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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Baccalaureate

BY JULIE CARVER



President Carver made this address at the Baccalaureate mass on Saturday, June 24, 2008.

*A Baccalaureate, by definition, is a farewell* sermon to a graduating class. I would like to take this opportunity to share a few words of wisdom with the graduates. Because I am far too young to be wise—although I have aged considerably this year. . . . I will rely on the help of others.

St. Angela Merici, the Foundress of the Ursuline Order said, "build community wherever you go." In the short year I have spent with you it is clear that you have built community both within Cardinal Newman and Ursuline and in Sonoma County.

The class of 2008 shows up for each other.

You show up for games, plays, dance shows, choir performances and talent shows—you come to support each other. But this class also supports each other emotionally and through friendship as was so evident on your retreats this year. You have a true bond. The friendships you have built and nurtured will carry you through life.

The class of 2008 also built community through their service projects. You worked with elementary school children in over 20 schools. You reached out to the disabled, the elderly, the bereaved, the sick, veterans and helped our environment. You set up pen pal programs, teen empowerment programs, nutrition programs, dance programs, sports programs, bird rescue and pet therapy programs.

You won 3 of the 10 *Press Democrat* Community Youth Service Awards given. You each grew and learned from your projects and we are beyond proud of you.

Now . . . As you move on to college and beyond, please continue to build community . . . be a builder.

In life there are people who are positive forces that lead, inspire, and build and others who are negative forces that criticize, depress, and tear down. Many times you will be faced with a decision of which group to join, and your decision will have a meaningful effect on your long-term success. Choose to build!

And continue to serve:

Anne Frank, a young woman wise beyond her years in a way I am not said, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Do not wait a single moment, do not lose the momentum you have . . . continue to serve and improve the world.

In closing I would like to leave you with one my favorite quotes from Mother Theresa.

*People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Love them anyway.  
If you do good, people may accuse you of selfish motives. Do good anyway.  
If you are successful, you may win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.  
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.  
Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest and transparent anyway.  
What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.  
People who really want help may attack you if you help them. Help them anyway.  
Give the world the best you have and you may get hurt. Give the world your best anyway.*

I am confident the Class of 2008 will give the world your best. Congratulations graduates.

*Julie Carver*



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## Mission

Ursuline High School, founded in 1880 and based on the teachings of Jesus Christ as manifested in the life of Saint Angela Merici, is a private Catholic secondary school committed to excellence in educating young women. Our well-qualified and caring educational community prepares students of increasingly diverse population and background for college, life-long learning, and service in an ever-changing world. We strive to empower our students to realize their full potential, to pursue social justice and to provide leadership in responding to the needs of their time. In the spirit of the Gospels, we challenge each student to seek knowledge, to clarify her values and to act on her convictions.

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# Graduation 2008

Ursuline grads preparing for the Senior Awards ceremony. They are joined by Freshman students, left to right Alexandra Meints, Elizabeth Buckley, and Amanda Oseguera.

Photograph by Tamara DeMello



**The Class of 2008 was offered \$1,069,194 for their college freshman year.**

**100% of the Class of 2008 are going to college.**

## Ursuline 2008 Graduates Were Accepted at the Following Colleges:

Academy of Art University  
 Alfred University  
 American University  
 Arizona State University  
 Baldwin-Wallace College  
 Belmont Abbey College  
 Boston College  
 Brigham Young University, Provo  
 Brigham Young University, Idaho  
 Brown University  
 Butte College  
 California Lutheran University  
 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
 California State University, Channel Islands  
 California State University, Chico  
 California State University, Dominguez Hills

California State University, Fullerton  
 California State University, Humboldt  
 California State University, Long Beach  
 California State University, Monterey Bay  
 California State University, Northridge  
 California State University, Sacramento  
 California State University, San Diego  
 California State University, San Francisco  
 California State University, San Marcos  
 California State University, Sonoma  
 California State University, Stanislaus  
 Chaminade University of Honolulu  
 Colgate University  
 Colorado State University  
 Connecticut College  
 Dominican University  
 Fort Lewis College  
 Gonzaga University

Goucher College  
 Hollins University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Manhattanville College  
 Messiah College  
 Mills College  
 Northwest Christian College  
 Occidental College  
 Rhode Island College  
 Roger Williams University  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
 San Jose State University  
 Santa Barbara City College  
 Santa Clara University  
 Santa Rosa Junior College  
 Scripps College  
 Seattle University  
 The Catholic University of America  
 The George Washington University



Krystina Cronin

## Seniors



Left to right, Courtney Sibert and Nicole Dion



Kaitlyn LeBaudour,  
Ursuline Girl  
Award recipient



## Ursuline Girl Award

Trinity College, Connecticut  
 United States Naval Academy  
 University of California at Berkeley  
 University of California at Davis  
 University of California at Irvine  
 University of California at Los Angeles  
 University of California at Merced  
 University of California at Riverside  
 University of California at San Diego  
 University of California at Santa Barbara  
 University of California at Santa Cruz  
 University of Colorado at Boulder  
 University of Colorado at Denver  
 University of Denver  
 University of Hawaii at Manoa  
 University of Mary  
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
 University of Nevada, Reno  
 University of Notre Dame

University of Oregon  
 University of Portland  
 University of Redlands  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of Washington  
 Ursinus College  
 Villanova University  
 Westmont College  
 Wheaton College, Illinois  
 Willamette University

Congratulations to the 2008 Candidates, and the honoree **Kaitlyn LeBaudour**, recipient of the Ursuline Girl Award. This highest honor is for proven spiritual commitment, consistent leadership, and loyal service to Ursuline High School and the greater community.

### Candidates for 2008:

Brittney Bailey  
 Jessica Etchell  
 Ceresa Chia  
 Kialiki Keith-Reid  
 Kaitlyn LeBaudour  
 Kristen Lytle



Left to right,  
Samantha  
James and  
Whitney  
Dempsey



Goodbye Class  
of 2008

# 2008 Ursuline Senior Award Ceremony



Left to right Co-Valedictorians Kaitlyn LeBaudour and Andrea Misa Scharfen

## EMILY AHRENS

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
CMEA Choir Award - Excellent Rating  
Esperanza Service Recognition  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Drama  
Sr. Edmund Fallon Four-Year Drama Award  
Honors - Chamber Choir  
2008 Senior Project Finalist

## ANASTASIA ALBERT-SALLING

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
Honors - School Newspaper  
Honors - Photoshop

## DARLENE AREND

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
Wal-Mart Foundation Sam Walton  
Community Scholarship  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
NBL All League - First Team - Softball

## BRITTNEY BAILEY

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Bank of America Plaque Winner, Fine Arts  
CMEA Choir Award - Excellent Rating  
Scholar Performing Arts *Grease*  
Seattle University Champion Scholarship  
Seattle University Grant  
University of San Francisco Grant  
Dominican University Trustee Scholarship  
Ursinus College Fund Grant  
Ursinus College Achievement Award  
Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers  
Alliance Scholarship  
Cal Grant  
Honors - Christian Life Styles  
Honors - Photoshop  
2008 Senior Project Finalist  
2008 Ursuline Girl Candidate

## LAUREN BARR

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Bank of America Achievement Award,  
Computer Studies  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
Honors - Photo 1-2

Kawana School Principals Award for  
Excellence CBSL - "Write for Love"

## JENNA BATES

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
CMEA Choir Award - Excellent Rating  
CMEA Solo Festival: Excellent  
*Press Democrat* Youth Service Award  
Nominee, Music  
Scholar Performing Arts *The Crucible*  
San Francisco Music Conservatory Summer  
Program, Gilbert & Sullivan  
California State Vocal Recital:  
Certificate of Merit  
Four-Year Music Award  
Highest Honors - Chamber Choir  
Honors - Academic English 12  
Honors - US Government

## JENNIFER BENTHAM

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Scholar Leadership Award  
NBL All League - Tennis - Singles  
NBL All League - Tennis - Doubles  
All Empire - Tennis Singles  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Tennis  
Senior Athlete Award Nominee  
Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship  
University of San Diego Grant  
Santa Clara University Preferred Scholarship  
Arizona State University Sun Devil  
Scholarship  
California Lutheran University Founders  
Scholarship  
US Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete Award  
Loyola Marymount Grant  
2008 Senior Project Honorable Mention

## KRISTEN BRATTIN

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
CMEA Choir Award - Excellent Rating  
Kawana School Principals Award for  
Excellence CBSL - "Write for Love"

## CERESSA CHIA

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
President's Award for Educational Achievement  
CMEA Choir Award - Excellent Rating  
2008 Senior Project Finalist  
2008 Ursuline Girl Candidate

## KRYSTINA CRONIN

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
President's Award for Educational Achievement  
*Press Democrat* Youth Service Award  
Winner, Community Action  
Excellence in Dance Award  
*Press Democrat* Teen Faces  
Honors - Dance II  
Honors - Christian Life Styles  
2008 Senior Project Finalist



Samantha James being recognized as Ursuline Award Ceremony Student Speaker by Counselor Carol August

## WHITNEY DEMPSEY

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Honors - Christian Life Styles  
2008 Senior Project Honorable Mention

## NICOLE DION

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
Bank of America Achievement Award,  
Foreign Language  
Scholar Performing Arts *Grease*  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Cross Country  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Track  
Sonoma County Math Steeplechase  
Competition  
Sonoma State Language Festival: First Place,  
Spanish Theater  
University of Nevada, Reno, Scholarship  
University of California, Merced, Scholarship  
Kiwans Key Club Scholarship  
Honors - Computer Based Design  
Honors - Graphic Design  
Honors - US Government

## MEGAN DOUGAN

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
University of Nevada Scholars Scholarship  
University of Nevada Honors Program  
Honors - Faith  
Honors - Psychology

## SKYE EMERSON

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Science  
President's Award for Educational Achievement  
CMEA Choir Award - Excellent Rating  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Water Polo  
Sonoma State Language Festival: First Place,  
Spanish Theater  
UC Davis Fee Grant  
UC Davis Entering Undergraduate  
Scholarship  
Academic Competitiveness Grant



Jenna Bates, recipient of the Four Year Music Award

Italian American Club Scholarship  
Mills College Presidential Scholarship  
Pell Grant  
Cal Grant  
2008 Senior Project Honorable Mention

**JENNIFER ESTOMBA**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
St. Mary's College of California Honors at Entrance  
University of San Diego Presidential Scholar

**JESSICA ETCHELL**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
Press Democrat Youth Service Award Nominee, Agricultural/Vocational  
Scholar Leadership Award  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Water Polo  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Swimming & Diving  
The College of New Rochelle 14th Annual High School Women Artists Exhibition  
Highest Honors - AP Studio Art  
Highest Honors - Physics  
2008 Ursuline Girl Candidate

**LORRAINE ETCHELL**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
NBL All League - First Team - Basketball  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Basketball  
Senior Athlete Award Nominee  
Academy of Art University Athletic Scholarship - Basketball  
Pacific Union College Athletic Scholarship - Basketball  
CSU Monterey Bay Athletic Scholarship - Basketball  
Honors - Trigonometry/Pre-calculus

**ISABELLA FILICE**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
Dewey and Irene Baldocchi Scholarship  
Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship  
St. Mary's College of California Scholarship

**ALYSSA FOWLER**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
Chaminade University of Honolulu Presidential Scholarship  
St. Sebastian Catholic Church Service Award

**NICOLE GORING**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award

California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Achievement  
Press Democrat Athlete of the Week - Softball  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Volleyball  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Softball  
NBL All League - First Team - Softball

**KATHRYN GRIFFITH**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Mathematics  
Press Democrat Youth Service Award Nominee, Mathematics/Technical  
Scholar Leadership Award  
Scholar Performing Arts Grease  
Sonoma State Language Festival Representative  
Soroptimist International Violet Richardson Award  
Santa Clara University Dean's Scholar Award  
Gonzaga University Dauna Leigh Bauer Scholarship  
Gonzaga University Trustee Scholarship  
Gonzaga University Honors Program  
Gonzaga University Grant  
Honors - Public Speaking  
Honors - AP Calculus  
Honors - Campus Ministry  
Honors - Spanish IV

**JENNA HAKOLA**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award

**SARAH HART**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Achievement  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Family & Life Science  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Water Polo  
Roger William's University Educational Award

**VICTORIA HEATH**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
2008 Congressional Art Competition  
Honors - AP Studio Art

**BIANCA HERNANDEZ**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
Press Democrat Youth Service Award Nominee, Athletics  
Sonoma State Language Festival: First Place, Spanish Theater

**ALEXANDRA HOLMES**

AP Scholar Award  
UC Eligibility in the Local Context: Top 4%  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Water Polo  
Honors - US Government  
2008 Senior Project Finalist



Krystina Cronin recipient of the Excellence in Dance Award

**ANNE IMMORDINO**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Music  
Esperanza Service Recognition  
Scholar Leadership Award  
Scholar Performing Arts Grease  
Student Precinct Officer for the County of Sonoma  
Willamette University Merit Award  
Alfred University Presidential Scholarship  
Honors - Guitar  
2008 Senior Project Honorable Mention

**SAMANTHA JAMES**

Ursuline Award Ceremony Student Speaker  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
CMEA Choir Award - Excellent Rating  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Volleyball  
US Marine Corp Semper Fidelis Music Excellence Award  
Press Democrat Teen Faces  
2008 Senior Project Finalist

**KASEY JOHNSON**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
Scholar Leadership Award

**JAMIE KARUZA**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
President's Award for Educational Achievement  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Art  
Ursuline "Hero" Recognition  
Honors - Design

**KIALIKI KEITH-REID**

Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Achievement  
Highest Honors - Academic English 12  
Honors - Web Design  
2008 Senior Project Finalist  
2008 Ursuline Girl Candidate

**CHELSEA KILAT**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
Honors - Studio Art

**STEPHANIE KUHLMAN**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Religious Studies



Drama teacher, Lee Ann Wentz presenting the Edmund Fallon Drama Award to Emily Ahrens

Scholar Leadership Award  
NBL All League - Tennis - Doubles  
All Empire - Tennis Doubles  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Tennis  
2008 Senior Project Honorable Mention

**KAYLEY LARON**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
Scholar Leadership Award  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Golf  
Honors - Economics  
Honors - Psychology

**TAYLOR LAWSON**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation &  
Design Program  
Dominican University Presidential  
Scholarship  
University of Portland Holy Cross  
Scholarship  
Eagle University Miss Teenage California  
Scholarship  
Kings College Presidential Scholarship  
Honors - Studio Art

**KAITLYN LeBAUDOIR**

Class of 2008 Co-Valedictorian  
AP Scholar Award  
UC Eligibility in the Local Context: Top 4%  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Bank of America Plaque Winner, Liberal Arts  
*Press Democrat* Youth Service Award  
Nominee, Journalism/Media  
Sr. Gabriel O'Connor Leadership Award  
Scholar Leadership Award  
NBL All League - Second Team - Soccer  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Soccer  
Senior Athlete Award Nominee  
Daughter's of the American Revolution -  
Good Citizen Award  
Daughter's of the American Revolution -  
Top Speech Award  
US Naval Academy Scholarship  
Wheaton College ROTC Scholarship  
Wheaton College Grant  
Westmont College Cultural Diversity Award  
Westmont College Provost Scholarship

Westmont College Athletic Scholarship -  
Soccer  
Northwest Christian College Academic  
Merit Scholarship  
Northwest Christian College Ethical  
Leadership Scholarship  
Messiah College Provost Scholarship  
Robert C. Byrd Scholarship  
Honors - Photo 3-4  
Honors - US Government  
2008 Ursuline Girl Award

**CATHARINE LEGRO**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
Scholar Leadership Award  
All Empire - First Team - Golf  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Golf  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Basketball

**ALEXANDRA LOBERG**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Honors - Public Speaking  
2008 Senior Project Honorable Mention

**KRISTIN LYTLE**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
Bank of America Achievement Award,  
Social Science  
Scholar Leadership Award  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Softball  
NBL All League - Second Team - Softball  
University of Portland Arthur Schulte  
Scholarship  
Colorado State University Provost Scholarship  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Presidential Scholar Program  
University of Colorado at Boulder State Grant  
Academic Competitiveness Grant  
Pell Grant  
Honors - Trigonometry/Pre-calculus  
2008 Ursuline Girl Candidate

**REBECCA MATEO**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation  
and Design Program  
Belmont Abbey College Athletic  
Scholarship - Soccer  
Belmont Abbey Catholic School Scholarship  
Belmont Abbey College Opportunity Grant

**MEGAN McQUEENY**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
San Diego State University Athletic Grant-  
in-Aid Soccer  
NBL All League - Soccer  
All Empire - Co-Player of the Year - Soccer  
Senior Athlete Award Nominee  
Honors - Academic English 12

**AUNNA MELTON**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
President's Award for Educational Achievement  
Highest Honors - Painting



Christina Messer, receiving Outstanding Senior Athlete award from Co-Athletic Director Dan Knight

Honors - Creative Writing  
2008 Ursuline Girl Candidate

**GRACE MERVIN**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
NBL All League - Tennis - Doubles  
All Empire - Tennis - Doubles  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Tennis  
Seattle University Arrupe Scholarship  
Highest Honors - Trigonometry/Pre-calculus

**CHRISTINA MESSER**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
*Press Democrat* Youth Service Award  
Nominee, English/Foreign Language/  
Education  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Water Polo  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Swimming & Diving  
Outstanding Senior Athlete  
Redwood Empire All League - First Team -  
Water Polo  
California Lutheran University Regents  
Scholarship  
California Lutheran University Presidential  
Scholar Semi-Finalist  
California Lutheran University Presidential  
Scholar Travel Voucher for Academics  
California Lutheran University Honors at  
Entrance and Honors Program  
Sonoma State University Clem and Ann  
Marie Carinalli Scholarship  
Sonoma State University Robert F. Fletcher  
Memorial Scholarship  
Sonoma State University Presidential  
Scholar Scholarship  
Sonoma State University Ronald O.  
Logsdon Scholarship  
University of San Diego Athletic  
Scholarship - Water Polo  
Cal State University Monterey Bay Athletic  
Scholarship - Water Polo  
Italian American Club of Sonoma County  
Scholarship  
Redlands University Presidential Scholarship  
Redlands University Achievement Award  
Highest Honors - Creative Writing  
Honors - Yearbook  
Honors - Physics



Kaitlyn LeBaudour, recipient of Sr. Gabriel O'Connor Leadership Award and the Ursuline Girl Award

**APRIL MORAN-REZA**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
President's Award for Educational Achievement  
Esperanza Service Recognition  
NBL All League - First Team - Volleyball  
Renee Lee "Making a Difference" Award  
Highest Honors - Academic English 12  
Honors - Photo 1-2

**LAUREN MOREHOUSE**

AP Scholar Award  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Bank of America Achievement Award, English  
*Press Democrat* Youth Service Award Nominee, Arts  
Sr. Julie Donnelly Service Award  
Scholar Leadership Award  
Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program  
UCLA Alumni Scholarship  
UCLA Honors Nomination  
Seattle University Presidential Scholarship  
Seattle University Honors Nomination  
Villanova University Scholarship  
University of San Diego Trustee Scholar  
University of San Diego Honors Program  
Syracuse University Founders Scholarship  
Syracuse University Scholarship  
UC Santa Barbara Honors Nomination  
US Marine Corp Scholastic Excellence Award  
Kohl's Kids Who Care Nomination  
Highest Honors - Drawing  
Highest Honors - US Government  
Honors - Photo 1-2  
Honors - AP English 12 Literature/Composition

**HANNAH NEAD**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Scholar Performing Arts *Grease*  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Water Polo  
American University Deans Scholarship  
UC Santa Barbara College of Letters and Science Honors Program  
University of Denver University Honors Program Chancellor Scholarship  
City of Sonoma Community Service & Environment Commission Teen Commissioner

University of Oregon Nonresident Deans Scholarship  
Honors - French IV  
2008 Senior Project Honorable Mention

**KALYNN O'BRIEN**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Art

**OLIVIA OSEGUERA**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Golf  
St. Mary's College of California Scholarship  
St. Mary's College of California Honors at Entrance Scholarship  
University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada Scholars Scholarship  
North Coast Builders Exchange Scholarship in Natural Sciences  
Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship  
Honors - AP English 12 Literature/Composition  
Honors - Psychology

**COURTNEY PARSONS**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
NBL All League - Honorable Mention - Soccer  
All Empire - First Team - Soccer  
University of San Diego Athletic Scholarship - Soccer  
University of San Diego Athletic Grant in Aid - Soccer  
Intuit Foundation Scholarship  
Honors - Photo 1-2

**JENNA PETERSEN**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Scholar Leadership Award  
University of San Diego Presidential Scholar  
Santa Clara University Preferred Scholarship  
Highest Honors - Public Speaking  
Highest Honors - Trigonometry/Pre-calculus  
Honors - AP English 12 Literature/Composition  
Honors - Physics  
Honors - Economics  
2008 Senior Project Honorable Mention

**JOAN PIASTA**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
Scholar Leadership Award  
NBL All League - Soccer  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Soccer  
University of San Francisco Athletic Scholarship - Soccer  
University of Nevada, Reno, Athletic Scholarship - Soccer  
Marquette University Athletic Scholarship - Soccer  
Honors - AP Latin Literature

**KATELYN PIGONI**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award



Rachelle Puccioni, recipient of the Service in Leadership Award

California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
CMEA Choir Award - Excellent Rating  
Scholar Leadership Award  
Student Precinct Officer for the County of Sonoma  
Highest Honors - Advanced Choir

**SARA POPOVICH**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
Scholar Leadership Award  
NBL All League - Honorable Mention - Basketball  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Water Polo  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Basketball  
Senior Athlete Award Nominee  
Santa Clara University Preferred Scholarship  
Honors - AP Studio Art  
Honors - Literature of Film  
Honors - Faith

**RACHELLE PUCCIONI**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
University of Oregon Nonresident Dean's Scholarship  
Calpine Scholarship  
Service in Leadership Award  
Scholar Leadership Award  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Track  
Highest Honors - Literature of Film  
Honors - Christian Life Styles  
Honors - US Government  
2008 Senior Project Honorable Mention

**MAYAH RINN**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
Esperanza Service Recognition  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Communications  
*Press Democrat* Youth Service Award Nominee, Ecology  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Swimming & Diving  
UC Santa Cruz Grant  
Cal Grant  
Honors - Photo 1-2  
2008 Senior Project Honorable Mention

**ZOEY RIPPLE**

SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation - Lifetime Member  
Sonoma State Language Festival Representative



Lauren Morehouse, recipient of the Sr. Julie Donnelly Service Award

University of Oregon Nonresident Dean's Scholarship  
Baldwin-Wallace Trustees Scholarship  
Baldwin-Wallace Residency Grant  
2008 Senior Project Finalist

**RENEÉ RODRIGUEZ**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship

**ALEXIS ROMMEL**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
Honors - Creative Writing

**ARIA ROONEY**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
President's Award for Educational Achievement  
*Press Democrat* Teen Faces

**MICHELLE ROUSSEAU**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
CMEA Choir Award - Excellent Rating  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Volleyball  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Basketball  
Honors - Advanced Choir

**FAREN SANFORD**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award

**ANDREA SCHARFEN**  
Class of 2008 Co-Valedictorian  
National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation  
AP Scholar Award  
UC Eligibility in the Local Context: Top 4%  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Bank of America Plaque Winner, Science & Math  
*Press Democrat* Youth Service Award Winner, Health Sciences  
Elaine Dieringer Scholarship Award  
National Latin Exam - Cum Laude  
Scholar Leadership Award  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Water Polo  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Swimming & Diving  
Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Outstanding Student Award

UC Davis Wakeham Scholarship  
UC Davis Fulmor Scholarship  
Highest Honors - AP English 12  
Literature/Composition  
Highest Honors - AP Latin Literature  
Highest Honors - AP Physics  
Honors - AP Calculus  
Honors - Economics

**KIMBERLEY SEITZBERG**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship

**ALYSSA SHAMUS**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award

**KATELYN SHARP**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Religious Studies  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Cross Country  
Loyola Marymount University Arrupe Scholarship  
Loyola Marymount University Honors at Entrance  
UC Santa Barbara College of Letters & Science Honors Program  
University of San Diego Trustee Scholar Honors - US Government

**SARAH SHEA**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
2008 Senior Project of the Year - "Access Your Life"  
Scholar Leadership Award  
NCS Scholar Athlete - Tennis  
University of Oregon Nonresident Dean's Scholarship  
Honors - School Newspaper

**LAUREN SHUREEN**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Family & Life Science  
University of Oregon Nonresident Dean's Scholarship  
University of Portland Arthur Schulte Scholarship  
University of San Diego Presidential Scholar  
Highest Honors - Economics  
Honors - Public Speaking  
Honors - Faith

**COURTNEY SIBERT**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
AP Scholar Award  
Sr. Mary Peter Dresser Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
President's Award for Educational Excellence  
Bank of America Achievement Award, History  
Sonoma County Math Steeplechase Competition  
UC Irvine Regents Scholar  
University of San Diego Trustee Scholarship



Teacher of the Year  
Kathy Snodgrass

University of San Diego Honors Program Nominee  
Occidental College Trustee Scholarship  
Highest Honors - French IV  
Highest Honors - AP Calculus  
Honors - AP English 12 Literature/Composition  
Honors - AP Physics  
Honors - Economics

**LILLIAN SKALA**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
President's Award for Educational Achievement  
CMEA Choir Award - Excellent Rating  
University of Mary Sr. Thomas Welder Scholarship  
University of Mary Emerging Leaders Scholarship  
Honors - Advanced Choir

**YEN TRUONG**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
California Scholarship Federation -  
Lifetime Member  
Bank of America Achievement Award, Technology  
UC Davis Grant  
UC Davis Entering Undergraduate Scholarship  
Academic Competitiveness Grant  
Cal Grant  
Pell Grant  
Honors - Academic English 12

**CARLY VAN ALSTYNE**  
SRJC Doyle Scholarship  
Sr. Bernard Gleason Honor Roll Award  
Scholar Leadership Award  
NBL All League - Second Team - Basketball

# Welcome Class of 2012

**NATALIE ANDREWS** St. Rose School  
**JENNIFER ASIVIDO** Windsor Middle School  
**CATERINA BALLETO** Twin Hills Middle School  
**TRICIA MARGARET BALUYUT** St. Rose School  
**INDIGO BANNISTER** Rincon Valley Charter School  
**ARIANA BATES** St. Luke Lutheran School  
**FRANCES BEHMKE** Rincon Valley Middle School  
**ALEXANDRIA BIAGI** Rincon Valley Middle School  
**VERONICA BUEHNERKEMPER** Lakeport Alternative School  
**AMY BUSSELL** Rincon Valley Middle School  
**MACKENZIE CARL** St. Helena Catholic School  
**NICOLE CASTRO** Mountain Shadows Middle School  
**BEATRICE CHAMBERS** St. John's Catholic School  
**DENISE CORRIVEAU** St. Rose School  
**HAYLEY DARIEN** Rincon Valley Christian School  
**HAILEY DE LAMBERT** Windsor Middle School  
**KIMBERLY DeFORS** Rincon Valley Middle School  
**PATRICIA DUBOIS** St. Helena Catholic School  
**AVERY DUTTON** Windsor Middle School  
**HAILEY EISENHAUER** Windsor Middle School  
**GIANNA FISTOLERA** St. Rose School  
**LAUREN FORSELL** St. Vincent School  
**CECILY GAMBA** St. Rose School  
**EMILY GOGAS** St. Eugene's School  
**RILEE HAKOLA** St. John's Catholic School  
**MELISSA HANSON** Creekside Middle School  
**JENNA HARRISON** St. John's Catholic School  
**ESPERANZA HEDRICK** St. John's Catholic School  
**ELIZABETH HERMAN** St. John's Catholic School  
**DAHLIA HERNANDEZ** St. Rose School  
**MORGAN JOHNSON** Cross and Crown Lutheran School  
**KRISTEN LANGER** Rincon Valley Middle School  
**ELISSA MALONEY** Rincon Valley Christian School  
**LAUREN MARTIN** St. John's Catholic School  
**THERESA MATEO** St. Rose School  
**BRITTANY MAYBRUN** Santa Rosa Middle School  
**KENDALL McCARTHY** St. Francis Solano  
**JULIA McKELLAR** St. Rose School  
**ISOBEL MOELLER** St. Rose School  
**VERONICA MORALES** Windsor Middle School  
**HELEN MOSES HAPP** Rincon Valley Middle School  
**ASHLIN NEAL** Willowside Middle School  
**JACQUELINE PAYNE** St. Eugene's School  
**ASHLEY RANDOLPH** St. Rose School  
**KELSEY REILLEY** St. Eugene's School  
**NICOLE RESSIO** St. Rose School  
**KATELYNNE RETTIG** St. John's Catholic School  
**HAILY ROEHRICK** St. John's Catholic School  
**MATILDA SCHROETER** The Healdsburg School  
**MAEVE SHEERAN** St. John's Catholic School  
**AMANDA SMITH** St. Rose School  
**KELLI SORENSEN** Cali Calmecac  
**STEPHANIE SORENSEN** Adele Harrison Middle School  
**JOSIE STATZER** St. Rose School



Teacher Kathy Snodgrass visiting with Freshman families



Link Crew member Tina Beigelbeck sharing information with incoming Freshman families.

**ALLISON STRAUS** St. Rose School  
**MADISON THOMPSON** St. Eugene's School  
**CELJA UEBEL** Forestville Academy  
**EMILY VASSALLO** St. Rose School  
**MIRANDA WALLI** St. Luke Lutheran School  
**SYDNEY YOUNGBLOOD** St. Helena Catholic School

Welcome to the following upper grade students.

Grade 10: **LINDSAY TAYLOR** Calistoga High School  
**LENA SCRIVANICH** Sewickley Academy

Grade 12: **BRYANA ROBLES** Soloquest

(This list is current as of the publication submission date.)

# CBSL Senior Project Winner—Access Your Life

BY JUDI GREANEY

*"I remember thinking at the time that required community service was a good thing and important, but somewhat of a burden. I absolutely do not feel that way now. It has become a part of my life. It's given me a better direction and focus incorporating the spirit of Saint Angela. I know it will shape my future success and happiness."*

Melanie Duran, Class of 2001



*At its core, the Ursuline* Community Based Service Learning Program (CBSL) promotes a Christian society that teaches our students to be the resources that share God's wealth and create justice. This was certainly evident at this year's CBSL Senior Boards. The contributions made were indeed a remarkable response to act in the best interest of the human community and promote the common good.

The CBSL project of the year, "Access Your Life" was awarded to **Sarah Shea**. Sarah's project was inspired by her friend **Alexa McBride** who was born with cerebral palsy. Sarah said, "this project has been on my mind since my freshman year."



Sarah Shea

Sarah was also inspired from her experience as a volunteer at BOOST Camp, an organization that addresses gross and fine motor skills of children with Cerebral Palsy. She volunteered for the organization for sixty hours assisting them with numerous activities. Sarah helped highly trained movement specialists, Conductive

Education teachers who work to empower the children to find solutions to daily living situations. The teachers and volunteers use a hands-on approach, physically guiding the children through movement until they can do it themselves.

Sarah is empathetic by nature and because of this attended school in a wheelchair for a day. This experience allowed her to be aware of the same barriers her friend Alexa would have encountered. She also brought Alexa and her family to speak to students in a couple of classes in order to raise their awareness about physical disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Her project involved many steps which included making a presentation to the school's Building and Grounds committee. The committee welcomed the project with open arms, especially because the school's efforts in this area have been ongoing with upgrading doorways, restrooms and signage around the campus. **President Carver** was so impressed by Sarah's presentation that she offered to have the detailed civil engineering plans prepared at the school's expense. President Carver believes that Sarah's work helped to make the gymnasium, a very public area more accessible to all who enter the building.

With this partnership firmly in place, Sarah was able to use the plans to help raise funds by writing grant proposals, soliciting donors, and seeking the assistance of local contractors. **Ted**

**Sibert** of the Buildings and Grounds committee said: "This isn't an easy feat but something tells me when Sarah meets with the contractors, they can only say yes we'll help!"

Help they did! Sarah knows that she couldn't have achieved what some would consider an insurmountable task but she was never dissuaded. Her spirit and love for her friend never allowed her to be discouraged. Sarah's project wouldn't be complete without expressing her gratitude to the following:

## SPECIAL THANKS

Jim Murphy and Associates,  
Steve Ronchelli  
Superior Supplies, Stephen Tonelli  
Castle Concrete, Stephen Castle  
Arthur and Devincenzi Concrete,  
Gary Dahl  
Iron Dog, Duncan Woods  
Brian's and Thompson Painting,  
Ken Brians  
Empire Eye Doctors Medical Group, Inc.  
Audrey and Christopher LeBaudour  
Patrick and Sally Mervin  
Tina and Jeffrey Nead  
Brad Pighin  
Jacqueline and Gene Summers  
Henry Trione  
Ursuline High School  
Eileen and Matthew Vukicevich

A dedication ceremony is scheduled for August 2008 and Sarah plans to invite her friend Alexa McBride to join her as they both enter the gymnasium together.

The power of service learning can be transformational. More than ever there is a need for students to be engaged in the community, making connections between the academic world and hands-on, practical learning and to become aware of the core societal social issues and root cause. Ursuline surely does graduate leaders who promote positive social change in the world. ■



### **CBSL Finalists**

Kids on a Roll:  
**Aly Holmes**

Sonoma County Down Syndrome  
Support Group:  
**Emily Ahrens**  
**Cee Cee Chia**  
**Krystina Cronin**  
**Samantha James**  
**Kia Keith-Reed**  
**Zoey Ripple**

Mourning Stars:  
**Brittney Bailey**



# Ursuline Spring 2008 Sports

REBECCA IVANOFF



Jackie Conroy



Jennifer Meyer, Girl's NBL Diving Champion

## *Track and Field*

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Megan Anderson      | Ali Summers        |
| Shannon Babic       | Greta Sweet        |
| Jacqueline Balletto | Tina Traboulsi*    |
| Jessica Blinman     | Christine Trezise* |
| Kelsie Bogyo*       | Madelyne Trione*   |
| Chelsea Booth*      | Natasha Viti*      |
| Sydney Bradley      |                    |
| Julie Brookfield*   | Coach:             |
| Elizabeth Buckley   | Pat LaFortune      |
| Cici Chia           | Assistant Coach:   |
| Bethany Coddling*   | Dan Preston        |
| Jackie Conroy       | John Balletto      |
| Camille Cooley      | Jen Clouse         |
| Jasmine DeMange     | Rich Kingsborough  |
| Jordan Dempsey      | Bob Lynde          |
| Nicole Dion         | Lynn Mesiter       |
| Akilah Douglas      | Julie Meyer        |
| Angelina Duckett*   |                    |
| Alex Ecker          |                    |
| Alissa Geving*      |                    |
| Nicole Kazemini     |                    |
| Jacqueline Madison* |                    |
| Megan McKellar*     |                    |
| Connie Noonan       |                    |
| Rachelle Puccioni*  |                    |
| Alyssa Ramazzotti*  |                    |
| Rebecca Royston*    |                    |
| Torri Saiz          |                    |
| Michelle Stone*     |                    |
| Isabelle Straka*    |                    |

## *Diving*

- Anne Marie Destruel  
 Sandra Fleming\*  
 Paige Garzini  
 Meagan McNaughton  
 Jennifer Meyer\*  
 Nicole Pilar  
 Rebecca Tigner
- Coach: Cari Hogan  
 Assistant Coach: Tim Nobriga

\*Scholar Athlete



From left to right, Jessica Goldberg, Jessie Skizewski, and Ashley Vivian

### *Swimming*

Allyson Beach\*  
 Amy Bennett  
 Chelsea Colnett\*  
 Kaitlin Daniels\*  
 Bailey Desmond\*  
 Jessica Etchell\*  
 Caitlin Feldman\*  
 Christa Gallagher  
 Jessica Goldberg  
 Emily Martin  
 Erinn Matthews  
 Kelsey McCarthy  
 Marina McCormick  
 Christina Messer\*  
 Victoria Oswald  
 Nora Peterson\*  
 Mayah Rinn\*  
 Alex Robertson\*  
 Misa Scharfen\*  
 Nora Schram\*  
 Jessie Skizewski  
 Laurel Sleight  
 Elena Traboulsi  
 Ashley Vivian  
 Jenaca Voth  
 Liz Wang\*

Coach: Mark Hartman  
 Assistant Coaches: Jeff Scharfen  
 Jon Hartman



### *Varsity Softball*

Darlene Arend  
 Megan Badger  
 Ali Beazell  
 Kerissa Catania  
 Maddie Diab\*  
 Isabella Filice  
 Nicole Goring\*  
 Kristin Lytle\*  
 Placida Ordaz-Lopez  
 Haily MacDonald\*  
 Kayla Vann

Coach: Mary Cooper  
 Assistant Coach: Mark Cooper



### *Junior Varsity Softball*

Aislinn Alden  
 Kayla Birney  
 Megan Finley  
 Dahly McCormick\*  
 Dayna McDaniel  
 Cheyenne Meiswinkel  
 Holly O'Brien  
 Kelsey Pighin\*  
 Marissa Shafer  
 Haley Wild Sichi  
 Kaitlyn Wright

Coach: Randy Ferino  
 Assistant Coach: Dawn Flamenco

\*Scholar Athlete

# Ursuline Spring 2008 Performing Arts

DRAMA: LEE ANNE WENTZ / DANCE: COREY LOTT, GABRIELLE THOMPSON / CHOIR: BETHANY NEESE



Cast A of *Grease*.  
Photo by Dirk Bietau –  
www.dirk.com

## Drama

In April 2008, the Ursuline and Cardinal Newman Players delivered two weekends of exceptional performances of the Broadway musical *Grease*. For the first time in decades these sold out performances took place in the Ursuline Gym to allow room for the colorful and complex sets, as well as provide space for more people to enjoy the show. Students and parents dedicated numerous hours to set design, sewing costumes, learning lines and music, blocking and perfecting their acting and singing skills. Their time and dedication were well worth it as the reviews were outstanding. The future of the Drama Department is certainly bright with teacher and director **Lee Ann Wentz** at the helm guiding our talented young actors to success. Look for more stellar performances by the Ursuline and Cardinal Newman Players next year! ■

## 2008 URSULINE AND CARDINAL NEWMAN PLAYERS PRESENT **GREASE**

### CAST

(By Order of Appearance)

	CAST A (4/10, 4/12, 4/18)	CAST B (4/11, 4/17, 4/19)
Miss Lynch	Allison Zegarra	Kate Griffith
Patty Simcox	Shelby DeMello	Jane Reilley
Eugene Floreczyk	Connor Devine	Connor Devine
Jan	Hannah Nead	Lindsay Ferrigno
Marty	Midori Longo	Kristina Conophy
Betty "Rizzo"	Kayley Meckstroth	Alyssa Ramazzotti
Doody	Chris Clipner	Richard Dobbins
Roger	Max Friedauer	Max Friedauer
Kenickie	Darius Hamilton	Michael Larson
Sonny LaTierri	Hunter Scott	Darius Hamilton
Frenchy	Tina Beigelbeck	Tina Beigelbeck
Sandy	Bittney Bailey	Emily Ahrens
Danny Zuko	Dominic Althoff	Tyler Bertolone
Vince Fontaine	Michael Larson	Hunter Scott
Johnny Casino	Luis Rojas	Luis Rojas
Cha-Cha	Krystina Cronin	Zoey Ripple
Teen Angel	Jackson DeMeo	Jackson DeMeo

#### Extras – Dancers & Chorus

Jordan Landaverde, Taylor Wallace, Ashley Vivian,  
Nicole Dion, Tina Traboulsi, Anna Taddei, Natasha Viti



*Dance*

Dancers performing Michael Jackson Medley



Dancers performing Head Lock



Dancers performing Frisco Anthem



*Choir*

Choir performance at the Spring Liturgy. Photo by Dirk Bietau – [www.dirk.com](http://www.dirk.com)

# Serviam—"I Will Serve"

BY MADOLYN AGRIMONTI AND MARGAUX HARDY

*"Take care of all . . . having each and every one engraved on your mind and heart, not only their names but their situation."*  
—St. Angela Merici

*Serviam is the motto of all* the Ursuline Schools worldwide. The Latin word Serviam means "I will serve" and is symbolized by the virtue of devotedness. We are taught to learn how to forget self in order to think of others. Service to our family, your parish, and your local community are signs of Serviam. The word includes in its meaning self sacrifice and world-embracing charity.

St. Angela's approach to education was simple and yet profound. She encouraged her Sisters to not only teach the required academic subjects and to integrate elements of the Catholic faith with the learning process, but she also required her Sisters to integrate service into the learning process. Serviam became a motto for all Ursuline schools and continues as such to this day.

The young women of Ursuline High School completed 11,758 hours of service for the 2007–08 school year. Their service includes peer tutoring, serving food at different school events, working as teacher's assistants and basketball assistants. They have volunteered at 58 organizations throughout Sonoma County; including Redwood Empire Food Bank, Fawn rescue, 6th Street Playhouse Community Theatre, Kid Street Learning Center, Friends Helping Friends in Sonoma (F.I.S.H.) and many more.

Volunteerism is the heartbeat of Ursuline High School. Each year hundreds of parents, alumnae, and supporters generously give over 4000 hours of time, talents and resources to help the school. From chairing the Crab Feed to baking cookies, our



Felicia Afuan enjoys being part of the Campus Ministry.



Allison Harf collecting coats for the homeless.



Left to right, Angeline Kelly and Anna Taddei help at the Alumnae Garden Party.

volunteers are extremely important and sincerely appreciated. Year after year, people tell us about the many friendships that were made as a result of their participation at an event or work on a project. We even have parent's who's daughters have graduated but still want to make sure they can come back and help with the Crab Feed. Of course we are happy to accommodate them because once you



Allison Zegarra participating in the ASB elections.

become a part of the Ursuline family you are with us forever.

We are very proud to continue the legacy of our foundress St. Angela Merici. . . . we wouldn't recognize ourselves if we did it any differently. ■

## Employees of the Year / Featured Faculty

MADOLYN AGRIMONTI



*Margaux Hardy*  
*Employee of the Year*

**Margaux Hardy** is the school's Information Manager. A title that falls short of all that she does for our students, faculty, staff and parents. She is definitely the go to person on campus. If you've ever volunteered at the school you know that Margaux is the person who will assign you to your task, always with a smile. Her main duty is to oversee the fundraising database as for anyone who has worked with her knows she can tell you where everything is, including the "nun's closet" and what's in it. She can identify any and all items ever used in events, and recollects who volunteered for those events.

She has a tough job, juggling all those jobs especially as she smiles and thanks you at the same time. No wonder that Margaux Hardy is also "Employee of the Year."



*René Hernández*  
*Employee of the Year*

**René Hernández's** title is Technology Coordinator but to the school's faculty and staff he is more like a psychologist because he has to listen to some tall tales. Mysteriously darkened monitors, irritated phones, smacked white boards, this is the language he hears day in and day out. He is a wonderful resource and never loses patience, even when "eyes glaze over" as he attempts to explain how it all went wrong.

René was instrumental in implementing new technology during the past year. This was no easy task as it involved preparing the ActivBoards for use in the classrooms and calibrating the T.I. navigators for interactive learning. It is for these reasons and many more that he has been chosen as "Employee of the Year."

Thank you René! ■



*Featured Faculty*  
*Molly Kiebel*

**Molly Kiebel** joined the Ursuline English department in August of 2006. She is currently the ninth grade English teacher and served as the 10th grade student council co-moderator with **Alice Meyer** for the 2007-2008 school year. She has been teaching English for nine years. Prior to joining the Ursuline faculty, she taught IB and AP English and Modern Literature at Cooper High School in Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

Molly moved from Minneapolis, MN to Santa Rosa in 2006 with her daughter Lily, now three, and her husband Julian, a Santa Rosa native. She received her BA in English and Masters in education at the University of Minnesota. She was invited to teach in Cooper's International Baccalaureate program after her first year of teaching and received her training at the United Nations International School in New York. She loves teaching writing and literary analysis and is constantly looking for new materials to use in the classroom. Next year she looks forward to teaching her department's newest course, Accelerated English 10. ■

## There's Something About Horse People . . .

BY TED SIBERT

*When Senior Courtney Sibert* was in second grade, she became a horse person. It wasn't something she grew into or came to accept about herself. She experienced it more like spontaneous combustion or a chemical reaction: one minute she was a typical seven year-old, and the next she was a girl with a passion to ride horses and "jump fences."

It happened when she went along to a friend's riding lesson. Within days Courtney was enrolled in a pony school, where she spent the next two years learning basic horsemanship, grooming, feeding, cleaning stalls, and maintaining her saddle and bridle. By fourth grade, she was ready to prepare for "hunter" competition, which is a test of horse-rider teamwork on a course of "fences" in which jumping form and technique are paramount. And so Courtney took her second horse person steps: she got her own horse and joined a hunter/jumper barn.

Show hunters are judged on movement, jumping, fluidity, and temperament. Horse and rider must make a striking picture in the ring: the horse, immaculate, with a braided mane and tail; the rider, faultless, in a traditional dark colored foxhunting coat, beige breeches, tall boots, and black velvet hunt cap. (Today's cap is a safety helmet.)

A winning round is a work of art. The rider gives the horse subtle, barely discernable cues. Every detail counts, from clearing obstacles, to perfect posture, to maintaining even pacing and rhythm. This exacting sport has its roots in fox hunting, as does the sport of jumping. The difference is that hunter competitions are refined performances of form and rhythm, whereas jumpers stress clearing fences in the shortest possible time.

Over the next few years Courtney rode in hundreds of shows up and down the coast, winning many "Show Champion"



Photo by Carol Farrow

awards and regularly ending "in the ribbons" (first through eighth place). As she graduated to higher jumps requiring bigger and younger horses, she had to part with one much-loved animal and start over with a new one. But however sad it made her, Courtney was always able to buckle down and keep training. In 2006, Courtney and her third horse "One Way Ticket" placed second in the Northern California Children's Hunter Division of the Pacific Coast Horseman's Association and fourth in the Children's Hunter Division of the United States Equestrian Federation. These awards are given annually and are won by accumulating points over a year of competing against hundreds of riders. At college next year, she and her fourth horse, "Tessa," will continue to compete.

Last year Courtney published "There's Something About Horse People" in *Hunter/Jumper*, a respected national equestrian magazine. She speaks about her riding community and how her sport has changed her. "I honestly cannot imagine my life without my horses. . . . The relationships I have formed with both my horses and the friends I ride with are irreplaceable. I hope they will remain with me throughout my life."

It takes tremendous discipline to be a competitive horse person. You have to master an animal the size of an automobile and yet be responsive to the slightest muscle twitch. Courtney may come by it naturally, as her father's family is full of accomplished riders, but her passion is her own and will remain a huge part of her life. ■

# For the Love of Esperanza

BY SOPHOMORES JACQUELINE BALLETO, ALLYSON BEACH, AND CHELSEA BOOTH

*Volunteers from Ursuline* and Cardinal Newman traveled to Tijuana, Mexico where we helped to build not only houses, but to build relationships with a community. This journey opened our eyes to the extreme contrast from our American lifestyle. We felt empowered to make a difference as we worked together with the people from the town. Our perspectives changed from what we had stereotyped to what we saw. It amazed us how graciously the townspeople opened their homes to us and welcomed us into their lives. The lasting bonds we made and the memories we shared will always stay with us as we aspire to live out the Ursuline values.

In the one week we were there the group connected with the community. Not only did we get a sense of daily life in Tijuana, but we also took part in memorable events. On our first night we got a taste of authentic Mexican food at the local taqueria. The next day, we mixed concrete and helped build a roof on a house whose foundation had already been constructed by a previous volunteer group. Throughout the week the group worked on three different houses that involved lots of manual labor. After the hard work, we were fortunate to be served meals from one of the families whose home was under construction.

The group also visited the only local medical clinic in Tijuana run by Esperanza. **Sister Elvia Jimenez Osorio** explained that the clinic provides full service healthcare at no cost to its patients. **Eduardo Zavala Reyes**, the Coordinator of the Esperanza Foundation, went above and beyond to bring us closer to the culture of those we served. He took us to the local minor league baseball game where we cheered for the Tijuana Potros. As the time grew closer to saying our goodbyes, we spent our last night with the families whose houses we had worked on throughout the week. The evening included dinner and Mexican dance performances. We will always remember the fun that we had in Tijuana.

The Esperanza Project was a cultural experience where we tested our language skills, bonded with our peers and learned about the world around us. The group became a part of a community where we were able to have a lasting impact on the lives of others by leaving their environment a better and safer place to live. We were left with a sense of inspiration that we hope to carry with us throughout our lives and we hope that our actions honor the Ursuline family. ■



Left to right:  
Jacqueline Balletto,  
Chelsea Booth,  
Allyson Beach



Jacqueline Madison  
and Matt Benton

Tijuana residents



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

# 2008 Crab Feed

BY MADOLYN AGRIMONTI

*Started in 1982, Ursuline* High School's Crab Feed dinner is held every year in January. The event was held on Friday, January 25 and Saturday, January 26. The two day event was attended by guests from throughout the Bay Area. One of the original crab feeds in Sonoma County, this event is organized by the school's Parent Association for the sole purpose of raising funds for the young women of Ursuline High School.

This year's theme was, "Crab Feed on the Boardwalk . . . Catch It" and was chaired by **Diane Bard**. She was an inspiration to all the volunteers and said, "we wouldn't have enjoyed such success without the help of so many volunteers." She wants to offer a special thanks to the sponsors and donors who continue to be loyal supporters of this traditional event. Their tireless efforts for the two evenings resulted in raising \$158,900. The Parent Association's net profit from the Crab Feed was \$91,000 and continues to make its way to the \$100,000 mark.



Lori and Saied Molavi enjoying dancing to the music of "Pride and Joy."

Diane Bard,  
Crab Feed Chair



Next year's Crab Feed is Friday, January 30 and Saturday, January 31 just in time to buy extra crab for your Super Bowl party. For further information call **Madolyn Agrimonti**, Director of Advancement, (707) 524-4640 ext. 118 or e-mail [magrimonti@ursulinehs.org](mailto:magrimonti@ursulinehs.org). ■



Margaux Hardy welcoming guests to the Friday night event.



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# Alumnae in the Military

BY LUIGI FABIANO AND MADOLYN AGRIMONTI

*U*rsuline prides itself as an institution that sees education as an invaluable opportunity for both personal growth and service to society. Over the years, several Ursuline alumnae have found this ethic best defined post-graduation in military service, whether in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps. The reasons have been as varied as the graduates themselves. In this edition of *Focus*, we would like to share some of their stories.

**Dr. Mary (Peters) Lyons** (1965), currently the president of the University of San Diego, was born into a military family that saw postings both stateside and overseas, including a stint in Eritrea, Africa. After receiving her BA in English from Sonoma State, Mary opted for an active duty position in the Navy and spent four years (1971–75) serving in that capacity. This was a tumultuous period in the United States as it saw both the ending years of the Vietnam War and the collapse of the Nixon presidency due to the Watergate scandal. While on active duty, one of Mary's assignments was as an instructor for the BOOST (Broadened Opportunities for Officer Selection and Training) Program, a college preparatory program for ethnic minority navy and Marine Corps enlisted personnel.

Then, as now, one of the most challenging responsibilities of service cadre was to help soldiers transition to civilian life upon completion of their service obligation. As an instructor, Mary was in a prime position to help young enlisted people forge this new vision of themselves by "calling forth the best" in those whom she taught. The completion of her active duty service in 1975 marked the beginning of a 21-year Naval Reserve career, during which time she twice served as the Commanding Officer of Reserve units, ultimately achieving the rank of Captain by 1996, the year of her retirement from the Naval Reserves.

**Danielle (Gonyea) Lewis** (1974) never planned on making the military a career.

She says: "I joined the Army in 1982 after a friend dragged me to *An Officer and a Gentleman*, and my office manager said I'd do really well in the Army. I 'maxed' the entrance exam and chose to be a medical laboratory technician."

A stand out in basic training which at that time was still divided into separate men's and women's sections, Danielle continued her upward trajectory, eventually achieving after a 24 year career the highest possible enlisted rank of E-9, or Sergeant Major, a position that only two of every 1,000 enlistees ever attains. At the US Army Sergeants Major Academy, Danielle was selected as the president of her class, which numbered more than 600 students from the Army, sister services, and over thirty allied nations.

Her duty assignments spanned the globe, including postings in Germany, Texas, Georgia, Colorado, and Maryland. Yet with all of these remarkable achievements, Danielle reflects, "I'm proudest of watching the soldiers I've mentored as they continue their careers. Many say they attribute their success to my leadership, but I believe I only showed them the 'Yellow Brick Road.'"

It takes courage and strength to hold to your values, ethics, and morals against the temptations that afford rapid recognition or satisfaction. The education and values that were instilled in me at Ursuline blossomed during my military career. Upon her retirement from the Army, Danielle was awarded the Legion of Merit medal for outstanding service to her soldiers and country.



**Jennifer North** (1987) attended Tulane University on a Naval ROTC

scholarship and received her commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine

Corps upon graduation. After attending the Officer Basic Course and a follow-up specialization course in communications, she was posted to Okinawa for two years. Her remaining four years were spent at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina where she held several positions that were intensely geared towards the soldier. A key component of military service is to be a "team player," and the ability to live up to this ethos is often the determining factor as to whether a new recruit stays or leaves. At Parris Island, Jennifer served as the Executive Officer of a Support Company whose mission was to rehabilitate soldiers who had physically failed at training or had been injured. Successful rehabilitation meant that these soldiers were able to graduate and continue their Marine Corps service. Important as this work was, Jennifer recalls another position she held that was a turning point in her life. "While at Parris Island, I also held a billet as Substance Abuse Counseling Center Officer. I supervised the counseling of those Marines who encountered substance abuse problems, and sat on a domestic abuse board for the Depot.

"It was there that my interest in law began to grow and finally helped me make my decision to leave the Marine Corps and pursue a career in law." Today, Jennifer teaches law in Charleston, South Carolina.



**Amy Forsythe** (1988) joined the Marine Corps in 1993 after receiving her BA degree in Communication from CSU San Marcos. She served on active duty for eight years, working in various capacities in

the broadcasting and journalism field. Opting for continued service in the Marine Forces Reserves, Amy retired from active duty but was recalled in December 2002 in the wake of the September 11, 2001 events. Since then, she has been deployed on three combat tours to both Afghanistan and Iraq with duties that have included public affairs chief for the Coalition Civil Affairs Task Force, Kabul, correspondent with the Marines stationed in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, and Visual Information Supervisor at Camp Fallujah (also Iraq). Her video stories and footage have been used by several major US and international media networks in their coverage of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. A memorable interview was one with martial arts star Chuck Norris who came to visit marines in Fallujah. Explaining Norris' appeal to the "fighting man," Amy says, "The Marines love him. He's like a mythical legend."

A public relations official is often in front of a camera, but for the Amy, some of her most meaningful service moments have taken place out of the spotlight. One occasion was a visit to a school in Afghanistan where she and her team distributed school supplies and clothes sent by family members. Of this experience, she says, "I feel that my time spent at Ursuline prepared me for a life of service to others and that my compassion for the people here is a direct result of what I learned there." In civilian life, Amy is an anchor and producer for KOCT in Oceanside, a small, independent station with which she has been affiliated since 1999.

**Cara (Gioia) Negrette** (1989) is a Commander in the Naval Reserve and was mobilized to active duty for service in Afghanistan from January 2007 through April 2008. A policy analyst at the Pentagon in civilian life, Cara served overseas in the capacity of political analyst/liaison officer between the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (CSTC-A) and the US Embassy in Kabul. The CSTC-A's focus was to train, equip, and mentor both the Afghan National and Police Force; Cara's job was to ensure that US military policies were

aligned with those of other US government agencies and international organizations, including the UN and NATO.

Long hours and hard work, however, were not the enduring memories Cara brought home after her 15-month deployment. She reflects that her main source of pride was having been "part of our effort to build a better future for the people of Afghanistan."

**Kristen (McCullaugh) Davis** (1994) received a four-year Army ROTC scholarship to the University of San Francisco where she earned her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree. Graduation brought with it her commissioning as a Second Lieutenant and an initial assignment at Womack Army Medical Center, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Kristen soon earned her career designator as an ICU nurse after completing a specialized training course in San Antonio, TX. She describes the course as very "intense," yet one in which she achieved recognition as a Distinguished Honor Graduate, the highest rating possible for graduates of military courses.

Kristen's five years on active duty included two tours at Fort Bragg, one at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, and service in Iraq at the 28th Combat Support Hospital. Worth noting about her work in this latter posting was that the demands of medical professionalism and compassion transcended national boundaries as patients there included not only US soldiers but Iraqi civilians and enemy prisoners of war as well.

Kristen has continued her career as an ICU nurse in civilian life and currently works in Dallas.



**Elizabeth (Kinkaid) Scott** (1995) seemed like a natural fit for the Air Force ROTC scholarship she received to the

University of Arizona. As a senior at

Ursuline, she asked her parents if she could take flying lessons: instruction in a Cessna 150 followed along with a solo flight. She earned her private pilot's license at the University of Arizona while pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering and participating in the university's AFROTC program. It has been said that the proof of how much one knows about a particular subject is whether one can teach it to others. The Air Force saw this ability in Elizabeth because her first assignment was that of a T-38 supersonic jet pilot instructor at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma. In August 2002, Elizabeth participated in Santa Rosa's "Wings Over Wine Country" air show as the lead pilot for the fighter jet flyby formation. If life's changes could be measured in size of aircraft, surely that day must have been one of both achievement and reflection for Elizabeth.

Marriage to a fellow Air Force pilot brought a change in career track for Elizabeth. In order to obtain compatible assignments with her husband, she switched from fighter jets to transport aircraft. The two Captains Scott now fly regularly around the world as C17 Globemaster pilots, transporting troops, VIPs, and cargo to combat zones as well as to somewhat less perilous destinations.



**Meg Stohlmann** (1995) was nominated to the Air Force Academy by Lynn Woolsey. Her first assignment after graduating from the Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in English

was to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson where she was in charge of morale, welfare, and discipline for her 250-member squadron. A follow-on one-year posting to Korea led to Meg's first and only ride in an F-16 fighter jet: this experience confirmed that she was indeed on the right career track serving the Air Force on the ground.

In 2003, Meg was assigned to Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany where, among other positions, she served as a Readiness

Officer. Meg recalls, "This was a busy time to be in Germany, as it was the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As the Readiness Officer she helped ensure the proper movement of and accounting for all incoming and outgoing troops deploying into and out of Southwest Asia." This 18-month assignment at Ramstein completed the active duty component of her service obligation, and, as a Captain, Meg transferred into the California Air National Guard at Moffett Field in Mountain View. Three years of service as Readiness Chief followed, during which time she also pursued a full-time career as a student at Sonoma State in order to earn her second Bachelor's degree this time, in Music Education.

Currently, Meg is in the Inactive Reserves while attending the University of Kentucky in Lexington for her Master's degree in Vocal Performance and Choral Conducting.



**Margot Capell** (2002) attended UCLA on a four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship. Graduating in 2006 with a

Bachelor's degree in Political Science and concentration in International Relations, Margot's first posting after commissioning and Field Training was to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, home of Air Force One and Two and air base of choice for many VIPs (both foreign and domestic) arriving for official visits to Washington, DC. As Protocol Officer at Andrews, Margot was responsible for coordinating the intricacies involved with arrivals and departures of Distinguished Visitor missions, including "organizing other greeters/well-wishers, working with security, tracking the mission in the air, greeting the visitors when they come or go (as a representative of the US and the USAF), and making sure all of their special needs are met." Two significant visits that Margot and her office handled were that of the Queen of England in

2007 and Pope Benedict XVI this past April. Regular "commuters" in and out of Andrews include the President and his cabinet members, all of whom Margot has had occasion to greet.

Of her first full year in the Air Force, Margot says, "I have experienced more excitement and been a part of or witness to more history than I ever thought I would. I have met many of the most powerful people in the world and [have] been a fly on the wall in some interesting situations. My career is thrilling but also extremely challenging as there is very little room for error." Lest one think that with such a high-visibility job, Margot would be tempted to "fly with the eagles rather than scratch with the chickens," she adds an amusing comment about her life as a transplanted Californian living in DC: "It turns out flip-flops don't go too far in the snow."

At the end of April 2008, Margot was posted to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan where she serves in the Joint Visitors Bureau for the Combined Joint Task Force. Her duties include facilitating trip coordination for Distinguished Visitors who come to the area of operations, a task for which she is well-qualified. Ever ready with a humorous outlook, Margot's description of her base housing is worth recounting: "I am basically living in a small metal crate with a window and a roommate. To be honest, it's bigger than my dorm freshman year of college so I really can't complain!" If a sense of humor proves that a person is able to keep life in perspective, then Margot has done so admirably over the past two years!

**Theresa Piasta** (2002) was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army the day before she graduated from Wellesley College as an Economics major in 2006. Having attended Wellesley on a four-year Army ROTC scholarship, Theresa actually took her required military science classes at MIT since Wellesley did not have an ROTC department.

Her designation as a Chemical Corps officer brought with it her first assignment to Fort Hood, TX as the 41st



Left to right, Yvonne Labbe, Madelyne Trione, Michelle Stone, Theresa Piasta, Olivia Turnross, and Sarah Bertero

Fire Brigade's Chemical Officer and Unit Status Report Officer. As such, Theresa had a double set of responsibilities: to be the Commander's expert on all matters pertaining to enemy and friendly CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear) capabilities and to create the unit's Readiness Report, an agonizingly detailed account of how prepared a unit is to meet its both its peacetime and war fighting capacities. Theresa is scheduled to deploy to Iraq this summer, just about the time that her brother, Edward, will be returning from his 15-month combat tour there. She looks forward to carrying on the "Citizen-Soldier" ethic that is a hallmark of her family.

Recent graduates **Sarah Hanners Bishop** and **Mary Ann Knaze**, both members of the Class of 2004, also serve in the military, Sarah as a mechanic in the Army National Guard and Mary Ann as a technician in the Air Force. At last writing, Sarah had just gone before the promotion board for Sergeant and was guardedly optimistic in awaiting the results. She describes her primary interest as a mechanic: "I seem to be leaning towards tanks as my favorite. I actually have one assigned to me at the moment! They're so massive and graceful at the same time, if you can imagine. I suppose anyone can see the beauty in anything they're passionate about."

A moment's reflection upon this last statement shows it to be deep in sincerity and spontaneous in its honesty. Perhaps unwittingly, Sarah Bishop has summed up the perspective of all her fellow Ursuline graduates who have chosen to pursue one form or another of military service. Rich in potential regardless of career choice, Sarah's is a statement worth pondering. ■

# Reunions and Events

BY KATHLEEN KELLY



Alumnae Association Leaders from left to right: Giulia Zunino '93, Association Treasurer; Melissa Morelli '00, Association President; Jackie Wright-Gridley '83, Association Board; Kathleen Kelly, Alumnae Relations Manager; Nancy Moran '54, Association Parliamentarian; Meredith Crotty '00, Association Co-Vice President; Lupita Fernandez '92, Association Secretary

## Welcome to Alumnae Association 2008-2009

On Monday, April 28, 2008 the 2008/2009 Alumnae Association Board had dinner at the Union Hotel in Santa Rosa. We are looking forward to an exciting year!

### Alumnae Board – Executive Committee

Melissa Morelli '00, President  
Morgan Langlois '00, Co Vice-President  
Meredith Crotty '00, Co Vice-President  
Lupita Fernandez '92, Secretary  
Jill Ford '98, Officer at Large  
Giulia Zunino '93, Treasurer

### Alumnae Board

Jill Ford '98, Fun in the Fall - Chair  
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Fun in the Fall - Chair  
Kalin Henderson '06,  
Young Alumnae Consultant  
Nancy Moran '54,  
Parliamentarian/Consultant  
Jackie Wright-Gridley '83,  
Alumnae Networking Events - Chair  
Chrystie Prokopakis '80,  
Polenta/Scholarship/  
Alumnae Sunday - Chair  
Kim Osborn '97,  
Homecoming/BBQ - Chair ■

## Save the Date! Mark Your Calendars— Details to Follow

Saturday, August 23, 2008  
**ALUMNAE VS. VARSITY –  
SOCCER COMPETITION**  
Cardinal Newman Football Field

Saturday, September 27, 2008  
**FUN IN THE FALL**  
Cardinal Newman High School

Sunday, October 19, 2008  
**ALUMNAE SUNDAY BRUNCH**  
Ursula Hall and Chapel

Saturday, November 1, 2008  
**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION'S  
ANNUAL POLENTA DINNER**  
Ursuline Gym

Friday, November 28, 2008  
**ALUMNAE VS. VARSITY –  
BASKETBALL COMPETITION**  
Ursuline Gym

Monday, January 5, 2009  
**YOUNG ALUM HOLIDAY SOCIAL**  
(UHS and CNHS)  
Ursuline High School – Brescia Hall

Thursday, January 29, 2009  
**JOINT ALUM ASSOCIATION  
LUNCHEON** (UHS and CNHS)  
Cardinal Newman High School –  
Athletic and Convocation Center

Saturday, March 14, 2009  
**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION'S  
2ND ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY**  
Union Hotel in Occidental

Alumnae can send Reunion and Event information to  
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## Reunions 2008

### CLASS OF 1948 – 60 Year Reunion

Date TBD  
Contact:  
Barbara Bickerstaff (707) 570-0705  
Audre Gallant Romely (925) 283-6962

### CLASS OF 1958 – 50 Year Reunion

Date TBD  
Contact:  
Nancy Impelido Bufano (707) 545-3334,  
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### CLASS OF 1967 – 41 Year Reunion

June 8–12 noon  
Kathie Wright's home 4727 Muirfield  
Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405  
Contact:  
Katie Torgerson (707) 575-8250,  
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### Class of 1968 – 40 Year Reunion

August 16, 4–8 p.m.  
Tom Mauritson's Winery, Dry Creek Valley  
Contact:  
Tom Mauritson (707) 544-1460 and  
Janis Roberts Laurain (707) 433-3754

### CLASS OF 1978 – 30 Year Reunion

September 27  
John Ash Restaurant, Santa Rosa  
Contact:  
Tamara (Tami) (Salvato) -Reid  
cell (707) 888-7316, [jrcjta@comcast.net](mailto:jrcjta@comcast.net),  
Jim Fisher CN or Charlie Dyer, and  
Tom Hakel

### CLASS OF 1988 – 20 Year Reunion

September 27  
The 480 Hotel (formerly the Crown Plaza Union  
Square), 480 Sutter Street, San Francisco  
Contact:  
Ami-Kate Nelson (707) 823-2817,  
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### CLASS OF 1998 – 10 Year Reunion

June 21  
Cardinal Newman High School  
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# Meet Alumnae Association Leaders / Garden Party

BY KATHLEEN KELLY

## *Meet the Newest Alumnae Association Leaders — Friends and Ursuline Sisters Then and Now*

### **President, Ursuline Alumnae Association 2008/2009, Melissa (Cambra) Morelli '00:**

At Ursuline, Melissa was actively involved in the dance program, link crew, yearbook, peer counseling and student government; serving as either class president or vice president each year as well as ASB Spirit Leader. She received the Spirit of Saint Angela award her freshman year and the Senior Service Project of the Year award her senior year. After high school graduation, Melissa lived with an Ursuline classmate in the dorms at Chico State. At Chico she completed her Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Human Resources. Upon graduation, Melissa returned to Sonoma County to pursue her Master's of Business Administration degree at Sonoma State. Her work history includes Marketing and Human Resources work at both *The Press Democrat* and at Catholic Charities.

### **Co-Vice President, Ursuline Alumnae Association 2008/2009, Morgan (Beerbohm) Langlois '00:**

At Ursuline, Morgan was involved as a peer counselor, in the dance program and as ASB Spirit Leader. She received the prestigious Women of the Year award her senior year, as well as Senior Service Project of the Year. She started college by attending the Santa Rosa Junior College and studying to receive her private's pilot license at the Sonoma County Airport. Morgan then graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in Education and a deeper appreciation for her Sonoma County heritage. Upon graduation, Morgan returned to Santa Rosa to become a Kindergarten teacher at Sequoia Elementary in the Rincon Valley District. After completing two years as a teacher, Morgan and her husband were transferred to Boston for her husband's



Then: Melissa Cambra, Meredith Crotty, Morgan Beerbohm, Halloween at UHS



Now: Melissa (Cambra) Morelli '00, Meredith Crotty '00, Morgan (Beerbohm) Langlois '00

commercial pilot job. Morgan once again returned to Sonoma County in 2008 and has been busy substitute teaching for all grade levels in the area with a plan to return to full-time teaching in the fall.

### **Co-Vice President, Ursuline Alumnae Association 2008/2009, Meredith Crotty '00:**

Meredith selected Ursuline as her high school for one simple reason, the soccer team. She was the starting goalie all four years in high school for the varsity soccer team. In addition to athletics, Meredith was involved with the yearbook, student government and a soccer player on a Santa Rosa United soccer team. She received countless college athletic scholarships and decided to play Division I soccer on a full ride scholarship for Boston College. While in Boston, Meredith received her Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Marketing. After graduation, she returned to Sonoma County to begin her career in the wine industry. She worked in the Marketing department at Sebastiani, followed by her current position as an Associate Brand Manager for Rodney Strong Vineyards. ■

## *First Annual Garden Party & Garden Sale Extraordinaire*

The First Annual Garden Party & Garden Sale Extraordinaire 2008 was held Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Union Hotel in Occidental was a resounding success!

The day began at 9:00 a.m. with Sophomore **Gianna Gonnella** serenading the nearly 100 guests with a variety of piano melodies. Guests enjoyed Mimosas, homemade pastries and turnovers while mingling and shopping through a collection of over 150 plants, trees, flowers and garden art items. By noon guests were treated to homemade pasta and bruschetta while they visited in a special dining area provided for shoppers.

During the day, guests enjoyed Bonsai demonstrations provided by the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society. Donated floral planters, rose bushes, and dwarf Meyer lemon trees were snatched up quickly by wise shoppers eager to provide new homes for their beautiful items.

The Garden Party Committee included members of the Ursuline Alumnae Association, **Nancy Moran, Ann-Marie Curran, Melissa Morelli, Meredith Crotty, Morgan Langlois** and **Kathleen Righetti**. Parent Association President, **Raven Wachtler**, graciously poured champagne and greeted guests at the day's event.

The Garden Party committee proudly announced that the event raised over \$6,000. All of the proceeds will benefit the Ursuline Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Second Annual Garden Party will be held at the Union Hotel in Occidental on Saturday, March 14, 2009. ■

Thanks to The Union Hotel Restaurant for generously hosting this event; our gratitude to the generous sponsors and raffle donors: Jewelry Tech, Cokas-Diko Home and Garden, King's Nursery, Healdsburg Nursery, Gaddis Wholesale Nursery, Redwood Empire Bonsai Society, Signs Par Excellence, John and Melody McNulty, American Asphalt, Integrity Shred, and KRECK-Design Solutions.

# Alumnae News

BY LIZ MULLEN AND LUIGI FABIANO

## 1965 LINDA (VIOLETTI) CALDWELL

has been developing her photography skills since 2002. Her work has been shown in galleries, fairs, and exhibits and has also been featured in Best of Artists books. In January 2008, her website, *LindaCaldwellPhotography.com*, went live. Linda has four grown children and three granddaughters.

■ **MARA (MALONEY) CHETTL** serves as the Vice President, Commercial Marketing, for the Union Bank of California in San Francisco.

## 1977 MARIA (MITCHELL) CRANE

lives in a historic downtown Santa Rosa home with her husband, Stephen (an emergency room doctor) and her son, Benjamin (a musician and songwriter). She teaches and has been writing a children's book set to music. Maria has traveled extensively, focusing on overseas work with orphans and the underserved.

■ **LYNN PEARSON** lives in San Francisco with her husband and two children. She is the president of Lieberman Productions, a television production, direct marketing, and brand-building company.



Lynn Pearson

## 1982 KELLY (CATTALINI) DENHAM

and her husband have two daughters and recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. She works part-time as an administrative secretary for her local fire department and coaches varsity cheerleading at Ukiah High School.

## 1984

### PAIGE (MAZZONI) OSTHEIMER

is Vice President of Marketing for Safari Books Online, an internet reference book resource.



Paige (Mazzoni) Ostheimer

## 1986 KATHI (PETERSON)

**YOUNGBLOOD** completed her Associate Degree in Liberal Science in December 2007 and is currently working on her AA in Culinary Arts. She hopes to design custom wedding cakes for the catering company she works for in Calistoga. Kathi's daughter, Sydney, will be entering Ursuline as a freshman in Fall 2008.

1988 **GIA PASSALACQUA** was the chef for the Harvest Dinner organized by Fred MacMurray's daughter, Kate.

■ **JEAN THURSTON** will be receiving her Masters Degree in June 2008 from UC San Diego's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies. Her specialty is International Environmental Policy. ■ **DOMENICA (CATELLI) YOSOWITZ** recently published her first cookbook, *Mom-a-licious*. She did a number of signings in bookstores and markets throughout Sonoma County.

## 1989 LAURIE (MARTIGNOLI)

**LYNCH** and her husband, Craig, have been married for nine years. They enjoy spending time with their son, Wyatt.

1990 **JILL BARRY** is an Occupational Therapy Assistant at Prescott Valley Hospital in Arizona. Her son, Erik, is four years old. ■ **ANNA GUZMAN** teaches at Fremont Elementary School.

1995 **KELLI LOCKE** lives in New York City and works as a Senior Account Executive for Sudler & Hennessey, a healthcare advertising agency.

1996 **MARISA ZUNINO** is a member of the Peace Corps in the Republic of Moldova. She lives just outside of the capital, Chisinau, and works for a non-profit organization, Generatia Mea (My Generation), which serves at-risk youth from socially vulnerable families. She recently coordinated the "Odyssey of the Mind" competition for Moldova and went to Hungary in April for the Eurofest competition. She will be returning home in October 2008.

1997 **ANNA CORRINE HALL** graduated from UCSD and Oregon State where she is a Smile Program Coordinator. ■ **LISA MAZZONI** graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder and received her MBA from the University of Michigan. ■ **MARYANN HULSMAN** graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning. She is an environmental consultant but also dedicates numerous hours to planning and realizing art/music events in the Bay Area.

**1998 KAYLEEN (COUNCIL) WIDDIFIELD** lives with her husband, Jonathan, in Vienna, VA, just outside of Washington, DC. She is a fourth grade teacher in McLean, VA. ■ **ANYA WINGERT** graduated from Duke University with a Masters Degree in Public Policy. She works as a Junior Foreign Service Officer for the US Agency for International Development.

**1999 GENEVIEVE ALVAREZ** lives in New York City's East Village. She interned as a photojournalist/multimedia producer with the *New York Daily News*. • **SARAH STACEY ROBBINS** received her Juris Doctoris degree from Gonzaga School of Law in May 2007 and was admitted to the Oregon Bar in September of the same year. She works as a Public Defender at the Southern Oregon Public Defender's Office located in Medford, Oregon.

**2001 MELANIE DURIAN** graduated from UCSD in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. In January 2008, she started graduate school at George Mason University's School of Public Policy, with a concentration in International Commerce and Policy. She has been involved in a number of service projects, including an AIDS Half Marathon in 2006, Literacy Volunteers of America, and World Vision Armenia. ■ **BRIDGET STARKEY** was featured in a January 2008 article in the *San Francisco Chronicle* entitled, "Young Voters Seen and Heard." She is a public relations account executive and lives in the City's Pacific Heights neighborhood.

**2003 ASHLEE HENIG** is pursuing her PhD in Earth Science/Oceanography at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography at UC San Diego. Her focus is the study of mid-ocean ridge complexes and seismology. ■ **ASHLEY GEBB** graduated from SCU Chico in May 2008 with a major in Journalism and a minor in Spanish. She was chosen to deliver the graduation speech as the representative of the College of Communication.

**2004 REMI BARRETT** majored in English Literature and Creative Writing and plans to attend graduate school. ■ **KAITLIN BENSON** graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in June 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science. She plans to work towards her Masters Degree, continuing with her concentration in equine science. ■ **JANNA BIAGIO** graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a major in Art History and a minor in Spanish. She was actively involved in her school's theater department as a costume designer, and was a four-year member of student government. ■ **SARAH (HANNERS) BISHOP** was married in February 2007. She and her husband, Kenny, are both in the National Guard. ■ **RACHEL BRUSNAHAN** graduated from San Francisco State and plans to attend Sonoma State in Fall 2008 to pursue studies for her teaching credential and Masters Degree in Special Education. ■ **HILARY BUCKLEY** graduated from Seattle University in March 2008 with a degree in Journalism. She works as the Web Producer for the *Seattle Times*. ■ **CATHERINE FABIANO** traveled extensively throughout Ecuador and Peru in January 2008. She graduated from Sonoma State in May. ■ **LAURA MOLINARI** graduated from the

University of San Francisco with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She is the Office Manager at Timmons Design Engineers in San Francisco, an MEP engineering firm that specializes in sustainable design. ■ **KATIE MORAMARCO** is working towards her Masters Degree in Marketing. She plans on graduating in December 2008 and hopes to find a job in sports marketing. ■ **JESSICA O'NEILL** plans to get her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Dance from Sacramento State University. She also anticipates pursuing studies for her teachers credential so that she can teach dance in high school. ■ **ALEXANDRA PIKE** graduated from Grinnell College in May 2008 with a double major in Physics and French. She will be teaching English at the Academie of Nancy-Metz in France for the next year and then plans to pursue her M.Litt degree in Celtic Studies at Aberdeen University in Scotland.

**2007 KATE FIKE** recently competed for the title of Ms. Grand National at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. ■

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From left to right, Kathleen Kelly, Alumnae Relations Manager, Madolyn Agrimonti, Director of Advancement accepting a \$10,000 check from former Alumnae Association President Nancy Penitenti Moran, '54 and current President Melissa Cambra Morelli '2000. The school is thankful for this generous donation from the proceeds of the "Garden Party" and matched by the Alumnae Association.

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