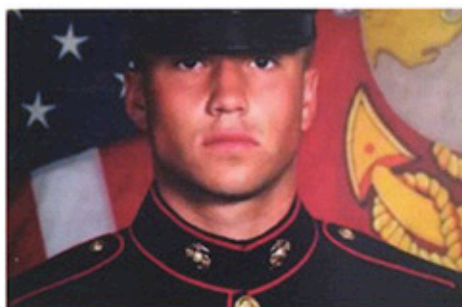


ly, impressive service that exceeds their expectations during all Levi's Stadium events including 49er training camps/games, San Jose Earthquake and other sporting events. He also works for the Oakland Athletics as a 2014/2015 Guest Specialist.



**DENNY SUAREZ** graduated from Santa Clara University in 2013 where he majored in Finance and minored in international business. After graduation, Denny began to work in finance operations at a global consulting start-up in San Francisco. He then moved to the south Bay where he began his current venture in Silicon Valley as a Small and Medium Business Sales Coordinator at Google. While at Google, Denny was exposed to international collaboration with Googlers (coworkers) and advertisers from all over the world. This international exposure guided him to his next adventure...graduate school. In August, he will be working towards a 1-year full time Masters of International Business at Hult International Business School. Denny will be studying in London, England for one academic quarter, then rotate to Dubai, UAE for another quarter, and then finish up the program with one last quarter in Shanghai, China. He will be doing what he loves to do the most - learning and traveling!

## 2011



**JACK GNOSCA** is living his dream and is a proud Marine. He just earned his first stripe and is living in Maryland.

## 2012



**SHIVAN SINGH** is attending the University of San Francisco. He worked on a short film "After The Tone" which was in the USF Movie fest 2014. It received the honor of Best Movie out of 900 Entries and Best Actor for Shivan. He attended Campus Movie Fest (CMF), the world's largest student film festival and is anticipating the CMF Hollywood student film summit in June 2015 at Universal Studios. Nearly 1,000 student filmmakers, family and friends from 60 participating college campuses will attend the weekend of events including educational workshops, advanced screenings, networking and professional opportunities, screenings of over 200 in-competition short films, and the glamorous red carpet CMF Hollywood Awards at the Universal Globe Theater.



**DOMINIC ZANGER** is attending UC Santa Barbara and writes that his brother, Nate Zanger '12 is enjoying his studies up North at UC Davis.

## 2013

**BRIAN BROWNFIELD** writes, "What a year 2014 was! Life at Menlo College is pretty sweet...now in my second year, I've settled into a routine that is far from routine!" The bulk of his time is now spent working as the Sports Information Student Assistant for Menlo Athletics, where he is the main sports broadcaster for all home sporting events. That means covering both soccer teams, basketball teams, baseball, and softball. One of his calls from the 2014 baseball season even got put on YouTube and he is currently working on a highlight tape. When that isn't consuming his time, Brian is also a small-group leader for the Christian Club on campus, and is the co-founder and co-president of Menlo's first ever Ultimate Frisbee Club. And yes, he "does have time for school as well, somehow!"

## 2014

**JEFF BURKE** just finished basic training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina. He joined the Armed Forces (Army) and is now living in San Antonio, Texas for the next five months for his medic training. He is considering making a career out of the military because he has enjoyed it thus far.

**LUKAS GULARTE** was awarded the Maurice McMillan Memorial Scholarship through UnitedAg. Congratulations Lukas!





## Roger D. Conner

APRIL 10, 1930 – FEBRUARY 24, 2015

**WE WERE SADDENED** to learn of the recent passing of long-time Palma teacher Roger D. Connor.

Roger's Palma career ran for eighteen years, starting in the fall of 1990. He spent the bulk of his Palma time working with the seniors, teaching government and economics. He was not bashful about giving his advice to each and every senior as well as having opinions on each and every senior and their response to his advice to them; there was never a dull moment while Roger worked with the seniors. He also was charged with giving direction to student activities for all six grade levels; he was the senior class advisor and also served as chairman of the social studies department. In 2006 he transitioned his talents and skills into a new position for himself and Palma, that of director of admissions; he served in that role for two years and gave notice that he would be completing his Palma career in June of 2008 in order to spend time with his ailing wife.

Known as a gourmet cook, Roger shared his talents and gifts with others beyond the classroom. He was generous with his time and talents and would often

be observed doing something that was well beyond what was required or expected. He was cited twice by the University of California San Diego in their Outstanding Teacher Recognition Program; he was also cited by the University of California Santa Barbara in a similar program.

A true Connecticut Yankee by birth, Roger spent the last few years of retirement living with family in Pueblo, Colorado, where he died peacefully on February 24, surrounded by family. His family will inter his remains next to his beloved wife Vilma, in Connecticut, in June.

Roger's son, Mark, asked that anyone wishing to make a donation in his father's memory may do so by making a contribution to the general scholarship fund at Palma High School. Condolences may be sent directly to the family (Connor Family, 14 Jennifer Drive, Glen Carbon, IL 62034) or to Mark Connor's email address ([markjconnor@gmail.com](mailto:markjconnor@gmail.com)).

*May he rest in peace.*

IN MEMORIAM

## Susan (Tolan) Corl

CLASS OF 1959



# Chieftain Legacies

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Mark Beach  
Frank Campo  
Adam Costa  
Jonathan Jurevich  
Hayden Spencer  
Carson Souza

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Reno DiTullio  
Liam Short  
Ricardo Cabrera Jr.  
Cody Martinez  
Matt Smith  
Daniel Carnazzo  
Jacob Ratti  
Devin Molinari  
Alejandro Cabrera  
Bradley Daora

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Quintin Souza  
Drew Souza  
Stefano Pezzini  
August Brigantino  
Cody Lipe  
Josh Zanger  
Michael Bengard  
Jackson Baillie  
Matthew D'Arrigo  
Elliot Mirassou  
Matthew Dunston  
Barret Bonfantini

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Kevin Bass  
Cody Laycock  
Jared Cook  
Zachary Tamagni  
Jack Burlison  
William Van Ruler  
Evan Haro  
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Brandon Ng  
Anthony DeSantis  
Gabriel Rianda

## NOT PICTURED

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Brad Caracoli  
Nico DeSantis  
John Baillie  
Dominic Fratangelo  
Chad Sayer  
Brookes Spencer  
Matthew Costa  
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Wesley Pezzini  
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Nathaniel Fratangelo  
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Samuel Given



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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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Adam Pantoja  
Evan Pia  
Vincent Crivello

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Christopher Jurevich  
Samuel Lathos  
Zachary Scattini  
Kevin Beach  
Joseph Piini  
Marco Pezzini  
Samual Henion

## NOT PICTURED

Nathan Dodd  
Sean Fanoe  
Aidan Lafferty  
Wade Rianda



# Chieftain Legacies

## BY GENERATION

One of the Most Fundamental Elements of the foundation of Palma School is our Tradition of Excellence. This tradition creates a passion for Palma that our alumni carry for decades after they have left Palma's campus. Their passion is evident in the choice many alumni make to send their sons to be educated at Palma. The continuity and tradition of excellence that extends from generation is truly remarkable. It is a lasting legacy.

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Son of John Baillie '77

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Son of James Bass '88

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Grandson of Butch Massa '88

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Son of Phillip Caraccioli '81

**MATTHEW COSTA**

Son of Steven Costa '86

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**DOMINIC DESANTIS**

Grandson of Sally (Smith) Rhodes Jr. High '53

**DOMINIC FRATANGELO**

Son of Chip Fratangelo '83

**CODY MARTINEZ**

Son of Paul Ussery '92

**DAVID NUNES**

Son of David Nunes '71

**WESLEY PEZZINI**

Son of Paul Pezzini, Jr High '73

**GRIFFIN KAMINSKIS**

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Grandson of Albert Gozzelino '59

**CODY LIPE**

Grandson of James Lipe '57

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Grandson of Roy Martinez '66

**DOMINIC VULTAGGIO**

Grandson of Marilyn (Menges) Lorentz '59

### Class of 2016

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Son of John Baillie '77

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Son of Vincent Brigantino '82

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Son of Ricky Cabrera '84

**JARED COOK**

Son of Jason Cook '90

**MATTHEW D'ARRIGO**

Son of John D'Arrigo '76

**BRADLEY DAORO**

Son of Samuel Daoro '80

**JONATHAN JUREVICH**

Son of Steven Jurevich '80

**ELLIOT MIRASSOU**

Son of Mark Mirassou '80

**NICHOLAS OTTONE**

Son of Matthew Ottone - Jr High '82

**JOSEPH STEFANO PEZZINI**

Son of John Pezzini '78

**JACOB RATTI**

Son of John Ratti '83 & grandson of Marietta (Tosto) Federico '61

**GABRIEL RIANDA**

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Son of Jason Smith '87

**ZACHARY TAMAGNI**

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Son of Chuck Zanger '83

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Son of Daniel Carnazzo '87

**ADAM COSTA**

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Son of Chip Fratangelo '83

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Son of Richard Haro '87

**OLIVER MIRASSOU**

Son of Gregory Mirassou '84

**DEVIN MOLINARI**

Son of Perry Molinari '83

**BRANDON NG**

Son of Lit Ng, Jr '75

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Son of Brian Souza '84, grandson of Raymond Souza '63 & Pam (Stolich) Souza '64

**CARSON SOUZA**

Son of Richard Souza '87, grandson of Raymond Souza '63 & Pam (Stolich) Souza '64



## Three Generation Legacies

### SAMUEL GIVEN

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### DOMINIC FELICE

Son of Damon Felice '91, grandson of Andy Pomo '63

### SAM LAVORATO

Son of Sam Lavorato '83, grandson of Sam Lavorato '55

### LUKE MARTINEZ

Son of David Martinez '87, grandson of Manuel Martinez '66

### JACOB RATTI

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## Class of 2018

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Son of Thomas Bengard '87

### JOSEPH BURLISON

Son of Robert Burlison '74

### ALEJANDRO CABRERA

Son of Ricky Cabrera '84

### RENO DITULLIO

Son of Reno DiTullio '88

### LOUIS HOUSE

Son of R. Mark House '79

### JACOB OTTONE

Son of Matthew Ottone - Jr. High '82

### LIAM SHORT

Son of Roger Short '81

### DOMINIC SCATTINI

Son of James Scattini '81, grandson of James Scattini '60 & Joan (Botelho) Scattini '61

### QUINTIN SOUZA

Son of Richard Souza '87, grandson of Raymond Souza '63 & Pam (Stolich) Souza '64

### CODY LAYCOCK

Grandson of Donald Turner '60

### CHAD SAYER

Grandson of Jay DeSerpa '61

### BROOKES SPENCER

Grandson of Roy Martinez '66

### WILLIAM VAN RULER

Grandson of Neil Fanoie Jr. '60 & Patsy (Shellooe) Fanoie '61

## Class of 2019

### KEVIN BEACH

Grandson of Roberta (Fanoie) Huntington '59

### NATHAN DODD

Grandson of Roy Martinez '66

### VINCENT GONZALEZ

Son of Humberto Gonzalez '90

### CHRISTOPHER JUREVICH

Son of Steven Jurevich '80

### SAMUEL LATHOS

Son of Jason Lathos '86

### ADAM PANTOJA

Son of Joseph Panziera '96

### DANIEL PEZZINI

Son of John Pezzini '78

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### ZACHARY SCATTINI

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### SAMUAL HENION

Son of Jeffrey Henion '86

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