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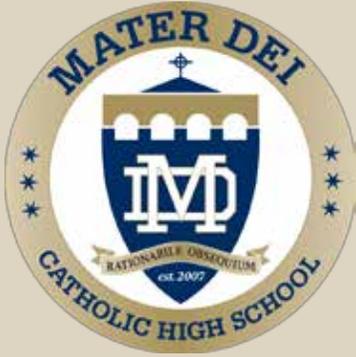
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A MESSAGE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Blessed be God!

*He has made everything beautiful in its time.
He has also set eternity in the human heart;
yet no one can fathom what God has done
from beginning to end.
Ecclesiastes 3:11*

Dear Mater Dei Catholic friends,

Mater Dei Catholic High School is very proud to highlight a few of the opportunities available to students through its programs and extra-curricular activities. We take pride in the outstanding talent that comes to light with the guidance of the MD administration, faculty, staff, parents, and volunteers. We are a diverse school community inclusive of each student we serve. A Place For Everyone, indeed!

Beauty is the reflection of the love of God conveyed through the expression of our inner talents. As we consider the accomplishments of our MD students, we thank God, just as Pope John XXIII expressed while contemplating creation, "I have looked into your eyes with my eyes. I have put my heart near your heart." We are standing on holy ground, and God is present in our midst.

Mater Dei Catholic High School has a very honorable mission in the Church. We have been entrusted with the lives of young men and women to build the Kingdom of God here and now. On April 27, 2014, we will witness the canonization of both Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. Both of them were very passionate about Catholic education as a center for evangelization and integral development of children and youth. Let us ask for their intercession as we strive to educate the leaders of tomorrow.

Pope John Paul II stated that, "all men and women are entrusted with the task of crafting their own life: in a certain sense, they are to make of it a work of art, a masterpiece." Furthermore, Pope John XXIII in his Encyclical Pacem in Terris said that, "Every believer in this world of ours must be a spark of light, a center of love, a vivifying leaven amidst his fellow men. And he will be this all the more perfectly, the more closely he lives in communion with God in the intimacy of his own soul." We, at MDCHS, strive to nourish the lives and souls of our students. May we always embrace the protection of our Blessed Mother and the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, as we encourage our students to create their own 'masterpiece' and become 'light' for the world to see.

Our hope is that you enjoy each page of this issue. We commend ourselves to your prayers, so that we may always be a beacon of hope and joy in the Church and in our world.

Blessings and prayers for each one of you and your loved ones!

Sister Lilia M. Barba SJS

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MDCHS President



*Mary, Mother of God
Lead us to your Son, Jesus*



The Arts at Mater Dei





WINTER PLAY: ARSENIC AND OLD LACE



Deception, mystery, and two witty old ladies all wrapped into one. This impressive play was directed by Mrs. Rebecca Brown, MDCHS faculty, on October 25th, and 26th, 2013. *Arsenic and Old Lace*, by Joseph Kesselring tells the story of two innocent looking old ladies named Aunt Martha and Aunt Abby. Although these two charming ladies may seem very innocent, they have tricks up their sleeves for those who no longer have a family to go to. Along with Aunt Abby and Aunt Martha are their three nephews Mortimer, Teddy, and Jonathan.

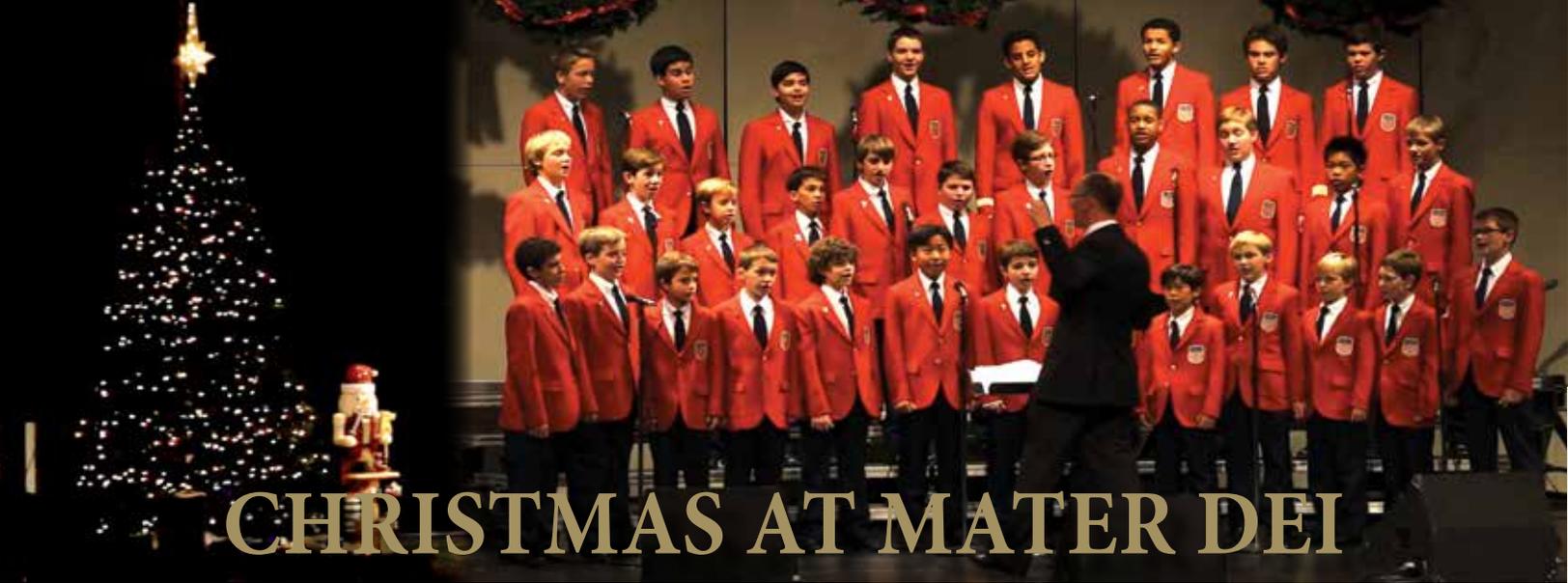


Mortimer is a famous theater critic, whose fiancé is Elaine, a minister's daughter. The second brother Jonathan and his accomplice Dr. Einstein are wanted murderers. The third son is Teddy, who believes that he is President Teddy Roosevelt. Teddy was made to believe that these people buried in Aunt Abby and Aunt Martha's cellar are people who suffered and died from yellow fever. Although this is not the case, many people in the neighborhood claim that they have sufficient rumors about the two women and how they hide people in the cellar. When both Mortimer and Jonathan eventually learn about their Aunts' little secret Mortimer freaks out and Jonathan uses it to his advantage. This later on leads to quite a commotion, and another dead body in the cellar.



All of these unique characters were played by our talented students. The roles of the mischievous Aunt Abby and Aunt Martha were played by Alex Rodarte and Mary Rose Gonzales. Along with the two aunts are their three nephews. Carlos Landeros played the role of Mortimer along with his companion Elaine who was played by Martina Lopez. The second son Jonathan was played by James Ricketts, and his accomplice, Dr. Einstein was played by Kazi Baker. Last but not least, is Carlos Cortes who played the role of the third nephew, Teddy.

Article by Rebecca Friedrich '15



CHRISTMAS AT MATER DEI

On a wintery, cold thankfully not rainy evening, the Christmas season began for those lucky enough to have snagged a ticket to the magnificent musical stylings of both Mater Dei's school choir and the world renowned All-American Boys Chorus. Bishop Cirilo B. Flores joined the celebration and found himself part of the show as he magically (tech crew will never tell) lit the breathtaking Christmas tree on stage to the school choir's "Peace Peace/Silent Night". From that moment on the audience was joyfully ushered into the season of our savior's birth. Bishop Flores was gifted a beautiful crystal flame by Sister Lilia M. Barba, SJS, MDCHS

President, to thank him for keeping the flame of service alive in all of us. The Hamilton Service Award was given to four long time supporters of Catholic Education at Marian/Mater Dei. The Honorable Jesus Rodriguez, Jeffrey and Lorrilee Weller, Gordon Day, and Peter and Mary Ellen Ferrantelli. A special thank you to all the students, parents, faculty, staff who helped to make the evening a fabulous success. All funds raised go to scholarships for students at Mater Dei. The Dr. Estelle L. Kassebaum Scholarship Program is the largest endowed scholarship at Mater Dei. For more information go to drkassebaumscholarship.org.





WHITE SEA BASS RELEASE



On December 19, Mater Dei Catholic High School Academy of Science students released 21 juvenile white seabass into the South Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Chula Vista California. The juvenile fish were cultured and raised at the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute (HSWRI) fish hatchery over the summer. In partnership with HSWRI and Oceans Design, in August 2013, Mater Dei students built a 120 gallon cold seawater aquaculture tank. HSWRI delivered the first group of white seabass to Mater Dei Catholic High School in September as part of Mater Dei's new "Seabass in the Classroom" (SITC) education program.

While raising and caring for juvenile sea bass for three months, Science Academy students learned the multidisciplinary science of aquaculture, including fish physiology, biochemistry, engineering, and microbiology. In November, students anesthetized and inserted into the white seabass a microchip, as the next step to prepare the fish for release at the South Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The SITC program teaches the Science Academy students about aquaculture and fish stock enhancement by growing, tagging and finally releasing, the fish into the San Diego Bay. Now that the juvenile seabass have been released, Mater Dei seabass will be tracked by the microchip tags embedded in the fish cheeks.



White Seabass (*Atractoscion nobilis*) are primarily found from Point Conception, California to Bahia Magdalena, Mexico, growing to 5 feet in length and 95 pounds in weight. They may live for 25 years, and can produce millions of eggs. White seabass were heavily fished in California waters during the 1920's and 1930's, reaching historically low seabass population levels in the early 1980's. Mater Dei's Seabass in the Classroom program is an extension of California's Ocean Resources Enhancement and Hatchery Program (OREHP). Through aquaculture and releasing cultured fish into the Pacific Ocean, OREHP restores the depleted populations of recreationally and commercially important marine fish, such as the white seabass. As of December 19 over 2 million white seabass have been released into the waters off Southern California.





MATER DEI 2014 CULTURE FEST





A MATER DEI FIRST BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM QUALIFIES FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2013 Boys' Varsity Cross Country team accomplished what no other Marian Catholic or Mater Dei Catholic Boys' Cross Country team before them had ever been able to...qualify for the California State Championships as a team. Every day in practice, sophomores Salvador Rodriguez, Joseph Chiappe, and Santiago Mazoyo-Romans; freshmen Luis Humberto Cerna-Gomez, Ezekiel Campos, and Juan Pablo Villegas; and junior Matthew Ireland pushed each other to their limits, in hopes of helping each other excel. Their teammates (State Meet alternates) Justin Ryan, Michael Cain and Tony Rubio were also there every step of the way, making sure that this year's team was ready to handle the pressure and the spotlight.

After months of training, all that hard work came to fruition as the team finished as they have all season, right by each other. Sophomore standout and Mesa League Runner of the Year, Salvador Rodriguez, led the Crusaders and finished the grueling 5K race with an outstanding time of 16:42. Within seconds of each other, the rest of the Crusader athletes crossed the finish line and sealed their place in Marian/Mater Dei Catholic history. Thrilled about the success they have had in 2013, the running Crusaders look forward to the seasons ahead and believe that through their hard work and commitment, they will be able to set their goals even higher and continue to make their imprint on Mater Dei athletics.

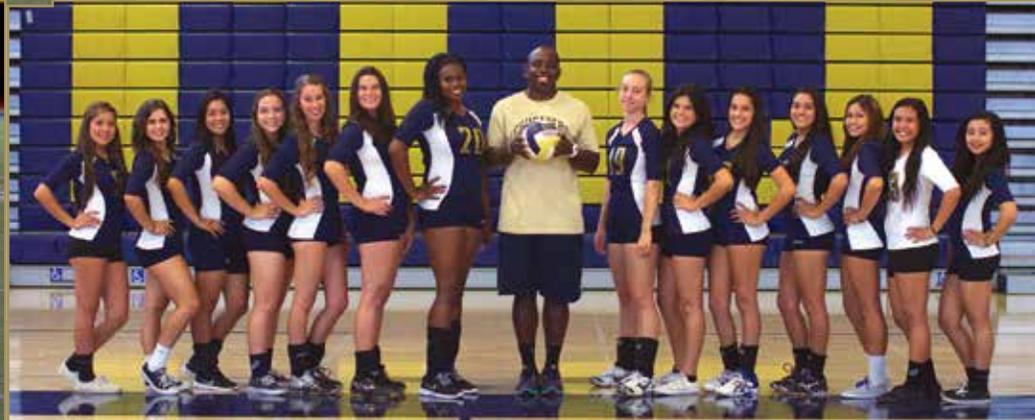




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CRUSADER CLOSET

On January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Miss DiTommaso and Mrs. Anthony launched the Crusader Closet, which is an on-campus pantry that will be used to store and organize donated items such as non-perishable food, gently used clothing, blankets and anything else that may be a need for others. MDCHS students are invited to collect donate specific items once a month.

Our first collection of beans, tuna, pasta and soups went to Casa de los Pobres in Tijuana. For the past 40 years this organization has helped the poorest of the poor in Tijuana. The food we collected was able to stock their food pantry for the first time in 4 months. They were overwhelmed with the amount of food that was donated. We will continue to help Catholic Charities and are looking at orphanages as well. There are so many places that need the support of the community!

PASTOR APPRECIATION MASS

On November 26, 2014, Mater Dei Catholic High School celebrated our 4th annual Pastor's Mass. Fr. Luke Jauregui (St. Pius X, Chula Vista) was the main celebrant and 18 pastors from around the diocese concelebrated. After Mass, the pastors enjoyed lunch with the students who attended their parish. Both the students and pastors enjoy the event because they get to build relationships that will carry back to their parish. The pastors also get a chance to encourage the students to participate in the parish youth group and be more active in church life. We are truly grateful for all of the pastors who participated and look forward to continuing to build those relationships.



Rev. Ven Ricafort and students from Mater Dei Parish

37TH ANNUAL CRUSADER GOLF TOURNAMENT

On October 27, 2013, Mater Dei held its 37th Annual Crusader Golf Tournament at Salt Creek Golf Course with 137 golfers participating. Thanks to our golf tournament committee, chaired by Maria and Gary Cooper and Susan and Ron Skillman and the supportive parent organization, it was a successful event. It included a taco feast lunch, a great day of golf, a superb BBQ chicken and ribs dinner along with the traditional silent auction. The tournament raised over \$20,000 for tuition assistance at MDCHS. Next year's tournament will be held again on the San Diego Charger's "bye weekend." at a site yet to be determined. *Stay tuned and we hope to see you there!*



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:

MICHELLE BROOKS

When Michelle Brooks speaks of her students, it is easy to see that she is an educator wholeheartedly committed to them and grounded in the belief that she can make a difference. Yet, as far back as she can remember, had you asked what she wanted to be when she grew up, without hesitation she would have said, “An actor.” It was her lifelong dream and one she made a reality. She is primarily a professional stage actor, but has also done some limited film extra work. A self-described “theater rat”, she grew up doing theater. She has been, is, and always will be an actor.

Ms. Brooks views her background in the theater as having given her the skills to be a committed and innovative teacher. Constantly finding new ways to engage her students in the learning process, she has incorporated the arts into her teaching approach. She believes the arts and teaching are two sides of the same coin. She views actors and teachers as storytellers. “Both mediums, education and theater, at their best educate and entertain, teach empathy, and explore what it means to be human.”



Ms. Brooks has a BA in Theatre Arts and a Master of Fine Arts in Acting. While in college she continued acting and after graduation, she was hired to do a year of seasonal plays with a theater company in Louisville, Kentucky. After Louisville, she returned to California to pursue acting in Los Angeles.

She transitioned into teaching as an actor looking for a job where she could be available at a moment's notice. She had always been interested in teaching and talked to friends who were substitute teachers and thought that, working as a sub, she could do something she liked while having the freedom she needed to pursue acting. She ended up taking the CBEST exam and going on to graduate school. After getting her

MFA, she decided not to go back to L.A. Since she knew it would be hard to earn a living solely as an actor in San Diego, she decided to pursue getting her teaching credentials to teach full-time.

One of her really close friends from high school, Tracy Deeb-Elkenaney, worked at Marian as an English teacher. Ms. Brooks came to know the school through her, fell in love with it and wanted to become part of it. She was hired in the fall 2004.

After ten years with Mater Dei, she describes Mater Dei as “a wonderful school that is diverse and inclusive with kids who are incredibly thoughtful and kind.” She believes the uniqueness of Mater Dei is its student body. She remembers one student who left, went to another school and then came back, and said the students at Mater Dei are not like students elsewhere. “*Even if they are not the best of friends, they would give you the shirt off their backs.*”

“I love the arts and I love exploring the human condition. I learn through storytelling and also like to teach through storytelling.”

Ms. Brooks teaches four sections of English and one section of Drama and is the Department Chair of the Visual and Performing Arts. As a teacher, she believes that students have to be engaged and involved and need to be provided with a variety of styles of learning. Since technology is such a big part of their lives, she uses different mediums to keep them engaged and motivated.

She rarely lectures for long periods of time, uses a lot of Socratic discussion, and tries to get them moving and on their feet. When she teaches the standard AWP essay, she uses the technique known as “total physical response”. She teaches them what she calls the AWP dance. Ms. Brooks researches and unabashedly “steals” any methods or techniques she believes will help her students learn.

She adopted Ms. Kelleher’s mock trial method, where a character in a work of literature is put on trial for something that occurred in the novel. She also brings in guest speakers/artists and takes students on



field trips such as the Old Globe Theatre, which she does annually.

She has seen firsthand the impact the arts can have on students. She remembers one of her former students that was withdrawn and shy, who, after some coaxing, she convinced to get involved behind the scenes in a school production she was directing. The experience helped him become more socially engaged. Eventually, he became a real part of the school community.

Ms. Brooks collaborates with community organizations such as the Playwrights Project whose mission is to advance literacy, creativity, and communication through playwriting programs and theatre productions. They conduct residences in schools, where students write their own



plays about things relevant to them. She has collaborated with other teachers on these projects. In one such collaboration, she joined with Mr. Stingo, whose students wrote the plays that her class performed.

Ms. Brooks is a California native. She was born in Coronado and grew up in Poway. She did not come from a family involved in the arts, but may have gotten her love of teaching from her mother, who was a first grade teacher. Her father was a military pilot and she has one younger brother who is an engineer.

Ms. Brooks continues to act occasionally. Since teaching full-time, she has done five shows. She used to direct the after-school productions for three years but gave it up to have the time to still perform.

Franco Faucher

What elementary school did you come from and why did you choose to come here?

I attended Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School. I was drawn to Mater Dei because of the private school education and the Catholic based background.

What do you like most about Mater Dei?

My favorite thing is that our student body is very diverse; I feel that there is a group of friends for any personality. I also have to give a shout out to the administration because they are so friendly and helpful. The teachers here want to see the students succeed. They work with students after school and never give up on us.

What MDCHS activities do you participate in?

I take part in Science Academy, Ambassadors for Christ, Men's Varsity Volleyball, Academic League, and the Ping-Pong Club.

What leadership opportunities have you had here at Mater Dei?

In Science Academy I have taken a leadership role on some of the projects. For example, the Sea Bass team is a group of students who work with Hubbs Sea World Research Institute to reintroduce White Sea Bass to the San Diego Bay area. My job is to work with other students to keep the water chemistry in the tank at ideal conditions. We monitor pH, unionized ammonia, nitrites, and nitrates. It is great to see the fish grow.

How would you describe the Crusader culture?

The Crusader culture is a melting pot of unique and passionate personalities. To be a Crusader means to be yourself, the way God intended you to be. Crusaders nation is a brotherhood established on values of faith, hope and love. Crusaders are the epitome of the model Christian.

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

The faith community at Mater Dei is what sets it apart from other schools! I think the core of the faith community is the administration at Mater Dei. The teachers, especially the religion teachers and Fathers, have a firm grasp on what it means to be a Christian. They care about our personal lives and take the time to consult with us. Mass is also a great opportunity to come together as a student body and worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

What role does faith play in your life?

Faith plays a pivotal role in my life. Here at Mater Dei, I can pray every day and not be ostracized for my faith. Mater Dei is a place where I can foster my education, friendship, and love of God. Every day I thank God that I am able to attend school here.

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

My favorite act of community service is being team manager for the football team. For the past two years I have managed equipment and helped Coach Joyner with whatever task he needs help with. I love going on the road games with the team and doing my part.

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

The most valuable lesson I have learned at Mater Dei is to try new things. As a freshmen, I refrained from joining clubs and other activities. Now I have met a plethora of new friends and have learned more about myself. Mater Dei is a great place to explore new ideas and interests.

Where would you like to attend college and what would you like to study?

I have no clue what college I want to go to but I think I want to stay close to home. I am considering the UC schools but I am also keeping an eye on a few of the military academies. I want to pursue a career in the sciences. I have a fondness for Chemistry, so I think I will pursue a Major in Chemistry. However, I am keeping my mind open and have not decided my entire career path. I want to end up doing something that I love.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

My favorite teacher is Mrs. McGregor. Mrs. McGregor has a great personality and challenges her students. Not to mention she has great teaching abilities and some really crazy stories too.

What do you admire most about your parents?

I admire my parents for their confidence in me. My parents give me the ability to attempt everything and are always trying to help me out. My parents believe in me with all their hearts. They support me in everything that I do to the best of their abilities. I am so blessed for the love and support my parents give me.



What would you want people to remember about you after you leave Mater Dei?

I would like people to remember my personality. I hope people recall me as an enthusiastic student who set ambitious goals and sought to achieve those goals. Most of all, I just want to be remembered as an awesome friend!

What makes the class of 2015 stand out?

The class of 2015 is memorable because of its individuals. We are the class with so many unique personalities. We are all a bit crazy, but people will see that once they meet us they will never be able to forget us.

What is your proudest academic achievement?

Winning the Physic Bowl is, without a doubt, my greatest achievement. I couldn't believe my underdog team was in the final race. After I reached the end of the pool, everyone started cheering. It was a moment for the ages, a movie moment.

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

The most challenging class I have taken at Mater Dei is A.P. Environmental Science (also dubbed Apes). APES is challenging because it attempts to fit chemistry, geology, biology, meteorology, etc. all into one class. It is definitely a load of work but the class has taught me a great deal.

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

Outside of school I am a Boy Scout. Recently, I have earned the rank of Eagle Scout which is the highest rank in scouting. Only 4% of all boys who join scouts achieve this rank. In Boy Scouts, I participate in a variety of activities, such as community service at St. Rose of Lima, leadership training, and outdoor activities like hiking.



Ivanna Quiceno

STUDENT PROFILE

What role does faith play in your life?

Faith plays a big part in my every day life, as it helps me to try and make the right decisions. I keep God in mind in everything that I do, and pray to Him to help keep me focused and on the right track.

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

I have been involved in cheer clinic community service, where I taught cheers to parochial school girls. I have also helped out through the Science Academy at the various beach cleanups and the Tree Frog project. I helped to clean up the hazardous material where the tree frogs lived, and spoke about the project to a local news station.

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

I think that the most valuable thing I've learned at Mater Dei is how to manage my time wisely. I like to do the best that I can in everything that I do, and the only way that is possible is through time management.

Where would you like to attend college and what would you like to study?

I would love to attend the University of Southern California. While I have not decided exactly what I would like to study, I would like to go into the medical field and either become a pediatrician or do medical research. I would also like to pursue singing and music. Hopefully, I will be able to find a way to blend my two passions.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

I think that one of my favorite teachers was Mr. Smyth. He was my Algebra II/Trig Honors teacher last year. He was a great teacher, who was always available after or before school and explained things in a way that I understood. Mr. Smyth really pushed and supported me so that I could reach my true potential.

What do you admire most about your parents?

I admire my parents' hard work and dedication. They both work extremely hard so that I can go to a great school and have a good life, and also support me in everything that I do. I am so grateful for all that they do, and cannot thank them enough.

What would you want people to remember about you after you leave Mater Dei?

My work in making this school a better and more fun place! Hopefully I'll be able to leave my legacy of MDTV and the first Mater Dei newspaper, so I can be remembered through that. I would also like people to remember me as the "girl who always sang the national anthem at basketball and football".

What makes the class of 2015 stand out?

I think people years from now will remember the class of 2015 as the class who made a difference. We have a really smart, athletic, and service oriented class that I think has had a positive impact on the Mater Dei community and will continue to do so with the world once graduated.

What is your proudest academic achievement?

I think one of my proudest academic achievements was surviving chemistry honors. It was a challenging class and I worked very hard to do well. Luckily I finished both semesters well, and I was very proud of myself.

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

Probably the most challenging class I've ever taken at Mater Dei is my AP Biology class that I am taking this year. Since it is an AP class, it requires a lot of work and dedication, and I have been trying to keep up. While it is a tough class, I am pushing through and working hard to make sure that I finish off this year strong!

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

Outside of school I am involved in musical theater and other singing opportunities. I have been in many Christian Youth Theater (CYT) musicals performed here at Mater Dei, and even some professional shows such as Starlight Theater. I have also had the opportunity to sing at several different venues both in San Diego and Los Angeles, with some of them even being televised. Besides music activities, I have also worked as an assistant counselor at summer camps for younger children, and am now involved with the Chula Vista Youth Leadership Program. I also really enjoy traveling and spending time with family and friends.

What elementary school did you come from and why did you choose to come here?

I came from Francis Parker, and I chose to come to Mater Dei after having been notified that I had received the Presidential Scholarship.

What do you like most about Mater Dei?

The fact that I can be involved in so many things. Mater Dei is a welcoming community where they encourage us to seek out a variety of interests. Another thing I love about the school is that it is like one big family, with helpful teachers who genuinely care about you and your success.

What MDCHS activities do you participate in?

I am a part of the varsity volleyball team and the varsity cheer team. I am also involved in Campus Ministry, Ambassadors for Christ, and I am the junior class secretary in ASB. I have also been a member of Science Academy since my sophomore year. Most recently, I was named the coeditor in chief of the Mater Dei newspaper, and I host and co-created Mater Dei Television, MDTV, with a fellow classmate, James Ricketts. It airs about twice a month.

How would you describe the Crusader culture?

We are all one big family. Both students and teachers are always willing to help those in need, and one feels that support system constantly. The Crusader culture is also filled with fun, from the student section at the basketball games, to Date for a Day, and other activities that make Mater Dei unique.

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

The faith community is very strong here, from the inspiring religion teachers, to the various services held at the chapel everyday. The priests are very welcoming and really encourage you to not only go to Mass, but to really understand the significance of the Mass and of receiving the Eucharist.



Academic Honors

First Honors - Grade Point Average of 3.8 and above

SENIORS

Jennifer Collins	Ya Ling	Sergio Medina	Secilia Salem
Christopher Conner	Rosa Lopez	Cara Parrella	Joyce Anne Samson
Alexia De Loera	Fernanda Lopez-Tolsa-	Samuel Rieta	Julia Thackrey
Zachary Dowdell	Valenzuela	Yoav Rosenberg	Christian Valdez
Brianne Go	Marvis Machniak	Nikka Roanne Salazar	Brandon Zora

JUNIORS

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Amylene Cabrera	Alonso Garcia Ballesteros	Nicole Madrazo	Karina Quiroz
Michael Cain	Luis Gonzalez-Flores	Brandon Mamou	James Ricketts
Mariangella Castrejon	Madelyn Healy	Estefania Martinez	Sally Russell
Monica Cooper	Phuong (Jasmine) Ho	Michelle Miranda	Esteban San Roman
Estefania Corona	Margaret Holscher	Katherine Newman	Kristine Joy Sellona
Marvin Isaac Dagoc	Mallory Huston	Patricia-Anne Oquendo	Susan Shoemaker
Franco Faucher	Matthew Ireland	Hannah Otte	Yang (Bessie) Yang
Luis Foglio	Trent Lilley	Cintia Quan Kiu Kuang	
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Carlos Alcocer	Alejandra Felix Campos	Maxwell Montes	Margarita Sanz
Anamaria Ancheta	Madeline Friedrich	Kiersten Morales	Stephanie Schaffer
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Diana De La Toba	Ana Paola Mata Zetina	Nineth Rotsen Salazar	
Mercedes Diaz	Matthew Sam Mejia	Kayla San Pedro	

FRESHMEN

Mary Bailey	Tayra Curumilla	Brighid Healy	Ashlyn O'Hara
Hazel Barajas	Myles Domingo	Amorette Hernandez	Abelardo Rodriguez
Ezekiel Campos	Ruben Duran	Arianna Infrerra	Steven Shoemaker
Eduardo Charvel	Jorge Escasan	Jenna Kruse	Madelyn Tassiello
Bethany Colgrove	Cassandra Esparza	Fernanda Lutteroth	Juan Pablo Villegas
David Cooper	Paola Garcia-Carrera	Claire McNamara	
Sergio Cuadra	Javier Gomez	Malia Noble	

YOUNG ALUMNI: INSPIRATIONS AND ROLE MODELS

Mater Dei is very proud of the many achievement of its graduates. Below we highlight just a few of those young alumni that have graduated since 2000 and have already established an impressive history of achievement. They are representative of the many Marian/Mater Dei alumni making a difference and continuing to be representative of our Crusader values.

Paola Odriozola '04

- UC Berkeley Class of 2013, BA in Psychology with emphasis in Neuroscience. Applying to Graduate School with the goal of a PhD. in Psychology Cognitive Neuroscience.
- Research Assistant in the Stanford Cognitive and Systems Neuroscience Laboratory at Stanford University School of Medicine, researching Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- At Marian/Mater Dei: Science Academy, Ambassadors for Christ Corps, Music Ministry, Campus Ministry and French Club.



I was part of the first generation of Science Academy at Mater Dei, which sparked my interest in science and research. I also took as many AP classes as I could, which allowed me to graduate from Berkeley a whole year early. I was a member of the Ambassadors for Christ Corps, Music Ministry, and Campus Ministry, which taught me countless values and skills such as organization, responsibility, and faith. Those experiences helped shape who I am today.

Enrique Schultz '03

- Loyola Marymount University: BS in Applied Mathematics, BA in Spanish and Minor in Business, 2007. University of Massachusetts: MS in Statistics, 2009.
- Actuarial Consultant at Mercer Consulting. Primary focus in Health Care and Employee Benefits Valuation Funding.
- At Marian/Mater Dei: Varsity Football, Senior Class President, Ambassadors for Christ.



Wearing the Crusaders football jersey was without any question the single greatest experience that has shaped my life. It was an honor to be part of a family full of heart and passion as we managed to go undefeated and win our first Division 3 Championship in school history. The dedication and commitment to the pursuit of excellence our team and coaching staff offered has greatly impacted my ability to succeed in other areas of life. Go Crusaders!

Annemarie Angeles '02

- University of California, San Diego, Psychology BA, 2006.
- Research Assistant/Psychology Technician for the VA Hospital San Diego
- Engaged to MDCHS Alumnus, Stephen Quinto '03.
- At Marian/Mater Dei: ASB, Drama, STRIVE, Choir, Academic League, Academic Decathlon, Cross Country, Tennis, Ambassadors for Christ.



As a Crusader, I was able to participate in several clubs and teams while keeping a 4.2 GPA. Marian Catholic High School prepared me for successfully balancing my time between university, working, and other college activities, which has helped me along my career path.

Jorge Gonzales '01

- UC, Santa Barbara; Latin American and Iberian Studies, 2005. Thomas Jefferson School of Law; Juris Doctor, 2009.
- Trial Attorney
- At Marian/Mater Dei: ASB President; Ambassador for Christ Corps; and Varsity Soccer (starting 4 years, captain 2 years, Harbor League Team Academic Selection).
- Jorge is currently the Program Coordinator for the Kassebaum Memorial Scholarship "Pay It Forward" Program at Mater Dei.



My experience as a Crusader motivated me to excel academically and pursue higher education. The relationships I had with classmates, staff and coaches inspired me to perform at my best in and outside the classroom. Overall, Marian provided me with the training and leadership skills that enabled me to reach my career goals.

Natalie Petersen '00

- University of San Diego, BA in Psychology, 2000; Masters in Public Administration, 2008
- Senior Employee Relations Specialist at Booz Allen Hamilton, a defense consulting Firm in San Diego.
- Married to Eric and has a son, Emmett, 9 mos old.
- At Marian/Mater Dei: Ambassadors for Christ Corps, drama and ASB.



Marian was a great experience for me. It prepared me to deal with a variety of people, which I still use on a regular basis. I always worked hard in my studies there, and it most definitely paid off when I went to college. Most importantly, I had teachers and friends that made lasting impacts, and I value those relationships to this day.

2013 INDUCTION CEREMONY

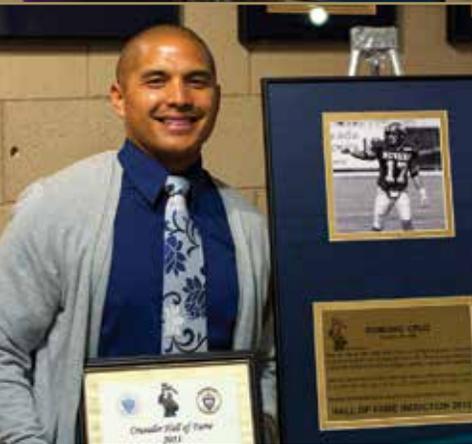


YESSENIA MARTINEZ – *Crusader Class of 1994*

Yessenia was a multi-sport athlete at Marian earning varsity letters in volleyball, basketball and softball. Not only was she all league in those sports she earned honors as the 1994 CIF Scholar Athlete of the Year and was the Pepsi Cola MVP Softball player of the year in 1994. She also was the 1994 CIF batting champion with a .650 average.

She received a softball scholarship to Long Beach State and was one of premier players on that team that won Big West Conference Championships in 1996 and 1997. She made the 1997 All Big West Conference 1st Team honors.

Yessenia also played on various Mexican National teams and was part of the Mexican National Champion teams in 1992 (Open Division), 1993 (AAA Division), 1993 (Under 25) and won the Mexico National Champions batting title and home run title in 1999. She was inducted into the Baja California Mexican Sports Hall of Fame in 1995. Yessenia works in real estate and is also pursuing a lifelong passion of being a pastry chef.



DOMONIC CRUZ – *Crusader Class of 1998*

Domonic was a three sport athlete at Marian, lettering in football, soccer and baseball. He also lettered in track and field one year and was the team MVP in 1997. He received all-league honors in 1995 – 1997 and was All League Defensive Player of the Year in 1996. He still holds the CIF record for most interceptions in a career with 22. He also played in three CIF baseball finals.

He was a three year starter for the University of Nevada, Reno Wolf packs as a defensive back and where he wore #17. Domonic was named Special Teams Player of the Year in 2002. He graduated in 2003 with a degree in History. After graduation in came back home and is a history teacher for the Crusaders at Mater Dei Catholic High School.



DARIO AGUINIGA – *Crusader Class of 2000*

Dario was first team All-League in Soccer and Football in his junior and senior years. He was CIF Division IV Kicker of the Year in 1999 and was named Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year his senior year. Most notable was his winning field goal with seconds left in the CIF Championship game against Bishops in December of 1999 to win the CIF Championship.

Dario went to New Mexico State where he was the starting kicker for 47 straight games, receiving All Sun Belt Conference honors in 2001 and 2002 and was named to the First Team Academic All-Sun Belt Conference Team in 2003. He also was named to the First Team ALL-TIME Sun Belt Conference team for the period 1976 – 2006. He still holds NMS records for most field goals made in a season (17 in 2002), most field goals overall (47 in career), most extra points (121), most points by a kicker (83) and numerous other school records to include longest field goal (53 yards vs. Oregon State on 9/13/03). Dario was also a finalist in the Lou Groza Award Watch list in 2003.

Dario is now a business man in International Business endeavors and has opened a local family restaurant in La Mesa.



2003 FOOTBALL TEAM – CIF San Diego and CIF State Div. III Champions

Head Coach Matt White
 Jonathan Alvarado '04
 Daniel Bahena '04
 Jose Luis Baylon '04
 Jorge Chang '04
 Matt Cruz '04
 Patrick Gates '04
 Scotty Goodloe '04
 Michael Guterrez '04

Alejandro Paullada '04
 Nicolas Martinez '04
 Jonathan Rivero '04
 David Soria '04
 Rolly Talampas '04
 Justin Thiltgen '04
 Joseph Alvarez '05
 John Paul Bruno '05
 Javier Chavez '05

Ali Chaul '05
 Emanuel Escalada '05
 Adrian Gamboa '05
 Bryant Garcia '05
 Alan Hiraes '05
 Jesus Ibarra '05
 Ian King '05
 Adam Martinez '05
 Ignacio Martinez '05

Rodolfo Martinez '05
 Baron Montijo '05
 Oscar Peralta '05
 Andrew Ramm '05
 Alejandro Rodriguez '05
 Michael Salazar '05
 Steffen Santos '05
 Earl Wilson '05
 Francisco Carrasco '06

DAN PRAGER – Crusader Class of 1972

Dan was a 3-year letterman at Marian Catholic from 1970-1972 lettering in football, basketball and baseball. He excelled both on the gridiron and the diamond earning All-Metro League honors in both 1971 and 1972 and AII-CIF in 1972. Dan played in multiple City-County All-Star games in both football and baseball.

After graduating from Marian, Dan attended San Jose State University from 1972-1976 on a football scholarship. Dan was a 3-year starter as a tight end for the Spartans playing on 2 PCAA Championship teams garnering AII-PCAA honors in 1974.

Dan signed as a free agent with San Francisco 49ers in 1976. His professional career then turned to the rugby pitch playing for OMBAC from 1977-1985. His worldwide tours included New Zealand, Scotland, England, and Wales.

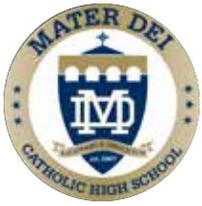
MICKY PIMENTEL – Crusader Class of 2003

Mickey was a multi-sport athlete at Marian Catholic, lettering in both football and basketball. His senior was the Metro-South Bay League's Defensive Player of the Year in football and Metro-South Bay League's Player of the year in basketball. He was also named the Union Tribune Defensive Player of the Year for San Diego County in 2003.

After graduation he enrolled at Pima Community College in Arizona and played football there for two years and then received a full football scholarship to the University of California, Berkley and wore #8 his junior and senior year as a member of the Cal Bears. After college he signed as a free agent with the Carolina Panthers in 2007 and then for the Kansas Chiefs in 2007 and 2008 as well as the Atlanta Falcons in 2008. After retiring from the NFL because of injuries he played Arena Football for a couple of years before hanging up his spikes.

Mickey works in the San Diego area and is working on his Master's Degree in business.





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