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A message from the

President

Chris Dalman '88



Every June, Palma experiences a time of reflection and growth. Graduations have concluded, grades have been finalized, and the classroom doors have closed for the summer. The familiar sounds of the bells have ceased. Yet, after 19 years at Palma, I am always astounded by how quickly the focus shifts to the next school year. Summer projects are underway on campus, with students returning and training for their upcoming sports seasons. New students are also getting involved, and summer school and Palma's new house system are in full swing. This year is no exception. Campus improvements include a renovation of the newly named Edward M. Dowd Gymnasium and completing bathroom renovations in the wings. Classroom overhauls and refurbishing our cafeteria and student center will also be completed. Additionally, the permit for our new athletic complex has finally been secured, with plans to break ground in June of 2025. Palma never slows down, 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, CCS and state championship banners hung, and a group of young men who left their mark on our school for years to come. I am incredibly proud of this class and the efforts they put into our school over the past few years.

The upcoming school year will mark a significant milestone in Palma's history. Harking back to our school's beginnings in 1951, we are making a change to our admission policy. For the first time in over 60 years, Palma School will be accepting female students in grades 9-12. The response to this historic change has been overwhelming, with more than 100 young women set to begin their journey as Chieftains in August of 2024. This shift, which our community and families have long supported, is a testament to our commitment to providing a first-class Catholic education to all young people along our central coast.

I would like to take a moment to personally express my deep gratitude to our alumni and local business supporters. Your selfless commitment to our school enriches the Palma experience for our young students and our community. I am truly excited to see and work with all of you in the upcoming school year. I hope each and every one of you has a fantastic summer, and I am eagerly anticipating the opportunity to reconnect with everyone in the upcoming school year.

All my best,

Chris Dalman '88

President

A message from the

Principal

David J. Sullivan

Palma School: a culture of brotherhood, of love for neighbor, of excellence in education. Palma is unique to many in our community, but it is not unique to the character-forming traditions of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education, where education and service to others is at the heart of the formation of good character, and lasting joy in all male settings, and in coed settings. Steeped in these traditions, Palma has borne influence among our graduates. This year's graduates have also borne influence on Palma.

The alumni of the Class of 2024 mark a unique milestone in Palma's history. In fall 2020 they embarked as freshmen into a world where distance learning and social isolation posed challenges to their development in every facet of what it means to become a young adult. They finished that year with hybrid learning — a tedious, highly organized atmosphere of in-person versus remote learning, with layers of medical restrictions overshadowed by hyper fixations on cleanliness and attention to health. For many students, this strange first year of high school bore unusual influences on many — some good, some not. These Chieftains persevered and I marvel at our graduates who have overcome the odds with achievements beyond pandemic proportions.

The 2023-24 school year has been an extraordinary one at Palma. Campus Ministry reignited class retreats that offered memories to recollect for years, and a select number of upperclassmen committed to a full semester partnership with our Brothers in Blue at California State Prison in Soledad.

In October a team of four Edmund Rice Christian Brother educators spent several days on campus observing our teachers and students, meeting with faculty and staff, and talking with representative groups of parents and students. Among their many commendations they noted the exceptional contributions our parents and students make in support of the mission at Palma.

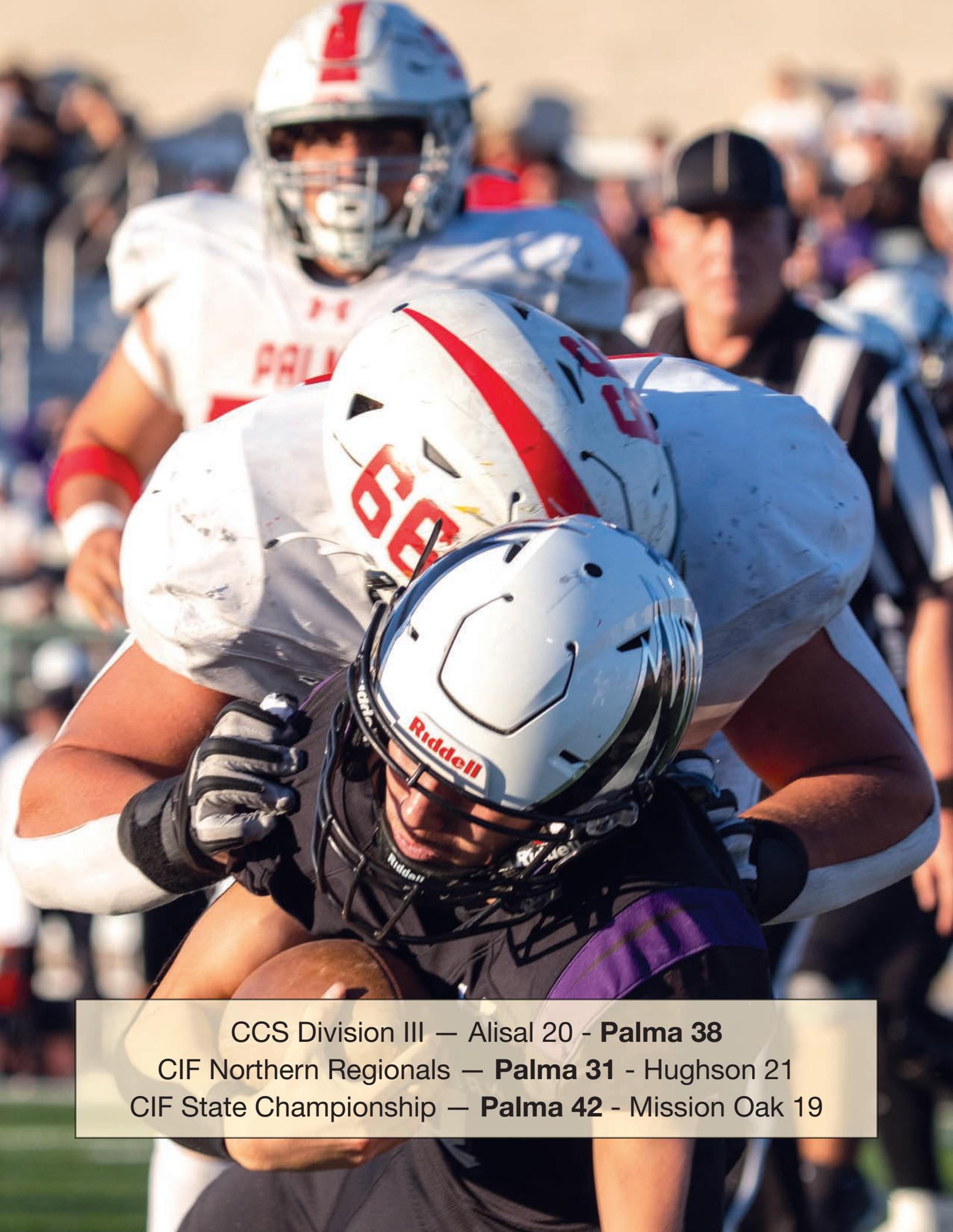
Before Palma School returns to a coed high school student body, the last of an all-male Senior Class of 2024 has led our Chieftains in a year to remember. Palma has forged a culture of brotherhood for years — a culture that now levels up to Palma Family.

I am genuinely inspired by Palma's vision for the future and the resounding support from our benefactors, alumni, friends and families — past, present and future. Success begets success. The Palma family remains committed to ensuring a future influenced by faith-filled, educated and mission-driven leaders: men and women who are willing and capable of forging new paths for a better tomorrow. I thank you for your generosity, your prayers and our common passion for Palma. *Go Chieftains!*



David J. Sullivan
Principal





CCS Division III — Alisal 20 - **Palma 38**

CIF Northern Regionals — **Palma 31** - Hughson 21

CIF State Championship — **Palma 42** - Mission Oak 19

Chieftains Are State Champions

“This season’s success was a direct reflection of player-led leadership that allowed us to overcome adversity and achieve a state championship.”



QB Tommy Nunes '24



WR Logan Saldate '24



RB Eli Dukes '27



A dominant Palma defense

For the 40th consecutive year, Palma football earned a spot in the playoffs. On November 17th, the Chieftains traveled to Menlo-Atherton and took down the Bears 28-21 to advance to the CCS championship. The following week, Alisal fell 38-20, crowning Chieftains CCS Champions. The win shuffled the deck and made Palma eligible to compete in Division 4A of the CIF State Championship Bowl Games.

Their first stop was in Hughson for the Northern California Regional Game. The Chieftains proved too much for the Huskies emerging with a 31-21 victory, the NorCal Regional title and a trip to Pasadena for the State Championship.

The team received an enthusiastic send-off as students, faculty, alumni, families, supporters and local media gathered on the field for speeches, a prayer and cheers as Chieftains boarded the buses. On their way, they passed under a sign of support made by “Brothers in Blue” at CTF Soledad.

The sun was bright over Robinson Stadium on December 9th as the Chieftains gathered on the sideline for their 3:00pm kickoff.

“Everything you have gone through has come to this moment. All the adversity you had to go through, all the hurdles you’ve had to jump...you fought, you fought, you fought in every single game to get to this point,” Coach Jeff Carnazzo '85 reminded the boys. “Four quarters for the rest of your life. You win this game, you cement yourself as one of the best that Palma has ever had.”

Palma stopped Mission Oak’s opening drive then went to work with runs from RB Eli Dukes '27 and QB Tommy Nunes '24, and through the air to WR Logan Saldate '24. Their opening drive was capped with a touchdown run by Dukes. Cayden Acosta '25 intercepted the ball to shut down a subsequent Hawk’s drive. The first quarter ended with a 7-0 Chieftain lead.

In the second quarter, Nunes connected with Saldate for a 54-yard TD and Dukes added a second TD run. The defense, led by seniors Tommy Ducker and Noah Orozco, were all over the field making sure tackles that stymied the Mission Oak offense. Chieftains were in control 21-0 at the half.

The Hawks showed some fight with success through the air in the third quarter. The Chieftains countered with a long kickoff return by Dominic Chaidez '25, fumble recovery by Ryan Sanders '24 and touchdowns by Tommy Nunes and Eli Dukes which made the score 35-13 at the end of the third.

In the fourth, the Hawks scored another touchdown and Palma’s Dukes added his fourth TD of the day. The final whistle sounded with the Chieftains on top 42-19 and the title “State Champions.” *Go Chieftains!* ●

Big changes equal big opportunities

Welcoming Back Young Women

In November of 2021, Bishop Danny Garcia announced a research project to study Catholic education in the Diocese. In February of 2022, the Bishop announced, “The findings of the study showed that families and children in the northern part of the Diocese of Monterey could be better served by a co-educational high school structure in Salinas.” This launched an effort by The Christian Brothers and Diocese of Monterey to determine the feasibility of a joint venture.

More than a year later, the leadership teams were unable to cooperatively form a co-educational high school. So, in July 2023, Palma President Chris Dalman '88 announced Palma would return to its co-educational foundation starting in the 2024-25 school year.

“With a resolve to serve all of our local young people, while following the direction of this study and the wishes of our community, we are excited to come full circle back

to Palma School’s co-educational roots,” explained Dalman in a letter to the Palma community.

The services of a Bay Area marketing firm that had successfully navigated the waters of single-sex-to-co-education at other schools were solicited. The collaboration spawned a desire to look to Palma’s new start, not only with the presence of girls on campus, but also in the look and feel of this emerging school format.

Current leadership is embracing this opportunity to expand Palma’s mission, enhance the Palma School experience for students and families, and continue to build a relevant school for today and tomorrow — all while maintaining its Catholic identity and elevating its spiritual, academic, physical, social and moral education. Palma has been a powerhouse for more than 70 years. With the changes set for 2024-25, it will emerge more powerful than ever. ●





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2-part series
that aired
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Collaboration with CTF resumes

Students Return to Prison

The collaboration between Palma and the Correctional Training Facility (CTF) at Soledad State Prison got fully back on track this year, thanks to the efforts of Palma administrators and Mr. Willie Beesley '86, Palma's Director of Campus Ministry. The program ground to a halt after COVID and great strides were made in the 2022-23 school year to re-establish Palma in the prison.



This year, Palma juniors and seniors met with members of CTF's Phoenix Alliance. Their regular meetings continued the tradition of gathering in a large group, dispersing into smaller "families" to discuss that meeting's topic, then reuniting to present each family's highlights to the group. Topics included Vision for the Future, Freedom Found in Forgiveness, Holding Ourselves and One Another Accountable, How to Be Present in Our Relationships, Creating Support Groups and Being Responsible for Our Part in Conflict Scenarios and Finishing Well. The Phoenix Alliance dubbed these meetings as the Palma School Leadership Academy.

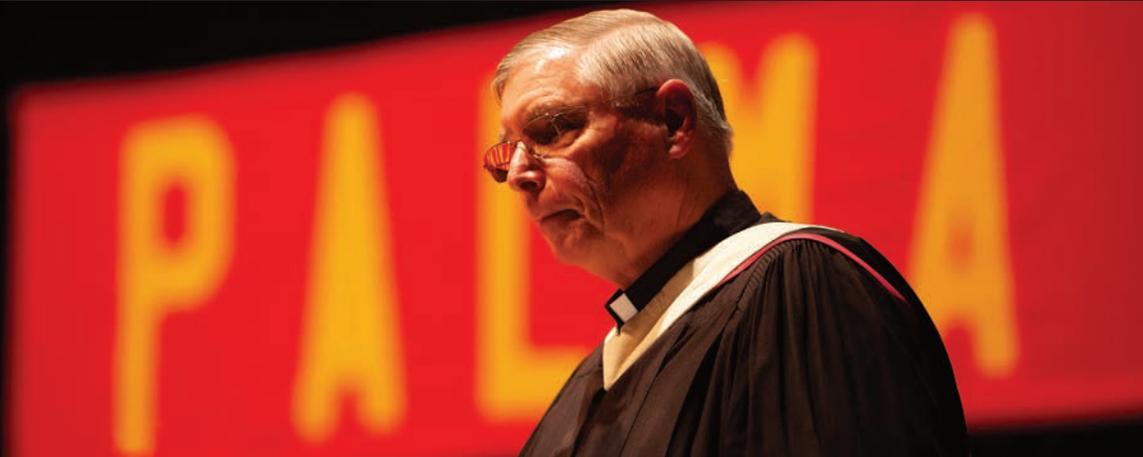


On April 30th, a brunch was held in the prison visitors' room to celebrate this year's collaboration. Food was donated by Portobello's on Main and Starbucks. Before the meal, everyone participated in an exercise called "Step to The Line" where a "yes" response to a question prompted one to take a step forward. The first question, "have you ever been in prison," caught many of the Chieftains off guard as they, too, have obviously been to prison. Through a series of questions, the exercise demonstrated that everyone present, including Brothers in Blue, Chieftains, visitors, prison administrators and even the warden, had more in common than the differences made by their actions.

This program benefits all who participate, leading to deeper empathy and renewed faith in humanity. It broadens Chieftains' understanding of who they are and how they fit in the world. ●



Brother Dunne Endowed Scholarship Fund



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



Br. Dunne believed no one 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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Big changes equal big support:

Palma's Gym Gets a Makeover

With a generous donation from the Edward M. Dowd ('63) Foundation, the gym is undergoing a long-overdue update, both inside and out.



The decision to open Palma to young women after their 60-year absence has necessitated the updating of some of the campus' original buildings. Last year the bathrooms in A and D wings were renovated. Now that the date has been set for girls to return in August 2024, the pace has quickened.

Spring semester has been accompanied by the sounds of jack hammers as the gym is renovated. The gym floor and bleachers will remain original, but the peripheral offices, meeting rooms, locker rooms, showers and bathrooms are being gutted to make way for new facilities.

The Edward M. Dowd Foundation made a generous \$2.5 million donation to fund the gym remodel. This is the largest single donation in Palma's history. In addition to the interior spaces, the foyer and gym facade have been reimagined to include a grand entrance, both as you approach the campus and for the gym itself. The foyer will contain expanded space for trophy cases and large-screen TVs that tell Palma's storied history along with current events and accolades.

The bathrooms in B and C wings will be renovated in the spring/summer of 2024 so that the campus is ready for young women in August.

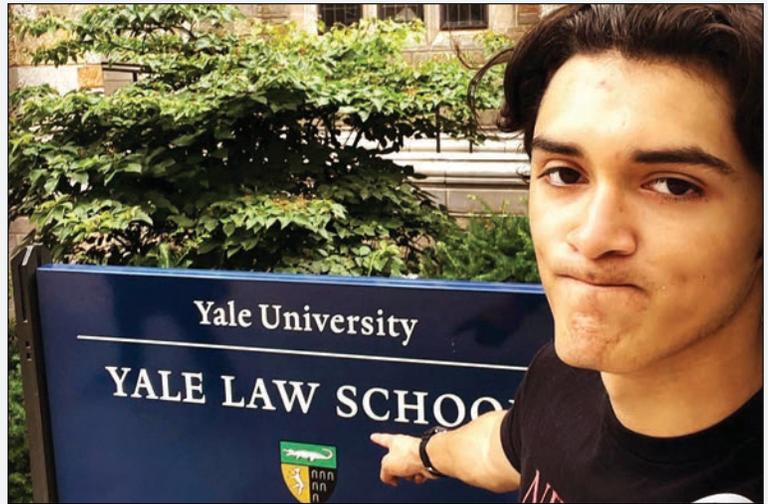
It's an exciting time to be a Chieftain! ●



Around Campus

Salinas Valley Dream Academy

During the summer of 2023, Roberto De León '24 traveled to the east coast on a college tour arranged through the Salinas Valley Dream Academy, an organization founded by Rubén Pizarro, J.D. '86, to inspire and empower youth in our community.



The Best of the Best

Chieftains must be nominated and accepted to be a member of CORE, the group of Chieftains who lead, befriend and follow students who are new to Palma. These student ambassadors are outstanding representatives of Palma.

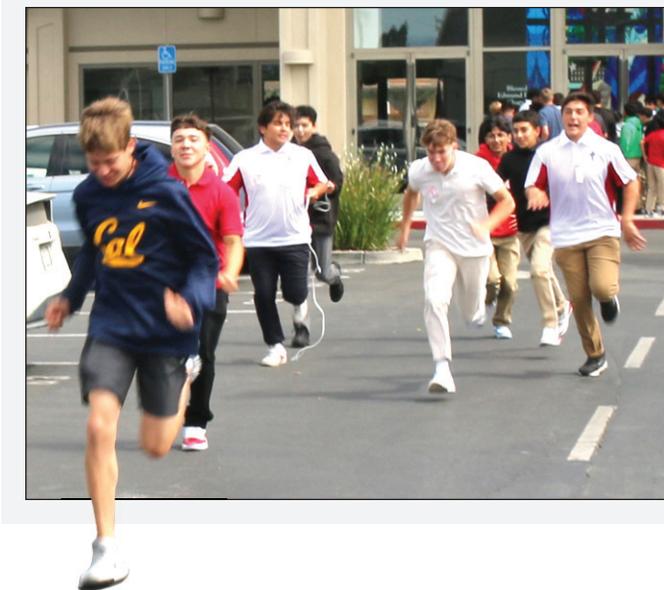
Journals Recall Days Past

Mr. Plata saved journals from 8th graders whose last entries were made just before the COVID lockdown in 2020. Now seniors, the journals' authors can reflect on their world view back then and contrast it to how they see the world today. Senior Capstones challenge students to reflect on how they have grown at Palma. These journals provide a first-hand account, in their own words, of one of the bookends in that process.



Addressing Teen Mental Health

Kimberly Hell and Margaret D'Arrigo-Martin, both Chieftain moms, gave a presentation to faculty and staff about AIM Youth Mental Health programs. With their assistance, Palma will bring Teen Mental Health First Aid onto our campus. The program provides training for select students who can become a "bridge" between a student suffering a mental health crisis and a trusted adult. The training introduces common mental health challenges for youth and teaches a five-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Among the topics covered are anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders including ADHD, and eating disorders.



Welcome New Students

Palma welcomed 180 new students to campus during orientation. Greeted by faculty and CORE, the new students got to know each other, the campus and learned a bit about Chieftain campus culture. We're glad to have them here.



Student Orientation

Students returned to campus to a warm welcome, school pictures, locker assignments, schedule checking, great deals at The Palma Closet and family memories in the making. It was a great start to the 23-24 year.





Red & Gold Family Day

This year's Red & Gold Family Day was well attended. In addition to the traditional football scrimmages, tri-tip BBQ, farmers market, live band, kids' games and Chieftain family camaraderie, moms of our football seniors geared up to tackle their sons. Use the link below to watch the fun that ensued.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



Technology and World Languages

Students in Mrs. Sun's Chinese class use an app on their smartphones and tablets to form Chinese characters. Chinese stroke order is sometimes confusing for beginners. The app lists out every stroke of the common-used characters to illustrate stroke order. They can learn to write more than 10,000 unique Chinese characters using character animation, definition and pinyin pronunciation.



Surprise Reformation Leader

While studying the Reformation, a sophomore in Mr. Plata's World History class surprised the class by masquerading as Martin Luther.

NHS Students Volunteer in Service to Their Fellow Chieftains

Palma's National Honor Society (NHS) students are available for peer-to-peer tutoring in the Cislini Study Center in the afternoons. This is a great opportunity for students to get a little extra help with their studies. As part of their charter, the NHS program empowers and equips students with the knowledge and skills to be transformative leaders in their school, communities and beyond.





The Effects of Technology

Mr. Plata's 8th grade language arts students work to answer the question: "Does technology improve or control our lives?"



Learning From the Past

Seventh grade American History students created astrolabes to measure the angle of the sun — just like early explorers used to find their latitude on the high seas. The astrolabe can also be used to measure the height of objects — like the palm tree in the A-Wing quad. Students measured the angle to the top of the tree and calculated its height to be about 40 feet.

Colleges Come Calling

Every year, in addition to the annual College Fair, Chieftains meet with college representatives on campus.





Taste of Palma

New parents, recent additions to the faculty, and old friends converged on the grass between A and B wings for this year's *Taste of Palma*. There is no better way to kick off a successful school year than by getting to know and appreciate each other. This year's gathering was also an opportunity to show off the newly renovated restroom in A wing.





Watershed Moments

Junior high school students built watersheds as part of their Earth Science class. A watershed is an area of land that channels rainfall, snowmelt, and runoff into a common body of water.



Basketball in the Hall

Eli Garnica '26, JJ Saucedo '26 and Robert Galli '23 ran drills and scrimmaged with young men in Juvenile Hall. They showed tremendous leadership and extended brotherhood to others.



Chapel Time

Eighth graders Colton Hodges, Thomas Mazzei, Jonah Corpus, Carson Bolding, Mason Holaday and DJ Sullivan performed a skit that examined the Gospel of Matthew during Chapel Time. Campus Ministry Director Mr. Willie Beesley '86 uses Chapel Time to bring life and modern relevance to the Gospels.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Members of the FCA club meet with Mr. Bishop, Palma's Athletic Director, at lunch.



A Positive Side of Inflation

Senior Timothy Slater worked at the fair blowing up balloons and turning them into cool animals for kids.



A Look Back to 1492

Seventh graders Jayden Santa Ana, Michael Richert, and Ivan Santiago take a hands-on approach to learning about Christopher Columbus in American History class.

Una Ofrenda

AP Spanish teacher Mr. Quintino coordinates the making of *una ofrenda* (offering) in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel to celebrate *el Dia de los Muertos*.



Dr. Wayne Tinsey Speaks at Palma

Palma welcomed Dr. Wayne Tinsey to speak to the entire school community. Dr. Tinsey is a Global Ambassador for Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders and provided a presentation about mission, Blessed Edmund Rice, and the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brothers education. Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders is an international network of Catholic schools educating young people from many different faiths and cultures. It is inspired by the teachings of Jesus, Gospel values and the spirit of Edmund Rice. In more than 25 countries, the network endeavors to promote global solidarity and offers a transformational education for justice and liberation.



What Hath God Wrought?

Sophomores in World History class made model telegraphs as part of their instruction on the Industrial Revolution. The first official message sent over the telegraph: “What hath God wrought.”



Collegiate Connections

Stanford University senior Benjamin Yurosek (below), a tight end on the Cardinal football team, Zoomed into Palma’s sixth grade class to talk about leadership.





What Are the Odds?

What do you do with a bike lock found on the street? You challenge students to try to crack the code! Mr. Plata awarded extra credit to any student who could open the lock. The odds are 1 in 9,999. After months of trying, Sebastian Torres '28 finally cracked the code. Mr. Plata used the exercise to teach statistical probability in the stock market and the lottery. It took hundreds of students thousands of guesses to hit the right numbers — with relatively small odds compared to the 1 in 292 million odds of winning a Powerball jackpot.

Holiday Cheer

Students in Mrs. Gastello's Theology classes spread good cheer around the campus by singing Christmas carols. The merriment was appreciated throughout the campus. Here they serenade the front office staff.



Gingerbread House Contest

Teams of four battled each other for Gingerbread house supremacy in December. Junior high winners were Mason Bormann '28, Owen Mazzuca '28, DJ Sullivan '28 and Jacob Martinez '28

High school winners were Lukas Zanger '24, Gabriel Ovano '24, Liam Hamilton '25 and Ian Jury '24



Hands-on World War I

Seventh grade World History class studied World War I by playing a board game called, “Diplomacy” — set in WWI Europe. They also got to handle actual WWI helmets — one German, and one American — that are more than 105 years old.



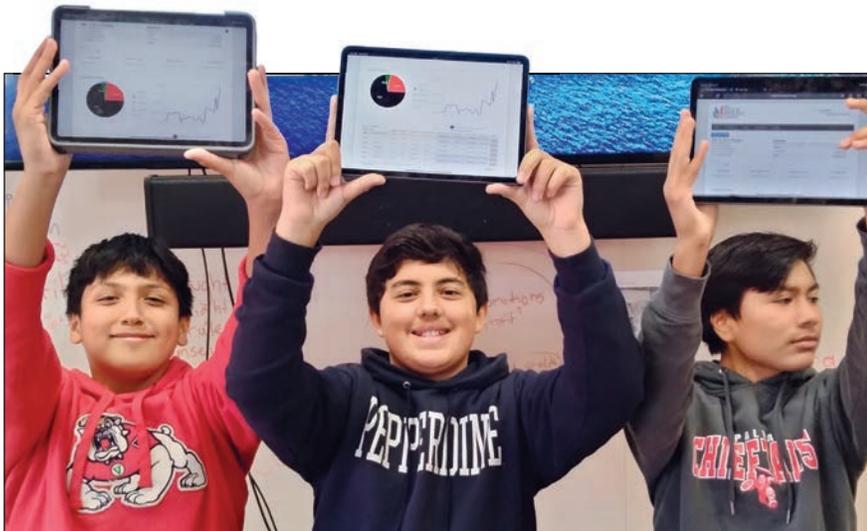
Mission Mexico

During their Easter vacation, Palma students and chaperones joined Mr. George Garibay and Mr. Willie Beesley '86 in Mexico to build a house for a family in need. 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. This mission has been cited as one of the most powerful experiences a young man can have during his high school years at Palma.

Junior High Spelling Bee

A field of 12 Palma students, that consisted of Mason Borrmann '28, Colton Brown '28, Cole Flickner '28, Jack Witting '28, Aidan Delucchi '29, Ernesto Dorado '29, Joey Dutra '30, Liam McGee '29, Henry White '29, Hudson Neff '30, Evan Scattini '30, and Dylan Villalobos '30, competed in the Junior High Spelling Bee on January 26. After five rounds only Joey Dutra '30, Liam McGee '29 and Cole Flickner '28 remained. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Dalman '88 congratulate Liam McGee '29 for winning this year’s spelling bee.





Stock Market Game

Seventh graders Jacob Rivas, Lucas Merritt, and Mateo Harris earned the top ranking in the Northern California region of the Stock Market Game. Starting with \$100,000 “seed money” in September, the team profited \$3,049 to top the field of 206 teams. The team was ranked 65th out of 4,372 teams in the state. The game ended in May. Students learn about the stock market to better understand the role of money and debt on history.



Mock Trial

The Mock Trial team put in some very good efforts, facing the strongest teams in the first three rounds. Palma was edged out of each round by the narrowest of margins, including one tiebreaker.

This year’s team was made up of Ethan Cameron ’26, Roberto De León ’24, Nicholas Dominguez ’24, Noah Dominguez ’27, Bryce Gokey ’26, Liam Hamilton ’25, Bolin Hinkle ’27, James Hinkle ’25, Temito Leon-Ramirez ’27, John Michael Manalang ’26, Kevin Ng ’27, Francis Perez ’26, Jeremy Ramirez ’26, Shane Sanders ’27, Timothy Slater ’24, Tristan Thoeni ’26, Joe Viarengo ’26, and Jonathan Woodyard ’27.

At the award ceremony, three Chieftains were recognized: Liam Hamilton ’25 as outstanding defense attorney, Shane Sanders ’27 as outstanding defense witness and Bolin Hinkle ’27 as outstanding bailiff. Only two awards were given in each of these categories that covered all eight participating schools. In addition, after each round an MVP for each side was selected by the opposing team. Liam Hamilton picked up two of those distinctions during our defense rounds, and Roberto de León and Tim Slater during the prosecution rounds.

Attorney Coach Ms. Ferreira had dedicated many hours preparing the team starting back in September.

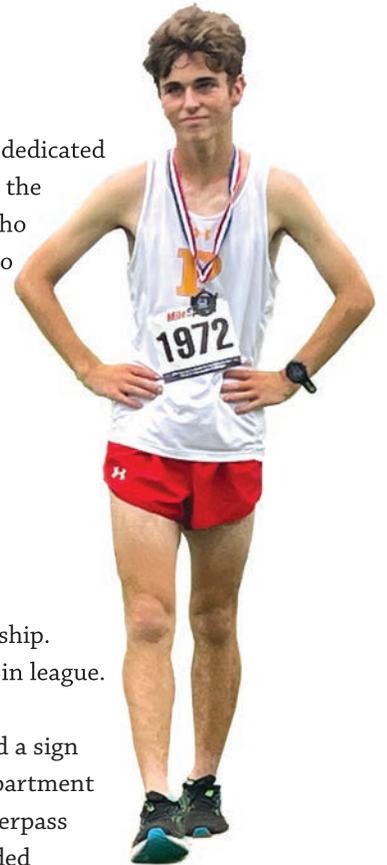
Victory is a tradition

Chieftain Athletics



Cross Country

The Cross Country team was small but dedicated and showed marked improvement over the season. Led by Wells Lilly '25 (right), who was a CCS qualifier, this year's team also included Quintin Ruelas '26, Matthew Miranda '26, Noa Kawamoto '24, Jay Walia '25 and Luke Ruelas '25.



Football

The Football team had an up and down season ending on the biggest up of all, a state championship. Read the full story on page 5. The freshmen had an outstanding season, winding up undefeated in league.



Our Brothers in Blue created a sign (left) which the CTF fire department displayed on the Soledad overpass while the player busses headed to the state championship game.

Elle Edwards, a senior at Santa Catalina, documented the team's 2023 season on video.



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The 2023 Salad Bowl

The agricultural ties between Salinas and Yuma, Arizona are strong. In addition to local companies growing in both areas, many field workers travel between the two cities following the seasons. So it was a natural, thought Tommy Nunes '95 and Mark Rodriguez, that the two cities should compete on the gridiron.

Varsity Head Coach Jeff Carnazzo '85 received a call in the summer asking if he had room in the schedule for a game against Yuma Catholic, an Arizona state high school football juggernaut. It's a good matchup — both programs having had several D1 prospects and players in the NFL. With the confirmation that it could be the third game of the season, the two businessmen went to work. They raised enough money to fund two games, the first of which would be played in Salinas on September 8th, 2023.

Dubbed the "Salad Bowl," the Yuma Catholic Shamrocks arrived in Salinas on September 7th. A dinner was hosted by Palma in Brother Dunne Hall that evening. They shared a meal and listened to speeches from coaches and administrators from each school. On Friday morning, the two teams attended Mass together in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel before going their separate ways to prepare for the game at Rabobank Stadium.



Gavin Martinez '25 peels off yardage against a stout Shamrock defense.

From Palma's kick-off, it was, in Carnazzo's words, "a heavyweight fight, both teams going toe-to-toe." The first half of the defensive struggle ended in a 0-0 tie.

The Shamrocks opened the second half with the look of a normal kick-off, but on-side kicked it. The Chieftains were first to fall on the ball, but Yuma muscled it out from under the pile. This shifted the momentum to Yuma and the game concluded with the Chieftains losing 14-0.

"It was a good test for us, having played a couple of games where we won pretty easily. Going against them, we knew we were going to be tested," said Carnazzo.



Yuma Catholic recovers the on-side kick that opened the second half.

Palma's defense played great against a team that boasts a couple of Arizona State Championships. They swarmed the ball and tackled extremely well. But the loss was still a heart-break and the first in the young season for the Chieftains. Yuma went on to complete an undefeated season, the closest of their contests being against the Chieftains. They lost to Canyon Del Oro in the Arizona High School Football State Championship game.

A rematch of the Salad Bowl will be played in Yuma in the fall of 2024. With enough interest in continuing the rivalry, supporters will go to work to raise funds for additional games. ●

Water Polo

Henry Vetter '26 earned first-team all-league honors in Water Polo. The team worked hard placing fifth this season.



Basketball

Basketball finished third behind eventual state champions Monterey and CCS champions Carmel. The team qualified for CCS and was victorious in round one against Monte Vista Christian. They fell on the road in round two against King's Academy. Team leaders were Tommy Nunes '24, Soren Roberts '25, Dominic Chaidez '25, Jose Saucedo Jr. '26 and Cesar Mercado '26. With few seniors on the team, Palma will return an experienced team to the court next season. The freshman wrapped up a winning season with a league title.



Soccer

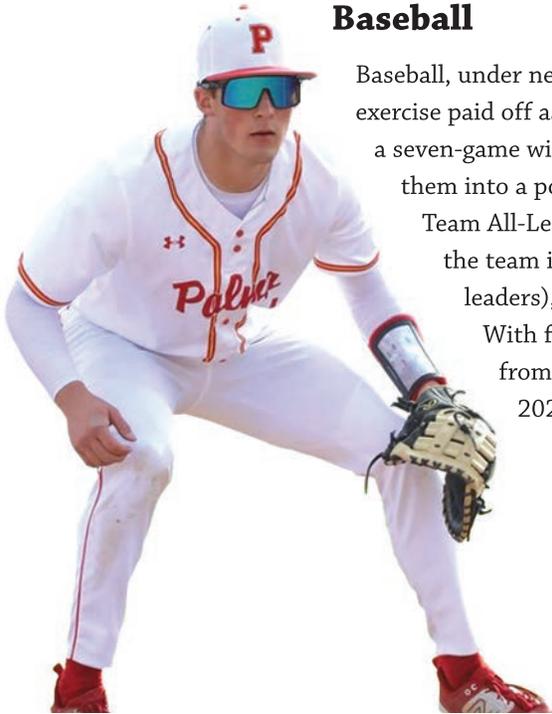
Soccer finished with a 7-10-3 record and missed the playoffs by one game. Their record, however, was not indicative of the skill level on the field. Keoni Bennett '24, Isidro Hernandez '25 and Sebastian Sanchez '25 were the leaders of a young and improving team. Isidro Hernandez '25 was named First Team All-League and Keoni Bennett '24 made Second-Team All-League. Esteban Sotelo '24 was named on the Chamberlin All-Sportsmanship Team and Palma won the Elgie Bellizio Sportsmanship Team award.



Wrestling

Despite finishing fourth in league, Wrestling enjoyed solid performances by Tommy Ducker '24, Isaiah Rangel '25, Christian Ramirez '25, Aiden Garcia '27 and Eliart Manzur '27. Aiden Garcia and Isaiah Rangel both earned League Champion, CCS South Region Champion and CCS Master Champion. Garcia went on to medal at CIF State placing sixth (Palma's 12th state medalist). Palma also was awarded the CCS Scholar Team Champions.





Baseball

Baseball, under new head coach Brian Neff '96, started their conditioning in September. The extra exercise paid off as they finished a tough schedule in third place with a 17-12 record. Mid season saw a seven-game winning streak when the Chieftains outscored their opponents 75-25, catapulting them into a position to make the playoffs. Team leaders included Johnny Carnazzo '25 (First Team All-League), pitcher Manny Dorantes '25 (junior commit to Cal), Rocky Razzeca '26 (led the team in hitting, fielding and relief pitching), Bubba Martinez '24 (one of the home run leaders), and Andre Medina '24 (playing baseball at North Central College next semester). With few seniors, a majority of this year's team will be returning next year. Add players from this year's JV that went 20-4, and Chieftains' baseball promises to look great in 2025.

Golf

The golf team finished 4th in PCAL. Jacob Diaz '27 and Ryan Russo '25 led the charge on the links for the Chieftains.



Lacrosse

Lacrosse finished third in the division, qualifying for CCS division II. With 14 of the 20 players being seniors, next year's squad will have to do some serious recruiting to fill the void of the talented young men who are moving on.



Chase Amaral '27
1st Team All League



Charlie Deverick '24
1st Team All League



Tommy Ducker '24
2nd Team All League



Noah Orozco '24
2nd Team All League



Nick Bengard '24
Sportsmanship

Tennis

The tennis team, led by Shane Sanders '27 and Luke Secondo '26, was a team of 11 made up of freshmen and sophomores. The young team continued to improve throughout the season and they expect everyone to return next year.



Swimming

The swim team finished 4th in PCAL. Isaac Kelly '24, Jacob Regalado '25 and Heinrich Vetter '26 vexed the competition with their strength in the pool. The 15-man roster had only three seniors so the team will have a core of experienced swimmers next year.



Volleyball

Volleyball was made up of a number of young players who continue to improve. Mark Lester '24 led the team and was named First Team All-League. Xavier Reinhardt '25 was named Second Team All-League. Aaron Pacheco '25 made the Sportsmanship team. They finished the season 12-19 overall.

Track & Field

The Track & Field team was Gabilan Division Champions. Logan Saldate '24, Weldon Chism '25 (100m champion in PCAL), Brandon Chrisman '24, Ozzie Godoy '26, Gianni Ponce '24, Gavin Martinez '24 and Von Swim '25 were team leaders. Chrisman, Martinez and Ponce and Chisum set a school record in the 4x100 with a time of 42.3 seconds. Weldon also qualified for CCS in the 100 and 200. ●



4x100 team: Brandon Chrisman '24, Gavin Martinez '24, Gianni Ponce '24 and Weldon Chism '25



Weldon Chism '25



Ozzie Godoy '26

Invited to Play at the Next Level

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



Tommy Ducker
Cornell University
Football



Drew Molinari
Portland State University
Football



Thomas Nunes
University of San Diego
Football



Logan Saldate
University of Notre Dame
Football



Andre Medina
North Central College
Baseball

Junior High Class of 2024



Junior High School Awards

The Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Earley Award for

Religious Studies	Carson Bolding
Language Arts Award	Justin Bhardwaj
Mathematics Award	Griffin Ripley
Music Award	Frank Carmona
Physical Education Award	Braedon Cagle
Social Studies Award	Owen Mazzuca
Science Award	Gabriel Colon
Foreign Language Award	Jonah Martinez

Brother Charles McManus Award for Scholarship,

Leadership, Fellowship and Sportsmanship	Quinton Piña
Father Vic Farrell Scholarship	Diego Sullivan
Palma Investor Club Award	Frank Gallegos
Palma Investor Club Award	Miguel Hernandez

Gerald D. Flowers Gold Chieftain Scholarship Award

for Service	Owen Mazzuca
Blessed Edmund Rice Scholarship	Justin Bhardwaj
Blessed Edmund Rice Scholarship	Gabriel Colon
Blessed Edmund Rice Scholarship	Thomas Mazzei
Blessed Edmund Rice Scholarship	Owen Mazzuca
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Blessed Edmund Rice Scholarship	Matheo Sanchez





High School Graduation 2024

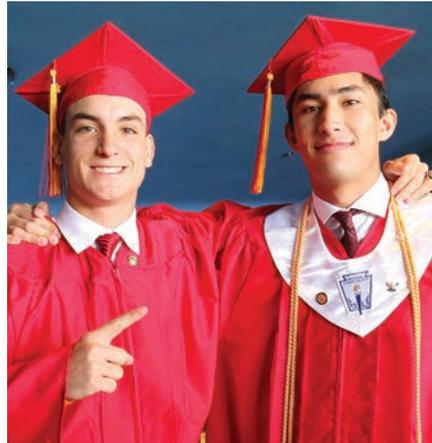
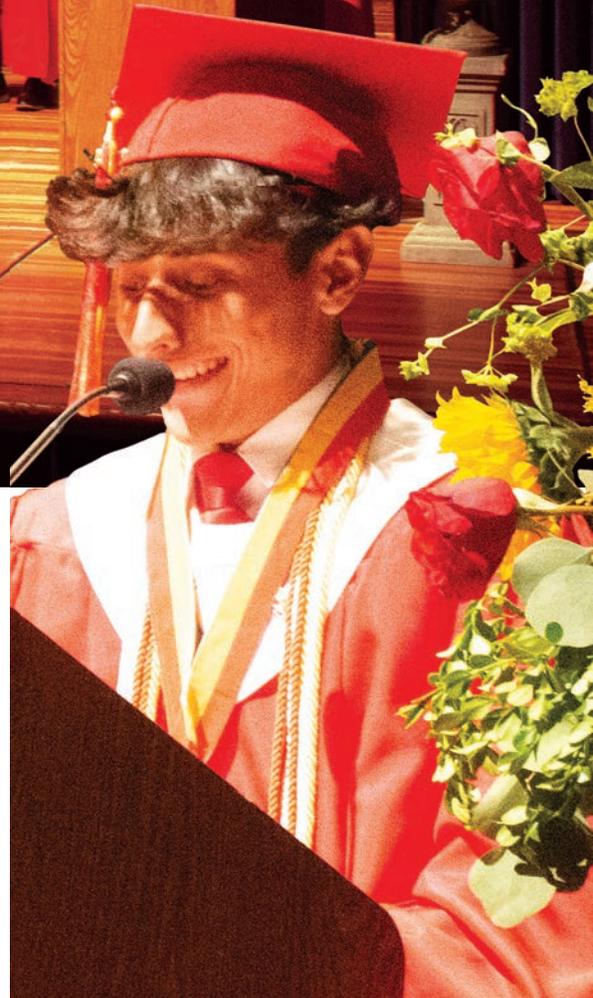


High School Awards

Monsignor Thomas J. Earley Gold Medal for Scholastic Proficiency:

Valedictorian	Nicolas Veliz IV
Salutatorian	Thomas Ducker
Palma Gold Medal in Theology	Jaden Soliz
Palma Gold Medal in English	Thomas Ducker
Palma Gold Medal in Social Studies	Roberto De León
Palma Gold Medal in Mathematics	Nicholas Bengard
Palma Gold Medal in Foreign Language	Roberto De León
Palma Gold Medal in Science	Timothy Youssef
Palma Gold Medal in Fine Arts	Timothy Slater
Palma Gold Medal in Music	Nicholas Bengard
Palma Loyalty Award	Tyler Cina
Palma Leadership Award	Roberto De León
Principal's Leadership Award	Thomas Ducker
Monroe Award for Proficiency in Mathematics	Timothy Youssef
Br. Martin D. Cunningham Award for Excellence in English. . . .	Roberto De León
Br. Charles J. Avendano Award for Excellence in Social Studies and Service	Anmol Ghuman
Christopher Hitchcock Inspirational Science Award	Anmol Ghuman
W.H. "Hank" Muller Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award	Thomas Ducker
Br. M.L. Crumliss Athlete of the Year Award	Logan Saldate
Golden Rule Leadership Award	Jaden Soliz

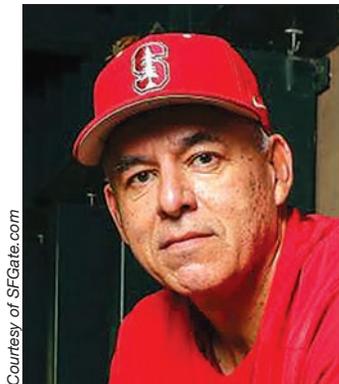




Competing on another level:

Palma Ath-lumni

Professional-Level Chieftains



David Esquer '83*
Stanford University
Head Baseball Coach



Joe Walsh '85
Arizona Diamondbacks
Senior Vice President



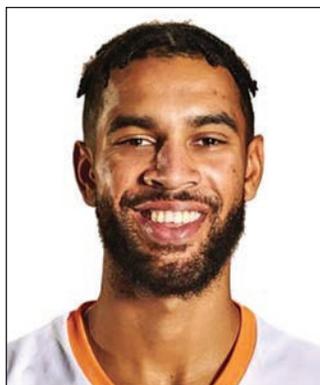
Tony Hill '98
University of Florida
Assoc. Dir., Sports Health, Football



EJ Rowland '01
PLK GTK Gliwice
Guard



Brian Reader '07
University of Louisville
Offense Quality Control



Noah Allen '13
ARG-1 Comunicaciones
Guard / Forward



Jamaree Bouyea '17
San Antonio Spurs
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

Orlando Johnson '07,* Indiana Pacers, Sacramento Kings

David Fales '09,* Chicago Bears, Miami Dolphins

Austin Wahl '13, Oakland Athletics

Michael Carrizosa '13 XFL Las Vegas Vipers

Mitch Kidd '14, Fan Controlled Football

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

Collegiate Athlete Chieftains



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 Puleaii '21
UCLA

FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP



Zach Thompson '21
Campbell University

WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP



JoJo Cardinale '22
College of San Mateo

BASEBALL



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



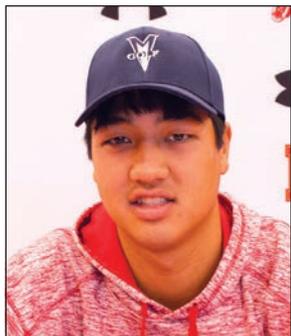
Luke Rossi '22
College of San Mateo

BASEBALL



Evan Russo '23
Menlo College

GOLF SCHOLARSHIP



Kevin Chen '23
Menlo College

GOLF SCHOLARSHIP



JC Escutia '23
Menlo College

WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP



JoJo Andrade '23
Simpson University

WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP

Making their mark:

Ath-lumni Sports Shorts

Joe Walsh '85 is in his sixth season as the Senior Vice President of People & Culture for the Arizona Diamondbacks, his 10th in Major League Baseball and his 23rd in the professional sports industry. In his role, Walsh oversees all people-related responsibilities for the D-backs including culture, leadership development, talent acquisition, retention, team-player relations, total rewards, organizational development, wellness, HRIS and payroll.



NBA guard/forward **Orlando**

Johnson '07 and NFL quarterback **David Fales '09** were inducted into

the Salinas Valley Hall of Fame

in March. Johnson, the first

Monterey County player to be drafted in the NBA (by the Sacramento Kings in 2012),

spent parts of three seasons with five different NBA teams before embarking on a career in Europe. Fales was drafted by the Chicago Bears in the sixth round in 2014 and played six seasons in the NFL.

He also set several records in two seasons at San Jose State.



David Fales '09 launched a new career as an analyst on the San Jose State football radio broadcasts. He joined radio veteran Kevin Richardson on the Spartan Radio Network on KTRB (860 AM).

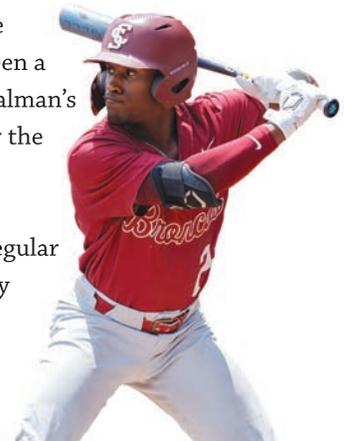


Noah Allen '13 is playing professional basketball in Mexico, playing for Libertadores, where he is averaging 14 minutes a night shooting 58.3% from the field. Allen, who spent time in the G-League with the Washington Wizards affiliate and a summer with the Golden State Warriors Summer League team, has played professionally in four different countries.



Sports Illustrated wrote of **Drew Dalman '17**: "Atlanta Falcons center Drew Dalman was revealed to be the team's most improved player. 'Not many foreshadowed that Dalman, in his third NFL season, would be among the league's best centers,' Yard Barker wrote. 'He ranked third among centers in PFF grade, largely because of his run-blocking prowess (90.0).'" The article concludes, "Last season may have been a disappointment for the team, but Dalman's improvement provides optimism for the future in Atlanta."

JonJon Berring '20 finished the regular season for the Santa Clara University Broncos batting .327 in what sports writer John Devine called "a most-valuable-player type college baseball season." ●



Continuing the tradition:

Palma Hall of Fame '24



Ron Critchfield



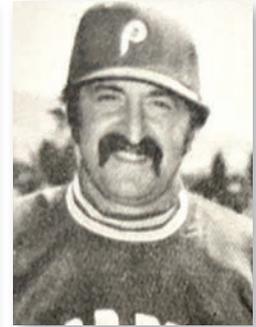
Joey Dansby '88



Nate Holaday '68



Greg Lane '88



Tony Rossi '66

Congratulations
to the 2024
inductees into
the Palma Hall
of Fame on
February 10th.

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Ron Critchfield Basketball coach from 1966 to 2002 without a losing season. Earned 14 league, four Region IV and three CCS championships. Overall record of 485-157.

Joey Dansby '88 Wrestler winning league and CCS titles plus two-time CIF States, three-time PAC-10 medalist at Cal Poly SLO, three-time olympic qualifier, five-time coach of the year at Cuesta College, inducted into California Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Nate Holaday '68 Basketball with runs of 20-8 and 20-3 his junior and senior years leading the team in scoring, rebounding and shooting percentage.

Greg Lane '88 Three-sport athlete: football, basketball, track. Played football at Hartnell and Washburn University. Returned to Palma as jumping coach.

Tony Rossi '66 Four-year Chieftain football, 33 years Chieftain football assistant line coach. Palma won 23 league and 13 CCS championships during his tenure.



1992 State Champions (l to r): Back: Coach Mark Crossgrove '74, Sky Feekes '92, Joey Diaz '93, Brandon Peterson '92, Steven Zenk '92, Marc Matoch '94, David Sargenti '93, Todd McRae '93. Front: Coach John Amaral '67, Robert Long '92, Ken Young '92, Matt Amaral '92, Chad Amaral '92, Josh Short '93, Mike Baclig '92, Casey Kelly '93, Coach Bob Burlison '74.

Tradition reaches through the decades

Chieftain Senior Legacies

Three Generation Legacies

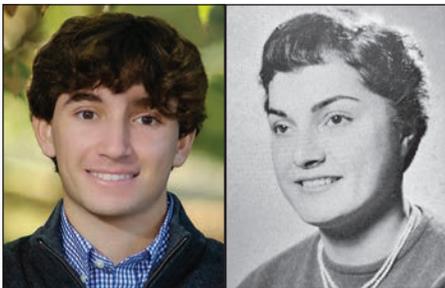


Gavin Martinez '24 David Martinez '87 Manuel Martinez '66



Thomas Nunes '24 Tommy Nunes '95 Tom Nunes '69

Two Generation Legacies



Blake Andersen '24 Lydia Lavorato '57



Gavin Lanini '24 Loren Lanini '93



Jaden Soliz-Kincaid '24 Michael Ihnot '99



Nicholas Bengard '24 Tom Bengard '87



Drew Molinari '24 Perry Molinari '83



Nicolas Veliz IV '24 Nick Veliz III '95



Ryan Guerra '24 Jeff Guerra '92



Lukas Zanger '24 Gene Zanger '80

Red and gold, young and...younger:

Alumni Update palmaalumni.org



1961

Six classmates from the class of 1961 got together for lunch at Doña Esther's in San Juan Bautista. They had a fun time catching up! Around the table (l-r): **Sarah Herbert, Jeanette Avila Schneider, Diane Tara Stein, Marleen Armanini Lagattuta, Jim Storm, Dan Sahagun, Jim Scattini, Barbara DeLuna Lazarotti, Yvette Casamayou Benson, Vivian Brisbane Medina, Jean Ferrasci Steinbruner, and Angie Sahagun Vasquez.**

1964

Lifelong Friends

Trish (Cling) Pearce and Alice (Richardson) Wilson, both members of the class of 1964, were part of a historic group of graduates. They were the last co-ed class to graduate from Palma before it became an all-boys school. Trish, as the Head Cheerleader, and Alice, an ASB representative, were both highly involved and influential members of their class. They were known for their school spirit and leadership, and their impact on the school was felt long after they graduated. Trish and Alice are thrilled that their granddaughters will have the opportunity to attend the school that is so dear to their hearts. They know that their granddaughters will be able to experience the same sense of community and tradition that they did. They are also eager for their granddaughters to be a part of the Palma family, a tight-knit group of alumni who continue to support and stay connected to the school, even after graduation.



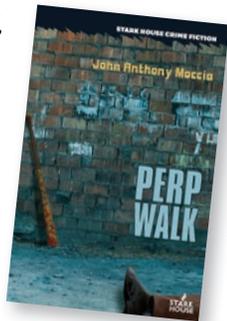
1966



After retiring from a federal law enforcement career **John Moccia** wrote for a TV series and currently writes crime novels. Two of them, *PERP WALK* and *CRAPPED OUT*,

were released in 2023 and are available through Amazon. His other books can be seen on his website:

johnanthonymoccia.com



1974

Members of the class of 1974 meet once a month for a class meeting. Pictured: **Pete Gnosca, Chris Brigantino, Henry Dill, Jim Linder, Joe Zanger, Matt Zazueta, Terry Tognietti, Joe Given, and Dave Johnson.**



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



1976

This past November, Western Growers presented the 2023 Award of Honor to D'Arrigo Bros. Co., of California CEO, President and Chairman of the Board, **John D'Arrigo**. The Award of Honor is Western Growers' highest recognition of achievement and is given to individuals who have contributed extensively to the agricultural community. Upon receiving his award, John spoke about the future of agriculture and the role that D'Arrigo Brothers will have in that future: "Innovation is key for me. My goal for the future of our company and industry is to continue to encourage mechanization and automation research. We are developing valuable skills for our employees by taking the initiative to provide in-house training and education on new technologies and how to operate the next generation of mechanized and automated equipment in our ag industry."

1987

Bill Elbert is captain of the Solano County Sheriff's Office. He graduated from Sacramento State with a BS in Physiology.



Brian Atwell writes: “My oldest son Jordan graduated from LMU in May of 2022 and now works in L.A. My younger son Dominic has one year left at LMU. Both are all-conference lacrosse players with creative minds. My wife Janelle is the rock of the family and keeps us three; in check. I set and put out fires. Currently working on a new Campus Media platform that has lots of promise. Have had the honor of working with many talented people in the marketing industry which leads me to highlight the importance of business and personal mentors. Seek them out and your road to success will have fewer hurdles. Loved Palma HS days. Great school.”



Class of 1987 and 1988 Reunion

The two classes combined their reunions and held it at Odonata Winery. It was a fun-filled evening enjoying each other’s company and reminiscing about the good old days. Pictured (l-r): **MaryJo (Crannel) Moore ’87, Laura Owen ’87, Tami Cho ’87, Reno DiTullio ’88, Derek Seelig ’87, Keith Sheppard ’87, John Carr ’87, Stephen Souza ’88, Sally Cruz ’87, Kevin Christiansen ’87, Marcus Lewtschuk ’87, Marie (Martinez) Spencer ’87, Rosie (Martinez) Clark ’87, Jason Smith ’87, Kathy Beretta ’87, Tanya Mills ’88, Isabel Arista ’88, Abe Lincoln ’88, Greg Beardsley ’87, Mandy (Rodriguez) Lebow ’87, Christina (Paluck) Gieg ’87, Chris Dalman ’88, Lauren Kerr ’87, CC Salmina ’87, Lori Caldeira ’87, Patrice (Donahue) Fontes ’87, Vicki (Flowers) Cooper ’87, and Venus (Agbanawag) Bolosan ’87.** Attending but not pictured: **Karen Vonnegut ’87, Lisa Baehr ’87, Erin Blair ’88, John Davidson ’87, and John Amaral ’87.**



Coach Paul MacDonald Alumni Softball Game

On Saturday, April 6, 2024, baseball alumni gathered for the second Annual Coach Paul MacDonald Alumni Softball Game. Generations of alumni spanning from the 1970s to the 2000s were present, including Coach Mac’s former teammates, members from his first and last teams, and those from the 2009 CCS Championship, which celebrated its 15th anniversary this year. Everyone had a great time, and they are planning to come back again next year, so be sure to stay tuned for the next date. Go Chieftains! Pictured: **Markus Lewschuk '87, Eric Esquer '87, Jim Bass '88, Danny Carnazzo '17, Gregory Salazar '12, Jacob Naval '09, Michael Valentin '11, Chris Dalman '88, Pat McDonough '86, Joey Flores '85, Coach Mac '70, Marty Lawrence '84, Shawn Wilson '85, Todd Guzik '80, Ed Pearce '70, Shawn Cassidy '70, Rick Gutierrez '71, Dan Carnazzo '87, Flo Flores '79, Scott McCulligan '87, Phil Giammanco '87, John Pezzini '78, and Coach Tim Vanoli '78.** Not pictured: **Coach Brian Neff '96.**



Alumni Faculty

Palma alumni made up more than fifty percent of the 2023-24 faculty.

Front Row:

- Brian Neff '96**
- Nick La Fountain '98**
- Willie Beesley '86**
- Rob Viarengo '86**
- Nick Sterrett '04**
- Chris Dalman '88**
- Matt Thorup '06**
- Jorge Rico '08**
- Jeff Carnazzo '85**

Back Row:

- Nick Noroian '02**
- Raul Rico '03**
- John Gnosca '14**
- Isaiah Jimenez '08**
- Tim Martinez '89**
- Phil Giammanco '87**



Alumni Basketball Game

On November 25, 2023, we had a great turnout of alumni, including former players, their families, and friends who cheered for them.

Pictured: **Coach Kelley Lopez '01, Dennis Torres '09, Logan Guerini '23, Prabhjot Singh '20, Julian Torres '20, Tyler Whitehead '20, Alex Vasquez '20, Wyatt Maker '16, Adrian Suniga '20, Feras Masarweh '20, Josh Keselica '16, Ethan Pavlet '20, Ryan Roggio '22, Eric Roggio '18** (not pictured) **Robert Galli '23.**

Coach Costa Memorial Golf Tournament

The Coach Costa Memorial Golf Tournament brought out alumni from a handful of decades. Thank you to all of our alumni who came out and supported the Coach Norm Costa Memorial Scholarship on Monday, July 31, 2023, at the Club at Pasadera. Pictured: Team Pacific International Marketing - Alumni include: **David Johnson '75, Larry Larronde '75, Vinny Caudill '18, and Chris Dalman '88.**



Inaugural Alumni Flag Football Game

The football season was kicked off by bringing our alumni back for a flag football game. What a great way to end our annual Red & Gold Family Day. *Go Chieftains!* Pictured: **Kasey Mena '22, JC Escutia '23, Brian Neff '96, Misha Lomboy '22, Luke Rossi '22, Jeff Carnazzo '85, Salvatore Lagana '22, Luke Alvarez '22, Colton Amaral '22, Nate Jean-Pierre '22, Nick Noroian '02, and Brandon Villar '12.**

1997

Dr. Jeffrey Parola — a composer, organist, conductor, and teacher — received the Distinguished Alumnus in the Arts Award at the 2023 Hartnell College Arts Gala on November 18, 2023. For more information on Jeffrey, [click here](#).



Palma School Board of Directors Chair, **Eric Mueller '01**, Admissions Director, **Raul Rico '03** and board member **Joseph Melo '03** attended the President's Reception, which is held for \$2,500+ annual donors and members of the Palma School board.



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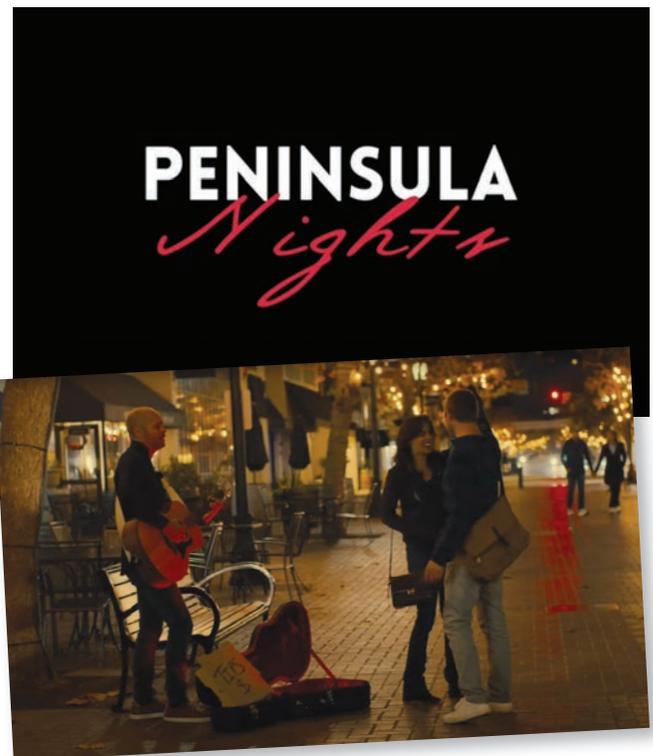


2011

Devin Thomas, a proud Palma School alumnus from the class of 2011, has recently achieved a significant milestone in his filmmaking career. After graduating from the Los Angeles Film School in 2015, he self-financed, wrote, directed, produced, and photographed his debut feature film, *Peninsula Nights*. Premiering in Pacific Grove at Lighthouse Cinema on June 8th, the film is in consideration for more than 30 film festivals nationally and internationally. Devin's journey exemplifies Palma's dedication to fostering excellence, creativity, and passion in its students. *Peninsula Nights* will be on major streaming platforms later this year.

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2016

Jared Cook (second from left) was honored with the Star of Life Award. This award “honors the accomplishments of EMS personnel across the state who provide exemplary lifesaving care to adult and pediatric patients.”



2017

Matt Mercurio (left) received the Jake Nevin Award — presented to the Villanova University student-athletes who excel in character and integrity on the field and in the classroom.



2019

In May 2023, **Declan Grant** graduated *summa cum laude* from Curry College School of Nursing with his Bachelor of Science. Upon graduation, he chose to make Connecticut home working at Griffin Hospital. Declan is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

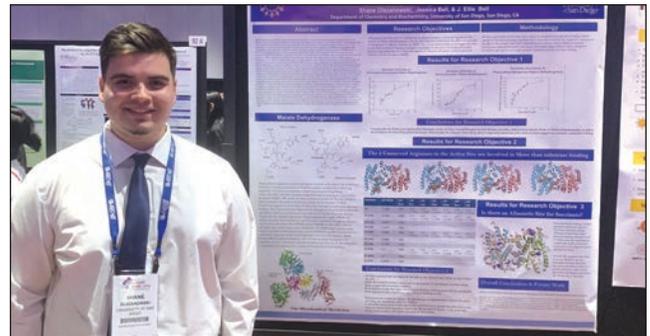


2020

Jack Busch was part of a four-person student team that took second place at the National Grocers Association student case study competition at the National Grocers Association Show in Las Vegas. The team strategized on maintaining a competitive edge in a rapidly evolving market with insights into fresh categories, digital integration and future differentiation.

2021

The University of San Diego’s Biochemistry Department chose **Shane Olszanowski** to present his medical research on surgery at a San Antonio conference. Shane is studying medicine with a specific focus on surgery. ●



IN MEMORIAM

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| 1955 | Richard Bass | April 17, 2024 |
| 1956 | Gerald Garehime | January 27, 2024 |
| 1960 | Dorothy (Kearney) Cantrell | October 23, 2023 |
| 1962 | Margie (Ferrasci) Fanoe | November 28, 2023 |
| 1965 | Michael Benoit | March 16, 2024 |
| 1966 | Robert Zwingman | December 24, 2023 |
| 1969 | Paul Johnson | December 17, 2023 |
| 1973 | James Scarper | February 24, 2024 |
| 1980 | Nicholas Haro | May 26, 2024 |
| 1980 | Art Lopez | January 20, 2024 |
| 1999 | Tim Hayes | 2023 |
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