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# Message from the President



Spring 2007

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends:

For 34 years, I have been "going" to Catholic school. (Some of us are slow learners!) As a student of Catholic schools for 16 years, I well remember the sacrifices my mother made to pay tuition. In the 18 years since, Catholic secondary education has been my vocational and professional calling.

Now that I am in my third year as president of Christian Brothers High School, I am more certain than ever that our school offers our young men and women the finest place to learn, thrive and prepare for life in college and beyond. Ensuring that our Catholic, Lasallian education is available to all is a passion and a great concern.

Tuition at all of our area Catholic schools is at an all-time high. I know, with three sons attending Catholic elementary school, and as I saw with my own mother, the cost of tuition represents a tremendous sacrifice for many of our families. In 2006-07, tuition and fees at CB are \$10,525 which is 10 percent below the Northern California average. This not only presents a challenge for low-income students, but for middle class families as well.

For most of our school's history, we were blessed to have Brothers staff the school. (At Bishop Manogue, several religious orders ministered through the years.) The Brothers received very little compensation, enough just to cover the costs of community living. As responsibilities shifted from the vowed religious to capable and dedicated lay women and men, expenses increased. Further, up until the early 1990's, CB was fortunate to receive a significant subsidy from the Brothers' winery and from the Diocese of Sacramento.

This year, more than 150 students at CB are receiving need-based tuition in the amount of \$781,000. No other school in our region provides this level of support. Among these 150 are approximately 50 students who come from households below the federal standard of poverty. This commitment to the poorest of the poor is a priority for the De La Salle Christian Brothers and a priority we embrace at Christian Brothers High School. It is also the subject of a very powerful story on philanthropy that you can read on page 16.

At CB we are fortunate to have an endowment which provides approximately \$250,000 toward this \$781,000. We are further blessed to have tuition assistance donations covering another \$150,000. We are grateful to the alumni, parents and friends who provide tuition assistance for our students in need, support our capital fundraising efforts and provide general operating support through Annual Fund gifts. I invite those of you who believe in the values-based education that is at the heart of the Lasallian philosophy to ensure its continuity to future generations of students; especially those in need with a gift to the endowment or the Annual Fund (page 36).

Please know that we are working diligently to seek sustainable solutions to the challenge of affordability and tuition stabilization. We will continue to be vigilant in implementing sound business practices to maximize services to our students at the lowest possible cost to their parents. I know that with your support we will continue to provide an excellent "human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor," just as De La Salle did in his time.

Live Jesus in our hearts!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorcan P. Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lorcan P. Barnes  
President





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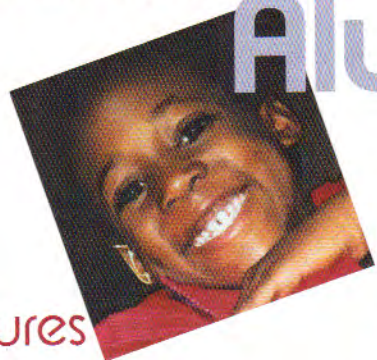
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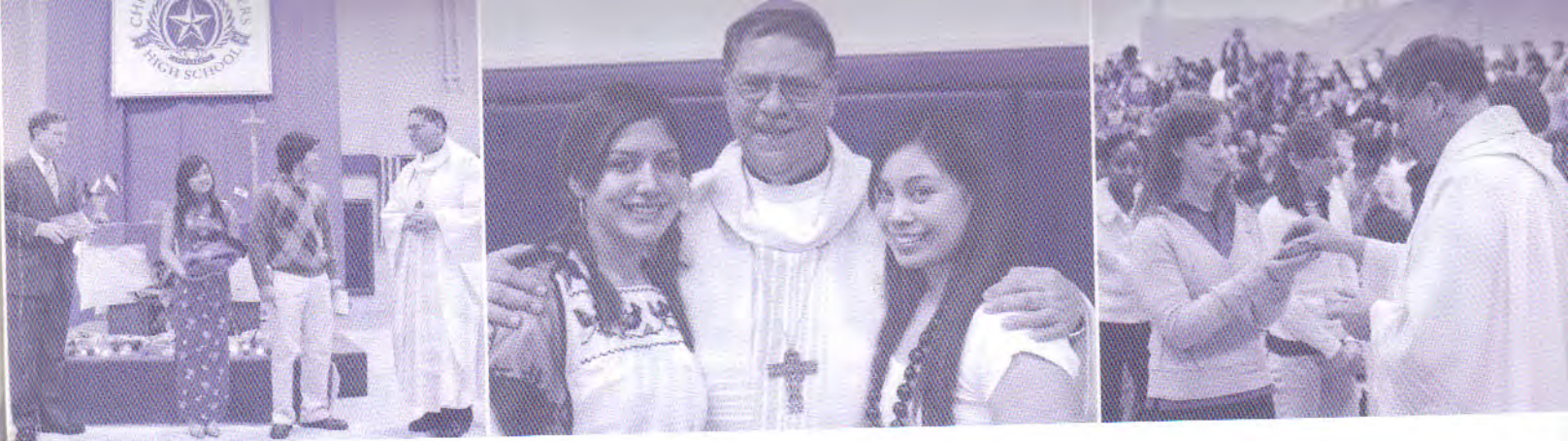
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## Farewell and Best Wishes Good and Faithful Friend

When Bishop Richard Garcia learned that he would soon be named the Bishop of Monterey, he made a list of people and places he felt he needed to visit before leaving Sacramento. Fortunately for the students, faculty and staff, Christian Brothers was on that list.

On January 25, Bishop Garcia presided over the "Celebration of Our Diversity" Liturgy. With his customary warmth and deep affection for Christian Brothers, he spoke of the sad losses and joyful triumphs he has shared with the school over the years. He lovingly spoke of time spent in Rome visiting churches and basilicas and of how he considered Christian Brothers High School as an equally sacred and special place.

To honor our beloved friend, donations were made in the Bishop's name to the Christian Brothers Annual Fund to support needy students. He was also given a fleece "Falcon" jacket to keep him warm in the cool Monterey weather. Finally, to everyone's delight, President Lorcan Barnes presented Bishop Garcia with an Honorary Diploma.





# Tom English Named Distinguished Lasallian Educator of the Year for Western United States



Tomas Capogreco '86, Kenny Kirrene '78, & Rolf Schumann join Tom English at the awards dinner.

Its territory extends from Yakima to Tucson and encompasses 11 high schools and one college: each day more than 10,000 students learn and thrive under its careful stewardship. "It" is the San Francisco District of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and Christian Brothers' own Tom English recently received its 2006 Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award. The award is presented each year to an individual who exemplifies the ideals of St. John Baptist de La Salle of challenging student intellect all the while caring for their souls.

"Tom English loves his students as much as he loves the subject he teaches: the combination is a potent one. To watch him teach is to see the Founder's words put into action; he touches the hearts of students by caring for them, listening to them, and encouraging them," explains Christian Brothers Principal Raymond Burnell.

With a Master's degree in history, English teaches three social studies classes and a college-level class in philosophy/logic at CB. Challenging students daily for the past 27 years, English also serves as the Assistant Principal for Curriculum/Instruction, social studies department chair, and as senior class moderator.

"The fact that Tom was nominated by his peers here at CB for the 'Lasallian Educator of the Year,' that the District of San Francisco selected him as the sole recipient of the 'Lasallian Educator of the Year of the District of San Francisco,' and that he recently received an Honorary Diploma from the Alumni Association indicates Tom's level of commitment to our school," explains teacher Kenny Kirrene '78. "Tom continues the legacy of lay educators from Cortopassi '40 and Clemons, to Limeberger '53 and Witry, who have embraced the mission of the school and in whom the students see reflected the heritage of De La Salle himself. I admire Tom as an educator, I respect him as an administrator, and I am inspired by him as a true Lasallian."

"When I came to Christian Brothers in 1979 I was just looking for a full-time teaching job. I wasn't familiar with the Lasallian tradition or philosophy," says English. "I stayed because I realized this wasn't just a job, it had become a part of my life. I feel lucky that I look forward to coming to work and being with the kids each day," explains English. "Not everyone is that fortunate."

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Back Row (left to right) Br. George Van Grieken, FSC, Kenny Kirrene, Lorie Frias, Jim Hughes, Tomas Capogreco, Noel Hesser, Mary He, Marian Shackel, Rory Tira, Rolf Schumann, Natalia Chiapa  
Front Row (left to right) Gery Short, Ray Burnell, Priscilla English, Tom English and Lorcan Barnes

*"I just couldn't imagine not being with our students every day. I prayed on it and finally agreed to take the job if I could continue teaching at Christian Brothers part-time."*



## Teacher Holly Peterson, Ed.D. Takes on New Role with Diocese

With the closing of Bishop Manogue High School in 1990, teacher Holly Peterson knew she would need to find another place to work.

Mourning the loss of the school that held such a special place in her heart, Peterson interviewed at a number of local high schools and ultimately accepted a position at Christian Brothers in the religious studies department.

"I was offered a position at another high school but there was just something special about the feeling at Christian Brothers," explains Peterson.

Seventeen years later, she still feels that way. "The charisma of the Brothers lends itself to a sense of community," says Peterson. "Their dedication to educating the 'whole person' really helps our students grow and learn to use their own unique gifts and talents."

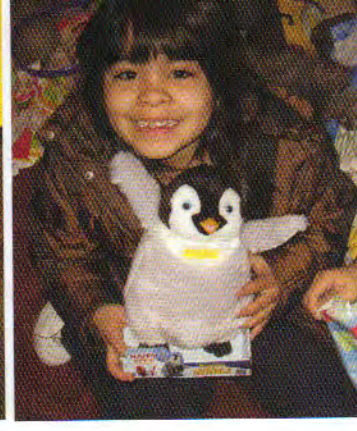
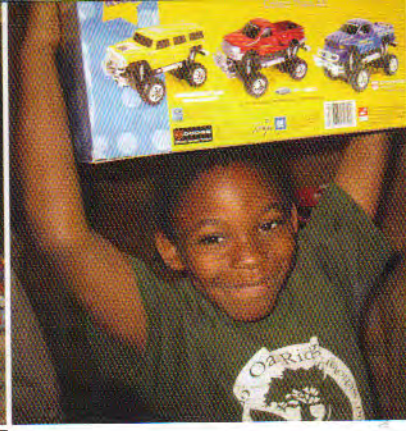
Unbeknownst to Peterson, officials at the Diocese of Sacramento recognized "her" unique gifts and talents and they began asking her to consider working for them. She resisted for some time, until Bishop

Wiegand called this past summer and asked her to seriously consider taking a position as Coordinator for Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Sacramento. This dynamic position is responsible for all English-language adult religious formation and education programs in the diocese.

"There is a real hunger among adults. They want to know about their faith," says Peterson. "But, I just couldn't imagine not being with our students every day. I prayed on it and finally agreed to take the job if I could continue teaching at Christian Brothers part-time," she explains.

The Bishop agreed and Peterson took on the challenge. "The Diocese is huge. We have 104 parishes throughout our 20-county area, she says. "I'm traveling a lot and meeting so many people. The response has been wonderful. But, I also get to look forward to teaching my students each day."

At Christian Brothers, Peterson teaches a junior class in Church History and Christian Morality and is filling in for freshman religion teacher Leah Newton, who is currently on maternity leave. And if all of that does not keep her busy, she also teaches classes at the University of San Francisco and the University of Sacramento.



# Holiday Magic

Pouring rain did not dampen the spirits of the Oak Ridge Elementary School students who attended the annual Christian Brothers High School Christmas party. Class by class, students in the pre-kindergarten through third grade classes huddled under umbrellas and walked down the street to the Brothers' residence where a warm fire, hot chocolate and cookies were at the ready.

Santa's elves, a group of CB students in the Lasallian Youth, one of the school's Christian service clubs, then made sure that each of the 316 children enjoyed a chance to visit with Santa Claus and have his or her picture taken. Santa then presented each child with a new toy lovingly donated by CB students and staff. For some of the children, this offered their only opportunity to share in the celebration of Christmas. For the students and staff at Christian Brothers, each smiling face reminded us of the real meaning of the holiday season, the magic of giving.

The giving continues each week as more than 70 Christian Brothers' students regularly visit Oak Ridge Elementary, providing tutoring, mentoring and acting as Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Other highlights of the year include a Halloween party, barbecues, and even a trip to the San Francisco Exploratorium. Often times, the Christian Brothers' students enjoy the events as much if not more than our little friends at Oak Ridge.



1. Megan Dagang '07  
2. Richard King '07  
3. Nathan Connor '09  
& Lena Lam '07  
Right: Nicole Ortega '07





# Freshmen Religion Classes Helping With Neighborhood Clean Up

Lessons taught in religion classes come to life in Christian Service-Learning as students engage in meaningful service to their schools and communities.

*"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."  
Aesop*

As freshmen, Christian Brothers' students learn about St. John Baptist de La Salle and his dedication to caring for others and insistence on acting as good neighbors. "Our goal is to establish a meaningful link between curriculum and service," explains Stephanie DeBenedetti-Emanuel, Christian service coordinator. In that spirit, freshmen students join with students from neighboring schools including Hiram Johnson and Sacramento High Schools to help clean up various locales throughout Oak Park. Whether they are raking leaves or picking up litter, students have the opportunity to experience fellowship and the satisfaction that comes from acting as good neighbors.



Robert Mulligan '10, Carly Classen '10 and Grant Bird '10

## Stay Connected

E-mail your current contact information to Director of Alumni Relations, Marisa Panattoni '95, at [mpanattoni@cbhs-sacramento.org](mailto:mpanattoni@cbhs-sacramento.org). Kairos participants be sure to cc: Susannah Nelson at [snelson@cbhs-sacramento.org](mailto:snelson@cbhs-sacramento.org). If you do not have e-mail, please call Marisa Panattoni at (916) 733-3647 or send a note to the Alumni Relations office.

*"Our goal is to establish a meaningful link between curriculum and service."*

Back (l to r) Josh Silver '07 & William Meyer '08  
 Middle (l to r) Andrew Nelson '08, Ashley Pane '07 & Joseph Lipper '08  
 Front (l to r) Cimone Nunley '08 & Lauren Ortiz '07

# Alumni Lead Moot Court Team



As the immigration debate polarizes local, state and federal governments and elected officials, the Center for Youth Citizenship encouraged local high school students to put their emotions aside and objectively tackle the issue in this year's Moot Court. Working with local legal professionals, school teams were challenged to examine all aspects of the case and present their cases in front of Justices from the California Court of Appeal.

The Christian Brothers' team, coached by **Mike Kuzmick '93** of Downey Brand LLP, and **Alan Fernandes '93** of Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor, LLP worked for several months analyzing the case and preparing legal arguments. Their exceptional efforts earned them a spot as one of the final four teams in the competition held on January 31 at the Sacramento Superior Court House.

Members of this year's mathletes team include (l to r) Josh Silver '07, Colin Rooney '09, moderator Mrs. Coyner, Clark Taylor '07, Michael Van Beek '07 & Ryan Wilson '07

# Academic



## Mathletes Competitions Add Up

Although the competition does not take place in the gym or on the field, it is fierce. The training does not involve lifting weights or running marathons, yet it is feared by many. Their equipment includes pencils, calculators and math analysis text books. Each month they square off against 15 other high schools to prove their math skills. They are the Christian Brothers Mathletes and collectively they represent some of the best math-minds in the area.

# Athletics

## Joe Gill '63 Honored at La Salle Club Coaches' Hall of Fame Dinner

*"Dedication, hard work and success," answered retired coach and teacher Jack Witry when asked why the La Salle Club chose Joe Gill to receive its Ron Limeberger '53 Coach of the Year Award.*

Those five words sum up Gill's 36 years of coaching at Christian Brothers High School. A CB graduate in the class of 1963, he returned to the school in 1970 as an English teacher. He served three years as athletic director, coached 14 years of basketball including several championship teams, and took over the varsity baseball team in 1993.

Although his former team rosters include an NBA player and several major league baseball players, his greatest satisfaction came from the simpler successes.

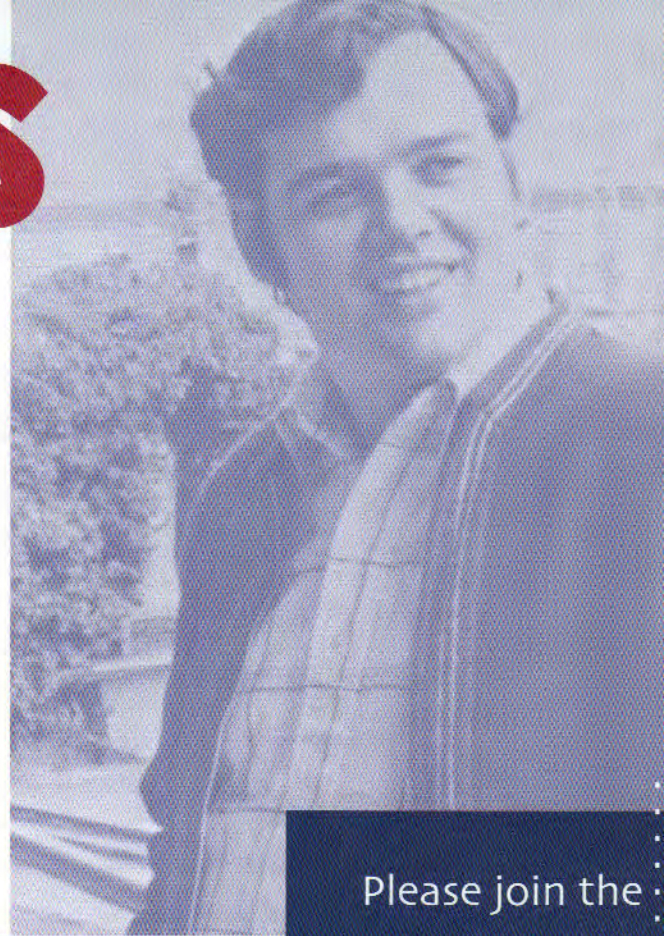
"The joy for me was working with people," explains Gill. "Teaching them baseball, some values, how to work hard for things and to keep going when things aren't going your way. That was special."

Gill was also grateful to have the opportunity to coach his four sons Tom '93, Steve '95, Danny '98

and Eddie '00. Receiving the Ron Limeberger Award is particularly meaningful to Gill because of their long history. "I played basketball and baseball for Ronnie at the old Christian Brothers on 21st and Broadway," says Gill. "He was a highly successful coach and athlete and I'm honored to receive an award in his name."

While 2006 marked Gill's last season of coaching baseball, he continues at Christian Brothers as a P.E. teacher and has even become a bit of a sensation on YouTube with his humorous KBFT recordings of "The Stuff."

The La Salle Club presented the award at the 12th annual La Salle Club Hall of Fame dinner in November. Other honorees at the event were Rena Barsanti, Morrison England, A.J. "Bud" Henle, Jim Jorgensen, Bill Kutzer, Eli McCullogh, Bob Miller, and Bob Roche.



Please join the La Salle Club as it prepares to host its 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner on Saturday April 21, 2007 at Christian Brothers High School. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jean Lahey at (916) 457-5268.

## Women's Tennis

Congratulations to the women's tennis team for an exceptional season. Senior Ashley Pane won the Sierra Valley Conference Single's Title and the Division 2 Section Title.

## Men's & Women's Cross Country

In a first for Christian Brothers High School, both teams qualified to compete in the State Finals. Men's coach and CB teacher Danny Delgado '79 was named Sierra Valley Coach of the Year.

## Men's & Women's Basketball

Both teams finished their respective seasons with impressive records and advanced to the quarter finals in Sierra Valley Conference playoffs.



Back Row (Left to Right): Sophia Crawford '08 (manager), Allison Heine '02 (assistant coach), Diane Heine '71 (head coach), Allison Moser '08, Anne Dalisay, Paige Castleberry '08, Kelsey Sharp, Erika Cuevas, Kayla Neto, Destini Bouldin, Mary Ahern '09, Ken Link (assistant coach)

Front Row (Left to Right): Brittany Wynne '07, Brittany Woodard '08, Cara Crowder '07, Nicole Link '07, Stephani Hopcraft '07, Samantha Moser '08, and Minh Nguyen (conditioning coach)

## Women's Volleyball

Along with the Sierra Valley Conference championship, the team captured their second consecutive Section Title and advanced all the way to the Division IV State Finals. Coach Diane Heine '71 was named the "All City" Coach of the Year.

*Student athletes Bo Henning '07 and Nicole Link '07 have been awarded full athletic scholarships. Henning will attend Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo where he will play basketball. Link will attend University of Nevada, Reno where she will play volleyball.*

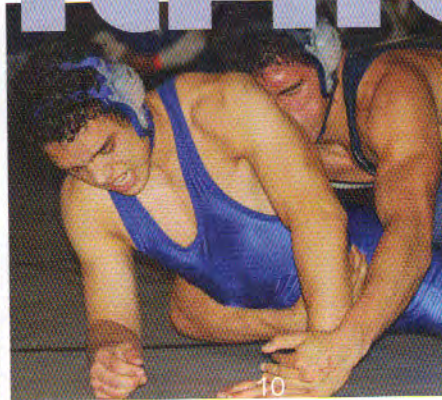


Nicole Link '07

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James Jones '09

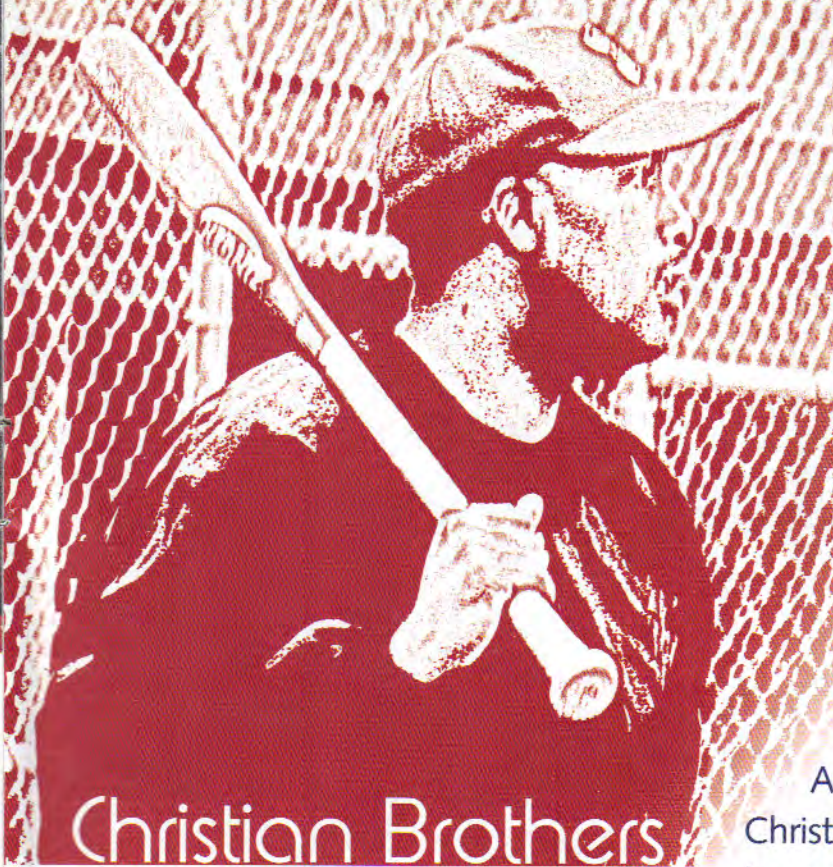


Ryan Lutz '09



Blair Pierroz '08

intensity

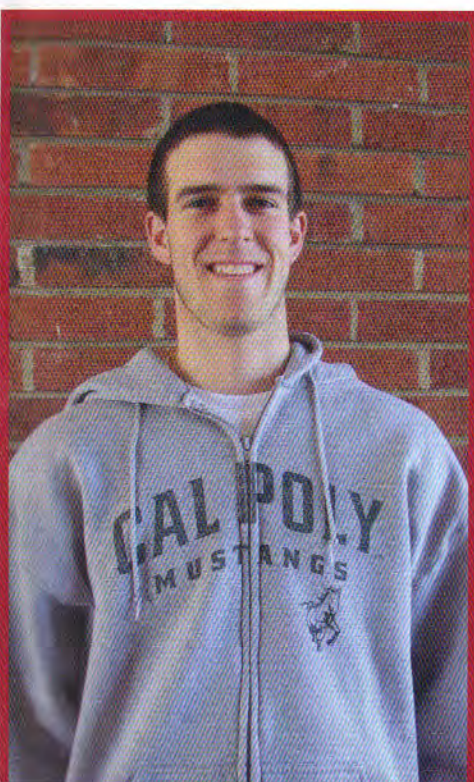


## Christian Brothers Welcomes Varsity Baseball Coach

After a highly competitive search process, Christian Brothers High School announced that Terrell Lowery would be taking the reins as the new Varsity Head Baseball Coach.

A standout athlete in basketball and baseball at Loyola Marymount University, Lowery went on to play several years of professional baseball for the Chicago Cubs, Tampa Bay Devil Rays and San Francisco Giants organizations. After moving to the Sacramento area six years ago, Lowery spent the past five years as assistant coach for the Jesuit High School varsity baseball team. He looks forward to this season with the Falcons and is confident in its future success.

# Athletics

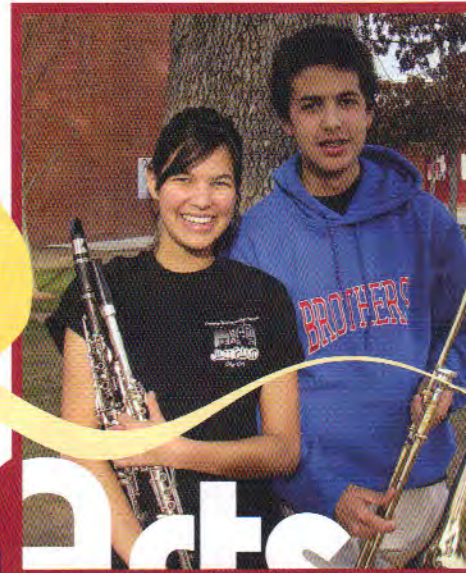


## Henning Nominated McDonald's All American

In this case the adage is true; it is an honor being nominated. On February 13, McDonald's All American Basketball presented Christian Brothers' senior Joshua "Bo" Henning '07, son of Rich Henning '78, with an award recognizing his athletic accomplishments as one of the best male basketball players in the country. The selection committee for the McDonald's All American Team is made up of prominent high school coaches, prep scouts and media from across the country. Henning, who has played varsity basketball since his freshman year, led the Sac-Joaquin Section in scoring at 24 points per game and looks forward to attending Cal Poly in the fall.



Students celebrate the holiday season enjoying a preview of the Christmas Choral and Instrumental Concerts. Longtime favorite Christmas melodies were performed by choral ensembles, the string orchestra, jazz band, and flute choir.



Congratulations to Megan '07 and Ben Dagang '09 who were selected to perform as part of the CMEA Capitol High School Honor Band. Hundreds of our area high school musicians competed for one of the coveted positions in the band. Between the accomplished brother and sister play the entirety of brass and woodwind instruments.

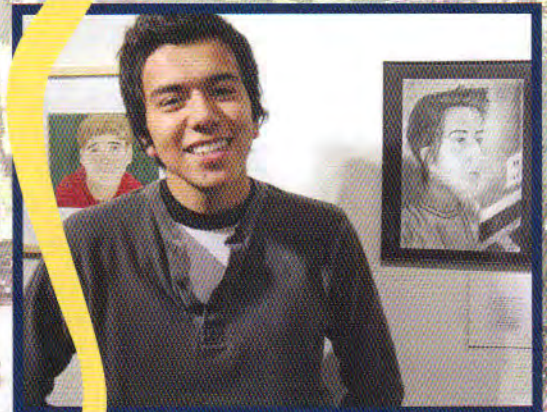
# Visual & Performing Arts

## Christian Brothers "Best of Show" at High School Self-Portrait Show

Christian Brothers students enjoyed the opportunity to show their works at a commercial art gallery at the sixth annual High School Self-Portrait Show. The 20th Street Art Gallery hosted the show and included works from nine area high schools. Christian Brothers senior Bryan Caselli, son of Michael '76, took home "Best of Show" honors and his portrait traveled to the Crocker Art Museum where it will be on display until April 1, 2007.



Clare Flynn '07



Polo Lopez '08



Leslie Hoffeditz '07



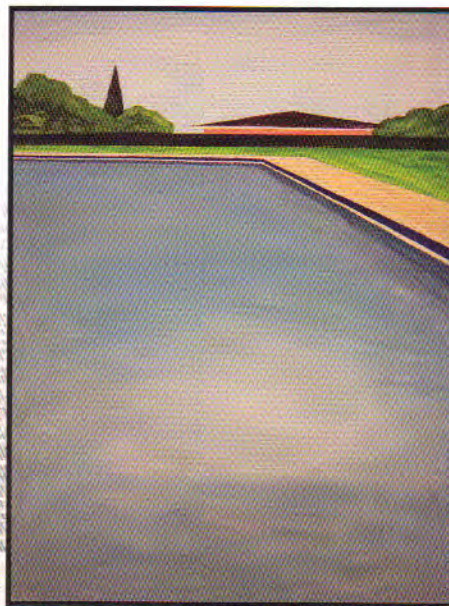
Bryan Caselli '09 "Best of Show"

Visit the University Library Gallery at California State University, Sacramento between June 5 and June 26, 2007 and the artwork is sure to be magnificent. Art instructor Kevin McGovern '74, selected by the University Library Gallery to exhibit his paintings, really got enthusiastic when his students were invited to show their works as well.

The exhibit entitled, "Teacher and Student:" Paintings by Kevin McGovern and artworks by his students at Christian Brothers High School will include McGovern's latest "Swimming Pool" series of paintings and 24 works of art from his students.

A reception launching the show is scheduled for Friday, June 8, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the University Library Gallery.

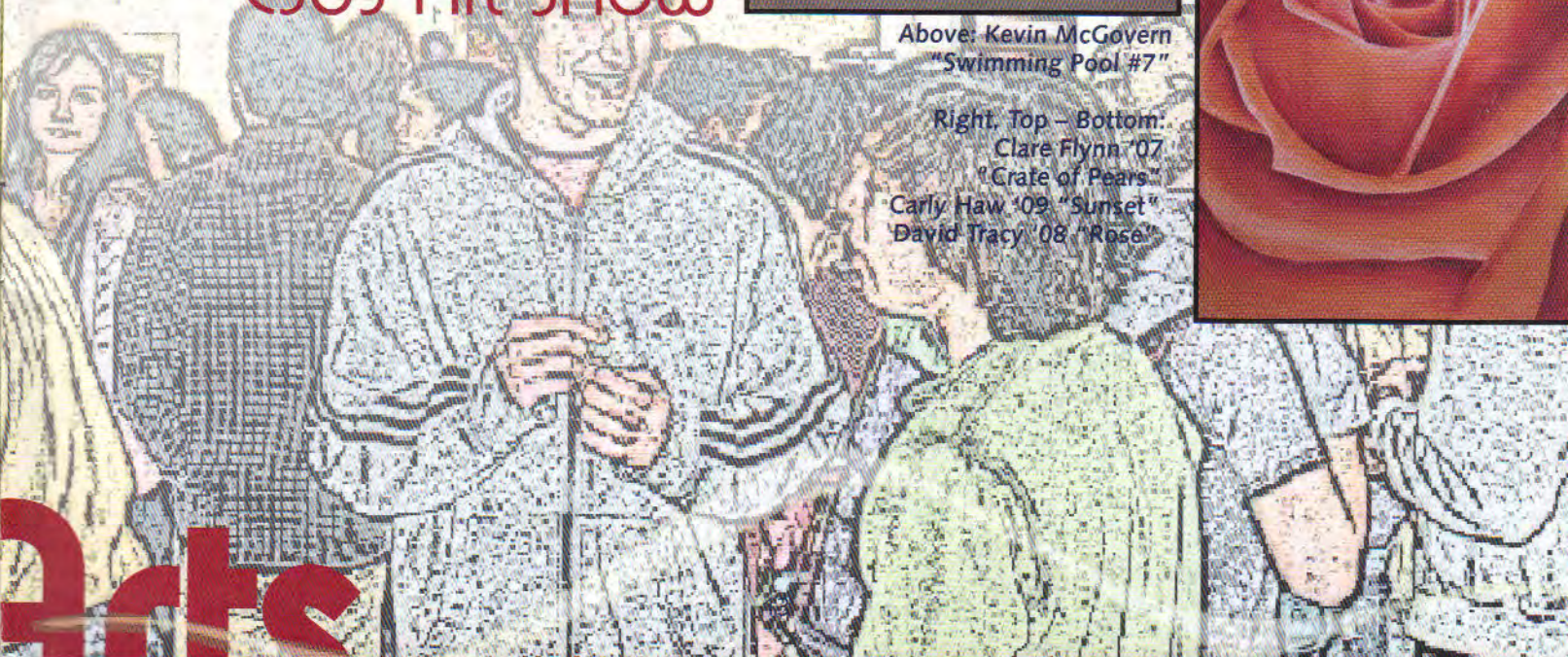
"It is quite an honor to exhibit at the University Library Gallery at CSUS. I think it is one of the nicest places to show in Sacramento and to have my students with me makes it a real event!" says an enthusiastic McGovern.



Above: Kevin McGovern "Swimming Pool #7"

Right, Top - Bottom:  
Clare Flynn '07 "Crate of Pears"  
Carly Haw '09 "Sunset"  
David Tracy '08 "Rose"

# Art Teacher Kevin McGovern '74 & Students Invited to Display Work at CSUS Art Show



# Arts



## Campus Improvements Continue New Wall Improves Appearance & Safety

For years, looking across the athletic fields at Christian Brothers High School meant looking into numerous backyards through a variety of mismatched fences and walls. Today, the view is significantly better with the addition of approximately 1,700 linear feet of block wall along the northern, eastern, and much of the southern perimeter of the school.

“For the past several years, we have been able to build portions of the wall in critical areas but the cost of completing the project was prohibitive when weighed against other important needs of the school,” explains President Lorcan Barnes. “But when Joe Guilherme [respected facility manager at CB for almost 40 years] says it’s an increasing priority and generous people are willing to make it happen, our students win.”

Many thanks to the following individuals and companies for their donation of time and material valued at approximately \$200,000:

**Jackson Masonry** – Don Ekstrom

**Jackson Construction** –

*John Jackson, Jr. '68*

**Teichert Construction** – Fred Taylor

**Pacific Coast Building Products** –

*Dave Lucchetti*

**Panattoni Construction** –

*Denny Boom & Chuck Sylva '65*



Varsity baseball hits the field.



# In Memoriam

## Carl J. Otto

The Christian Brothers High School community mourns the loss of good friend Carl J. Otto, who passed away unexpectedly on February 11, 2007. Otto, president of John F. Otto Inc., was a generous supporter of Christian Brothers and was instrumental in facilitating a number of campus improvements. He leaves behind his wife, Carol; daughter, Allison and son John '97.

## Lois June Curtis

Lois Curtis passed away on December 19, 2006 following a long and courageous battle with cancer. A graduate of Sacramento High School class of 1945 and Sacramento City College in 1977, Curtis worked tirelessly as a drill team, cheerleader and modern dance teacher at McClatchy, Bishop Manogue and Christian Brothers High Schools in Sacramento. In 1998, the La Salle Club honored Curtis for her many years of dedication with "Coach of the Year" honors. The hundreds of students she taught throughout the years are sure to remember her heart of gold and loving commitment to excellence.

## James Francis Church

*January 21, 1907 – November 9, 2006*

James Francis Church, an active member of the Catholic community and beloved member of our Christian Brothers' family passed away of natural causes following a bout with pneumonia. Church was an active parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Sacramento for 67 years and proudly helped launch the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services. As the son of Irish immigrants who were persecuted for their faith, Church was proud to give all of his 14 children 12 years of Catholic education. Each of his eight sons graduated from Christian Brothers.

Throughout his life, he raised money for school and church programs, joined parish councils, volunteered with the Catholic Youth Organization, Boy Scouts of America and served as president of the LaSalle Club at Christian Brothers High School where he received an honorary diploma in 1980.

Church is survived by his wife, Mary Driscoll Church and his children Msgr. James Church, Cathy Jones (Bill), Jack (Jan), Mike (Marcia Camp), Bernie (Jody), Fran, Peggy, Kevin (Pam), Ken, Monica Church-Flessel (Peter), Terry (Chris Hanna), Tim, and Maureen. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Bette Pickford who passed away in January of 2006.



# Remembering Our Departed Alumni & Friends

*Joseph T. Alameida '67*

*George J. Biaggi '40*

*Richard A. Chapek '65*

*Haden E. Crites '35*

*James W. Dallosta '69*

*Dennis L. Dorsett '53*

*David M. Gannon '71*

*David A. Gonzales '58*

*Francis E. Gregory '41*

*Sergei A. Ivashin '53*

*Claudine Jackson*

*Mark Montoya '79*

*Marvin J. Neves '50*

*Sandra "Trejo" Orozco-Stapleton '63*

# A Kindergarten Promise

In 1991, David Guggenheimer visited kindergarten-bound preschoolers in Marin to make a promise on behalf of the Marin Children's Program (MCCP). If each of 29 children agreed to stay in school, maintain academic progress, and participate in an after-school program through high school, the program would financially help them go to college.

"I really don't want to take the credit for this, there was actually a group of about 20 people who financially helped make this possible," offers Guggenheimer. In addition, there were about 100 volunteer tutors and mentors who made a difference in the lives of these young people.

He was, however, a major stalwart in launching the program and rallying support throughout the years since its inception. Guggenheimer and his wife, Margie, remain actively involved with the students and regularly have conversations with the 16 who completed the program. They are now in college or technical school.

Sharmelia Jeffries was one of the lucky children. Though she faced many obstacles in her life, her resiliency and determination to persevere through tremendous challenges were evident from the beginning.

"I remember meeting Sharmelia. She was so cute, shy and wise beyond her years from the early challenges in her life," explains Guggenheimer. "She was feisty. I remember Sharmelia was not at all happy, angry in a five-year-old little girl way, with her grandmother who had just cut her hair so short for Sharmelia's discerning taste."



Sharmelia Jeffries '04  
February 4, 1986 – December 2, 2003

Although Sharmelia moved to Sacramento after second grade, she continued her involvement with the MCCP and the Guggenhimes through summer programs and regular visits and telephone calls.

"David Guggenheimer really noticed Sharmelia's intelligence and potential," explains her mother, Dee Pettway. "Through the years he really made the extra effort to stay involved and make sure that she received any extra training or tutoring that she needed. David and his wife, Margie, really were her second parents. In fact, I always knew that if anything happened to me, she would be living with the Guggenhimes."

Tragically, the bright, quiet leader with an inner strength and strong faith in God was taken too soon. On December 2, 2003 as Sharmelia and her younger sister, Ebony, walked to catch the bus from Christian Brothers they were hit by a drunk driver. While Ebony's injuries were minor, Sharmelia was thrown 125 feet and died almost instantly.

"The first people I called from the hospital were the Guggenhimes," explains Pettway. "We were, and continue to be, an extended family. She really loved them and they really loved her."

Sharmelia also really loved going to school at Christian Brothers. "It took her a while to adjust," says Pettway. "But after that first year, she really found her way and came into her own. She was just determined to learn everything she possibly could and to take advantage of every available opportunity."

Once a shy and soft-spoken student, Sharmelia blossomed during her years at Christian Brothers. She was active in the Black Student Union, wrote for the school newspaper, *The Talon*, and volunteered at various school fundraisers. Susannah Nelson, the director of campus ministry, selected Sharmelia to serve as a member of the Senior Retreat Leadership Team and invited her to lead the school's first Kairos (an intensely spiritual and in many cases, life-changing) retreat for senior students.

"She was an exceptional young woman. Her honesty, vulnerability and deep, abiding faith spoke to everyone at the retreat," says Nelson. "Even today, when we take a group

of students on Kairos, we take time to remember Sharmelia and reflect on her life. She is our Kairos angel."

In the three years since Sharmelia's death, her mother has been actively involved in Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Every 15 Minutes program. Pettway is currently the president of the Sacramento Chapter of MADD and regularly visits area high schools to share Sharmelia's story.

"I will do anything I can to help make sure that no family has to get a horrible phone call like I did on December 2," explains Pettway. "Working with MADD has really helped me with my grief and has given me a purpose."

David and Margie Guggenheimer have continued their efforts on behalf of the MCCP. In Sharmelia's memory, the money that would have helped her attend Xavier University as a pre-med student, is now helping her sister, Ebony, who graduated from Christian Brothers in 2006, and now attends St. Mary's College in Moraga. They have also been steadfast in their efforts to build the Sharmelia Jeffries Scholarship Endowment. The scholarship is now fully funded. Beginning in the 2007/08 school year, the scholarship will provide full tuition for a student to attend Christian Brothers in Sharmelia's honor.

Although he is humble about his contributions, he is grateful for the opportunity to

honor Sharmelia. "Through the years, people have commented to me about the wonderful gift we've given to the MCCP children," says Guggenheimer. "The truth is the gift comes back to me. I have gained far more than I have ever given."

"Sharmelia would be so proud that the Guggenhimes and the MCCP thought enough about her to establish this scholarship," says Pettway. "She would also want the recipient to understand and appreciate the opportunity that it represents."

Guggenheimer hopes the scholarship will go to a student who, like Sharmelia, overcame obstacles and possesses the spirit to succeed. "She was a uniquely sensitive, thoughtful and caring human being," explains Guggenheimer. "She was easy to love."

Hanging on the wall in his home office, the room where Sharmelia stayed during her many visits, is a chalkboard. Still on it are the words she wrote during a visit in summer of 2000, "I want to thank all of the people who support my dream and push me to the limit."

Those words still resonate as her dream lives on in the students whose lives will be transformed with a Christian Brothers High School education.



Margie & David Guggenheimer

*"The truth is the gift comes back to me. I have gained far more than I have ever given."*

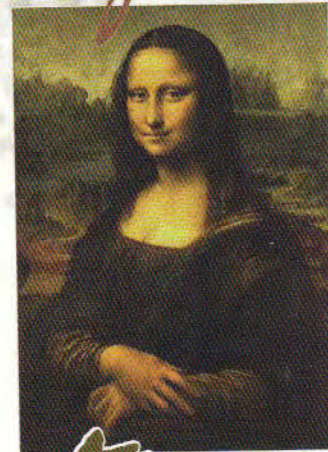


Sharmelia, Rondell Gibson & Quanesha Carter, all students involved with the MCCP, departing on a trip to tour historical black colleges & universities in the South & Southeast.

*"I want to thank all of the people who support my dream and push me to the limit."*

# CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

## Annual Charity Auction



# Fantastico!

More than 300 passengers "Set Sail for Italy" and other exotic ports-of-call as Christian Brothers hosted its annual charity auction on Saturday, March 10. Guests enjoyed an evening of delicious food and spirited silent and live auctions which raised approximately \$155,000 to benefit the school.

The evening's cruise director and CB parent, Dan Elliott, of News 10, added to the festivities as master of ceremonies. A heartfelt thank you to the individuals whose time and talents helped make this year's auction a night to remember!



Kathy Fitzgerald, Sarah Sylva, Kim Tozer & Stacy Leung-Crawford



Dan & Claudia Elliot



Auction co-chairs Shauna Mah Pompei & Diane Swanson celebrate the evening's success.

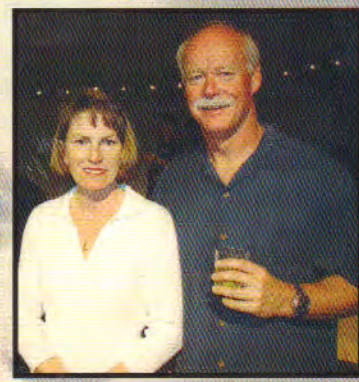


Mary Anderson, Nancy Cassel, Adrian Ramirez & Barbara Un



*Helen Pierson gets the crowd ready to bid on "A Taste of Tuscany and Sample of Sicily."*

*Dana & Keith Jensen*



**Auction Co-Chairs**  
Shauna Mahan-Pompei & Diane Swanson

**Ad Sales**  
Mike Pompei

**Audio Visual**  
Brendan Hogan '95 & Ron Slabbinck

**Beverage**  
Mike Havey '69

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Marianne Evashenk & Margarita Fernandez

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Joanie Johnston & Alice Tomkins

**Decorations**  
Mary Ann Burford

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Karen Cole

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Corole D'Elia

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Andrew Waterhouse

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Mary Anderson

**Webmaster**  
Brother Donald Johanson, FSC

*Melissa Breech '97 and her Father, Bob Breech*



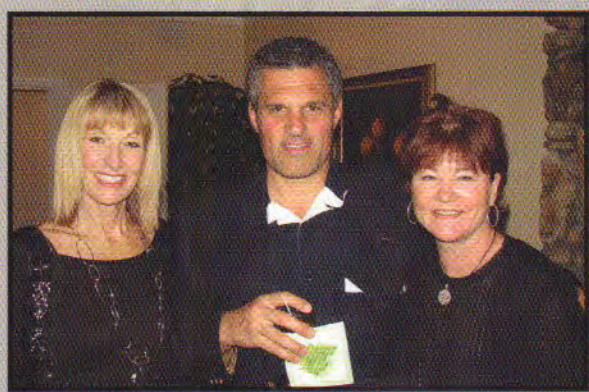
*Robyn Rutherford-Peterson gets in a last-minute bid.*



*Brother Donald Johanson, FSC, Janet & Steve Ruggiero*



*Mary Ann & Lon Burford '73*



*Donna Pane, Josh Pane & Terri Barbeau*

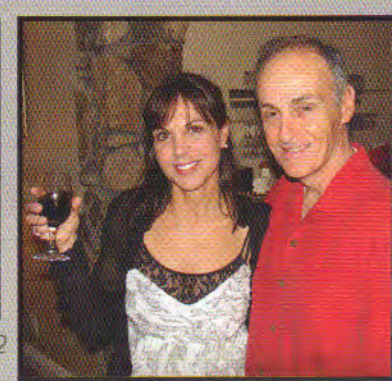


*Marie & Roger Valine '67*

*David Nelson, Mary Messick & Susannah Nelson*



*Robyn Rutherford-Peterson & Frank LaRosa '62*





*The Burford family: Megan '02, Evan '07, Lon '73, Mary Ann & her parents, Vince & Mary Matranga.*

# Ambassadors Celebrated at Annual Dinner

*"You are ambassadors and ministers of Jesus Christ."  
St. John Baptist de La Salle*

*H*undreds of years after these words were spoken to the Brothers; the Ambassadors Club continues taking them to heart as they generously help provide a quality Catholic, Lasallian education to deserving young men and women. On October 11, Christian Brothers celebrated their generosity at the 22nd annual Ambassadors Club Dinner held at the Radisson Hotel.

Highlights of the evening included a "State of the School" report by Student Body President Javier Plasencia '07 (son of Betty and Javier Plasencia '74); performances by the jazz choir and the jazz band; and a moving presentation by Guidance Counselor Amy Bell who works as a mentor and liaison with some of the school's most socio-economically at-risk students.





The evening honored 2006 Ambassadors of the Year, Lon '73 and Mary Ann Burford. For more than 25 years, the Burfords have been committed volunteers, generous benefactors and devoted school parents. Lon became involved with the Alumni Association in the 1980's and served as its president when the Wine Tasting Extravaganza was established. He was also instrumental in making improvements to the Alumni Golf Tournament. Lon was a member of the Board of Regents in the late 1980's and early 1990's. He joined the CB Board of Trustees in the late 1990's, eventually serving as Chair. In the past few years, Lon helped establish the Friends of the Arts, an organization of CB parents dedicated to promoting and supporting the school's visual and performing arts. Mary Ann has spent years organizing student activities and events; and most recently co-chairing last year's annual fundraising auction.

"Christian Brothers has a place for everyone," says Lon. "What makes Christian Brothers different is that everyone is welcome, whether your parents have more money than they'll need or your family is struggling – you have a place here. Christian Brothers changed my life and I don't say that lightly. I'm so grateful."

Through their generosity, Lon and Mary Ann help make sure that same Catholic, Lasallian educational experience is available to students in need.

"As a Catholic family, we appreciate the school's efforts to teach more than just academics," says Mary Ann. "Children's spiritual and personal development are very much part of the curriculum and Lon and I both feel compelled to help make that available to young people in need."

Since the inception of the Ambassadors Club in 1985, the minimum gift level for membership in the Ambassadors Club has been \$1,000. During the 2006-07 school year, that amount increased to \$1,876 to correspond with the founding year of Christian Brothers High School, 1876. To learn more about joining the Ambassadors Club, please contact Paul Rieschick, director of advancement at (916) 733-3608.



*Thea Stidum &  
Sister Kathleen Horgan, RSM*



*Susan Scott, CB Director of Advancement,  
Paul Rieschick & Gordon Scott '64*



*Leo Granucci '55 & his wife,  
Gayle Granucci*

# CB Celebrates 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Dinner

Class of '57 Golden Diploma Award Recipients

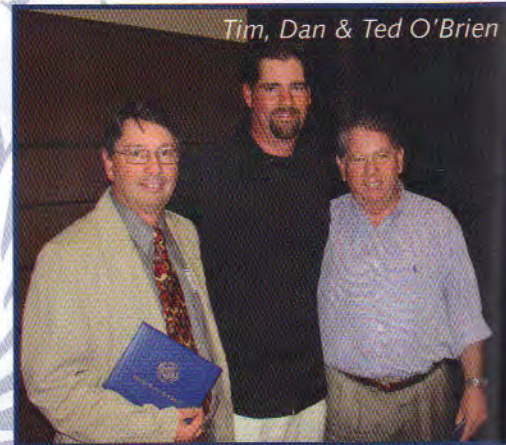


As graduates of Sacramento's oldest continuously operating high school, Christian Brothers' alumni have years of special memories and friendships to celebrate. And celebrate they did as more than 450 alumni, family and friends attended the 37th annual Alumni Dinner on February 3.

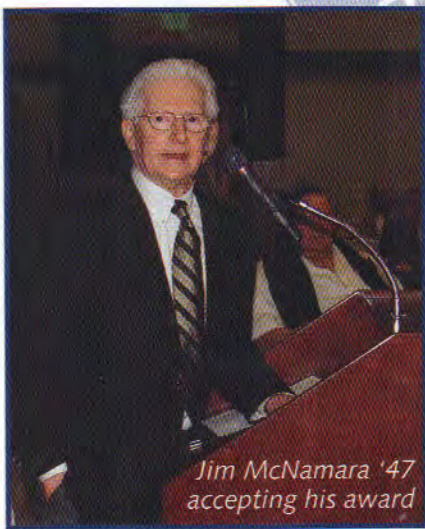
The evening's program included the awarding of Golden Diplomas to the Class of '57 – the first co-ed class to graduate from CB. The Honorary Alumnus Award was presented to **Tom English** for his 27 years of teaching at Christian Brothers. He was honored by the school community in the 1997-98 school year as the Lasallian Educator of the Year and again in 2006 with the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award for the District of San Francisco.

The Honorary Diploma Award was unique this year in that three generations of the O'Brien family attended Christian Brothers High school, yet none were able, for various reasons, to graduate. They continue to support the school and the Alumni Association was pleased to honor **Dr. Ted O'Brien**, **Mark O'Brien**, and **Dan O'Brien** with honorary diplomas.

The prestigious Alumni Service Awards, exemplifying the Association's highest standard of giving back to Christian Brothers, were presented to alumnus **Jim McNamara '47** and to **Bobbi Pires '76** for their many years of service and dedication.



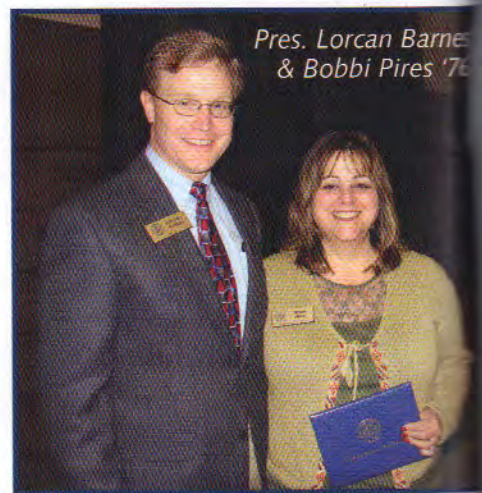
Tim, Dan & Ted O'Brien



Jim McNamara '47 accepting his award

McNamara is part of a four-generation legacy of Christian Brothers' graduates and students that include his uncles, son Tom, granddaughters and a grand nephew. He has served as vice president and president of the Parent Service Board, as a member of the Board of Regents and is currently in his 17th year as a member of the La Salle Club Hall of Fame Committee. He has served as president of the group for the past 11 years. As he celebrates his 60th reunion this year, the Alumni Association proudly honors Jim with this award.

Bobbi Pires, a graduate of Bishop Manogue High School in 1976, joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 1999 when her brother Rick '79 encouraged her to make sure that women were represented on the Board. Pires was the first female elected to serve as Alumni Association President. The Board of Directors proudly honors Pires for her tireless dedication and enthusiasm



Pres. Lorcan Barnes & Bobbi Pires '76

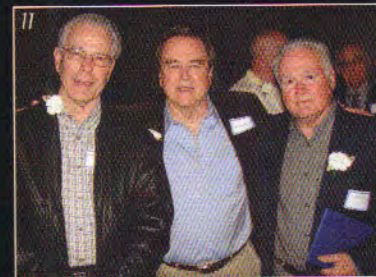
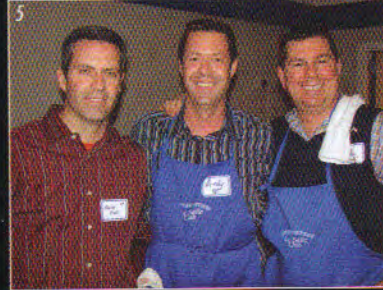
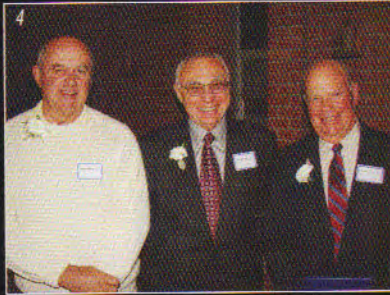
for Catholic education and Christian Brothers High School. The Alumni Association would like to thank the many volunteers who made the evening so special, especially co-chairs **James Reel '68** and **Ron Bird '76**, head chef **Brian Mahaney '72**, and decorating chair **Elaine Schaedler '68**.





1. Sam Vartanian '51 & Jack Clara '50  
 2. Tom Nulk '83 & Phil Heinrich '83  
 3. Shirley Pasquini Bennett '58, Shirley Tomasini Vicari '58 & Sheila Kenobbie Tomasini '58  
 4. Golden Diploma recipients Donald Ramos, James Cuneo & Thomas Ellis all from the class of '57  
 5. Marty Clark '89, Andy Clark '85 & Troy Bird '82

6. Dan O'Brien, Jeanine O'Brien '95, Kenny Kirrene '78 & Mike O'Brien '99  
 7. Jim McNamara '47 with his granddaughters Kelsey McNamara '10 & Jenny Wagstaff '07  
 8. Bob Perry '56 & his wife, Barbara Perry  
 9. President Lorcan Barnes presenting Golden Diploma to Jean Berry  
 10. Tony Clark '83, Mark Wellendorf '83 & Sal Ghattas '84  
 11. Golden Diploma recipients Robert Silva, Laurence Corcoran & Robert Hunt  
 12. Pete Ruzir '35 & George Cunningham '40  
 13. Phyllis Bachmeier Varney '57, Paul Ackerman '57 & his wife, Sandy, with Del Sullivan & his wife, Carol Beck-Sullivan '57.



14. Joan Persic Crawford '57 & Charlene Kirkland-Mason '57

15. Earl Schnetz & his wife, Sylvia '59 with Paul Kazmich '57 & his wife, Jean '60

16. Class of '78 members Kevin Nolan, Mike Perrin, Todd Bird, Kenny Kirrene, Tom McNamara, Steve Barsanti & Pete Grego



# Alumni Golf Tournament a Hit

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament was big success netting over \$34,000 for CB student programs. With more than a full field of participants, the sold-out crowd of 148 golfers enjoyed an ideal day for golfing at the Valley Hi Country Club. Following the tournament, golfers enjoyed dinner, numerous raffle prizes and the chance to bid on silent and live auction items.

Special thanks to the following committee members who helped make the tournament our most successful yet  
Jeff Chorn '96, Ron Bird '76,  
James Reel '68, Bob Perry '56  
& Tim Johnston '68.



Sal "Chado" Vasquez '53  
& Bill Chambers '52



Mary Lynn Cordano, Linda  
Panattoni & Karen Cahill



Jess Silva '70, Tim Johnston '68  
& James Reel '68



*CB President Lorcan Barnes, Grant Rappelye '08, Cameron Rappelye '08 & Kirk Purdy, CB golf coach*



*Steve Oren & Chris Garbarini '96*



*Mark Wellendorf '83, Andy Clark '85, Tony Clark '83 & Ron Speno*



*Steve Jablonsky, Mike Shamrock '60 & Ken Harris '54*



*Jill Bennet, CB athletic director, with Rich Henning '78, CB assistant athletic director*



*Msgr. Albert O'Connor, Marty Sakai, Sean Work & Troy Bird '82*

Don't miss  
the fun  
as the  
Alumni Golf  
Tournament  
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the spring!

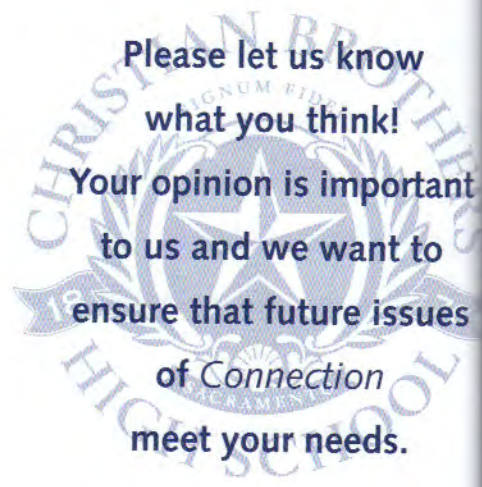
Join us on Monday, June 11,  
at El Macero Country Club.  
Check-in and festivities  
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tournament at 1 p.m. For  
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reserve a spot, please  
contact Marisa Panattoni '95,  
director of alumni relations  
at (916) 733-3647.

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 30-39  50-59  60+

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Survey



*Golden Diploma recipients enjoy a special reception before the alumni dinner. As the first co-institutional class, the group was happy to see that today the school thrives as a fully co-educational school.*

# Alumni

**Don Rietz '55** formed a show band called the Apollos after graduating from Christian Brothers and spent a number of years performing in lounges and supper clubs across Nevada. After leaving the band he formed and operated a talent agency for 13 years and for the past 30 years has enjoyed a successful career as a realtor with Dan Schwartz realty in Phoenix. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Michelle, their son and daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Jayden and Joshua.

**Olivia "Ayala" Hernandez '57** retired after many years as a teacher in the Elk Grove Unified School District. She now enjoys traveling with her husband, Jose, and spending time with her three grandchildren.

# 50s

**William J. Keenan '57** is a Professor of Pediatrics at St. Louis University, Director of the Neonatal-Perinatal programs at St. Louis University and the associated hospitals serving the area of St. Louis, Southern Illinois, and Eastern Missouri. He has been happily married to Debby McAuliffe for 41 years. They have seven children and eight grandchildren.

**Earl Schnetz '57** is retired after teaching for 35 years in the North Sacramento School District. He enjoys playing golf, spending time with his grandchildren, running, and is even learning to play the saxophone. Earl's wife Sylvia (Rodriguez '58) is active in Sacramento real estate.

**Pat Murphy '63** retired five years ago after working for the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California State Parks System. He is now living in Sedona Arizona where he enjoys hiking and mountain biking. If any of his classmates are in the area and want to join him for some outdoor recreation, he hopes they will give him a call.

**Ronald Edwards '64**, principal for Central Catholic High School in Portland, Oregon, recently joined the Executive Committee of the National Catholic Education Association. The group provides leadership in shaping public policies and encouraging political actions that acknowledge the important role of Catholic schools in the United States.

**Reuben Sanchez '67** is living in Sacramento and owns the Ganas Group, a real estate company dedicated to developing homes that advocate and support multi-generational family living, care giving, mobility impaired and other health-sensitive situations.

# Alumni

**John Caselli '70** has worked in broadcast sales at KMAX Channel 31 for the past 20 years. His brothers **Jim '73** and **Mike '76** both attended CB as did his brothers-in-law **John Hill '67** and **Louie Hill '68**. To continue the tradition, sons **Tony '99** and **David '02** and daughter **Anna '05** attended CB. John is an active member of the CB Alumni Association Board of Directors and fondly remembers seeing "The Golliwogs" play in the CB gym for a dance. WOW MAN!

**Tom Franzonia '71** and his wife Julia live in Elk Grove with their children **Gabe (CB Class of '08)**, Sam, Matt and Olivia. He is a Forward Land Planning Manager and is currently working on the Laguna Ridge project in Elk Grove. One of Tom's favorite high school memories is his senior retreat and trying to tip a cow without getting caught by the farmer.

**Mike Scully '73** is the principal of Fairsite Elementary School. He is married with three children and two grandchildren. When thinking back to high school Mike remembers Tower of Power playing at one of the dances and he is thankful for the lifelong friends he made.

**Bobbi Pires '76** graduated from CSUS with a degree in humanities. For the past 16 years she has worked as an insurance agent and is currently working for Skyles Insurance as a construction services agent. Bobbi and her husband, Joseph Granthem, live in Sacramento. A favorite high school memory for Bobbi was the day in 1975 when streakers from an unidentified high school visited BMHS.

**Rick Pires '79** currently works as the marketing director for Basic Crafts Workers Compensation Trust Fund. He recently got engaged to Doris Hough and their wedding is planned for February 2008. Rick credits much of his love for Christian Brothers to his admiration for Ron Limeberger '53 and the friendship they shared over the years following his graduation.

**Michael "Scott" Daly '81** is a senior project manager for Kaiser Permanente IT department. He lives in Auburn with his wife of 21 years, Kathleen Dunham Daly, and their two children Hanna (15) and Noah (10). In his free time Scott enjoys coaching his son's basketball teams.

**Andy Scruggs '81** and his wife Kim own and operate Scruggs Environmental Controls, Inc. a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) serve and Energy Management Consulting firm. Their son Andrew is a freshman at Christian Brothers and their two younger children attend Pleasant Grove Elementary School in Elk Grove.

**Christopher Holtz '81** currently works as a Senior Fiscal Consultant for the State Assembly Republican Fiscal Office.

**Kevin Santos-Coy '81** is coordinating a fine art exhibition at the Barton Gallery in Midtown Sacramento for Women's History Month in March of 2007.

**Eric Edelmayer '82** graduated from USC in 1986. He is married to Eileen and they have two sons, Alec (10) and Peter (8), who plan on attending Christian Brothers as soon as they are old enough. Eric works in commercial real estate development with CB alumnus **John Jackson '68** at Jackson Properties.

**Paul Harrington '82** married **Kelly Henderson '83** and they have two children, Katie (7) and Shea (5) who both attend Holy Spirit. Paul works as senior vice president of sales for Placer Title Company.

**David Pierucci '82** graduated from CSUS with a degree in business administration with an MIS concentration. He is now working toward a second career and obtaining a Master's degree in education/secondary teaching credential in mathematics. David's favorite high school memories include winning the San Joaquin Section Championship in football in 1981 and the graduation ceremony.

**Jim Carda '83** works as a registered nurse in the U.C. Davis emergency room. He and his wife, Heather, have three children, Ally (14), Eric (11) and Jack (9). Jim has many memories of high school but a special one that comes to mind involves a food fight and chocolate pie in Steve Arcolino's face.

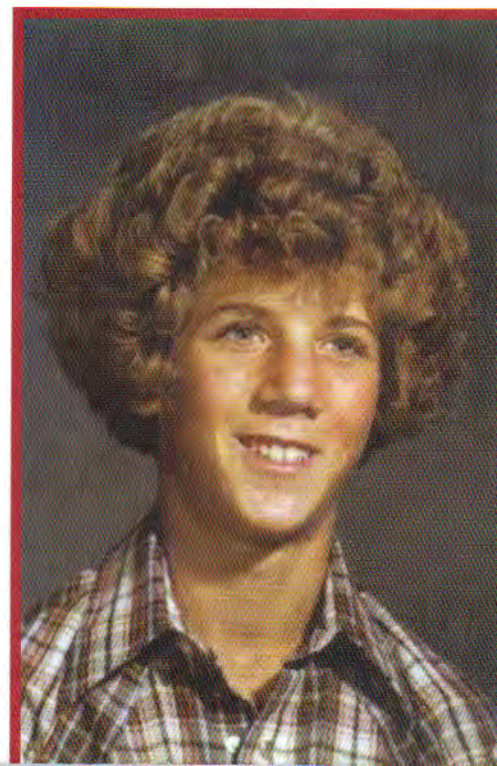
**Patrick Reynolds '83** works as an ecological consultant for H.T. Harvey & Associates and manages its Davis office where he specializes in habitat restoration. Patrick lives in Davis with his wife, Amy and their young son Cooper.

**John Broughton '84** is a sales engineer for Integra Telecom. When thinking back to high school John fondly remembers driver's education class and Ron Limeberger's funny one-liners including "I calls ems the way I sees ems."

**Gary Brown '85** and his wife Nicolle live in Granite Bay with their two children, Ryan (9) and Haley (7).

**Arturo G. Jacobo Jr.'85** works for the Department of Transportation in the Office of Financial Accounting & Analysis. He and his wife, Monica, have two children, Victoria (7) and Antonio (4). Arturo's favorite high school memories are his four consecutive years as Metro League and San Joaquin Section Champions in soccer.

**Zach Jones '84** works as a supervisor of sports, golf and fund development for the Cosumnes Community Services District. He and his wife Chrisy have two sons, Alex (11) and Ryen (9). Zach also owns a home video and transfer business.



The Class of '81 joined with Bishop Manogue High School and St. Francis High School to celebrate its 25th reunion.



*St. Francis alumae with their guests. David Kirrene and Stan Spencer (6 & 7 from left).*



*Jim Marquardsen & his wife, Jeannette.*

*Thomas Makris, Seth Acosta, Marco Baeza, Robert Perry & guests.*



## Stay Connected

E-mail your current contact information to Director of Alumni Relations, Marisa Panattoni '95, at [mpanattoni@cbhs-sacramento.org](mailto:mpanattoni@cbhs-sacramento.org). Kairos participants be sure to cc: Susannah Nelson at [snelson@cbhs-sacramento.org](mailto:snelson@cbhs-sacramento.org). If you do not have e-mail, please call Marisa Panattoni at (916) 733-3647 or send a note to the Alumni Relations office.





**A. Henri Oftana '85** works as a photographer, often traveling to Guam where he contracts with a number of clients. He is also helping expand the family bakery business and recently opened a new bakery in Modesto. He has two children, Chloe and Timmy, and is currently working toward an MBA and a pilot's license.

**Julie "Weninger" Orosco '85** is a math coach for Vallejo City Schools and co-director of the U.C. Davis Math Project. She is married to her college sweetheart and they have two daughters Olivia (10) and Emilia (4).

**Martin Romo '85** graduated from U.C. Berkeley and then obtained an MBA from Stanford University. He works as an executive vice president with the The Capital Group. Martin and his wife, Leesa Miao, have two children, Alyssa (7) and Abigail (5).

**Jack Sturges '85** works as the business continuity manager for the State Department of Technology Services. He and his wife **Kelly '85** have two children. In his free time, Jack enjoys hunting and fishing.

**Vincent Becerra '86** works as an analyst for the Department of Transportation in the Division of Design. He and his wife have three children and they are living in Elk Grove.

**Ben Ludlow '86** works for the U.S. Department of State at the American Embassy in Singapore. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have a daughter, Avery, who was born just last year.

**Kevin Spease '86** lives in Draper, Utah with his wife of 17 years, Angela. Their son, Jeremy, is a freshman at Juan Diego Catholic High School. Kevin works as an information system security engineer, designing strategic and tactical weapons at Northrop Grumman Corporation. Additionally, Kevin is an adjunct instructor at ITT Technical Institute.

**Nick Witry '87** works as a bond trader with Wachovia Securities. He and his wife, Michele, have two daughters, Madison and Lily, and a new baby on the way in May.

**Mark C. Madsen '89** works in healthcare sales. He and his wife, Stephanie, were married in 2002 and have a daughter, Grace (2). Mark says the friends he made while at Christian Brothers are still his closest friends.

**Michael Doctolero '89** graduated from the University of San Francisco and is currently employed by CardioDx, a cardiac diagnostic company in Palo Alto as a laboratory scientist.

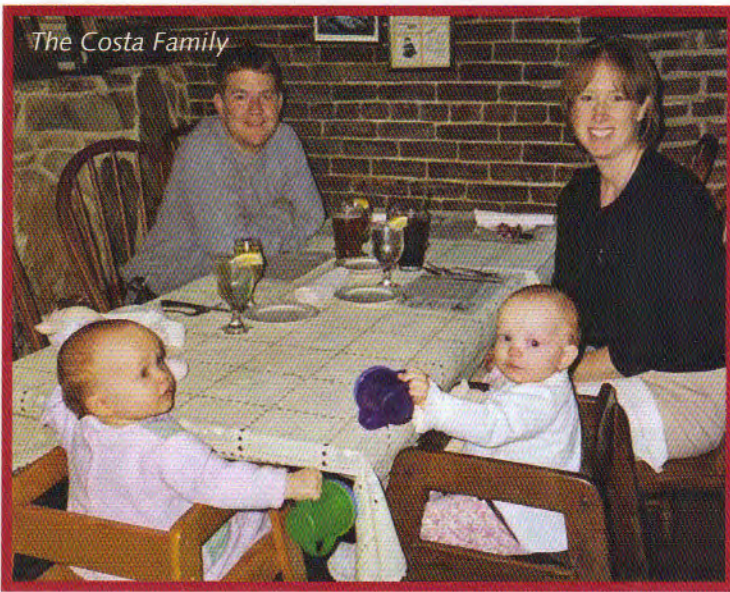
**Mark Piacentini '89** works for the City of Folsom Fire Department as a firefighter paramedic. He and his wife, Jane, have two children, Katelyn (2) and Jerrold (5 months), and live in Rocklin.

**Thomas McTygue '90** is the owner of McTygue Group Inc., a real estate and mortgage services company in San Diego. He and his wife, Jessica Juliano, have a daughter, Julia, who will be two in August.

**Thorston Thorpe '90** attended Morehouse College and is currently pursuing an MBA at Emory University Goizueta Business School. He works as a database administrator for the American Cancer Society. On June 25, 2006, Thorston married Jamie Lyne White, a second grade teacher who just completed her Master's degree in early childhood education.

**Raymond "Larry" Reel '91** and his wife Shannon (Loretto '90) welcomed their first child, a son, Emerson Raymond Reel (CB Class of 2024) into the world on June 23, 2006. Larry teaches computer applications at Loretto High School and is finishing a Master's degree in liberal arts at C.S.U.S. Larry rejoined the Christian Brothers soccer program this past fall as a coach for the junior varsity team.

The Costa Family



**Damian Costa '91** graduated from Purdue University with a degree in chemical engineering in 1996. He works as a technical manager for Frit Lay Inc. at the York, Pennsylvania facility. Damian and his wife, Susan, have twin 17-month-old daughters, Samantha and Laura.

**Denise (Sequeira) Bazzano '91** and her husband celebrated the birth of their son, Philip James, on October 12, 2006. The happy family is currently living in San Mateo.

**David Macko '92** graduated from C.S.U.S. with a degree in government. He currently works as a commercial real estate broker, and is married to Erin Macko. David generously gives of his time as a member of the CBHS Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Julian Andrade '93** joined the Army after high school. After a three-year tour of duty, he attended Kansas State University College of Architecture, Planning and Design. He graduated in 2001 and has been working in Sacramento ever since. Julian currently works for RMW Architecture and Interiors. He has been married to his wife, Kristen, for three years and is a proud step-father to Clio (12). Julian's favorite high school experience was the Venaver retreat in Tijuana, working and living with the poor.

**Andrea Casillas '93** graduated from U.C. San Diego in 2000 and worked for six years in biomedical research. This year, Andrea began medical school at Michigan State University. Her favorite CB memory involves a food fight that may or may not have been started by her class.

**Alan Fernandes '93** currently practices law in Sacramento, where he specializes in government affairs. While attending law school at McGeorge, Alan married his college sweetheart, Lia, and they are the proud parents of a 2-year-old son, Owen. Alan also volunteers his time coaching the Christian Brothers Moot Court team.

**J. Charlie Mier '93** works in sales for Xerox. He and his wife, Mary, have two daughters, Lili (5) and Hazel who was born in August of 2006.

**Rene Olivas '93** is a Special Agent with a federal agency. He is currently in Georgia at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. When he returns to California, Rene and his wife, Ruthie, will be relocating from the Bay Area to Los Angeles.

**Bobby Podesta '93** graduated from the California Institute of the Arts and moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to work at Pixar Animation Studios. He has worked as an animator and story artist on A Bug's Life, Toy Story 2, Monster's Inc., Finding Nemo, The Incredibles and most recently Cars. Bobby is currently working on a new Finding Nemo ride for Disneyland. In addition to working at Pixar, Bobby also teaches animation at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. In 2001, Bobby married fellow CB alumni **Lesley Tatro '95** and they now live in Oakland with their 2-year-old daughter Emilia, a dog and two cats. They are expecting their second child in May.



*Percys Moran '07 & Bryan Caselli '07 visiting Bobby Podesta '93 at Pixar Animation Studios with art instructor Kevin McGovern '74*

**Mark Poletti '93** works in mortgage sales. He and his wife, Amanda, recently celebrated the birth of their daughter, Emma Madeline. The happy family lives in East Sacramento.

**Rayne Soriano '93** currently works for Kaiser Permanente in Oakland as the clinical consulting manager for KP Health Connect, Kaiser's newest electronic medical records system. Rayne has many wonderful memories of CB, especially the community and nurturing environment.

**Mike Scammon '93** attended Saint Mary's College and graduated with a bachelor's degree in government. He works as a loan underwriter for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank and lives in Sacramento.

**Mario Alfaro '94** graduated from U.C. Davis with a degree in economics in 1999. After working for Western Career College and U.C. Davis, Mario discovered a new career path in law enforcement. He is currently the evidence and crime scene investigator for the Davis Police Department.

**Stephen Blecha '94** graduated from San Francisco State University in 2000. He works in the human resources department at the university overseeing the budget, faculty processing unit and leave accounting system. He lives in South San Francisco with his wife, Janet, and his children Stephen (5), Jonathan (4), Leilani (18 months), and Jordan who was born in November.

**Karlos A. Santos-Coy '94** graduated from CSUS with a bachelor's degree in social science. He is currently working as the program advisor to cultural and religious organizations in the Department of Student Activities.

**Matt Becker '95** earned a bachelor's degree in economics at U.C. Santa Cruz and is now attending law school at the Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor Michigan. He will be returning to California to take the bar exam in July.

**Roberto Cervantes '95** graduated from U.C. Davis and works as a civil engineer. He and his wife, Trina, have three children, Santiago, Mateo and Yesenia. When looking back at high school, Roberto can't forget all of the fun times cruising around in Gibran's ride.

**Ross Hammond '95** graduated from C.S.U.S. in 2000 with a degree in communication studies. He works as a guitarist and has performed with many notable musicians. In September he married Sierra Alecia Sanchez. When thinking back to high school, Ross' favorite memories were the times spent playing music with Joaquin McPeek and Matt Munz; Mrs. Powers' "Love and Commitment" class; casual conversations with Alecia; and being Mr. Kossicks's "All-American."

**Patrick Jimenez '95** is currently working with the law firm of Adelson, Testan, & Brundo as an associate attorney practicing insurance defense. He married his Mc George School of Law sweetheart, Veronica Ramirez, and they are living in Oakland.

**Brandi Pai '95** and her husband Jaison live in Texas with their children Bryson (5) and Husdon (2).

**Anisa Villalobos '95** graduated from Embry-Riddle University with a degree in professional aeronautics. She is currently working as a flight coordinator at Axis Jet, an aircraft sales, management and charter company based in Sacramento. Anisa married her longtime boyfriend, Timothy Vallejo, in November 2006.



Leilani

The Blechas



Jonathan



Stephen

Jordan



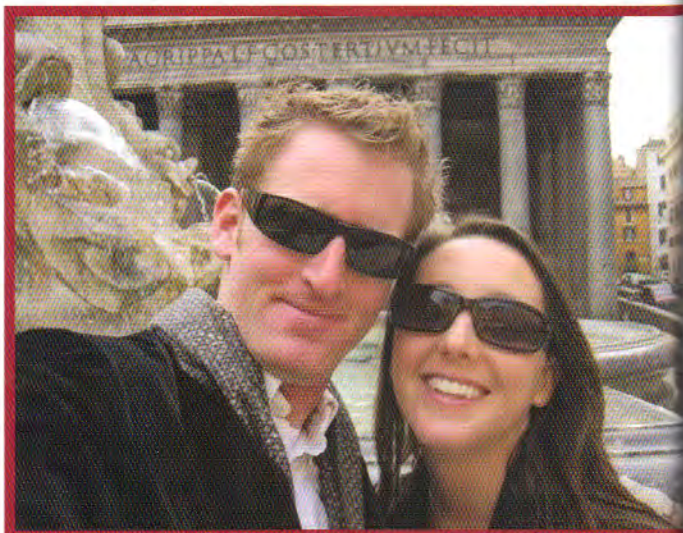
**Jeff Chorn '96** is a financial advisor for the Sacramento Smith Barney office. As one of the newer members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Jeff uses the memory of his grandfather, **Eugene Chorn '40**, as an inspiration to serve the Christian Brothers' "community." Incidentally, Jeff continues to feud with Kenny Kirrene over the B+ he received his junior year that prevented him from getting all A's.

**Eric Detwiler '98** attended U.S.C. and graduated in 2002 with a degree in broadcast journalism. After college, he worked for MTV Networks and is now a producer with Den of Thieves Productions, a division of the Warner Music Group. He is happily married to **Lisa (Collins) '97** who teaches first grade at Our Lady of Refuge Catholic School in Long Beach. Lisa is currently earning her Master's degree in child and adolescent literacy at Loyola Marymount University. Eric and Lisa live in Hermosa Beach.

**Lindsey Clark '97**, a graduate of Parsons The New School for Design, recently joined Ruff Wear, the manufacturer of gear For Dogs On The Go®, where she will create innovative products that satisfy the performance, fit and durability needs of the company's canine – and human – consumers.

**Michael Rivera, Jr. '97** is attending ITT Technical Institute. He earned an associate's degree in information technology and will graduate with a bachelor's in December 2007.

**Darcy Villere '97** graduated for San Francisco State University with a degree in theater arts. She currently works for Lowell High School in San Francisco where she is the technical director for their theater and teaches three theater classes. She is also a founder and board member of the not-for-profit Prometheus Theater Company in San Francisco.



*The Detwilers enjoying a trip to Italy.*

**Jennifer Keller '97** graduated from Humboldt State in 2002 and now works as an artist and gallery owner of the CoolCat Gallery in Sacramento. Jennifer remembers being voted "most likely to come back and teach at CB" which she did as a substitute in 2006.

**Linda Lee '97** graduated from U.C. Davis in 2002 with a double bachelor's. She is currently attending the C.S.U.S. Master's in Education Leadership and Policy Studies program and working full-time for Kaiser Permanente in public affairs. She is also a commissioner for Sacramento First Five.

**Matthew Thompson '97** attended the University of Charleston, West Virginia on a football scholarship. After graduating he traveled throughout Europe and worked for a dive center in Greece leading diving expeditions. Matthew then returned to California working for a mortgage company until last fall when he opened his own business, Odin One Financial in Sacramento.



**Paul Taormina '97** recently earned an MBA in the U.C. Davis Working Professionals Program. He works for ThyssenKrupp Elevator. Paul and his wife, **Saralyn Manning '94**, have a 2-year-old son, Leo James.

**Dustin R. Worley '98** graduated from U.C. Davis with a degree in aeronautical and mechanical engineering. Now a Lt. J.G. in the United States Navy, Dustin was awarded his pilot wings in October of 2006 at the Naval Aviator Designation Ceremony at the Meridian Naval Air Station in Meridian, Mississippi. Dustin is now stationed at Lemoore Naval Air Station in Lemoore Ca, where is assigned to fly the F/A-18E/f Super Hornet.

**Chris Post '98** graduated from C.S.U. Chico with a degree in business administration/marketing. He works in commercial real estate for NAI BT Commercial in Sacramento.



*Lt. J.G., Dustin Worley*



*Chris Post*



*Todd Mulligan '97 & Paul Taormina '97 celebrating Todd's wedding in Las Vegas.*

**Joe Blecha '99** is currently in the Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences doctorate program at the University of Montana. Before moving to Montana, he earned his bachelor's and Master's degrees in chemistry from San Francisco State University. Joe is still adjusting to the weather in Missoula and has been working on snowboarding and bowling when he is not in the laboratory.

## Brothers NCAA Soccer Champions

**Brothers Greg '03 and Jon '05 Curry** have a special connection in life and on the soccer field. Together at Christian Brothers High School, they won the section championship and this past December, they helped the underdog U.C. Santa Barbara Gauchos defeat powerhouse UCLA to win the NCAA Division I championship.



# Annual Fund – Take the Challenge!

*"Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God!"*

*This phrase echoes through the classrooms, playing fields, performance halls and the hearts and minds of the students whose lives have been touched by a Christian Brothers' education over the past 130 years.*

Providing that legacy to today's students is increasingly challenging. Current tuition and fees of more than \$10,000 fall short of the actual cost of providing a Christian Brothers education. Contributions to the Annual Fund help make up the difference, supporting the ongoing critically important operational needs of the school.

This past year, five generous benefactors issued a challenge to alumni, parents and friends – increase or make a new donation to the Annual Fund and we'll match it! For example, if you contributed \$100 to the Annual Fund last year and increased that to \$250 this year, they match the \$150 increase.

All new donations are matched dollar for dollar. To date, 816 alumni, parents and friends have contributed to this year's Annual Fund. Many of them were inspired by the challenge. An impressive 74 percent of the alumni donors and 66 percent of the donations from parents and friends have made new or increased gifts to the Annual Fund.

If you would like more information on making a gift, please contact CB Director of Advancement Paul Rieschick at (916) 733-3608.

## Did you know . . .

*Last year, approximately 7,200 alumni did not make an annual fund gift to Christian Brothers. If each of these individuals gave \$139 a year, we would see our donations increase by \$1,000,000. Such a commitment would allow us to build our endowment, increase tuition assistance, and help control the rate of tuition we have to charge for all students.*

## Christian Brothers Grateful for Generous United Way Donations

Due to several differences between our record-keeping software and that of the United Way, the following donors were inadvertently left out of our 2005/2006 annual reports. We are sincerely grateful for your generosity and have worked diligently to ensure that all donations are recognized appropriately in future publications.

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# Mark Your Calendars...

## **La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner – Saturday, April 21**

Twelve individuals will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at this 53rd celebration of Sacramento's baseball greats. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Jean Lahey at (916) 457-5268.

## **Founder's Day and "Hollywood Bowl" Choir Concert – Friday, May 18**

Students celebrate St. John Baptist de La Salle's Feast Day throughout the school day. In the evening, the school courtyard is transformed into the "Hollywood Bowl." Alumni, grab a picnic and a blanket and join us at 7:30 p.m. for some really festive choir performances.

## **Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation – Friday, May 25**

Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 9 a.m. Graduation is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Memorial Auditorium.

## **Alumni Golf Tournament –**

**Monday, June 11 at the El Macero Country Club in Davis**  
Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with the shotgun tournament at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Marisa Panattoni at (916) 733-3647

## **Support the Boosters at the Fireworks Booth – June 28-July 4**

Celebrate Independence Day and support the CB Boosters by purchasing your fireworks at our TNT booth located in the Tower Café parking lot at 16th and Broadway.

## **20th Annual Alumni Wine Tasting Extravaganza – Friday, September 7**

An impressive variety of wines, delicious food and friendship all combine in what has become the largest social event of the year.

## **Holy Bowl – Saturday, September 22**

# Reunions

The class of 1947 is celebrating its 60th reunion on Saturday, May 5 at the Buggy Whip Restaurant. For more information, please contact Bill Brennan at (916) 457-9224.

The class of '57 is celebrating the "Fabulous Fifties" at its 50th reunion on Thursday, September 13 at the Valley Hi Country Club. Tickets are available for \$50. For more information, please contact Dorene Baldwin at (916) 967-8824.

The class of '67 is celebrating its 40th reunion on Saturday, September 8 at the Embassy Suites. Tickets can be purchased for \$55. For more information, please e-mail the Alumni Office at or call Director of Alumni Relations, Marisa Panattoni at (916) 733-3647.

The class of '87 is celebrating its 20th reunion at Christian Brothers on June 23. Interested in helping? E-mail the Alumni Office at [mpanattoni@cbhs-sacramento.org](mailto:mpanattoni@cbhs-sacramento.org) or call Director of Alumni Relations, Marisa Panattoni '95 at (916) 733-3647.

The class of '97 is holding its 10th reunion at Christian Brothers on July 21. Contact Britany Lindgren at [britanymichele@yahoo.com](mailto:britanymichele@yahoo.com)

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