

# The Royal Courier

Alumni Newsletter

## Congratulations- Class of 2010



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## FACILITIES

Over the last ten years extensive changes have been made to the facilities at the school. From 2002 to 2004, a New Building was added to the school. This building has three science classrooms, faculty work area, computer lab, two regular classrooms, a 250 seat cafeteria, a 1,000 seat gymnasium, and parking area underneath. In the summer of 2007, an earthquake retrofit program in the Historic Building was undertaken to bring this building, originally built in 1924/25, up to current earthquake standards.

This summer has been filled with very rewarding activity here at school. We are finished with a major safety and renovation project that we believe will be impressive to you all... the school's public spaces look really great. We have completely renovated our hallways in the Historic Building as well as installing a fire sprinkler and alarm system throughout the Historic Building. Some electrical and lighting upgrades were also completed in the Historic Building.

Our vitality grows stronger through the talents, commitments, and values engendered in our students and their parents. We are proud that we are increasingly a viable choice for a broad range of students from public, private, and Catholic schools. Our plan for growth is emerging more strongly than ever.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Mission Alumni and Friends,

I've had two great alumni encounters last month that I wanted to share. And then to point out a couple of important things about our school.

The first involved a great conversation and trip down memory lane that I took with **Bill Zweifel, Class of '60**. Bill is chairman for his class's 50th reunion this coming October. Bill and I checked out some Mission memorabilia with the "Mission Indians" insignia that I have in my office. One is a really cool pennant, circa 1960's, donated by the Tom and Nina Rice family. We also looked through a School-Girl Days Diary that I have from **Frances Bressi nee Serano, class of '31**. For Bill, that diary "channeled" memories of Mission families who were foundational to the growth of San Luis Obispo.

And a couple of days later, I had the awesome opportunity to tour around the school with members of the Class of 1990 who came over to reconnect with high school friends, check out the building progress, take some photos, and share some old memories. What a privilege it is for me to hear about MCP when it first reopened its doors, "back in the day." I loved hearing all the "Mr. Iribarren encounters," as well as gleaning excitement about the old senior steps or about games played in the old gym (now the performing arts center). It's a cool thing to hear class members telling tales (in edited form, of course) that are representative of their unique class "spirit" (read: "getting away with murder"). Classmates were interested to hear about teachers who are here now who were here then, people like Peggy Randall and Dave Anderson. When we walked into the new gym and the folks saw the memorial plaque to Jay Cowitz, there were a number of great stories that poured out.

The first thing to point out is that MCP is committing in more significant ways than ever before to help facilitate those connections we seek. One way that we can do this is by offering you a choice from a menu of communications options that meet your needs. Although we have not yet rolled out our new website (due imminently), check out our cool facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/MissionPrep>. With tools like this, we are creatively facilitating a strong expression of our identity. We are developing a social-media platform that has multiple options for staying plugged in with Mission. It's a cool way to see how MCP of today has inherited the legacy of our alumni and to do so with the sophisticated tools of our modern time. Our students will increasingly be involved in the expressions of our vitality on-line. They have so much to offer. They are so impressive! I'm confident that this initiative will prove stimulating to our alumni who'll really be able to witness the internal culture of the school, turned public. Additionally, our alumni are doing exciting things out there in the "real world" and I want to find ways for MCP to use this new "bridge" as a way to promote alumni-student contact programs. There's so many super cool options when the issue of location or geography is neutralized.

The second point that I want to make is to invite your financial partnership. Sometimes people think that asking folks for money is crass or "dirty business." I believe that supporting the mission of the school

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

Not only do I support my Catholic High School alma mater financially, but my wife and I have committed annual dollars for MCP. I believe that my time, talent, and treasure are all necessary to advance the mission of this great school... and to make it great for the next 50 years. To do something truly extraordinary in a place requires the participation of everyone. And that's not crass or dirty, that's really making something beautiful for God.

Some alumni Board of Regents members, **Toney Breault ('89)**, and **Brendan Morris ('89)**, have generously taken on the responsibility to stimulate greater participation in our annual giving program among Mission alumni in their class this year. Please stay tuned for how you might participate in a class competition. We are emphasizing participation rates more than amount... but of course, we are trying to build a donation program that allows us to proceed with strategic and measured growth at MCP, and that takes real dollars. Thank for discerning the level of participation appropriate for your family.

I look forward to partnering with you all in the ever-greater realization of our school's mission. There are many ways that we can enhance the quality of our experience together. I am committed to our Mission community, past, present, and future. Thank you for your's.

All my best,

James Childs

Principal

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Your participation in MCP's Annual Fund allows us to make a true difference in how MCP fulfills its mission and partners with families more extensively than ever before. All students who receive financial assistance at MCP are screened by a private financial service who validates the financial need of the student and their family.

In this school year, 5.7% of projected revenue will go into tuition assistance allocations. This is an increase of about \$65,000 from last year and supporting 20% more families than ever before. Tuition assistance supports 20% of our Mission families. Average award for 2010-11 is over \$3600 per family. This program enhancement, among others, is made directly possible by Annual Fund donations.

## CLASS OF 2000 REUNION

September 25, 2010

Contact Beth (Brudney) Higgins at  
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or John Scully at [jscully@missionprep.org](mailto:jscully@missionprep.org) or  
(805) 543-2131, EXT 410

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS?

Last issue of The Royal Courier we received information on 2 of the missing alums.

Thank you for your responses. Currently we do not have any contact with the following MHS/MCC/MCP alums. Either their Royal Courier or email of the newsletter was returned as undeliverable. If you know their whereabouts please contact them and have them get in touch with us at the school or [jscully@missionprep.org](mailto:jscully@missionprep.org) or go online to MCP website at [www.missionprep.org](http://www.missionprep.org).

**James Amato - 1962**

**Sandie (Anderson) Moore - 1961**

**Alison Bailey - 1969**

**Kathleen (Biaggini) Longmeyer - 1951**

**Bill Beretta - 1955**

**Darleen Bradbeer - 1962**

**Anne (Chavez) Caron - 1955**

**Judith Dana - 1962**

**Mary Daugherty - 1958**

**Joyce (Degottardi) Arkells - 1951**

**Carol Flores - 1962**

**Virginia (Gates) Markum - 1953**

**Ann Gonzalez - 1959**

**Martha Harrison - 1958**

**Wanda Harrison - 1962**

**Therese Hill - 1962**

**Nancy (Leland) Copeland - 1952**

**Judith (Lopez) Lanfear - 1959**

**Mary Mackey - 1962**

**Michael Mills - 1951**

**Edward Murrell - 1962**

**Elizabeth Pedrazzi - 1953**

**Richard Perry - 1955**

**Matt Reyes - 2005**

**Lucille Roza - 1953**

**Michael Sullivan - 1961**

**Janet Thefeld - 1951**

**Virginia Weber - 1962**

**Elizabeth Zaninovich - 2001**

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### Class of 1950

**Maureen (O'Toole) Luebbers** was recently recognized for her 25-year involvement with Atascadero Loaves and Fishes. She was selected as one of the "Great People Make a Great Community".

### Class of 1962

**Lori (Mello) Fackenthal** is living in Sacramento, CA with her husband, Bill, who retired after 27 years in the US Navy. She is interested in reconnecting with her 1962 classmates.

### Class of 1965

**Phil Spessard** is a retired airline pilot currently living in Newberg, OR. He is the owner of a custom leather products and leather repair shop.

### Class of 1989

**Tom Frazier-Deweese** graduated from the University of Hawaii (West Oahu) last December with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities (History).

### Class of 1990

**Ross Moriarty** is living and working as a real estate agent in Los Osos. His wife gave birth to twins in February who joined their two siblings.

### Class of 1996

**Kevin Osborne** completed Law School and is now living and practicing law in San Francisco.

## ALUMNI RELATIONS CORNER

Congratulations to the Class of 2010 who joined the ranks of over 2000 graduates who can say with pride that they graduated from Mission. Best of luck to them as they embark on the next phase of their lives.

Last issue we mentioned about receiving Ray Melin's (Class of 1931) diploma. His great nephew, Don Melin who still lives in the county, contacted us and plans to pick up the diploma.

Work is continuing on entering the Classes of 1971 to 1983 (when school only went to the 9th grade) into the data base. If anyone has a listing of the graduates of 1974, 1977 and 1978 it would be very helpful.

We want all of our alumni – from the MCP years, the Mission Central Catholic era, or from the Mission High days – to know that you are absolutely welcome on this campus anytime. Come to check things out here at Mission whenever you are in town. And if you can arrange it, we'd love to see you for the Homecoming festivities this fall, on Friday November 5th. Please contact us when you are having a reunion event. If you would like us to work with your group to get creative about how we can support a get-together, let us know. We would like to see you on campus more because your connections with each other and the school are important to nourish. It is through a more vibrant partnership with our alumni that we can better fulfill our mission with students today.

Check out our new facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/missionprep>. We are encouraging the use of facebook as a gathering place to reconnect with old friends in the spirit of Mission. Everyone's presence, excitement, and bond helps your alma mater grow.

If you have a preference for receiving the newsletter, email or postal mail, we are able to make the necessary adjustment if you let us know. We are continuing our efforts to reconnect with alums (MHS, MCC, and MCP) who we have lost contact with over the years for various reasons. If you know of classmates who are not receiving the newsletter have them get in touch with us at 805.543-2131, Ext 410 or [jscully@missionprep.org](mailto:jscully@missionprep.org).

John J. Scully

Alumni Relations Director

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### CLASS of 1960 - GOLDEN DIPLOMAS

On Saturday, October 30 the Mission Central Catholic High School Class of 1960 will receive their Golden Diplomas at a special liturgy in the MCP Performing Arts Center. Previous to this year the Golden Diplomas had been presented during the MCP Commencement Exercise in Mission Plaza on Friday evening. Because of a larger graduating class from MCP this year, the start of larger classes from 50 years ago, and limited space in Mission Plaza for graduates and their families the Golden Diplomas are being presented at a separate ceremony. So this year the Golden Diplomas will be presented in conjunction with the MHS/MCC Reunion Luncheon.

Letters with the Golden Diploma information have been mailed out to the 25 living members of the Class of 1960. Members of other classes are welcome to attend the liturgy and luncheon. If you have questions contact John Scully at 805.543-2131, Ext 410 or [jscully@missionprep.org](mailto:jscully@missionprep.org) or **Bill Zweifel (Class of 1960)** at 805.543-3659 or [billyz@charter.net](mailto:billyz@charter.net).

## SPRING SPORTS RESULTS

The 2009-10 spring sports season was successful with three teams advancing to the CIF Central Section playoffs. Stephanie Da Rosa (2010) finished 17th in the State Finals girls shot put with a toss of 40-2. She placed four spots above her number 21 seed.

Baseball – Coach Jerry Detz and Assistant Gary Morrow

Record: 11 - 14

Highlights: Seeded sixth and advanced to the CIF Central Section Div V quarterfinals before losing to Corcoran 9 - 3.

**Kevin Laird (2010)** All-County First Team.

**Ray Hurwitz (2010)** All-County Second Team.

Golf – Coach Lance Parker

Record: 3 - 3

Highlights: Despite bad weather and rainouts, team scores improved each week.

The team for next year has some promising new players and transfers.

Softball – Coach Marshall Ochylski, Assistants Jennalee Jepersen and Tim Souchek

Record: 10 - 8

Highlights: Qualified for the CIF Central Section Div V playoffs as the tenth seed, beat Lindsay 9 - 7 before losing to the number 2 seed Riverdale in the quarterfinals

**Ally Kersthald (2010)** All-County First Team for the second year.

**Cat Hall (2010) and Kyra Joseph (2010)** All-County Honorable Mention.

Track – Coach Brady Lock, Assistants Armando Siqueros and Rob Schroeter

Highlights: The girls' team finished 8th out of 29 teams at the CIF Central Section Finals which is amazing as they had to compete against much larger schools with only 7 girls competing.

**Annie Mooney (2011)** placed 2nd in the 1600 meter CIF Central Section Div II meet.

**Stephanie DaRosa (2010)** placed 2nd in the shot put at the Central Section CIF Div II meet.

Four new school records were set in the shot put, discus, 4 X 100 and 4 X 400 relay teams. Twelve personal records were set by 8 different athletes.

Volleyball (Boys) – Coach Devin Porr and Assistant Matt Reed

Record: 8 - 11

Highlights: Advanced to the Central Section CIF Div I before losing to the fourth seed Bullard in 3 closely fought games.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### Class of 1996 (cont'd)

**Ali Semon** celebrated the 20th anniversary of her business, Frame Works, in San Luis Obispo.

### Class of 1999

**Lauren (Fissori) Turner** was recently married to Jamaal Turner. She also received her doctorate in mathematics from Loyola-Marymount University this summer.

### Class of 2001

**LT Nick Gall** graduated from the US Naval Academy in 2005. He is currently serving as an EP-3 Orion pilot in the US Navy and based at Whidbey Island, WA. He is assigned to missions around the world. Nick will be flying an EP-3 Orion into San Luis Obispo Airport for a YMCA Benefit at the Airport Jet center on October 16. You are invited to come and visit with Nick and tour the EP-3 Orion.

### Class of 2002

**Brian Calcagno** completed flight school and is currently serving in Iraq as a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot,

**Nick Coughlin** recently participated in the Law Enforcement Special Olympic Torch Run through San Luis Obispo County.

### Class of 2004

**Daniel Coudray** was rushed to Stanford Hospital in early May with leukemia. He has been receiving heavy doses of chemotherapy for the last several months. So far the results look promising but he has a long way to go. Updated information is available on facebook at "Daniel Beats Cancer".

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### Class of 2004 (cont'd)

**Blagota Radulovic** graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University (San Diego) in 2008 with a degree in Business Administration. He returned to Montenegro and is working for the government at the Investment Promotion Office and working on his masters in economy.

### Class of 2005

**Hratch Achadjian** is working with Google and Microsoft doing Cloud Computing for SADA Systems. He is also actively involved as a volunteer with Children's Music Fund.

**Maurina Bartlatt** graduated from UC, Los Angeles with a BS in Math and Applied Sciences in June. She will be attending graduate school at the University of Hawaii, Hilo in the fall.

**Joe Calcagno** is working on his Masters in Biomedical Engineering and anticipates graduating in June 2011. He is has also been a member of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Search and Rescue for the last 4 years.

**Emily Chui** graduated from University of Southern California with a degree in Communications. She is currently pursuing a masters in Traditional Chinese Medicine in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Joe DePanfilis** graduated from College of the Holy Cross in 2009. He moved to Arizona to pursue golf more seriously and recently turned pro.

## ATHLETICS OFFICE ADDITION

Fellow Alumni,

I wanted to take a quick moment to introduce or re-introduce myself. My name is **Jake Hitchcock (MCP '02)** and I have been given the great privilege and opportunity to return to Mission Prep as an employee. What better opportunity could I be given to mix my love of sports and working with students? I return to Mission Prep to work alongside John Krossa and Brady Lock in the Athletic Department. My degrees in Kinesiology and Recreation from Cal Poly, SLO along with my pursuit of a Masters in Sports Management from Virginia Commonwealth University provide me the knowledge and background to contribute to Mission Prep and our Athletic Department.

As a student, Mission gave me the opportunity to work hard in the classroom as well on the field and court (though the hard work in the classroom has taken me a bit further than my athletic pursuits). I was also blessed with a well rounded education and opportunities to meet some many wonderful individuals.

As this year progresses it is my hopes and intentions to reconnect the Mission Alumni with the school as well as our Athletic teams. Being a part of a small school, there are many of us who played sports during our time at MCP whether we were the stand out athletes or if we simply loved the sport and gave it our best effort, athletics gave us a venue to be ourselves, grow as individuals, and make memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

I would ask for alumni to feel free to e-mail me at [jhitchcock@missionprep.org](mailto:jhitchcock@missionprep.org) if you have any questions, concerns, or want more information about our athletic teams. I would also hope that your memories or artifacts would help us continue to link our alumni with our student body. Lastly, check out the school's website: [www.missionprep.org](http://www.missionprep.org), it contains links that direct you to our team schedules along with other information. Also, be on the look out for new additions to our athletics web page as the year progresses and additional ways to keep

COACHING VACANCY  
Girls JV Basketball

Season: Nov 1 to Feb 15

Contact: John Krossa at (805) 543-2131, Ext 212 or  
[jkrossa@missionprep.org](mailto:jkrossa@missionprep.org)

## MCP MOVING TO CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION FOR SPORTS

MCP will be moving from the CIF-Central Section to the Southern Section in all sports this school year after being in the Central Section for 14 years. While we have been accepted into the Southern Section, we will remain independent of any league as we have for the last four years in the Central Section in all sports except football.

There are several reasons for the decision to move back to the Southern Section. Included was to reduce the amount of travel time and travel costs during the season, play more competitive teams, establish rivalries with local schools, and eventually be accepted into a league.

Concurrent with the move to the Southern Section, MCP applied for entry into the Los Padres League next season for all sports except football. We asked for a transition into the league in football over a four-year period. Although our football program has made some significant strides over the last few years we currently do not have enough student-athletes to fully compete in football in the Los Padres League. During the transition period we would play an increasing number of Los Padres League schools. This season we will be playing Santa Maria and Nipomo in football and adding a couple of teams in the out years.

However, the Las Padres League would accept MCP into the league only if we would compete in all sports including football. The current schools in the Los Padres League are Morro Bay, Nipomo, Templeton, Santa Maria, Lompoc, Cabrillo, and Santa Ynez. So for the next couple of years MCP will play in the Southern Section as an independent while scheduling as many Los Padres League teams as possible. In any event this should provide more visibility for the MCP sports program on the Central Coast and definitely a higher level of competition.

## MHS/MCC ALUMNI REUNION LUNCHEON

On Saturday, October 30 Mission College Prep will have an alumni reunion luncheon in Café Royale on campus for Mission High School/ Mission Central Catholic alums. The Class of 1960 will receive their Golden Diploma at a liturgy before the actual luncheon. All MHS/MCC alums are invited but special recognition will be given to the classes of 1970, 1965, 1960, 1950, and the 1940s and 1930s. Invitations will be mailed out to members of these classes for whom we have postal or email addresses.

The reunion will start with a prayer service at 11:00 am in the Performing Arts Center (old gym) followed by tours of the school, social time and lunch at approximately 1:00pm. Cost of the lunch will be \$25 per attendee. MHS/MCC graduates should contact John Scully at [jscully@missionprep.org](mailto:jscully@missionprep.org) or 543-2131, Ext 410. Reservations need to be made by Wednesday, October 27 to insure that there is enough food for everyone.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### Class of 2005 (cont'd)

**Ashley Eastin** completed her first year of teaching with Teach for America in Houston, TX. She will return for a second year.

**Tim Edge** completed his first year of a two-year MA program in Arabic Studies at Georgetown University. He will be doing an internship at the State Department for the summer.

**Brandon Froelicher** graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a degree in Business (Marketing). He was the president of Golden Key on campus this year

**Jake Gomez** graduated from UC, Santa Cruz in 2009 with a major in Community Studies.

**Lucas Hanover** is working in San Diego as a project coordinator for a solar installer.

**Shalyn Hockey** graduated in 2009 with honors from Northwestern University. She majored in Learning and Organizational Changes as well as International Studies with a concentration in International Development and Latin America with a minor in Economics. She is currently employed as a fellow at the Center for Forced Migration Studies at Northwestern University and a communications intern at a start-up called Two Bright Lights. In the fall she will start applying to Law School for enrollment in the Fall of 2011.

**Daniel Holliday** graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in June 2010 with a degree in Business and concentration in Accounting.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### Class of 2005 (cont'd)

**Lana Hoyer** graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 2009 with a major in psychology and a minor in Child Development.

**Meghan Jones** graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in June 2010 with a degree in Architecture. Two weeks after graduation she will be marrying Charlie Gray. After the wedding she will be working full-time for an architect in San Luis Obispo.

**Moira Rutiz** in May received a Masters in Education and her Multiple Subject Teaching Credential from St Mary's College.

**Jonathan Sun** graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 2008 with a degree in Business Administration (Information Systems). He is currently working as a Technical Analyst for Salesforce.com in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Claire Tuohey-Mote** graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in March with a degree in Food Science and a minor in Spanish. She is currently working as an intern for a food product development company in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Matt Wauchope** graduated from CSU, Sacramento in May with a degree in Criminal Justice.

**Sam Wilson** has been traveling for five months in South America visiting Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Peru. He has recently been accepted into graduate school at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego. He will begin his Doctoral Studies in September in the field of Physical Oceanography investigating the Coastal Processes.

## ADMISSIONS TO MCP ATHLETIC EVENTS

This year Mission College Prep will be in the Southern Section. We will not be in a league, but we do have plans to get into a league in the next few years. In joining the Southern Section, we need to get our athletic gate prices in line with the rest of the Southern Section. We have chosen to adopt the Los Padres League gate prices.

Cost for admission to games will be as follows:

Football - Varsity and Varsity / Junior Varsity Double Header

MCP Student Free

Children through 8th grade, including

Senior Citizens \$3.00

Recent Graduates (last 5 years) \$3.00

Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Soccer and Non-Varsity Football

Visiting Students w/ASB Card \$3.00

General Admission \$5.00

OMS, St. Pats, and St. Rose:

-with an adult \$3.00

-without an adult \$5.00

Recent Graduates (last 5 years) \$3.00

With the increase in prices, charging for soccer games, and charging for students who attend OMS, St. Pats, and St. Rose, we want to stress the economic value of the Mission Boosters Gold Card. For most Mission Prep Families, if they purchase a Gold Card, they will not spend any more money on admission to MCP games than they did this past year. Gold Cards can be purchased at any Volleyball or Football game in the Fall of 2010. A Gold Card gets the entire immediate family into all regular season home games (except the Christmas Classic) and one ticket for the Boosters Auction (a \$45 value). The Mission Boosters Club will announce the price of the 2010-2011 Gold Card soon.

Mission College Prep thanks you for your support. GO ROYALS!!

John Krossa

Assistant Principal of Activities and Athletics

### In Memoriam

**Thomas Collins (Class of 1945)** wife of **Helen (McAuliffe) Collins (1946)** brother of **John Collins(1947)** and **Barbra (Collins) Biuggeli (1950)**

**George Gingg (Class of 1953)**

**Sister M. Helene (Principal 1958 to 1963)**

**Harvey Norton (Class of 1934)**

## ROYAL DAY AWARDS

Awards announced and presented at the end of the school year. All of the recipients are from the Class of 2010 unless noted otherwise.

Co-Valedictorians

**Ray Hurwitz**  
**Kathleen Kelley**

Salutatorian  
**Patrick Woolpert**

Marian Award  
**Claire Mazelin**

Serra Award  
**Daniel Conti**

Academic Excellence  
**Ray Hurwitz**

Principal's Leadership  
**Rachel Ronca**

Student Leadership  
**Alexandra Kersthald**  
**Cat Hall**

Campus Ministry  
**Savannah Merrill**  
**Claire Mazelin**

Community Service  
**Daniel Conti**

B of A Certificate Winners

Art  
**Danielle Brescia**

Chemistry  
**Erin Walsh**

Drama  
**Caitlin Wilson**

English  
**Rachel Ronca**

Foreign Language  
**Cat Hall**

History  
**Clareanne Goschke**

Mathematics  
**Taylor Whitaker**

Music  
**Nicholas Ottrando**

Physics  
**Niels Smidth**

Religious Studies  
**Andrea Conway**

Robotics  
**Ray Hurwitz**

Social Science  
**Eric Johnson**

Spanish  
**Celina Doria**

Writing  
**Angelina Ruddell**

B of A Plaque Winners

Fine Arts  
**William Sukoski**

Math & Science  
**Daniel Conti**

Liberal Arts  
**Kathleen Kelley**

National Merit Scholarship Program

Commended Students  
**Aparna Bhat, Kathleen Kelley,**  
**Gregory Harris, Arturo Siqueros,**  
**Ray Hurwitz Niels Smidth, Eric Johnson**

Grace Tedone Award  
**Kayla Gregory-2011**

Cowitz Award  
**Jenna Dunbar-2012**

Roz Ferrini Award  
**Katie Skiff-2013**

Kendall Morabito Award  
**Andrew DeSesa-2013**

Bobbi Markoff Scholarship  
**Marissa Hay-2011**

John Rarig Scholarship  
**Kerstin Sanders-2012**

Miller Family Trust  
**Carey Lynch-2012**  
**Benjamin Marques-2012**

Maulhardt Scholarship  
**Rose Kelley-2013**

Msgr Neary Scholarship  
**Patrick Douglas-2012**

W.R.Hearst Scholarship  
**Scarlett Harris-2012, Zachary Silacci-2011**

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### Class of 2006

**Jackie Garayar** is continuing to recover at her parents house in Paso Robles from the serious vehicle accident in May 2009 that she was involved in on Hwy 5.

**KristaRose Mijares** graduated from the University of Notre Dame in May 2010 with a degree in Business Administration (Management Entrepreneurship). In August she will start a leadership internship at Disney, working in the park and shadowing in corporate while taking Disney Leadership classes. She is also working on a non-profit company she started called Little Change, Big Difference that focuses on how to encourage people to make little changes in their lives to make a big change.

**Greg Whitcher** graduated from Boston University in May and is now working as a research assistant at Harvard Medical Center.

### Class of 2007

**Rebekah Stewart** will be a senior at Occidental College in the fall of 2010. Her major is Diplomacy & World Affairs with a minor in Spanish. She spent the fall of her junior year studying abroad in a full emersion program in Santiago, Chile. She is spending this summer in Washington, DC as an intern in the congressional office of Rep Lois Capps. She will then spend the fall semester in New York City as an intern working in the General Assembly Third Committee for human rights.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### Class of 2008

**Luke Hetzel** is majoring in Computer Science at UC, Santa Barbara and working for Adventure Programs guiding rock climbing trips and writing computer programs.

**Wilson Stewart** is a junior at St. Mary's College of CA majoring in physics and plans to continue his education in graduate school studying Astro-Physics. This summer he is interning at Stellar Explorations that focuses on innovative scientific and space exploration projects.

### Class of 2009

**Crystal Walter** is attending University of San Francisco and studying sociology.

### Faculty/Staff

**Sister Eleanor (1960 to 1963)** is 90 and living in the infirmary of the Sisters of IHM.

**Jim Gregory (1984 to 1995)** was selected as the Teacher of the Year for the Lucia Mar School District. He is currently teaching Ap European History and US History at Arro Grande High School.

**Alexis Navarro, IHM (Science Teacher 1958 to 1962)** retired from the faculty of Mount St. Mary's College in 2003. She is now living with the Immaculate Heart Community in Los Angeles. She would enjoy hearing from the students who she taught while at Mission Central Catholic. Contact John Scully for her email and/or postal address.

## MCP ROBOTICS TEAMS

MCP sent three teams to the 2010 MATE Underwater ROV Monterey Bay Regional Competition held in April. The Freshman Scout Team came in 3rd overall of 9 teams. They won the Design and Innovation Talk and the Midwater Task and came in 4th in the Shallow Water Task. Team members were Greg Riforgiate, Eric McAllen, Eddon Bordeaux, Austin Hale and Lucas Thompson all in the Class of 2013.

The Lady Royals Ranger Team came in 4th overall of 13 teams. They placed 2nd in the Engineering Talk, 5th in Poster, and 4th in the Water Mission Task. Team members included **Kayla Gregory and Madison Fetyko (2011) and Rita Preciado, Ivy Arkffeld, and Ruslana Cannell from the Class of 2012.**

The Royals Ranger Team came in 2nd place overall of 13 teams and qualified to go to the International Competition in Hawaii for the third year in June. They came in 1st in the Engineering Talk, 6th in Poster, and 2nd in the Water Mission. Their ROV had a very innovative design that was developed by the team. Team members were **Ray Hurwitz and Niels Smidth (2010) and David Lundberg, Carl Ferber, and Patrick Douglas from the Class of 2012.** At the International Competition, the team came in 11th out of 34 teams from around the world.

The competition theme focused on an active undersea volcano that rises more than 3,000 meters above the seafloor off the coast of Hawaii. The mission for the competition this year was to deploy instruments, take sensor readings, plot data, and collect samples of geologic features as well as organisms that inhabit the volcano's flanks.

Congratulations to all of the team members, including the mentors Vickie Backman (Physics) and Noah Doughty (Biology), for their skill, perseverance and teamwork in not only the regional competition in May but also competing at the international level in June. The team is already planning for the regional competition next May in Monterey.



Regiorum or "of the Royals" a.k.a. Royals underwater robot

## AAPT PHOTO CONTEST

Each year the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) sponsors a photo contest for high school students. This year there were more than 900 entries from all over the world. Two MCP students, **Patricia Mooney and Kelli Shiino (2010)** had their photos chosen as part of the top 100 and were displayed at the AAPT Summer Meeting in Portland, OR.

Patricia's photo, "Balloon Bust", is shown below. As a finalist, Patricia's photo was selected for Honorable Mention in the Contrived Category. Her photo was also used as the link to all the winners. Patricia's essay that went with the picture can also be viewed on line at <http://www.aapt.org/programs/contests/photocontest.cfm>.

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## MCP CLASS OF 2010 COLLEGES

However, this class is different in that 22 (29%) of the graduates will be attending colleges outside of California. In past classes, about ten percent of the class have gone to colleges outside of California

<u>Graduate</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Major</u>
<b>Domenic Baima</b>	Cuesta College	History
<b>Elijah Balaban</b>	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Business Finance
<b>Dana Xiao Yue Beck</b>	San Francisco State University	Computer Engineering
<b>Aparna Bhat</b>	UC, Los Angeles	Biochemistry
<b>Danielle M Brescia</b>	UC, San Diego	Art/Psychology
<b>Garrett Bych</b>	College of the Holy Cross (MA)	History/Philosophy
<b>Andres' Cadena</b>	Cuesta College	Undeclared
<b>Justin Carlson</b>	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Parks, Recreation, & Tourism

**MCP CLASS OF 2010 COLLEGES (CONT.)**

<u>Graduate</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Major</u>
Emily Casey	California State University, Chico	Elementary Education
Grace Casola	San Francisco State University	Undeclared
Jingyi Chen	Ohio State University	Business Economics
Daniel Conti	Loyola Marymount University	Biochemistry/Theology
Andrea Conway	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Biological Sciences
Tanner Cryden	Cuesta College	Undeclared
Stephanie DaRosa	Santa Clara University	Business
Kori Disarufino	University of Nevada, Reno	Undeclared
Celina Doria	UC, Berkeley	Sociology
Kylie Edmonds	Cuesta College	Undecided
Aryan Eslambolipour	San Francisco State University	Business Management
Patrick Foran	University of San Diego	Undecided
Julia Gibson	UC, Santa Cruz	Computer Science/Game Design
Clareanne Goschke	UC, Berkeley	History/Anthropology/Art
Madison Goulart	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Dairy Science
Emelie Gray	Cuesta College	Early Childhood Development
Nicholas Haggard	University of Washington	Mathematics/Chemistry
Catherine Hall	UC, Berkeley	Peace and Conflict Studies
Gregory Dylan Harris	University of Southern California	Film and Television Production
Spencer Harris	Northern Arizona University	Geology
Neal Hetzel	UC, Santa Cruz	Biomolecular Engineering
Matthew Howell	University of Oregon	Psychology/Pre-Medicine
Raymond Hurwitz	Harvey Mudd College	Engineering
Eric Johnson	UC, Davis	Applied Physics
Conner Jordan	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	History
Kyra Joseph	Cabrillo College	English/Business
Merina Keller	Cuesta College	Psychology
Kathleen Kelley	Georgetown University (DC)	Anthropology/Arabic
Alexandra Kersthald	Emory University (GA)	Pre-Medicine
Yoo Ji Kim	SUNY, Binghamton (NY)	International Relations
Kevin Laird	Cornell University (NY)	Communications
Angela LoJacono	University of Colorado at Boulder	Biochemistry
Nicole L Mainini	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Business

**MCP CLASS OF 2010 COLLEGES (CONT.)**

<u>Graduate</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Major</u>
Nicole Malek	UC, Los Angeles	Humanities
Sean Marcum	Oregon State University	Computer Science/Chemistry
Anthony Martin	Oregon State University	History
Claire Mazelin	Marquette University (WI)	Psychology/Human Resources
Brian McAllen	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Biological Sciences
Clayton Mead	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Communications
Savannah Merrill	Concordia University, Irvine	Biology
Michael Miller	University of Washington	Computer Science
Patricia Mooney	UC Berkeley	English/Pre-Law
Jill Mueller	Sonoma State University	Undecided
Keegan Nelson	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Kinesiology
Helena Olivieri	Loyola Marymount University	Biology/Theology
Nicholas Ottrando	San Francisco State University	Computer Science
Paul Raya	Loyola Marymount University	Sociology
Devanee Richards	Cuesta College	Business
Sean Robinson	Pomona College	Biology
Rachel Ronca	University of San Diego	Undeclared/Anthropology
Angelina Ruddell	Tulane University (LA)	Liberal Arts
John Sansone	Dominican University of California	International Business
Ayana Aya Shiino	Foothill College	Art
Konoka Kelli Shiino	Foothill College	Psychology
Arturo Siqueiros	University of New Mexico	Physics
Niels Smidth	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Electrical Engineering
Amanda Soucek	Oregon State University	Pre-Interiors/Interior Design
Mackenzie Starr	New York University	Music Technology
William Sukoski	Webster University (MO)	Photography
Quinn Tanner	Boise State University	Kinesiology
Stephanie Voltero	UC, Davis	Psychology
Erin Walsh	UC, Irvine	Chemistry
Yilin Wen	Los Angeles City College	Business
Taylor Whitaker	UC, Los Angeles	Science, Biochemistry
Caitlin Wilson	San Francisco State University	Theatre
Patrick Woolpert	Georgetown University (DC)	International Business
Ed Zuchelli	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Broadcast Journalism



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Oct 4-7	Kairos – Seniors
Oct 22	Mission Boosters Auction
Oct 30	MHS/MCC Reunion Luncheon –Golden Diplomas for Class of 60
Nov 5	Homecoming Game vs El Cajon Christian
Nov 27	Alumni Games Soccer and Basketball
Dec 16	End of Semester 1
Dec 16-21	Christmas Classic

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## ALUMNI PARENTS

Please join us for an

Alumni Parents Homecoming Reception

Co-hosted by Principal J.D. Childs &  
the Alumni Parents of the Class of 2010

November 5th, 2010

6:00 p.m. – through half-time

Room 312

Reconnect with other alumni parents &  
watch the game from our own skybox.

Wine and Hors d'oeuvres will be served