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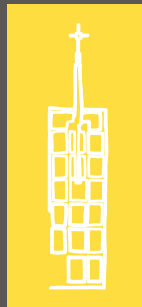
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From the President

By the time you receive this magazine, construction of our new Center for Environmental Science (CES) will be nearly completed and sophisticated science equipment, such as a “dashboard” that makes energy and water use visible in real time, will soon be installed. New curriculum developed by our science teachers that takes advantage of the building’s many features and the adjacent 4.5-acre Living Lab will be introduced in the fall.



While we have raised \$2.85 million (as of 11-25-13) for the CES, we still need the personal and financial support of our community members to achieve our \$3.6 million goal by June 30.

Last October, we welcomed our new Vice President for Advancement Jeanne Jenkins (see story on page 11), who assumed the position upon Michael Petrini’s retirement (see story on page 10). Jeanne has a lengthy track record of successful fundraising in secondary education and she is excited to play a key role in shaping our vision for the future.

The 2013-14 school year may well prove to be a pivotal one in O'Dowd's history. Consider the many initiatives underway this year:

- 1. O'Dowd's culture, built on academic excellence, inclusive Catholic values, authentic diversity and innovation, is driving a dynamic and visionary planning process.*
- 2. We have just completed a bold strategic plan with specific but flexible goals to carry the school through 2020. This plan encourages continual evolution and innovation.*
- 3. We are also currently updating our 2008 master facilities plan. The rapidly evolving nature of education, increasing numbers of applications and opportunities to acquire additional property for our campus are driving this process.*
- 4. As Oakland and the East Bay evolve demographically, economically and culturally, we are working to ensure that O'Dowd's mission and services become even more central to a thriving East Bay.*

However, we will succeed in our efforts with the support of every member of the O'Dowd community. Great schools happen with purpose and over time from hard work and the implementation of bold visions. We are energized by your past financial support, which has enabled our progress thus far. We are grateful that alumni giving has quadrupled since 2005-06 and giving to the Annual Fund has also grown during same period. Your generosity ensures that we continue to find God in all that we do.

Sincerely
Stephen Phelps, Ed.D.

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Cover photo: from left to right, Director of Alumni Relations LizaDawn Ramirez, Anashe Barton '15, Anne Merritt '14, Tyler LeBoa '17 and Julian Nesbitt '16 took part in the Project Green Challenge competition (see story on page 7). Photo by Lisa Coffey Mahoney.

Center for Environmental Studies Nears Completion



By Tom Tyler

“Whatever you do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.” (attributed to the German author Goethe)

With these words, in November 2000, a small group of students, teachers and parents ceremonially anchored a single small plant in the ground on an otherwise barren hillside on the northwestern corner of the O’Dowd campus – and the Living Lab was officially born. Nearly a decade later, in September 2009, these words were invoked again at a larger gathering of members of the O’Dowd community who crafted a vision for a new indoor/outdoor classroom facility to be nestled adjacent to the Living Lab. And, in April 2013, these words were shared once again as that vision began to become real – during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Center for Environmental Studies (CES).

That simple beginning from over a decade ago is culminating with the completion of an exciting new building – the CES – “a destination for learning and discovery in the natural world dedicated to cultivating environmental innovators for a just, abundant, and sustainable world.”

The 5,000 square-foot facility includes two ample indoor laboratory classrooms (with an adjoining office and restrooms) featuring broad sliding glass panels that open onto a covered veranda, which also functions as a more informal outdoor classroom space. These individual areas can be combined into a single interconnected gathering space to accommodate larger groups. The patio will ramp down to an even larger open terrace overlooking the Living Lab and with expansive views of the bay and

city skylines. Discussions are currently underway to enhance this multipurpose gathering area with an amphitheater, cooking area and greenhouse facility.

All indications are that the building will meet the highest standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council – earning LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Platinum status. Third-party LEED verification and commissioning of the building systems will continue in 2014.

Full occupancy of the CES by teachers and students is scheduled for the fall, while a wide variety of classes will be “field testing” the classrooms and the building’s sophisticated electrical, mechanical and technological systems this spring. To see the CES as it now appears and to enjoy a time-lapse history (with musical accompaniment) of its entire construction, go to the CES tab on the Bishop O’Dowd High School website at: <http://www.bishopodowd.org/activities/ces>.

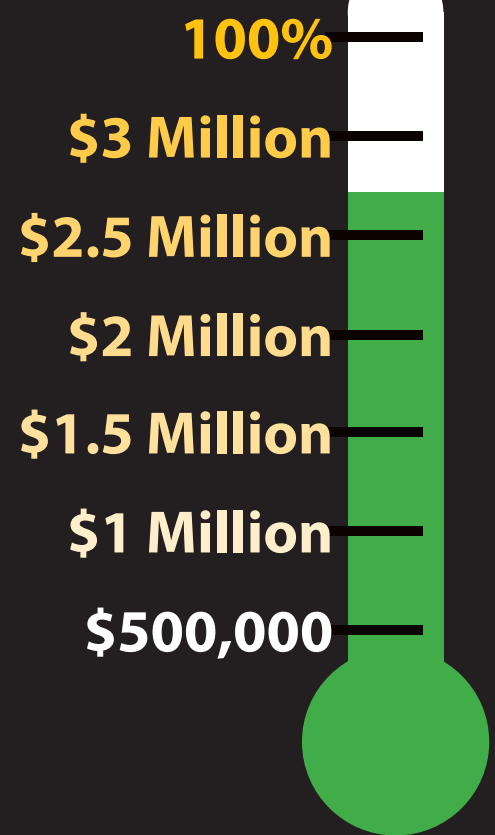
Above photo by Donovan Rittenbach.

Help Us Reach our Goal

As of Nov. 25, 2013, we had
raised \$2.85 million of our
\$3.6 million goal.

With your help, we can reach that goal
by **June 30, 2014.**

Visit www.bishopodowd.org/activites/ces or
call Vice President for Advancement Jeanne
Jenkins at (510) 577-9100, ext. 310, to find out
how you can support this important project.



Interesting Facts About the CES

Total covered/roof area: 6,800 square feet

Building area: 3,500 square feet

Area of radiant tubing in slab: 2,500 square feet

Number of solar photovoltaic panels: 46 (for a total of 11.4 kW of power)

Amount of concrete used in project: 250 cubic yards

Total number of plants and trees to be installed: 724

Total number of subcontractors that were onsite: 24

Creating a Culture of Sustainability



By Director of Sustainability Andra Yeghobian

With the first semester of the 2013-2014 school completed, sustainability is in full gear at O'Dowd. Transitioning the campus to becoming more sustainable has been an educational effort at all levels of the institution.

First and foremost it has been important to make sure that the school community has a shared understanding of what "sustainability" means, and to establish guiding sustainability frameworks. I've worked closely with the administrative team to both connect sustainability to O'Dowd's Catholic identity, and to provide a vision for

how sustainability will be integrated into the culture and daily operations.

At the beginning of this school year, these frameworks were introduced to students at orientation, faculty and staff at all colleagues meetings, the parent community at the fall Town Hall, the Board of Regents and to the entire community on O'Dowd's sustainability website page.

In addition to educating O'Dowd on what sustainability is all about, I've brought together two core teams focused on moving sustainability initiatives forward at O'Dowd: Students for Sustainability (S4S) and the Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC).

Students for Sustainability (S4S) emerged from the former Earthbound Club and student government Environmental Committee. Under the leadership of co-chairs Emma DeWitt '14 and Nadia Perl '14, S4S has established a dedicated S4S leadership committee and a strong club following all focused around the mission of "Students dedicated to greening our campus, spreading social justice, and empowering others to build thriving communities and live healthy sustainable lives."

S4S had significant success in their October initiative, Project Green Challenge (see story on facing page), and have been integral to getting O'Dowd's Zero-Waste initiative off the ground.

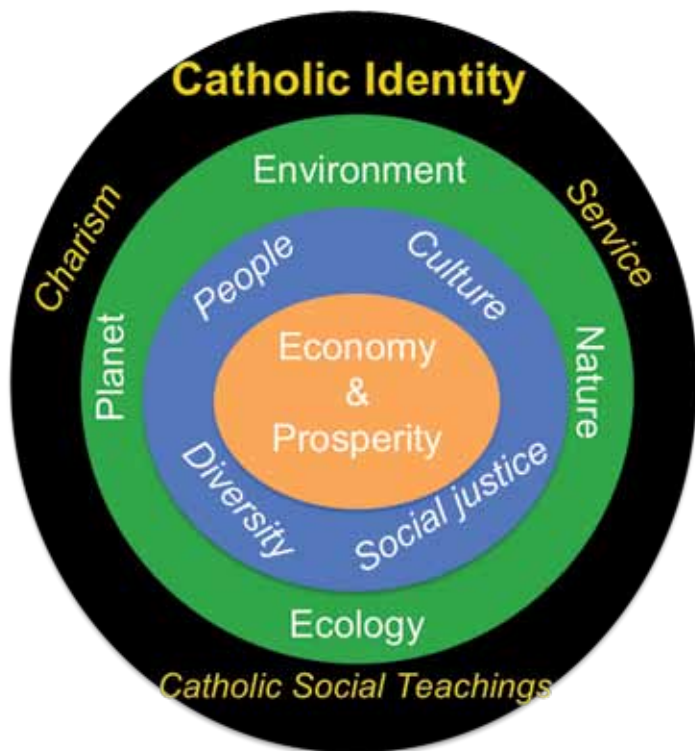
Because O'Dowd's sustainability efforts touch on all aspects of institutional culture and operations, a Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC) has been established to advise on the vision of sustainability at O'Dowd, recommend long-term sustainability goals and strategize the corresponding means to achieving these goals.

The SAC meets five times a year and is made up of members that provide a broad representation of O'Dowd stakeholders. The first action the SAC took was to advise me to pursue Sustainability Certification and to expand the SAC to include representation from students, parents and alumni.

With initial sustainability education underway, and core sustainability teams established, I've led O'Dowd to action on two major sustainability initiatives: Zero-Waste O'Dowd and pursuing Sustainability Certification and recognition programs.

After surveying students, faculty and staff, and the administrative team, it became evident to me that many people felt strongly about waste being the most important starting point for sustainability at O'Dowd with the general sentiment being, "if we can't use the bins right, how are we ever going to become a truly sustainable school?"

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The nested framework at left, adapted from the work of the Catholic Climate Covenant (2012) and John Elkington's Triple Bottom Line (1997), shows that the health of the economy and society rely on the health of the environment. Furthermore, this framework recognizes that the principles of sustainability are not peripheral to O'Dowd's Catholic identity, but rather are embedded within it, which is clearly demonstrated in O'Dowd's Charism.

Project Green Challenge



From left to right Anashe Barton '15, Siena Vendlinski '14 and Alice Beittel '15 led the S4S Project Green Challenge. Photo by Lisa Coffey Mahoney.

By Director of Sustainability Andra Yeghoian

This past October, Students for Sustainability (S4S) and the O'Dowd community participated for the first time in an exciting sustainability competition called Project Green Challenge (PGC). This competition, sponsored by Teens Turning Green (a Bay Area Environmental Youth Leadership non-profit), was a global call to action to transition from a conventional lifestyle to a conscious healthy, sustainable lifestyle.

The S4S Project Green Challenge team was guided by three dynamic leaders: Siena Vendlinski '14 and juniors Alice Beittel and Anashe Barton. For 31 consecutive days, these leaders were tasked with daily sustainability investigative quests which required reflecting or taking action on the following types of topics: Food System, Consumption, Paper, Fashion, Health & Wellness, Toxins in Body/Cleaning Products, Carbon & Water Footprint, Sustainable Labels & Certifications, Climate Change, Waste and more.

Through their hard work and dedication, the O'Dowd S4S team led their peers to success, placing 19th out of 675 student groups and ranking 24th out of the 407 participating high schools and universities!

When asked what drew her to commit to such a lengthy competition, Barton enthusiastically responded, "I knew I wanted to support the environment and contribute through a more sustainable lifestyle, but I wasn't really sure how. When I looked through the previous challenges on the Teens Turning Green website it became clear that this would be a project that could really help me make that shift."

Vendlinski, whose parents both work for the EPA, wanted to participate so she could broaden her sustainability knowledge and horizons. When asked how her

life and perspective has changed since participating, she candidly replied, "The biggest life change is that my friends now see me as a sustainability expert and turn to me for help on how to be more eco-friendly. Also, the lesson of being conscious manifested itself in a different way than I expected. Before I was only thinking about being conscious at home. But because I also changed my habits to be more eco-friendly at school, I can really see the impact that companies can make when they choose to 'go green'."

Eager to learn more about what it really means to live sustainably, Beittel explained her greatest takeaway from PGC was "I really came to understand the concept of transitioning from conventional living to conscious living. While it takes more time initially to be conscious, it is clear that all the little actions we take as individuals do add up to have an impact on the environment."

Due to her quality responses in the final challenge, Beittel also won the opportunity to be one of 16 finalists at the late November three-day eco-summit, called Green University. There she competed against 16 other high school and college leaders to create an award-winning platform for leading an environmental action project in her community.

In addition to having Vendlinski, Beittel and Barton participate in the daily Teens Turning Green Project Green Challenge, the S4S Committee also hosted a scaled down version of PGC for the entire O'Dowd community. More than 100 people from all corners of the community – students, faculty and staff, parents, alumni, etc. – participated in the challenge, many contributing submissions on multiple days. All who played won a healthy and more sustainable lifestyle. What a great way to kick off O'Dowd's commitment to sustainability.

Online Information & Resources

The Bishop O'Dowd High School website (www.bishopodowd.org) provides comprehensive information about the school's history, academic programs, extracurricular activities, alumni events, advancement initiatives and more. Throughout *The Dragon* you will find the mouse symbol pictured here, which will direct you to supplemental online resources on our website.



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Do you wonder if supporting O'Dowd students through gifts to the *Transforming Lives* scholarship program really makes a difference?

The answer – absolutely!

Our students can tell you themselves.

With financial assistance, deserving students just like these experience the great education at O'Dowd. Your support is transformational for so many of our students because it gets them into O'Dowd—where they grow intellectually, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Your gift helps get them through O'Dowd where they thrive as they prepare for the colleges of their choice.

Transforming *Lives*



JONATHAN

O'Dowd has given me the gift of a Catholic college-prep education so that I can pursue my dreams. While being academically challenging, it has a great balance with its many programs to help us grow beyond academics. I will always treasure my time at O'Dowd, which would not be possible without the generosity of our donors.

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ASHA

O'Dowd has impacted my life with its strong academics, support for my family's Christian values, and the high expectations for all students. I'm truly grateful to O'Dowd donors for providing the support I need to be a part of this great community. I plan on giving back as an adult so that others can carry on the O'Dowd excellence.



GARRETT

I am grateful for everything that I have been given and firmly believe that attending O'Dowd has provided me the opportunity not only to enjoy the present but also to prepare for my future.



ELENA

O'Dowd has been an amazing place to grow academically and morally. I am so thankful to all of our donors who help me to attend O'Dowd so I can fulfill my dreams.



BAKARE

Attending O'Dowd has had a great influence on my life because it has offered challenging courses that have pushed me to great heights. My experiences here have been possible with the generous gifts of donors like you. I believe that because of O'Dowd's programs, I am very well prepared for college and to become a role model in my greater community.

TESS

The teachers, students, Catholic atmosphere, and athletics at O'Dowd have helped shape me and my plans for the future. I am extremely thankful for everything O'Dowd has done for us. Because of our community's generous donors, I know that my future is bright.



Scholarship Fund Established in Michael Petrini's Honor

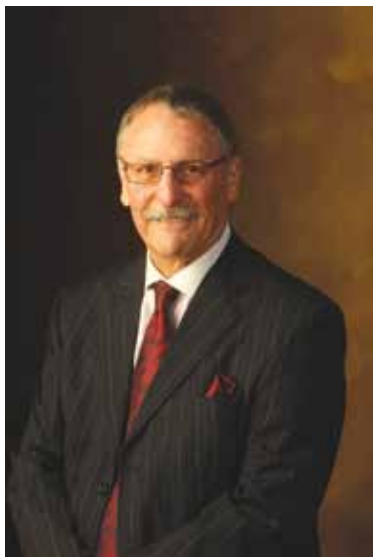


Photo of Michael Petrini by Jerome Wright.

Michael Petrini's steadfast dedication to ensuring that deserving students have the opportunity for an O'Dowd education has been recognized with the establishment of the Michael A. Petrini *Transforming Lives* Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The creation of the fund was announced at Petrini's retirement luncheon held in October.

As Vice President for Advancement for the past six years, Petrini led O'Dowd's successful Renaissance Campaign, which raised \$9.2 million for the renovation and modernization of the school's academic facilities, and most recently directed the fundraising for the Center for Environmental Studies.

That fundraising aside, a primary focus for Petrini has been bolstering O'Dowd's Scholarship Program, *Transforming Lives*. His work has made it possible for hundreds of students whose families face financial hardship to have the opportunity to attend and flourish at O'Dowd.

"Michael is a rare talent, a man of impeccable integrity and uncommon professional skill. Under his leadership, in



From left to right, Lori Petrini '95, Michael Petrini, Julie Petrini '70, Jessica Petrini Lamiero '93 and Fr. Robert Rein on the occasion of Michael and Julie's 40th wedding anniversary. Photo supplied by the Petrini family.

the worst economy since the Great Depression, O'Dowd raised the most money in its history. His leadership has made life better for every student and adult in the O'Dowd community. His focus on our mission and core values was as strong as his focus on fundraising," O'Dowd President Steve Phelps said.

It's fitting that Petrini's career concluded in the same place it started. Fresh out of graduate school he was hired by O'Dowd principal Fr. Frank Wagner to serve as an English teacher and yearbook moderator. During his first tour of duty at O'Dowd (1968-1985), Petrini held various academic and development positions, including Director of Student Activities, Assistant Principal, Dean of Supervision and Instruction and Assistant Principal for Development. Petrini essentially launched O'Dowd's development program.

"All of us dream of leaving a legacy, to know that our work has been meaningful, to feel that our actions have made a difference," Petrini said. "My wonderful years at O'Dowd have made this dream a reality. It's been a privilege."

Before returning to O'Dowd in 2007, Petrini served as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Holy Names College, President and CEO of Children's Hospital & Research Center Foundation in Oakland and Vice President of the East Bay Community Foundation.

Petrini is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Julie Wilson Petrini '70, daughters, Jessica Petrini Lamiero '93 and Lori Petrini '95, and his two grandchildren.

Those who would like to make a donation in honor of Petrini can contribute to the Michael A. Petrini Transforming Lives Scholarship Endowment Fund, c/o Bishop O'Dowd High School, 9500 Stearns Ave., Oakland, CA 94605.

O'DOWD WELCOMES JEANNE JENKINS AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT

The leader of a \$34 million campaign at Seattle's Bush School, Jeanne Jenkins last October assumed the Vice President for Advancement position at Bishop O'Dowd High School. She replaces Michael Petrini, who retired last fall after serving in the position for the past six years (see story on facing page).

"Jeanne was the unanimous pick of both interviewing committees because of her unique skill set, values and breadth of experience. She understands the unique gifts O'Dowd brings to the East Bay, shares our core values and is the consummate professional we need to advance our mission," President Steve Phelps said.

Director of Development at Bush School for the past nine years, Jenkins has also worked as an independent fundraising consultant for nonprofits – primarily in secondary and higher education – to provide strategic and tactical direction for their fundraising programs.

"Long-term I want to help President Steve Phelps and the Board of Regents develop and implement successful fundraising initiatives to meet the school's ambitious and inspiring plans for the future," she said. "I'd also love to have a hand in bringing more of the school's more than 10,000 alums back into the O'Dowd 'fold' as investors and friends."

Jenkins says the socioeconomic and ethnic diversity of the student body and the school's Charism is what initially attracted her to O'Dowd.

"After I had gone through a half-day of interviews, I was further attracted by the quality and passion of the people involved with the school and the vision for the school's future," she said. "I'm excited that I will be able to help continue to grow the O'Dowd fundraising program to fund the future of this wonderful school."

Born and raised on the east coast, Jenkins attended the College of William and Mary for two years, and then earned a bachelor's degree in political science, with a minor in journalism, from the George Washington University.

She holds a certificate in advanced management from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, and attended a four-week program at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Institute of Education Management.

Jenkins began her career in fundraising while living in Palo Alto after graduating from college. "I was looking for a position in journalism," she said. "I became aware of a prospect research position at Stanford and, thinking this work would be much like investigative journalism, I applied for the job."

Subsequently, Jenkins was a principal with Barnes & Roche, Inc., located in Pennsylvania, serving clients in secondary and higher education as well as health care-related, cultural, environmental and other specialized organizations.

She later served jointly as a consultant to Barnes & Roche and as vice president for external affairs for Oakland's Samuel Merritt College, where she was responsible for fundraising, alumnae and public relations. Under her leadership, the college raised \$1 to \$2 million annually.

"My career has alternated between periods of time when I was a consultant and other times when I held inside development positions. I think this combination of work has given me a unique perspective," she said.

"My 'inside' time gave me a real appreciation for the day-to-day work of advancement, and I always benefited from being part of an institutional community. I also got to do rewarding solicitation work. But consulting work has also been



Jeanne Jenkins. Photo by Lisa Coffey Mahoney.

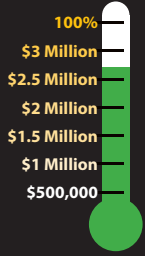
gratifying because I have had the opportunity to develop institutional strategy at the highest level and learn about many different kinds of nonprofits and their fundraising approaches," Jenkins said.

There are some unique challenges associated with school fundraising – particularly for an urban Catholic high school, Jenkins said.

"One of the biggest challenges comes from working with prospective and current parent donors who have day-to-day interaction with the school and are also its customers in terms of paying tuition. This can make for complex and often changing relationship-building," she said.

In addition, these donors are not yet at the age when most people think about philanthropy and, therefore, their gifts to O'Dowd may be their first significant giving opportunity, Jenkins said.

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O'Dowd Thanks Top Supporters

Center for Environmental Studies Project Fundraising Nears Goal



Event speakers Nadia Perl '14 and Director of Sustainability Andra Yeghoian are flanked by Mary Hentges and Board of Regents chairperson Glen Hentges.

Nearly 150 supporters of Bishop O'Dowd High School gathered for a reception in Dominican Hall Lounge and Courtyard on Sept. 12 to celebrate the school's impressive accomplishments made possible by philanthropy and, in particular, the success of O'Dowd's latest major project - the Center for Environmental Studies (CES).

As of Nov. 25, 2013, more than \$2.85 million had been raised towards the \$3.6 million goal to construct the state-of-the-art Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) platinum certifiable building that features two large laboratory classrooms and a covered outdoor learning space that includes a generous area for study, experimentation, research and group gatherings.

Offering experiential learning, bold curriculum and the latest technology, the CES is home to the school's environmental science and engineering program, and vital in preparing O'Dowd graduates for college majors and careers in the rapidly expanding fields of renewable energy, resource management and environmental engineering.

Prior to the formal reception program, supporters had an opportunity to view the CES construction site and learn about the building's unique features from former faculty member and chair of the CES steering committee Tom Tyler, Living Lab Director Annie Prutzman and Director of Sustainability Andra Yeghoian.

"Through the CES we will engage students and the larger community in the process of institutionalizing sustainable thinking and practices into our campus and curriculum so that it becomes part of our culture and way of being," Yeghoian said.



Current parents Nicole Paez and Judy McKoy attended the event.



O'Dowd Board of Regents member Fr. Jay Matthews and O'Dowd President Steve Phelps celebrated the school's fundraising success.

Photos by Lisa Coffey Mahoney.



From left to right, former Vice President for Advancement Michael Petrini, Chief Financial Officer Chris Garavaglia, Connie and Eric Jorgensen '56.



From left to right, Board of Regents member Shonda Scott, Stephen Hicks and Carey Thomas.



From left to right, Larry and Kathy Rugg and Shana and Richard Daum.

“Over time, this sustainability initiative will allow every O’Dowd graduate to feel that they are equipped with the tools, resources and life experience so that they can take O’Dowd’s sustainable legacy into the world and create an environmentally sustainable, socially just and economically viable world,” she said.

Meanwhile, Nadia Perl ’14 thanked the supporters for providing O’Dowd students a breadth of academic and extracurricular opportunities.

A lover of social studies, Perl has challenged herself with a variety of electives in that subject matter - ranging from The Contemporary Middle East, to War, Diplomacy and America in the 20th Century, to Introduction to Law.

She’s also immersed herself in extracurricular activities. Captain of the Public Forum debate squad, Perl competes in both parliamentary debate and public forum in addition to extemporaneous speaking. As of Dec. 2, Perl was ranked #3 nationally in parliamentary debate by The National Forensic League. She is also co-chair of the Students for Sustainability Club (S4S).

“I’ve had a wonderful time at O’Dowd and feel truly blessed to be a part of this community. On behalf of the student body, I would like to thank all of you for your generosity because we really appreciate all of the opportunities O’Dowd has given us,” she said.

At the conclusion of the program, Phelps recognized and thanked former Vice President for Advancement Michael Petrini, who retired last October. Petrini served in that role for the past six years, and previously worked at O’Dowd for 18 years as a teacher, assistant principal and development director.

“Under Michael’s leadership our fundraising has grown to average about \$3 million each year, far exceeding what we raised in the past,” Phelps said. “But what has most impressed me about this man is his inner goodness and care about our students and parents.”

For information about the Center for Environmental Studies visit <http://www.bishopodowd.org/giving/ces>.



Annual Dragon Golf Classic Raises Funds for the O'Dowd Scholarship Program

The 23rd annual Dragon Classic, held at Oakland's Sequoyah Country Club on Oct. 14, brought in more than \$87,000 for the O'Dowd Scholarship Program, which provides much needed financial assistance to deserving students.

"The funds raised at our golf tournament will have a life-long impact on the lives of current and future students," O'Dowd President Steve Phelps said.

The Dragon Classic featured both a scramble and shamble format.

Steve and Jason Brown '16, Dan and Tommy Vaughan '16 and Tyler McDaniel '15 took the scramble title, while Kurtis Fetchmeyer, Greg Heywood, Lewis Smith and Steve Mach were the shamble champions.

John Dunbar '81 and Gilbert Murrieta tied for Closest to the Hole (Hole #17), and Dante Patterson had the longest drive.

Following an afternoon on the course, the golfers and their guests had a chance to socialize during a cocktail hour and sit-down dinner, with Al Carrasco '76 serving as Master of Ceremonies and auctioneer.

The event also included live and silent auctions featuring exciting items such as Shaw's BBQ for 50, a Tahoe Donner ski getaway, a Plumas Pines Golf Stay and Play Package, rounds of golf at local private courses such as the Olympic Club, Sequoyah Country Club and the Claremont Country Club.

The lucky winner of the 52-card draw, with the prize a two-night stay and two rounds of golf at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, was past parent Greg McFann.



Scramble winners, from left to right, Dan Vaughan, Tommy Vaughn '16, Jason Brown '16, Tyler McDaniel '15 and Steve Brown. Photos by Lisa Coffey Mahoney.

Strong Alumni Presence

Alumni who participated in the golf tournament included Lou Breznikar '70, Nick Bruno '76, Steve Cramer '76, Jim Collins '76, Pat Cronin '76, John Dunbar '81, Robert Enea '76, Tony Freccero '96, Kevin Gordon '97, Martin Gross '70, Stuart Gruendl '79, Jeff Hansen '70, Nils Hansen '97, Chris Jue '88, Tyler Kreitz '97, Kevin Maas '83, Jason Mack '88, Tom Moglia '81, Leon Natsues '84, Paul O'Connell '80, Lou Richie '89, Pat Romani '70, Tony Ronzone '83, Chris Smahlik '89, Steven Smith '80, John Tibbetts '70, Eric Walterhouse '04 and Ryan Walterhouse '08. Current students Jason Brown '16, Aaron DePaolo '17, Tyler McDaniel '15 and Tommy Vaughan '16 also participated.

Even more alumni attended the dinner including Michelle Silva Bonnin '80, Al Carrasco '76, Katie Durkin Cronin '80, Pam Edwards Kelly '80, Lisa Coffey Mahoney '76, Robert Mahoney '76 and Julie Wilson Petrini '70.

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Winner of the 52-card draw Greg McFann celebrates with his daughter, Heather.



From left to right: Kevin Maas '83, Lou Richie '89, Associate Athletic Director Carlos Arriaga, Athletic Director Mike Bowler, President Steve Phelps, Tony Ronzone '83, Tony Freccero '96 and Jim Collins '76.



Left photo, from left to right, Paul O'Connell '80, Steve Smith '80, Bix Weir and Tom Moglia '81.

Fund A Dream Scholarship Luncheon Helps Students Dream Big



Student speakers, from left to right, Bakare Awakoiye '14, Garrett Woodworth '14, Asha Tyler-Thomas '15, Jonathan Pena '14, Tess Karls '15 and Elena Gonzales '15 shared moving stories about the impact an O'Dowd education has had on their lives.

Living in a tough part of Oakland, Jonathan Pena '14 was concerned about the route his life might take. "I have seen many of my neighborhood friends get swallowed up by gangs and violence, and that had no appeal to me whatsoever," he said.

With his mother working to support his physically disabled father, three sisters and a grandfather, Jonathan understood that an O'Dowd education was simply out of financial reach for the family.

Fortunately, because of the O'Dowd Scholarship Program *Transforming Lives*, Jonathan was able to attend O'Dowd where he thrives in the classroom. "My test scores have increased over the years allowing me the opportunity to consider an engineering major in college next year," he said.

Jonathan was one of six O'Dowd students who were featured speakers at the second annual Fund A Dream Luncheon held in the large gymnasium on Nov. 6.

Attended by 170 people, the event raised more than \$60,000 for financial aid.

"O'Dowd has given me the gift of a Catholic, college-preparatory education so that I can pursue my dreams," Jonathan said. "I will always treasure my memories of my time at O'Dowd, which would not be possible without your generosity. Thank you for changing the route of my life."

This year, O'Dowd will provide \$2.5 million in financial assistance to 350 deserving students through *Transforming Lives*. But there are still students in need.

Long Tradition of Financial Assistance

Keynote speaker for the event, Clint Reilly encouraged event attendees to dig deep and support O'Dowd's financial aid program.

The eldest of 10 children, Reilly benefitted from financial aid while attending O'Dowd for one year before entering the seminary as a sophomore.

"The reality was my parents could not afford the tuition here at O'Dowd. I was given an enormous amount of tuition assistance by the school – for which I've been forever grateful," Reilly said. "But that's not the only financial assistance I got from O'Dowd."

Reilly talked about how O'Dowd faculty members provided additional support. Fr. Fred Munoz hired Reilly to do work around campus in the summers of 1961 and 1962 – at a rate of 90 cents an hour. Future Bishop John Cummins and Fr. Jim Keeley visited Reilly at his San Leandro home on the eve of his departure for the seminary to wish him well.

"As future Bishop Cummins was leaving the house, he reached into his billfold and pulled out a crisp \$20 bill – that was my last bit of financial aid. And I can assure you it was much appreciated," Reilly said.

Today, Reilly is a businessman and the founder of the Clint Reilly Scholarship Fund, which annually provides support for more than 100 San Francisco inner-city youths attending private Catholic high schools.

"The most important gift we can give to a young person is a good education," he said. "I encourage you to dig into your pockets deep and make that dream work for one, or two, or three more kids."

Student speeches and Clint Reilly's speech can be viewed on the O'Dowd YouTube channel, <http://www.youtube.com/user/BODHS1/videos>.

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And special thanks to former varsity football coach Hardy Nickerson for serving as Master of Ceremonies and Justin Hawkins '14 for playing guitar during the event.



Anne Eagan '89 and keynote speaker Clint Reilly, who attended O'Dowd as a freshman before entering the seminary.



From left to right, O'Dowd President Steve Phelps, Jonathan Pena '14 and Board of Regents member Kerwin Allen.

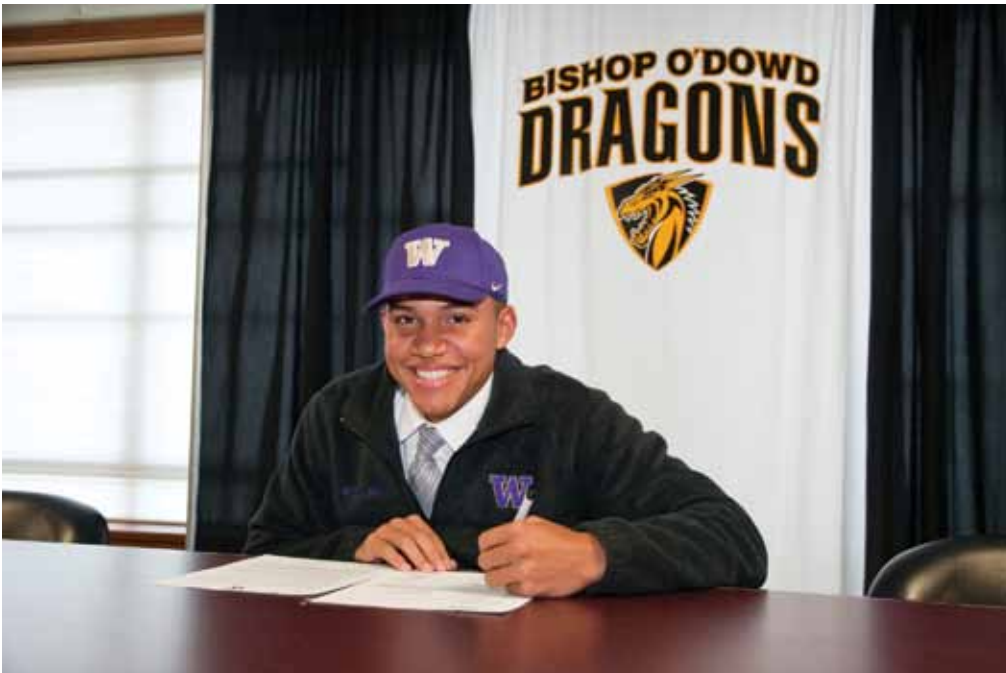


From left to right, Board of Regents member Kevin Kelly, Serra High School President Lars Lund, Rosaleen Kelly and O'Dowd chaplain Fr. Gerald Pedrera. Photos by Lisa Coffey Mahoney.

O'DOWD DRAGONS



Channing Nesbitt '14 Signs National Letter of Intent



Channing Nesbitt '14 is all smiles as he signs a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at the University of Washington. Photo by Lisa Coffey Mahoney.

O'Dowd pitching ace Channing Nesbitt '14 signed a National Letter of Intent on Nov. 13 to play baseball at the University of Washington.

As a junior, Channing went 7-1, with an earned run average of 0.54. He struck out 86 batters in 65 innings pitched.

At the plate, he batted .375, with nine RBIs and 12 runs scored.

Channing was also awarded a Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship in September. Sponsored by the Positive Coaching Alliance, the scholarship recognizes athletes who have demonstrated PCA's principles of improving themselves, improving their team and improving the game. You can learn more about the award at <http://bayarea.positivecoach.org/>.

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Back-to-Back Titles

Photo at right: Sophomores Yasmine McCroden, left, and Jenna DeTurk, right, captured their second consecutive Division II doubles title on Nov. 22, beating Head-Royce 6-1, 6-1. They are pictured with head coach Tom DeTurk.

Women's Basketball Players Sporting a New Piece of Jewelry



From left to right, Loren Lassiter '14, Shoshana Merriman '15, Alex Kalmbach '14, Daniela Williams '16, Mylah Andrada '16, Asha Tyler-Thomas '15, Aisia Robertson '15 and Maya Williams '14. Photo by Lisa Coffey Mahoney. Ring photo by Donovan Rittenbach.

Members of O'Dowd's women's varsity basketball team are sporting a new piece of jewelry these days – state championship rings. For some, it's the second such ring in their jewelry box.

Team members were presented the rings during a ring blessing ceremony held in the Chapel on Sept. 9, with O'Dowd chaplain Fr. Gerald Pedrera officiating.

The women's team captured the program's second consecutive state title last March, defeating Windward-Los Angeles, 65-50, to capture the first CIF Open Division state championship. In 2012, the Dragons were the Division III state champion.

Returning players Alex Kalmbach '14 and Aisia Robertson '15 savored the moment.

Kalmbach has played in three consecutive state championship games and has two rings to show for it. "It feels good to be progressing each year and accomplishing more," she said, referencing the runner up Division III championship and Open Division championship finishes.

"My hands are going to be a lot heavier," two-time state champion Robertson said with a smile. "Getting this ring makes me want to work even harder this year to add to my collection. And, it reminds me of how lucky I am to be playing with such good teammates and be a part of school history."

The rings feature a gold stone with a black "O" on top. One side of the ring features the player's last name with a basketball and hoop. The other side reads "O'Dowd Back 2 Back." The team motto for 2013, "All Faith, No Fear," and the player's full name are engraved inside the band of the ring.



Hardy Nickerson Jr. '12 Earns Scholar-Athlete Award



Cal linebacker Hardy Nickerson Jr. '12 earned the Jonathan & Judy Hoff Scholar-Athlete of the Week award last fall.

The award recognized Hardy for proactively staying on top of his academic responsibilities and taking initiative to seek out all the resources available on campus to help him succeed at an optimal level.

"Hardy epitomizes the notion of independent learner as he has clearly built and managed an academic identity for himself at Cal, while thriving athletically on the field," a university press release said.

Nickerson was also named to the 2013 Pac-12 Conference Football All-Academic second team.



More information about Bishop O'Dowd High School athletics can be found at www.bishopodowd.org, under "athletics."

Alumni Hoopsters Return to Campus



Back row, from left to right, Doug Vierra, Lorenzo Manag '11, Donrick Sanderson '07, Marcus Williams '12, Charlie DeMarais '78, Dominic Gomes '13, Shane O'Keefe '12, Emmett Seymour '05, Austin Anderson '07 and Coach Lou Richie '89. Front row: DJ Vierra '99, holding his son Domenico, and Bryan Mason '12.

Alumni hoopsters returned to the Bishop O'Dowd High School campus on Friday, Nov. 29, to participate in the annual alumni basketball games.

Alumni were victorious in both games, beating the junior varsity, 76-45, and edging the varsity, 79-71.

Between games, the alumni and current players had an opportunity to introduce themselves to each other. The alumni offered advice about what it takes to be successful in college and careers.

Those participating in the alumni games included: Austin Anderson '07, men's junior varsity coach Gerald Bennett '93, Justin Brue '09, Tony Champion '99, Charlie DeMarais '78, Alex Finch '10, Dominic Gomes '13, Tim Kees '05, Roosevelt Kirk '08, Lorenzo Manag '11, Bryan Mason '12, Nehemiah Mitchell '12, Christian Nysaether '05, Shane O'Keefe '12, Levi Powell '10, men's varsity basketball coach Lou Richie '89, Donrick Sanderson '07, Emmett Seymour '05, Steve Smith '88, Jordan Turner '08, former men's varsity basketball coach Doug Vierra, DJ Vierra '99 and Marcus Williams '12. Those attending the game included: Nick Brown '09, Tommy Brue '79, Lance Holloway '03 and Roderick Roche '81.



From left to right, Jordan Turner '08, Roosevelt Kirk '08, and Austin Anderson '07. Photos by Lisa Coffey Mahoney.

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Fall Sports Roundup

Team Records and All-League Honors

A host of Dragons were recognized as All-League players by the West Alameda County Conference (Foothill League). The All-League selections are listed below by sport:

Men's Cross Country ... 9-0 ... 1st in WACC 12 - Foothill League

All League: Colin Blake and Andrew Melendez (first team); Sean Burke, Nick Downs and Johanssen Tan (second team).

Women's Cross Country ... 8-1 ... 1st in WACC 12 - Foothill League

All League: Jourdan Amen, Julia Cooke and Taylor Grace (first team); Meredith Nix and Alyssa Byer (second team).

Football ... 2-3 ... 4th in WACC 12 - Foothill League

All League: Alex Holme and Julian Soto (first team); Cory Barrios, Deshawn Brown, Sam Deck and John Zelaski (second team); Majid Bey and Will Han (honorable mention).

Women's Golf ... 8-4 ... 2nd in WACC 12 - Foothill League

Women's Tennis ... 12-3 ... 2nd in WACC 12 - Foothill League

All League: Jenna DeTurk and Yasmine McCroden (first team, singles); Sienna Parker and Rachel Wilson (honorable mention).

Volleyball ... 16-0 ... 1st in WACC 12 - Foothill League

All League: Kyle Carlson, Bryanna Davis, Elizabeth DeLuca and Kate Walker (first team); Sheila Clapp and Mary Orbeta (honorable mention). *Player of the Year:* Bryanna Davis.

Men's Water Polo ... 5-2 ... 3rd in WACC 12

All League: Chris LeBoa (first team); Peter Johann and Peter Wong (second team); Michael Hull and Carlo Silvestre (honorable mention).

Women's Water Polo ... 4-3 ... 4th in WACC 12

All League: Samantha Mjadjov (first team); Genevieve Cagigas, Nicole Cosares and Alison Tucker (second team); Hannah Caldwell-Meurer and Miranda Sinsheimer (honorable mention).

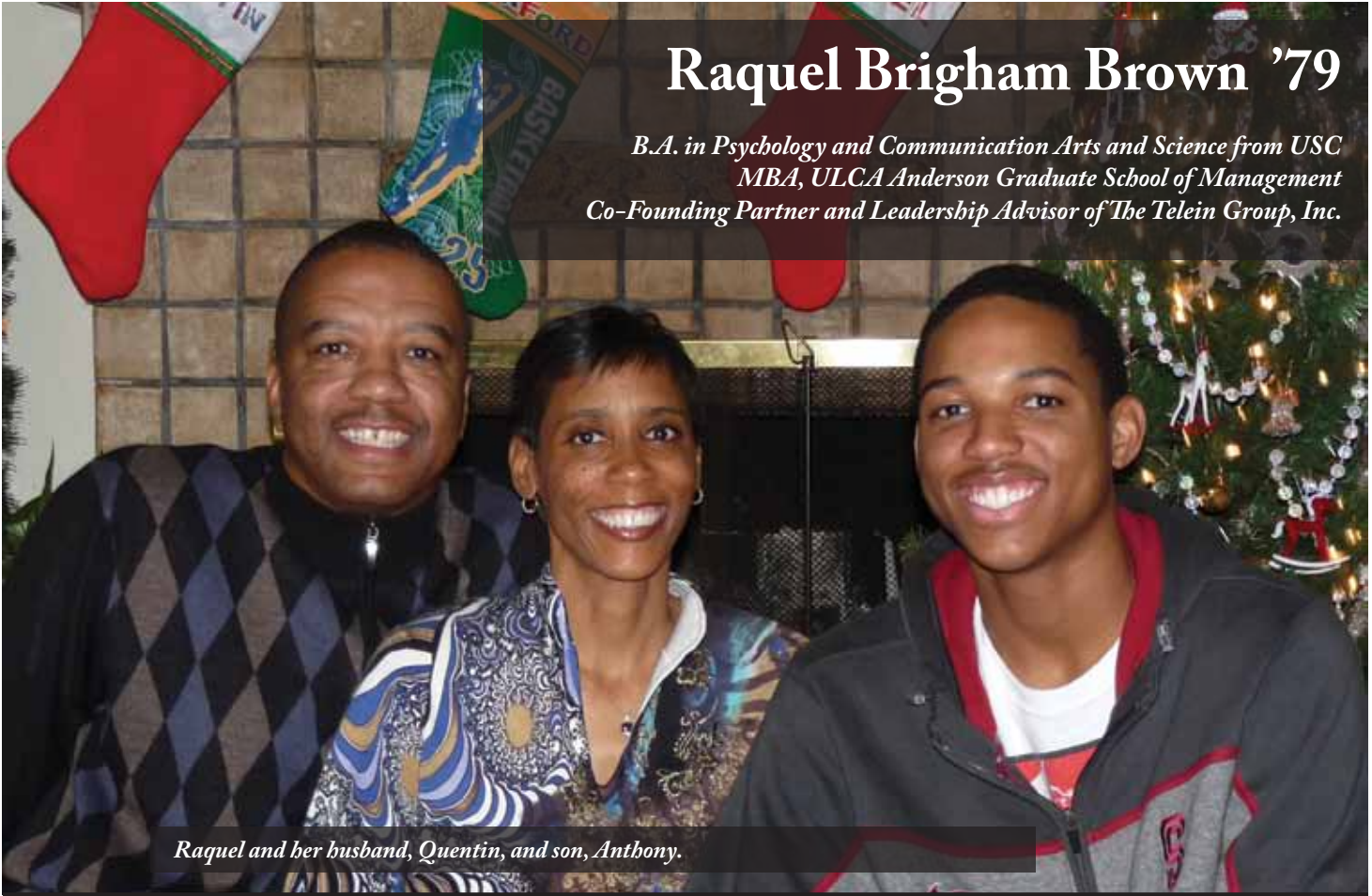


*West Alameda County Conference (Foothill League) Player of the Year for volleyball
Bryanna Davis '14 with her parents on Senior Night. Photo by yearbook staff.*

Profile in Philanthropy

Raquel Brigham Brown '79

*B.A. in Psychology and Communication Arts and Science from USC
MBA, ULCA Anderson Graduate School of Management
Co-Founding Partner and Leadership Advisor of The Telein Group, Inc.*



Raquel and her husband, Quentin, and son, Anthony.

“What inspires me to give are my fond memories of O’Dowd and my desire to give as many African American students as possible an opportunity to have the experience I had.”

Raquel Brigham Brown '79

Longtime donor Raquel Brigham Brown '79 has been one of the most steadfast supporters of the O'Dowd Scholarship Program, *Transforming Lives*.

“My O’Dowd education positively impacted my life by providing a **safe and caring school community** where learning was FUN.

The teachers and staff were dedicated, passionate, encouraging and innovative, allowing me to excel academically while exploring the arts, athletics, clubs, student government, leadership and community service.”

Raquel believes a Catholic, college-prep education continues to be important because it “contributes to the **emotional, spiritual, intellectual and physical development of students** during the critical maturation years in a community of teachers and students who share a **common goal of excellence.**”

Adds Raquel, “As the African Proverb says, ‘It Takes a Village To Raise a Child’.”

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New Food Service Provider Focuses on Fresh, Natural and Organic Foods

O'Dowd students are enjoying fresh, natural, organic food choices in the café this year.

School administrators last summer engaged Los Altos-based Epicurean Group to provide food services at O'Dowd. In addition to lunch, students have the option of purchasing breakfast and afternoon snacks.

So, a student could start his/her day with a Suns Up ham, cheese and egg sandwich, lunch on roasted carrot and ginger soup and a Niman Ranch cheeseburger with oven garlic fries, and grab a raspberry yogurt parfait before heading off to sports practice.

This is just a sampling of the extensive Epicurean menu, which changes according to the season and student feedback.

Students aren't the only ones who get to enjoy the new fare. Epicurean is serving meals in the faculty café and can also provide catering for functions held at O'Dowd.

Focus on Sustainability

All produce comes from farms within 150 miles of O'Dowd, and all meat, poultry and eggs are sourced from local farms and ranches that meet the company's standards. Seafood is purchased according to the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch guidelines. And, all food is served on biodegradable products. "This is what makes our company unique," Epicurean District Manager James Cruz said.

Epicurean is one of the first food service companies to be certified as a Bay Area Green Business, recognized for community environmental responsibility, resource conservation and pollution prevention.

The company philosophy and practices align with O'Dowd's commitment to sustainability.



*Chef Chris Smith with a bounty of delicious tomatoes grown in the Living Lab. Produce harvested from the Living Lab is being incorporated into dishes served in the café.
Photo by Donovan Rittenbach.*

Not From a Can

All food is cooked from scratch. "We roast our own meats in-house, and we make our own dressings and stocks," Cruz said.

And the company is incorporating produce harvested from the Living Lab – such as heirloom tomatoes and squash – in dishes served in the café. Cruz has also hosted cooking demonstrations during lunch and after school so that students can see how the food is prepared and then enjoy samples. "This teaches the kids how fresh food should taste," he said.

Several other local high schools have engaged Epicurean, including Marin Catholic, Sacred Heart Atherton, and San Francisco's Riordan, Hamlin and Stuart Hall schools.

Chefs at each site have the flexibility to create custom menus unique to the population, Cruz said, as long as they follow Epicurean standards and philosophy.

Cashless Payment Program

Meanwhile, O'Dowd continues to offer families an online cashless payment program via MySchoolAccount.com. This service provides parents the ability to preorder and monitor their children's meal purchases, make deposits directly into their meal accounts, have an e-mail reminder sent when an account balance gets low and more. And, there is no longer an annual fee associated with the program.

If you have any questions about MySchoolAccount.com, please contact Business Manager Joan Grell at (510) 553-8670.

Get more information about Epicurean at <http://epicurean-group.com>.

Kerryn Pincus Leads International Student Program



Kerryn Pincus helps international students make a smooth transition to O'Dowd.

O'Dowd's new International Student Program Coordinator Kerryn Pincus understands the challenges international students face when adapting to a new culture and a new school community.

That's because Pincus herself was an international student. Born and raised in South Africa, Pincus lived in Australia for a few years before moving to the United States when she was in the 8th grade.

"Coming to the U.S. as an international student was hard. So I can empathize with students who are experiencing a different school culture. I understand that it takes time to adjust," she said.

Targeted support is essential, Pincus said. Even students with strong academic backgrounds have difficulty adjusting to American culture and classroom dynamics – such as participating in classroom discussions and projects – and asking teachers for help, she explained.

To help with the transition, Pincus organized and managed a two-week orientation session for O'Dowd's newest international students prior to the start of school. The aim was to help them get acclimated to U.S. culture and the O'Dowd community. The session included sightseeing trips throughout the Bay Area, a hike in Redwood Park, and the sampling of new foods. The students also explored the O'Dowd campus and received laptop training.

In her role as program coordinator, Pincus provides ongoing academic counseling, assisting international students with planning their academic schedules and offering support for homework and class projects, and stresses the importance of forming relationships with teachers and developing self-advocacy skills. In addition, she provides college counseling for seniors.

Pincus hopes her efforts facilitate a smooth transition for international students – and not just in the classroom.

"I encourage them to join clubs, play sports, or get involved in other activities," she said. "These things are not part of the daily school curriculum in their cultures."

Pincus notes that several international students have embraced the many opportunities O'Dowd offers, such as Yishan Wang '14, who is a member of the Campus Ministry Team, and Chenli Yuan '14, who was a cast member in the 2013 spring musical, *Sugar*.

This year there are 39 international students at O'Dowd – 37 from China, one from Vietnam and one from Germany. The students are enrolled in 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

Pincus has a broad educational and professional background.

She earned a bachelor's degree in World Arts and Cultures, with an emphasis in Anthropology, from UCLA, and holds a master's degree in Education from Harvard.

Prior to joining the O'Dowd staff, she served as Middle School Dean at Julia Morgan School for Girls. In that role, she was actively involved with admissions, academic programs and high school placement of students.

Pincus served as a middle school social studies teacher and accreditation coordinator at Oakland Hebrew Day School and was a humanities and language arts teacher at Saklan Valley School.

She was also a high school organizational coach at Orinda Academy, working individually with students to develop study and organization strategies to enhance student learning and academic success.

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Siobhan Kelly '11 Making a Difference

Siobhan Kelly '11 stepped out of her comfort zone in a big way this past summer.

As a volunteer with the non-profit Manna Project International, Kelly participated in a month-long internship in Nicaragua working with an underprivileged population. Her responsibilities included teaching English and health classes, running an athletics program, working with local women to expand a jewelry cooperative, and more. "My days were packed full, but I loved it," she said.

One of the most enlightening parts of the internship for Kelly was her home stay experience with two families in Cedro Galan, the main community in which she worked. "While I was assisting these families every day, I don't think I truly understood them until I lived with them," she said.

"As much as I want to say that it was easy for me to live as they did, it was not. I was not used to their food, I was not used to hearing literally hundreds of dogs barking all night, I was not used to their mattresses made from old shirts and other stuffing materials, I was not used to bugs everywhere, and I definitely was not used to the absence of a bathroom and toilet paper," Kelly said.

"But, perhaps because I was so out of my element, these experiences were the BEST and definitely the most rewarding. I loved getting to know both families on an intimate level staying up talking all night, laughing, cooking and eating together, and playing games - it was awesome," she said.

Currently in her junior year at Boston College, majoring in English and minoring in International Studies, Kelly said that what bothered her more than the absence of creature comforts was the general lack of enthusiasm for education in Nicaragua.

"Classes are generally from 7 a.m. to noon, but just because students have classes doesn't mean they attend them. I spent a lot of time teaching P.E. classes at some of the public schools and there would always be a crowd of students mingling outside rather than going to their lessons. Nobody does anything about it either, it's sort of accepted," she said.

Kelly found that students in her English classes struggled with basic concepts - such as writing paragraphs.

"They could write stand-alone sentences, but they didn't understand what we meant by a 'topic sentence' or 'conclusion.' They also didn't know why we wanted them to indent, or why we wanted them to continue writing on the same line once one sentence was done.

"When they still didn't understand our instructions when we provided them in Spanish, we realized that none of them, ages 12-28, had ever been asked to write a paragraph before and, therefore, did not know how to do so," she said.



Siobhan Kelly '11 and her friend, Armando.

"As much as I want to say that it was easy for me to live as they did, it was not."

Siobhan Kelly '11

Photos provided by Siobhan Kelly '11.



Siobhan Kelly '11 plays with children in Cedro Galan.

At times, Kelly struggled with her purpose in Nicaragua.

“Yes, I was there to intern, volunteer and teach, but was this actually improving the lives of the people I met? While I was teaching them English so that they would be able to get better jobs, earn more money and create a ‘better life,’ I was also part of the American culture that dominated their own and told them that their language wasn’t good enough to get them far in life. I knew that I was personally trying to make a difference, but I worried that, overall, it wouldn’t matter because I was still a part of larger societal forces that truly dictated their lives,” she said.

“It was also hard for me to witness the fact that their government truly disregarded people of their status, which is most of the population. (Government officials) figured that people were fine where they were and that they didn’t need opportunities to move up or to improve, and that they didn’t need better education or more resources. This broke my heart,” Kelly said.

“In the end I had to focus on the personal relationships. I had to remove myself from the grand scheme of life and focus on every moment with every person and remind myself that they were all important. The issues that I debated in

my head are real problems, but I couldn’t let them completely negate the purpose of organizations like Manna Project,” she added.

Kelly said she will always treasure the relationships she forged with people in Nicaragua, particularly the youngsters and her fellow interns.

“The kids lit up whenever we pulled out a coloring book or soccer ball, but they were also always content to just sit in your lap or hold your hand. I think I actually learned the most from the kids because I spent the majority of my time with them,” she said.

“The relationships that I made with my fellow interns were amazing. Having a group of individuals from all over the country who had never met one another live together in a house with no TV and one shared computer facilitated some of the best, most insightful conversations I have ever had. I miss my ‘Mannamily,’ as we call it, every day,” Kelly added.

Looking ahead, Kelly is considering working for a non-profit – either domestically or abroad – after graduating from college. “Like most college students, I have no idea what I want to do with my life. My interests are wide and varied, and I’m excited to see what other opportunities lie ahead,” she said.

International

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Looking ahead, Pincus hopes to play an active role in the recruiting of international students, with the goal of securing a more broadly diverse group. She’d also like to explore setting up a program in which O’Dowd students could travel abroad “so there is a reciprocity in learning about other cultures.”

O’Dowd students are learning much from the international students, Pincus said.

“For instance, our students learn that they can’t make broad generalizations about a country like China. When they talk to the international students from that country they learn that there are lots of little provinces in China with their own dialects, different food and cultural customs,” she said. “And they show our students that language or cultural barriers aren’t obstacles to success.”

An Oakland resident, Pincus lives with her children Lauryn, 12, a student at Julia Morgan School for Girls, Jacob, 8, who attends Joaquin Miller Elementary School, and partner Chad Gallagher and his son, Solomon, 2.

In her free time, Pincus enjoys hiking and cycling, being outdoors, and spending time with her children and friends.

Mike Caruso '67

Draws Up Successful Game Plans



Mike Caruso '67, left, with former President George H. W. Bush (41) and former Secretary of State Robert Gates at Kyle Field. Photo provided by Mike Caruso.

One of the most highly anticipated college football match ups of the fall – the Alabama Crimson Tide vs. the Texas A&M Aggies – was held at the Aggies' Kyle Field in College Station, Texas, in September.

But months before the sellout crowd of nearly 90,000 fans took to their seats, painstaking preparations were made to ensure the safety and enjoyment of everyone in the stadium.

Though the football game was the main attraction, other functions were taking place simultaneously – ESPN's GameDay show and national broadcasting of the game by CBS, which included the network's College Football Today pre-game, halftime and post-game shows. And, of course, there were national radio broadcast teams from Sirius, ESPN and CBS on campus, each with special needs and requirements.

Who was responsible for the tremendous coordination efforts required for such a comprehensive event? Texas A&M Associate Athletic Director for Events and Game Operations Mike Caruso '67.

"There were a lot of moving parts," Caruso said. "All of the different groups came during the summer to meet with us and do a walkthrough of the event, and we were able to develop a successful plan."

Caruso's responsibilities don't begin and end with football. He oversees operations for all home contests for the 21 Aggie sports as well as Southeastern Conference (SEC), NCAA regional and national championships held on campus.

In addition, Caruso coordinates efforts with local police and fire departments, the

FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and others to guarantee a safe event.

It helps that Caruso, 64, has been associated with National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security since 2008, and is active with curriculum development and instruction at national training workshops for Sport Event Risk Management courses. He's also a trainer for the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA through TEEX / National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center in their Sports and Special Events Incident Management workshops. "We train people on how to plan for a successful event and how to respond if there is an emergency," he said.

"A staff working together and having a successful event is just like a sports team working together and getting a win."

Mike Caruso '67

Developing a Love of the Game

Caruso's interest in and love of sports began in elementary school, when he started playing organized basketball in third grade at St. Cyril's School.

A four year varsity player at O'Dowd, Caruso led the Dragons to a 37-2 record and a #1 state ranking during his senior year and was inducted into the O'Dowd Hall of Fame in 1992. "We didn't have a seven-foot dominating center or anybody who was a #1 player in the state," Caruso said.



The Caruso family, from left to right, Mike, daughters, Megan and Emily, wife, Jackie, and son, Alex.

What the team had, however, was a talented and dedicated coach, Frank LaPorte, who was devoted to his team, Caruso said.

A member of O'Dowd's Hall of Fame (Class of 1994), LaPorte was the men's varsity basketball coach from 1957-1970, compiling a 342-72 record. He also served as athletic director.

Caruso recounted that LaPorte took the varsity players on a road trip to the Midwest each summer, where they played in high school, college and recreation leagues. "That's why we played so well together," he said.

LaPorte's positive influence went beyond basketball for Caruso. "He taught me about the game of basketball, but also taught me about the game of life," he said. "He was a great role model. I wanted to be a coach like him and provide that encouragement for others."

It was LaPorte who introduced Caruso to Creighton University men's basketball coach John "Red" McManus, who later recruited the talented guard to play basketball at Creighton. McManus had previously recruited other Bay Area greats such as Paul Silas, of McClymonds, and Bob Portman, of St. Ignatius.

After Caruso's sophomore season, Eddie Sutton was hired as the new head coach for the Bluejays. "I was the starting point guard and captain for Eddie Sutton the first two years he was a Division I coach," Caruso said.

While McManus had focused on offense, Sutton was a defensive strategist. "It was quite a culture shock when Eddie came in, but he was a great coach. He taught me an awful lot about the game of basketball. Playing for him was a great experience," Caruso said.

Caruso earned a bachelor's degree in history and physical education at Creighton. While earning his master's degree in physical education from the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Caruso worked as a graduate assistant for Sutton for two years.

He later served as head basketball coach and athletic director at Cathedral High School in Omaha, Neb., before returning to Creighton to be assistant coach under Tom Apke for seven years.

During that time, the Bluejays won the Missouri Valley Conference championship, advanced to three NCAA tournaments and beat Larry Bird's Indiana State University team three times during the 1977-78 season – the year before Bird's team played in the national championship game.

Caruso subsequently served as head basketball coach and assistant to the athletic director at Elmhurst College in Chicago before joining the staff at Texas A&M in 1987, initially working in athletics promotions.

"I loved coaching, but at the time the job was seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. There were no recruiting dead periods and no time off. That really wore on me," he said. "So I left coaching behind and got into the administrative side of things."

Switching Gears

Initially Caruso planned to remain at Texas A&M for just a few years to gain necessary Division I experience and move on. "I found that Texas A&M and College Station is a pretty special place," he said.

And a popular place. Caruso anticipates that during the 2013-14 school year close to 1.3 million people will attend Texas A&M sporting events.

One of the biggest draws, of late, is the football program featuring standout quarterback and 2012 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel, also known as Johnny Football. "The interest level is off the charts," Caruso said. "We are going through a redevelopment of our stadium and are expanding to 102,500 seats. The first year we'll be open with that capacity is 2015 and we're already sold out."

Right now, Caruso oversees 1,500 workers at home football games. With the new stadium, an even larger cadre of employees will be required. "We're only a community of 250,000 people so I've got some challenges ahead," he said.

Caruso says event and game management is a lot like coaching. "You have assistant coaches and you have a team. Teamwork is definitely needed to

"Caruso" continued on page 39

O'Dowd Alums and Music Powerhouses Form Record Label



What happens when a talented executive producer/A-list lead guitarist, Tom Allen '76, and an Oscar, Grammy and Golden Globe nominated songwriter, accomplished bass player and co-founder of the rock band Counting Crows, Matt Malley '81, team together?

A new record label is created. After connecting on Facebook recently, the duo formed Malleyable Records to provide recording studio services to musicians with a range of styles. They'll also contribute their own musical talents for projects.

In addition to their work with Malleyable Records, each will continue to work on their individual projects.

Allen works as a hired musician, and has completed five solo albums and three other albums with the band Hanje. He also just finished working with Bryan Basset, the lead guitarist for Foghat, and the band Molly Hatchet on a project.

After leaving the Counting Crows in 2004 to devote more time to his family, Malley has kept busy licensing his music to film, TV and video games. He also recorded a solo record, "The Goddess Within," in which he plays all the instruments and supplies all the voices.

Forming a Partnership

Long a fan of Counting Crows and Malley's style, Allen was working on a project with Santana's David K. Mathews and world class drummer Thomas Lang and decided to reach out to Malley to join in. "The rest fell into place," Allen said.

Malley said that after initially bonding with Allen over their shared O'Dowd experience, he quickly became impressed with Allen's guitar playing and keen business sense.

Music has always played a prominent role in the lives of Allen and Malley.

Allen started playing guitar when he was 5 years old. "My parents were great about taking me to daily lessons early on," he said.

While at O'Dowd, Allen played with several bands in venues throughout the Bay Area. "I eventually settled as a hired gun lead guitarist studio musician," he said.

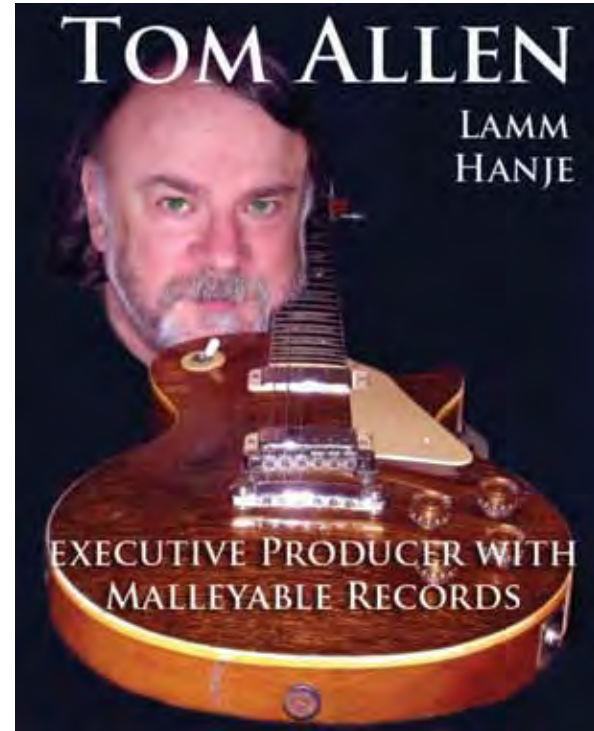
Allen also studied computer engineering at the University of Oregon and has had a successful career writing software. As the co-owner, with Matt Rusca '78, of Grandflow, Inc., Allen was the architect of one of the first soft-proofing, award-winning, web-based procurement software applications in the industry, and has had his architecture installed in many Fortune 500 companies.

Malley was in the second grade when he began playing the violin and trumpet, and played bass in the O'Dowd Jazz Band under the direction of Leonard Rossi. He was a piano major at Lambuth University in Jackson, Tenn., before co-founding the Counting Crows in 1990. The band has sold 20 million albums worldwide and received a 2004 Academy Award nomination for the song "Accidentally in Love," which was featured in the film Shrek 2.

The partners are excited about the new venture and leaving their mark on the music industry.

"Being involved with something that will last into the future is what I enjoy most about working in the music business," Malley said. "Civilizations are remembered by their art and being a musician is to dance, in our own limited way, with immortality."

Both agree that dealing with the peculiarities of the human ego can be challenging.



"The most difficult thing is telling an artist they are awful when they think they are great," Allen said.



Starr Saunders '98

Releases New Song "Rocket Ship"
A Tribute to Her Late Father

Alumni Spotlight

O'Dowd student activities director, digital music teacher and songwriter Starr Saunders '98 was with her father, Jim Braig, when he awoke from a nap one afternoon in May. In the final stages of his battle with bone cancer, Braig was a bit foggy when he eyed Saunders and asked "Where's my rocket ship?"

As he became fully awake, Braig told Saunders he'd had a dream that she sold a million and a half records and bought him a rocket ship.

As her father drifted back to sleep, Saunders began to cry. But then the chorus of a song came to her – "I'll buy you a rocket ship to take you away from all the pain."

Within a week, Saunders had written an entire song, "Rocket Ship," which she ultimately sang at her father's funeral in June. "That was my tribute to him."

A few weeks later, Saunders performed the song at the San Francisco West Coast Songwriters monthly song contest and won "Best Song" for the night.

One of the contest judges who had lost a friend to bone cancer, as well as family members and friends who'd previously heard the melody, convinced Saunders that she should record the song.

Saunders teamed with producer Richard Harris to record "Rocket Ship," which was released Nov. 12. She performed the piece at a release party held on Nov. 16, at the Hotel Utah Saloon in San Francisco.

Available on iTunes, a percentage of all proceeds from the sale of "Rocket Ship" will go towards cancer research and assisting those who can't afford treatment. "It's my way of splitting it with my co-writer, who I believe was my father," she said. "He didn't know it, but he gave me the idea for the song."

Response to the song has been amazing, Saunders said. "People really have connected with it," she said.

It's all very bittersweet for Saunders.

"My father was my biggest cheerleader, and it's hard not to be able to share this with him. But I wholeheartedly believe that he's with me every time I perform the song," she said.

"And there's a strange serendipity. My dad was a biomedical engineer and inventor, and his dad worked for NASA. So it makes sense to have any proceeds from 'Rocket Ship' go towards research as well as helping others," she said.

Saunders says that music helped her through the sorrow of losing her father. "That's why I encourage my students to pursue their art – whether their art is music, athletics, politics, etc. Your passion for your art will save you during tough times."

To that end, Saunders recently worked with the Bread & Roses organization to conduct a songwriting workshop for adolescent males serving detention sentences at Camp Wilmont Sweeney in San Leandro. "The workshop focused on not letting your past predict your future, and how to use music for healing purposes," she said.



Above photo: Starr Saunders '98 and Jim Braig.

Greetings from Director of Alumni Relations LizaDawn Ramirez



There is quite a bit going on in Alumni Relations! First, I want to thank the alumni who attended our inaugural Alumni Homecoming Beer Garden (see story on page 38). The goal of this event was to bring alumni back together on campus and to show O'Dowd's appreciation for its graduates. More than 100

alums came back to O'Dowd for this event – an unprecedented success! From the interest and positive feedback received, the Beer Garden event looks like the start of a fantastic annual tradition.

Learning more about O'Dowd's many different alumni is a priority for Alumni Relations. Whether it is through a meeting, over the phone or via social media, I want to learn about YOUR personal and professional accomplishments. Please continue to share your news so we can celebrate your achievements on our website or through our publications.

Securing a class agent for each class continues to be an ongoing effort. The job description is simple - the ideal class agent is a graduate who stays in contact with most, if not all, of his/her class. There are no meetings, no big time commitment, just a willingness to help strengthen communication between alumni and the school and help spread the word when needed.

Ah, yes – reunions. Is your class planning a reunion this year? Something to think about: O'Dowd has a great on-site catering company, Epicurean, and the varied locations on campus make O'Dowd an ideal, affordable and nostalgic place for reunions. The following classes need a reunion coordinator: 1959; 1969; 1979; 1984; 1989; 1994; 1999; 2004; 2009. Contact me if you're interested, or if your class has already established a committee.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank the alumni who have made donations to O'Dowd this year. Alumni gifts to the Center for Environmental Studies campaign and the *Transforming Lives* financial assistance program directly support our students. Alumni giving is vital to the ongoing success of O'Dowd as we move forward with our academic vision. Did you know that 30 percent of current O'Dowd students are benefiting from the \$2.5 million given in financial assistance this year? Generous alumni have forever changed the lives of these students. If you haven't had a chance to make a gift, please consider it. Your fellow Dragons will be most grateful. As always, please contact me at lramirez@bishopodowd.org or (510) 577-9100, ext. 317 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you!

Class Agents

Thank you to the following alumni who stepped forward to serve as class agents. Class agents help Alumni Relations foster relationships with alumni and assist in sharing updates and upcoming events.

Alumni from other classes interested in serving as class agents should contact Director of Alumni Relations LizaDawn Ramirez at lramirez@bishopodowd.org or (510) 577-9100, ext. 317.



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Lawson '79*



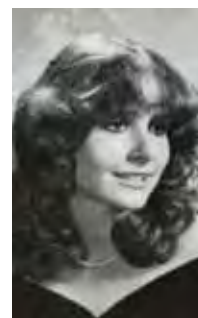
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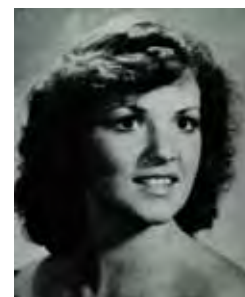
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Wedding Bells



Socorro Medrano '76 married David Silva on Sept. 1, 2012, at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore. Socorro is in her 30th year of employment with Cal State East Bay. She is a finance support specialist in the administration and finance department.

Kassie Peters '03 married Brandon Fell on July 19, 2013, at Murrieta's Well in Livermore. They are pictured at right with Kassie's sister, Haily Peters '14, and brother, Lucas DeMiguel '11.

Additional wedding photos on page 35.



Angie Porrino '92 and Niccolo De Luca '92 were married on Sept. 22, 2012. Angie and Niccolo met during their first week of freshman year in 1988.

Dragons posing for a wedding photo included Chris Carlson '91, Anthony Glenn '88, Pia Porrino Glenn '87, Angie Porrino De Luca '92, Karina Moreno '92, Marcus Porrino '90, Dominic Porrino, Greg Harris '91, Niccolo De Luca '92, Rich Moore '92, Jon Hallin '92 and Jacques LeHot '92.

Others attending the wedding included Francesca De Luca '88, Daniela De Luca '90 and Brendan Heafey '91.



Class of 1983 Holds 30th Reunion



Members of the Class of 1983 celebrated their 30 year reunion with a weekend of festivities in August. The fun got started on Friday, Aug. 30, with a gathering at the Kingfish Bar, a favorite spot for many classmates. On Saturday, Aug. 31, more than 50 classmates gathered for their official reunion get together - a picnic at Lake Chabot Park.

Class of 1982 Recap of 30th Reunion



More than 130 members of the Class of 1982 gathered at Francesco's Restaurant on Oct. 20, 2012, to celebrate their 30 year reunion. Cocktails, dinner and karaoke were enjoyed by all. Class members are encouraged to join the Facebook group "Bishop O'Dowd - Class of 82" to stay connected and updated on future reunions.

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1964 - 50 Years

The Class of 1964 is planning its 50th reunion for Sept. 27, 2014. Reunion committee members include Dan Ayala, Kay Ayala, Tom Clark, Bernie Miraglia Clausen, Barbara Seronello Cornelius, Paul Farro, Joan Kennedy, Maggie MacMillan Kushner, Kitsie Dunnigan Larkin, Tom Larkin, Tom Madigan, Margie Matthews, Mary Oppedahl, Kay Powell, Bob Price, Steve Splendorio and June Mecchi Thompson. Class members are asked to e-mail the O'Dowd Alumni Office at advancement@bishopodowd.org or Margie Matthews at margiematthews@yahoo.com with their contact information.

Class of 1974 - 40 Years

The Class of 1974 will hold its 40th reunion on June 28, 2014. Details will be provided soon.

Class of 1994 - 20 Years

Interested in helping plan the celebration? Please contact Courtney Riley at courtney.slocum@gmail.com. You may also contact Courtney through Facebook or LinkedIn, or call her at (510) 898-6526.



More Bishop O'Dowd High School alumni news can be found at www.bishopodowd.org, under "alumni."

More Wedding Bells



Left: Kelly Lewellyn '07 and Brian Dodson '06 were married on July 26, 2013, at Ruby Hill Winery in Livermore.



The wedding party included Lauren Lewellyn '11 (maid of honor), Tommy Lewellyn '13, Liam Dodson '08 (best man), Peter Podrid '06, Devin Mateo '06, Nikko Wahl '06, Alex Remar '06, Matias Meneses '06, Eileen Clapp '07 and Cara Kuhlman '07.



Class of 1958 members, left to right, Mary Clare (Wethern) Belrose, Mary (Brocchini) French and Barbara (Burns) Cameron.

Barbara recently retired after 52 years of nursing. She enjoys traveling, particularly going on cruises.

Alums Play Baseball in Japan



Class of 2012 members and current Cal State East Bay baseball players, from left to right, John Tierney, Bryan Mason and Marcus Williams, traveled with their college team to Japan in August to play the baseball team of Fukuoka Institute of Technology (FIT).

Keep Up With O'Dowd on
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Class Notes

1981

Joseph Russi is EVP/head of the investment advisory arm at Silber Bennett Financial in Las Vegas.

1989

Dr. Karl W. Lampley recently published his first book, *A Theological Account of Nat Turner: Christianity, Violence, and Theology* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).

Karl graduated from the University of Chicago Divinity School with a Ph.D. in Theology in June, 2012. While at the school, he was a Fund for Theological Education (FTE) doctoral and dissertation fellow as well as a Martin Marty Center Junior Fellow.

Karl also earned a Master of Divinity at Claremont School of Theology and a bachelor of arts degree (cum laude) from Harvard University.

He's currently working as an adjunct faculty lecturer at Santa Clara University and serving in ministry at Downs Memorial United Methodist Church while seeking ordination in the United Methodist Church.

2000

Shelialanna Hillard, MFT is currently living in the Bay Area and working for Contra Costa County Health Services as a mental health clinical specialist.



Left photo: Quinipiac's Shannon Durkin '11 and Northeastern's David Murphy '13 had an impromptu reunion in October when their rugby teams had back-to-back games against UConn. Both teams defeated host UConn.

2008

Tim Kerbavaz founded an event production company, Talon Entertainment, and now works full-time for U.C Davis Academic Technology Services as the special event support technical director.

2009

Brianna Benedetto graduated magna cum laude from U.C. Davis in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in animal science. She was accepted from among 1,135 applicants into the doctor of veterinary medicine program at U.C. Davis and began the four-year program last fall.

Several Class of 1959 members gathered for lunch at Il Fornaio in Walnut Creek recently. Pictured, from left to right, are Sandy Morriera Link, Jean Pullan Kelly, Judy Fogarty Moore, Irene Aguirre Marchello, Charlene Dennis Scotti and Phyllis Reilly Bazano. The classmates are looking forward to their 55th reunion next year.



Boyle Family Growing



From left to right, Mairin Boyle '15, Siobhan Boyle Guerra '03, holding son Felix Guerra IV, and Shane Boyle '17.

Going Somewhere?

If you're moving – to a new home, a new city, a new state or a new country – don't forget to let us know. You can help us save postage and we can make sure you won't miss an issue of *The Dragon*.

Please print your new address and attach your mailing label to this form.

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Benjamin Henderson '08 Receives Fulbright Award

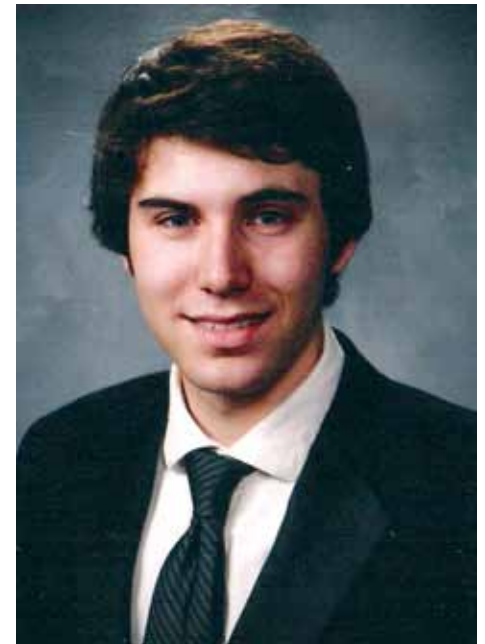
Benjamin Henderson '08 was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship to Turkey for an English Teaching Assistantship, the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board announced last fall.

Henderson is one of more than 1,700 U.S. citizens who traveled abroad for the 2013-2014 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide direct and indirect support. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program has given approximately 318,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists, scientists and other professionals the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

Benjamin graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from New York's Columbia University in 2012.



Inaugural Alumni Homecoming Beer Garden Draws Big Crowd



From left to right, Eric Bjornson '90, Lou Richie '89 and Jim McKenna '86

More than 100 alumni spanning five decades returned to the O'Dowd campus on Oct. 25 for the inaugural Alumni Homecoming Beer Garden event.

Organized by Director of Alumni Relations LizaDawn Ramirez, the event took place in Dominican Hall lounge and courtyard prior to the O'Dowd vs. Hayward football game. Alumni were provided tickets to the game and many stayed after the social event to cheer the Dragons to a 28-15 victory.

"I wanted to have an event that would bring alumni back together on campus and let them know just how much we appreciate them. My primary goal was for our alumni to have a great time before enjoying the homecoming game," she said.

Ramirez said she was delighted by the terrific turnout. "I'm extremely pleased that so many alumni came to the Beer Garden event. I hope this becomes an annual tradition," she said.

The alumni enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect, see recent changes made to the campus and chat with O'Dowd administrators, faculty and staff.

"It was nice returning to the campus.

It brought back many great memories of my time there. As a Hall of Fame member it was interesting to see the new video presentation in the gym," Robert Herrick '67 said. "I enjoyed the Beer Garden event and look forward to the next social. Hopefully, these activities will catch on with more alumni in the future."

David Schwoegler '61 said the event provided a relaxing atmosphere to greet other alumni and meet current O'Dowd staffers. "The campus is growing and improving remarkably within its fixed footprint," he said.

The Class of 1990 was particularly well-represented, with former football players Christopher Aparicio, Eric Bjornson, Jason Concannon, Brice McKeever and Aaron Pont in attendance.

Former faculty member and coach Kevin Donahue '63 was also on hand.

Special thanks to the O'Dowd Athletic Department for providing the alumni complimentary tickets to the football game and to Oakland's Linden Street Brewery for donating beer for the event.

See more event photos at <http://www.bishopodowd.org/admin/?p=5886>.



From left to right, Robert Herrick '67, Tim Duggan '67, Richard Clark '67 and Michael Mulhern '67.



From left to right, John Otten '75, Charlotte Beyda Rushing '76 and Leon Natsues '84.



From left to right, Devins Green '87, Undrae Brooks '83 and David Bail '87.

Photos by Lisa Coffey Mahoney.

Jenkins

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“And, in a school community as socioeconomically diverse as O’Dowd, not all families have the ability to give and the school must cultivate new donors a bit further afield – alums, of course, and others in the broader East Bay community,” she added.

Despite the challenges, Jenkins says that she gets much satisfaction from her work.

“Every development person will tell you that they could be successfully selling refrigerators, but they prefer to use their skills on behalf of a worthy cause in the nonprofit sector. I agree with that. It feels good to help nonprofits succeed,” she said.

“More importantly, I am in development because of the ‘magic’ that takes place when a prospective donor begins to understand what they can make happen with their money and is moved to make an important gift. It is exhilarating work and it is fun to share it with volunteers and others,” Jenkins added.

Jenkins and her husband, Richard Baldwin, have a grown daughter, Kate. She also has two grown stepchildren, Patrick and Brittany.

Outside of work, Jenkins enjoys cultural events, reading and occasionally writing poetry, travel, exercise and fitness. Jenkins and her daughter also have a fashion and style blog – twotakeonstyle.com.

Caruso

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put on such large scale events. I have great people working for me – each one of them takes their responsibilities very seriously,” he said. “A staff working together and having a successful event is just like a sports team working together and getting a win.”

Caruso and his wife, Jackie, have three children, Megan (21), a senior finance major at Texas A&M, Alex (19) a sophomore scholarship basketball player at Texas A&M and Emily (17) a senior in high school.

When Caruso’s not at work he can be found in the stands at Alex’s basketball games or Emily’s volleyball games. He also enjoys golf and traveling.

Graduation Outcomes

Guided by the Mission Statement of Bishop O’Dowd High School to prepare students for lives of spiritual, intellectual, and personal growth, graduates will be:

Academic Achievers who...

- Exhibit knowledge and skills necessary for college.
- Practice critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Research, analyze and synthesize information effectively.
- Demonstrate innovation, creativity, and a love of the arts.

Spiritual Individuals who...

- Demonstrate knowledge and appreciation of Catholic faith and traditions.
- Participate actively in their faith community.
- Respect diversity of religion and culture.
- Make moral, ethical and healthy choices in daily living.

Effective Communicators who...

- Exhibit expert reading and writing skills.
- Articulate ideas clearly and creatively.
- Use information technology effectively and ethically.
- Understand divergent points of view.

Active Leaders who...

- Model personal integrity, responsibility, and ethical behavior.
- Utilize emotional and social skills to build collaboration and teamwork.
- Embrace diversity and promote excellence.
- Demonstrate effective decision-making skills.

Globally Responsible Citizens who...

- Model human connectedness through a commitment to social justice.
- Respect cultural and ethnic influences.
- Work for a moral, just and peaceful world.
- Exhibit care and respect for the environment.

Life-long Learners who...

- Demonstrate openness to growth.
- Take responsibility for their own actions and the welfare of others.
- Critically assess the values of contemporary culture in light of the Gospel.
- Promote justice and peace in service to their faith.

Academic Achievers

National Merit Semifinalists



National Achievement Semifinalists



National Achievement Outstanding Participants

National Merit Commended Students



National Merit Semifinalists

Emily Zeme and Caitlin Walsh

National Achievement Semifinalists

Loren Lassiter and Olivia Bernadel-Huey

National Merit Commended Students

Top Row: Garrett Woodworth, Marco Zepeda, Daniel Newell, Caroline Desler, Lois Nersesian and Olivia Bernadel-Huey
Bottom Row: Claire Ganski, Justin Adsuara, Anne Merritt, Tara Viviani and Cristina Riani

National Achievement Outstanding Participants

Top Row: Anika Anderson, Bakare Awakoaiye and Sienna Parker
Front Row: Bakari Ziegler, Mekhon Asrat and D'Angelo Guiton
(Not pictured Joy White)

National Hispanic Recognition

Lily Zaballos, Marco Zepeda, Abigail Champion and Cassandra Otero



Sustainability

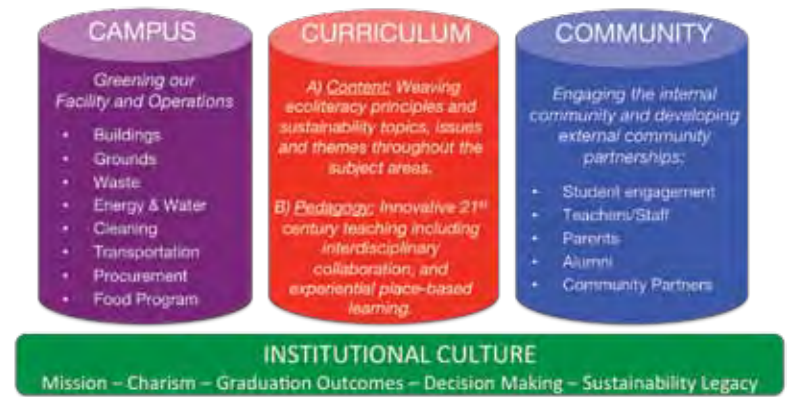
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The current Zero-Waste initiative began by finishing the work that the Earthbound club began over three years ago: implementing a campuswide tri-bin infrastructure. The idea being that every time a person approaches the waste receptacles they have all three options: compost, single-stream recycling and landfill.

By the end of November the campus had complete tri-bin coverage in all high-traffic areas and, with the help of the Ethics and Media Class's Anti-Littering Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign, people are actually using these new bins.

Inspired by Green Alliance's Green Cup Challenge, I'm working closely with S4S to train the faculty and students to sort their waste properly and track their progress over the course of the school year. All of these efforts share the goal of diverting the majority of O'Dowd's waste to recycling and compost, which will both reduce our environmental impact and significantly reduce the monthly Waste Management bills.

With the waste initiative well underway, I've begun to guide our school through the process of "greening" all aspects of the facility and operations with the hopes of obtaining Green Business Certification from the state of California.



Bringing sustainability to O'Dowd means equipping students with the tools, resources and life experience to take O'Dowd's sustainable legacy into the world and create an environmentally sustainable, socially just and economically viable world. In order to do this, sustainability must be integrated into O'Dowd's campus, curriculum, community and culture.

We'd Love to Hear From You!

Your fellow alumni are interested in reading about what you are doing. Please use this form to keep your classmates and other O'Dowd friends up-to-date on the activities in your life. Send us news about career moves, publications, additions to your family, awards, etc. We especially welcome wedding, baby, and group gathering photos! By policy, we do not print non-legal unions, engagements, or pregnancies, and we reserve the right to edit submissions.

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Bottom row L-R: Fran LaTorre, Sister Michael Thomas, Bernadette Freitas, Rosna Maranga, Herb Manchester, Gary Northcutt, Bob Martinez, Bob Sohr

Middle row: Yvette Justice, Janis Austin (behind Yvette), Margaret Congreve, Laurie Mariman, Cheryl Delahousaye, Mary Anne Rokovick, Mary Manifasso, Val Merry, Diane Manha (in front of Val), Susan Sandwick, Ellen McCracken, Kathy Parson, Mary Anne Nahm, John Ortiz, George Chifalo, Gary Vannucci

Back row: Kathy Kilian, Bill Krebs (hidden), Lorrie DelBonta, Patric Menghini, Kathy Campen, John Stewart, John Byles, Tom Lynch, Janelle Jordan, Joe Rayman, Jerry Kendall, Ed Brent

Missing in picture: Anne Genoveses

Looking Forward to 2015

Laurie Mariman '65 (middle row, fourth from left) submitted the photo at left of the St. Louis Bertrand Class of 1961 reunion because so many of the students continued their education at O'Dowd.

Laurie said the event provided a wonderful opportunity for classmates to renew acquaintances and get excited about celebrating their 50th O'Dowd reunion.

The SLB reunion was organized by Mary Anne Nahm, Ellen McCracken, Lorrie DelBonta, Valerie Merry and Patricia Menghini - all O'Dowd grads.

In Memoriam

Katherine Crosby, wife of Peter Crosby and mother of Sarah and Alex '07 Crosby

Neil DeLury '56

James Fraga '70, husband of CeLeste Fraga, father of Julie (Dan Paterson), Katie (Chris Mize) and Jimmy Fraga, and grandfather of Blake and Clay Mize

Corinne (Delucchi) Henning, wife of the late George Henning, mother of Paul Henning '78 (Linda) and Ann Henning '79, grandmother of Michael and Christina Henning, and sister of the late Robert Delucchi

Harry Lema, husband of Judith Webrman Lema '60

Francis J. Mahoney, husband of Carmel Mahoney, father of John '74 (Juri), Rob '76 (Lisa Coffey Mahoney '76), Gary '79, Jim '79 and Joan Mahoney, and grandfather of Daniel '03, Kate '06 and Bryan Mahoney

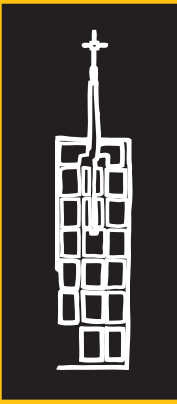
Robert and Joetta Malkassian, parents of R. Patrick Malkassian '89 (Elizabeth) and grandparents of Sofia and Alexandria Malkassian

Sara "Sally" Nelson, wife of George Nelson and mother of Catherine Nelson Nakayama '73 (Henry), Anne Nelson Zahner '74, John Nelson '75 (Wendy), Mary Claire Nelson O'valle '77 (Thomas) and Bernadette Nelson Smith '79 (Mark)

Dorothy Rossi, wife of Nello Rossi, mother of Leonard '73 (Karen) Rossi, and grandmother of Janet Rossi '00

Kathryn ("Kay") Serrao, wife of the late Al Serrao, mother of Carolyn '65 (Al Riley), Dan '68, Bob '69 (Vicki) and Cathy Serrao Kope '73 (Ray), and grandmother of Aaron, Greg Scott '95 (Deanna), and Amber Westfall (Erik)

Bishop O'Dowd High School encourages *The Dragon* readers to forward to the school copies of obituary notices about the passing of O'Dowd community members so that the names of the deceased can be listed in the *In Memoriam* section of this magazine. Please send the notices to Lisa Coffey Mahoney '76, c/o Bishop O'Dowd High School, 9500 Stearns Ave., Oakland, CA 94605, or e-mail them to lmahoney@bishopodowd.org. Note: Listings are based on information known at press time and may not include all surviving family members.



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