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A message from the

President

Chris Dalman '88



June always brings its own time of reflection to Palma. Graduations have passed, grades are in, classroom doors are locked for the summer, and the daily noise of the bells has stopped. But even after 18 years at Palma, I am always amazed at how fast things turn to the coming year.

Summer projects on campus, boys are already back training for their upcoming seasons, new students are on campus getting involved, and summer school and clubs kick into gear. This year is no different. New roofs and waterlines are being installed around campus while the bathrooms within the wings are being renovated. Add that to the ongoing plans of the new athletic complex set to break ground this next school year as well as much-needed gym locker room renovations. Palma never slows, and it is more evident this summer than ever before.

Our senior class has moved on with much to be proud of. Academic awards earned, an incredible list of college acceptances, and a group of young men who left their echoes within our hallways for years to come. I am incredibly proud of this class and the efforts they put into our school over the past few years. That said, I know admissions shows numbers we have not seen in years. Freshman class totals are higher than we have seen in over a decade, while junior high classes are full. Great things are happening at the school, and I am excited to see where we can go in the coming years.

I want to thank our families for their ongoing commitment to our school, knowing that a Palma education is and will be the best option for their son in the coming years. I know tuition dollars do not come easy, and I promise you that we do all we can to keep these numbers down. With a few minutes of searching, one could find that a Palma School education is the lowest cost of a private high school education within an 80-mile radius. We are committed to keeping this a reality.

I also want to thank our alumni and local business supporters whose selfless commitments to our school continue to enhance the Palma experience for young men in our community. I look forward to seeing and working with you in the upcoming school year.

All my best,

Chris Dalman '88

President

A message from the

Principal

David J. Sullivan

As the reality of the close of another successful school year wraps up 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 in growth and development 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. Teachers who are committed to that higher standard of their vocations know that their students will never be able to show enough gratitude for that ultimate gift of self, but they love our students anyway.

Life, we know, is not perfect, and neither is the gift of education. As students we make mistakes, we fail, we struggle to stay motivated. As teachers we misperceive, misjudge, miscalculate, we struggle to motivate. It may even be the very imperfection inherent in the process of learning that empowers learning to happen ever more fully. 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! 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, theorists and evidence acquired by those who research. It is the reason why I believe in schools, such interactions are happening every day.

Learning is all the more reason why I believe in Palma, where the process of education requires an investment of the whole person — physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. We value our young men and we care for their success even beyond their current GPAs. Our mission here is to prepare the sons of Palma for success beyond Palma, in college, in the community, in their families, and ultimately for Heaven. Here's to another successful school year at Palma!

Go Chieftains!



David J. Sullivan
Principal





Chieftains' Varsity Football teams have earned a playoff berth 39 years in a row and have been Division Champions 17 out of 23 seasons under Jeff Carnazzo '85.

The Winningest Football Coach

“I believe that we’re in the business, not for winning football games, but for building men.”



There is already a lot to brag about when it comes to Palma football. And now you can add one more boast to the bunch: Palma’s Jeff Carnazzo ’85 is the winningest high school football coach in Monterey County history.

Carnazzo staked his claim to the number-one spot on October 28, 2022 when the Chieftains defeated the Santa Cruz Cardinals 38-3; the 201st win of his career. Just the week prior in the 24-21 win over the Aptos Mariners, Carnazzo tied his former coach (both on the field and sideline), the late Norm Costa.

Jeff Carnazzo was born and raised in Monterey. He hadn’t even heard of Palma when his dad told him he was coming here for seventh grade. He was disappointed to be leaving his friends, but in no time was enjoying everything Palma had to offer, eventually lettering in baseball and football. By graduation, he was eager to go to college, but knew he was going to miss this place.

Carnazzo graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree from CSU Fresno. He returned to Palma in 1990 and while teaching U.S. History and coaching JV football, earned his Master’s in Education and a teaching credential. In 2000 he moved up to Head Coach of the varsity football team.

In the classroom, Carnazzo confesses, “I coach U.S. History, I don’t teach it.” He uses the same passion at the podium as he does on the field and his students can feel it and usually respond in kind. But, make no mistake — his first love is coaching football.

“I believe that we are in the business, not for winning football games, but for building men. We do win football games, but I believe that my players, once they’ve completed four years in our program, are going to be men.”

A big part of teaching boys to become men is teaching them to be GOOD men. “When we win, we want to win with integrity. And if we lose, we want to lose with integrity. We put a premium on sportsmanship in this program.”

The football program benefits from a campus culture of brotherhood. Teachers and coaches talk about it and students “get” it. It makes solid teammates who push hard when the going gets tough. It also makes it easier for student-athletes to buy in to the three pillars of the program — accountability, selflessness and toughness (both mental and physical). These are concepts students learn as freshmen and are reinforced throughout their time here. “I hear from college coaches all the time about how much they love our players because they work hard year ’round and understand how to grind.”

Carnazzo’s personal goal — more important than bringing a state championship to Palma — is to leave a legacy of building men. ●

Returning to build a home and hope

Mission Mexico

During their Easter vacation, April 10-15, Palma students, staff and chaperones were busy in Mexico building a house for a family in need.

Mission Mexico was brought to Palma in 2002 by Willie Beesley '86 and Dennis Donahue '72. The program was taken over in 2004 by George Garibay. It is a unique opportunity to build a house while building character and self-confidence. Students receive hands-on training in most phases of construction. Experienced staff members and chaperones accompany the group and Palma is well known to the parish that is our host and advocate. Safety is a top priority while in the country of Mexico and during construction.

This year, 11 students and five adults made the trek. For the Chieftains involved in the program, the learning opportunities are tremendous. Not only can they be part of a team that literally builds a house from the ground up, but they also have a chance to experience another country's culture first-hand. The disparity in living



conditions between the Salinas area and the Mexican border towns is stark and impactful for students.

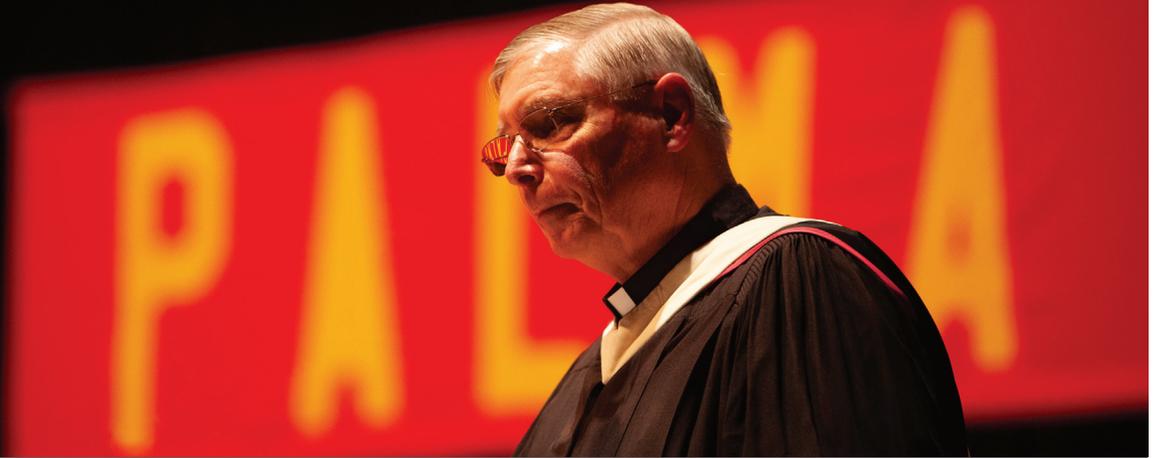
More than building a house, Chieftains have built a home and created a new opportunity for a deserving family in Mexico. This mission has been cited as one of the most powerful experiences a young man can have during his high school years at Palma. ●



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What we did on your summer vacation:

Campus Maintenance

After 72 years of continual use, the facilities original to the campus could use a little attention.



As stewards of the donated revenue entrusted to us as an administration, we cannot always devote money to projects that are shiny. There comes a time when infrastructure needs attention. With speculative plans and capital improvements in mind and on paper, updating worn out systems will not only serve our current students, but make future plans easier to accomplish.

Number one on the list of maintenance is new roofs. The roofs over the original structures — all four classroom wings and the front offices — are being replaced, ensuring the elements stay outside for a couple of decades to come. Water lines that have served the campus for seven decades are also being replaced.

Perhaps the most visible improvements will be the demolition and replacing of the bathrooms located in A and D wings. These improvements will make the bathrooms more efficient, ADA compliant and a lot nicer to occupy. The bathrooms in B and C wings are scheduled to be remodeled next summer.

A new “Palma Basketball” logo has been designed and will be in place on the gym floor in time for school to begin in August.

Other future improvements slated for the campus are updated security cameras and fencing. These are the result of a recent grant. The date for these projects is being determined. ●



Rosary Garden

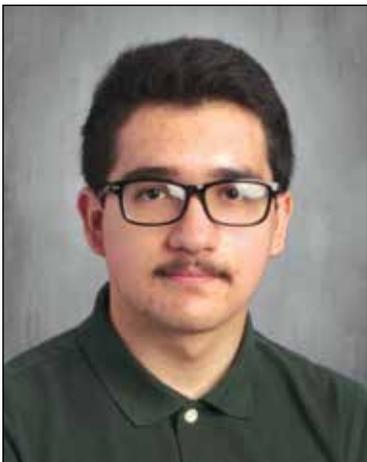
Mr. Silva’s sixth grade class, with help from Tobias Perkowski ’24 and Roberto De León ’24, completed a Rosary Garden. The project was entirely student driven with plants propagated from stem cuttings and grown on campus. Students prepared the site and did all the planting. The mulch was free from a tree service and the cross was donated by a Palma supporter. There are only four different species planted on the ground plane representing the four Mysteries of the Rosary. Plants are in multiples of ten, referencing the decades of the Rosary. One lighter colored succulent is positioned where our Lord’s head would have been as he hung and died for our sins. The Rosary Garden is behind A Wing next to the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel patio. ●



Around Campus

San Jose Jazz Festival

On Saturday, August 13th, Tommy Ducker '24, Tatum Sanders '23, and Carl Nielsen '23 played in the Monterey Jazz Festival Regional All-Star Band at the San Jose Jazz Festival. These Chieftains were among 17 students from Monterey County who made up the All-Star Band. Their accomplishments and dedication to music are exemplary.



National Hispanic Recognition Award

Adan Magaña '23 and Roberto De León '24 earned awards from the College Board National Recognition Program for their academic achievements and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 Exams. They excelled in College Board assessments and received the National Hispanic Recognition Award.

Wheelmen Club

Mr. Silva's passion for the outdoors inspired Chieftains to join the Wheelmen Club. Taking advantage of miles of area bike trails, they met regularly throughout the school year for after-school and weekend rides.





Red & Gold Family Day

New families and old friends gathered for the annual Red & Gold Family Day, a family celebration to kick off the new school year. Football scrimmages, games, a farmer's market, live music and great barbecue were the backdrop for clubs and organizations to showcase their offerings and recruit new members.





A Taste of Palma Welcomes Parents

Following the success of last year's Taste of Palma, the event was again held at its outdoor venue between C and D wings. A chill in the air did not cool spirits as parents and faculty came together for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, beverages and each other's company. Engaging conversations and lots of laughter were foretelling of another great school year to come.



Boys Learn By Bouncing Toy Dolls

AP Statistics students simulated bungee jumps using rubber bands and toy dolls. Students used various numbers of rubber bands and recorded the results to extrapolate how many rubber bands were necessary for a calculated height.



Bubble Gum Lab

The sixth graders practiced the steps of the scientific method with a bubble gum lab. They learned that there is a large amount of sugar that is quickly consumed by chewing. It was a fun experiment and all of the gum was disposed of properly.



Communicating Using Common Items

Chieftains in Mr. Plata's World History classes used common household items to build telegraph machines. Using Morse code, students sent a message to a classmate. These simple telegraph machines were created as part of their unit on the industrial revolution. What was the first message ever transmitted by telegraph: "What hath God wrought?"

It's Not a Sprint...

The Big Sur Marathon Foundation hosted its annual grant reception on September 13th. Mr. Beesley '86 accepted a check for volunteer hours donated by the cross country team at the previous year's marathon.



Dodgeball!

Palma has become synonymous with Dodgeball in recent years, hosting several tournaments for fun and bragging rights.



Lights, Camera...

Students in Film Studies class used the camera on their phones to learn subject framing. With guidance from Mr. Sterrett '04, they attempted to employ industry-standard framing techniques at varying focal distances.



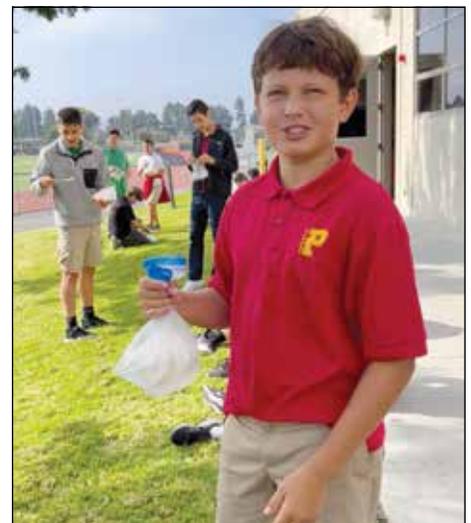
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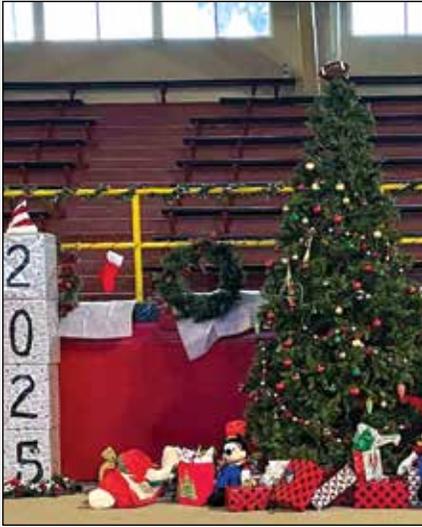
Seventh graders made their own quadrants, instruments used for taking measurements of altitude in astronomy and navigation. They can also be used to determine the height of a distance object. Classmates teamed up to measure the angle of the sun and the height of the tallest palm tree on campus.



We All Scream for Ice Cream

Mr. Jimenez '08 taught students how to combine ice, salt and cream to create their own ice cream in a bag. Of course, the best part of the experiment was tasting their creations.





Homecoming

Palma and Notre Dame continued the tradition of decorating the gym to celebrate Homecoming 2022. Each class created a different holiday. Owen Sargenti '23 and Addie Amaral (ND '23) were crowned king and queen. Palma defeated Soquel 49-14.



Freshman Retreat

The class of 2026 headed to Monterey Bay for a day of team building and bonding. The experience focused on their development spiritually, physically, socially and morally, and included kayaking on the bay and beach clean-up.



A Sweet Lesson in Perspective

Chieftains used marshmallows as models to practice translating what they were seeing onto paper. The lesson taught them how to draw in perspective while adding light and shadow to develop depth.



No Shave November

Chieftains were more successful raising money than facial hair. In total, they raised \$4,919.24 for the American Cancer Society. Your winners: Liam Hamilton '25 - Naked Mole Rat, Mason Maraccini '23 - Lumberjack, Caden Scherer '25 - Longest, and Adán Magaña '23 - Best Goatee.



Matsiko Comes to Palma

Matsiko World Orphan Choir performed for students and guests in the gym. Matsiko is made up of orphaned and vulnerable children from around Africa. Members who demonstrate model character qualities are invited to join the World Orphan Choir. Members joined Chieftains for lunch in the cafeteria and sang the National Anthem before the football game at Rabobank Stadium.



College Fair 2022

More than 46 colleges and universities were represented at this year's College Fair. The fair was informative and provided plenty of choices for Palma and Notre Dame students. Palma is one of only three area schools to offer this for their students.



Día de los Muertos

Spanish instructor Señor Quintino made sure the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel had a proper “ofrenda” — the offering placed on a homemade altar — during the annual Día de los Muertos celebration. Fr. Tyler blessed the *ofrenda* with AP Spanish students after the 7:30am Mass to honor All Soul's Day.



Author Alka Joshi

Alka Joshi, author of the best-seller *The Henna Artist* visited Mrs. DeSantis' English II Honors students. She passed along advice about writing and life, and answered Chieftains' questions about her profession.



Successful Investors

Seventh graders (l-r) AJ Tringali, Jamie Szaszy, Mateo Valdes, and Sebastian Venegas earned the top ranking last winter in the Northern California region of the Stock Market Game. Starting with \$100,000 “seed money” in September, the team earned \$8,064 to top the field of 172 teams. Students in Mr. Plata’s history classes learn about the stock market to better understand the role of money and debt on history.

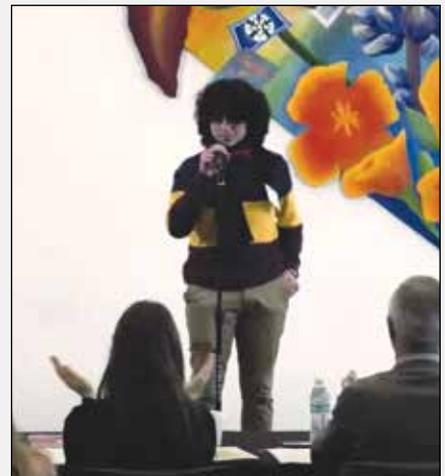


X-Y-L-E-M, Xylem

Simon Magana '29 correctly spelled “xylem” to move past Henry White '29 and win the JHS Spelling Bee and represent Palma at the county level. Congratulating him are Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Viarengo '86 and Mr. Dalman '88.

Poetry Out Loud

Gabriel Ovando '24 (left) and Aaron Pacheco '25 represented Palma in the county-level Poetry Out Loud competition. Ten local high schools recited and performed memorized poems. Gabriel recited *Dawn Chorus* by Sasha Dugdale. Aaron recited *In a London Drawing Room* by George Eliot and *Un Tintero, Inkwell* by Desiree Alvarez.





Mock Trial

After two years on Zoom, it was nice to be back at the Monterey County courthouse. Palma first competed against Stevenson, resulting in a narrow loss for our defense team. That was followed by a victory by our prosecution over Gonzales, and a rebound by the defense, who defeated Catalina. Our final round was against Rancho San Juan, ending with a second win for our prosecution.

Tim Slater '24 was recognized as outstanding witness after also picking up MVP awards during the two defense rounds, while Roberto De León '24 and David Hodges '23 each received an MVP award during two prosecution rounds.

Palma was awarded a plaque for placing third overall. Carmel won the championship round while Stevenson was the runner-up. In total, there were eight schools competing, ranking in this order: Carmel, Stevenson, Palma, Pacific Grove, Catalina, Rancho San Juan, Salinas, and Gonzales.

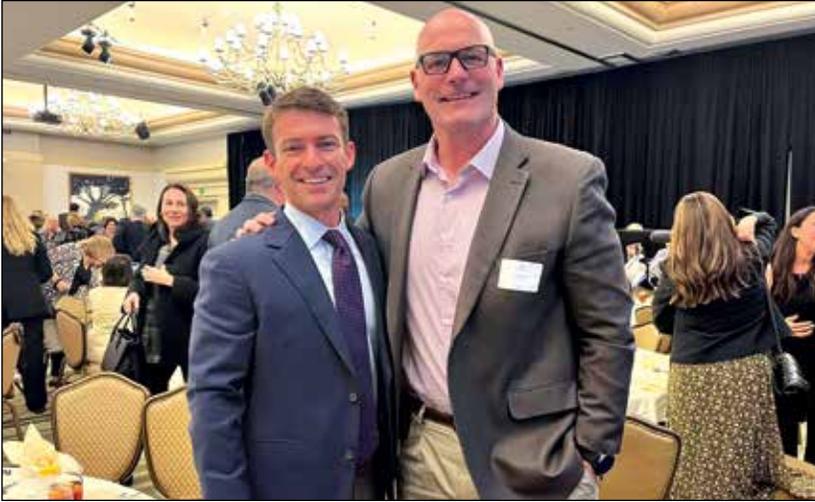
Mock Trial Team

Top Photo (l to r): Charles Platt '26, Tim Slater '24, Nicholas Dominguez '24, Tatum Sanders '23, Roberto De León '24, Tristan Thoeni '26, David Hodges '23, Liam Hamilton '25 and Ivan Hora '23.

Middle Photo (l to r): Tatum Sanders '23, Roberto De León '24 and Carl Nielsen '23.

Bottom Photo (l to r): Tatum Sanders '23, Commissioner Katherine Stoner, Kyle Abendano-Real '23, Luke Moran-Murphy '23, Aiden Freeman '23, James Hinkle '25, Tim Slater '24, Jeremy Ramirez '26, Carl Nielsen '23, Zenon Paden '26 and Attorney Coach Maribel Ferreira.





Joanne Taylor is Honored at the 2022 National Philanthropy Day Luncheon

Palma recognized long-time supporter Joanne Taylor at the National Philanthropy Awards Luncheon at Spanish Bay. Ted Taylor '04 was on hand to receive the recognition on behalf of his grandmother.

CORE-Ordination

CORE Leaders met for “CORE-ordination” when CORE connected with Chieftains who were in their first year at Palma. After gathering in the gym, they split off to classrooms for team building activities.



E-sports

Chieftains enjoy the competitive nature and skills necessary to participate in the E-sports Rocket League. E-sports gain more popularity every year and leagues are forming at the collegiate level.



Science Camp

With the addition of a sixth grade comes Palma's participation at Science Camp. This year, the sixth graders learned about nature while braving the elements (rain, cold and power outages) at the Camp at Glen in Loma Mar.



Panetta Institute

Thanks to Mr. Corner and Mr. Rico, seniors David Hu, Andy Camacho, Ivan Karl Hora, Anthony Secondo, Carl Nielsen, Henry Cremers and Brendan Watson attended the first Panetta Institute Lecture of 2023 entitled, *The Presidency and a Divided Congress – Can They Govern?*

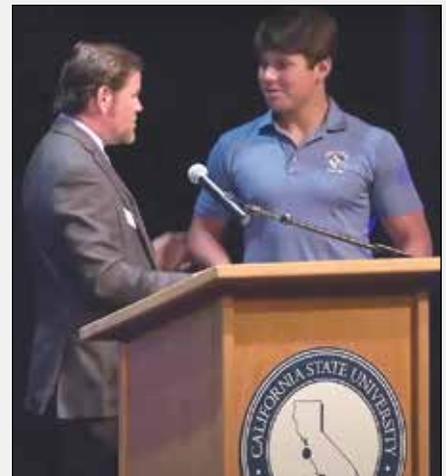


Spring Spirit Week

ASB organized a Spring Spirit Week with daily themes and activities that included a powder puff football game with Notre Dame on our turf. A hot dog eating contest was part of the fun activities. Our winner, Ian Jury '24, downed (and kept down) 11 hot dogs in 10 minutes. He is congratulated by seniors Bradley Collins (mustard), Henry Cremers (ketchup) and Carl Nielsen (hot dog).

Law Day

Palma's AP Language students participated in Law Day 2023, earning first and second place honors in the essay competition. Roberto De León '24 won \$500 for his first place essay and Tommy Ducker '24 followed by winning a \$200 prize for second place. Additionally, the AP Language class was honored as the winners of a trip to San Francisco to visit the Federal Courthouse.



Victory is a tradition

Chieftain Athletics

Football

Palma's football team finished the season with a 6-1 league, 8-3 overall record earning them the Gabilan Division Co-Champions title. The team was led by JC Escutia '23, Owen Sargenti '23, Logan Saldate '24 and Thomas Nunes '24. Other notable contributors were Jose Escutia '23 and Joe Silacci '23. Despite the loss of some key seniors, next year's team looks promising. In addition to Nunes and Saldate (who just signed a letter of intent to Oregon State University), look for Tommy Ducker '24 and Drew Molinari '24 to play big roles in next year's campaign.



The New Look of Leadership

Students supported a new look for Palma's football uniform this past season.

Cross Country

Coach Victor Plata is working hard to rebuild the Cross Country team, which had no seniors on it this year. The hopeful striders were led by Wells Lilly '25. Noa Kawamoto '24 set a school course record of 22 minutes and 36 seconds at the Palo Corona meet.



Water Polo

Water Polo had a young team playing in a very competitive division which led to a challenging season. Of the 15 players on the team, there were only four upper classmen (two seniors and two juniors).

Basketball

After back-to-back Gabilan Division Basketball titles, this year's hoopsters finished in fourth place, but still qualified for CCS. Charlie Kosta '23 led the charge, along with notable contributions from Logan Guerini '23, Robert Galli '23, and Matt Fuqua '23. They advanced to the championship game in the annual Lucille & Luis Scattini Tournament but were edged out by Whitney High School. The team will retain some talented players and is poised for a good run in 2024.



Palma's 8th grade team took home the trophy at the Mickey Linehan Memorial Basketball Tournament.



Soccer

Soccer ended their season in fourth place with a 7-7-6 record after being elevated to the more challenging Mission Division. The team was headed by two all-league selections, Jaylin Mariscal '23 and Suyesh Niraula '23. Aiden Contreras '26 was named all-league goalkeeper. Two other all-league players to watch are sophomores Sebastian Sanchez and Giovanni Gutierrez. Palma soccer is another young team that has exciting potential for the future.



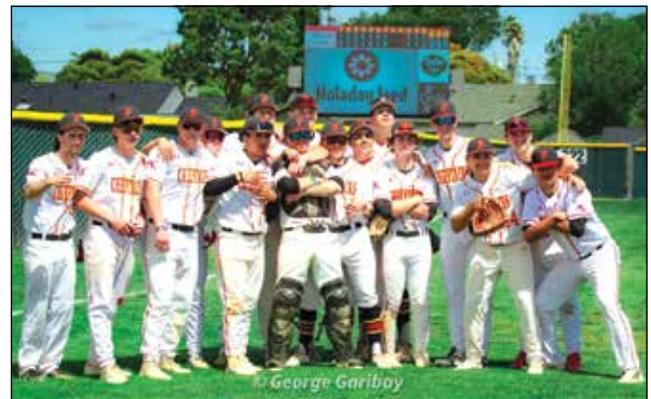
Wrestling



Isaiah Jimenez '08 and his coaching staff brought home Palma's first division title in Wrestling with a 4-1 record sending six grapplers to CCS. JC Escutia '23 finished in first place, JoJo Andrade '23 and Ethan Gonzalez '24 took second, and Isaiah Rangel '25 finished third. All four qualified for the state meet in Bakersfield. Wrestling honorable mention goes to Henry Cremers '23. JC Escutia earned a wrestling scholarship from Menlo College and JoJo Andrade earned a wrestling scholarship from Simpson University.

Baseball

Baseball qualified for a playoff berth with a fourth place 17-10 record. The Gabilan division went 5-1 in the first round of CCS playoffs and Palma defeated Salinas in the semi-finals, but wound up second in CCS Division IV. Quentin Williams '23 and Nate Cruz '23 led the pitching squad. Jayden Kim '23 has been the starting catcher for two years and a driving force of the team. Kaleb Shannon '24 led the team in hitting. Overall, their success this season came from a total team effort.



Golf

The 2023 golf team was loaded with talent but plagued with injuries resulting in a fourth-place finish in league. The team was led by Gabe Herbst '23 with the overall lowest scoring average in the league, Palma's lone CCS qualifier and named to the all-league team. Evan Russo '23 and Kevin Chen '23 both earned golf scholarships from Menlo College. Brendan Watson '23 held Palma's lowest tournament scoring average. Ryan Russo '25 is the only veteran returning next year.



Lacrosse

John Sutherland '18, in his first year as head coach, led the team to an 11-3 record and a PCAL League Championship in the Mission Division. The team was anchored by goalie Sal Cina '23 and League MVP attack Tommy Ducker '24. Additional outstanding play came from Thomas Nunes '24, Hunter Acosta '24, Ryan Guerra '24 and Caleb Romero '24. The future looks bright for Palma Lacrosse.

Swimming

First year head coach Dominic Hernandez suffered only one loss in dual meets tying the Chieftains for first place in the regular season. They finished third at the league championships. Jacob Regalado '24, Isaac Kelly '24 and Henry Vetter '26 all turned in outstanding performances.

Tennis

After being decimated by COVID, the team continued to rebuild, getting to six players this season which enabled them to compete. Will Connors '23 was a force in singles play and Kai Kawamoto '24 and Luke Secondo '26 were tough in doubles.

Volleyball

The volleyball team had only one senior, Anthony Secondo. The remainder of the squad were sophomores and freshmen. Setter Ben Dalton '25, outside hitter Isaac Torres-Diaz '24 and middle blocker Miles Holaday '25 all played well. There will be a good number of returning athletes next year.



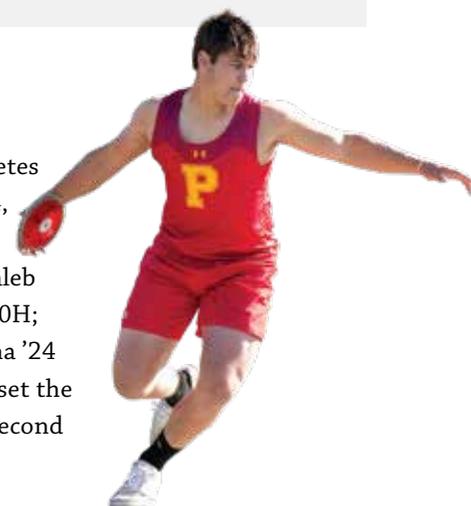
California Wrestling Hall of Fame

Simon Jimenez, long-time Palma wrestling coach, was inducted into the California Wrestling Hall of Fame in December. He has coached at Palma since 2000 with numerous accolades to his credit. The photo shows Coach Jimenez (middle) with his son, and current head wrestling coach, Isaiah Jimenez '08, at the California State Dual Meet Championships last year where Palma placed second in the state for Division III.



Track

The Track and Field team had a good season, qualifying many athletes for CCS, including the team of Matt Iverson '23, Logan Saldate '24, Gavin Martinez '24 and Weldon Chisum '25 in the 4x100 relay; Logan Saldate '24 (ranked #1 in CCS), Dominic Chaidez '25 and Caleb Chung '23 in the long jump; Ozzy Godoy '26 in the 110HH and 300H; Pierce Ballestrieri '23 in the 200; Henry Brown '23 and Leo Santana '24 in the pole vault; and Gianni Ponce '24 in the triple jump. Saldate set the mark to beat at the CIF State Meet in the long jump. He finished second at the state meet. ●

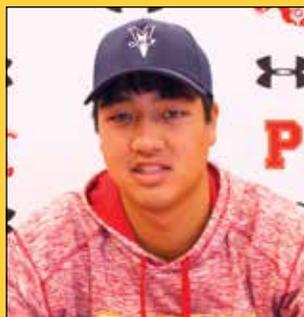


Invited to Play at the Next Level

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



Evan Russo
Menlo College
Golf



Kevin Chen
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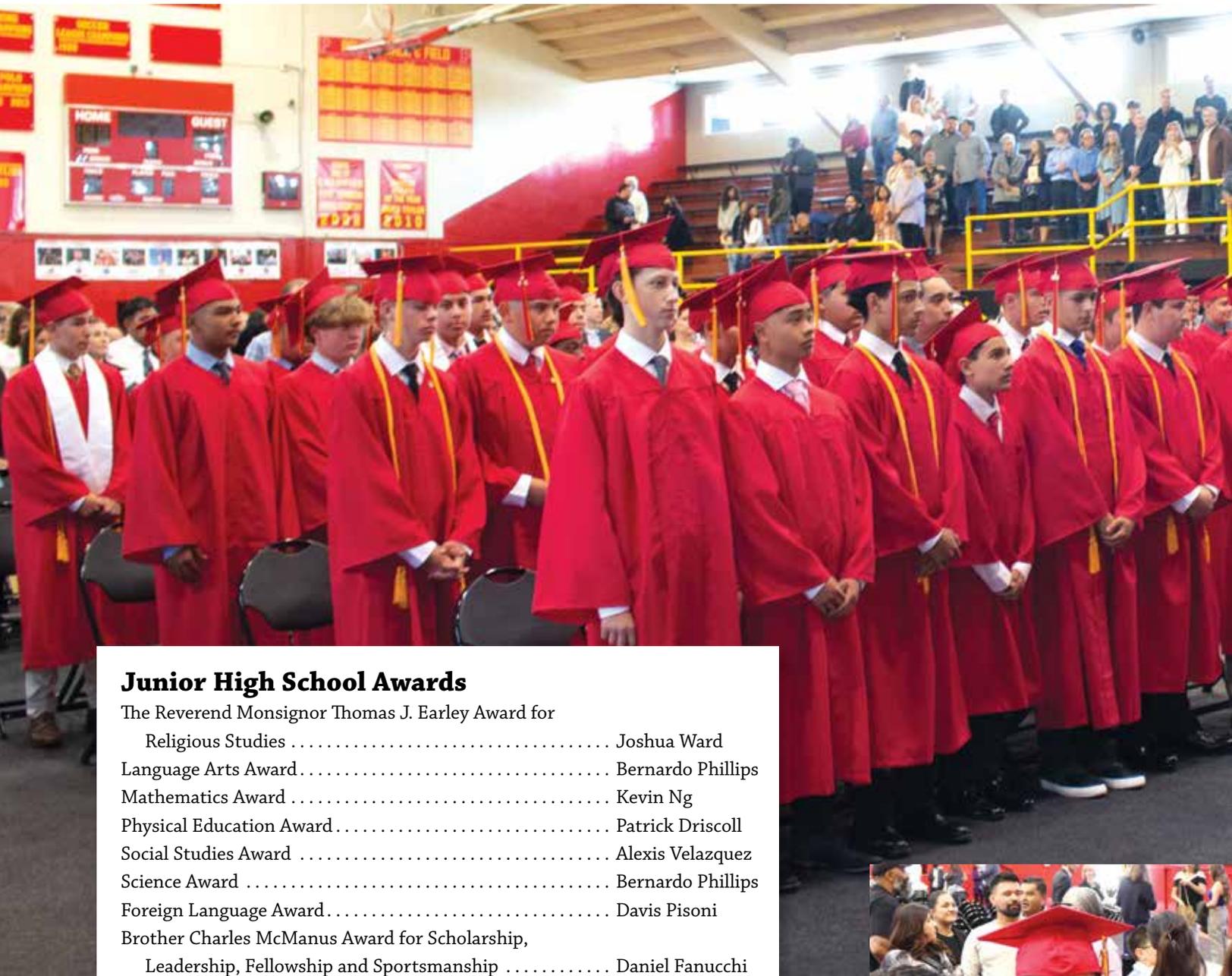


JC Escutia
Menlo College
Wrestling



JoJo Andrade
Simpson University
Wrestling

Junior High Class of 2023

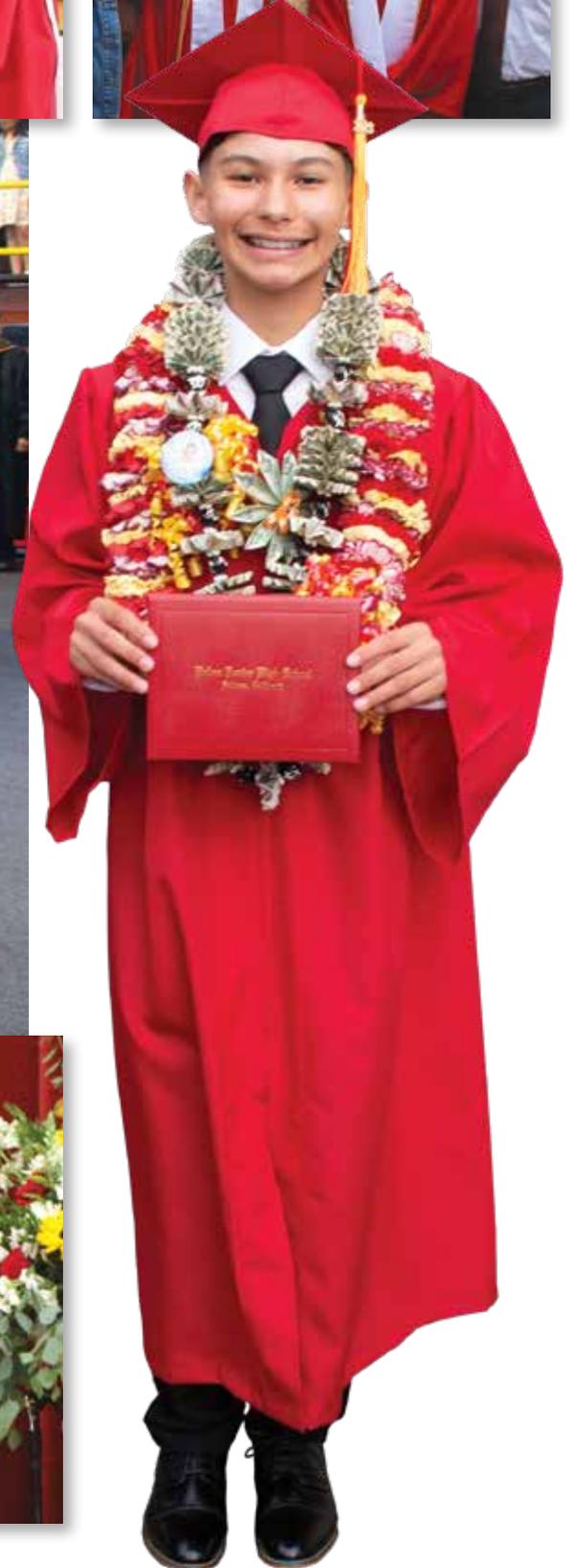


Junior High School Awards

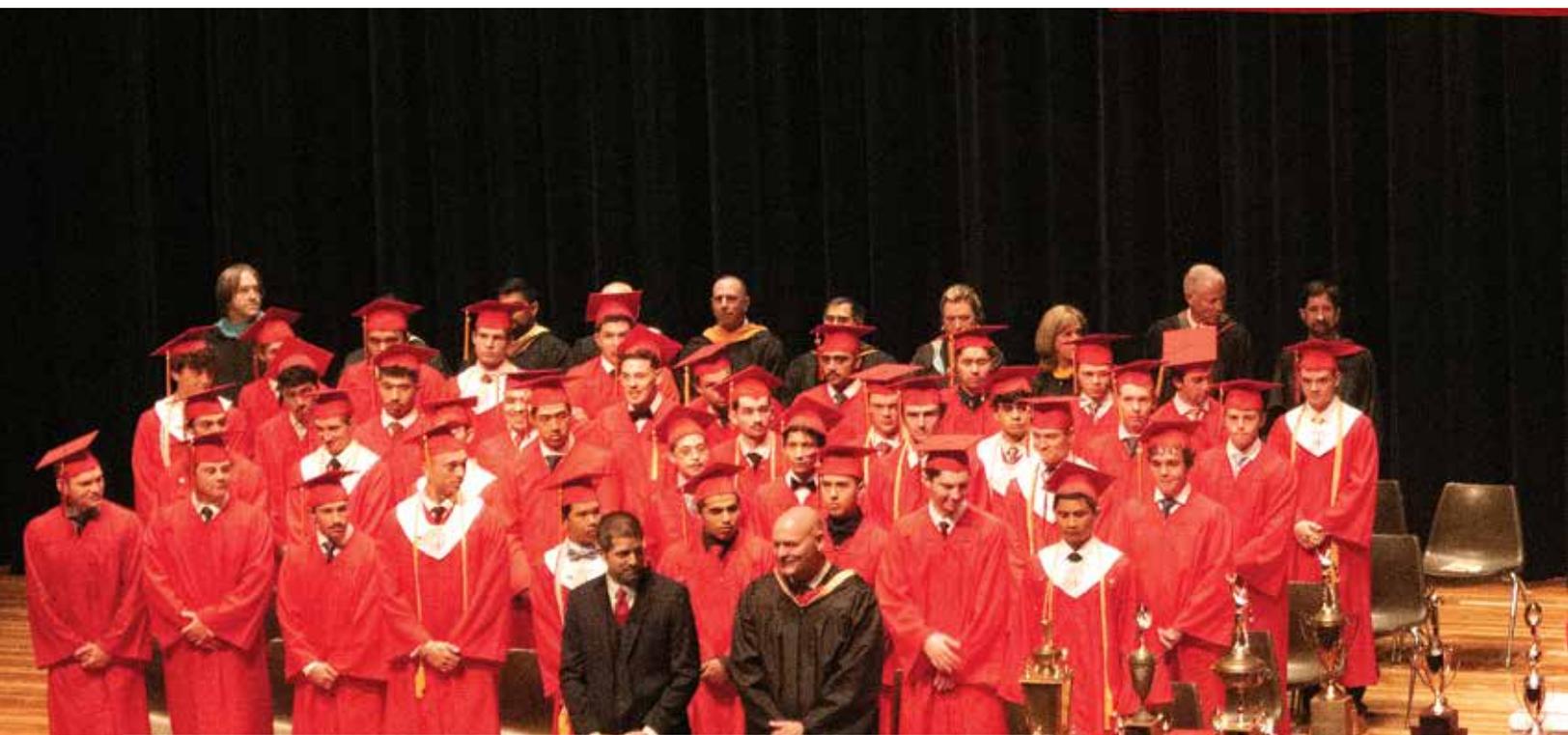
The Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Earley Award for

Religious Studies	Joshua Ward
Language Arts Award	Bernardo Phillips
Mathematics Award	Kevin Ng
Physical Education Award	Patrick Driscoll
Social Studies Award	Alexis Velazquez
Science Award	Bernardo Phillips
Foreign Language Award	Davis Pisoni
Brother Charles McManus Award for Scholarship, Leadership, Fellowship and Sportsmanship	Daniel Fanucchi
Father Vic Farrell Scholarship	Bernardo Phillips
Palma Investor Club Award	Ian Negron
Palma Investor Club Award	Joshua Ward
Gerald D. Flowers Gold Chieftain Scholarship Award for Service	Joshua Ward
Brother Rice Scholarship	Kevin Ng
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Brother Rice Scholarship	Davis Pisoni
Brother Rice Scholarship	Noah Velasquez





High School Graduation 2023

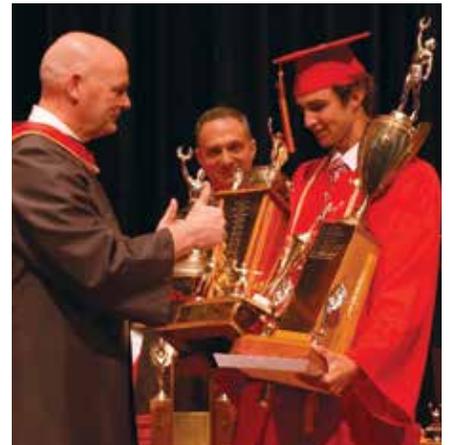
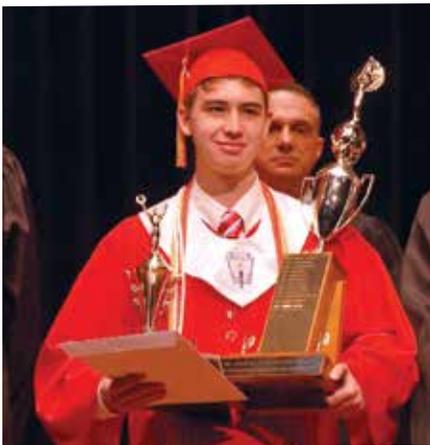


High School Awards

Monsignor Thomas J. Earley Gold Medal for Scholastic Proficiency:

Valedictorian	Marc Asuncion
Valedictorian	Caleb Chung
Salutatorian	Carl Nielsen
Palma Gold Medal in Theology.....	Carl Nielsen
Palma Gold Medal in English	Caleb Chung
Palma Gold Medal in Social Studies	Marc Asuncion
Palma Gold Medal in Mathematics	Matthew Iverson
Palma Gold Medal in Foreign Language.....	Sebastián Nuñez
Palma Gold Medal in Science	Adan Magaña-Bravo
Palma Gold Medal in Fine Arts	Tatum Sanders
Palma Gold Medal in Music	Carl Nielsen
Palma Loyalty Award	Carl Nielsen
Palma Leadership Award.....	Owen Sargenti
Principal's Leadership Award	Salvatore Cina
Monroe Award for Proficiency in Mathematics	Caleb Chung
Br. Martin D. Cunningham Award for Excellence in English.....	Blake Butler
Br. Charles J. Avendano Award for Excellence in Social Studies and Service.....	David Hodges
Christopher Hitchcock Inspirational Science Award.....	Caleb Chung
W.H. "Hank" Muller Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award	Blake Butler
Br. M.L. Crumlish Athlete of the Year Award	JC Escutia



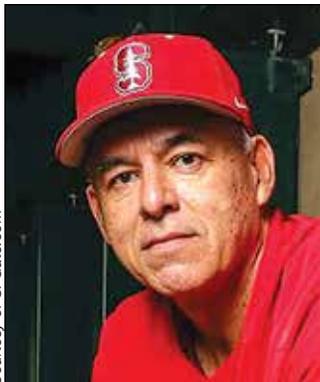


Competing on another level:

Palma Ath-lumni

Professional-Level Chieftains

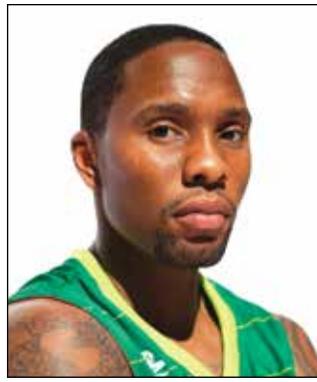
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David Esquer '83*
Stanford University
Head Baseball Coach



Tony Hill '98
University of Florida
Assoc. Dir., Sports Health, Football



EJ Rowland '01
PLK GTK Gliwice
Guard

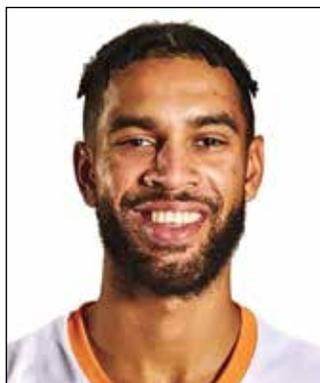


Orlando Johnson '07
PBA San Miguel Beermen
Guard / Forward

Courtesy of govandals.com



Brian Reader '07
University of Louisville
Offense Quality Control



Noah Allen '13
ARG-1 Comunicaciones
Guard / Forward



Michael Carrizosa '13
XFL Las Vegas Vipers
Punter



Jamaree Bouyea '17
Sioux Falls Skyforce
Guard



Drew Dalman '17
Atlanta Falcons
Inside Offensive Line

Chieftains in the Pros

Chris Dalman '88,* San Francisco 49ers

Michael Gasperson '00, Philadelphia Eagles

Elliot Vallejo '02, Arizona Cardinals, Oakland Raiders

David Fales '09,* Chicago Bears, Miami Dolphins

Austin Wahl '13, Oakland Athletics

Mitch Kidd '14, Fan Controlled Football

*SV Sports Hall of Fame and/or Palma School Hall of Fame

Collegiate Athlete Chieftains



Matt Mercurio '17
Villanova

FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Sam Stoutenborough '18
TCU

BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Ray Sillano '19
St. Mary's College of CA

LACROSSE



Jon Jon Berring '20
Santa Clara University

BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Ethan Pavlet '20
UC Berkeley

LACROSSE



JT Amaral '21
University of San Francisco

BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Guy Bessey '21
Montana Tech

FOOTBALL



Noah Puleaai '21
UCLA

FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Zach Thompson '21
Campbell University

WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP



JoJo Cardinale '22
University of Utah

BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Joe Finley '22
Stephen F. Austin State Univ.

FOOTBALL



Gavin Ducker '22
William & Mary University

BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Misha Lomboy '22
Michigan State University

WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP



Luke Rossi '22
University of San Francisco

BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Making their mark:

Ath-lumni Sports Shorts

Photo: Danny Kamnick - The Associated Press



In September, **Drew Dalman '17** was named starting center for the Atlanta Falcons. 2022 was his second NFL season.

Jamaree Bouyea '17

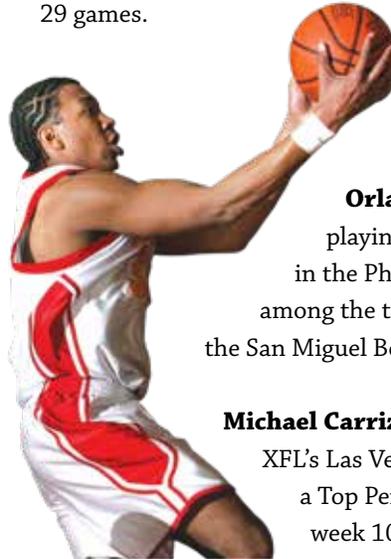
played for the Miami Heat during California Classic and Las Vegas Summer League and was picked up for Miami's G League team, the Sioux Falls Skyforce. His impressive play led to two 10-day NBA contracts. He was on the court for 28 minutes against the Denver Nuggets scoring 10 points and making two rebounds, three assists and three steals.



Sam Stoutenborough '18 transferred to TCU to play ball for the Frogs while working on his master's after completing a BA in American Studies at UC Berkeley.



Jon Jon Berring '20 is in his third season with the Broncos. He is the team leader in runs scored this season and is batting .302, has been walked 12 times and has crossed the plate a dozen times in 29 games.

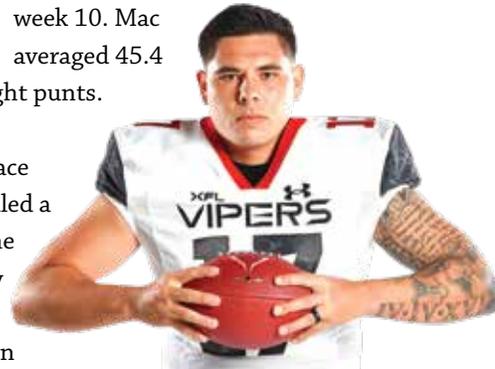


Orlando Johnson '07 is now playing professional basketball in the Philippines, where he is among the team leaders in scoring for the San Miguel Beermen.

Michael Carrizosa '13

plays for the XFL's Las Vegas Vipers. He was named a Top Performer of the Week in week 10. Mac averaged 45.4

yards per punt in his eight punts.



Matt Mercurio '17, place kicker for Villanova, nailed a 28-yard field goal as time expired to beat UAlbany 31-29 in their home-

coming weekend game in October. It was Villanova's first walk-off win in eight years. Mercurio transferred from SJSU, working on his masters and taking advantage of extra eligibility due to COVID. ●



Continuing the tradition:

Palma Hall of Fame



Robert Burlison '74



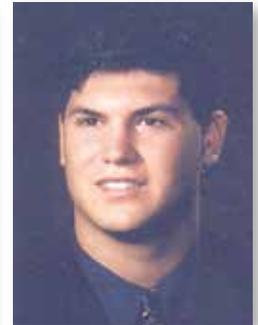
Steve Clayton '76



David Esquer '83



David Fales '09



Marc Matock '94

Congratulations
to the 2023
inductees into
the Palma Hall
of Fame on
February 11th.

Robert Burlison '74 Outstanding athlete and coach. Coached Palma to the 1992 D-IV basketball state championship.

Steve Clayton '76 Valedictorian, athlete-of-the-year, outstanding athlete, teacher and coach. Steve was also Palma's athletic director for 23 years.

David Esquer '83 Valedictorian, 3-sport athlete, team captain and MVP in baseball, football, and basketball. Dave is the head baseball coach at Stanford.

David Fales '09 Outstanding athlete. Tri-county offensive MVP and all-league as quarterback. He played for SJSU, Chicago Bears and Miami Dolphins.

Marc Matock '94 Outstanding athlete. One of the best defensive lineman ever at Palma. He played for USC and was signed by the Detroit Lions.



Palma School Hall of Fame (l to r): Chip Champion '68, Matt Amaral '92, Chad Amaral '92, David Fales '09, David Esquer '83, Bob Burlison '74, and Chris Dalman '88. Not pictured: Peter Cling '66, Norm Costa, Tom Fanoe '64, Leslie Fanoe, Wayne Garvis '62, Greg Higgins, John Oliverio '69, Clem Richardson '67, Angelo Ross, Lucile Scattini, Steve Soper, Steve Clayton '76 and Marc Matock '94.

Red and gold, young and...younger:

Alumni Update palmaalumni.org



1960

Classmates from the class of 1960 met for lunch and reminiscing.

1961

Classmates from the class of 1961 gathered at their annual luncheon.



1966

Manuel Martinez has been married to his high school sweetheart Marian (Felix) for over 50 years. Manuel and Marian are proud grandparents to Hannah, **Luke '19**, Bella (Notre Dame '23), **Gavin '24**, Maya (Notre Dame '26), and **Jacob '28**.



1970

Classmates from the class of 1970: **Duke Martin, Johnny Pini, Jerry Monroe, Steve Cursi, and Shawn Cassidy.**

1972

Classmates from the class of 1972.



1975

Peter Gnosca says, “After three years, Maria and I went to Las Vegas on October 1 and tied the knot. We are doing great just hoping and praying for grandkids.”



1976

On August 29th, **Steve Clayton** was inducted into the Salinas Valley Sports Hall of Fame. Palma President **Chris Dalman '88** accepted the award on behalf of the school and the Clayton family.



1976

Dr. Marc Tunzi is in his 30th year with the Family Medicine Residency Program at Natividad where he is also in the middle of his second stint as Chief of Staff. His first term was 15 years ago. Maybe in another 15? He still



enjoys teaching and is proud to be one of the first cohort of nationally certified Healthcare Ethics Consultants.

1979

Florencio Flores writes, "After graduation I returned to Palma to be Coach Mac's assistant coach in baseball. From there I became a correctional officer with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, where I've been employed for the last 33 years. I've received numerous awards and recognitions, that I attribute to my education, teachers/mentors at Palma. I have three grown children and five grandchildren, whom I adore. I enjoy traveling, casinos, and wine tasting with my girlfriend. I also enjoy watching sports, both on TV and live. I play softball, bowling and karaoke. I also volunteer at local shelters, doing clothing drives."



1980

This past spring, in **Tom DeLappe's** 26th and final year coaching at Calaveras High School, the team went 28-4 and won a SJSCIF Division 4 Section Title.



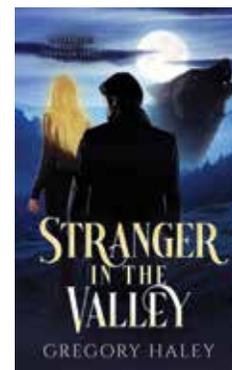
1982

John Coleman, Bruce Sweet, Max Agpaoa and Gary LeKander from the class of 1982 got together at a Saturday Palma football game.



1986

Gregory Haley is excited to announce his first novel, *Stranger in the Valley*, will be available for sale beginning June 17 from Amazon in both print and ebook format, and will be available for purchase by bookstores and libraries by the end of the month.



1987

Eric Esquer, Danny Carnazzo, David Martinez and Phil Giammanco, all from the class of 1987, got together the night before the Alumni Baseball game. They played together all four years at Palma and were on the '85 and '86 Championship teams coached by **Paul MacDonald '70**.





2022 annual Palma Alumni Baseball game

1989

Tim Martinez and his wife Jessica are proud parents of Bella (Notre Dame '23) and Maya (Notre Dame '26). Bella just graduated from Notre Dame. She has accepted an offer from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for a spot on the



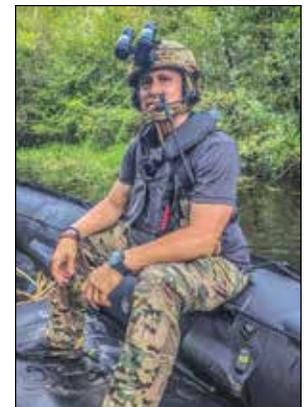
Track and Field team for Javelin and Heptathlon. Maya, a freshman at Notre Dame, is busy on Student Council and playing Varsity Softball for Notre Dame. Tim has been teaching Math and coaching JV football at Palma for the last 28 years.

2002

Ryan Felix and his wife Sarah with their sons Liam (5) and Noah (3); future Chieftains, enjoying a day at the pumpkin patch. Ryan is a Cal Fire Captain stationed in Madeira.



Ryan Reyes is living in Florida as an active-duty Air Force Sergeant. He operates as an Independent Duty Medic for a Special Operations Medical Element. "I'm staying busy with Clinical/Paramedic skills maintaining patient care when not deployed. I'm living with my Alaskan husky Akira and am about to complete Flight Paramedic and Critical



Care certifications in the near future. My painting and photography hobbies are growing into a small business and I am looking forward to growing that as I improve. Enjoying life and all its adventures."

2010

Dr. Matt Tunzi is completing his first year of Cardiology Fellowship with the Air Force at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. He and wife Natalie (Notre Dame '10) and dog Paz enjoy the nice warm Texas weather but miss the wind and the fog and the people of Central California.



2019

Nick A. McCarty is a member of First Battalion Alpha Company, Honor Platoon 1001. ●



Alumni attending Red and Gold Family Day:
Jay Gines '96, Phil Giammanco '87,
Frank Gin '88 and Reno DiTullio '88



More Red and Gold Family Day:
Joey Flores '85, Mark Lema '87
and **Chris Dalman '88.**



Alumni were out in force at the Norm Costa
Memorial Golf Tournament in August.

Seen here (l to r): **Art Lopez '80, Pete Lopez**
'85, Jacob Diaz '00 and John Silva '84





Football games make great evenings to reconnect and enjoy the heart-pounding excitement of our Chieftains on the field.

CCS Division 1 Football Champions
 Reunion: **John Scherpinski '01,**
John Mazzei '01, Phil Giammanco
'87, Chris Dalman '88, Lou Amaral
'02 and Jerome Carlisle '01.



Charlie Domaloag, **Kyle Winslow '16, Tim Martinez '89,**
David Martinez '87, and Beau Winslow '17

All Palma alumni are invited to stay in touch —
 we'd love to hear from you. Email alumni@palmaschool.org.
 And, find current news about fellow Chieftains and
 reunions at palmaalumni.org

IN MEMORIAM

1958	Kevin Ryan	July 30, 2022
1959	Dianne (de Lorimier) Mouisset	July 31, 2022
1959	Philip Nuñez	July 19, 2022
1960	Edward Watson	September 10, 2022
1960	Helen (Bettencourt) Sousa	December 12, 2022
1961	Barbara Lavorato	August 5, 2022
1962	Michael Gutierrez	April 23, 2023
1963	Gretchan (Hedman) Hossler	June 5, 2022
1968	Nate Holaday	February 19, 2023
1968	David Lisk	March 9, 2023
1972	Louis Holaday	February 10, 2023
1976	Hugo Trabano	February 16, 2023
1983	David LeKander	May 26, 2022
1987	Tomas Nino	February 12, 2023
1996	Brian Mayer	April 22, 2023
2008	Jacob Quesenberry	November 30, 2022



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