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The *Pax et Bonum* magazine seeks to share with the reader the spirit of St. Francis Catholic High School. Stories and pictures of the activities and accomplishments of students, parents, staff and alumnae provide glimpses into the ways in which the school's mission is carried out and its legacy continues. St. Francis benefactors are gratefully acknowledged in the *Annual Report of Donors*.

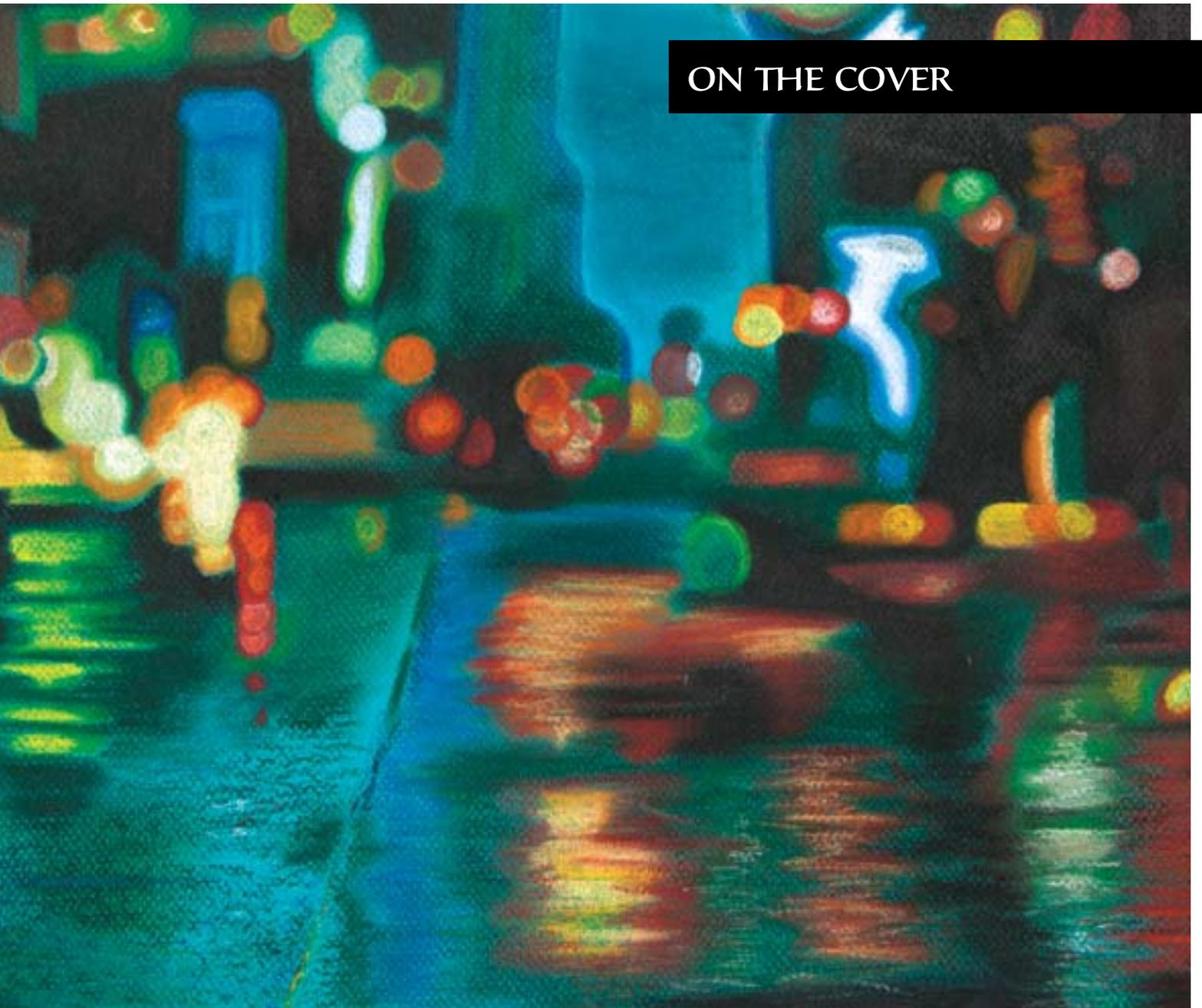
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## IZZY FILIGENZI '16

*Night Lights After the Rain*

Pastel on paper

“My interest in art started at a young age, and St. Francis provided me with amazing classes and teachers so that I could branch out and practice this passion of mine. I have taken Photography 1, Photography 2, Drawing 1, Sculpture 1, and Sculpture 2 while at St. Francis. My piece “Night Lights After the Rain” was definitely one of the hardest that I have ever done. I have always been fascinated with pastel art pieces, and I have always wanted to do a piece picturing a city after rainfall. Although this drawing took a while, it gave me such an amazing feeling seeing it completed.”

Izzy completed this piece in Mr. Marko Vlasisavljevic’s Drawing 1 class, Spring 2015.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In September of 1940, St. Francis Catholic High School was founded as a school for young women, on the third floor of St. Francis Elementary School at 2500 K Street. As we gather again this fall, we begin the celebration of our 75th Anniversary, recognizing those first students and their successors. Fittingly, we will begin with a community-wide celebration honoring our patron, Saint Francis of Assisi, on the eve of his feast day. On October 3rd we welcome alumnae, parents of alumnae, current students and families, as well as prospective families and friends to our campus to mark the occasion.

As a community, our shared experience transcends generations, sees no boundary at a decade marker, but rather binds us in the all-girl educational experience. What, at St. Francis, do you fondly recall? Was it the homecoming rally, the St. Francis Day celebrations, Father-Daughter Dance, your enduring friendships or the plaid skirt? If there ever was a time to revisit campus, it will be in celebrating the sisterhood that we all share during the 75th Anniversary beginning in September of 2015.

In this issue we celebrate the 2015 Commencement Ceremonies and the conclusion of our school year theme, "Cultivating Peace, Protecting Creation." In the pages to follow you will see student success and achievement were the stars on stage at Memorial Auditorium. The 252 young women of the Class of 2015 graduated as confident and articulate Troubies, ready to embark on the next leg of their journey of life. What they take with them is this shared experience - four years that last a lifetime; a sisterhood that few have experienced.

To build on the strong foundation of St. Francis, the Diocese of Sacramento recently established a new governance structure. New Board of Directors members were appointed in 2013 and 2014 to oversee the policy governance and temporal affairs of the school. With their leadership, a Strategic Planning process commenced in the fall of 2014. The strategic plan illuminates the priorities and direction of the school. The plan serves our mission and directs the educational ministry that has been the hallmark of St. Francis for the last 75 years. The legacy of our sisterhood, educational excellence, the call to service and faith is what we share.

**"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. In the long run, we really do shape our lives; and then together we shape the world around us. The process never ends until we die, and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility. So choose wisely, boldly and confidently. Believe that your choices make a difference - they do!"**

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Whatever the future holds, it is within reach if we continue to believe in the dream. We invite you, our St. Francis family to join in celebrating of our mission, our 75 years of educational opportunity for young women, and our Troubie sisterhood!

In the Spirit of Pax et Bonum,

Margo Reid Brown '81  
President





# ST. FRANCIS' NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS WELCOMES VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS BRINGS A LEGACY OF SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO ITS MEMBERSHIP

The Bishop established an independent corporation for the governance of St. Francis Catholic High School in 2013. Three members of the Board of Directors, highlighted in this issue, have one thing in common: They are committed to using their expertise to benefit St. Francis.



### INTRODUCING OUR CHAIR **TOM KANDRIS:** A FATHER-DAUGHTER CONNECTION

Tom Kandris is CEO and Founder of PackageOne, a manufacturing and distribution company. He was previously selected to serve on the St. Francis Advisory Board in 2011 and continues as a member of the St. Francis Catholic High School Board of Directors. Tom's daughter, Taylor, graduated in the Class of 2013 and attends Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. He and his wife, Theresa also have a son, Tommy, who is a senior at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

"As parents of an SF alumna, Theresa and I often comment that the Troubie experience was not truly realized for Taylor until the post-graduation look back! It was then that she came to realize how the experience shaped her values and formulated a path forward bringing it all together. I recall the series of conversations leading to her 'aha moment.' Her Kairos experience also had a lasting impact on Taylor; and then later being a retreat team leader just added exponentially to her spiritual growth, knowing the Sisterhood formed with all Troubies would bond them forever!" Tom's fondest memory as a parent was the Father-Daughter Dance (ALL FOUR!) "As a Dad, it's hard to get better than that! Taylor's graduation will also stand out as a very special moment for Theresa and me."

When asked about serving as Chair of the Board, Tom responded, "First, I am deeply humbled, honored, and take great pride in being the first Board chair under the newly formed Board structure, and more so, if possible, this being our 75th Anniversary! As a newly entrusted and empowered Board, our goal is to provide measured and transparent governance that enables oversight of the school and its strategic goals. I believe we have an extremely well run institution," Tom said, "and we are very proud of our recent strategic planning process that involved over fifty community stakeholders from our greater St. Francis community and Alumnae."

Tom's advice to our Troubie graduates, "trust your talents and trust your instincts; your foundation is solid!"



## DR. PAM DiTOMASSO '72: SISTERHOOD FOR A LIFETIME

Dr. Pam DiTomasso joined the Board of Directors in 2014. She owns DiTomasso Dental, a thriving dental practice in midtown Sacramento and she resides in East Sacramento. Pam received the Distinguished Alumnae Award in 2001.

When asked to share her experience as a Troubadour, Pam said, "I loved working on the year-book my senior year. It allowed me to meet underclassmen and interact with different members of my own class. I made a conscious effort to meet girls I had never known, knew only casually, or had been intimidated by (all my own doing of course). I decided to find anyone who didn't look, dress, eat, or act like me and extend a warm hello." With a lilted smile she added, "I became one very popular lady just by getting out of my comfort zone. It really made my senior year fun."

"The legacy I bring to the board is based on one fundamental belief: our sisterhood is our tribe and each of us is gifted with something unique, our own arsenal of knowledge, skills, and passions to assist us in whatever mission we pursue. Our sisterhood is intergenerational and diverse - it grows and continues to foster positive social change."

My advice to our graduates, "you're never too old to become what you might have been. St. Francis provided a rich diversity that melted into a privilege of being safely heard. The ability to share your thoughts and feelings of your honest, authentic self is one of the best benefits in this same-gender environment." She concluded, "trust yourself, it's ok to take the road less travelled."



## ROXANNE ELLIOTT '94: LEADING THROUGH SERVICE

Roxanne Elliott, a graduate of the Class of 1994, is the Administrator for the Elliott Family Foundation. She was selected by Bishop Soto to serve on the Board in 2014 and also serves on several community non-profit boards including the Mercy Foundation and the Sacramento State Construction Management Education Foundation. She is a parishioner at Holy Trinity Parish.

"My fondest memory from SFHS is tutoring other students after school. I remember one girl struggling with a concept until we finally talked about it in a way that made sense to her. She was so happy and proud when she understood, and I was just as excited as she was! Many of the teachers and staff at St. Francis gave me the right mix of challenge and support to thrive, and it felt great to 'pay it forward' by helping others when they needed it."

"Being an SFHS Board Member is an opportunity to give back to a school that provided me with a solid and enduring spiritual and academic foundation. Much of what I do professionally I learned at SFHS - social justice and responsible citizenship. I now work for a non-profit organization that supports programs for healthcare, education, affordable housing, the environment, and the poor and vulnerable. I have continued to volunteer for many of the organizations, communities, and people I was first introduced to as a student at St. Francis."

And, her advice to our recent graduates, "Take care of yourself! The four pillars of Faith, Excellence, Leadership, and Service are all essential. However, striving for Excellence—specifically by having self-worth and keeping yourself healthy—is so important. Nobody's perfect and life happens, but we are able to give back so much more to others when we make an effort to stay spiritually, emotionally, and physically healthy."



# THE STRATEGIC PLAN

A strategic plan provides clarity for an organization to achieve its vision and fulfill its mission. In the fall of 2014, the newly-formed Board of Directors of St. Francis Catholic High School voted to commence a comprehensive strategic planning process.

This process began with a thorough assessment of the current school structure by the administration. With the assessment in hand and homework complete, more than fifty participants gathered for a two-day retreat in February 2015. Participants represented current families, alumnae and alumnae families, faculty and administrative staff, and the greater Sacramento Diocesan community. The process began to establish and build community, which is necessary to proactively shift to planning for the future.

## OUR MISSION

### ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

is a Catholic diocesan college preparatory high school dedicated to serving young women and their families who seek spiritual growth and academic excellence. We are committed to integrating faith into the learning process, promoting the gospel values of Jesus Christ, building community, and providing opportunities for worship. We strive to help each student develop her gifts and talents to become a model of Pax et Bonum (peace and goodness) through leadership and service.

## OUR COMMITMENT

### OUR GRADUATES EMBODY THE FOUR PILLARS OF ST. FRANCIS:

She is a woman of FAITH;

She strives for EXCELLENCE;

She demonstrates LEADERSHIP;

She embraces SERVICE.



# THE STRATEGIC PLAN

## MISSION INSPIRED LEADERSHIP

The mission reflects our Gospel values and the essential characteristics and charism of our patron saints to who we are as a community. The bylaws reflect the relationship of the Diocese to the Board of Directors.

- ♦ St. Francis Catholic High School will integrate Christ-centered faith in all aspects of student life and inspire young women through the charism of our patron saints, St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.
- ♦ St. Francis Catholic High School will implement and sustain a governance structure that advances our mission.

## CONSTITUENT ENGAGEMENT

We support the beneficial outcome of the school's curricular and co-curricular programs and the opportunity it affords to maximize student engagement and support the mission. We recognize the sizeable investment and commitment to co-curricular programs. We will maintain a balance between the expectation of co-curricular activities and curricular programs.

### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- ♦ St. Francis Catholic High School will nurture a culture of innovation and creativity.
- ♦ St. Francis Catholic High School will maintain exemplary Student Life programs and promote our successes.
- ♦ St. Francis Catholic High School will utilize metrics for evaluating all aspects of the four-year student experience.
- ♦ St. Francis Catholic High School will design and implement an enrollment management plan to maximize applications and optimize enrollment.

We believe in the value of professional development and support of professional learning communities as essential to the success of student learning. Assessment tools and support ensure measured success of student achievement and rewards and attracts educators.

### EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

- ♦ St. Francis Catholic High School will recruit and retain highly qualified employees.

## FUNDING THE FUTURE

As active fiduciaries of the school, the Board is entrusted to be mindful of the ethical conduct and accountability of the financial and operational policies. The board and school community embrace philanthropic stewardship and believe active oversight of funding ensures the successful fulfillment of our mission.

- ♦ St. Francis Catholic High School will design and implement a robust, comprehensive development plan to support the evolving needs of the community.
- ♦ St. Francis Catholic High School will continue to upgrade and expand the campus to support our mission, academic program and student life.

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT:

Margo Reid Brown '81  
Theresa Rodgers  
Tom Kandris  
Tara Leung  
Mary Castellano  
Ann Marie Faires '71  
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Lori Dwyre  
Lisa Wilkins  
Elmarie Hoffmann Brown  
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Mari Kirstien '99  
Rick Norman  
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Dr. Pam DiTomasso '72  
Roxanne Elliott '94  
Tom McCaffery

Mary Norris  
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Fr. Loreto Rojas  
Cheryl Hoffmann  
Denise Franzoia '49  
Mokie Marchi '84  
Terry Klas  
Gerry Kamilos  
Sparky Harris  
Lesa Whetzel  
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Julie Laskin  
Lisa Koewler  
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Jana Cuneo  
Ivan Hrga  
Linda Norman  
Ray Burnell





# A NIGHT IN THE MUSEUM *Behind the Ropes*

The campus was transformed as we celebrated our ninth annual Revelry Gala and Auction. "A Night in the Museum-Behind the Ropes" continued Revelry's success demonstrating the incredible generosity of our community. For the second year in a row, we exceeded our goal and raised more than \$643,000 for our Troubadours.

Revelry provides the essential funds to enhance opportunities for growth in a faithful, college-preparatory academic environment. This environment prepares our Troubadours for success in college and life beyond.

The evening was a culmination of a year-long effort by our hardworking Revelry Committee under the leadership of our magnificent chairs, Angela Kufasimes Gianulias '86 (Antonia '17) and Flo Kahn (Megan '17). More than 50 of our amazing parents demonstrated their talents and creativity in committee positions from silent auction acquisitions to live auction, decorations, dishwashing, donation entry and pickup, set-up and *clean-up*! An additional 250 parents volunteered the days leading into the event and the night of Revelry to make it a huge success. We are forever grateful to our incredible parent community!

A very special thank you to our Revelry Sponsors, especially our Presenting Sponsors Pam and Steve Eggert (Julia '15) as well as John Cook (Cathleen '79 and Laurie '81) for their continued commitment to the mission of St. Francis Catholic High School. Joining our Presenting Sponsors were many St. Francis families, friends and alumnae who supported Revelry through various sponsorship levels-exceeding our sponsorship revenue goal of \$200,000!

The highlight of the night was the robust and always dynamic live auction. None of us will forget the moving words by our very own Troubadour, Emily Piland '15, as she introduced her donation of half-a-steer for the live auction. Our guests responded with applause and made her item the highest selling package of the night....and of all prior auctions! We are so proud of Emily.

Through the generosity of our Revelry guests, "Hands Up for Troubies" which focused on providing additional tuition assistance for aspiring young Troubies, raised over \$105,000! Each year we receive tuition assistance applications that nearly double what we are able to provide and these funds will enable more young women to experience the four years that last a lifetime.



*Revelry 2014*  
**A NIGHT IN THE MUSEUM**  
*Behind the Ropes*  
 LEGACY SOCIETY  
*Lowré*  
 PRESENTING SPONSORS  
**JOHN E. COOK, JR.**  
*IN MEMORY OF SANDRA GEARY COOK '54*  
 LAURA COOK '81 AND  
 CATHLEEN COOK ASMANN '79  
**PAM & STEVE EGGERT**  
 JULIA EGGERT '15



*Legacy Circle Ladies Luncheon*

It was indeed a day of splendor among the beautiful hats at the Legacy Circle Ladies Luncheon on September 18th! Guests enjoyed an amazing luncheon at the lovely Arden Oaks home of Anne & Doug Bayless (Julia '16.) A very special thank you to Anne's luncheon co-hostess, Celia Puff (Kristen '16.)



*Sponsor's Reception*

Revelry sponsors enjoyed a reception overlooking the American River at the beautiful Carmichael home of Dr. Darcy Ketchum (Siena Di Roma '15) and Michael Lien on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Revelry excitement built as sponsors received a preview glimpse of live auction items! We sincerely thank the Lien Family for their gracious hospitality.

*Brian & Maria Reid Vail '82, Angela Kufasimes Gianulias '86 & Michael Boccadoro, Flo & Chris Kahn*

# Diamond Gala

APRIL 23, 2016

## Introducing our Revelry Chairperson



I am very honored and excited to serve as the Chair of Revelry 2016 - Diamond Gala in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the opening of St. Francis Catholic High School. As an alumna and current parent of two Troubies, St. Francis holds a very special place in my heart. I am also grateful for the unique opportunity to support my sister and SFHS President, Margo Reid Brown '81, in our shared commitment to the mission of St. Francis.

St. Francis has enriched my life in many ways: family, friends, education and a lasting legacy. It had been many years since I had been on the campus until another classmate and friend, Tracy Best Demetre '82, asked me to get involved in a project. I was happy to feel that wonderful "small" school feel on a campus footprint that had grown exponentially. I now find myself reacquainting with my Troubie alumnae in a different capacity-as parents! What a delight it has been continuing that SF bond and legacy as our children become classmates.

St. Francis has so much to offer and many times you don't realize how it will impact you until much later in life. While I was a student, I was not the kind of person who would have taken on this endeavor – but now as I reflect on my life experiences since my time here, I appreciate the foundation that St. Francis gave me.

The funds raised by Revelry help keep this foundation strong and enduring. It is through the continued success of Revelry that St. Francis Catholic High School is able to offer exceptional curricular, spiritual, artistic and athletic programs to our Troubadours for 75 years. I encourage you to help St. Francis sustain its level of excellence by supporting Revelry 2016 - Diamond Gala & Auction.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23, 2016. This will be a party that you won't want to miss! There are many ways to support the Diamond Gala – sponsorships, live and silent auction donations, attending, and volunteering!

I look forward to celebrating with you on April 23rd!

*Maria Reid Vail*

**Maria Reid Vail '82**  
(Jacqueline '17 and Christina '19)



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW



## **JULY 6-12, 2014** | **NEBRASKA SERVICE TRIP**

St. Francis students and staff members traveled to Nebraska for a week of service with Young Neighbors in Action to volunteer for projects benefitting children and adults from the Omaha and Winnebago Nations. Troubies enjoyed staffing the children's summer program and working on a gardening project.



## **JULY 13-19, 2014**

### **SAN FRANCISCO SERVICE TRIP**

Members of the Class of 2015 served with Young Neighbors in Action and the Sisters of the Presentation by supporting The Lantern Center (La Linterna) in San Francisco's Mission District. The Lantern offers hospitality, 5 levels of ESL instruction, a computer lab, and preparation classes for immigrants seeking U.S. citizenship. Students were also treated to a street art tour and lunch at Sr. Marie's favorite taco truck!

## **AUGUST 15-16, 2014**

### **FRESHMAN OVERNIGHT RETREAT**

The incoming Class of 2018 was welcomed into the St. Francis Family by meeting their Big Sisters and learning all about their new campus. Freshmen and their families attended Mass, followed by the overnight retreat for the students. The retreat was filled with fun games and activities that promote sisterhood and building of life-long friendships.



**8.20.14 WELCOME BACK RALLY**

We officially welcomed the freshman Class of 2018 with a vibrant Back to School Rally and revealed the freshman class mascot: Squirt from *Finding Nemo*.

**8.21.14 SENIOR SUNRISE**

The Class of 2015 began their senior year with the tradition of the early morning Senior Sunrise.



**8.21.14 WELCOME BACK PARENTS BBQ**

St. Francis welcomed our new families and caught up with returning parents in Serra Court for a casual evening hosted by our Parents Guild, Booster Club and Patrons of the Arts.

**8.27.14 BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Our fall Back to School Supply Drive benefitted St. Philomene Parish School. The St. Francis community donated art supplies, playground equipment, and other basic classroom goods.

**8.27.14 WELCOME MASS**

With our 2014-2015 school year theme, "Cultivate Peace; Protect Creation," the St. Francis community came together to celebrate our first Mass. School-wide Eucharistic liturgies and prayer services mark key moments in the liturgical and school year. The Mass is the source and summit of our Christian life. Our Eucharistic celebrations call together the whole community to give thanks for God's works in creation, redemption and saving grace.

**8.28.14 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT FOR PARENTS**

St. Francis hosted our annual Back to School Night on August 28th. Parents met their daughter's teachers and saw a glimpse of what they would be learning this academic year. All parents were welcomed by Administration, Guidance, Admissions and Campus Ministry representatives.

**9.4.14 - 9.5.14 "FINDING STRENGTH IN GOD" - SOPHOMORE RETREAT**

Our first Sophomore Retreat of the year allowed for the girls to get away to the Jesuit Retreat Center at Applegate. The sophomores enjoyed getting to know each other and had small group discussions led by student leaders and our own faculty and staff. Our chaplain, Father Roland, presided over an outdoor Mass around a beautiful campfire. This retreat allows the sophomores to see where God is present in their life, being a source of love and compassion.

**9.6.14 TROUBIE COLLEGE DAY**

St. Francis held "Troubie College Day" for students and parents to attend informational workshops and meet with representatives from more than 15 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

**9.10.14 - 9.12.14 "CELEBRATING THE GIFT" - JUNIOR RETREAT**

Our first Junior Retreat of the year was a great three days at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Applegate. The girls spent time in small groups talking about their gifts, learning about their temperaments, having Mass outdoors, and reflecting on how to share their gifts.

**9.12.14 SAFETY & WELLNESS ASSEMBLY**

The assembly focused on healthy food choices, internet safety, and self-defense measures.

**9.16.14 & 9.23.14 MEET A PARENT/GRANDPARENT FOR LUNCH DAYS**

Twice each year, the St. Francis Campus Ministry Department sponsors "Meet a Parent/Grandparent for Lunch Day." Students look forward to their relatives bringing a favorite lunch or purchasing one from the cafeteria. Perfect for a picnic in Serra Court!



**9.17.14 - 9.19.14 CLUB RUSH**

With more than 40 student clubs to choose from, St. Francis Catholic High School has a vibrant and varied extracurricular community! At Club Rush, representatives of the student clubs set up displays at community lunch and Troubies get to explore all the options and sign up for those clubs they'd like to join.

**9.24.14 SEASON SAMPLER**

The annual Season Sampler show offered a selection from the fall musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," songs from the choirs, music from the orchestra, dances from the SF Dance Co and Apprentice Companies, and a short play from SF Players. After the show, parents viewed student art work on display and met members of the parent group Patrons of the Arts.



**9.26.14 FATHER-DAUGHTER SPIRIT DAY**

Father-Daughter Spirit Day 2014 was a fun and challenging event at Peak Adventure Ropes Course at CSUS. Spirit Day brings fathers and daughters together to build relationship, communication and trust and was sponsored by Campus Ministry.



**10.1.14 DINING HALL VIDEO WALL UNVEILED**

This beautiful new feature displays photographs of St. Francis events, students, and activities.

**10.3.14 ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

This community celebration brings us together as a school to honor our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, and included Mass and plenty of food and games. Charitable outreach for the Feast of St. Francis was twofold this year: In support of our brothers and sisters who sustained severe wildfire damage, students and staff donated over \$1500 to Weed Wildfire Relief (Northern Valley Catholic Social Services). Secondly, in celebration of our theme of "Caring for Creation," the community raised \$1134 to purchase two water pumps, plants, trees, bees, and llamas for an impoverished community through Heifer International.

**10.3.14 "SIP & STROLL" ALUMNAE ART WALK**

Held in the new Dining Hall, the Art Walk was sponsored by the Alumnae Association and featured a gallery viewing of alumnae art from the past decade.

**10.8.14 - 10.10.14 "CELEBRATING THE GIFT" - JUNIOR RETREAT 2**

**10.12.14 OPEN HOUSE**

More than one thousand guests came to campus to meet our teachers, students, coaches, and administrators. Nearly 180 student Ambassadors were on hand for guided campus tours, and the Arts showcase featured our talented singers, dancers, musicians, and actors. After a warm welcome from our President, Principal, and SBO President, guests spent time viewing all that St. Francis has to offer and learning why it's great to be an SF Troubadour!

**10.13.14 SAN FRANCISCO STATE MUN CONFERENCE**

The SFHS Model United Nations delegates were broadly recognized with nine of the twelve possible awards, including Outstanding Delegate in five categories and Research Awards in four categories. Congratulations to the following award recipients: Grace Conlin '18, Sarah Ajise '17, Caroline Vielhauer '16, Camille Larsen '16, Daisy Romo '16, Kayla Wehner '17, Stephanie Miranda '15, and Kate Fernandez '18.

**10.18.14 REVELRY**

The campus was transformed as we celebrated our ninth-annual Revelry Gala and Auction. "A Night in the Museum" continued its success and raised more than \$643,000 for St. Francis and our Troubadours! **READ MORE ON PAGE 12.**

**10.20.14 - 10.24.14 RED RIBBON WEEK**



OCTOBER 3, 2014 | ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



## OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 1, 2014 | SPIRIT WEEK

Campus Ministry and Student Activities teamed up to kick-off Spirit Week with a show of good sportsmanship. We also celebrated the thousands of pounds of food students collected for the Sacramento Food Bank, which is then shared with food banks and church pantries throughout the greater Sacramento area. In keeping with true SF tradition, the week's festivities included Sports Day, Theme Day, the Homecoming Rally, and concluded with the Homecoming dance on Saturday.

### 11.3.14 GOLF TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

St. Francis finished sixth at the Sac-Joaquin Section Masters Tournament. Kate Swanson '16 and Chase Saca '18 tied for team-best honors. The Troubadours advanced to the Masters with a fourth-place finish at the Division I tournament. Victoria Ramirez '15 was a three-year member of the varsity team. St. Francis went 6-1 in the Delta League, placing second overall. Kate Swanson '16 was named team MVP, Mikia Fang '16 was the recipient of Most Improved, and Caitlin Autry '16 received the Sportsmanship Award.

### 11.6.14 - 11.7.14 "FINDING STRENGTH IN GOD" - SOPHOMORE RETREAT 2



### 11.10.14 TENNIS SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The team advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Section quarterfinals for the second consecutive season. The team posted a 14-4 overall record under coaches Kristi Spector (Kendall '14 & Avery '16) and Camille Johnson Benvenuti '86 (Abby '18,) including a 10-2 Delta League mark to finish second. Avery Spector '16 earned all-league honors for the second consecutive season, posting a 9-6 record at No. 1 singles for the Troubadours. Sisters Kiya '18 and Kyla Jackson '18 paired to reach the semifinals of the Delta League doubles tournament. Annie Gianulias '17 led the team with 17 wins, posting a perfect 17-0 mark while going undefeated at four different singles positions.



### 11.12.14 - 11.14.14 PROSPECTIVE PARENT SHADOW DAYS

More than 100 prospective parents came to SFHS to talk to campus leadership about the investment in a St. Francis education. With classroom observations and a Q&A with students, parents left well prepared to help their daughters make that important high school decision.

### 11.12.14 NLI SIGNING DAY

The St. Francis fall signing day featured nine student-athletes making commitments and signing National Letters of Intent including Miranda Reyes (Portland, Crew), Danika Bailey (Cal, Softball), Miranda Myers (Northern Arizona, Cross Country and Track & Field), Hayley Kusserow (St. Mary's, Lacrosse), Lauren Charter (Cal, Water Polo), Kylie Green (UC Irvine, Volleyball), Anna Donald (UC Davis, Volleyball), Marissa Gollnick (Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Volleyball).

### 11.14.14 - 11.22.14 FALL MUSICAL - "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN"

The all-girl cast and crew won rave reviews throughout the six-performance run for their portrayal of Charlie, Lucy, Linus, Snoopy, Sally, and the whole Peanuts gang. Charlie Brown was played by Kerrie Buehler '15, Linus Van Pelt by Olivia Daponte '17, Lucy Van Pelt by Madeline Kramer '15, Snoopy by Chloe Firpo '16, Schroeder by Lizzie Perlas '16, and Sally Brown by Annie Randle '15.



### 11.15.14 WATER POLO SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The team advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Division I Section Finals. The Troubadours went 17-11 on the season with a 2-1 mark in league play. Lauren Charter '15 was named the team's MVP and she earned all-section and All-Delta League first-team honors in 2014. Julie Zanobini '16 joined Charter on the all-section first team, while Maggie Oys '16 and Jennalyn Barthels '16 were second-team sections. Five players earned All-Delta League status, including Lauren Charter '15, Jennalyn Barthels '16, Maggie Oys '16 and Caroline Urkov '16. Kira Chavez '16 received the Delta League Sportsmanship Award.





## NOVEMBER 18, 2014 VOLLEYBALL SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The volleyball team advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Section semifinals before losing to eventual state runner-up Pitman. The Troubadours posted a 30-12 overall record under Head Coach Alynn Wright, who coached her 26th season at St. Francis. St. Francis was second in the Delta League with a 12-2 overall record. Kylie Green '15 was selected to the Sacramento Bee All-Metro team along with Anna Donald '15 (2nd team) and Marissa Gollnick '15 (honorable mention). Head Coach Alynn Wright was named the Delta League Coach of the Year and Mary-Kate Schildmeyer '15 was the recipient of the Delta League Sportsmanship Award.



## NOVEMBER 18-21, 2014 | KAIROS #51

Kairos is a four-day retreat held at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos. Retreatants are lead by a combination of student and adult leaders. During their retreat, students get time to explore their relationship with God, themselves and others. Kairos Retreats create strong bonds between the retreatants and leaders and help to strengthen the participants' faith.

"I will never be able to express how grateful I am for Kairos. It was through Kairos that I was able to begin to nurture a real relationship with God, one that I carry with me to this day."

Aurora Le '15

"Kairos has completely changed my life. It has given me such a strong support system and a stronger relationship with God. Leading Kairos was one of the best experiences I've ever had."

Tara Swanson '15

## NOVEMBER 20, 2014 | BENEFACTORS RECOGNITION EVENT

The annual Benefactors' event, held on November 20, 2014, celebrated the opening and dedication of the new dining hall. This state-of-the-art building was realized with support from Benefactors and the "Hands Up for Troubies" item at Revelry. St. Francis parents, alumnae, faculty, the construction team, and clergy gathered for this momentous occasion. President Margo Reid Brown '81 welcomed supporters for the unveiling of the dining hall and media arts wall. The vibrant and youthful space is perfect for bringing our community together. All who attended were offered a double header with tickets to the fall production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."



KELLIE RANDLE, PAM EGGERT,  
MARGO REID BROWN '81



LEONOR FOX, DR. MICHAEL HERRMANN & MARY JO ADAMS HERRMANN,  
LYNN LOK-PAYNE, CLARITA UCHENDU



MARY GEARY ELLINGSON '67 & DENNIS ELLINGSON,  
TODD & KATHY RUDD



MARGO REID BROWN '81, JOE GIGER AND  
MATTHEW MESAROS OF DESCOR BUILDERS



PAM & DOUG ELMETS



TIM & KIM LIEN, MARION BISHOP, MARSHA & LARRY CARSON

**11.20.14 DRESS FOR FUNDS**

The November Dress for Funds day kicked off our Advent Giving. This year's Advent Giving was a diaper drive for the benefit of Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home, Wellspring Women's Center, and Maryhouse.

**11.27.14 RUN TO FEED THE HUNGRY**

More than 450 students, parents, staff and alumnae joined Team Troubie on Thanksgiving Day in support of the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services. Team Troubie was the second- largest Run to Feed the Hungry team!

**11.29.14 CROSS COUNTRY SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

St. Francis finished third at the CIF State Championships, recording a Top-10 finish for the fourth consecutive season and third top-five placing in the last four years. The Troubies became the third Nor Cal team to earn a podium finish at the Division I state meet and second in school history. St. Francis was third overall at the Sac-Joaquin Section, while sweeping the Junior Varsity and Frosh/Soph races. St. Francis was second overall at the Delta League Championships with Miranda Myers '15, Ariane Arndt '16, and Chase Worthen '16 earning All-League honors with their top-10 finishes.



**12.2.14 - 12.5.14 KAIROS #52**

"Attending and leading Kairos has opened my eyes to the little miracles in my everyday life. I have realized how blessed I am to know all the beautiful people that I do. Kairos allowed me to find God and strengthen my relationship with him. It has changed my perspective, allowing me to recognize I am not alone and that everyone has hardships."

Bailey Boone '15

**12.5.14 - 12.6.14 CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



**12.8.14 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS**

Parents and grandparents gathered with us to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

**12.9.14 SOLOS & ENSEMBLES RECITAL**

Troubadours have the opportunity to take a music class with individual instruction from our orchestra and/or choir teachers and perform a recital in preparation for their January competition. The recital was hosted by the Patrons of the Arts.

**12.12.14 FATHER-DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE**

It was a night to remember as our Troubie Dads and Daughters celebrated the season at the annual Father-Daughter Dinner Dance. Over 1,000 guests dined and took to the dance floor at the Red Lion Woodlake Ballroom. Often billed as "the best dance of the year," this long-standing tradition is highly anticipated year after year!



**12.15.14 ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Every year at Christmas time, the Alumnae Association participates in a local Adopt -A-Family program. Gifts were collected for two families at St. John's Program for Real Change (formerly St. John's Shelter for Women and Children.) Santa was able to visit the shelter on Christmas morning and provide some joyous Noel to each family.

**1.8.15 - 1.9.15 SOPHOMORE RETREAT 3**

**1.14.15 - 1.16.15 JUNIOR RETREAT 3**



**1.15.15 - 1.17.15 WINTERFEST DANCE PERFORMANCE**

Winterfest 2015: "Once Upon a Time" was a wonderful show choreographed by Christy Costales and hosted by the St. Francis Dance Company. It featured guests from the Apprentice Dance Companies, ERA Hip-Hop Club, Na Wahine 'O 'Olu Hula class, and Sacramento Taiko Dan.

**1.20.15 - 1.23.15 KAIROS #53**

"If you ask anyone who has been on Kairos, it's almost impossible to truly convey the power it holds. From being a retreatant to then becoming a Kairos leader, I see Kairos as a journey full of life, love, and growth through each step of the way. Kairos isn't just a word-it's an indescribably beautiful process."

Sabrina Abero '15



**1.20.15 SFHS PLACES AT CAL-WESTERN VOCAL COMPETITION**

SFHS students Alexandra Oliva '15 and Natalie Sulzinger '16 were awarded 2nd and 3rd place in the Cal-Western Vocal Competition (upper high school category) sponsored by the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) held at CSUS. Singers age 14 to adult from three states participated in this annual event for both classical and musical theater vocalists.

**1.24.15 WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2015**

Members of Campus Ministry & the Mini Lifesavers Club joined the 11th Annual West Coast Walk for Life - a day of prayer, music, demonstration, and solidarity.

**1.26.15 - 1.30.15 PAX ET BONUM WEEK / CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

"Pax et Bonum" (Latin for "Peace and Goodness") was the traditional welcome and parting phrase used by St. Francis of Assisi when he came in contact with someone. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week with our Pax et Bonum Mass, we strive to always live out our Catholic values with "Peace and Goodness."



**1.28.15 - 1.29.15 WINTER ONE ACTS**

The SF Players adapted two of Edgar Allan Poe's great stories, "The Tell Tall Heart" and "The Fall of the House of Usher." Camryn Elias '17, Elle Berti '17, Mary Balestreri '17 and Alida Alaniz '16 went on to receive medals for their performances at the Lenaea High School Theatre Festival in February.

**1.28.15 SWAP DAY**

The fun St. Francis tradition of SWAP (Switch with a Parent) Day allows moms and dads to sit in on their daughter's classes and experience a day-in-the-life of a Troubie!



**FEBRUARY 4, 2015 | NLI SIGNING DAY**

Six St. Francis soccer players signed with colleges and universities across the country, an achievement by these student athletes who excel in the classroom and on the field. The six signees included Anna Gregg (Colorado College), Addie Wallace (Villanova), Allie Carmickle (UC Davis), Madison Kimball (Loyola Chicago), Catie Brown (SMU) and Izzy Chelini (Cal Lutheran).

### 2.3.15 "BODY AND SOUL" - FRESHMAN RETREAT

Freshmen engage in activities including breaking open scripture, a collage project that represents how the world sees them, a project of what they believe is who they are on the inside, and finally, asking them to see where God is in the world around us.

### 2.7.15 ANNUAL BOOSTER CLUB CRAB FEED

More than 750 St. Francis supporters feasted on crab, salad, and pasta. They danced the night away to the music of "Clean Slate" at the annual Booster Club Crab Feed! It was another record setting night in support of our amazing Troubadour athletes. A very special thank you to Bob Cook (Meredith '16) for chairing the event for a second year and the hundreds of parent volunteers who made the event a success.



### 2.9.15 - 2.13.15 STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

On Friday, the students dressed as a teacher or staff member, an SF Tradition dating back many years. At community lunch, the students participated in a quick fashion show alongside their "staffuly" member.

### 2.10.15 YOUNG AT ART

The tenth annual Young at Art Show presented art work from middle school students across the region. Each student artist received recognition for the artwork and a first, second, and third place award was given to each participating school.

### 2.18.15 ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

The St. Francis community celebrated the beginning of the Lenten season at our Ash Wednesday Mass.

### 2.18.15 & 3.06.15 CRS RICE BOWL

Christian Service Leaders served and sold rice at community lunch to raise funds for CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities to support the poor and vulnerable.

### 2.18.15 - 2.20.15 JUNIOR RETREAT 4



### 2.20.15 SHOW CHOIR PERFORMS IN DISNEYLAND

The SFHS Show Choir worked throughout the fall on their singing and dancing routines to prepare to take it on the road to Disneyland. While there, they performed their 30 minute show, attended acting workshops with Disney actors, and watched performances in the park.



### 2.24.15 24/24/24

Many small gifts...One big impact. Our third-annual "Day of Giving" was a huge success this year with donations received from around the globe and cities across the U.S. Alumnae, parents, students, grandparents, past parents and friends all clicked to donate in 24 hours! We had an incredible number of new donors, who gave \$24 for the first time. With the generosity of \$24 (or more) gifts, we raised over \$100,000 for student scholarships! It was social media frenzy on campus with the incredible response!

### 2.26.15 - 2.27.15 MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT

This year's Mother-Daughter Retreat was held at Presentation Retreat Center in Los Gatos. The retreat theme was "All Creation Gives Glory to God!"



### 2.26.15 2015 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST

Bailey Jones '15 was awarded Finalist in the 2015 Competition for National Merit Scholarships. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarship started in 1955. Of the 1.5 million high school students from across the nation who take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying exam, some fifty thousand with the highest scores are recognized. St. Francis had nine commended students who placed in the top five percent of these more than 1.5 million. Bailey is one of only 15,000 finalists across the nation and is now eligible for a National Merit Scholarship, a highly prestigious honor.



MARCH 12-21, 2015 SPRING PLAY: MACBETH

**2.27.15 - 3.1.15 BMUN 63 CONFERENCE**

SFHS Model United Nations delegates displayed incredible diplomacy, hard work, and passion for some of the most pressing international issues facing the world today at the BMUN 63 Conference at UC Berkeley. BMUN is the oldest Model United Nations conference in the world and hosted 1,400 high school and middle school students in 20 UN Committees this year.

**3.1.15 SFHS STUDENTS PLACE IN NATIONAL FRENCH CONTEST**

23 students became "Laureats Nationaux" at the National French Contest. Tammy Lee '18, Sylvanna Nilsen '18, Carmen Ocazonez '18, Olivia Fu '18, Solene Sinclair '18, Sophie Zepf '15, and Benite Rutaganira '15 received Gold Medals for placing in the 95th percentile for the nation. Additionally, six students received a silver medal and ten received a bronze.



**3.1.15 MOCK TRIAL WRAPS UP**

The team successfully advanced to the semi-finals and ended the season in 6th place for the County of Sacramento. Congratulations to Sarah Basharkhah '15, who received the Gordon D. Schaber Top Attorney Award; Mary Baez '17, who received the Gordon D. Schaber Top Witness Award; and Kayla Hall '15, who received the Mock Trial MVP Award.

**3.5.15- 3.6.15 SOPHOMORE RETREAT 4**

**3.7.15 2015 SACRAMENTO REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TOURNAMENT**

St. Francis placed 9th out of 24 teams in the 2015 Science Olympiad Regionals held at California State University and Olivia Fu '18 earned a 3rd place medal in "Air Trajectory."

**3.8.15 SOPHOMORE FAMILY MASS AND RING CEREMONY**

This Mass is a celebration of class unity and the blessing of class rings. It is a bonding experience for the class and a powerful visual and physical symbol of their sisterhood.

**3.10.15 - 3.13.15 KAIROS #54**

"Leading Kairos allowed me to use my faith journey to inspire others in theirs. It gave me the opportunity to love and support in a more complete way than I ever had before."

Heidi Pullmann '15

**3.10.15 EMPTY BOWLS**

The sculpture class taught by faculty member Mary Stember created over 50 bowls to donate to the River City Food Bank's Annual fundraiser "Empty Bowls." The event provides funds to assist the Food Bank in their mission to help people in need receive nutritious food.

**3.12.15 - 3.21.15 SPRING PLAY: "MACBETH"**

St. Francis' "Macbeth" was set in a post-apocalyptic world, where political power and position are redetermined in a fragile social structure. St. Francis students formed the entire cast, a twist on the original all-male cast that Shakespeare would have chosen. Lead actresses were Jordan Davis '16, Tori Johnson '15, Arcadia German '16, Ani Carrera '17, Olivia Daponde '17, and Alida Alaniz '16 and the Stage Manager was Zoe Brazil '15.

**3.14.15 SECOND SATURDAY ART EXHIBITION**

Crowds of art enthusiasts enjoyed seeing incredible art of all mediums. On display were over 100 student works selected specifically for this show, mostly from our Advanced Placement Art students.

**3.17.15 & 3.24.15 MEET A PARENT FOR LUNCH****3.19.15 - 3.20.15 SOPHOMORE RETREAT 5****3.21.15 PARENTS' GUILD SPONSORED RETREAT**

This two-hour Lenten retreat allowed parents to pray, share, and reflect with fellow parents on how to nurture more peace within themselves and their homes. The retreat was led by Mary Jo Herrmann (Elaina '17) and Christine Jurisich (Taylor '17.) Christine authored the book "Retreat, Reflect, Renew: A Sacred Journal for A More Peaceful You."

**3.21.15 GOLDEN EMPIRE FESTIVAL 2015**

The Chamber Symphony Orchestra earned a high point "Excellent" for its performance at The Golden Empire Festival. Three instrumental solos and two string ensembles earned "Superior" ratings at the All Northern CMEA solo and ensemble Festival.

**3.22.15 BASKETBALL SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

St. Francis advanced again to the quarterfinals of the Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs. Overall, the team recorded a performance of 9-5 in Delta League action, finishing third overall in the standings. Susie Rogers '15 was named the team's outstanding defensive player and Lauren Craig '16 was a Sacramento Bee "All-Metro" honorable mention selection.

**3.26.15 INTERNATIONAL NIGHT**

The Modern and Classical Languages Department annually hosts International Night, an evening of dinner and performances celebrating cultural dance and music.

**3.27.15 - 4.03.15 NOLA SERVICE TRIP**

19 students from the Class of 2016 participated in our ninth annual service trip to New Orleans. Students joined the Corpus Christi-Epiphany community for a Palm Sunday procession and liturgy followed by a Super Sunday Second Line Parade of Mardi Gras Indians. New service site experiences this year included volunteering at the Louisiana Children's Museum annual World's Fair Celebration and a construction site work with Youth Rebuilding New Orleans (YRNO.) Students also worked with ARC of Greater New Orleans to recycle 3,500 pounds of Mardi Gras beads.

**3.27.15 LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE****4.14.15 - 4.17.15 KAIROS #55****4.15.15 NLI SIGNING DAY**

Seven Troubadours signed or committed in the spring to colleges and universities around the country to play collegiate sports next fall. Overall, 22 St. Francis seniors have made commitments this year to play sports next fall. The spring signees include Sydney Hunter (Track and Field, UC Riverside), Ryleigh Bone (Lacrosse, Fresno State), Peyton Bilo (XC/Track and Field, Cal Poly), Patty Sullivan (Diving, UC San Diego), Claire Perez (Crew, Sacramento State), Sam Ruggles (Track and Field, UCSB) and Kristen Lance (Swimming, Loyola Marymount).

**4.17.15 BENITE RUTAGANIRA '15 WINNER OF A NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Benite Rutaganira '15 was selected as the winner of a National Achievement Scholarship. More than 160,000 students who took the 2013 PSAT/NMSQT entered the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program and Benite was one of 800 students awarded scholarships.

**4.17.15 EASTER CELEBRATION MASS**

The St. Francis community celebrated Easter and was blessed to be joined by the Jesuit Choir.

**4.18.15 PEARL OF THE ORIENT**

Sponsored by the St. Francis Filipino Families, the annual Pearl of the Orient was an exciting, fun-filled evening with live entertainment, delicious food, games, prizes, and dancing honoring the traditions of our Filipino community.





### MAY 20, 2015 | SOFTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

The St. Francis softball team advanced to the double-elimination second round of the Sac-Joaquin Section Playoffs. Overall, St. Francis went 16-14 and 9-5 in the Delta League to finish third. Danika Bailey '15 was named the Delta League Co-Player of the Year and ranked among the Top 100 players in the country and fifth-best in the section. Six players earned Delta League first-team honors: Mel Baccay '16 and Lauren Washburn '16 were both named to the first team, while Ryann O'Mara '17, Hannah Willover '16, and Shelby Tevis '16 were second-team honorees.



### MAY 20, 2015 | LACROSSE HIGHLIGHTS

St. Francis finished the season with a 7-10 overall record. The Troubadours finished the season ranked No. 20 in the North Coast Section and No. 7 in Division I by LaxPower. St. Francis placed six players on the Sacramento Valley Lacrosse Conference All-League team, including a first-team selection for Ryleigh Bone '15 for the second consecutive season.

### MAY 20, 2015 | BACCALAUREATE MASS

"This faith will help to carry us through all the amazing things life after St. Francis has to offer us, and will always remind us of the truly one of a kind community and experience we have had here. Even though our Baccalaureate Mass is the first step of our graduation ceremony, it is not the end of our faith journey, nor our relationship with each other, or with St. Francis. Once a Troubie, always a Troubie."

Katherine Glime '15

*Excerpt from the Baccalaureate Welcome Address*



## MAY 21, 2015 | CLASS OF 2015 COMMENCEMENT

Graduation was our time to celebrate the amazing 252 members of the Class of 2015 and their many achievements. Our newest alumnae will be attending college in 30 different states and they collectively earned more than \$26 million in one-time and renewable scholarships. More than 90% of our new graduates are attending four-year universities; of those, 58% are attending public institutions and 42% will be attending private colleges. Way to go, Troubies!

The Class of 2015 Valedictorian was Anne Rafeld, the Salutatorian was Cami Cunningham, and the Graduates' Prayer was given by Constance L'Hermine-Watkins.

*"Our school has given us the ability to be an inspiration to others, or as Pope Francis says, 'restore hope to young people.' As we graduate today, we have a better understanding of our relationship with God, others, and ourselves. This will allow us to spread our knowledge to our peers and model a type of virtue that could only be learned here at SF. The incredible women in our class will go on to provide hope in ways that serve for a brighter future."*

ANNE RAFELD  
*Excerpt from Valedictory Address*





**JUNE 5, 2016 | TRACK & FIELD**

### 5.23.15 SWIMMING HIGHLIGHTS

St. Francis won its league title for the seventh consecutive season. The swimming team placed fourth overall in the varsity meet at the Sac-Joaquin Section Swimming Championships. Emily Peters '16 and Chloe Mitchell '16 both qualified for the first CIF State Championships. Four student-athletes qualified in two section events each: Erin Crooks '15, Katie McIntee '16, Chloe Mitchell '16, and Emily Peters '16. Kristen Lance '15, Elizabeth Fugit '17, and Tatum Roepke '17 were among the other varsity finalists.

### 5.23.15 DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Julia Coss '18 advanced and competed at the first CIF State Swimming and Diving Championships. She finished 22nd overall in the state and third at the section meet. St. Francis swept the top four spots in the Delta League varsity competition. Tiffany Wong '16 won the Delta League diving competition with a personal-best and earned All-Delta League for her performance.



### 5.23-24.15 NATIONAL CATHOLIC FORENSIC LEAGUE GRAND NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Mia Bonini '16 and Sophia Fox '16 qualified at the local tournaments enabling them to attend this year's NCFL Grand National Speech & Debate Tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

### 5.24.15 RIVER CATS ALL-CITY HONORS

The Sacramento River Cats honored 11 St. Francis student-athletes as members of the 2014-15 River Cats All-City teams in a ceremony before the game at Raley Field: Ariane Arndt '16 (track & field,) Jennalyn Barthels '16 (water polo,) Peyton Bilo '15 (cross country and track & field,) Danika Bailey '15 (softball,) Lauren Charter '15 (water polo,) Lauren Craig '16 (basketball,) Anna Donald '15 (volleyball,) Anna Gregg '15 (soccer,) Kylie Green '15 (volleyball,) Chloe Mitchell '16 (swimming,) Nicole Spring '16 (track & field.)

### 5.26.15 THE DORIS MATSUI ART COMPETITION

Piper Klinger '17 was awarded second place in the 2015 Congressional Art Exhibit and Competition at the Crocker Art Museum.

### 6.5.16 TRACK AND FIELD HIGHLIGHTS

St. Francis won the Sac-Joaquin Section title for the second consecutive season and was the co-champion in the Delta League. Peyton Bilo '15 and Ariane Arndt '16 both qualified for the CIF Track and Field Championships. The Troubadours posted Top-20 finishes in all three events.

# THE ST. FRANCIS LEGACY

With over 50 mothers of Troubadours on campus who are also SFHS Alumnae, we wanted to catch up with a few mother-daughter legacy pairs during the 2015 graduation week and find out more about their years at St. Francis - then and now. The mother-daughter bond created through attending SFHS and sharing this unique experience was evident and touching to hear.



KRISTEN BURKE SCHILDMEYER '87 AND  
DAUGHTERS MARYKATE '15 & MADELYN '18



DEB DALY '84 AND DAUGHTER EMMA '15



JANET KAESER '81 AND DAUGHTERS MEREDITH '16 & AMANDA '15

### What is your favorite memory of your time here at SFHS?

**DD:** It is difficult to choose just one favorite memory of my time at SFHS. Those four years were amazing and wonderful. The teachers and staff cultivated an environment where a strong and vibrant sisterhood could grow. At the top of my list would be the liturgies, St. Francis Day, Homecoming rallies, retreats, Father-Daughter Dinner Dances, staff skits and of course Mr. Norman's famous slide shows at the end of the year. But it is also the little things that stay with me like painting the windows of my homeroom for Christmas with a new friend Freshman year, learning how to French braid hair in Serra Court, hiking our skirts up and sun tanning during lunch with friends, signing yearbooks, and hanging out on campus even after the school day was over because your friends were there. But, as wonderful as these memories are, I would have to say my favorite memory of my time at SFHS is the last 7 years when my daughters, Megan '12 and Emma '15, attended SFHS. Each time I was on campus for SWAP Day or one of their events, my memories would come flooding back while I watched my daughters building precious memories of their own.

**JK:** My favorite memories were of course the Spirit Rallies and Homecoming week! Who would think at an all-girls high school with no football team is the best thing I remember. It really gives each class member the chance to get involved and get to know each other. The energy is amazing. It's a great way to know some of the girls that you don't have in class with you every day.

**KBS:** My best memories at St. Francis were at the Homecoming rallies. The way all the girls came together during rallies always made me feel like I was part of something bigger than myself. The Homecoming events and the week that lead up to Homecoming week were so inspiring. We would also get to interact with the Jesuit boys, so that made it even more fun!!

### What was your class mascot?

**DD:** Sylvester and Tweety

**JK:** Snoopy and Woodstock

**KBS:** Pooh Bear and Tigger

### Why was SFHS the right choice for your daughter?

**DD:** St. Francis was the right choice for so many reasons. I wanted them to experience that same feeling of community and sisterhood that I did. I also wanted them to be in an environment that fostered their faith, encouraged excellence and leadership, and required service so they would learn giving back to their community. SFHS combines academic learning with character building. They don't just prepare a student for college, they prepare a student for life. That is what I wanted for my girls.

**JK:** I think not going to school with boys gave her the time to grow at her own pace. The encouragement she got from teachers like Mr. Gracyk and Mr. Pitton was truly amazing. Mr. Tholcke saw something in her to select her as Master of Ceremonies, to run all the school masses - he saw her as a leader. To have Mrs. Doyle there to always put her at ease and help her with everything she needed, was a comfort to me and my husband and that made it the right choice.

**KBS:** I knew from experience that St. Francis would be the best environment for my daughters to receive an excellent education in safe, nurturing, and faithful environment. The relationships that my daughter experienced will last her a life time.

### What is your advice for your daughter and her classmates as they begin their collegiate journey?

**DD:** My advice for Emma is to remember where you came from. St. Francis taught you to be a strong, confident woman. College will be different and might sometimes be scary, but if you remember to stay true to who you are and lean on your faith, you will be fine. Take the opportunity to go back to SFHS for Homecoming Rallies. Visit the campus and talk to your teachers. It will bring back those high school memories and remind you of what you learned about yourself there. It will center you and help you stay on track on your new journey.

**JK:** Be yourself! Relax, enjoy! SFHS has prepared you in ways that will make you say, "Wow, I know that! And I'm ready for that!"

**KBS:** Life is a journey that incorporates experiences throughout your life. The St. Francis experience and culture has provided the foundation that will allow you to succeed in whatever you choose to pursue.

### What has SFHS meant to you and your family?

**DD:** SFHS has meant so much to me and my family. We have a bunch of Troubies in our family; my sister, Sandra Kiernan Sanders '82, my daughters, my niece Hannah Sanders '16, and my second cousins, Emily '15 and Samantha Reinl '16. My mom volunteered with retreats and in the library during the years that my sister and I attended SFHS. She loved being on campus with all of the Troubie spirit. She attended every single SWAP Day, and loved it so much that she attended SWAP Day with me for my girls.

**JK:** SFHS has meant tradition to us. My mom Marie Waterbury Lawson '55 and my three sisters attended SF: Carol Lawson Digirolamo '79, Karen Lawson Finn '76, and Margaret Lawson Gouge '88.

**KBS:** SFHS has been an extension of how we have raised our daughter. She has been challenged academically. She has grown in her faith as well as her friendships.

### In what way has your daughter's SFHS experience been similar or different than yours?

**DD:** My daughter's experience has been similar to mine in that she was actively involved on campus. She lived the sisterhood and embraced the Troubie Spirit. She experienced many of the same things like Homecoming rallies, Father-Daughter Dinner Dances, St. Francis Day, liturgies, and hanging out with friends in Serra Court. The teachers were just as caring and involved in the lives of the students. The difference in our experiences is that she had so many more opportunities as the campus has so much more to offer now. While we had plays on a stage in the cafeteria, she performed on a beautiful stage in the theatre building. Retreats were different too. There were no overnight retreats and sadly, there was no Kairos. However, one thing has remained the same. The essence of St. Francis, the sisterhood, the feeling of Troubie Spirit has remained the same, and it is awesome!

**KBS:** Her experiences have been as wonderful as mine were, but even more so! I will always be grateful for the amazing teachers, coaches, SFHS families, and staff that have played such an important role in her life. As SFHS has evolved since I graduated, so have the experiences of my daughter. I handed SFHS the girl, and you handed back to me the young lady.

# ALUMNAE UPDATES



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## JOIN THE SFHS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Please consider joining this special group of alums. All St. Francis graduates are members of the Alumnae Association and are encouraged to serve their fellow alumnae and the school community by sharing their talents, ideas and positive energy! All are welcome to attend the meetings. For more information about serving on the board and meeting dates, please contact:

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## 1965

**Linda Fonda Combs '65** has retired from the State of California and celebrated 54 years of marriage this past May. She has lived in her beautiful home in Rancho Cordova for 52 years and is a proud grandmother of four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

## 1966

Cheryl Fortin Jacobson '66 and her husband George (Christian Brothers class of 1969) just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a wonderful trip to France, Spain and Germany. They have three sons and Cheryl is a speech-language pathologist. They continue to live in sunny Southern California!

## 1967

**Judy Allen Dias '67** became a Grandmother in September 2014 to Taylor Marie Corsetti, whose mother is **Kelly Allen '02!**

**Michelle Hamlin Palma '67** has nothing but the fondest memories of SFHS. "My years there were the best of my life; it was like a family, no cliques, just a lot of fun." Michelle graduated and spent one year at Sac City, then joined the US Air Force. She worked at the Pentagon in HQ USAF Communication. She also modeled for Air Force Publications and appeared on television to promote Women in the Air Force. Michelle married and finished school at Sierra College, majoring in Law Enforcement. She retired 13 years ago from Monterey County Sheriff's Department. She has four children and four grandchildren. Michelle and her husband Richard have been married for 37 years and reside in Monterey, CA.

## 1969

**DeAnn Bennett Kamilos '69** retired in 2012 after 37 years as an educator. Because of her love of mathematics at St. Francis, she pursued a degree at CSU, Sacramento. She taught mathematics at the middle and high school level before becoming an administrator. She was an assistant principal in the Marysville Joint Unified School District before becoming the principal at Lindhurst High School 1992 in MJUSD. In 1998, DeAnn moved her educational career to the Folsom Cordova Unified School District and was principal of Cordova High School in Rancho Cordova, CA for four years before becoming the principal of Mitchell Middle School from 2002-2008. She had the great fortune of ending her career as the principal of Kinney High School in Rancho Cordova. DeAnn lives half the year at her lake house in Michigan and spends the remainder of the year on the road in her Navion motor home. DeAnn is very grateful to the staff of St. Francis Catholic High School for encouraging her to follow her dreams and giving her the necessary tools to make those dreams come true.

## 1976

**Lynette Palacios Scalora '76** was married on September 6, 2014. She became a grandmother of a beautiful baby boy soon after, in January 2015. Her grandson lives in Honolulu, HI where they travel once a year to visit. Lynette continues to work as a Telecommunications Systems Analyst II for the California Highway Patrol. Thanks to Facebook, she has been reconnected to many St. Francis classmates, staying in touch by sharing stories and pictures. She enjoys cycling, running, and ice-skating, always striving to stay healthy through exercise and good diet. Lynette also enjoys singing, gardening, household projects and spending quality time with my husband and family.

## 1980

**Cheryl Lew '80** opened Montclair Baking (Owner-Pastry Chef) in 1990 and is a Certified Master Baker; ranked #117 by the Retail Baker's Association and is one of 20 women. She is an Alumni of University of California, Berkeley and is a Culinary Instructor at Laney College. In 2005, Cheryl competed in the Spooky Cake and Candy Challenge sponsored by the Food Network. This being the first competition on television for Cheryl, she did very well by winning first place. She went on to being an assistant in the Mystery Cake Challenge also sponsored by the Food Network that same year. Cheryl currently lives in Oakland, California within several minutes of the bakery. Her garden and its bounty are often inspiration for her creations at the bakery. During her limited time off she enjoys cooking for her friends and family.

## 1987

**Patty Gutierrez-Coquette '87** and **Ara Davis '87** started a small Sacramento-based company making athletic skorts and apparel for women--great for tennis, running, paddle boarding, swim cover, or shopping! Whatever one enjoys! Their company name is Ginger & Maryann. **1**

## HELP BUILD OUR PHOTO ARCHIVE!

Do you have photos of some of your special moments at St. Francis? Have some fun digging through those boxes of memorabilia and pick out some of your favorites. We invite you to scan them (at minimum 300dpi) and email them to [jmindt@stfrancishs.org](mailto:jmindt@stfrancishs.org). Please include approximate date, details of the event, and names of people in the photo to the extent possible. Add your personal comments!

# ALUMNAE UPDATES



## 1997

**Sarah Hurst-Dalske '97** moved from Sacramento to Nashville, TN last July. Her family is thoroughly enjoying Music City and the Southern way of life. Sarah and her husband are expecting their sixth child due in September!

**Kelly Doke '97** graduated from Stephens College in 2001 and made the move to Mequon, WI and worked at Pigeon Creek Farm until December 2011 when I made the transition to Barn Manager at Hidden View Farm. In August 2014, she retired her show horse, Red, whom she had since her SFHS days! He went out with a ribbon in a \$250 Jumper Derby at WEC Derby Weekend. At 23, he was the oldest horse competing that weekend and he placed well in a large class of horses that were roughly half his age! In October 2014, Kelly purchased a promising yearling gelding that she's currently bringing along and hoping to have going well under saddle in 2016. **2**

**Meghan Hertige '97** is back in Northern California after 11 years in Los Angeles working in the film industry. She is a Creative Producer with the video game and online media company RockYou in San Francisco. In April, Meghan reached a huge professional and personal accomplishment by publishing her first novel, a young adult fantasy titled "Stealing Ever After."

## 2000

**Maren Martinelli '00** just completed her 5th season as an Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach at St. Francis along with her high school point guard **Sole Montemayor '01**. Last May she completed her MBA at UC Berkeley and continues to work at VSP as an attorney. Her younger sister Lauren Martinelli will be a Sophomore at St. Francis this coming school year. Maren is getting married in the fall to Jesuit alumni Angelo Christie. **3**

**Sandra Whaley Pierson '00** and her family were honored in Lucca, Italy in September 2014. This honor included an audience with Pope Francis. On September 10th, her family ended up sitting in the front row during the event. After the event, Pope Francis went around to all the sick and disabled individuals that were in attendance. They were waiting until he left to try to get a closer look, and what happened next was completely unexpected. He stopped his caravan and had Sandra's youngest daughter, Elena, picked up by his security guard, and brought to him. He then blessed and kissed her. It was truly a blessed event! **4**

## 2005

**Dr. Taryn Kilmer '05**, graduated from Temple Medical School as a Pediatrician and will be a Resident at UCLA and **Sarah Simmons '05** graduated from UC Davis School of Medicine as an OB/GYN will be doing her residency at Kaiser San Francisco. Both of these women attended UC Berkeley as undergraduates. In their grad luncheon they gave a thanks to Joyce Ownbey's AP Bio class for igniting their passion in science.

**5 Taryn and Sarah together at St. Francis and then as Med School Graduates!**

## 2007

St. Francis had the honor of welcoming alumna **Lauren Brunner '07** back on campus to speak to a few of our Spanish classes. Lauren attended Princeton University and then joined the Peace Corps. She is currently serving in Guatemala and has not been back to the US since February 2013! She spoke about the Peace Corps, their goals, and shared stories of her many experiences and what it means to her to serve.

**6 Lauren Brunner '07 and her mom Rhea with Margo Reid Brown '81**

## 2008

**Ariana Calderon '08** is currently playing in the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015 (June 6-July 5, 2015) for the Mexico Women's National Team. Earlier this year she also played against the USA team and scored a goal against Hope Solo, the USA World's best goal keeper.

**Kristen Mackay '08** graduated from the University of Alabama in 2012, and was awarded a Master's Degree in Art History in 2014 from George Washington University in Washington, DC. Soon after, she and her boyfriend James (Jimmie) Greenwell vacationed in Spain where Jimmie proposed, she said yes! Kirsten then moved to Huntsville, Alabama ("The Rocket City") where Jimmie will soon earn his Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering.

## 2009

**Elicia Fernandes '09** is currently a medical student at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, NE. Last year she spent four weeks teaching English to children in Costa Rica! **7**

## UPDATES

Do you have exciting changes or news to share? We love staying connected and want to hear from you. Visit the alumnae page of the website to update your contact information online and to find out about upcoming events. You can also email your address, email and phone number as well as your updates and digital pictures for future *Pax et Bonum* magazines to:

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# ALUMNAE UPDATES

## It's REUNION TIME!

If you have graduated in a year that ends with a 6 or 1, this is your year for a Reunion. We encourage all classes to hold their reunion the weekend of our All-Alumnae Reunion Weekend, June 24-26, 2016. Please let us know if you would like assistance in planning your class celebration this weekend on campus, we will be celebrating these milestone graduation years all weekend and encourage reunions during this time! Please contact:

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## 2010

**Agatha Nowinski '10** won two medals at the World Rowing Championships in Varese, Italy in June 2014. Agatha was the stroke on the United States women's eight that won the Gold medal with a time of 6:07.88 to beat silver medalist Great Britain (6:11.76).

**Frances Wang '10** stopped by campus in February 2015 to say hello. Frances graduated from USC with a B.A. in Communications and a B.S. in Business. She currently works as a television reporter for a CBS affiliate in Spokane, Washington.

## 2011

**Olivia Stevenson '11** has been accepted to the MA Graduate Acting Program at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland after graduating in Theatre at Muhlenberg College. She says "I can't tell you how much my four years of training at SF shaped me as an actor. I'm forever grateful to Mrs. Danielson and Mrs. Watson. While at SF, Olivia was in *Taming of the Shrew*, *Playing for Time*, *Willy Wonka*, and *Piece of My Heart*."



## 2012

**Marisa Finlayson '12** finds that helping others is a quality that has stuck with her since leaving St. Francis. In 2013, she traveled with Vision Trust International to Monrovia, Liberia to help run a summer camp for children who were victims of human trafficking. Marisa is on track to go to Brazil this summer to work with the same organization to help children in similar circumstances, along with teaching English. Although serving others is important in her life, she finds that she spends the same amount of time playing music. As a third year student at Humboldt State University Marisa plays in the Symphonic Band, Humboldt Symphony, Jazz Band, and second chair for the Eureka Symphony. Marisa hopes to one day combine both services and music to teach internationally. **8**

## 2014

**MacKenzie Campbell '14** recently accepted a paid internship with the University of Nebraska Huskers Marketing department. She was selected for one of seven positions with over 100 applicants and was one of only two freshmen and the only freshman girl. She will be coordinating the marketing for the Huskers nationally-ranked volleyball team, nationally-ranked women's gymnastics and men's gymnastics teams this fall. She also will be working events for the football program and working game day on the field. **9**

*Michelle Fat '12 and a few of her SF classmates visited the Florence Cathedral in October 2014 while studying abroad in Europe. They decided to meet up in Florence, Italy to enjoy a night filled with gelato, friends and fun!*

*Emilie Urhammer '12, Alyssa Cook '12, Cara Emard '12, Michelle Fat '12, Kathleen Menz '12, Emma Kuchera '12*

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**STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE CELEBRATION!**

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# CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Along with celebrating our 75th Anniversary, we want to stay connected with you, our Alumnae. We have developed a Class Representative program for individuals or a group of classmates to become a liaison between their class and St. Francis. Class Reps are the first to know what is happening on campus, they come to events, and they get their Troubadour sisters to come for all the fun! We need Reps who can promote and support events, create and maintain an online community, help find missing classmates, attend 75th Anniversary events, plan reunions, or just be in close touch with us here at SFHS. There is so much in store for the coming year, come be a part of it, and become a Class Representative today!

## CLASS OF 1946

Mary Desmond Mastalski

## CLASS OF 1954

Joan Barden  
Carmina Cioli  
Gladys Butz Darling

## CLASS OF 1956

Marikate Varanini Firpo

## CLASS OF 1958

Marion Azevedo Porter  
Cynthia Speed

## CLASS OF 1959

Carole Farris Sharkey

## CLASS OF 1962

Carolsue Schaden Acres

## CLASS OF 1963

Rosemarie Mattos Hunt

## CLASS OF 1965

Cindy Walker Puppione

## CLASS OF 1966

Patricia O'Connell Suter  
Henri Santos Coy

## CLASS OF 1967

Mary Geary Ellingson  
Susan Romanella Olson

## CLASS OF 1968

Mary Leonard Conklin

## CLASS OF 1969

Nancy Leonard Szydelko

## CLASS OF 1971

Linda Neal Danko  
Barbara Wells Zanze  
MaryAnne Riehl Campos  
Ann Marie Perry Faires

## CLASS OF 1972

Freeda Lapos Babson

## CLASS OF 1973

Kathi Moore Ridley

## CLASS OF 1974

Laura Macaulay Morales  
Judy Farina Montgomery  
Helen Manfredi Pierson  
Debra Cattuzzo

## CLASS OF 1975

Debbie Sheehan Cairns

## CLASS OF 1976

Karen Lawson Finn

## CLASS OF 1977

Maura Twomey

## CLASS OF 1979

Catherine Stegner Nacey

## CLASS OF 1980

Cathy Park Taylor  
Mary Forster Franklin  
Anne Geremia Sadler  
Michelle McClinton Vaden  
Katy Calkin Ferguson

## CLASS OF 1981

Molly Geremia Wiese

## CLASS OF 1982

Janae Root Davis

## CLASS OF 1984

Mokie Price Marchi

## CLASS OF 1985

Deirdre Mullins French  
Megan Whetstone Panson  
Jennifer Daft Ashley

## CLASS OF 1986

Angela Kufasimes Gianulias  
Julie Sasaki

## CLASS OF 1987

Kristian Arnold Foy  
Cindy Stinson

## CLASS OF 1988

Kari Keating  
Corecia Davis Woo

## CLASS OF 1989

Tammy Hennessy Burt  
Morgan Forrest  
Brigit O'Brien Shotts

## CLASS OF 1990

Amy Watson Krause  
Kara LaBella Parker  
Mexa Wanger Youngblood

## CLASS OF 1991

Dawn Winston Cullo  
Jennifer Perez

## CLASS OF 1992

Laura Hanusek  
Whitney Pendergast Hunt

## CLASS OF 1993

Anne Smith Harty  
Erin Chargin Kramer  
Monika Lopez

## CLASS OF 1994

Mariah Hudler  
Kathleen Lungren Jobe  
Brenda Roach  
Angela Ramos Saunders  
Anna Vellanoweth

## CLASS OF 1995

Rena DeNigris Fischer  
Erin McGuire  
Andrea Diaz Vaughn

## CLASS OF 1997

Genevieve Caridi McNulty

## CLASS OF 1998

Megan Curry  
Jennifer DuCray Max  
Stephanie Villanueva  
Libby Woolford

## CLASS OF 1999

Kiera Mickiewicz Anderson

## CLASS OF 2000

Sandra Pierson Whaley

## CLASS OF 2001

Catherine Lawlor

## CLASS OF 2002

Annie Arupo

## CLASS OF 2003

Kimberly Danko  
Ashley Moore Thomsen

## CLASS OF 2004

Celina Spencer

## CLASS OF 2005

Hayley Higgins Figeroid  
Anneliese Guess

## CLASS OF 2006

Noelle Dyer Dear  
Annem Khan  
Christina Rotas

## CLASS OF 2009

Jane Peterson  
Alana Piccone

## CLASS OF 2010

Sara Fitzsimon

## CLASS OF 2011

Umna Khan  
Rachel Klas  
Amelia Evrigenis

## CLASS OF 2012

Michelle Fat

## CLASS OF 2013

Carolina Brown  
Madeline Dyer  
Karly Hammack

## CLASS OF 2014

Katherine Chappelle  
Madisen Grinnell  
Brittani Klindworth  
Emily Laskin  
Sofia Molodanof  
Katie Schembri

## CLASS OF 2015

Maddie Merwin  
Aurora Le

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE?

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1970 \* 1978  
1983  
1996  
2007 \* 2008

If you know anyone who might be interested, please reach out to them and let us know! We encourage you to extend the Class Rep invite to your own friends and classmates.

# STUDENT ART GALLERY

Teaching means meeting each student at her own level and then encouraging her to take her art to the next stage. This artistic philosophy is practiced in all of the mediums we offer at St. Francis Catholic High School – Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Digital Photography, and Digital Film.

## 1. JULIA CANNON '17

*Mr. Marko Vlasisavljevic's Drawing 1 Class*

As a photographer, one of my favorite things to do is to combine photography with drawing. It really helps me to put more meaning behind my work, so it's not just a drawing of a picture from the internet. This piece is of Big Sur, one of the best scenic outlooks I have been to!

## 2. KATE MISURA '16

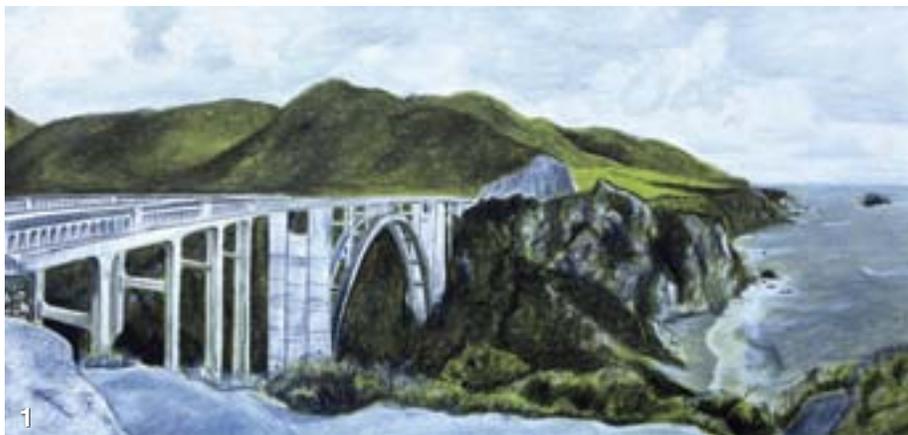
*Mrs. Mary Stember's Painting 1 Class*

When I was deciding what to paint it was really difficult because I wanted to choose something that I had a fascination with. Going with the northern lights was an amazing decision! National Geographic had some gorgeous pictures from Norway and Alaska, so I decided to work off of that and the painting just grew from there!

## 3. TAHLIA SCHROCK '17

*Mr. Marko Vlasisavljevic's Drawing 1 Class*

I am apart of the Theologians for Life club on campus, and am a huge supporter of the Pro Life movement. I chose to create this peace so share with everyone how beautiful life and creation is.



## 4. SYDNEY VANDEGRIFT '18

*Mr. Marko Vlasisavljevic's Art 1 Class*

I am fond of the ocean and the waves surrounding the boat were beautiful, I just had to draw them.

## 5. KAT YO '17

*Mrs. Mary Stember's Figure Sculpting 1 Class*

For my piece, I sculpted a picnic table inspired by my friendships within the figure sculpting class. I chose to paint the classic checkered pattern on the table cloth in order to emphasize the natural curves in fabric. I sculpted sweets on the table because they are some of my favorite foods!

See more from our student artists at [www.stfrancishs.org/visual-arts](http://www.stfrancishs.org/visual-arts).

SING TO THE LORD, ALL CREATURES!  
 WORSHIP GOD WITH YOUR JOY;  
 PRAISE GOD WITH THE  
 SOUND OF YOUR LAUGHTER.  
 KNOW THAT WE ALL BELONG TO GOD,  
 THAT GOD IS OUR SOURCE AND OUR HOME.  
 ENTER GOD'S LIGHT WITH THANKSGIVING;  
 FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH GOD'S PRAISE,  
 FOR GOD'S GOODNESS  
 IS BEYOND COMPREHENSION  
 AND GOD'S DEEP LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.  
 PSALM 100

THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL  
 COMMUNITY MOURNS THE LOSS OF  
 THE FOLLOWING ALUMNAE & FACULTY:

Marilyn Leventon Keaney '49

Patricia Davis Robinson '50

Nancy Harding '53

Noreen Sayre Shulman '53

Joan Blackburn '54

Mary Mather Rettig '55

Colombina Quontamatteo '67

Jody Blakeway '72

Lauren Van Camp '81

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**Saturday, October 3, 2015**

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, enjoy live music, food, and activities for the entire family.

## CRAB FEED

**Saturday, February 6, 2016**

The best high school crab feed in the area features a hearty four-course dinner, raffle & auction, and live music by Clean Slate!

**24/24/24**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

Help support the St. Francis Scholarship Fund on our third-annual day of giving.

## REVELRY DIAMOND GALA & AUCTION

**Saturday, April 23, 2016 \*\*NEW DATE\*\***

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