

CB Alumni



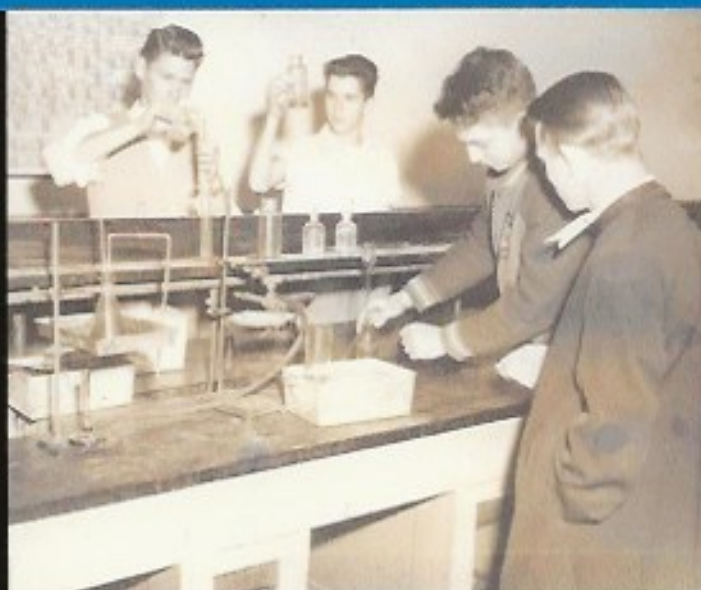
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CB Alumni Dinner
SAT. JUNE 1

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Yolanda Torrecillas ▶ **Christian Brothers High School Alumni**

Some things may have changed over the years but Christian Brothers still has its own special chemistry. Join us on June 1 at the Alumni Dinner and celebrate CB!

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(Pictured is Brother Philip Henderson with students in 1952.)

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The CB Alumni
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presents

2019

*Alumni Dinner
and Awards*

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Invocation

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Master of Ceremonies

Frank LaRosa '62

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Stephanie Cooper-Noe

Stephanie has been a constant and uplifting presence on the CB campus and at CB events since 2007 when her oldest daughter, Dominga '11 began her freshman year. Now that her second daughter, Samantha '18 has graduated, she has continued her service and is one of those "go to" volunteers who not only get the job done but do so with a joyful spirit that inspires others to help, too. As a member of the Lasallian Parent Ambassadors, she helps preserve the rich traditions of CB through active volunteerism. When she's not at work, or at CB, she's doing good in other parts of the community. she is helping to raise awareness of and funds for the Marfan Foundation, a cause which is near and dear to her

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Joe Kirrene '49

A native of San Francisco, California, Joe Kirrene '49, was a three-time All-City Prep baseball player for Brothers. In his three prep baseball seasons with Brothers, he was a part of three Sacramento City Championship teams (1947-1949), routinely hitting over .400 as the starting third baseman. After his prep career, Kirrene signed with the Chicago White Sox in 1950. On October 1, 1950, the regular season's final day, he made his major league debut starting at third base for the White Sox going 1 for 4 with no errors in the field. Kirrene was out of baseball for three seasons while serving in the Coast Guard during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1954. Returning to baseball in 1954, he led the Class A Western League in batting average (.343) and was selected as the third baseman on the league's all-star team; he appeared in nine games for the White Sox that year, batting .304, six as the starting third baseman, and had three multi-hit games. He played baseball with the San Francisco Seals, and Oakland Oaks in 1955-56 before leaving pro baseball. Kirrene passed away in 2016 and survived by his wife of 63 years, Grace.

Jim McNamara '47

Jim McNamara '47 was the starting shortstop for the legendary 1946 undefeated Brothers baseball team. The following year, he made the All-City team and led Brothers to the City Championship with a 12 and 4 record. Considered to be one of the finest fielding shortstops to ever come out of Sacramento, Jim was drafted by the New York Giants in 1947 and spent five years in the minors. Jim was inducted into the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996, and distinguished himself by chairing that event for thirteen years. Jim passed away in 2012 and was married for 56 years to Mildred Petralli.

Outstanding Alumnus in Journalism

Larry Lee '91

President of the Sacramento Observer, one of the nation's premier, black-owned newspapers, Larry has a lifelong career in media. He is board president of the Observer Media Institute, an organization that prepares underserved community members to be journalists and communication professionals. He serves on the Sacramento Metro Chamber Board of Directors and the CARES Strategic Initiative for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Steering Committee. Larry has served on many boards, including: Nehemiah, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the SMUD Community Outreach Committee and the Christian Brothers Alumni Association board. A graduate of San Jose State University, Larry was named a Distinguished Alumnus by the San Jose State University School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Outstanding Alumnus in the Arts

Bryan Caselli '07

Bryan received his B.F.A. in character animation from the California Institute of the Arts. He is the Executive Producer at Frederator Studios and lives in Burbank. He has worked on top-notch cartoons including **Star vs. the Forces of Evil** and **Sanjay and Craig**.

Outstanding Alumna in Community Impact

Maritza Villegas Davis '02

A graduate of CSUS, Maritza works with the Sacramento Kings as Vice President of Experiences and Social Responsibility. As part of the Community Impact team she helps with programs such as the Jr. Kings, the Kids Club, and events for the Kings Foundation. Along with her husband, Roshaun, she founded Unseen Heroes, an award-winning event marketing agency. Unseen Heroes is currently working with an initiative called Sac-to-Zero, (electric car sharing and electric charge stations) and producing launch parties and events for that. Named one of Comstock's Magazines young emerging leaders of 2016, Maritza believes that connection is key and community is what makes Sacramento great.

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Frank "Muggs" McNamara '51

Frank "Muggs" McNamara '51 was the captain and center fielder of the 1951 Brothers team. He went on to play two years at Sacramento City College and hit .360 for the 1953 State Championship team. His baseball career continued at Chico State where, once again, he was voted captain of the team, and led them to the Far West Conference Championship in 1958. Frank hit .316 and made the All-Conference team. When several professional contracts were offered, Frank chose graduate school and became an esteemed Sacramento educator for 44 years. He was inducted into the La Salle Club Hall of Fame in 2000. Frank has been married to Sally Byrne for 59 years.

John McNamara '50

John McNamara '50 was an outstanding defensive catcher for the Gaels, earning All-City selections in 1949 and 1950. In 1959, he would become a player and manager with Lewiston in the Northwest League, a minor league affiliate with the Kansas City A's. In 1967, McNamara reached the big leagues as a third base coach for the Kansas City A's. The team soon moved to Oakland, and in 1969, McNamara was named manager at the age of 37. He would go on to manage for 19 years, compiling a record of 1,167 and 1,242, ranking 48th on the all-time managerial list. He also managed and/or coached the Giants, Padres, Angels, Reds, Red Sox, and Indians. McNamara will be most remembered by the 1986 post season as the manager of the Boston Red Sox. John McNamara would earn the Manager of the Year award in 1986. His last year managing was in 1996 with the California Angels.

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Chuck Chatfield '54

Chuck Chatfield '54 was a three-year varsity letterman in both football and baseball at Brothers, earning All-City in football in 1953. Chatfield went on to graduate from College of Pacific in 1958 where he played as a wide receiver and field goal kicker (1954-58); he was seventh in the nation as a wide receiver in 1957. Chatfield also played on the baseball team as a pitcher at COP and was the team MVP in 1958. After graduating, he coached football and baseball at COP in 1958 and 1959. He then served as head football coach at Sacramento City College in 1960. He coached as an assistant coach for Washington State (1961-2) and Utah (1963). Chatfield also worked with for the Dallas Cowboys under Tom Landry in 1964 as an assistant coach in charge of player personnel signing for the Cowboys All-Pro's Jethro Pugh and "Bullet Bob" Hayes. Chatfield lives in Clements, CA and is the grandfather of 12.

Joe Gutierrez '70

Joe Gutierrez '70 was a three-year All-Star varsity basketball and a two-year varsity football player for the Falcons. As a basketball player, he was an all-Metro Area performer averaging 20.8 points per game. In football, Gutierrez was a two-time All-City performer as a receiver; he played in the first Holy Bowl game in 1969 vs Jesuit High School, a 20-13 victory before 6,000 fans. In his senior season, the Falcon basketball team managed a 16-6 record in spite of the fact that Joe was the only basketball player over six feet tall (Joe is 6'2"). Joe lists CB Hall of Fame coach Jack Witry as the best coach he played under. After Brothers, Gutierrez went on to Santa Clara University where he played football and basketball and earned his B.S. in political science.

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Monty Buckley '91

Monty Buckley '91 was a three year varsity basketball player at CBHS. As a senior, he was named the Sacramento Metro Area Player of the Year. Buckley enjoyed a four-year basketball career at UC Berkeley, helping Cal advance to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA basketball tournament. Buckley was named best team defender in 1992 and 1995 and is in the Cal basketball record book for points scored in a career with 1,035 points. He played in the NBA with the Golden State Warriors and Portland Trail Blazers as well as internationally in the Philippines and Argentina. Today, Buckley is a highly regarded basketball trainer and basketball coach.

1981 Football Team

This record-setting team won the Metro League Championship title, undefeated in Metro League games. They were the first team in the school's history to win the Division I Sac-Joaquin Section title by besting previously undefeated Napa. Among their many accolades, they won the Sacramento City Championship defeating #1 Grant High School.

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