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## A MESSAGE

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Blessed be God!*

“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”  
*Saint Augustine*

Dear Crusaders,

*We Believe!*

It is with great joy and pride that I introduce to you a glimpse of the wonders that God is working in our midst at Mater Dei Catholic High School. As you browse through the pages of the Crusader Connection, I encourage you to discover three things: where we come from, where we are, and where we are going.

We come from very robust roots in Catholic education in the Diocese of San Diego. Marian/Mater Dei Catholic High School has shaped the lives of thousands of young men and women who now are pillars in our Church, our communities, our families and the world. In this issue, you will learn about individuals who give of themselves unconditionally so that others may grow. In particular, we thank God for all the members of the Egger Family, who through their belief in God have dedicated time, talent and treasure to the Church in South San Diego.

We are standing on sacred ground and have taken the commitment to spread the Good News of the Gospel seriously. We humbly present to you some of the current stories of success. We have a group of dedicated individuals who strive daily to make a difference. Administration, faculty, staff, students and parents take pride in the many recent accomplishments of our school.

We look forward to a glorious future. At Mater Dei, we believe that we are a pen in the hand of God. We pray and hope that through our planning and faithfulness to God's will, great things will happen. As we witness historical moments in our Church, we eagerly await a season for miracles.

We place our accomplishments, hopes and dreams in the hands of Mary, our Mother. May God grant us, through her intercession, the grace to open our hearts to believe “that the one who began a good work in us will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Phil. 1:6

You are in my prayers,

*Sister Lilia M. Barba SJS*

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MDCHS President

# ACADEMY OF SCIENCE



## September Field Trip: San Diego Maritime Museum

MDCHS Academy of Science with crew from the San Diego Maritime Museum sailed a ship in the San Diego Bay. For this field trip, the students learned about the physics of wind, the Bernoulli Effect and navigation. The field trip was a great team building event since the students had to work together as a team to raise the sails and also move the boom for tacking. Students requested to make a “Khan Academy” type video on the Bernoulli Effect for the San Diego Maritime Museum website. This project will occur during the Spring 2013 semester.





## Mater Dei Catholic High School Academy of Science Wins the 2012 Green Build Academy San Diego Regional Competition

Mater Dei Catholic High School's (MDCHS) Academy of Science team, "Solar Power Rangers," won the 2012 Green Build Academy San Diego Regional Competition. Kearny High



Construction Tech Academy earned Second Place and Diego Valley Charter School won Third Place. The competition sponsor, Conservation Services Group, awarded the monetary prize of \$1,000, to the Academy of Science during a school pep rally, January 18, 2013 in the MDCHS Bosco Center.

For this competition, MDCHS Academy of Science students took two on-line courses and initiated research on green building science and energy. These

research projects include mathematics of solar altitude and relative humidity, long-term measurement and statistical analyses of potential evapotranspiration (as shown to the left) and the science of tidal and solar energy. The students took two on-line tests required by the competition. The MDCHS Solar Power Rangers team had the highest cumulative test scores, and hence won the competition. MDCHS students also made improvements to the course curriculum and test questions!

The two courses taken were:

**Building Science Basics:** An introduction to house-as-a-system concepts as applied to residential energy efficiency, health, durability and air quality. The class explored thermal energy and building science. The e-Learning program included interactive content on thermodynamics, humidity, heat and pressure systems, and atmospheric science.

**Integrated Energy and Going Solar:** An introduction to energy efficiency and solar energy, with an emphasis on systems thinking or the solar energy system. This interactive course presented ways to improve the home's building

envelope and mechanical systems to improve efficiency before installing a solar energy solution.

Success in this competition is due to the Academy of Science's emphasis on developing twenty-first century Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills for high school students. Each year Academy of Science students complete a project-based and service learning STEM class. In this class and in after school activities, students use the information from their science and math classes to solve "real world" problems associated with green energy, climate change and health science.





# Academic Honors



First Honors - a grade point average of 3.8 and above

## SENIORS

Roberto Ayon	Andres Gomez	Salvador Olivares-Avila	Andi Vilaboy
Alexander Cain	Maci Guzman	Aera Isabelle Palaganas	Luis Vilchis
Annie Cox	MichaelAngelo Habana	John Strauss	Elaine Yong Zhang
Rodrigo Eugenio	Cesar Jimenez, Jr.	Kaitlyn Tassiello	Alexandria Young
Jorge Fernandez	Marco Nunez	Fernando Valenzuela	

## JUNIORS

Alonso Alzua	Henry Huynh	Cara Parrella	Nikka Roanne Salazar
Preston Attisha	Carlos Landeros	Gerardo Pedroza	Secilia Salem
Jennifer Collins	Rosa Lopez	Claudia Quevedo	Joyce Anne Samson
Christopher Conner	Fernanda Lopez-Tolsa-Valenzuela	Samuel Rieta	Julia Thackrey
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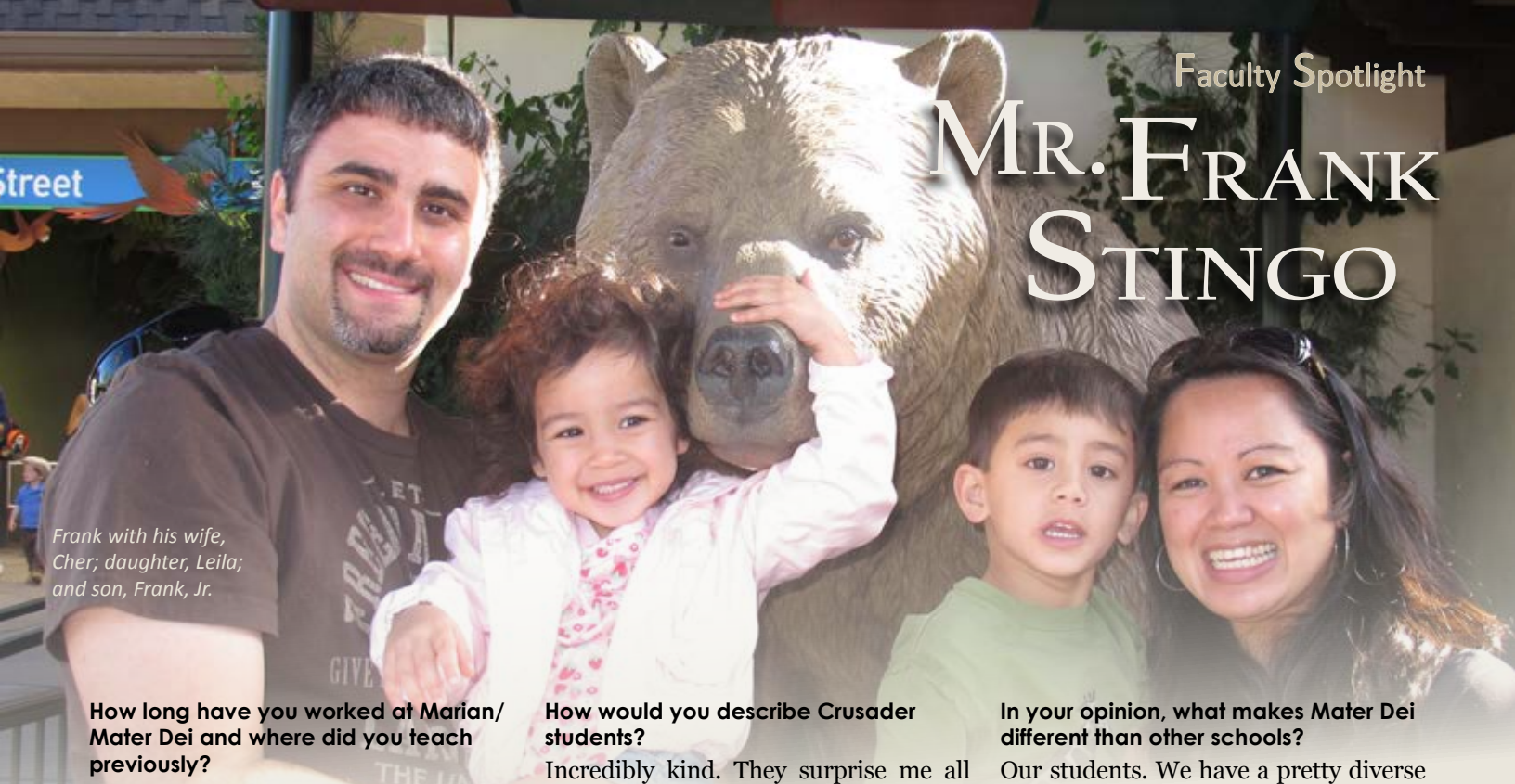
## SOPHOMORES

Diego Alvarado	Luis Gonzalez-Flores	Estefania Martinez	Kristine Joy Sellona
Christopher Braden	Madelyn Healy	Michelle Miranda	Susan Shoemaker
Amylene Cabrera	Phuong (Jasmine) Ho	Patricia-Anne Oquendo	Andrea Stonehouse
Michael Cain	Margaret Holscher	Jose-Alberto Perez-Cecenas	Sofia Talley
Monica Cooper	Trent Lilley	Cintia Quan Kiu Kuang	Reena Mei Torres
Marvin Isaac Dagoc	Naomi Lizarraga	Ivanna Quiceno	Yang (Bessie) Yang
Franco Faucher	Dominique Lozano	James Ricketts	Matthew Zakaria
Luis Foglio	Nicole Madrazo	Sally Russell	
Mary Rose Gonzales	Brandon Mamou		

## FRESHMEN

Carlos Alcocer	Diana De La Toba	Matthew Sam Mejia	Alexandra Scott
Anamaria Ancheta	Madeline Friedrich	Kiersten Morales	Paul Tamayo
Danielle Jessica Bongulto	Maria Galvez	Mario Pena	Jenna Van Mouwerik
Steven Bradley	Felix Hernandez	Rica Isabelle Perez	Manuel Velazquez de Leon
Jordan Brasfield	Martina Lopez	Gabriela Quevedo	Ivan Verastica-Mora
Katerina Britschgi	Lauren Maalouf	Eric Rodriguez	Olimpia Veytia
Nicholas Caruana	Mary Machniak	Haya Rosenberg	Tristan Wesson
Joseph Chiappe	Jessica Mangrobang	Kayla San Pedro	Valentina Zakaria
Valeria Corral	Ana Paola Mata Zetina	Stephanie Schaffer	

# MR. FRANK STINGO



Frank with his wife, Cher; daughter, Leila; and son, Frank, Jr.

**How long have you worked at Marian/ Mater Dei and where did you teach previously?**

Six years at MD and 5 years at Marian. Before that at Adelphi Academy, a K-12 private school in Brooklyn. I taught science classes (biology, physical science, psychology, earth science) and writing classes.

**What keeps you motivated to begin another school year each September?**

The students. We spend a lot of time with them throughout the year. We get to know their college & life goals. Watching them work hard towards those goals and knowing that I am a part of facilitating those goals is a tremendous motivation.

**What is your proudest achievement as a teacher?**

I am definitely most proud of the success of my students. The best way to quantify it is that all 21 students in my AP English classes passed the national AP exam last year. I'm incredibly proud of them for that!

**What is your greatest surprise as a teacher?**

That every student does have a story. Although some try to use them as excuses, each student has issues to deal with. When we take the time to see that, students perform much better. Knowing people's situations is not the same as making excuses for them. Learning about my students has been an important part of my growth.

**How would you describe Crusader students?**

Incredibly kind. They surprise me all the time with their thoughtfulness for me and each other. I will still never forget September of my first year here (2002) when two students, who I barely knew, brought John Rey & me a small gift on September 11 as a token of their sympathy on behalf of the student body because they knew we were from NY.

**What is your new role at Mater Dei? Are you still teaching?**

I am the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction and am still teaching AP English Literature.

**What are your short term and long term goals for Curriculum and Instruction at Mater Dei?**

Short term: Properly finish rolling out iPads and Haiku to teachers this year. Continuing to train all teachers to make them comfortable with using them. I want to prepare teachers and support them in the use both of these tools next year to improve student achievement.

Long Term: Continually improve and modernize curriculum and instruction to keep pace with the world. There are constantly new developments that can help us teach students better and more efficiently. We need to be aware of them and choose the best tools for our school. This also means continually examining what we teach and creating new offerings to provide a well rounded education for our students.

**In your opinion, what makes Mater Dei different than other schools?**

Our students. We have a pretty diverse school with a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds which all add to the full scope of a student's education.

**How do you like working at a facility such as Mater Dei?**

Our facility is amazing and it is fun to work here. Coming from Brooklyn, my high school was about 1600 kids in one building, so getting outside and having all this space is pretty amazing.

**What piece of advice would you give to graduating seniors?**

It sounds so cliché, but it's true, that you get out of college what you put into it. There are so many opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom. Be adventurous and try them!

**Is there one student that stands out throughout your teaching career?**

I have had the tremendous opportunity to work with some extraordinary students over the years, so it would be hard to pick a single one. The Martinez family, from Nacho to Caro will always be special to me. Greg Elenbaas and his class still stand out to me.

**What do you like most about working in a Catholic School?**

Because we are dedicated to our faith, we are able to discuss many real world issues that arise within the curriculum. Faith is an important part of our lives, and we are able to address that here.



# Kristine Sellona

## What elementary school did you come from and why did you choose Mater Dei Catholic High School?

I came from Saint Michael Academy in Paradise Hills which I attended for ten years, preschool through eighth grade. I chose to come here because this school had everything I was looking for academically and athletically, and it was close to home which pretty much sealed the deal.

## What do you like most about Mater Dei?

The many opportunities it has given me, it has been greater than I ever expected. I feel an instant sense of belonging because of my success as a student athlete by excelling both in my academics, as well as athletics.

## How would you describe the Crusader culture?

As a really welcoming one. There is no peer pressure into fitting in with the crowd or anything, just be who you are and you will be loved for that.

## What activities do you participate in at Mater Dei?

Most of the extracurricular activities are in sports since they already pretty much keep me as busy as I need to be. I play a sport for every season, volleyball in the fall, basketball in the winter, and track and field during spring.

## What leadership opportunities have you had at Mater Dei?

The leadership opportunities I have had are presented both in and out the classroom. For my classmates, I take charge if we are ever working in groups, helping them to efficiently and effectively get the job done. For my teammates, I push them to do what they do best out on the court, doing whatever it takes to bring that player I know out of them so that everyone else can see that player too.

## What role does faith play in your life on a daily basis?

A huge one. It makes a big difference that I get to join hands with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and pray to our God. I find myself always praying, whether it be to thank God for my many blessings, to ask him for guidance and strength, or even to just talk to Him when I need someone to talk to. I know and realize that He is the only one that allows me to be who I am and I am grateful that this school reminds me to never stop loving and trusting Him.

## How would you describe the faith community at Mater Dei?

I would describe it as inspiring. There are so many opportunities to be closer to God, we always pray together as a school, we have Mass or confession during lunch and once in awhile, in place of our religion class, there are chapel liturgies. There is also The Ambassadors for Christ, which I am truly honored to be a part of.

## What are some of the things you do as an Ambassador?

Spending time with students from our sister school in Japan, helping out during the eighth grade visitations at our school, and then even extending beyond those boundaries through the charities we get to participate in as a whole.

## What is the most valuable thing you've learned at Mater Dei?

That I need to challenge myself to be more than what I already am, that I will persevere and make it through.

## Where would you like to attend college?

I do not really have a definite college in mind. I am open to which college would fit my needs, but it will be a four year university.

## What do you admire most about your parents?

How they paved the way for my future. I am really proud of how they raised me, but I am that way because they lead by example. They set a perfect one. I will never be able to repay them for the sacrifices they had to make for me or the endless support they grant me on a day to day basis. The least I can do is dedicate all my success to them and that is exactly what I do, I do it all for my parents.

## What would you want people to know about you?

I want people to know that I love life, I really embrace it. I really like to make the most out of every moment. I am a very focused person. If I have my mind set on a goal, I will do whatever it takes to get there. However, I know how to have fun too!

## Do you have any siblings?

I have one older brother, Joshua Sellona, who is eighteen years old.

## What makes the class of 2015 stand out?

The class of 2015 stands out because each of us brings something new and different to the table, that is what makes us so special. Point blank, we just know how to bring out the best in each other.

## What is your proudest achievement academically as a Crusader?

Having straight A's in all my classes. During the award ceremony of my freshman year, I took home so many awards, which made me realize that all my hard work was worth it, so worth it.

## What is the most challenging class you've taken at Mater Dei?

The science classes, Biology Honors as well as Chemistry Honors, but Chemistry for sure is harder. I spend so much time studying for my science classes because it is my weakest subject.

## What are some of the activities that you participate in outside of school?

Travel team basketball clubs so that I can play ball all year round and in places other than San Diego. However, I also participate in Saint Michael Parish as a very active member.







# Sam Rieta

## What elementary school did you come from and why did you choose MDCHS?

I came from St. Didacus Parish School, and I chose to come to Mater Dei because it was really close to home while also having a beautiful campus and a friendly atmosphere.

## What do you like most about Mater Dei?

I like the close-knit atmosphere. At Mater Dei, almost everyone knows each other. We see each other around school often and you aren't lost in a mob of 3,000 students. Teachers give extra attention in the classroom and everyone is respectful and friendly.

## What activities do you participate in at Mater Dei?

I play water polo and swim on the varsity level. I am a Campus Minister and also a member of the Asian Pacific Islander Club (APIC). I also write for Mater Dei's Gauntlet yearbook.

## What leadership opportunities have you had here at Mater Dei?

One leadership opportunity I have had is playing varsity Water Polo. Being a part of a team sport allows for a number of both leadership and supporting roles. Also, as a Junior Campus Minister, we will be trained to lead retreats next year as Senior Campus Ministers.

## How would you describe the Crusader culture?

Welcoming and close-knit. Because of the smaller amount of students, everyone recognizes, if not knows each other.

## How would you describe the faith community here at Mater Dei?

I would describe the faith community here at Mater Dei as rooted in Christ and growing strong. As a Campus Minister it is amazing to see students stream in for daily Mass or come to adoration. Junior Retreat was also really eye opening as to just how connected in faith the students are.

## What role does faith play in your life on a daily basis?

My faith is a big part of my life on a daily basis, being a Catholic is a 24/7 thing. I always try to live my life so that others would know by my actions that I am Catholic.

## How do you like being part of the Campus Ministry program?

I love being a Campus Minister! Growing up, I always saw people giving out the Eucharist and thought that only adults could do it. But being given the chance to be a Eucharistic Minister at Mater Dei is amazing. Setting up for Mass also gives me a whole new perspective on the power of the Mass and the symbols used during it.

## Could you describe some of the things that you do as a Campus Minister?

As a Junior Campus Minister we plan, set up, and run the adoration services on Mondays. We also run the Rosary services in the Chapel on Fridays. We set up for Mass, bringing items from the Chapel to the gym before Mass. We also pass out papers and Mass guides while welcoming students and staff to Mass.

## Can you tell me a little bit about the community service that you've done at Mater Dei?

For community service at Mater Dei I have volunteered at girls Water Polo games and helped staff and other students sort canned goods for Thanksgiving meals. I was also part of the WASC accreditation team as a student point of view during my freshman year.

## What is the most valuable thing you've learned at Mater Dei?

To be open to everyone, and no matter where anyone comes from, you should show him or her respect.

## Where would you like to attend college?

I would like to attend UCLA, Stanford, USC, St. Joseph's University, or Tulane University. I've always been interested in computers and ancient history and cultures. I might study computer science and/or history in the hopes of becoming an archaeologist.

## What do you admire most about your parents?

I admire their patience and support. No matter how tough things seem, they always remain strong and are there to offer words of encouragement for me.

## What would you want people to know about you as a person?

I would want people to know that I am a friendly, respectful, gentleman type guy who is fun to be around. I guess I want people to know that even though I'm pretty shy, I am a first-rate friend to have. I would want people to remember me as a true Student-Athlete.

## Do you have any siblings? If so how old are they?

I have one sibling, my younger brother Jarrod, who is a 14-year-old freshman here at MDCHS.

## What makes the class of 2014 stand out? What will people remember from your class as a whole?

I think the class of 2014 is definitely one of the most spirited classes at Mater Dei. Hopefully our class as a whole will be remembered as one that really rallied students, staff, parents and visitors to cheer for Mater Dei. Our class is also extremely athletic and super academic.

## What is your proudest achievement academically as a Crusader?

I think my proudest achievement would be getting a 4.67 GPA my sophomore year.

## What is the most challenging class you've taken at Mater Dei?

I think so far, the most challenging class I have taken at Mater Dei would be AP U.S. History this year. My favorite subject is history, but this class is different and challenging with having to learn so many aspects of a developing American society.

## What are some of the activities that you participate in outside of school?

I am pretty active in my parish youth group at Our Lady of the Rosary. I am a youth leader and often help with retreats and participate in service projects with them. I also help teach first grade CCD classes every Sunday.





# Homecoming 2012





# "The Great Gatsby"



## Mater Dei Crusaders Alexandria Young, Brittani Lusain Nominated as McDonald's All-Americans



L to R: Bill Gerken, Athletic Director, Alexandria Young, Brittani Lusain, Head Coach David Monroe. iCrew Photo by Anamarie Ancheta



Mater Dei Catholic Seniors Brittani Lusain and Alex Young have been nominated to the McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team.

Among all the senior high school players in the country, 800 boys and girls from 39 states and Washington DC have been nominated to the McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team.

Only eight girls from San Diego County were nominated and two are from Mater Dei Catholic. Only 24 girls from across the country will be selected. Brittani and Alex are among those selected few who have been nominated.



## GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS TEAM - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



MDCHS Girls Varsity Tennis Team had another great season! They became League Champions with a record of nine wins and one loss. Most of the season they played Lynn San Roman, Valeria Corral and Diana Paoloni in singles, and the doubles teams of Luz Lopez/Yuliana Encinas, Anakaren Godinez/Natalia Corradino, and Maria Jose Aguirre/Sofia Posada or Lidya Depietri.

Valeria won all 30 of her singles matches and became League Singles Champion, as well as being honored at the San Diego Hall of Champions by making it to the quarter finals in the CIF playoffs.

Lynn San Roman won 28 of her 30 singles matches and Diana won 18 of her 24 matches. Towards the end of the

season Natalia played #3 singles and, even though she had never played singles, she won 6 of her 6 matches.

Our only loss was to Eastlake the second time we played them. It was a close game with a score of nine points each in singles and doubles. By rule, the doubles total points determined the winner and they won by one point.

MDCHS is a division four school playing against division one and two schools with class sizes three or four times that of Mater Dei. We are very proud of our team's performance. In the last five seasons, Mater Dei's girls team has become League Champion four times and last season our boys team also finished in first place. We have become the top tennis team in our League.

# THE HAMILTON SERVICE AWARD



## MDCHS HONORS THE 2013 RECIPIENTS

On December 1st, MDCHS introduced the newly established Hamilton Service Award and honored awardees for their selfless service to Marian Catholic High School and Mater Dei Catholic High School. The First Annual VIP Hamilton Reception took place in The Dr. Estelle L. Kassebaum Theater foyer preceding a wonderfully entertaining Christmas Concert performed by the All American Boys Chorus.



Principal George Milke welcomed the 30 awardees and introduced the new president of MDCHS, Sr. Lilia Barba, SJS, who was very happy to celebrate the honorees. Sr. Lilia observed "The Hamilton Service plaque which hangs in the Kassebaum Theater foyer is Marian/Mater Dei recognition to the dedication, selfless service and love that many times goes unnoticed. Like our Blessed Mother Mary, in faith we commit to

carry forward the torch of love and service exemplified in the lives of the people recognized today."

Those honored were Patrice Argoud, Joey Baugh, Lupita and John Baumgardner, Tessi & Lee Blair, Steven Boudreau, Lucy Briz, Karen Chudy, Espe Duarte, Kitty Erickson, Beatrice Ferguson, Jerry and Irene Galvez, Claudia Garcia, Ruth Judge, David Kassebaum, Rhonda and Hal King, Gerriss Klant, Rose and Archie Krejci, Clara Lopez, Sheila Martinez, Karen Mayor, Aurora Mendoza, Lizette Muffley, John and Ann O'Neill, Rosalyn Santos, Tess and Doug Smithdeal, Ed Spriggs, Pearl Spriggs, Laura Toledo, Esther Uribe, and Chris and Juanita Warner.



The pre-show champagne reception for the awardees was superbly staged with sumptuous hors d'oeuvres prepared



by MDCHS Chef, Eliseo Reategui, and entertainment was provided by pianist and composer, Michael Sanchez. Following the reception, VIP guests were escorted into the Kassebaum Theater and joined over 300 guests who also attended the concert. In a wonderfully decorated theater, and in true holiday fashion, the internationally acclaimed All American Boys Chorus performed memorable carols and immersed the audience in the spirit and magic of the Christmas season!

After the performance, members of the chorus delighted guests by joining them at the post show reception. The show was so well received that another performance has been scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2013! For more information, contact John Rey, MDCHS Vice President of Advancement at 619-423-2121 x105.





# 2012 FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPS



Mater Dei Football team had another successful season finishing 8-3 and repeating as back to back Metro Pacific League Champions. The Crusaders had 9 first team and 7 second team All Metro Pacific. They were led by Metro Pacific Defensive Player of the year, Defensive Back, Lorenzo Eribez and two-time Metro Pacific Offensive Player of the Year and 2012 Second Team ALL-CIF Quarterback Joseph Legerrette-Luke.



# The Importance of Being Uncle Roscoe



It was Christmas at the Kendalls in the warm-hearted fall production of Pat Cook's *The Importance of Being Uncle Roscoe*. This charming tale of a Midwest family experiencing life's vicissitudes during the holiday season was performed for local Catholic 7th and 8th graders on December 6 (St. Nicholas's feast day!) and for the general public on December 7-8. The show sparkled from the first moment



when one entered the theater and was greeted by the beautifully attired and angelic voiced carolers. The set realistically embodied a middle-class Catholic family's home—from the advent wreath to the Norman Rockwell Christmas picture to the six foot Christmas tree.

So, what do football plays and bank robbery plans have in common? This show taught us! We learned a lot from

each character in this hilarious romp of mistaken identity through the holidays. Senior Zach Bishop embodied the main character—a lovable con man filled with magic named Dexter Holly. His sidekick, Kenny/Mr. Kenaha, was played smashingly by James Ricketts. They invaded the Kendall home of mom Mary Ann (the exquisite Annie Cox), dad Carl (the believable John Michael Strauss), daughters Mindy (the ingenue Kirby Galon) and Charlene (the enchanting Lizzie Castillo) and Charlene's athletic boyfriend Horton (newcomer Carlos Landeros).



Friends and fellow school board members Agnes Hempsted (the talented Aera Palaganas) and Gladys Muldoon (the versatile Robin Brown) learn a lot about stocks/stockyards and poker from the ever playful Dexter/Zach. The family is thrust in the public



eye by a TV newswoman played artfully by Maggie Holscher and her capable camerawoman, Allison Malunes. But this exposes Dexter as an Uncle Roscoe pretender to the shock of the real Uncle Roscoe, played by the comedic Cristian Magallon. Even Police Chief Franklin (Phillip Cuesta) couldn't figure out the whereabouts and identity of our unlikely hero Dexter.

Did this farce have a lesson hidden in the laughter? We learned to remember those struggling financially all year and, especially, at Christmas time. The unpredictable Dexter taught Mindy and the whole audience the joy and wonder of anticipation. Dexter/Zach spoke the truest words of all in Act II when he joyfully announces on stage: "God bless us all, everyone." These words echoed in everyone's hearts as they left the theater and reminded us of God's everyday blessings at Christmas and all year long.

# *To the Crusaders*

Greetings Crusaders!

I want to personally wish everyone of you and your families a blessed and joyful 2013. I encourage you all to take the time this year to value the difference we make as Crusaders through our current and future relationships. The year will fly by. Take the time to appreciate what you have and pay it forward.

I'm excited to share that we have taken strides to strengthen our foundation to ensure the future success of our great Marian/Mater Dei Alumni Association. Our vision of Value-Support-Loyalty is in place, as well as our commitment to uphold it.

As a result of the commitment of our Alumni Association leaders, we have successfully set up guidelines to be able to create budgets and to implement fundraising opportunities as we work towards financial sustainability. In addition to these efforts, we have initiated the development of income streams to help maintain our Crusader culture and the quality Catholic education of our school.

“Campus Media” and “Mater Dei Farmers Market” will be the anchors of our fundraising efforts.

Campus Media will provide a way for alumni to promote their businesses through signage on our campus athletic fields. This will generate a constant fundraising stream with minimal management and operational support.

Mater Dei Farmers Market (when approved by the Diocese) will be a year round fundraising program benefitting the Association and MDCHS. I personally want to thank all of the leaders and staff of Mater Dei for their commitment and work towards the future of our great Alma Mater. I encourage your involvement and thank all of you in advance for your support of our efforts!

Value. Support. Loyalty.

*Crusaders...we are the difference!*

Jose Iniguez  
President  
Marian/Mater Dei Alumni Association





# MIKE ODERMATT

## Class of 1977

Mike with Wife, Melinda

Robert Egger, my grandfather, was a very hard working and generous man. Any alone time I spent with him, we were working. We would go to feed the cattle in the "South 40" and, when we got near, there were no cattle. My grandfather, being from Switzerland, would start yodeling to call in the cows. His yodeling was nothing to brag about, but as soon as he started you could see the dust cloud from the herd running toward us. The cattle knew it was dinner time. I remember chasing cows down 1st Street (Seacoast) in Imperial Beach. Some of my best memories of my grandfather were the talks we had while we were working.

My grandfather was a farmer and business man. He acquired land because it was not as expensive, but the land was mostly raw and required hard work to do anything with it. For him and my grandmother, their faith and roots were very important. He wanted to help establish a Catholic community in the area, so he donated the land to build St. Charles Church, St. Charles

Elementary School, and Marian Catholic High School. He was also very proud of his Swiss heritage, so he helped start a Swiss club and donated the land for the Swiss Park which is still in Chula Vista.

I graduated from Marian High School in 1977. Most of my classmates came from St. Charles or other Catholic elementary schools. I remember going to the football games on Friday nights. I ran track and cross country. What I enjoyed most about attending Marian was when I went skiing at Mammoth and Brianhead. We always had a lot of fun, and I still enjoy skiing today.

I learned a lot about the Catholic faith attending both St. Charles and Marian. This faith has helped me in making decisions and how I act toward others. My wife and I are very active in St. Charles church. We attend Mass every Sunday and my grandson just started attending St. Charles School.

After I graduated from Marian, I worked on the family farm for a while, and then went to work with my father in construction.

Growing up, I witnessed how both of my parents, Paul and Mary Odermatt, were very dedicated to the church. Throughout my career, my proudest accomplishment has been working with my father, especially on St. Charles Church. I recently installed the doors on the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church. I custom



Robert Egger

made them and did a lot of hand carving.

Often, people just assume that because my grandfather had a lot of land our family is rich. I have to say that you do not get wealthy donating land, at least not money rich. My grandfather was very proud of the community he helped build, as am I and the rest of my family.

I got to tour Mater Dei campus, and it has so much to offer. I hope the students appreciate it and take advantage of everything it has to offer.



Robert and Emma Egger with children Bob, Walter, and Mary (Mike's Mother)

# 2012 Crusader Hall of Fame

*It was a beautiful evening on Thursday, October 4 when the Annual Crusader Sports Hall Fame induction took place in the foyer of the Bosco Center Gymnasium.*



## *Julie Baker* Class of 1980

Two year varsity player at Marian and All CIF Player of the Year in Volleyball, 1979. Received a volleyball scholarship to Stanford University and played four years from 1980–1983. Starting as outside hitter her junior and senior year. Stanford volleyball team went from a #30 ranking to a #3 ranking in the nation during her time there. The team played in the final four, two of those years. Julie was a leader on and off the field both at Marian and Stanford. Julie has owned her own business, “Julie Baker Photography” since 1990 and has received numerous awards for her photography. She has been involved with senior living since her graduation from college to include working with dementia and Alzheimer seniors and including seniors in her photography work. She also currently works as an administrator for two senior assisted living homes in the north county.



## *Darby Seegrst Vorce* Class of 1987

Four year varsity softball player at Marian. Darby is still in the CIF record book for Innings Pitched with 19 against Sweetwater and 17 against Castle Park and 12 against Chula Vista. She also holds a record for Most Strikeouts in a game against Sweetwater with 21 and is tied for Most Strikeouts in a game with 10 straight. ALL CIF San Diego Section 2A Softball Player of the Year in 1987 which was the year Marian won its first CIF title in softball. Darby received a full-ride athletic scholarship for softball at Kent State University. Proudly displaying several accolades—among her most precious are: NCAA All-American (One of the top 9 pitchers in the country), All-Regional, and Academic All-American. She compiled a 30-5 record in 1990, with a school-record 0.82 ERA and led Kent State to the NCAA College World Series for their first and only time. Her 36 complete games and 16 shutouts are also school season records. Darby graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Kent State University and her Certificate in Human Resource Management from UCSD in 2001. She was inducted into the Kent State University Hall of Fame in 1999. She currently is the Executive Director of the Pacific Safety Center in San Diego.



*Freddy Sandoval* Class of 2000

Freddy played on three consecutive CIF championship teams (1998-2000) at Marian and was named CIF Div IV Player of the Year in 2000. He received a baseball scholarship to the University of San Diego and played on consecutive West Coast Conference championship teams and was selected to the All-West Coast Conference Team in 2003 and 2004. Drafted by the Anaheim Angels in 2004, he made his major league debut on Sept 8, 2008. He played for the Angels until the 2011 season when an injury cut his career short. He continues to play ball at the local level. In 2009, Freddy played for the Mexican National Team in the World Baseball Classic. Freddy has been involved with community youth programs since 2004 and has been a motivational speaker at many different venues since leaving professional baseball.



*Stanley Daniels* Class of 2002

Stanley played three years varsity football at Marian both as a lineman and tight end. In 2001, he was selected to the All CIF San Diego Section Team and also was named All State CIF Lineman in that year. After graduation from Marian Catholic, he received an athletic scholarship to the University of Washington and after red-shirting his freshman year he started four years as an offensive lineman for the Washington Huskies from 2004-2007. He was signed as a free agent by the New York Jets in 2007. He played on the New York Jets and Green Bay Packers practice squads in 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 respectively. He played offensive guard for the Denver Broncos in 2010/2011 and was signed by the Cleveland Browns in 2012. In the off season Stanley conducts youth clinics in San Diego and other areas around the country.



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