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## From the PRESIDENT

This issue provides a joyful and accurate perspective about O'Dowd's core educational work. It is fitting that we feature so many extraordinary students, who are gifts to the future and stand as an antidote to the pessimism so prevalent in this year's presidential race.

Since our country's founding, our political, cultural, and economic leaders have approached the future with a growth mindset and an optimism that has defined America and its gifts to the world. Today, a sophisticated, inclusive education and a growth mindset is required for all to achieve prosperity. Each year, when speaking with parents of our incoming class, I promise that we will provide the education their children need for the ever-changing world in which they will live and work. Of their generation, our freshman and recently graduated seniors personify that growth mindset; they are among the most intellectually and socially capable persons of their age group in human history, and the educational experience O'Dowd provides only makes them more capable.

Beginning on page four are representatives of the Class of 2016 who are passing the torch to members of the Class of 2020. Reading about these young Dragons will fill you with hope. Our graduates are academic achievers and Ivy League scholars, science lovers, leaders, performers and athletic scholarship winners who are attending many of the top universities in America. They are appreciative of their families, innovative, incredibly hard working, loving and strong leaders who display strength of character. They have taken full advantage of their O'Dowd educations.

A shout out to the 14 members of the Rodriguez family and five members of the Furino family who are legacy family contest winners. For inspiration check out stories about alums Chloe Gregori '12, Adrian Hunter '03 and Brian Litke '04, Jennifer Loh '98, and Alex Bretow '10.

In my 12th year as your president, I am filled with gratitude for the more than \$3 million you donated in 2015-16 (page 56). Your support has made it possible to educate the 352 students who are so deserving of financial aid, and to earn our Green Ribbon Award (page 23) that validates our Kinship with Creation and provides one of the best high school sustainability programs and facilities in America.

Finally, speaking for all of us as we embark on a new chapter in O'Dowd's history, we promise to continue as committed stewards of our school community in partnership with you. We pray that God will bless you and your families and all with whom you live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Stephen Phelps, EdD



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"Best of Oakland and the East Bay"  
annual readers' poll for the third  
consecutive year.

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# A Closer Look at the **CLASS OF 2020**

- The students come to O'Dowd from **more than 80** different feeder schools, across 20 Bay Area regions
- Approximately **1/3** are from Catholic schools; **1/3** are from independent/private schools; and **1/3** from public schools
- Ethnic composition of the class is **22%** African American, **15%** Asian /Pacific Islander, **11%** Latino, **43%** White and **9%** other
- There is an **equal number** of male and female students
- Student religious affiliation is **70%** Catholic and Christian, **5%** Jewish and **25%** other religions or no affiliation
- **45%** of the students have an alumni connection



# PASSING the Torch

Transitions are bittersweet. As we bid a fond farewell to the highly accomplished Class of 2016, we welcome the newest members of our community, the Class of 2020.

The talented members of this class – 333 students selected from among more than 800 freshman applicants to O’Dowd – are leaders, thespians, artists, debaters, environmentalists, social justice activists and athletes, and bring a remarkable diversity of socioeconomic, ethnic and geographic backgrounds.

The Class of 2020 is also one of O’Dowd’s most academically accomplished entering classes ever, with more than a third of the class designated as Honors Program students.

“I am thrilled that we have such an accomplished and diverse group of incoming freshmen who have a real breadth of interests and talents. These newest O’Dowd students have demonstrated through the application process that they are eager to learn and grow, taking advantage of the many opportunities O’Dowd offers,” Principal J.D. Childs said. “We are all thrilled to witness them begin to ‘speak with their own voices’ and practice making their lives a gift for the betterment of our world.”

Prospective families were carefully stewarded through the admissions experience and were exposed to the distinct benefits of an O’Dowd education at numerous touch points. “The admissions messaging and stewardship process illuminated the academic strengths of an O’Dowd education as well as the expansive array of co-curricular opportunities and the deep support that help ensure a highly suc-

cessful college preparatory experience,” Admissions Director Kerryn Pincus said.

Over 900 prospective students experienced the campus in person, touring the campus and visiting classrooms. Many noted that they felt at home in our diverse and accepting community, and that they could see themselves taking advantage of the phenomenal opportunities in both academics and extracurriculars, said Pincus. “When students and parents toured the campus, we heard them say that they could see the O’Dowd values alive on campus. If you peek into classrooms you’ll see focused and engaged students, caring teachers, a genuine joy and positivity around campus and a respectful community of teenagers. Our students are eager to help, they are involved, hold a strong moral compass and have varied interests,” Pincus said.

President Steve Phelps says that all O’Dowd students receive an academically excellent and spiritually nourishing education that equals or surpasses that of the best independent and public schools, while providing so much more. “O’Dowd’s unique combination of academic excellence, authentic diversity, student support, and the quality and breadth of programs arise from our inclusive Catholic Charism. I know of no other school in America that combines these traits with the excellence of our performing and visual arts, athletics, campus ministry and service, debate, and experiential sciences intertwined with one of the best sustainability programs in the world. Our graduates’ values and joyful achievement result in superb college preparation, while enriching their families, friends, and our society,” he said.

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Payton Silket '16. Photo by Briana Loewinsohn.

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## Payton **SILKET** '16

It's difficult for Payton Silket to peel back the layers of his experiences at O'Dowd to identify the most transformative.

As a member of the Executive Council of the Black Student Union, Kairos retreat leader, part of an O'Dowd contingent that attended the 2015 Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, founding member of the school's Solidarity not Solitary social justice club, and partaker of two "Sojourn to the Past" (a Civil Rights Movement educational program) journeys, Payton said he experienced substantial personal growth during high school.

Payton says mentoring he received from O'Dowd staff and faculty members, particularly BSU moderators Tony and Marguerite Green, also helped shape him into the person he is today. "They not only helped me academically, but spiritually and emotionally," he said. "And they encouraged me to be aware of the issues going on in the school and local community, and in the world."

In fact, Payton learned of the "Sojourn to the Past" opportunity because the founder of the organization was a guest speaker in Tony Green's African American Studies class.

"Being able to go to Little Rock Central High School, one of the first integrated high schools in America, and to talk with two of the Little Rock Nine, the first African American students to attend the high school, was truly a life-changing experience," he said. "That was my awakening to social justice - my eyes, my mind and my heart were opened."

Payton has embraced the lessons learned from all of his experiences. For example, at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, he realized just how many people truly care about important issues such as immigration, the wealth gap and women's rights. "I

learned I was not alone in my pursuit of social justice," he said.

In the greater community, Payton, along with Clayton Crowell '16 and Isabel Hallock '16, recently started an organization called Black Youth N'Action, for the purpose of providing Bay Area youth with the tools necessary to develop creative solutions to community problems.

Members of the organization recently used their own money to purchase food and make nearly 50 bag lunches that they distributed to the needy in Oakland. "We just walked along Broadway and San Pablo and gave the lunches out," he said.

This fall, Payton begins studies at Pepperdine University, where he received a merit scholarship. He intends to pursue a degree in political science and continue his efforts to make the world a kinder, gentler and more compassionate place. He's contemplating a career as a public servant or working in the non-profit sector.

*Payton hopes he's left a mark at O'Dowd through leading by example.*

*"It's really easy to sit and dictate to someone how they should live their life, but if you don't live your own life in accordance to your beliefs, then who are you? I prefer to live my life in a way that, hopefully, encourages others to live their lives in a better way."*

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Venice Albania '20. Photo by Lisa Coffey Mahoney '76.



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## Venice **ALBANIA '20**

Students at Oakland's St. Elizabeth School knew they could count on Venice Albania.

As student body president for 2015-16, Venice focused on building an inclusive student community, actively seeking input from fellow students to ensure engaging assemblies and Spirit Days. As a peer tutor, Venice mentored students in core academic subjects, providing support and encouragement. And, as a talented artist, Venice contributed the drawing for the cover of the school's 2014-15 yearbook and created the design featured on the class sweatshirts for this year's graduating class.

Most importantly, Venice doesn't shy away from standing up for injustice. "Whenever someone is treated unfairly, I speak up without escalating the issue," she said. "I feel fulfilled knowing that people are listened to and acknowledged because of my efforts, and feel I am an agent for those who would not be heard otherwise."

Now, as a freshman at O'Dowd, Venice hopes to leave a similar mark in her new school community. "I like being a leader, and like being a person people can rely on," she said.

When she was younger, Venice remembers older students talking about wanting to go to Bishop O'Dowd High School. When it came time for Venice to begin her high school search, O'Dowd was one of the first schools that came to mind.

After participating in a shadow visit last fall, Venice knew O'Dowd was the place for her. "Everyone was

really welcoming, and I thought the classes were really interesting and very engaging," she said.

Venice is looking forward to getting involved on the O'Dowd campus. Her interests include band (she plays the flute), debate and leadership, and she's also excited by the prospect of further challenging herself academically.

During her final year in elementary school, Venice took high school-level Algebra at neighboring St. Elizabeth High School, rising at 6 a.m. to be at school by 7 a.m. for the start of class. Though it was difficult in the beginning, Venice rose to the challenge and excelled in the class.

*Ultimately, Venice views high school as an opportunity to open her heart and mind to all opportunities. "I want to leave O'Dowd with knowledge of lots of new things," she said.*

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Molly Zeme '16. Photo by Briana Loewinsohn.

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## Molly **ZEME** '16

When Molly Zeme '16 first signed up to volunteer at a Muscular Dystrophy Summer camp during the summer between her sophomore and junior years, she was simply looking for a way to fulfill the service learning requirement for O'Dowd's Anawim Project. This project is designed for students to learn about social justice by connecting with people who experience the injustice of marginalization.

*Yet Molly received much more than a ledger of hours completed. She made personal connections with the campers and counselors that inspired her to volunteer above and beyond the requirement during the next two summers. "Experiencing the resilience of the campers really helped me grow as a person. And the experience expanded my interest in neuroscience and neurology."*

This fall, Molly heads to Harvard University, which boasts one of the top brain science institutes in the world, where she can pursue her interest in these areas.

In addition to Harvard, Molly was accepted into several of the nation's top colleges and universities including UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, UCLA, UC

Davis, USC and Michigan.

"One of the things I was really impressed with at Harvard, in addition to the incredible breadth of opportunities available to undergraduates, was the diversity of cultures and backgrounds of the student body," she said. "And everyone was so passionate about what they were studying, across all disciplines."

In addition to science, Molly is drawn to English and credits O'Dowd teachers for cultivating that interest. "I didn't even like English that much before coming to O'Dowd, but now I'm seriously considering majoring in English in college," she said. "The English Department had a huge impact on me. The teachers got me really passionate about literature, transformed my writing, and gave me the tools to better contextualize and appreciate what I'm reading."

A Jewish student at a Catholic college preparatory high school, Molly says there was never a time during her four years at O'Dowd that she didn't feel welcome. "People at O'Dowd are genuinely curious about learning about other religions and welcoming of all religions," she said.

A top student who maintained a 4.5 cumulative grade point average, Molly was active at O'Dowd as a peer tutor and served as an officer for the school's chapter of the National Honor Society. Additionally, she was a competitive figure skater during her high school years, practicing twice a day at the Oakland Ice Center.

Molly leaves O'Dowd as a self-assured young woman. "As a freshman, I constantly questioned myself. Now, as a senior, I have a lot more confidence," she said.

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Diego Madrigal '20. Photo by Lisa Coffey Mahoney '76.

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## Diego **MADRIGAL** '20

Diego Madrigal brings a host of talents and skills to O'Dowd. As student council president at St. Leander School, Diego worked collaboratively with others to organize activities and events. He also tutored younger students in Math and reading – two of his strongest subjects.

As a faith family leader, Diego encouraged the younger students who were shy and hesitant to engage in group activities and projects. “It was my role to reach out to them and comfort them, and make sure that they knew they were in a safe environment,” he said. “It was nice when I could help them feel comfortable enough to participate.”

In addition to these talents and skills, Diego is bringing a great deal of passion and excitement to his new school community. “I’m super excited to be coming to O’Dowd. I really like the school’s environment and vibe, and there is so much to do here,” he said. “It’s my ambition to take advantage of all of the opportunities.”

*Diego plans to participate in band, debate and athletics, and has a keen interest in the environmental studies program and Living Lab. “I visited Yosemite a couple of years ago and was inspired to learn more about protecting the environment and nature,” he said.*

He’s an accomplished student who already has his sights set on attending Stanford University, the school both his parents attended, and believes that O’Dowd’s rigorous college prep curriculum will help him achieve his goal. “When I came for my shadow visit I was impressed by the science and math classes that I visited. Everyone was engaged and the teachers seemed very encouraging,” he said. “I’m looking forward to participating a lot and sharing my ideas.”

Diego is also excited about the vast academic choices available to O’Dowd students. “I think students can thrive in an environment like this and reach their full potential,” he said.

And, he is eager to continue his education in a diverse environment. “The diversity at St. Leander School helped me to appreciate and respect other cultures and races,” he said. “When you grow up with diverse friends like I have, you start to ignore those little differences like skin color or accent. We all have much more in common than not.”

Diego is inspired by his faith to serve others. “God placed everybody on this planet for a reason, and that reason is not to be passive or unmotivated. It is to use our God-given talents in service to others,” he said.

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Francis Fortaleza '16. Photo by Briana Loewinsohn.

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## Francis **FORTALEZA '16**

Francis Fortaleza '16 entered O'Dowd as a shy young man who loved singing, but was still getting accustomed to his deeper voice.

Francis is leaving O'Dowd as a confident young adult who has led the O'Dowd community in song at school liturgies, his gentle, soothing voice greatly enhancing the worship experience.

"When my voice changed, singing was kind of difficult. But being in the choir for four years really gave me a chance to work on my voice and become more confident as a singer," Francis said.

Previously, Director of Campus Ministry Greg Moore had served as the cantor at liturgies. But one day, Moore had laryngitis and Francis was asked to fill in. "I was pretty nervous at first, but I saw it as an opportunity to be a leader," he said.

Francis has grown in other ways, too. As an executive councilmember of the Filipino Club, he teamed with the Campus Ministry Team in 2013 to help raise nearly \$10,000 for victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

And he served as a freshman retreat leader, sharing his growth experiences with students. His advice? "Take advantage of all the different opportunities available and you'll be able to really find your place on campus," he said.

He's challenged himself in the classroom, taking an assortment of Honors and AP courses, including AP Biology, AP English, AP Comparative Government & Politics, and AP Statistics and Calculus. "I've been

successful because my teachers have always been there to support me," he said.

Francis is now attending Fordham University in New York, where he will study business with concentrations in finance and accounting. He'd eventually like to work for a Fortune 500 company or Wall Street firm.

*He believes his O'Dowd experience has set him on a path for success.*

*"One of the reasons I chose O'Dowd was that I knew I would be prepared for college and the real world," he said. "I feel like I learned something new every day, both in and out of the classroom."*

And, most importantly, Francis has grown in his faith. "Coming to O'Dowd helped me feel closer to God - from the daily prayer, to the liturgies, to religion classes," he said.

Francis hopes he's enhanced the worship experience for his peers and O'Dowd faculty and staff. "They say when you sing you pray twice, so I like being able to lead people in prayer and bring people together," he said.

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Néha Gupta '20. Photo by Lisa Coffey Mahoney '76.



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## Néha **GUPTA** '20

Néha Gupta isn't one to shy away from challenges. An accomplished student, Néha decided during 7th grade to seek out new academic inspiration.

So she took the ACT, a college admissions test geared for high school juniors and seniors. Her above average test scores resulted in her being accepted into the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY), designed for students who are ready for intense college-level course work and accelerated study in specific disciplines.

Néha participated in a three-week summer zoology program at Haverford College in Philadelphia through CTY, going on field trips to the Philadelphia Zoo and Camden Aquarium, dissecting animals, including a shark, squid, rat and frog, and making new friends with similar interests. "It was fun getting a chance to go across the country, stay in a dorm, and be independent," she said.

Music has been a big part of Néha's life. In fact, she started playing the piano when she was three. In sixth grade, however, she took up the saxophone and was the oldest student in beginning band. In her typical driven fashion, Néha practiced diligently and worked her way up to intermediate band within five months. Today, she is a member of the M.U.S.E. (Musical Understanding through Sound Education) Honor Band that performs in the community at places like Ghirardelli Square and Great America, and is looking forward to being a member of the O'Dowd Jazz Band.

Néha said that she was looking at a few different East Bay high schools but she became focused on O'Dowd when she took a shadow visit and learned of the vast opportunities available. "I definitely want to get involved with the environmental program, and go on a science field research trip, join clubs and participate in activities. I'm excited about finding ways to contribute to the school community."

*She was also impressed with the cultural and religious diversity of the student body, as she is of Indian heritage and practices Hinduism.*

*"I noticed the diversity of the school right away, and that is something that is important to me."*

Néha is hoping to share her love of Odissi, one of the oldest Indian classical dance styles that is still practiced today, with the O'Dowd community. "I enjoy learning Odissi at my local Hindu temple and performing at school functions. I like bringing my dance world together with my school life," she said.



# The Class of 2016

“No Matter What  
We Accomplish,  
There Will Always  
Be More to Learn  
and More to Improve.”

Couched among funny anecdotes and spot on shout outs to classmates who excelled in various arenas, **Evin Yang '16** delivered a meaningful message about humility in his valedictory address during Bishop O'Dowd High School's 62nd Commencement, held on Sunday, June 5, at Oakland's Paramount Theatre of the Arts.

“We need the humility to understand that no matter what we accomplish, there will always be more to learn and more to improve,” Yang said. “Humility is accepting our human imperfections and not allowing those inevitable shortcomings to interfere with our future success. Don't let a lost game stop you from chasing the championship. As Stephen Curry puts it, 'If you don't fall, how are you going to know what getting up is like.'”

Salutatorian **Grace Piette '16** entertained students comparing the Class of 2016 to the many flavors of wings at Wingstop. “We have athletes, artists, musicians, actors, debaters, mock trialers, engineers, outdoorsmen, mathletes and activists ... there are so many individuals in this class who do so many different things,” she said. “We are a diverse group in all aspects and we would make an awesome Wingstop menu.”

One of the highlights of the Commencement was the presentation of the Cor Unum Award to **John Heagerty '60**, who made brief remarks.

Named for the school's motto, “One Heart in Christ,” the Cor Unum Award is Bishop O'Dowd High



Photos by Lisa Coffey Mahoney '76.

School's highest honor. It is presented each year to select members of the O'Dowd community whose lives and work embody the core values of leadership, service, social justice and intellectual competence expressed in the school's mission.

A current member of the O'Dowd Board of Regents, Heagerty headed efforts to create the Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund, which now totals more than \$300,000, to assist qualified prospective students seeking an O'Dowd education.

He's also participated in Career Day and other O'Dowd activities and events, and has served the greater community in various capacities.

"Cor Unum is really a call to arms for all of us - particularly you graduates," Heagerty said. "It's a commitment to Catholic, Christian values that proclaims our beliefs and commands us to a life of working for social justice in all matters, personal and professional."

You can watch all the commencement speeches on the O'Dowd YouTube Channel.

Meanwhile, several students received special awards during the Commencement Exercises.

**Frances Keer '16** and **Troy Coaston '16** received the General Activity awards, presented to students who are distinguished by scholarship, excellence in conduct and outstanding devotion to Bishop O'Dowd High School through participation and demonstrated

leadership in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

**Caitlin Ratto '16** and **Sean Lee '16** received the Loyalty awards, presented in recognition of their consistent support to the student body, staff and parents in carrying out activities, and their willingness to give of self in terms of service.

Scholar-Athlete awards went to **Aerial Chavarin '16** and **Nicholas Allen '16** for distinguishing themselves through consistent excellence in academics and athletics, and demonstrated good sportsmanship on the athletic field.

**Payton Silket '16** received the Regents' Award, given to the senior who most exemplifies the mission of Bishop O' Dowd High School.

The 260 members of the Class of 2016 are now attending colleges and universities throughout the country. The following is a listing of the students' college choices known at press time.

# COLLEGE CHOICES

## for the Class of 2016

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
Hunt, Elliot

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
West, D`Auria Joi

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
Aguilera, Julia Rose  
Bartalotti, Adrianna Maria  
Boese, Dominic Michael  
Bolden, Blair Kennedy  
Donovan, John

BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE  
Sanchez, Giuliano Salomon

BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC  
Chaix, Claire Constance

BOSTON COLLEGE  
Duncan, Grace Elena

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO  
Boyd, Julia  
Flood, Christopher William  
Garvey, Benjamin  
McCroden, Yasmine Sophia  
Moser, Matthew Scott

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO  
Attias, Claire Elizabeth  
Flynn, John Patrick  
Marquez, Christopher John  
Olivera, Daniel Francisco  
Perez, Lucas Paul

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY  
Atthowe, Richard John  
Magallon, Belinda Guadalupe  
Phifer, Jacob D.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH  
Brown, Blair Marie

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTEREY BAY  
Barrios, Cory Alexander  
Kelly, Francesca

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO  
Bratcher, Christian Lee Edward

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY  
Allen, Nicholas Brandon  
Brathwaite, Nicholas Alexander

Downs, Nicholas William  
Goldman, Jackson Stuart  
Hausser, Elena Blanca  
Link, Trevor  
Rabara, Georgia Bringas  
Wahbeh, Elias Emile

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS  
Frick, Sonia Lisen  
Koplowitz, Sarah Rosellen  
McCormack, Connor Nilson  
Patterson, Cameron Dante  
Sabaratnam, Annika Helen  
Smith, Katherine Marie  
Sparks, Isaak Andrew  
Walker, Aliyah Noelle  
Wong, Lyndsey Gina

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE  
Andrada, Mylah Denae  
Chan, Nicolas  
Gardner, Christopher Alec  
Huang, Zhikun  
Ojuola, Armon  
Yi, Clotilda Haeun

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES  
Adranly, Laila Katherine  
Brackett, Carina Lauryn  
Chan, Jolene L  
Chang, Kylie Megan  
Corbett, Megan Rose  
Fong, Ianna Leigh  
McGillis, Sydney Annaliese  
Porter McAvoy, Camille Ann  
Turner, Aliyah Imani

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED  
Berry, Samaria

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE  
Dungeon, Mikel Christopher  
Dysico, Andrew Jay  
Hairston, Jessica Emmaline Ke'mani  
Harris-Ealy, Ariann  
Kim, Grace Boram  
Mitchell, Natalie Louise-Utulaina

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO  
Keer, Frances Riley  
Viviani, Danielle Denee

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA  
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Firestone, Alexander Dean  
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Castro, Camron Francis  
Conti, Dominic Bevilacqua

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY  
Halaburda, Parker Robert  
Wilson, Max Oren

CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO  
Ballard, Damani Morgan

CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE  
Figueroa, Benjamin John Wyzga

CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY  
Morgan, Maia Eloyce  
Scalzo, Alexis Marie

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER  
Garofoli, Gianna Cecelia  
Luo, Jing  
Morrish, Maria Ielena

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER  
Smith, Hannah Maria

COLORADO COLLEGE  
Counts, Elizabeth Dianne  
Montgomery, Miles O'Neill

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES  
White, Nathaniel Charles

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO  
Payne-Schomaker, Maya Elizabeth

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
Sanford, Timothy John

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER  
Ghiglieri, Jason Charles

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY  
Gellman, Aron Benjamin  
Zuckerberg

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE  
Bordessa, Marco David  
Williams, Graham  
Ruiz-Mendoza, Sergio Rafael  
Williams, Michael Laurence

DILLARD UNIVERSITY  
Knox, Janee

DREXEL UNIVERSITY  
Kendall, Kijika Kai Gyashi Keiko

ELMS COLLEGE  
Ratto, Caitlin Rose

EMERSON COLLEGE  
Faucette, Gavin Vardaman

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY - LINCOLN CENTER CAMPUS/ROSE HILL CAMPUS  
Fortaleza, Francis Perre

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
Huang, Ruomeng

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY  
Hunter, Tajiri Tufani

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
Zeme, Molly Sara

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA  
Koci Hernandez, Sophia Epiphany  
Lee, Bronson Eleneki

HOLY NAMES UNIVERSITY  
Bautista, Isabella  
Senegal, Haili Avisheh  
Viray, Megan Cheresse Ortega

HOWARD UNIVERSITY  
Awakoaiye, KaRa Inaya Issa  
Jackson

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY  
Wruck, Hannah Elisabeth

INDIANA TECH  
Loman, Alexius Ashley

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY  
(PROVIDENCE)  
Walker, Katherine MacArthur

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
Rumsey, Sean Dabrowski

UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE  
Brown, Jason Joseph

LANEY COLLEGE  
Achramowicz, Matthew Joel

LASELL COLLEGE  
Prince, Eriane Dominique

LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE  
Binder, Orion Benjamin  
Hanson, Alexa Nicole  
Moseley, William Henry

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY  
Cunningham, Michael Shawn  
Erquiaga, Nina Louise  
Scott, John Stanley

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY  
Dilk, Simone Alyda

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
AMHERST  
Murphy, Peter Walker

MENLO COLLEGE  
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Hughes, Evan Lake

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Parsnick, Madeleine Clair

MILLS COLLEGE  
Xu, Cheryl Yei

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY,  
BOZEMAN  
Sundsmo, Erik Todd

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE  
Ashford-Jones, Kaelan Brionne

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO  
Johnson, Savannah Cheyenne  
Statum, Otis Ray

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY  
DeWitt, Bryce Joseph Kidwell  
Lozano-Strickland, Zoe Rose  
Tallarida, Eliana Bridget

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY  
Mortarotti, Tristan

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN  
COLORADO  
Lydon, Matthew David

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
Hicks, Aaron Leslie  
Vaughan, Thomas Arthur

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME  
Daum, Eleanor Clare

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE  
Kleinman, Gregory Moross  
Olmos, Olivia Isabella

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
Rosa, Valeria Andrea

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY  
McKenna, Hailey Lidia  
Nelson, Matthew Lawrence

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON  
Dobbs, Holden Clifford  
Fournier, John Herman  
Greening, Grace Wong  
Marshall, Zoe Emma  
McQueen, Kate Gillian  
Sims Jr., Lionel  
Watkins, Dallas

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC  
Kaufman, Napoleon

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Badalamenti, Alexander Cole

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Cala, Jacob Hewitt

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY  
Silket, Payton Harvey

PITZER COLLEGE  
Gane, Lily Ann  
Piette, Grace Marie

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND  
Hull, Samantha Christine  
Hussain, Mainaz Zehra  
Pineda, Carina Gabriela

UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND  
Berger, Tess Elena  
Bostick, Gaia Calista  
Ferenbach-Fahselt, Liam Thomas  
Imholz, David Anton  
Share, Sophia Danielle  
Shi, Qifan

PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
Scott, Natalie Anne

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS  
Gallaway, Patrick Creighton

ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY  
Orbeta, Katherine Pilar

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE OF  
CALIFORNIA  
Anderson, Eleanor Elise  
Ayon, Christopher Jay  
Cardenas, Antonio  
Connell, David Christopher  
Crawford, Jason Austin  
Gonzalez, Sarah Marie  
Huang, William Nicolas  
Mills, Joshua Richard

SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE  
Gardner, Somari Isabel

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY  
Bunkers, Haley Margaret  
Cabato, Angelica Adolor  
McGrath, Samantha Andreea  
Peters, Mykah Elise

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO  
Baldwin, Azaria Jeanine  
Booker, Mikayla Janelle

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY  
Crowell, Clayton Jackson  
Escudero, Nicolette Camille  
Fuentes, Sylvia  
Mannix, Connor James  
Mischeaux, Louis Henry  
Riveros, Valentina  
Windle, Henry

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
Daluz, Nina Isabelle  
Morelli, Amanda Rose  
Saechao, Taylor  
Vollintine, Nicholas Browne

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY  
Hubahib, Glen Thomas Cepedoza  
Lyu, Hanqi

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO  
Bannister, Jared Ray

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE  
Pan, Haoran

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY  
Achramowicz, Alexander Louie  
Nagdev, Amit  
Nesbitt, Julian Emery

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE  
Burley, Cleo Ray

SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE  
Spiegel, Annemarie Charlotte

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY  
Bedford-Panori, Eamon Wallace  
DelRio, Andrea Alexandra  
Rivera, Kimberly Anne Magalong

SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Biasotti-Nystrom, Emilie Marie  
DeTurk, Jenna Leigh  
Laufenberg, Guy Bruce Joseph  
Martin, Mikayla Jasmine- Brynn  
Moore, Spencer Andrew  
Olsen, Lindsey Renee  
Sadler, Emerson Joseph

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA  
Flint, Victor Matthew  
Hofherr, Samantha Shane  
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Gonzalez, Alexandra  
Miller, Ryan Christopher

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Tuleja, Sabina Barbara

STANFORD UNIVERSITY  
Marcone, Alessandra Lora  
Shields, Olivia Elizabeth  
Yang, Evin YuDong

TULANE UNIVERSITY  
Coaston, Troy Nicholas

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
Broome, Axel James

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT  
Ditzler, Jack Mathias

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
Moser, Caitlen Rose

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
Carper, Anne Kirkendall  
Eifler, Camilo Alexander  
Li, Zhuotong  
Nierenberg, Leo Hernandez

THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER  
Kelly, Cormac Sommer

XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA  
Daniel, Martina Jane-Ann  
Graham, Zaria Nikoyle  
Petry, Lauren Elizabeth  
Williams, Imani Nicole

YALE UNIVERSITY  
Chavarin, Aerial LynnDonna



Evin Yang '16. Photo by Briana Loewinsohn.

# EVIN YANG

## a 2016 National Merit Scholarship Award Winner

Bishop O'Dowd High School's **Evin Yang '16** was selected in May as a winner of a National Merit \$2,500 scholarship.

*Yang was one of 2,500 students chosen from a talented pool of more than 15,000 outstanding finalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program.*

The National Merit \$2,500 scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The number of winners named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the nation's graduating high school seniors.

These scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the finalists and their high schools: the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the finalist; and a recommendation written by a high school official.

## The 2016 National Merit Scholarship Competition

This year's competition for National Merit Scholarships began in October 2014, when over 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

Last fall, the highest-scoring participants in each state, representing less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors, were named semifinalists on a state-representational basis. Only these 16,000 semifinalists had an opportunity to continue in the competition. From the semifinalist group, 15,000 students met the very high academic standards and other requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. By the conclusion of the 2016 program, about 7,500 finalists will have earned the "Merit Scholar" title and received a total of about \$33 million in college scholarships.

# ALIYAH TURNER '16

## Accepted Into Top Acting Program

**Aliyah Turner '16** has come a long way since her first acting role - the baby elephant in *Jungle Book*.

*An accomplished dancer and actor, Aliyah was one of only 18 applicants (from a pool of more than 1,000) accepted into the acting program at UCLA's elite School of Theater, Film & Television. She begins her studies in September.*

The interview/audition process was rigorous and included participation in an information session, the performance of two contrasting monologues (one classical and one contemporary), an interview in which applicants are asked to discuss their goals and aspirations for studying theater, and a movement audition where judges assess how applicants comport themselves in a group setting and how they respond to challenges.

Aliyah said the process was nerve-wracking. "Throughout the whole thing they are taking notes on you, observing you, and writing your number down ... or not writing your number down," she said.

### Expanding Her Creative Repertoire

A competitive dancer since the age of three who has performed locally and nationally in several different styles of dance, Aliyah was chosen two summers ago, along with several other top performers from the Castro Valley Performing Arts program, to attend dance classes full-time at the famous Broadway Dance Center and Alvin Ailey Schools in New York City for a week.

Her creative repertoire expanded to acting when she got involved with the Neighborhood Youth Theater in Castro Valley about 10 years ago. She pursued dra-

ma at O'Dowd, starring in several performances including *Godspell*, *Hairspray* and *A Chorus Line*. She credits Drama Director Dennis Kohles and drama teacher Trina Oliver - "MizzO" as she is affectionately called - with cultivating her passion for acting. "They are very professional and knowledgeable about acting and that really opened up my eyes to the possibility of pursuing it as a career," she said.

MizzO was instrumental in helping Aliyah prepare for her UCLA audition, as well as the other auditions she had at Pepperdine University, Chapman University and Loyola Marymount University.

"MizzO came to me at the beginning of senior year and asked if I was interested in pursuing acting after high school. When I said 'Of course,' she said we needed to start working on monologues and training for the auditions and interviews. She was a big help," Aliyah said.

Aliyah prepared *Waiting for Lefty* as her contemporary piece and a monologue from *As You Like It* for her classical piece. She performed the classical piece at the Ohlone College High School Theatre Festival in May, and ended up placing in the category. "That really boosted my confidence for the auditions," she said.

For the past year, Aliyah has taken film and screen acting classes at Film Acting Bay Area (FABA) in Emeryville, where she has been provided several casting opportunities. She's appeared in a short film, *Through the Windowpain*, and will star in an episode of FABA's new, dramatic WebSeries *The Traffick* in August. She's also secured a role in the upcoming feature film *Taking Liberty*.



Aliyah Turner '16. Photo by William McNeil.



Rebecca Bischoff. Photo by Lisa Coffey Mahoney '76.

# O'Dowd Welcomes Rebecca Bischoff as Chief Development Officer

An innovative and experienced leader who has successfully led major gifts and campaign management efforts, as well as alumni relations and marketing programs, Rebecca Bischoff has been selected as O'Dowd's new chief development officer. She replaces Jeanne Jenkins, who retired at the end of June after serving in the position for three years.

"Rebecca was the unanimous choice of our search committee. She has dedicated her career to non-profit resource development and has nearly 15 years of experience in leading mission-effective fundraising teams at private schools. She is the right leader in this era of great opportunity for the O'Dowd community," O'Dowd President Steve Phelps said.

Most recently, Bischoff was the director of advancement at Bentley School, where she was responsible for oversight of the school's fundraising, alumni relations and communications functions.

Before that, Bischoff led advancement efforts at St. Joseph Notre Dame High School for 10 years. While there, she completed the final stage of a \$9 million campaign, and planned and executed a successful \$5 million capital campaign. She also developed and led a comprehensive successful annual fund program that increased an average of 25 percent annually over eight years.

Prior to working at St. Joseph's, Bischoff served as director of development at Live Oak School in San Francisco, where she was responsible for all development initiatives at the elementary school, providing leadership, direction and coordination of a comprehensive fundraising and marketing program.

*"I am eager to devote my energies in an environment that values collaboration, intellectual curiosity and a commitment to positive social change. I'm excited to return to a Catholic institution where I find these values, buttressed by the Catholic teachings and a commitment to spiritual development, provide for meaningful connections with alumni and donors," she said. "At schools this work is so rewarding because we can see the results each day as students discover, practice and master new talents."*

Bischoff earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Washington University in St. Louis and holds a master's degree in education (focus on adult learning and organizational development) from Harvard University.





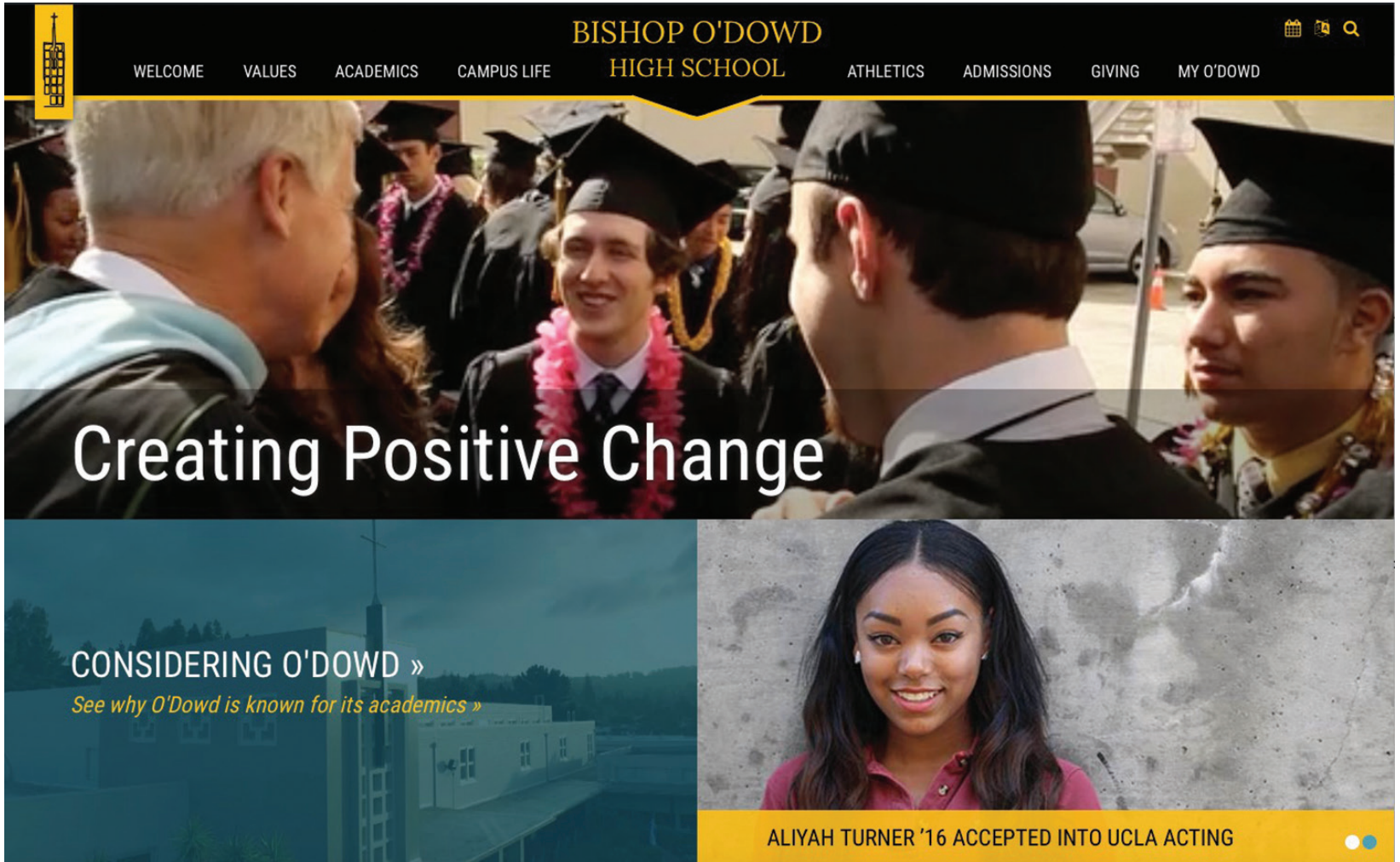
From left to right, Andrea Falken, Director of U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS), Assistant Principal Colette Roche, President Steve Phelps, Director of Sustainability Andra Yeghoian, Director of Counseling Fran Warmerdam and Adam Honeysett, Managing Director of State and Local Engagement. Photo by U.S. Department of Education.

# Federal Green Ribbon Schools Award Presented to O'Dowd

*O'Dowd was the only Catholic school to receive the award this year, among 47 schools and 15 districts honored for their exemplary efforts to reduce environmental impacts and costs, promote better health and ensure effective environmental education. In addition, 11 colleges and universities were honored with the Postsecondary Sustainability Award.*

President Steve Phelps, Director of Sustainability Andra Yeghoian, Assistant Principal Colette Roche and Director of Counseling Fran Warmerdam traveled to Washington, D.C., in July to accept O'Dowd's 2016 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School award at a ceremony held at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

At the awards ceremony, U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr. said, "I congratulate these honorees that are leaders in school facilities, wellness and environmental education practices. Their common-sense approach to investing more in education - rather than in utility bills - improves health and attendance, while exciting students about hands-on, real world learning. Healthy, safe and efficient facilities as well as access to sustainability education are innovative ways to boost productivity and performance at every grade level."



## New Website Launches

At the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, you may have noticed a fresh new site at [www.bishopodowd.org](http://www.bishopodowd.org). The site reflects the integration of input from a multi-stakeholder group with current website best practices and was designed and developed in partnership with the creative communication experts at Arson ([www.arsonagency.com](http://www.arsonagency.com)). The result is a fresh take on the O'Dowd Catholic college preparatory school brand that captures the energy and the positive change-making impact of the school. Functionally, the site's organization and navigation structure enable the user to easily locate information and encourages browsing across all platforms—desktop, laptop, tablets and mobile. The site maintains the student, parent and staff portals while streamlining the user experience for prospective families. In line with current design practice, the site is an evolving and dynamic entity and we welcome your input to continue to improve it. Our thanks to all who were involved in bringing this website to life. Please e-mail Director of Marketing Susan Andres at [sandres@bishopodowd.org](mailto:sandres@bishopodowd.org) with any comments.



## Chemistry Lab Remodel Completed

Students Have Access to  
State-of-the-Art Equipment

In keeping with efforts to improve school facilities that support our STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program, a complete remodel of a 65-year-old chemistry lab (Room 212)

into a state-of-the-art science lab and classroom was completed over the summer. The adjacent chemical storage room was also updated to enhance safety and storage capacity.

Spacious enough to accommodate both lectures and labs, Room 212 features new floor and wall finishes, cabinets, lab table tops, technology and lighting, and a new fume hood that limits student exposure to chemical fumes and toxic gases. In addition, electrical power was added so that students can use their computers for logging data and to power hot plates for heating solutions.

Generous cabinet space in the room allows for storage of supplies for science classes other than chemistry, and shelving allows for the set-up of “stations” for the use of shared equipment.

The creation of this multi-use space means that there will be extra lecture space for other disciplines in adjacent Room 214, as that space will no longer be needed for science lectures.

Total cost of the science lab remodel was roughly \$650,000, funded through charitable gifts and the school’s capital appreciation budget.



**Sunday, November 6, 2016**

12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Find out everything you need to know about O'Dowd!



## O'DOWD OPEN HOUSE

Principal & President Welcome

Student Panel

Admissions Information & Support

Athletics Fair

Musical Performances

Mock Debates (Speech & Debate Team)

Library Services & Support Information

Sustainable O'Dowd Information

Tuition Assistance Presentations

Counseling, Academic Support &  
Co-Curricular Program Fair



President Steve Phelps and Board of Regents member Alan McIntosh. Contributed photo.

## Alan McIntosh to Chair *Transforming Lives Dinner*

Alan McIntosh understands the important role that Catholic education plays in lives of young people. As a member of the O'Dowd Board of Regents, serving on the marketing/admissions committee, Alan seeks to ensure that all qualified students - regardless of their financial circumstances - have the opportunity to attend O'Dowd.

Alan recently stepped up to chair the November 3, 2016 *Transforming Lives Dinner*, an annual event that raises money for the school's financial aid program.

*"The Transforming Lives Dinner has always been close to my heart because I know all the good it does for students in need. O'Dowd is definitely a life-changer for many kids, and this dinner helps enable many young people and their families to take advantage of this wonderful institution," Alan said.*

"There is no doubt that Catholic education is one of the last affordable private education options, and it's important that we all pitch in as a community to

make sure that continues," Alan added. "We don't want O'Dowd to only be a school for the privileged."

Alan knows, first-hand, how transformative an O'Dowd education can be. Alan and his wife, Imelda, have two sons - Nigel '15, who currently attends UC Davis, and, Ruben '17. "O'Dowd has been a great experience for both of our children," he said.

While Alan has supported other community fundraising events, such as serving as chairperson of the St. Rose Hospital Foundation golf tournament, this O'Dowd event is particularly special to him.

"When I see the bright young folks and how they are taking advantage of this great opportunity it makes supporting this event quite satisfying," he said. "I pray that this year's *Transforming Lives Dinner* raises more money than ever before and all attending are truly moved by the event."

Director of Annual Giving and Special Events Cathy McFann said that Alan didn't hesitate to say "yes" when asked to chair the event.

"Given Alan's generous financial support, and how passionate he is about making a difference in the lives of students, he was a natural choice," she said. "We are so fortunate to have him lead the effort."

Visit [www.bishopodowd.org/tld](http://www.bishopodowd.org/tld) for more information about the *Transforming Lives Dinner*.



## TRANSFORMING LIVES

A Dinner Supporting O'Dowd Students



# NOVEMBER 3, 2016

JOIN US FOR O'DOWD'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

For Reservations and Sponsorship Information: [bishopodowd.org/tld](http://bishopodowd.org/tld)



Meghan Wallingford '89 . Photo by Briana Loewinsohn.

# Meghan

## 7 things ABOUT Wallingford '89

**What inspired you to do this kind of work?**

When I was a student at O'Dowd, programs like the Career Partnerships Program had not yet been introduced. Upon learning that O'Dowd offers a program designed to assist students in connecting with their skills and interests and exposing them to the world of work, I was impressed. When I was offered the position of CPP coordinator I immediately accepted. I see tremendous value in helping a student explore opportunities and I am thrilled I can be a part of it!

**What is your position here and how long have you worked at O'Dowd?**

This is my third year on campus and my second year coordinating the Career Partnerships Program. Prior to my CPP role, I worked on fundraising events in the Advancement Department.

**What is the best piece of advice you ever received (*generally—it doesn't have to be related to O'Dowd*)?**

When I was growing up I spent a lot of time visiting with an older neighbor who was housebound. She delighted in sharing tales of her life and loved to give advice. As I was approaching high school and was possibly taking things a bit too seriously she said to me: "Once you stop being a girl you're stuck being a woman forever! I am an 86-year-old girl and proud of it!" The message behind her words has echoed in my mind ever since. I interpret it as a reminder to stay connected with a sense of play, a sense of fun, and to not take things too seriously.

**What is your favorite thing about your job?**

Without a doubt the students are my favorite thing about my job. Our students are fantastic, smart and vibrant. They make my job a joy.

**What about your field or position do you think would surprise people the most?**

This position allows me to learn alongside the students. I seek to provide the students exposure to a range of experiences and in doing so, I get to learn a few things along the way. With field trips to places ranging from Facebook to the Oakland Crime Lab and industry events like the Women In STEM Conference and TechCrunch, I always return to campus having seen and learned something new.

**What is the most interesting or surprising thing about you?**

Dragon Pride runs strong in my family! My sophomore daughter is the 15th Dragon on my family tree!

**If you could rescue only one thing from your burning office, what would it be?**

I have some of my children's early artwork on my walls. Neither of them are prolific artists so their works are rare and hard to come by!

Bonus questions:

**What is your favorite kind of music?  
What are your favorite bands?**

I grew up in a musical household so I can appreciate most kinds of music. 80s music holds a special place in my heart since it was the soundtrack of my youth - I think I still know all the words to the Beastie Boys Licensed to Ill and Run-DMC's Raising Hell albums. And don't get me started on Purple Rain or The GoGos...

**What is your favorite sports team or who is your favorite individual athlete?**

I love my Ducks!

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This is an installment in a series of profiles called 7 Things about O'Dowd's terrific faculty and staff that is regularly featured on our website. Visit [www.bishopodowd.org/7things](http://www.bishopodowd.org/7things) to see more.



## O'DOWD CRAB FEED BENEFITTING STUDENT ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

*Save the Date*

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Enjoy great friends, great food and great auction items. This event sells out!  
Watch for details in the O'Dowd E-News.



# We Would Love to **HEAR FROM YOU!**

Your fellow alumni are interested in reading about what you are doing. Please use this form to keep your classmates and other O'Dowd friends up-to-date on the activities in your life. Send us news about career moves, publications, additions to your family, awards, etc.

We especially welcome wedding, baby and group gathering photos! By policy, we do not print non-legal unions, engagements, or pregnancies, and we reserve the right to edit submissions.

You can also e-mail your news to:  
**[lramirez@bishopodowd.org](mailto:lramirez@bishopodowd.org)**

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**Bishop O'Dowd High School**  
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# ALUMNI



LizaDawn Ramirez and family. Contributed photo.

## Greetings from Director of Alumni Engagement and Philanthropy **LIZADAWN RAMIREZ**

It was such a joy to collaborate with our Drama Department for the inaugural O'Dowd Alumni Pre-Show Reception. On Saturday, May 7, fifty alums enjoyed the reception before attending the Drama Department's production of *A Chorus Line*. Quite a few O'Dowd alumni had special ties to the theater, others were excited to see their kids or grandkids in the performance, while some simply wanted to enjoy a night at the theater with fellow alums. Special thanks to Drama Director **Dennis Kohles '69** for providing complimentary tickets for our alums and bravo to the talented students in the musical.

Now we're gearing up for Alumni Reunion Weekend, starting with the Beer Garden on Friday, October 28. Be sure to register soon at [www.bishopodowd.org/abg](http://www.bishopodowd.org/abg), as space is limited. Please note: the last day to RSVP is October 14, and all attendees must be on the event list to gain entrance. Then, on Saturday, October 29, the classes of 1956, 1961 and 1981 will be celebrating their reunions on campus. Finally, on Sunday, October 30, the class of 1986 will hold a family picnic on the Quad to cap off the reunion weekend. It's always thrilling to have so many O'Dowd alums back on campus!

As always, please feel free to share your good news, updates and questions by contacting me at [lr Ramirez@bishopodowd.org](mailto:lr Ramirez@bishopodowd.org) or (510) 577-9100, ext. 317. You can also stay connected to us through social media -

**Facebook:** [LizaDawn Ramirez](#) (FB said we have to be a person in order to keep up our profile so, sadly, we no longer could go by "O'Dowd Alums".)

**Instagram:** [odowdalumni](#)

**Twitter:** [odowdalumni](#)

**LinkedIn:** [LizaDawn Ramirez](#)

And definitely join the O'Dowd Alumni online community powered by **IntroMaps**. You can also update your info, view events, job listings, announcements, news and volunteer opportunities. Visit <https://bishopodowd.intromaps.com> with the e-mail address you have on file with O'Dowd to update your info (or opt out.)

We absolutely love hearing from you. Please continue to update me on personal and professional updates (including volunteer work!) and certainly keep those photos coming. We want to know what you've been up to since graduating from O'Dowd.

Go Dragons!

LizaDawn

# News

## Legacy Family Contest Winners

Francis J. Furino



Debbie A. Furino - Marshall



Gina L. Furino - Torres



Zachary D. Marshall

(son of Debbie)



Britney N. Marshall

(daughter of Debbie)



Furino family.



The winner of the recent O'Dowd Legacy Family Contest was the **Rodriguez family**, who has the most members who attended O'Dowd.

The family includes, top row from left to right: Sebastian Camacho '19, Sophia Rodriguez '18, Lily Rodriguez '17 and Tyler Engleman '17; middle row from left to right: Iden Rodriguez, Skimra Rodriguez Sherbondy '00, Aria Rodriguez Vadney '94, Forte Rodriguez '92 and Qiqi Rodriguez '90; and bottom row from left to right: Tyr Rodriguez '88, Petra Rodriguez Camacho '87, Iliad Rodriguez '85, Dante Rodriguez '84 and Marin Rodriguez '83.

Second place went to the **Furino family**, with the most generations who attended O'Dowd.

If you are a Dragon family comprised of multiple generations and/or graduates, please send us a comprehensive listing of your family members so that we can continue to expand the data on O'Dowd legacy families. And be sure to enter our contest next year!



Rodriguez family.

# ALUMNI



Drama Director Dennis Kohles '69, center, with Marissa '02 and Justus Vierra '00. Photo by Lisa Coffey Mahoney '76.

## O'Dowd Alumni Pre-Show Reception

It was wonderful to have alumni on campus for the inaugural O'Dowd Alumni Pre-Show Reception held on Saturday, May 7. Fifty attendees enjoyed the reception before attending the Drama Department's production of *A Chorus Line*.

Quite a few of the alumni had special ties to the theater, including **Justus Vierra '00**, who starred as Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, the very first production in staged in the O'Dowd theater, and his sister, **Marissa Vierra '02**, who was a member of the chorus.

Others were excited to see their kids or grandkids in the performance, while some simply wanted to enjoy a night at the theater with fellow alums. Special thanks to Drama Director **Dennis Kohles '69** for providing complimentary tickets for the O'Dowd alums, and well-deserved kudos to all the talented students in the musical.



From left to right, Evelyn Brue, Lisa Brue '85, O'Dowd President Steve Phelps and Kip Wixson '57. Wixson's grandson, Charlie Novack '17, was a cast member in *A Chorus Line*. Photo by Lisa Coffey Mahoney '76.

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## Chloe Gregori '12 Receives Award for Public Service

**Chloe Gregori's '12** public service and commitment to improving the local and global community has not gone unnoticed. She was recently named a recipient for a Chancellor's Public Service Award, The Mather Good Citizen Award, and was honored at a ceremony held at the university's Alumni House on May 9, hosted by Chancellor Nicholas Dirks.

A Peace & Conflicts Studies major, with a minor in Global Poverty & Practice, Gregori's service has focused on directly addressing human trafficking and educating the public about the issue and how to get involved.

Her role as a Minh Dang Fellow for Human Rights, Human Trafficking Education & Prevention course facilitator, and Director of the Berkeley Anti-Trafficking Idea Lab serves to help UC Berkeley students and the community learn about human trafficking and how to take action.

Most recently, Gregori served as Chair for the Freedom in Action Conference, which involved 20 different community anti-trafficking organizations and a number of survivors in attendance.

In 2014, she worked in Winneba, Ghana for two months with an NGO called Challenging Heights, which combats child slavery in fishing and domestic servitude on Lake Volta.



Chloe Gregori '12. Contributed photo.

"I am so honored to receive a Chancellor's Award for Public Service. My knowledge of human trafficking has greatly evolved during my time at Cal by working with fellow peers, my fellowship mentor Minh Dang, as well as other anti-trafficking organizations that are doing incredible, and extremely difficult, work," Gregori said. "My service would not be possible without their constant support, determination, and enthusiasm to educate the greater public about this issue facing our communities. I look forward to pursuing a career in public service where I can continue to teach and hopefully inspire people to take action against injustice, while expanding my own knowledge of these vastly complex social issues."

At O'Dowd, Gregori led efforts during Mission Drive week to raise money for an anti-human trafficking organization called Not For Sale. Inspired by Not For Sale's mission, she founded a NFS O'Dowd chapter to educate students and faculty about this pressing issue, as well as worked with school administration to purchase more Fair Trade products.

Upon graduation from UC Berkeley, Chloe plans to pursue a career in the non-profit sector in the Bay Area.

# ALUMNI



John Probst. Contributed photo.

## O'Dowd Connections Remain Strong Over the Years

Throughout the years he taught English, choral and drama at O'Dowd (1965-1980), **John Probst** frequently traveled to Quincy, California, during the summer to teach and direct summer musicals at Feather River College. After leaving O'Dowd, Probst served as drama director at the college until 2005.

Several years after graduating from O'Dowd, **Earl Thompson '65** moved with his family to Quincy, and Thompson wound up starring as Harold Hill in a Feather River College production of *Music Man*, directed by Probst.

After Thompson retired, he built the West End Theatre, a traditional black box theatre, with a cutting edge lighting system, that provides an intimate space for community performances.

In recent years, Thompson and Probst have teamed up to produce a variety of shows and concerts at the Theatre. In August, the duo joined forces to present *Oliver!* - with Thompson producing, Jeffrey Bryan, a retired Los Angeles actor directing, and Probst serving as musical director. The production was performed during the Plumas County Fair at Thompson's West End Theatre.

During the years he was at O'Dowd, Probst directed three performances each year - a dramatic show in November (presented in the small gym); a dramatic show or monologues in January (performed in the drama room); and a full musical in the spring (staged in the large gym) - all staged without benefit of O'Dowd's current state-of-the-art theater which opened in April 2000.

Performances ran the gamut - from musicals like *West Side Story*, to the one-act play *Zoo Story*, to *In White America*, a documentary play about the history of Blacks in America, from slavery through the Civil Rights Movement.

"*Zoo Story* starred **Jerry Rubino '69** and **Don Biloti '69** and the show was performed and recorded in my drama room on a reel-to-reel machine," Probst recalled.

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“And we took *In White America* on tour all over Oakland - including Holy Names High School and College - and to the Library in San Leandro, where we were picketed by white blue collar workers,” Probst said.

“The lead actors in the play were an African American Girl and a white boy. Because of the times we were in, I asked their parents if they minded seeing their children in the more intimate scenes together. Neither objected and I thought that was a great example of interracial acceptance and tolerance,” he added.

Probst has compiled several O’Dowd performances on a DVD, and says the quality of the orchestra in *West Side Story* is amazing. “**Russ Ferreira ’73** was attending college, majoring in music, and when he found out I was doing *West Side Story* he reached

out to 18 different musicians at the college to join the orchestra,” he said. “And the 15-year-old ‘kid’ at the piano was **Carl Danielson ’79**. That score is a veritable concerto of difficulty, and he was terrific. Today Carl is an actor in New York and also runs a studio which prepares professional actors for auditions in plays and musicals. He is also a composer.”

Any alumni wishing to reconnect with Probst can contact him at [jkprobst65@gmail.com](mailto:jkprobst65@gmail.com).

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# CLASS NO

1970

The CEO of Hospitals, Sutter Health Bay Area, **Julie Petrini** was recognized as a “2016 Most Influential Women In Bay Area Business” by the *San Francisco Business Times* in April. This was the third consecutive year that Julie has been named to the list. Contributed photo.



1980

**Curtis Taylor** was recently honored by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. He was named national women’s assistant coach of the year for the 2016 NCAA DI outdoor season. Contributed photo.



1999

Two-time All-American who holds Cal’s career home run record and helped the Bears to the 2002 national championship, **Veronica Nelson** was elected to the Cal Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016 in May. One of the most powerful hitters in Cal softball history, Nelson set a school record with 19 home runs in 2001 (since broken) and still owns the career mark with 55 homers. She is the NCAA record-holder for walks (395), including 108 in 2002 and 107 in 2003. A first-team All-American in 2001 and a second-team choice in 2003, she was a member



of Cal’s 2002 NCAA championship team and helped the Bears to the Women’s College World Series all four of her years in Berkeley, earning All-WCWS honors twice. Nelson earned first-team All-Pac-10 recognition as a sophomore and senior and was on the second team her junior year. Her 168 career RBI continues to rank fourth in school history, while her .655 slugging percentage is second all-time at Cal. Nelson boasted a team-best .359

batting average her senior year and hit .329 as a junior and .353 as a sophomore. Contributed photo.

2005

**Jesse Byrd’s** novel, *Oiseau the King Catcher*, was runner up for Book of the Year in the Young Adult category at the 2016 Paris Book Festival.

2010

**Rose Ver** is working with a wellness and nutrition program called Ptera Kid, and this past summer traveled around California giving workshops for both parents and children on topics ranging from parenting picky eaters to the difference between food allergies vs. food sensitivities/intolerances.

2012

An intern at the Getty Museum, **Hanna Girma** recently curated her first art exhibit that included pieces examining how Black women can carve out their own spaces, overcome racism and assert themselves as more than just objects through art and performance. Hanna studies world arts and cultures at UCLA.

In July, **Junior Longrus** was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Honors Court, recognizing those collegiate basketball student-athletes who excelled in academics during the 2015-16 season. A double major in management op-



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erations and accounting, Longrus graduated from Washington State University in May with a 3.38 grade point average and is a three-time Pac-12 Conference all-academic honoree, having earned first team honors as a senior and second team as a sophomore and junior. This past season he played all 31 games for the Cougars and started 14. He averaged 1.8 points and 2.3 rebounds a game. He is currently the team's graduate manager as he's pursuing his MBA at WSU.

**Hardy Nickerson Jr.** announced in April that he would attend the University of Illinois after graduating from the University of California, Berkeley, to pursue a post-graduate degree and play his final year of college football. His father, Hardy Nickerson, was named as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at the Big Ten school in March. "This is a unique situation where Hardy has an opportunity to play his final season of college football for his father," Cal head coach Sonny Dykes said. Nickerson led Cal in tackles with 112, including 54 solo, as a team captain in 2015. He played in 35 games during his career with the Golden Bears and registered 246 tackles, 9.0 tackles for loss, one interception, two forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.

**Michael Texada** recently launched his clothing brand, MATTE by Mike Texada, an eclectic fashion brand designed to compliment many lifestyles. He had his debut on June 30, and it was a smashing success with many O'Dowd alums in attendance.

Several members of the **Class of 1955** met in Reno on July 19 for a buffet lunch at the Eldorado Hotel for one of their occasional get-togethers. Since several classmates now reside in the area, or have relatives nearby, Reno was a convenient change of venue from the Bay Area locations where the luncheons usually occur.

A cocktail party followed that same evening, hosted by **Arleen and Tony Rhine** and **Steve and Ann Mahoney** at the Rhines' home in the Reno hills, concluding a day of reminiscing and the usual good times for this class.

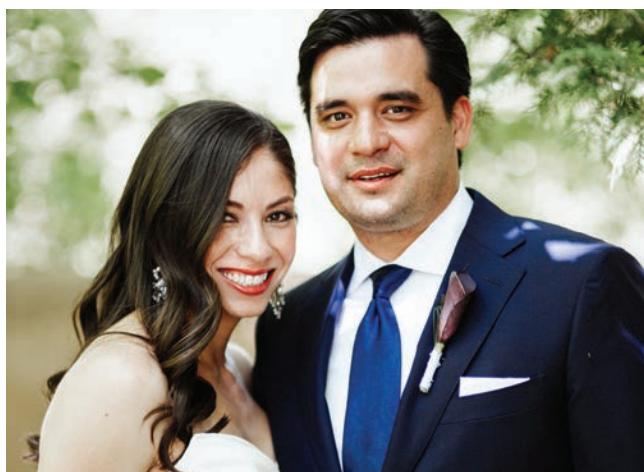
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# ALUMNI



**Lilianna Rumberger '10** and Jacob Maskiewicz were married in the Redwood Grove at the UC Botanical Garden on April 17, 2016. The couple took Jake's great-grandmother's maiden name, "Cordero," as their new last name. In taking her name, they hope to reflect her vivacious spirit in their new life together. Jake received his Master's in Computer Science in March and started his new job as a security engineer at Facebook in May. Lily recently graduated summa cum laude from UC San Diego as a double major in History and Writing. She will be starting her Master's program in Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Columbia University in New York this fall.



**Brian Soller '01** married Aubrey Jackson on May 29, 2016, at Los Poblanos in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Brian and Aubrey are both professors at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.



From left to right, Tony Ronzone '83, Chris Rivers '86, Madison Ornstil '09, Shelley Russi '88, Brandon Walker '07 and Garry Hill-Thomas '00. Contributed photo.

O'Dowd alumni spanning several decades gathered at the Adidas Nations event in Los Angeles over the summer to mentor and work with young basketball players. Our Dragons are always working hard to make the game better.



From left to right: Dennis Eagan '70, Alex Kovach '88, Jamal Habibi '07, Taylor Brandon '11, Meghan McNamara '12 and Shilpa Rajan '01. The following evening, the administrators met with Nicole Cober '91.

Several Dragons attended a meet up with O'Dowd President Steve Phelps, Director of Counseling Fran Warmerdam, Assistant Principal Colette Roche and Director of Sustainability Andra Yeghoian in Washington, D.C., in July.

The school administrators were there to accept O'Dowd's 2016 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools award. The award is given to schools that demonstrate exemplary efforts to reduce environmental impact and costs, promote better health, and ensure effective environmental education.

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## Upcoming Reunions

### 1956

The 60th reunion for the Class of 1956 is set for October 28-30, with the main event on Oct. 29 in the Center for Environmental Studies at O'Dowd. If you're interested in joining the planning committee or getting more information, e-mail Class Agent Eric Jorgensen at [ericjorgensen@alum.mit.edu](mailto:ericjorgensen@alum.mit.edu)

### 1966

Mark your calendars for the 50th reunion of the Class of 1966. The reunion is set for October 8 at the Pleasanton Fair Grounds Director's Lounge. For information on how you can help or to get more details, contact event chair Terri Texeira at [territex@comcast.net](mailto:territex@comcast.net).

The reunion committee includes Kathy (Walsh) Murawski, Sue Hansen, Chris (Rossi) Hofsted, Barb (DeVoe) Hailey, Al Truax, Eddie DeCoite, Terry Adams.

We look forward to seeing you in October!

### 1967

The 50th reunion for the Class of 1967 is set for Oct. 14, 2017. Contact Suzy Arnhart for more information at (510) 776-1336 or [sanrhart@gmail.com](mailto:sanrhart@gmail.com).

### 1968

The Class of 1968 believes it's never too soon to start planning a 50th reunion! Contact Pat Sinnott at [sinnottpj@gmail.com](mailto:sinnottpj@gmail.com) to help out with the reunion because 2018 is just around the corner.

### 1976

The 40th reunion for the Class of 1976 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Sequoyah Country Club in Oakland. For additional information, please join the Facebook page "Bishop O'Dowd '76ers" or e-mail Charlotte Beyda Rushing at [charlotterushing@hotmail.com](mailto:charlotterushing@hotmail.com)

### 1981

Leslie Sims Robertson and Diane Mascote McRae have started working on the 35th reunion for the Class of 1981 to be held this year. To be sure you get the information, please join our official Facebook page "Bishop O'Dowd Class of 81" or send your e-mail address to Diane at [pcdiane@gmail.com](mailto:pcdiane@gmail.com) or Leslie at [leslieallyne@gmail.com](mailto:leslieallyne@gmail.com). Our goal is to save postage and contact everyone electronically this time. If you can help in the planning, we would love to hear from you, too.



From left to right, Rob Mahoney '76, Pete May '78 (captain), Bob Gerstenberger '78, Jim Cramer '78, Dave Valva '78 and Steve Cramer '76 braved the 60 degree waters of Lake Tahoe on July 16 to compete in the 40th Annual Olympic Club Trans Tahoe Relay. The "Vintage O'Dowd Dragons" completed the 11-mile swim, placing 10th in their division.

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Brian Litke '04 and Adrian Hunter '03. Contributed photo.

## Adrian Hunter '03 and Brian Litke '04 Raise Funds for Mental Illness

When Adrian Hunter '03 received a phone call in April 2014 with the devastating news that his younger brother, Dylan, had died of a drug overdose he was heartbroken but not surprised.

Dylan had long suffered from mental illness, manifested by depression and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), and used drugs to dull the pain. "It was his way of escaping reality," Hunter said.

The family had attempted varying interventions, including sending Dylan to an alternative school devoted to addressing special needs, arranging for therapy, using tough love, even encouraging Dylan to volunteer in community daycare program in another country to safeguard him from the drug temptations he faced in Oakland. But nothing worked.

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“Until the onset of his affliction, Dylan was the most charming and creative boy. We tried all we could,” Hunter said. “Mental illness is so hard to understand, and there is still so much to be done.”

Hunter couldn't help Dylan, but he's providing hope for other families struggling with mental illness.

On May 7, Hunter, along with his good friend Brian Litke '04, participated in a Half IRONMAN (also known as IRONMAN 70.3) in St. George, Utah. The duo swam 1.2 miles, biked 56 miles and ran 13.1 miles – with 4,000 feet elevation gain throughout the course.

The pair undertook this arduous feat to raise awareness and funds for mental illness and have partnered with the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation – an organization that funds cutting edge brain research to combat mental illness.

“The foundation awards grants to young, mid-career and senior scientists, with the hope that their innovative ‘out of the box’ research will lead to breakthrough advancements and ultimately cures for mental illness. It's a really cool concept,” Hunter said.

“We survived the Ironman race. It was an awesome and incredibly gratifying experience. While the race itself was a great feeling, it's knowing that we accomplished our goal, raised the funds and created the awareness for such an important cause that is so fulfilling. I am super proud of Brian and me,” Hunter said.

There is a certain social stigma associated with mental illness, Hunter said. “It's something people don't like to talk about - but I don't shy away from talking about it. I want people to think about it,” he said.

Litke said that while Hunter has been more directly impacted by the effects of mental illness, he's also personally dealt with bouts of anxiety – as have others in his family and close circle of friends.

“Given that fact, I thought this was something worth pursuing,” Litke said. “It was my way of trying to make a small difference and showing my support for Adrian who does so much for others.”

The duo came up with the idea to tackle an IRONMAN event while bike riding together last year. They've previously participated in triathlons and half-marathons together. “I knew once Adrian decided to do it, I would support him 100 percent. The camaraderie and the cause were too compelling,” Litke said.

Hunter and Litke raised nearly \$17,000 via an e-mail appeal and a fundraising event that included an auction/raffle of items such as a baseball bat signed by the San Francisco Giants, restaurant gift certificates and wine. “I'm so appreciative of the outpouring of support,” Hunter said.

In addition to financial support, Hunter's friends provided help with training. Accomplished triathlete Jackson Dovey, who attended Santa Clara University with Hunter, provided weekly written workouts, while O'Dowd classmate and physical therapist Michelle Cotter kept Hunter's problematic ankle in check.

Hunter had to forgo his invisible hearing aids so that he could take up swimming again to prepare for the triathlon. “The invisible ones aren't removable and aren't waterproof,” he explained.

Both young men squeezed in their training around full-time work commitments. Hunter is a managing partner at eTRACKER, a mobile app for property managers, while Litke is an operations manager in factory planning at Space Systems Loral, a company that designs and builds satellites and spacecraft systems for commercial and government customers around the world.

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Jennifer Loh '98. Contributed photo.

## Product and Business Development Suits Jennifer Loh '98

Business developer Jennifer Loh '98 relishes the challenge of conceptualizing ideas and collaborating with others to bring them to life.

With her latest company, VAULT29, Loh is on a mission to disrupt the way wine is learned, shared and enjoyed.

“The wine industry is flooded with labels, tasting notes and expert ratings. Consumers make purchasing decisions blindly based on this obscure information, which makes the process incredibly overwhelming and daunting,” says Loh. “Wine has so much more to say than what is made available.”

Teaming up with co-founder Naya Echiribel, Loh's VAULT29's wine discovery app is specific to wine experiences taking place in the world. “As a wine lover, the very idea of seeing the grapes on the vine, the specific winemaking techniques, and the people behind the scenes, it really creates a deep appreciation of the craft. But if you take it one step further, and see who consumed the wine, where it was enjoyed and in what context – occasion and location – it creates the full story of the wine from start to finish,” she said.

VAULT29 was initially conceived in 2011, when Loh and Echiribel would enjoy wines with friends, save the corks, and jot down the important details to remember their favorite wine moments. Casual conversations quickly turned to business plans.

“The idea was to create an exclusive e-commerce site dedicated to small, family owned wineries with limited resources. Everyone knows about Robert Mondavi and Silver Oak, but the boutique wineries produce the highest quality wines and, sadly, most wine drinkers never hear of these brands. Our vision was to create a virtual wine cellar and journal of these rare offerings, so we came up with the ‘VAULT’ concept.

“Rather than reference Napa Valley in some superficial way, we used the number 29 as homage to Hwy 29, which runs through the heart of the valley. We tied these two themes together to come up with the brand,” Loh said.

Today, VAULT29 is in its fourth version and available on the App Store. With users in 32 countries and counting, wine experiences are being captured by wineries and consumers alike. Feeling thirsty? Use the nearby feature to find wine at local restaurants,

bottle shops and wineries. Last, but not least, Loh commissioned a highly regarded illustrator to create custom wine emojis to describe any given experience – from various occasions to fruit profiles like lemon peel and marshmallow. VAULT29 is taking aim at making wine simple, fun, interactive and most importantly, meaningful.

In addition to the app, VAULT29's Wine Mic Monday blog has become very popular. The team has produced two successful seasons featuring local, boutique wineries covering topics such as dry farming, mother-daughter wine teams, how to start a wine brand, barrel sourcing in France and more. The weekly series gives one featured winery the opportunity to share its story and be discovered by a new audience. Season three is underway and its premiere is around the corner.

### Establishing Roots in Business Development

After graduating from U.C. Berkeley in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in Legal Studies, and taking courses in Peak Performance and Intellectual Property Law at Stanford University and Harvard University respectively, Loh moved to China and worked at the Grand Hyatt Shanghai.

While there, she fell into a liaison role for a wine venture in California. In 2004, she returned to the U.S. and started her first company – a boutique import/export firm called Tradebound International.

At Tradebound, Loh was responsible for everything from design input to customer acquisition, business development and project management.

“Most of our clients were in the luxury space, so phase one involved design; phase two involved sourcing the product and overseeing mass production in China; and phase three was coordinating the logistics of shipping and customs when the goods arrived in the U.S.,” she said. “Our packaging was regularly featured in Saks Fifth Ave, Neiman Marcus, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Williams-Sonoma, etc., so the most rewarding aspect was helping my clients turn their visions into tangible products and seeing them in magazines or store shelves.”

Loh says that starting any business from the ground up is incredibly challenging, but rewarding at the same time.

“As an entrepreneur, you are constantly being questioned by yourself and others. How committed are you? How much are you willing to sacrifice to achieve your dream? When the doubt creeps in, or someone criticizes your work, how will you respond? The small victories are thrilling and keep me motivated. It's pretty special to build something to call your own, especially when it comes from a true place of passion,” she said.

### Overcoming Obstacles

At Tradebound, Loh's biggest obstacle was being young and convincing clients to trust her with their brand. “The only way to really overcome this was to prove my commitment and professionalism, and execute,” she said.

With VAULT29, the obstacles have been very different, she said.

“My co-founder and I come from business backgrounds. We are not computer engineers or designers by trade, so we depend on a team of people to help carry out our vision. Since neither of us have worked for Apple or Google, or raised outside investment, people question whether we can execute on our own dime. Statistics say 95 percent of startups eventually fail. So I guess you could say the odds are against us. But I enjoy a good challenge! I am grateful for the journey thus far.”

### Starting to See the Fruits of Labor

Wine, by nature, brings people together, Loh said. “I love meeting new people, getting their feedback and making new contacts and friends,” she said. “It's incredibly rewarding to receive validation from industry leaders in the tech and wine space who tell us everyday how much the world needs this product.”

Drinking really great wine has perks, too, she adds.

For more information about VAULT29 visit [www.VAULT29.com](http://www.VAULT29.com). You must be 21 to log onto the website and download the app on the App Store.

# ALUMNI Spotlight CONTINUED



Alex Bretow '10. Contributed photo.

## Alex Bretow '10 a Rising Star in the Film Industry

Alex Bretow '10 is a firm believer that hard work does pay off.

During his short career in the film industry, Bretow has appeared in several feature films including *Ant-Man* and *Steve Jobs*, had four short films accepted to the world-famous Cannes Film Festival, and recently produced one of the first films made in a multi-screen, panoramic movie format *Barco Escape, The Secret of 40*, that offers the ultimate immersive cinema experience.

“Nothing is impossible if you put your mind to it,” Bretow said. “Obstacles, to me, are like trampolines. They are an opportunity to jump even higher.”

### A Laser Focus Cultivated in High School

A writing assignment for an O’Dowd Expository Writing class during Bretow’s senior year brought his career goals into focus. “I actually remember sitting on the Quad and writing in my black composition notebook that I was going to be working in the film industry in 10 years. It was during a time of struggle and I promised myself that I was going to work harder than everyone else around me. That really led me where I am today,” he said.

Bretow’s experiences in a Science Fiction class were equally inspirational. “There was a very creative element to it,” he said. “One of the assignments was to write a short story that could be visualized as the basis for a movie.”

There’s something to be said about the power of an O’Dowd education, Bretow said. “I personally believe that environment influences attitude. Having teachers who were so passionate, dedicated and hard-working encouraged me to do the same. Would I have had the same drive if I had gone to another high school? I don’t think so,” he said.

### Overcoming Health Challenges

When he was in college, Bretow was diagnosed with an auto-immune illness, then called PANDAS, which caused his body to attack specific parts of his brain and made his ability to function, think and communicate very difficult. The illness had begun to manifest during his junior year in high school, unbeknownst to him.



“When the illness hit its peak, I was just discovering my passion for filmmaking and tunneling my focus toward that one aspiration, which saved me,” he said. “Filmmaking was where I found a voice, at a time when communication and thinking were not things that came easily to me. And through that creative energy, I was able to build from the rubble of my broken self, and reconstruct the voice, filmmaker, and person I’ve become.”

Added Bretow, “I can proudly say that I beat that auto-immune illness and through that journey became dedicated to continually work hard to achieve my goals, inspire others to achieve theirs and spread my message that nothing is impossible, just simply don’t let anything stop you from achieving what you set out for.”

### Creating Community

Bretow successfully created a thriving film community at Sonoma State University, a school without a filmmaking program, where he pursued a major in business, with a concentration in marketing and management.

After directing a film that won the Sonoma State Campus Film Festival, Bretow was invited to design the curriculum for SSUtv – the university’s on-campus television station run by students in the Communication Department.

As a result of Bretow’s efforts, Sonoma State became a breeding ground for an entire group of promising filmmakers – many of whom helped him make the films that were screened in Cannes – *Snake Eyes* and *Rampage* in 2015, and *Bobby* and *Slut Man Friends* in 2016 (co-produced with Mary-Madison Baldo and other students).

“Students at the university have said I’ve changed their lives,” Bretow said. “The group who went to Cannes this year came to realize that filmmaking is something they can do. They wouldn’t have had that experience if I hadn’t stood in front of the class and encouraged them to work hard and not let anything stop them.”

### Reaping the Benefits of Hard Work

While in college, Bretow spent summers working at a film production company in New York owned by his cousin. “My cousin didn’t treat me differently from anyone else. I worked my way up and I learned,” he said. “The only way you are going to get noticed in any industry is by hard work. No one is going

to hand anything to you. I learned very quickly to take out the trash and bring people coffee with the biggest smile on my face that I could muster. In the beginning, I had to do basic tasks, like sitting at a computer typing information into a database, but eventually I actually got to work on very cool projects, and I ended up working with an Emmy-award winning director.”

Bretow had a brief career as an actor, appearing in several national commercials for companies like Facebook and Sony.

### Future Projects

A co-founder of San-Jose based Mammoth Pictures, Bretow has several new film projects in the works, including expanding *The Secret of 40* from a concept short film into a feature film, and recently signed a contract to partner with a new studio in Hollywood that is producing feature films.

He’s also connected with fellow O’Dowd alum Erik Kriens ’96 to produce a feature film. While they can’t reveal more information at this time, there will be details in the coming months.

In the end, Bretow simply wants to tell stories that matter. One of the 2016 Cannes films, *Bobby*, is especially moving, he says.

Written by one of Bretow’s Sonoma State University students, Anna Luna, and produced by Bretow, the film is based on the true story of a young man who is rejected by his parents for being gay and is not given support when he contracts HIV. “The story is told first person through the point of view of the younger brother, who witnesses Bobby going through this struggle with his parents,” Bretow explained. “There are some interesting filmmaking aspects to it. For example, as the younger brother gets older throughout the film, the camera angle gets taller and taller.”

Adds Bretow, “Telling this story brings awareness to an issue. If we can affect people and make them feel unfamiliar emotions, maybe we can change perspectives.”

Bretow is constantly striving to learn and grow. “Every single day I am reading a book, watching interviews, or taking an online class to learn more about the industry and the craft,” he said. “I don’t ever feel overworked because I am doing something that I love.”

# ATHLETIC

## O'Dowd Wins Prestigious NCS Elmer Brown Excellence Award

Bishop O'Dowd High School has been awarded the prestigious Elmer Brown Excellence Award, an honor bestowed by the North Coast Section in memory of former NCS commissioner Elmer Brown, who was a longtime head coach at Santa Rosa High School.

Brown was known to be a strong advocate of combining passion for athletics along with a strong commitment to education, and the award is given to the school earning the most points in the Section based on academic and athletic achievement.

O'Dowd earned the most points (86) of all 170 NCS schools for combined academic and athletic accomplishments in the fall, winter and spring sports seasons.

The NCS is the fourth largest conference in California, from the South Bay to Crescent City. The award was created to recognize one school in the section, no matter what size, whose performance embodied both athletic and academic excellence.

### Elmer Brown Award of Excellence (Top 10 Finishes)

2015-16	1st	Bishop O'Dowd	86 points
2014-15	5th	Bishop O'Dowd	49 points
2013-14	8th	Bishop O'Dowd	40 points
2012-13	10th	Bishop O'Dowd	37 points
2011-12	8th	Bishop O'Dowd	49 points
2010-11	7th	Bishop O'Dowd	33 points
2009-10	5th	Bishop O'Dowd	41 points
2008-09	5th	Bishop O'Dowd	43 points
2007-08	10th	Bishop O'Dowd	32 points

### Scholastic Team Achievements

#### Fall NCS Scholastic Championship Teams

Volleyball - Women	3.70 Team GPA	1st Place - Division III	5 points
Water Polo - Women	3.77 Team GPA	1st Place - Division II	5 points
Water Polo - Men	3.65 Team GPA	2nd Place - Division II	3 points
Golf - Women	3.66 Team GPA	2nd Place - Division II	3 points

#### Winter NCS Scholastic Championship Teams

Soccer - Men	3.62 Team GPA	1st Place - Division II	5 points
Soccer - Women	3.78 Team GPA	1st Place - Division II	5 points

#### Spring NCS Scholastic Championship Teams

Baseball - Men	3.36 Team GPA	1st Place - Division III	5 points
Track - Women	3.60 Team GPA	1st Place - Bayshore	5 points
Lacrosse - Men	3.54 Team GPA	1st Place - Division II	5 points
Lacrosse - Women	3.78 Team GPA	2nd Place - Division II	3 points
Track - Men	3.34 Team GPA	2nd Place - Bayshore	3 points
Softball	3.39 Team GPA	4th Place - Division III	1 point

### Athletic Team Achievements

#### Fall Sports NCS Playoffs

Volleyball - Women	Champions - Division III	5 points
Cross Country - Women	2nd Place - Division III	3 points
Football	Semifinalist - Division III	1 point
Golf - Women	3rd Place - Division II	1 point
Tennis - Women	Semifinalist - Division II	1 point
Water Polo - Men	Semifinalist - Division II	1 point

#### Winter Sports NCS Playoffs

Basketball - Women	2nd Place - Division III	3 points
Soccer - Women	2nd Place - Division II	3 points
Basketball - Men	Semifinalist - Division III	1 point

#### Spring Sports NCS Playoffs

Track & Field - Women	Champions - Bayshore	5 points
Track & Field - Women	Champions - Meet of Champions	5 points
Softball	Champions - Division III	5 points
Lacrosse - Men	2nd Place - Division II	3 points
Golf - Men	4th Place - Division II	1 point

#### NorCal Rugby Playoffs

Rugby - Men	2nd Place - Division II
Rugby - Women	2nd Place - Plate Division

#### Cheerleading

2015 Game Day Championship - UCA Competition (at UC Berkeley)
Varsity Superior Trophy - UCA Competition (at UC Berkeley)
Spirit Trophy - UCA Competition (at UC Berkeley)
Top Banana Trophy - UCA Competition (at UC Berkeley)
3rd Place - USA Cheer Competition
Qualified for Nationals - USA Cheer Competition

# CS NEWS

## Team Records and **ALL-LEAGUE HONORS**

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

**Baseball, 14-11 overall, 12-4 in WACC, 2nd in WACC (Foothill League)**

ALL-LEAGUE

Leo Nierenberg and Otis Statum (first team); Jalen Bustos (second team); Matt Achramowicz and Cory Barrios (honorable mention).

**Player of the Year: Otis Statum**

**Men's Golf, 16-3 overall, 14-0, 1st in WACC**

ALL-LEAGUE

Jason Brown; Adrian Davis, Aaron DePaolo, Thomas Flynn, Ruben McIntosh and Jason Ravetti.

**Golfer of the Year: Aaron DePaolo**

**Men's Lacrosse, 18-4 overall, 10-0, 1st in DVAL**

ALL-LEAGUE

Jack Ditzler, Maxwell Pierce, Isaak Sparks and Wesley Yost (first team); Maks Bialek and Emerson Sadler (second team); Jackson Coldiron and Trevor Link (honorable mention). **League MVP:**

**Parker Halaburda**

**Women's Lacrosse, 13-5 overall, 8-4, 3rd in DVAL**

ALL-LEAGUE

Mariana Alvear, Maddy Caine and Danielle Viviani (first team); Kate Marcel and Victoria Keast (second team); Zoe Appel and Alexa Ingersoll (honorable mention)

**Men's Rugby, 7-5 overall, 4-1 in Division II Bay League, 1st in Division II Bay League, 2nd in Division II NorCal Championships**

**Women's Rugby, 6-5 overall, 5-2 in Division I Bay League, 1st in Division I Bay League, 2nd in Plate Division in NorCal Championships**

**Softball, 22-4 overall, 8-2, 2nd in WACC (Foothill League)**

ALL-LEAGUE

Frankie Hammoude, Hannah Rosenfeld and Alexis Scalzo (first team); Michelle Edwards-Gonzales and Nicole Hammoude (second team); Lizzy Avery and Annie Curtis (honorable mention).

**Player of the Year: Frankie Hammoude**

**Men's Swimming, 5-3 dual meet record, 4th in WACC**

**Women's Swimming, 5-3 dual meet record, 4th in WACC**

ALL-LEAGUE

Jacqueline Arnold

**Men's Tennis, 10-11 overall, 0-8, 5th in WACC (Foothill League)**

ALL-LEAGUE

Aaron Hicks (doubles); Cameron Castro and Graham Williams (honorable mention)

**Men's Track & Field, 3-2, 3rd in WACC (Foothill League) dual league meets, WACC Foothill League Meet Champion**

ALL-LEAGUE

Nick Downs and Camilo Eifler.

**Co-Track Athlete of the Year: Nick Downs**

**Women's Track & Field, 4-1, 2nd in WACC (Foothill League) dual league meets, WACC Foothill League Meet Champion**

ALL-LEAGUE

Jourdan Amen, KaRa Awakoaiye, Marnae Glover, Natalie Mitchell, Lauryn Moore, Tierra Robinson-Jones and Aliyah Walker.

**Track Athlete of the Year: Tierra Robinson-Jones. Field Athlete of the Year: Natalie Mitchell**

# ATHLETICS CONTINUED



## Current and Former O'Dowd Track Stars Qualify for Major Meets

**Tierra Robinson-Jones '18** and **Colin Burke '15** recently turned out stellar performances at the USA Track & Field Junior Outdoor Championships held June 24-26 at Veterans Memorial Stadium-Buchanan High School in Clovis, California – a meet featuring the country's the top young track athletes under the age of 20.

The youngest of 32 entrants in the 400-meter dash, Tierra placed 15th in the event, clocking a time of 55.12 seconds. “She beat over half the field, which is a pretty big deal,” Director of Cross Country/Track & Field Jamal Cooks said. “She is the No. 7 sophomore in the country in the 400, and is already a highly rated college recruit.”

Now competing for UCLA, Colin placed second in the men's 10,000-meter run with a personal best time of 30:46.25 to automatically qualify for the World Junior Championships in Bydgoszcz, Poland, July 19-24. At that meet, Colin placed 20th with a time of 30:20.80, a new personal best.

Meanwhile, **Alexi Pappas '08** earned a spot on the Greek Olympic team in the 10,000-kilometer run, going 31:46.85 at a race held at Stanford University in May, besting her previous PR by 18 seconds and setting a new Greek national record. At the Olympics, Alexi broke her Greek national record, running 31:36.16, to place 17th in the fastest women's 10K ever.

# O'Dowd Track & Field Reaches Historic Heights

**KaRa Awakoaiye '16** broke a school record in the 100-meter hurdles, with a time of 13.78 seconds, when she placed 4th in the event at the 98th annual California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State Track & Field Championships held at Veterans Memorial Stadium-Buchanan High School in Clovis, California, June 3-4. KaRa is headed to Howard University this fall on a full academic scholarship.

She also helped lead the girls' 4x100-meter relay team, which also included **Tierra Robinson-Jones '18**, **Lauryn Moore '17** and **Marnae Glover '18**, to a 7th place finish. Their time of 46.63 from the trials was a season best and new school record, followed closely by their 46.82 finish in the finals.

"During the last month of the season, KaRa was really dialed in and did a phenomenal job of focusing and executing," O'Dowd Director of Cross Country/Track & Field Jamal Cooks said. "For her to end her high school track career as the school record holder in the 100-meter hurdles was outstanding."

The previous record in the event (13.83), set by **Bisa Grant**, had stood since 1994.

Tierra placed fourth in the girls' 400-meter dash, clocking a 54.05, surpassing her previous personal best time and breaking the O'Dowd record she'd set last year in the process.

Other highlights included **Natalie Mitchell '16** competing in the shot put in her first ever state meet appearance, placing 18th with a throw of 38-feet, 1-inch, and **Hana Johnson '18** competing in the triple jump and notching a furthest jump of 36-feet, 2-inches.

Prior to competing in the state meet, the girls' track team captured the West Alameda County Conference, North Coast Section Bayshore Meet, and North Coast Section Meet of Champions titles for the first time in school history. This was the second consecutive year the team won the NCS Meet of Champions title.

In addition to the three new school records, the girls' track & field team had two athletes ranked in the top 30 in the U.S., and had two of the top relay teams in the state. It was the best performances by the team since 1994.

Cooks said that the relay team performances were particularly notable since injuries had kept some of the athletes off the track at various times. "We had nine different people in the 4x100 relay and eight different people on the 4x400 relay throughout the season," he said. "We were constantly challenged to find the right combination and chemistry."



"Marnae got injured at the Meet of Champions in April, so we had to piece together a 4x100 relay team until she was healthy. **Jordan Jones'19** filled in as anchor until Marnae was back for the state meet," he said. "That says a lot about our depth and the kids being prepared and step up in the moment."

Tierra and Lauryn were mainstays for the 4x400 relay team, with **Jasmine Powell '19** coming back from a broken foot in the last few weeks of the season and soccer player **Aliyah Walker '16** joining the track and field team later in the season.

With only KaRa graduating, the future looks bright for the girls' track and field team.

# ATHLETICS CONTINUED



Tony Ronzone '83. Contributed photo.

## Tony Ronzone '83 Named to His Hometown Sports Hall of Fame

Recognition Adds to an Already Long List of Awards and Honors

Tony Ronzone '83 was 12-years-old when he attended his first NBA game at the Coliseum Arena, thrilled to be watching the Golden State Warriors. Though his \$5 seat was nearly in the building's rafters, Ronzone was in seventh heaven. "What could be better than this?" he thought.

Fast forward nearly 40 years. Currently Director of Player Personnel for the Dallas Mavericks, Ronzone has traveled the globe as a basketball coach, Director of International Player Personnel for the USA Men's National Team, and an NBA executive for the Detroit Pistons, Minnesota Timberwolves and Dallas Mavericks, sitting courtside and working with the most elite basketball players in the world. He's also got an enviable assortment of hardware - two Olympic Gold Medals (2008 in Beijing and 2012 in London), a USA FIBA World Championship Gold Medal (2010 in Turkey) and an NBA Championship ring (with Detroit in 2004).

Not bad for a kid from Castro Valley.

Ronzone's home town formally recognized his accomplishments when he was inducted into the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame on April 16, in a ceremony held at Willow Park Golf Course in Castro Valley. Ronzone is a member of the O'Dowd Hall of Fame.

"It's surreal and humbling to have a city honor you," Ronzone said. "The unique thing is that it doesn't matter where you grow up. You can keep your dream alive by taking advantage of opportunities that come your way."

As a youngster, Ronzone said he would never have envisioned the level of success he would have in the sport that he loved.

Ronzone played CYO basketball and baseball for Our Lady of Grace, as well as Castro Valley Babe Ruth baseball. It was through sports that he forged a life-long friendship with Kevin Maas '83. The pair went to O'Dowd together, where they continued their athletic pursuits. Maas subsequently played baseball at UC Berkeley and for the New York Yankees.

A member of the selection committee for the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame, Maas said Ronzone's professional accomplishments impressed the committee.

"He stands out amongst the biggest of the big at the NBA level, in terms of management, scouting and in

the front office. He works directly with (Mavericks owner) Mark Cuban,” Maas said. “He’s reached the pinnacle, and to be able to get to that level and be there for such a long period is worthy of recognition.”

After graduating from O’Dowd, Ronzone played basketball at University of Nevada-Reno and Long Beach State, then headed overseas to play pro ball in New Zealand, Australia, Italy and the Philippines.

He coached at Arizona State University for two years, before accepting an offer to coach the Saudi Arabian Men’s National Team in 1992. That gig spring boarded him to a head coaching position for the United Arab Emirates Men’s National Team. He moved to Dubai and coached that team for six years, traveling throughout Asia, China and Europe, making important international basketball connections. “It was a blast,” he said.

In those days, it was uncommon to find international players on NBA rosters, Ronzone said. “In 1994, I ran into Donnie Nelson (current Mavericks GM and President of Basketball Operations) and told him my story. He said I had a niche that would eventually transcend to the NBA,” he recalled. “A few years later, I got hired as a scout by the Dallas Mavericks, lived overseas in Italy, and helped introduce international players in the NBA.”

Ronzone’s professional basketball resume includes being Director of International Scouting for the Dallas Mavericks, Director of Basketball Operations for the Detroit Pistons and Assistant General Manager of the Minnesota Timberwolves.

His career highlights include being the first American to coach the Chinese National Team, winning Gold at the East Asian Games with a team featuring Yao Ming, reaching seven NBA playoffs with Detroit (2002-2008), including two finals appearances, and coaching or conducting clinics in over 55 countries.

Ronzone attributes much of his success to his O’Dowd experience. “At O’Dowd I remember being around people every day who wanted to do well in school, sports, music,” he said. “Being in that environment pushes you to pursue your goals and dreams. It teaches you that anything is possible.”

Now, he is seeking the same experience for his children - twins Cade and Austin - who are O’Dowd freshmen. “O’Dowd is a pretty special place,” he said.

Ronzone is married to Tricia Ashley and has a step-daughter, Elan.



## Student-Athletes Celebrated

The Bishop O’Dowd High School Athletic Department celebrated and honored nearly 30 student-athletes from the Class of 2016 who signed National Letters of Intent and those who have been recruited to play at the collegiate level at a ceremony held in the theater on May 23.

Those honored included:

Kaelan Ashford-Jones, baseball, Morehouse College  
Cory Barrios, baseball, California State University, Monterey Bay  
Jason Brown, golf, University of La Verne  
Aerial Chavarin, soccer, Yale University  
Lizzie Counts, volleyball, Colorado College  
Eleanor Daum, rowing, University Of Notre Dame  
Jenna DeTurk, tennis, Sonoma State University  
Jack Ditzler, lacrosse, University Of Vermont  
Camilo Eifler, football, University Of Washington  
Lily Gane, soccer, Pitzer College  
Parker Halaburda, lacrosse, Chapman University  
Alexa Hanson, soccer, Lewis And Clark College  
Greg Kleinman, soccer, Occidental College  
Alexius Loman, track, Indiana Tech  
Samantha McGrath, volleyball, San Diego State University  
Natalie Mitchell, track and field, University of California, Riverside  
Miles Montgomery, soccer, Colorado College  
Leo Nierenberg, baseball, University of Washington  
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Katie Orbeta, volleyball, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology  
Bianca Ortiz-Pallen, rugby, Central Washington University  
Valentina Riveros, soccer, San Francisco State University  
Alexis Scalzo, softball, Clark Atlanta University  
Isaak Sparks, lacrosse, University of California, Davis  
Otis Statum, baseball, University of Nevada, Reno  
Aliyah Walker, soccer, University of California, Davis  
Katherine Walker, volleyball, Johnson and Wales University

# ATHLETICS CONTINUED



Jason Maas '81. Contributed photo.

## Jason Maas '81 Inducted into Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame

When it came to baseball, Jason Maas '81 was a bit of a late bloomer.

“People wouldn’t have looked at me in high school and said ‘this kid is going to get drafted,’” Maas said.

When Maas got to college, however, things began to click - in a big way.

In 1984, as a junior at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Maas led the nation in triples (11), and was an All-West Region selection and an All-American. He still holds the Cal Poly SLO record for career triples (18) and ranks second in stolen bases for the 1985 season (32 stolen bases) behind Ozzie Smith. “I had little power, but plenty of speed,” Maas said.

As a senior, Maas was drafted in the 10th round of the 1985 Major League Baseball draft by the New



York Yankees, and played in the organization's single-A, AA and AAA franchises.

During his professional career, which spanned seven seasons and included five championships, Maas batted .273, had 327 walks in 2,343 plate appearances, stole 127 bases, and tallied 17 triples. His on base percentage was a very respectable .376. "On base percentage is all the rage today, but in those days, people didn't talk about it much," he said. "I always felt getting on base was a strong point of mine."

His accomplishments on the baseball diamond were recognized April 16, when Maas was inducted into the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame in a ceremony held at Willow Park Golf Course.

"It's such a privilege and honor to be inducted into the Hall of Fame," Maas said. "When I think about my playing days, particularly my early years in Castro Valley, I wouldn't have guessed my career would have turned out like it did."

Maas added, "It's really a tribute to my parents, brother, friends and all the coaches that I had throughout the years, including Nelson Sagisi and Mike Phelps at O'Dowd. Having people around you that love and support you, in good times and bad, is so important. You can't do it alone."

Interestingly, baseball was the furthest thing from Maas' mind when he decided to attend Cal Poly. "I went there because I had been accepted into the Aeronautical Engineering program. Baseball was secondary," he said.

But he flourished on the field, initially as an infielder, then an outfielder, as well as in the classroom. The Jason Maas Captain's Award, given annually to a Cal Poly SLO player who exhibits outstanding leadership, scholarship and baseball talent, is a testament to his accomplishments.

Jason's brother Kevin Maas '83, a member of the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame selection committee, said the collegiate award made a big impression on the committee. "To have an award inspired by you is really something," he said. "And Jason is very accomplished professionally."

Maas had the unique opportunity to play professional baseball with Kevin (who was drafted as a junior out of UC Berkeley in 1986). The pair teamed togeth-

er to win championships for the Ft. Lauderdale Yankees (1987) and Albany Yankees (1988). He was also a part of the 1985 Oneonta, 1989 Albany Yankees, and 1991 Columbus Clippers championship teams.

One of Maas's most cherished moments in baseball was playing against the Dodgers in Spring Training in 1990. "I got called up, started in right field, batted sixth, and faced the likes of Fernando Valenzuela, Orel Hershiser and Eddie Murray."

Maas decided to hang up his cleats and retire in 1991, after being accepted into UCLA's graduate business school. "Even though I was playing well, I just didn't have it in me anymore to keep at it. I understood I probably didn't have a long term career as a player and I had other interests outside of the game," he said.

Maas has worked in investment management at Goldman Sachs for nearly 23 years. He and his wife, Sara, have two children: Erika, 10, and Zachary, 5. While he's coached several of his daughter's sports teams, this year, for the first time, Maas is coaching Zachary's T-ball team. "I am happily and officially back in the game after a long, long absence," he said.

Bishop O'Dowd High School gratefully acknowledges the **2,249 alumni**, current and past parents, faculty and staff, grandparents, organizations and many other friends who generously contributed **2,831 gifts** totaling **\$3,073,313** during the 2015-2016 school year, ending June 30, 2016.

**Thank you** for helping to assure that every Bishop O'Dowd High School student receives the highest quality education. We want to especially acknowledge the **224 Loyalty Circle donors** who have consistently supported O'Dowd's annual giving program for the past 15 years or longer. We also thank the **42 members** of the Lifetime Giving Society who have contributed **\$100,000** or more in cumulative outright giving to the school.

We regret the omission of any names deserving of recognition from this report, and apologize in advance for any such omissions. We also welcome and encourage any corrections to the report to [advancement@bishopodowd.org](mailto:advancement@bishopodowd.org). Above all, Bishop O'Dowd High School is grateful to all its supporters for their generosity and their belief and confidence in an O'Dowd education.

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The tradition of senior class giving was started by the Class of 2014 as a meaningful way to thank the dedicated teachers and coaches who helped them throughout their four years at O'Dowd.

Following in this tradition, the Class of 2016 achieved record level giving by raising over \$82,000 to establish The Class of 2016 Endowed Scholarship Fund, becoming the first O'Dowd class to establish such a fund prior to graduation. An anonymous donor is matching all gifts to endowed scholarships, \$1 for \$1, doubling the impact of these gifts to \$164,000. The scholarship will be awarded annually to students who excel in academics, are active in the O'Dowd community, and have a demonstrated financial need.

The campaign was led by volunteer students and parents. Says Dani Viviani '16, one of the student leaders, "I came to really appreciate O'Dowd during my junior year and the start of the college process. I felt so prepared by my teachers. As I embark on college, I realize how lucky I am to be part of the O'Dowd community. I know now that the scholarship, and my support, is even more important to provide this same opportunity to other students in our community."

O'Dowd is eternally grateful to the Class of 2016 students and parents for creating such an outstanding legacy.



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## **Mark Medeiros ’80**

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Husband of Krisoula Singares Natsues, father of Rhea Constance and Leon-Athan (Molly Lethin) Natsues ’84, and grandfather of Tabatha ’13, Sophia ’15 and Athan ’19 Natsues

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Father of Susan Promes (Mark Haynos), Ann Knox (Robert Knox), and grandfather of Sarah ’10 and Laura ’13 Knox and Alex ’13 and Aaron ’14 Haynos

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Mother of Michael (Phyllis) Roddy, Marilyn (Jim) Roddy Bennett, Mark Roddy, Joanne (Stephen ’79) Roddy Ghiglieri ’79, Robert (Paulette Bickers Roddy ’88) Roddy ’85, and grandmother of Danielle ’07, Nicole ’09, Ryan ’12 and Jason ’16 Ghiglieri, Nicholas ’18 and Natasha ’15 Roddy, and Joel and Jennifer Bennett.

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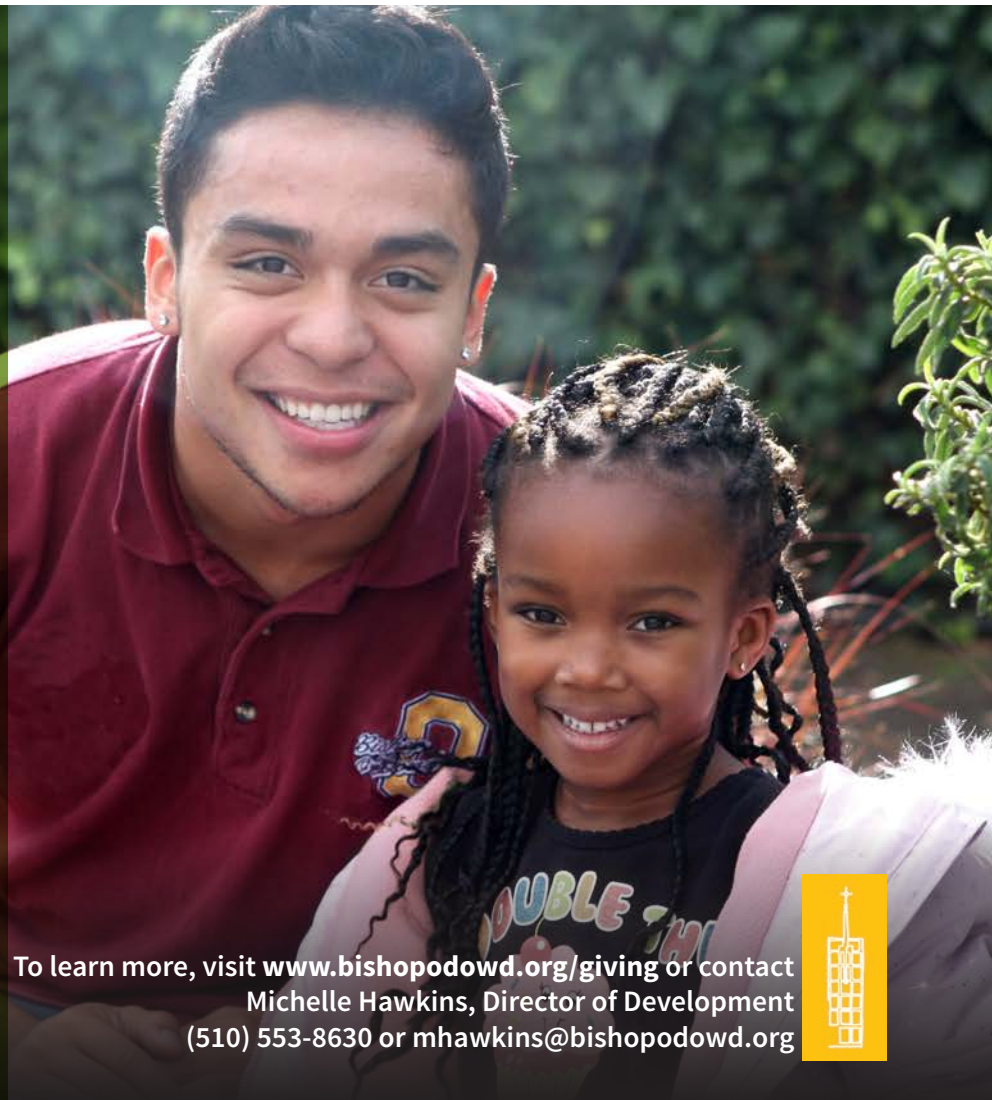
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