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### President

Chris Dalman '88



It has been many months since I could say with any certainty that the world of Palma is back to normal. As I wrote this same letter last year, I hoped and prayed that the coming school year would be a time when our students could live the normalcy of what school has been and should be for all young people. But I couldn't bet on it. My hesitancy going into the 70th year of Palma's existence, from a health front, was quickly dismissed this past Fall by our students' passion, vibrancy, and drive to live their normal lives. Our administration and teachers have done an incredible job in preparing and adjusting to a COVID school era, but our young men are the heart that makes this place unique. The handshakes and laughter, the competition in all they do, and their caring and love for each other as brothers is special. Same as it has been at Palma for over 70 years.

This school year saw the expansion of Palma to a sixth grade, award-winning arts, academic award ceremonies, championship seasons, completion of a new athletic field and track, and an incredible list of college choices by all of our Seniors. Capping off the end of the school year, many of you may have noticed the change in the name of our Multi-Purpose Building that sits on the southern side of our parking lot. This building, built in 2007 and located where the Brothers' residence used to sit for 50-plus years, was re-dedicated on May 19th as Brother Dunne Hall. For over 30 years, Brother Dunne was Palma. The re-dedication of this building still understates the work and passion he had for this school and especially its students. I appreciate his mentorship and leadership for these past three decades and this move ensures his name is never forgotten by the thousands of young students who will continue to walk these hallowed halls for years to come.

In the coming months, you will hear more and more about the expansion of Palma's athletic facilities as we begin the Phase 2 portion of our capital campaign. This building will replace the current batting cages and weight room with a 9,000-square-foot athletic facility, including a fitness center, locker rooms, bathroom facilities, offices, and more. My job at this school is to talk with anyone who may have a passion in making this project a reality for our students. I would love to further this conversation with you if you are interested in learning more.

I wish you all a joyous summer and hope you all get some much-needed rest.

Chris Dalman '88

President

# Principal

David J. Sullivan

As the close of another successful school year has come I cannot help but to reflect on the gift of education. The greatest challenge of teaching (and parenting) is to love unconditionally. It is a love that is balanced by the need for forgiveness and sincerity, to insure consequences for our sons that result from choices, both good and bad, both for our benefit and growth to being better people for a world that needs us so. It is my genuine hope that our young men learn to love and be loved during their time here at Palma. Effective teaching requires the ultimate gift of self to students every day — it is a vocation. Teachers who are committed to this higher standard know that their students may not fully realize this at this moment in their lives, but our teachers and coaches and mentors love our students anyway.

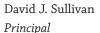
Learning is a deeply human experience. It happens first in our homes among our parents, our first teachers. Later in schools it is a process that requires relational experiences among teachers and students. What a gift it is to experience wonder, to encounter the "aha!" moment, to move beyond the status quo of ignorance to enlightenment — to learn! It is the reason why I believe in *this* school, where such interactions are happening every day. Here the process of education requires an investment of the whole person — physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. Our mission here is to prepare the sons of Palma for success beyond, in the community, in their families, and ultimately for Heaven. Here's some advice a number of our graduating seniors had to offer to future Chieftains of Palma School:

"Palma is a place I can call home. The teachers, faculty, and students are all kind, helpful, and compassionate with everything they do. I have made some lifetime friends here and I am grateful for my time here." — Chandler Nicholson '22

"I remember my first day [of] orientation in 7th grade and I was so nervous. Little did I know it was the best decision I ever made coming to Palma. I have developed so much over the past six years in so many ways. My favorite memories at Palma are in the baseball field with my brothers. Next year I will be attending the College of William and Mary as a Monroe Scholar and will be playing Division I baseball. One piece of advice I have for young Palma students is to actually do your homework. I know it sucks but you only learn by doing. Thank you for all the memories Palma." — Gavin Ducker '22

"Get comfortable being uncomfortable. Go do stuff you wouldn't do. Palma has a lot of unique opportunities other schools don't offer, take advantage of it." — Sam Gomez '22

These big brother Chieftains say it best in their own words: Palma is quite a special place. On this 70th anniversary of excellence in education, here's to another successful school year at Palma. *Go Chieftains!* 







# Getting Back to Above Normal

This year marked a full return of students on campus. Adjustments after one-and-a-half years off site were inevitable.

Academically, Chieftains experienced little change from previous years. The move to remote learning was quick and smooth, and Palma's insistence on accountability — taking roll before each class and requiring students to be on camera and appropriately attired — ensured student performance was not allowed to slip. Chieftains took responsibility to participate in class, complete assignments and stay on task.

The biggest differences when returning to in-person learning were physical. Each classroom was equipped with a high-powered air scrubber and doors and windows remained open. In August, masks were required when indoors. As health officials eased mask restrictions, Palma adopted a mask-optional policy with one strict caveat: no judgment. Masks, for both students and faculty, were a personal choice. And, the policy worked.

How and where some events were held on campus was another difference at the beginning of 2021-2022. A Taste of Palma, the parent-faculty mixer held in August was moved outside between C and D Wings, as well was the homecoming dance for students. Moving events into open air enabled greater participation. St. Patrick's Luncheon was again modified to take-out only. Although not ideal, it was a way to keep the tradition alive.

The tangibles that affected school life the most were those that were out of Palma's control. Athletic schedules needed flexibility as some schools struggled to fill team rosters. Coaches and officials were in short supply. And, most of the opportunities for community service were still not available.

Despite the resiliency of students, for some adjusting to life on campus proved to be almost as challenging as the move to life on line. Younger Chieftains, who had spent one semester or less at Palma prior to the pandemic, were unfamiliar with the day-to-day of campus life. Peer mentoring has always been a large part of the culture at Palma. As spring rolled around, Chieftain connections continued to strengthen.

To aid in the process, Mr. Nick Noroian '02, Director of Student Life, worked diligently to introduce extra activities. A gingerbread house building contest before Christmas pitted enthusiastic teams against each other for decorating dominance. A spirit week, much like that during homecoming week, was added in April that brought themed days and activities with Notre Dame to campus.

The uncertainty that hung in the air in August influenced what could or would happen on campus and what post-pandemic school life would look like. Administrators and faculty focused on students — providing a school year that was filled with fun and activities alongside rigorous academics and the usual high expectations — all within the boundaries of health and safety. •



### Palma's Advancement Team

The Advancement
team continues the
work of retired
Palma Fund Director
Tracy Jones, creating
and cultivating
relationships that
support Chieftains and
initiatives that move
the school forward.



Tracy Jones

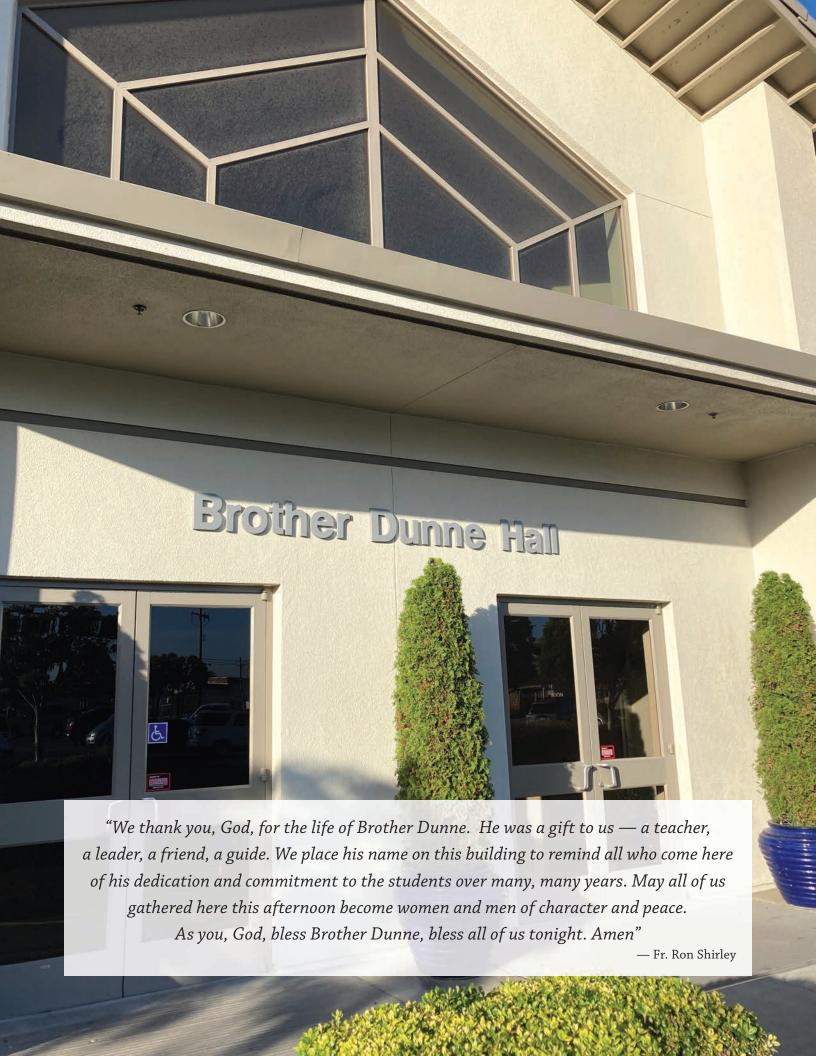
**John Houseman** started in May 2021 as the Director of Institutional Advancement. He brings fundraising, leadership and community building experience from many years of service in higher education, healthcare and local/national non-profit organizations. A former Pastor at two different Monterey County churches, John has a unique spiritual/selfless balance that serves Palma well. John was born in Hawaii, but as a "military brat" spent his childhood on the move. After graduating Lemoore High School, he joined the U.S. Air Force. He is a graduate of CSU Fresno and holds a Masters' degree in Non-Profit Administration from Portland State University. His wife, Shelly, is a teacher at All Saints in Carmel Valley. They have three adult children.

"I feel very blessed to be on staff at Palma. I thank God often for opening the door for me to be here during this exciting time. I'm honored to be able to serve this school, lead the advancement team and will strive to carry out its mission and vision through the generosity of private support from corporations, foundations and individuals," comments John.

Mandy (Rodriguez) Lebow is the Alumni and Events Manager. She is a Sacred Heart ('83) and Notre Dame High School ('87) graduate. Mandy and her husband, Dennis, have a daughter who also attended Sacred Heart and Notre Dame ('11). Many Palma alumni will remember Mandy's mom, Daryl (Escalera) Lyon who taught from 1987 to 2011 and returns to Palma every spring to proctor Advanced Placement exams. Mandy was the Director of Development and Marketing at Sacred Heart School, and currently serves on their Board. She worked in admissions and most recently as the Athletic Director for Notre Dame High School. Over an 11-year period, she coached cross country and track for Palma and Notre Dame. Mandy is very excited about her new role at Palma. She is looking forward to reconnecting the alumni to their alma mater through events, reunions, networking and mentoring programs. She looks forward to building relationships with current Palma families and alumni.

**Nick La Fountain '98** is a returning staff member, reporting directly to President Chris Dalman '88 as the Special Projects/Operations Manager. In this all-encompassing position, Nick serves as a bridge between administrative departments and is tasked to orchestrate the logistics on projects initiated by the president. He was previously employed at Palma from 2006 to 2013 as Director of Technology when he also coached many athletic teams including football, baseball and basketball. Nick married his high school sweetheart, Melissa, who is a 1998 graduate of Notre Dame High School. They have two children. Nick says he's, "a Palma graduate who looks forward to coming to work every day because he gets to support his colleagues working in many different departments on campus. He is very proud that through his efforts he is contributing to the future development of his alma mater."





### **Brother Dunne Hall**

"Today we celebrate and honor Brother Dunne for his legacy, which is benefitting not only Palma but the greater Salinas Valley and Monterey County because the graduates of this school have gone to be leaders in many industries in and outside the state of California, so to me it's an opportunity to honor a very special man deserving a very special legacy."

— Bruce Taylor



You have to go back 35 years, to 1987, to see a Palma School that was not influenced by Brother Patrick Dunne, C.F.C. Since then, up until 2020, Br. Dunne was Palma School. His brand of a well-defined campus culture, no-excuses accountability and attention-to-detail was hard to miss.



Everyone on campus, from students to the faculty and administrators, felt Brother's presence and toed the line accordingly. Parents usually appreciated his straight shooting and sense of humor. And, Palma supporters understood his business approach to running the school.

A word to describe Brother Dunne was "predictable." You knew where he was: at nearly every athletic event, at Mass when there was Mass, in his office during business hours and always early for a meeting.

It's easy to assume that he loved Palma School. He loved the boys who animated Palma's halls, filled its classrooms and walked its graduation stage. He loved watching Chieftains making a valiant effort (and usually succeeding) and watching boys of promise mature into men of character. A testament to that is the number of alumni who made it a point to stop by his office for a chat. He remembered everyone by name, details about their families and what they had planned to do after Palma.

He also loved this campus and what it had become during his 32 years at the helm. He had a plan for the physical plant and rallied the community to support his vision. Not only did the campus receive a facelift or two during his tenure, but he found a way to conceive of and fund two new buildings: the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel and the Multi-Purpose Building (affectionately known as the MPB) that houses an assembly space, dedicated wrestling room, music room with rehearsal and production spaces, science classrooms, and the offices of the president and advancement.

#### **Brother Dunne Hall**

At a dedication ceremony on May 19th, Palma's MPB became Brother Dunne Hall. Long-time Palma dad and supporter Bruce Taylor (right) shared memories and expressed the gratitude felt by many for Brother Dunne's influence and years of service. Fr. Ron Shirley (left) then led the gathered in prayer. He blessed the building, not with a "sprinkling" of holy water, but by — as Brother Dunne did — giving it all.



### Brother Dunne Endowed Scholarship Fund



"Palma is a school where young men receive the education they need: an academic education, a spiritual education, a physical education, and a moral education."



Br. Dunne believed no boy should be denied a Palma education because of finances. The Br. Dunne Endowed Scholarship Fund ensures his legacy, and this commitment, will continue.

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#### **Our Mission**

Palma is dedicated to providing young men an excellent college-preparatory education in a Roman Catholic environment that embraces *The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education* and challenges each individual to develop spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically, and socially.

#### **Sponsor Council**

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# Champions Challenge Phase II

Phase II of this capital campaign will deliver long-overdue upgrades and new facilities. "Spartan-like" is how Head Football Coach Jeff Carnazzo '85 describes the weight room. The Butler Building has been home to Chieftain conditioning for decades. Phase two of Champions Challenge will provide a new building adjacent to the baseball stadium that includes a climate-controlled fitness center, concession stand, restrooms and equipment storage. The plan also includes refurbishing the baseball facilities and replacing the natural grass with artificial turf. A move-able fence will allow for a full-sized football or soccer practice field in the outfield during baseball's off season.

The project benefits all Chieftains. Not only are athletic facilities open to all students for P.E. and recreation, but these improvements will enhance Palma's competitive edge, allowing the continued reputation of being a power school in our area. These new venues will attract families and help to increase Palma's

enrollment and athletic sponsorships.



Capital campaigns to address major athletic needs are necessary because funding for sports never comes from tuition dollars. The Athletic Council raises money throughout the year to support our student-athletes to fund uniforms, venues, officials and other costs required for our school to compete in the PCAL.



# **Around Campus**

#### Summer Park Clean-Up

Spanish classes took time to tidy up Hartnell Park. 1) Ryder Ritchie '24 and Leo Santana '24. 2) Bradley Collins '23, Joseph Silacci '25, Cage Foxworthy '23, Dominic Chaidez '25, Jose Jacinto '27, Jack Lindley '25, Enrique Saavedra '25. 3) Zechariah Hernandez '23, Henry Brown '23. 4) Fred Barnes '22, Martin Perez '22, Leo Alejo '23, Henry Cremers '23, Jaylin Mariscal '23. 5) Javi Avila '22, Anthony Secondo '23, Carl Neilsen '23, Keith Day '22.











#### **All In Monterey County**

William Black '22, Ms. Mia Mirassou, Jacob Nguyen '22 and Daniel Pacheco '25 lend a hand at All In Monterey County. Chieftains took advantage of the limited service opportunities.





#### The Boys are Back... And So Was the Cheering Crowd

Palma's annual Red & Gold Day brought students, families and supporters out for football scrimmages and fun. A farmer's market, tri-tip barbecue and games made the atmosphere festive while people stocked up with Palma logo wear for the year.













A Taste of Palma Welcomes Parents

This year's Taste was a successful outdoor event. Protected by the C and D wings, revelers enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, beverages and each other's company with laughter, lively conversation and the sense of a great school year ahead. Pictured above: Darrel and Maria Mendoza (left), Norma and Frank Pacheco with Mario Velarde (center), Roy and Kristy Guerini (top right).

#### **Bungee Dolls**

Students in Mr. Moncure's statistics class measured how far a doll falls using a varying number of rubber bands to determine how many were needed to successfully bungee jump from a great height.





#### Lessons in Leadership

Owen Sargenti '23 (standing) and upperclassmen hosted assemblies for all students in the MPB and Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel in October to share what they appreciate about Palma and teach their younger classmates what it means to be a Chieftain and the importance of caring for each other and Palma's campus.





#### **Blessing of the Rosaries**

Seamus Scott '26 and Dominic Silva '26 bring Rosaries made in Mrs.
DeSantis' seventh grade theology class to be blessed by Fr. Tyler Harris.

#### **Game Club**

A popular lunch meeting is Game Club where students put their hand-eye coordination, manual dexterity and tactical skills to the test in friendly competition.



#### Day on the Green — Junior High School Day for Dads and Their Sons

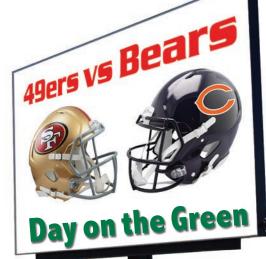
Junior high school students and their dads set a side a day in October to be together. The day began with Mass in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel before taking the field for games and a BBQ. The new 17-foot portable scoreboard created an outdoor venue to watch the San Francisco 49ers take on the Chicago Bears.



























#### **College Fair**

Seventeen college admissions representatives, plus materials from 25 other universities and colleges, were on hand at the annual College Fair held in October. Chieftains had the opportunity to explore their post-high-school options and learn about schools across the country.





#### **Christmas Concert**

The community was treated to the sounds of the season at Palma's Christmas Concert. The Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Band, conducted by Stephen Uccello, performed Christmas favorites.



#### Casa de la Cultura

Despite being on their Christmas break, Chieftains showed up *en masse* to help out at Casa de la Cultura, the annual food and gift giveaway to families in need in Pajaro. Each year, the Chieftains help distribute holiday cheer to more than 400 families.





#### **Coastal Kids**

In December, Palma ASB hosted an Ugly Sweater Free Dress Day to raise money for Coastal Kids for their Winter Wishes Holiday Gift Program. Money collected was used to purchase gift cards for families in need. The gift cards allow parents to buy their children gifts and enjoy shopping for their loved ones.

#### **Stock Market Game**

**High School** Gianni Ponce '24, Demetri Thomas '24, Logan Albertoni 24, and Leo Santana '24 placed 16th out of 392 high school teams in the Stock Market Game. Their team earned \$12,779 over two months of investing. The game helped Mr. Victor Plata's world history students learn about the stock market crash of 1929, capitalism, and debt.

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Stock Market Game — an online game where teams are given a virtual \$100,000 to invest in the stock market.

**Junior High** Xavier Molina '27, Chris Ushakoff '27, Jose Jacinto '27, and Gabe Perez '27 placed 42nd out of 183 junior high school teams in the Stock Market Game. Their team earned \$5,424 over two months of investing. The game helped Mr. Victor Plata's American history students learn about joint-stock companies that bankrolled the first colonies. They also learned about debt.



#### **Gingerbread Houses**

Six teams lined up to compete in Palma School's Gingerbread House Contest. After a grueling 35 minutes of construction and decoration, Mr. Rob Bishop and Mr. Raul Rico '03 were given the tough chore of determining the outcome. Taking the title were "Mrs. Claus' Helpers" (Luke Rossi '22, Josh Bassetti '22, Paul Rivera '22 and Maddux Hrepich '22). Second place went to "Santa's" (Sal Cina '23, Henry Brown '23, Anthony Secondo '23 and Evan Russo '23). In third place was "GingerBen" (Benjamin Dalton '25, Timothy Slater '24, Sekou Mathews '24, and Tyler Cina '24). Also competing were Diego

Calusdian '24, Rolando Infante '24, Ethan Aldrich '24, Leonardo Santana '24, Luke Garner '24, Ethan Davis '24, Steven McCarty '24, Luke Willer '24, Brendan Watson '23, Marc Asuncion '23, Mason Maraccini '23 and Andy Camacho '23. The winning house is shown here at left.

#### AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Volunteers

Chieftains pitched in to help at the AT&T Pro-Am. Below (l-r): Ryle Tomimbang '22, Javier Avila '22, Sal Lagana '22, Josh Bassetti '22, Sebastian Silva '25, Dominic Richert '24, Caesar Aldisert '22 and Weldon Chism '25. Left (l-r): Josh Bassetti '22, Maddux Hrepich '22, Kira Dixon, Kevin Chen '23, Brendan Watson '23 and Eamon Malley '22. Lower right: Leo Santana '23.





#### Aryan Nahal '22 Finishes First at State

Aryan Nahal '22 took first place in the journalism competition at the state finals after winning the county competition in February. The journalism competition runs parallel to the main competition with students writing articles about the trial. This is a first as no journalist from any Monterey County school has ever placed first at state. Aryan faced a field of competitors from schools in more than 30 counties. As part of his preparation, he attended workshops led by local syndicated columnist Peter Funt, who oversaw Monterey County's journalism competition.





#### Quinton Pina '28 Wins JHS Spelling Bee

A field of 12 competed in the Junior High Spelling Bee on February 9th. The finalists, Jonah Corpuz '28, Max Lomboy '27, John Paul Mendoza '27, Cesar Mercado '26, Keoni Pato-Guardado '26, Francis Perez '26, Bernardo Phillips '27, Quinton Pina '28, Diego Sullivan '28, Calix Velarde '27, Aiden Veliz '26, and Joshua Ward '27 went several rounds until the field was narrowed to just two: Quinton Pina '28 and Calix Velarde '27. They battled back and forth until Quinton out-spelled Calix to take the title. He is shown here with Mr. Sullivan, Palma's principal.

#### Hail Mary, Full of Grace

As the world reels from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and nations react with sanctions and protests, Palma students did their part to encourage a peaceful solution. On Monday, February 28, Chieftains prayed the Rosary in each of their theology classes.





#### **Southern California College Tour**

Juniors and seniors joined Palma counselors on a trip to tour seven college campuses that included Cal Poly SLO, UC Santa Barbara, UCLA, Biola, UC San Diego, University of San Diego and San Diego State. Palma alums acted as guides at most of the colleges. Of course, the trip included its usual stop at Disneyland.



Josh Bassetti '22



Maddux Hrepich '22



Arvan Nahal '22

**Mock Trial Team Pushed Into Fourth** 



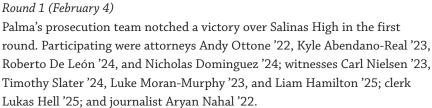
Andy Ottone '22



Ryan Roggio '22



Kyle Abendano-Real '23





Aidan Freeman '23



David Hodges '23

#### Round 2 (February 8)

A narrow loss for the defense team to Pacific Grove left us in second place. Participating were attorneys Ryan Roggio '22, Maddux Hrepich '22, Dante Zanger '24, and David Hodges '23; witnesses Lukas Zanger '24, Josh Bassetti '22, Andy Ottone '22, and Aidan Freeman '23; bailiff Roberto De León '24; and journalist Aryan Nahal '22.



Luke Moran-Murphy '23



Carl Nielsen '23

#### Round 3 (February 11)

Carmel was a strong opponent, as usual, but our prosecution put up a good fight, coming much closer than other teams.



Roberto De León '24





Nicholas Dominguez '24

#### Final Round (February 13)

Palma's defense beat Stevenson in the morning, leaving us 2-2 in the competition, with wins over Stevenson and Salinas and losses to Carmel and Pacific Grove. Santa Catalina came from behind to beat Pacific Grove in their morning round which put them in the final round against Carmel with a 3-1 record. Having beaten us earlier, Pacific Grove earned third place, with Palma pushed to fourth.



Timothy Slater '24

At the award ceremony, Palma students were recognized in two categories: Roberto De León '24 won for outstanding prosecution attorney and Aryan Nahal '22 placed first in the journalist competition. Our attorney coaches spent countless hours preparing our team. Thank you to Matt Ottone, Matt L'Heureux, and Maribel Ferreira. We appreciate your support!



Dante Zanger '24



Lukas Zanger '24



Liam Hamilton '25



Lukas Hell '25

#### **Diabetes Assembly**

Palma freshman Ben Dalton (below) organized and hosted an assembly for fellow students about Type One Diabetes. Guests Janie Bernstein and Ken Jungsten spoke about how their living with Type One Diabetes has been made easier with the help of





service dogs. The dogs are specially trained to detect a drop in blood sugar and alert the client that immediate action needs to be taken. Kim Denton, from the National Institute of Canine Service and Training, talked about the service dogs and their training. Ben will be receiving a service dog soon and Ms. Denton provided the do's and don'ts when encountering a person with a new service dog. More information about these life-saving canines can be found at ourdogssavelives.org. A collection of CRV recyclables was established on campus to raise funds to train service dogs. Pictured above (1 to r): Ben Dalton '25, Ken Jungsten, Janie Bernstein, Kim Denton with their canine life-savers.



#### **Studying the Constitution**

Thanks to Bert Lundy (dad of Thomas Lundy '20) for the gift of pocket Constitutions for Mr. Plata's American history class. It is a different experience for students to hold the document in their hands and flip through the pages rather than reading it on a screen.







#### Two Chieftains Selected for Boys State

David Hodges '23 was selected to participate in the annual California Boys State leadership camp and Caleb Chung '23 was selected as an alternate. Boys State is a nationwide program with a number of excellent organizations educating

young men to be the leaders of tomorrow.

American Legion Boys

State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students — a participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government.

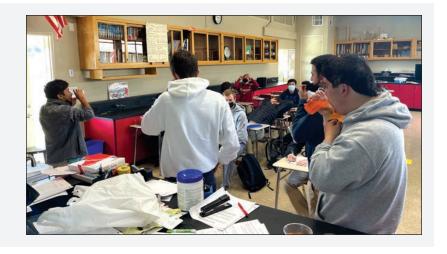
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#### **Matters of the Heart**

Some students, with parents' permission, participated in a statistical experiment on how caffeine can affect heart rate. Half got orange soda with caffeine and half did not in a single blind assignment. This hands-on experience helped students understand how experiments are run to minimize placebo effect and remove confounding variables.







#### A Watershed Moment

Students studied watersheds at the beach... not really! They put the long jump pits to good use by creating landscape features in the sand to model working watersheds.

#### The Year of the Dodgeball

Palma's dodgeball tournament during homecoming week has become so popular that a COVID version, played outside on the field, was invented last spring. Palma hosted three dodgeball tournaments this school year.



Junior high school dodgeball tournament on April 1



Spring high school dodgeball tournament

### Chieftain Athletics

#### **Football**

Coach Jeff Carnazzo'85 marshalled his varsity squad to another winning season and CCS playoff berth — their 38th in a row. On the strength of Luke Rossi's '22 leadership, standouts Javier Avila '22, Jo Jo Cardinale '22, Joseph Finley '22, Kasey Mena '22 and Logan Saldate '24 led the team to a 7-4 overall record, 5-3 in league. The team was honored with nine All-League players including on First Team: Jo Jo Cardinale '22, Logan Saldate '24, Javier Avila '22, Kasey Mena '22, and Joseph Finley '22. Earning recognition on Second Team were: Luke Rossi '22, Colton Amaral '22 and Jake Mahler '22. Sam Gómez '22 was named to the Richard Chamberlain Sportsmanship Team.





#### **Cross Country**

Cross Country opened its season with a second-place finish (by just five points). Moises Benito '22 finished third overall. Teammates Benjy Altamirano '22, Sammy Bastida '22, Diego Calusdian '24, Roberto De León '24, Eamon Malley '22, Gianni Ponce '24, Tatum Sanders '23 and Leo Santana '24 pushed it hard all season qualifying the Chieftains for a spot in the CCS meet. In the final league meet, Will Ward '25 made his varsity debut while Moises Benito '22 capped his Palma career with his fourth first-place finish of the season improving his best time to 15:57. In the California State Meet, Benito placed 24th in Division IV, cementing his place as Palma's third best Cross Country runner (behind Sam Lavorato '19 and State Champion Tyre Johnson '09).

#### **Water Polo**

Despite the valiant effort of Kyle Batacan '22, Sean Bosch '22, Liam Hamilton '25, Noah

Herman '24, Mark Macias '25, Carson McPherson '23, Jacob Regalado '24, Soren Roberts '25, Ryder Ritchie '24 and Michael Padilla '25 the Water Polo team managed a sixth-place finish in a highly competitive season. The Chieftains will have a number of returning players with varsity experience in the fall. Kyle Batacan '22 and Sean Bosch '22 were named All-League players and Soren Roberts '25 was named to the All-League Sportsmanship team.





#### Soccer

Palma fielded a young soccer team with Sammy Bastida, Kevin Espinas, Samuel Gomez, Rodolfo Guerrero and Hunter Vaccarezza being the only seniors on the 20-man team. The Chieftains wrapped up the season with 5-3-2 in league. Next season, they will be moving up to the Mission Division in PCAL.



#### **Basketball**

Chieftain hoopsters tore it up again this season with their second league championship in a row finishing with an 11-1 record. Leading the charge on the court were Nate Jean-Pierre '22, Ryan Roggio '22, Joey Finley '22 and Maddux Hreprich '22 all being named to the PCAL Gabilan Division All-League teams. Nate Jean-Pierre '22 shared All-League MVP honors. Colton Amaral '22, Arshdeep Cheema '22, Jack Findley '22, Blake Butler '23, Aidan Freeman '23, Robert Galli '23,



Logan Guerini '23, Matthew Fuqua '23, Sebastian Trinidad '23 and Charlie Kosta '23 rounded out the League Championship team.

#### Wrestling

Palma wrestling did not get a league season due to COVID, but through the tournament was able to place second in PCAL. Thirteen grapplers participated in CCS with Misha Lomboy '22, Kasey Mena '22, Jo Jo Andrade '23 and JC Escutia '23 qualifying for the state tournament. Misha Lomboy '22 wrapped up his Palma career on the podium with a 7th-place finish at state. He accepted a wrestling scholarship offer from Michigan State — the first Chieftain to be recruited into Big Ten wrestling.





#### Golf

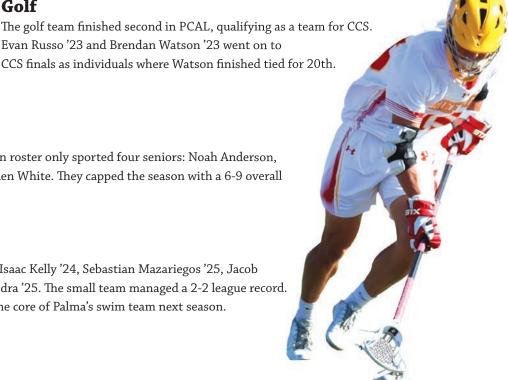
Evan Russo '23 and Brendan Watson '23 went on to CCS finals as individuals where Watson finished tied for 20th.

#### Lacrosse

Another young team, the 24-man roster only sported four seniors: Noah Anderson, Jake Mahler, Seth Nino, and Aiden White. They capped the season with a 6-9 overall record.

#### **Swimming**

Palma's swim team consisted of Isaac Kelly '24, Sebastian Mazariegos '25, Jacob Regalado '24, and Enrique Saavedra '25. The small team managed a 2-2 league record. These young swimmers will be the core of Palma's swim team next season.



#### **Volleyball**

The Chieftains wrapped up the season with a 14-5 record which qualified them for CCS. The team was anchored by Charlie Hayden '22, Adam Bucholtz '22 and Joseph Bucholtz '22 and Ryan Roggio '22. The Chieftains will look to build on the experience of returning player Sterling Martin '23 next season. Charlie Hayden '22 was named to the PCAL All-League team.



Chieftains finished second in the Gabilan Division with a 17-4 league record which qualified for a CCS playoff berth. Seniors Jo Jo Cardinale, Ethan Crisman, Gavin Ducker, Luke Rossi and Jeremy Valenzuela anchored a strong team with Valenzuela leading in batting and on-base percentage.

Cabe Wheeler '22 rounded out the outstanding effort by our seniors. Their dominant pitching staff will return three starters: Blake Butler '23, Nathan Cruz '23 and Quentin Williams '23. The four seniors who signed to play college ball were Jo Jo



Cardinale at Utah University, Ethan Crisman at CSUMB, Gavin Ducker at William & Mary, and Luke Rossi at the University of San Francisco. As of this writing, more signings may be in the offing. PCAL All-League First Team honors went to Jo Jo Cardinale '22 (Co MVP), Gavin Ducker '22 and Jeremy Valenzuela '22. Luke Rossi '22, Nathan Cruz '23 and Jayden Kim '23 were named to the PCAL All-League Second Team. Cade Wheeler '22 was named to the Sportsmanship Team.

#### Track & Field

Track and Field had a great season finishing in second place in PCAL. The team was led by the incredible distance talent of Moises Benito '22 who was PCAL Champion in the 800, 1600, 3200 and ran a leg on Palma's 4x400 team. Not to be outdone, Paul Rivera '22 was PCAL Champion in the long jump with the second best jump in the CCS, second in the 200, third in the 100, and anchored the 4x100. Counterpart Logan Saldate '24 was second in the long jump, second in the 100, fourth in the 200 and was also on the 4x100. Ben Salas '22 defended his league crown in the discus and Caleb Moran Murphy '22 was PCAL Champ in the shot put. Freshman Von Swim added a fourth and fifth in each event while the throwers racked up 28 points for the Chieftains! Other scorers for Palma were Leo Santana '24 in the 800 and 1600 finishing sixth. Gianni Ponce '24 placed third in the 400. Jaylin Mariscal '23 and Keoni Bennett '24 were sixth in the high jump. The 4x100 relay team of Bennett, Saldate, Gavin Martinez '24 and Rivera finished third in the CCS. Also finishing third was the 4x400 team of Isidro Hernandez '25, Santana, Benito and Ponce.

#### **Invited to Play at the Next Level**

Congratulations to these seniors who have earned athletic scholarships and will compete at the collegiate level.



**Jo Jo Cardinale**University of
Utah
Baseball



Ethan Chrisman Cal State University Monterey Bay Baseball



**Gavin Ducker** William & Mary University Baseball



Misha Lomboy
Michigan State
University
Wrestling



**Luke Rossi**University of
San Francisco
Baseball



**Logan Saldate**University of
Washington
Football

# Junior High Class of 2022





# High School Graduation 2022

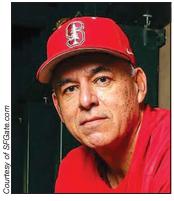






### Palma Ath-lumni

#### **Professional-Level Chieftains**



**David Esquer '83\***Stanford University
Head Baseball Coach



Kevin Clune '90 **BYU** 

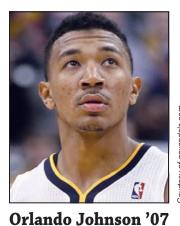
Linebackers Coach



Tony Hill '98
Colorado State
Head Football Athletic Trainer



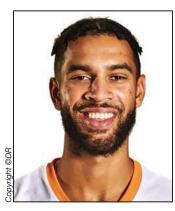
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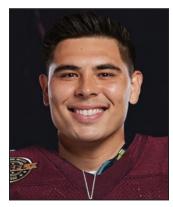
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Guard / Forward



Brian Reader '07 Univ. Northern Colorado Running Backs Coach



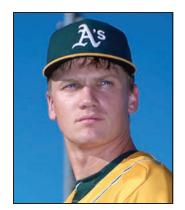
Noah Allen '13
CD Maristas Palencia
Guard / Forward



Michael Carrizosa '13

Michigan Panthers

Punter



Austin Wahl '13
Oakland Athletics



Mitch Kidd '14
Fan Controlled Football
Quarterback



Drew Dalman '17
Atlanta Falcons
Inside Offensive Line

\*SV Athletic Hall of Fame

Pitcher

#### Collegiate Athlete Chieftains



Jamaree Bouyea '17
University of San Francisco
BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Matt Mercurio '17
Villanova
FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Joey Burlison '18 NYU GOLF SCHOLARSHIP



Michael Carrillo '18 Northwest Christian Univ.

GOLF SCHOLARSHIP



Santo DeFranco '18
Mercer College
FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Vince Flores '18
University of Washington
BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Sam Stoutenborough '18
UC Berkeley
BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Octavio Rubio '18
University of San Diego
CROSS COUNTRY



Grant Sergent '19 University of San Diego FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Ray Sillano '19 St. Mary's College



Jon Jon Berring '20 Santa Clara University BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Dane Golden '20 Marquette



Syon Green '20
Art Academy
BASKETBALL



Micah Olivas '20 Hartnell FOOTBALL



Ethan Pavlet '20 UC Berkeley



Anton Strasser '20 University of Dubuque LACROSSE SCHOLARSHIP



Anthony Villegas '20
UC Davis
FOOTBALL



JT Amaral '21
University of San Francisco
BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Christian Avila '21 MPC



Guy Bessey '21 Colorado State FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Oki Hautau '21
Columbia University
FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Noah Puleaii '21 UCLA FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Rudy Salas '21
Dominican University
LACROSSE SCHOLARSHIP



Zach Thompson '21 Campbell University WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP

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#### 1957

**Dennis Andersen** reports he is proud to have four grand-children.

#### 1963

**Andy Pomo** has been married 51 years with four children who are graduates of Palma and Notre Dame. He has eight grandchildren.

#### 1960

Classmates from the class of 1960: Carol Breschini Richardson, Tara Diann Stein, Viv Brisbine Medina, Angie Sahagun Vasquez, Jean Ferrasci Steinbruner, Yvette Casamayou Benson, Sarah Herbert, Barbara DeLuna Lazarotti, and Jeanette Avilla Schneider





#### 1966

**Manuel Martinez** and his wife Marian (high school sweetheart) and their six grandchildren. Manuel keeps busy coaching JV football at Palma with his son **Tim '89.** Manuel also referees basketball and football. He says it keeps him young.



#### 1967

**Phil Fondale** writes, "Because of this publication, I was reconnected with one of my best friends, **John Shigo '67.** We are both members of the class of '67. We hadn't seen each other in 55 years. John came to visit me in Pioneer while he was on a quick trip to California. John lives in Portland, Oregon. John and I went our separate ways when we went to college just after graduation and lost touch with each other. Even though it had to be a short visit, we had a great time reminiscing and catching up and it won't be our last visit. John is the handsome guy on the left and I'm on the right."

#### 1972

**John Felix** (below) is retired and lives with his wife Jan in Tennessee. John is the proud father of **Ryan '02** (right) and grandsons Liam 4 and Noah 2.

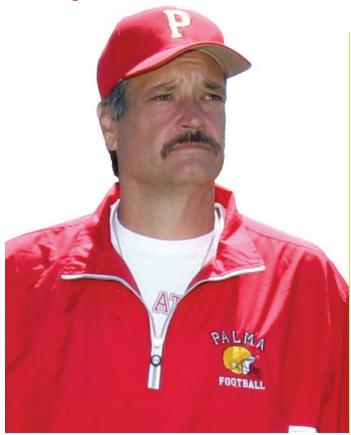


#### 1974

After 32 years as a newspaper sports editor, sports copy desk chief and features copy desk chief, and 10 years as an IT research editor, **Rob Gagnon** has returned to writing as a freelance writer for Beckett Media. His 16-page story Collecting the Pistol: The A-to-Z Guide to Collecting Pete Maravich is featured as the cover story in the February/ March 2022 issue of Beckett Vintage Collector magazine. His 10-page story The ABA's Best: Building a Collection of the ABA's Top 30 Players of All-Time Is Surprisingly Affordable was featured as the cover story in the November 2021 issue of Beckett Basketball magazine as well as inside the October/ November 2021 issue of Beckett Vintage Collector magazine.



#### Alumni Update (continued)



#### 1976

**Steve Clayton** will be posthumously inducted into the Salinas Valley Sports Hall of Fame in August 2022 for his work coaching and as athletic director at Palma.

#### 1980

**Rob Croswhite** writes, "We have recently completed construction on our new home and shop in the Prescott National Forest. After selling the ranch and my water well pump and filtration business in the foothills of California, I moved to Arizona approximately six years ago. I now build restomods and custom hot rods — mostly for the fun of it."



#### 1981

**Ed Laverone** continues to enjoy retirement while operating a consulting and investigations business. His biggest clients are Catholic religious orders conducting internal investigations when religious are accused of misconduct, and also supervising religious organization members on restriction. While living in Lincoln, he is able to spend time in San Juan Bautista with his 91-year-old mother and visiting with his older Brother, **Fr. Ken Laverone OFM '69.** "I thoroughly enjoyed our 40th reunion last October. Those unable to attend really missed a great event." Shown below: **Mike House** and **Ed Laverone** at the Class of 1981 reunion in October 2021.



#### 1987

**Mark Lema** (below) reports, "My wife (Amy) and I have been married 21 years and finally were able to celebrate our 20th anniversary in Hawaii. I have two beautiful daughters, Ashley who is 30 and just got married this past October and Kendra who is 14 and a freshman at San Benito High.



My wife is the Director of Physician Services and Clinic Operations for Hazel Hawkins Hospital and I am a retired Deputy Sheriff from San Benito County and currently work as the Director of Alumni Affairs for a National non-profit called Save A Warrior."



Susie and **Dave Martinez** have four children. They stay busy with their children's sports activities. Hannah (25) and Luke (21) attend Chico while Gavin is a sophomore and Jacob is in the first sixth-grade class at Palma.



#### 1989

Jessica and **Tim Martinez** have two daughters: Bella, a junior at Notre Dame and Maya, an eighth grader at Sacred Heart. Bella was selected as a representative of Girls State and will attend camp this summer. Maya is a softball catcher for Travel Ball and has weekend tournaments in Stockton. Tim has taught high school math honors classes at Palma for 28 years.



Joey Dansby was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame on February 13th in Fresno. Pictured at the ceremony here with Joe are Bret Nielsen, Scott Haneta

and Matt Cava.

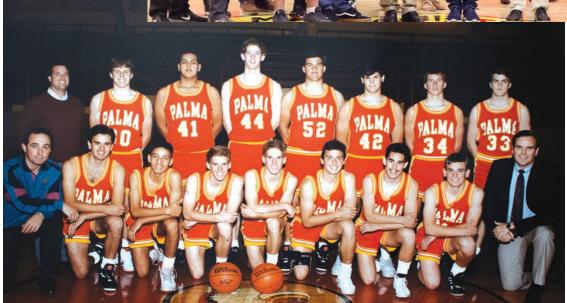


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#### 1992

Members of the 1992 State Championship Basketball team gathered for a 30th anniversary celebration in Palma's gym on February 4th. Click the button below to watch the championship game video.





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#### 1995

**Brian Courrejou** recently produced a documentary entitled *Mister Candid Camera* about the life and career of *Candid Camera* creator Allen Funt. It will be on streaming



platforms sometime this year. He's also working on his third children's book. His first two, No Bees Please and More Bees Please, are currently available at Amazon. com.

#### 1999

**Matthew Jenkins** was promoted to Chief of Police for the Healdsburg Police Department.



#### 2002

**Ryan Felix** is Fire Captain at Cal Fire in Merced County. Ryan lives in Salinas with his wife Sarah and sons Liam (4) and Noah (2) (Future Chieftains).



**Michael Rianda** and his team were nominated for an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. Rianda co-wrote and co-starred in *The Mitchells vs The Machines*. It is available to view on Netflix.



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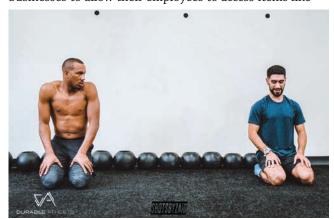
#### 2003

**Luca Casabella** reports, "My wife Kristin, son Antonio and I just welcomed our baby daughter Stella Rae on February 20th, 2022. I was also recently promoted to General Manager of the Telenor Global Services office in Dubai, U.A.E."



#### 2010

Cristian Plascencia currently owns and oversees a health and fitness coaching service in Austin, Texas, titled Durable Athlete. It is based upon helping people master their lifestyle habits to ultimately promote a healthy and fit life. They hold in-person fitness training sessions as well as remote coaching for nutrition and lifestyle habits (sleep/hydration/stress mitigation/etc.). He has seven coaches on his staff who train everyone from youth athletes to soccer moms. He also has a mobility- and recovery-based app available for download that is filled with mobility- and longevity-based routines to help people move and feel better in their body. This app is on several platforms for businesses to allow their employees to access items like



#### Alumni Update (continued)

desk mobility routines, breath-work and meditation routines, and bodyweight workouts accessible from anywhere. He also owns an entity called Texas Pro Academy that trains more than 600 kids in the greater central Texas region. They specify in training basketball athletes — everyone from age eight to NBA-level. In this avenue, local private schools are hiring his staff to be strength and conditioning providers for all sports K-12. He also holds consulting services for gym owners and professional/collegiate teams of all sports. He is also a lululemon ambassador in ATX and a consultant for their corporate team based out of Vancouver, Canada.

#### 2013

Jacob Ongaro graduated from UC Berkeley in 2017 with a B.A. in Integrative Biology. He spent the following years gaining various experiences in the medical field, living in Berkeley and then in Santa Cruz. In Fall 2020, he entered Touro University of California College of Osteopathic Medicine in



Vallejo, CA to become trained as an Osteopathic Physician. A D.O. is a fully licensed physician who can practice within the full scope of medicine but has additional training in hands-on techniques to guide the body to improved structural and functional alignment. By a great coincidence, he will be returning to perform his third year rotations at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas starting this summer!

lot."

county supervisor in San Benito County. I just officially started my campaign. The primary election is in June followed by the supervisor general election in November. I am thankful to the teachers and coaches at Palma who helped to build my character and gave me the skills necessary to undertake this challenge. Chieftains in District 1 of San Benito County should look for my name on the bal-

**Dominic Zanger** writes, "I am running for



#### 2014

**Benjamin Laycock** graduated from Palmer Chiropractic School West with a Doctorate of Chiropractic on December 9, 2021. He graduated with honors as part of the 159th class. He passed the State boards and awaits his license to start practicing. He previously graduated from U of A in 2018 with a double major in Physiology and Nutritional Science with a minor in Chemistry. Pictured: **Benjamin Laycock, Donald Turner '60** and **Cody Laycock '18**.



**John '14** and **Stefano Pezzini '16** recently attended the 62nd International Military Pilgrimage in Lourdes, France. John Angelo was invited to lector at the Anglophone Mass in the Grotto and both Chieftains participated in the Wounded Warrior P.T. Exercises.

**Ben White** graduated law school in May 2021 and took the bar exam that July. In November he learned he had passed the bar and received his California bar license. He is working as an attorney at Troutman Pepper in San Diego in business litigation.

#### 2016

**Angel Maldonado** graduated in June 2021 with his BA in psychology from Southern Oregon University.



#### 2017

Jamaree Bouyea had a record-setting basketball career at the University of San Francisco, leading the Dons to an appearance in the NCAA tournament in 2022. Despite Bouyea's 36 points, the Dons fell in the first round. Jamaree's name is mentioned often in NBA draft talk.



Three 2017 graduates walked across the stage at the USD commencement in San Diego in 2021. Pictured below are **Ben Snow, Isaiah Blanco, Pedro Gomez.** 



#### 2018

On a golf scholarship at NYU, **Joey Burlison** has competed in 15 events of which he has seven top-ten finishes, four in his last five matches. In 2019 Joey won the Skidmore College Invitational which helped



the team finish in first with the lowest tournament score in team history. This was off Joey's record-breaking performance the previous tournament. He now owns the lowest 36-hole tournament score in NYU history. Burlison beat his opponent in the UAA Championship in 2022, earning a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

#### 2021

**Shane Olzsanowski** received a scholarship from LULAC for his studies at the University of San Diego. He recently accepted a Duo Internship offered by Georgetown University. He has been selected for admission to Surgery Skills and Medical Research. He's aspiring to be a surgeon.



#### IN MEMORIAM

1957	Herman Steinbruner	October 24, 2021
1963	Ed Dowd	February 27, 2022
1963	Tom Shigo	April 30, 2022
1965	<b>Michael Stevenson</b>	January 14, 2022
1966	Roy Martinez	December 14, 2021
1974	Jim Echeveria Jr.	February 14, 2022
1974	Tim Ostoja	July 14, 2021
1979	<b>Andy Hernandez</b>	February 4, 2022
1988	Robert Carpenter	March 20, 2022
1990	James Hayhurst	April 26, 2022
2015	<b>Preston Coulson</b>	February 27, 2022



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