

# The CB Alumni Association

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# 2018 Alumni Dinner and Awards

Saturday, June 2, 2018

#### Order of Events

Invocation

Fr. Michael Hebda

Master of Ceremonies

Frank LaRosa '62

#### Congratulations to Our Alumni Honorees

Alumni Service Award

Eugene Domek '67 (awarded posthumously)

Honorary Alumna Marianne Evashenk

Outstanding Alumnus in the Arts Bobby Podesta '93

Outstanding Alumnus in Science Bradley Tucker '03

#### Christian Brothers Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Jerry Cooke '56 Joe Gill '63 (awarded posthumously) Greg Murphy '81 Jerry Yuke '61

We recognize and honor the Class of 1968 our Golden Diploma class, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their graduation.

# We Remember

This year we were saddened to learn of the passing of the following alumni.

Joseph Lastufka '52
Annette Lazarakis '58
Norman Lucas '68
Jason Luper '88
Ricardo Miranda '05
John Mulligan '54
Michael O'Neil '41
John Parmeter '58
Richard Pelfanio '54
Patricia Plunkett '58
Eileen Pope '62
John Sharp '62
Sally Shields Norton '58
John Silva '98
Francis Silvey, III '54
Joe Stowe '56
V. Wayne Varozza '41
James Welch '62
Lawrence Wiest '58
Beth Willis '05
Dianne Yauch '65
Thomas Zanze '59

We remember and pray for these, and all our deceased alumni. St. John Baptist de La Salle, Pray for Us. Live Jesus in our hearts forever.

## Outstanding Alumnus in the Arts

#### Bobby Podesta '93

Lightyear, Nemo, Dory or Mr. Incredible action figure for Christmas, you can thank Bobby Podesta '93 for helping to bring these loveable creations to life. Upon graduating from CBHS, Bobby went on to attend the California Institute of the Arts, graduating with a BFA in Film. He began work at Pixar Studios on the blockbuster hit A Bug's Life. Now supervising Animator at Pixar Animation Studios Bobby has worked on several Academy Awardwinning films, including Toy Story 2, Monsters, Inc., Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, Cars, Toy Story 3, Inside Out, The Good Dinosaur, Finding Dory, Cars 3, Coco, and the soon to be released Incredibles 2. Says Bobby, "The thing that inspires me today is the chance to collaborate with other artists and filmmakers to create stories that are often told through toys, cars, or any number of other characters, but are relatable at a human level. The significance of the impact we can make is not lost on me."

# Outstanding Alumnus in Science

#### Dr. Bradley Tucker '03

After graduating from CB in 2003, Brad Tucker attended Notre Dame University, graduating with bachelor's degrees in physics, philosophy and theology. Brad then went on to work at the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory in Chile before beginning a dual Ph.D. program with Harvard University and the Australian National University. Completing the program involved spending six months each year in Australia, four months at Harvard, and two months in research with scientists across the globe. Brad was a member of the research team whose leaders were awarded the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics for the discovery and confirmation of the accelerated expansion of the universe through observations of distant supernovae. Brad is currently an astronomer at the Australian National University where he manages the Mt. Stromlo Observatory and at UC Berkeley. Though most of his research is beyond common understanding, Brad makes science accessible with events like World Record Stargazing and a series of educational videos focused on astronomy and space.

#### Alumni Service Award

#### Eugene Domek '67

Eugene graduated in 1967, from what was at the time known as Bishop Armstrong High School. He went on to attend St. Mary's College where he designed the concrete "SMC" on the hillside. Gene was an active scout leader, and his teaching career spanned 42 years, the last 28 spent at Roseville High School. Gene was from an extended Brothers family. Sons Patrick '02, Andrew '98 and brothers Matthew '72 and Joe '76 all graduated from CB. Eugene was a faithful supporter of CB specifically the Class of '67 Alumni Fund providing scholarships for low income students. In this way, Eugene demonstrated both his loyalty to his class, as well as concern for future alumni. Eugene lived a life of faith exemplifying Lasallian values. In high school, Brother Colin wrote in his report card, "Judgment respected. Makes things go." Eugene passed away in the fall of 2016 after a lengthy illness. His award is accepted tonight on his behalf by his beloved wife Kathy.

### Honorary Alumna

#### Marianne Evashenk

Marianne's relationship with Christian Brothers High School began in 2001 when her daughter enrolled as a freshman. She is now the proud parent of two alumnae, Lauren '06 and Coco '08. Her engagement as a parent did not end with Coco's graduation. Marianne has served for six years on the Christian Brothers High School Board of Trustees, serving as Board Chair in 2014-15, and has recently returned for yet another term on the Board. She is a faithful volunteer, returning each year to help with the Auction Committee. As a CPA and co-founder of Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Marianne brings her professional expertise and invaluable guidance to strengthen Christian Brothers. She is an avid supporter of CB Alumni events, helping to sponsor the Wine Beer & Food Extravaganza every year since 2011. Says Marianne, "Christian Brothers fits my mindset and my heart, providing a human and Christian education to the young, particularly the under privileged. I am proud to serve in the many ways I do because I can see the difference CB makes in the lives of our students and families."

#### 2018 CBHS Athletics Hall of Fame

#### Jerry Cooke '56

Jerry Cooke '56 earned twelve (12) varsity letters at CB in track, baseball and football. He was a star running back for the 1955 Christian Brothers football team which won the CIF Championship. He was selected to play in the prestigious North/South State Football Summer Classic at the end of his senior year. Cooke earned a four-year football scholarship to Marquette University where he also ran track. After college, he become a very successful doubles handball player. He was inducted into the Northern California Handball Association Hall of Fame in 2009.

#### Joe Gill '63

Joe Gill was a two-sport star at CB, playing both basketball and baseball, and was named Athlete of the Year in 1963. He earned All-City honors in baseball his senior year and a baseball scholarship to the University of San Francisco. Gill was drafted by the New York Yankees in 1967. He played in 52 games for the Yankees Single-A Fort Lauderdale team in 1967 before returning to Christian Brothers in 1970 where he taught for 39 years, also coaching baseball and basketball. As head varsity basketball coach, his 1978 team won the 1978 Sac-Joaquin Section Division 1 Championship. Joe passed away in 2013 and was inducted into the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame later that same year. His award is accepted tonight by his wife Janet.



#### 2018 CBHS Athletics Hall of Fame

#### Greg Murphy '81

Greg Murphy '81 was a three-sport varsity letterman at CB in football, basketball and baseball. As quarterback his senior year at CB, the team returned as a football power with a 7-2-1 record under head coach Craig Rundle in 1981. Murphy went on to play baseball and football at Sacramento City College. In 1983, he was the starting quarterback and league MVP for the undefeated Sacramento City College National Championship football team (12-0). Murphy went on to start as quarterback for the University of Minnesota and University of Pacific. He was the head football coach at Christian Brothers from 1988 to 1990 before moving to Nevada where he continued to coach high school football and golf. Murphy is currently the men's and women's golf coach at Green Valley High School in Henderson, Nevada.

#### Jerry Yuke '61

Jerry Yuke '61 won the Sacramento City Junior Golf Championship his junior year at Brothers. He placed second as a senior in that same City Junior Championship. Yuke went on to Sacramento State where he was the #1 golfer on the golf team as a freshman. In 1963, at 20 years old, he made an unlikely run as the local hope to the semifinals of the U.S. Amateur Public Links at Haggin Oaks. "The Publinx', as it was called, was a championship for golfers who played on public courses. As one of 10 United States Golf Association individual championships, it carried great national prestige. Yuke lost to eventual winner and multiple PGA Tour winner Bob Lunn in a 36-hole semifinal match. Later in 1963, he was paired with Johnny Miller on the first day of the California State Fair Golf tournament. Jerry Yuke shot a 72, and Johnny Miller shot a 73. On that day in September 1963, Jerry Yuke beat Johnny Miller.

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