

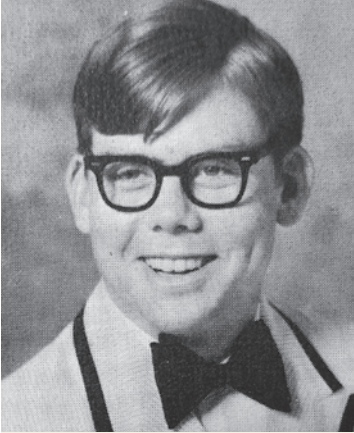
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FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE WONDERED  
WHAT SOME OF US HAVE BEEN UP TO  
FOR THE PAST 55 YEARS, WELL,  
**HERE'S OUR STORY**



**PLUS GOLDEN DIPLOMA REUNION PHOTOS**

## PERCIVAL BRADSHAW BALDWIN II



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After months of fighting his  
long battle with cancer,  
Brad passed peacefully in  
his sleep on June 15, 2024.  
RIP

On a cold December 1st, 1991, Percival Bradshaw Baldwin II married his soul mate, Barbara. To this day, he measures the moments since this event.

Percy was successful at La Salle, defending his weaker classmates against any bullying efforts by larger classmates. Academically and in Student Governance, he had limited success, but athletically he found great satisfaction in participating in sports.

Percy can recall many incidents which occurred at La Salle. As the youngest of the 4 "Baldwin Boys" (Bob, Mike, Doug, and Percy) who attended our school in the 60's and 70's, he is amused to learn that he is now grouped in a period which is classed as a mob of "snobs", for that is not how he remembers his time in High School.

One such incident involves Steve Peterman and his 350 RSD Yamaha motorcycle. He eventually acquired a 1400 cc Suzuki. Percy remembers Steve Rath's Mom's cooking. He never realized that gizzards tasted so good!. At the time, Mike Baldwin and Mike Rath were also at that dinner table.

There was a potential bullying incident which was defused by Percy, coming to the aid of Bob Mizia that Percy relates. Also, he can tell you stories of Dean Daniels, Laurie Larkin, Cynthia Antista, Mark Prigatano, Anthony Rogers, Chrissy Steurmann, Bob Kohorst, Mary Jo Wright, Sue Hansen, Christine Bomberg, and Jim Pike. He can also tell stories about Dave Geare, Dave Matuszak, Mike and John Fessler, Bishop John J. Ward, and Dr. Philip J. "Duffy" Lewis.

Following graduation, Percy remained locally and became engaged in the food industry and further studies.

At Pasadena City College, he realized his dream to receive a report card with all A's, something which had escaped him at La Salle. Likewise, he was elected Student Body President which again, was something that escaped him during his High School years. He even participated in a social group, "OMD" and maintained a friendship with fellow students he met at La Salle.

He rose quickly through the ranks at a local deli chain "Stottlemeyer's" until he was the second in command as the Coordinator/Purchasing Agent. Stottlemeyer's was famous for their 101 sandwiches, and he can recite particularly famous sandwiches and their ingredients to this day. This chain was popular in the 60's and 70's. He was featured in several magazines, and acquired several awards. Then, he became a fixture at the famous "North Woods Inn" before finally migrating to Washington State, marrying Barbara, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Recently, a Christian church has acknowledged him as a 'Deacon' and he is at peace with the Lord, and spreads the Good News of the Gospel.

Percy is adamant that we 'Live the Truth, not the Fantasy'.

Looking back, he wouldn't change a thing regarding his time at La Salle and has this message for his fellow classmates: "Thank you for being yourselves during our High School years. Being yourselves meant so much to me, and I love you guys for all that you did to make me into the man that I have become today. Thank you for being a part of my life. Indivisa Manent!"

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I have to say, entering La Salle as a freshman in the fall of 1967 was a bit of a culture shock to skinny kid who just wanted to be an artist. I remember hoping more than anything I would hit 100 lbs. at Duffy Lewis's initial weigh in...but I didn't. All in all, it was a good experience, and I did learn a few things.

After graduating La Salle (just made it...think I missed most of the last half of Sr. year), I went to Mt. San Antonio Jr. college to take the required credits to attend Art Center College of Design in LA. The combination of not knowing a soul at Mt. Sac and classes seeming a whole lot easier than high school, I was able to get them all taken care of in 2 years. When I did get to Art Center, I felt it was where I was really meant to be. I worked hard for 4 years, met the girl of my dreams, and got married shortly after graduation.

I worked steadily as a freelance illustrator in LA for 15 years before I was recruited by Liberty House Advertising in Hawaii. Thinking it would just be a 2-3-year stint, we moved our 3 kids to Honolulu. We ended up staying there 10 years and 2 of our kids are still there. During my time there (the 90's), the creative field was evolving from old school artwork to photography and digital technology. I put down the pencil, learned the computer and pursued an Art Director and eventually Creative Director position. When Liberty House was bought by Macy's, we were relocated to San Francisco, where I worked at Macys WEST advertising as Design Director for another 10 years. When the 5 nationwide Macys divisions consolidated, we were moved to the New York, where I worked at Macys corporate offices as Director of Graphics for 3 years.

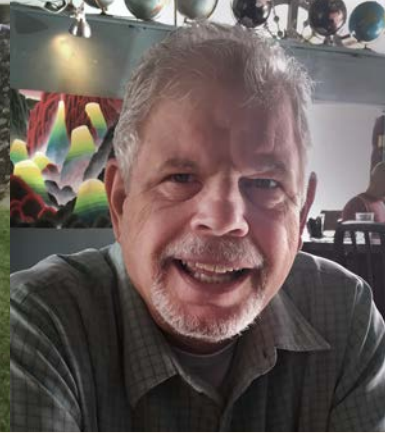
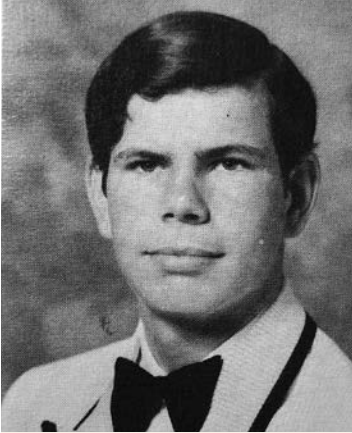
After 30+ years of bouncing from coast to coast, we have returned to our roots and now live in Malibu. I have worked here as an independent art / creative director and design consultant for the past 12 years and have no interest in retiring (yet).

My wife and I have just celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary. We are enjoying renovating our home and seeing our kids and 2 grandkids much as possible. Life is good.

One thing La Salle taught me was to be strong, persevere and find your place in this world.

I'm sorry I can't make it in person this year but Paschal sent a link to last year's zoom call. It was good to see you all. Good luck and stay healthy!

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After leaving La Salle, I attended St. Mary's College of California. You can't get enough of the Christian Brothers. I majored in Business Administration and Economics.

At SMC, I played a little rugby, volleyball and intermurals. Traveled with the rugby team to England and Ireland during the Easter breaks. I graduated in 1975.

After college I have had many different jobs in several industries. Banking, clothing, automotive, school uniforms, retail and promotional advertising.

I start my own promotional wearable company in 1982, Justin Tyme Co. I later joined a promotional advertising firm in 1988, Shearer & Associates.

After college, I married my high school sweetheart and stayed together for 42 years. We had 3 great kids, who have given us 4 great grandchildren. Two of my children are also La Salle graduates. I get to visit my oldest son once a year in Alaska. My middle son leaves nearby in Monrovia so I get to see them more often. My daughter lives in Escondido and I see her sometimes on the weekends.

Over the years, I have enjoyed being a handyman repairing our different homes. I've taken these experiences and now share my knowledge at the Lowe's in Industry. Keeping busy at our age is important to your health.

I have been my family's historian and date keeper for many decades. I would like to visit some of those locations in the near future, after I retire.

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After La Salle, I continued my education and received an Associate in Arts, a Bachelor of Science, and a Doctor of Medicine degrees.

During the Vietnam era, I built the arming devices for the Dragon and Harpoon missiles. It was a McDonnell Douglas contract.

I initially settled in Millard Canyon above Jet Propulsion Laboratory at 2700 feet, and owned one of the dozen historic cabins in the Angeles National Forest. During that time, I became a member of the Altadena Mountain Rescue Team. Once a year, I would throw a party, and several hundred people would attend, notably the Zorthians of Altadena would arrive on horseback.

I served as a letter carrier in my hometown of Glendale, California and was a member of the Glendale Jaycees. I took to backpacking, and successfully ascended the Summit of Mt Whitney (at least) 13 times. I have a picture of William Weinstein, Mike Mc Nicholas, and myself at the top of Kearsarge Pass to prove our tenacity.

While attending California State University, Los Angeles, I worked as a laboratory technician in the Tissue Culture Laboratory. I also studied and acquired a California State Smog Technician's license. I have a current California Commercial Vehicle Operator's license, with endorsements in Tanks, Sets of Doubles, & hazardous materials.

Previously, I enjoyed flying a Mooney 201, compliments of my Uncle, and a Robinson 22 compliments of my youngest brother, Class of '77. At the County level, it was an honor to receive a Commendation from Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

One thing which makes me unusual is that I was the Pasadena City College recipient of the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award.

I was humbled to receive a Presidential Award from the great Gerald Ford. He would be one of the finest men I have ever met.

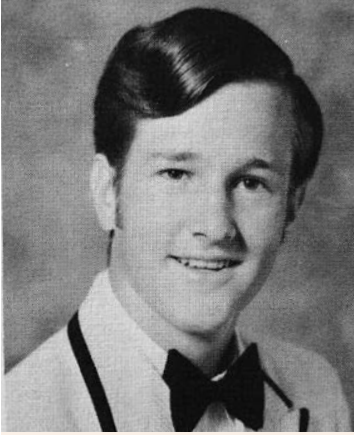
My children are Dierdre Anne, Marissa Rose, Phillip Anthony, Thomas Anthony, Benjamin Andre and Danica Mayo.

My hobbies include tinkering in electronics, home improvement, and repairing old cars and trucks.

Currently, I am Director of the San Geronio Hospital District, Secretary of a National Physicians Organization, Member of a Prayer Group, Husband, and Patriarch of the Capobianco Family.

As a Physician, perhaps my most useful competency level was Pediatric Advanced Life Support, as I recall losing my baby sister when she was only 6 months old. If asked what is my most notable achievement, I would have to say, saving lives, with the help of God.

## ROBERT CAVANAUGH



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After completing my undergraduate and graduate programs in Business Administration, I worked at Boeing for over 30 years starting in Downey, as a Program Planning & Control analyst working detail schedules on the Space Shuttle Program. We worked with the thermal protection system (TPS) that included various ground breaking advancements which shielded the Orbiter from the extreme temperatures on re-entry after the space missions. Over the years, my teams worked the GPS satellite constellations, Commercial Satellite programs, C-130 Avionics Program and AWACS, Naval Ship Radar Upgrades, Anti-Nuclear Missile Interception Programs, and finished my career on ICBM Improved Target Acquisition and Radar Protection programs, building a better and safer world. Currently, I am the Treasurer of the Oregon State Pilot's Association.

Parenting my son and daughter, and watching them grow has given me great satisfaction. We have located to Salem, where my daughter (Christy), her husband (Robert) and her 3 sons live. My son is a Graphic Designer in Los Angeles, and had our 4th grandson. I am an avid gun owner with a family history of gun range ownership. My M-1 Garand and 1906 A-3 are two highly collectible pieces in my collection. Our gun range "Burro Canyon Gun Range" is still there on 66 acres in Azusa Canyon.

Just like at La Salle, I still like motorcycles and riding my Harley Super Glide. Cruising has replaced my desire to get to point B from point A in record time! You may remember when I raced John Christiansen and out raced him in an \$800 Kawasaki Mach 3. On the last day of school, prior to graduation, I ran my motorcycle up the embankment, west of the gym, and in full leathers and checkered helmet, I put on a dirt bike exhibition. Brother Harold called my house and spoke with my Mom about the incident, but nothing ever happened, and I graduated uneventfully.

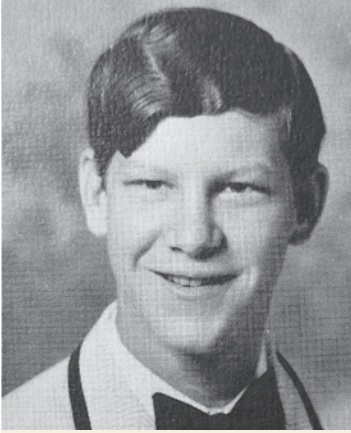
After retirement from Boeing, I obtained a pilot's license and enjoy flying all types of General Aviation aircraft. I now own a Vans RV12 iS Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) N1426C which allows me to travel far in less time. I like flying down to visit my son in LA, and my brother in Texas. I also like flying along the coast down to Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Oxnard, heading inland to visit friends. My Aunt Kay, now 102 years old, advised me to keep looking for challenges, so my bucket list may expand as I continue investigating possible options.

Although I haven't touched base with many classmates since graduation, I have been in touch with Phil Capobianco. Phil "Capo" has put in the extra effort to keep in touch with the class of '71 and he deserves credit. BTW, Capo I'm glad you fessed up to almost trashing my Kawa when I let you take it for a spin. I always wondered why you had a sheepish grin when you came back after trying to impress the girls up at Alverno ;)

Bob Nuccio was another classmate that I remember. My future wife and I used to run down to Los Angeles and have dates at Little Joe's, and see Bob from time to time. I proposed to Annemarie at Pelligrino's. There is something romantic about Italian Food, I guess! I admired Bob because he never seemed judgmental to people from where they came or what they said. I would have liked to keep in contact with more alumni, but life gets in the way.

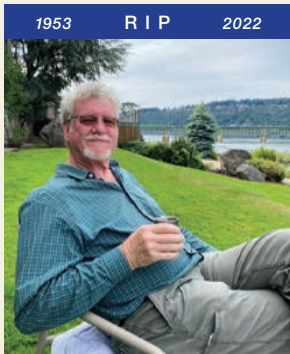
Sadly, I was unable to contact Tom Schweiner prior to his demise. It is a sobering reminder that we should reconnect with people we prefer as soon as possible because our time on this planet is finite. It would have been nice to associate with another member of the Class who is also fond of flying!

# RICHARD COLLINS



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I graduated from Pasadena City College with an Associate of Arts degree in 1973, and obtained my Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Accounting from Long Beach State University in August 1975. I didn't have much fun in so doing, except when I was riding my Motobecane Grand Touring bicycle, which was my primary means of transportation.



I began my career in Public Accounting in September 1975 at Clarence Rainess & Company, a national firm that specialized in all aspects of the apparel industry. It was a "sink or swim" experience, and I advanced rapidly. (There, I met my future wife, Aleta Potter.) Then, after 4 ½ years, on April 14, 1980, I decided that with \$5,000 in the bank, I could quit the next day and go on a cross-county bicycle ride! And so I did.

By September 1980, having completed the trip, I had \$100 in the bank when I joined up with Kenneth Leventhal and Company, the leader in providing accounting, audit, tax and consulting services to the real estate industry. Two years later, I made the textbook transition to work for a client as Controller, and eventually Vice President and Treasurer – a developer known for its rehabilitation of historic buildings in Los Angeles: The Oviatt Building; The Pellisier Building and Wiltern Theatre; The Fine Arts Building. These were high profile projects, and we were trendsetters. But our real bread and butter projects were industrial parks, shopping centers, and office buildings.

As times changed in the 1990's, the real estate industry became more institutional and less entrepreneurial, and my last salaried job came to an end in 1994. The good news is that Aleta and I married in 1990, and today we live in the circa 1888 Eastlake-style Victorian house built by my great-grandparents. I moved the house in October 1987 from its original location in Euclid Heights to the historic district of Angeleno Heights, the first "suburb" of Los Angeles.

Aleta and I spend much our time at home, and not often enough at her beach house on the Central Coast of Oregon. When Aleta retires (next year?) it will be different. We also enjoy cross-country skiing and other winter activities in Yellowstone National Park.

I continue to bicycle on solo, self-contained long-distance trips. I also have interest in my American genealogy, and we participate in events with the Society of Colonial Wars, and the Society of the War of 1812.

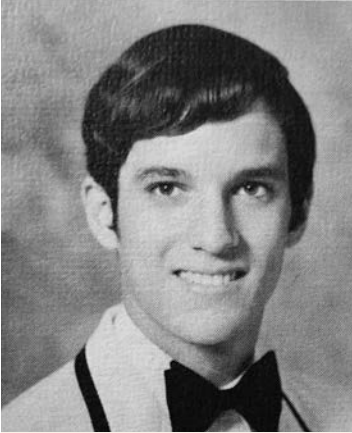
On April 23rd, while cycling his Griffith Park route, Rich suffered cardiac arrest. With the help of bystanders, Park Rangers and LAFD, he was revived and transported to hospital. Although initially stable, his condition worsened and he passed away May 4, 2022.

RIP

## Obit

<https://www.afterall.com/obituaries/RichardCollins73510>

## DAVID CURRAN



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In 1960, my family moved to Monrovia to be closer to my father's business. After completing elementary school at Immaculate Conception, I went on to La Salle, which was one of the most important and influential times in my life. I have many fond memories of an excellent teaching staff, the wonderful Christian Brothers, good friends and exciting times.

When we were at La Salle, society was experiencing a very tumultuous time, economically, social and politically. Our school helped us navigate that time with character and strength.

Next for me was Cal State Pomona where it soon became apparent what a great and rounded education I had been given. In 3-1/2 years, I graduated with a degree in Behavioral Science being the first of my Curran family ever to earn a college degree. During these years, I raced off road vehicles. At other times in my life, I played slow pitch softball, hiked, fished, hunted, did photography and enjoyed road bikes.

After college, I tried different career jobs and decided to return to the family business of designing and manufacturing fine quality award jewelry, trophies and awards.

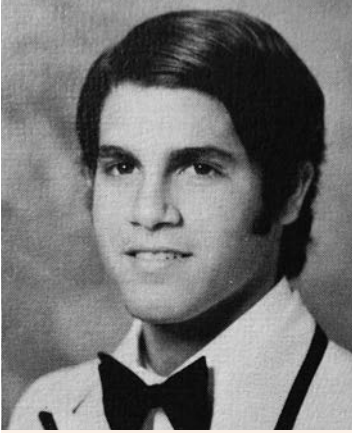
My father's side of the family is Irish. In 1983, I married Carole, my wife and mother of Sean, Caitlin and Kevin. Soon after the birth of our first child, we moved into the house I had been raised in where we still live.

Carole graduated from Cal State Chico studying Computer Science, she went on to many achievements including being an Honorary Director for the Tournament of Roses. Sean graduated at Galway Mayo Institute of Technology in Ireland (close to our family home) with a college degree in Furniture Design and Manufacturing, Caitlin attended the University of Redlands for a degree in Music Education and went on to complete her Masters. Kevin is in his last semester at Cal State Chico with a major in Media Arts Design and Technology. He just landed a job with a major television news network. Both boys are Eagle Scouts and I was a scout leader for 25 years.

While a Scout Master, I was often asked by my scouts, how do I choose a college? My answer was "Don't look at what it takes to enter a school. Look at what that school produces."

I thank the Good Lord and La Salle for the many gifts it gave me and my family.

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Thanks to the fine college counseling at La Salle, I only applied to USD but did not get in so I took advantage of free tuition at PCC and the well stocked refrigerator at our family home. While at PCC, I was a tutor in Latin and Italian since I was able to fake both languages with ease. I tutored a few art teachers for their summer trips to Italy and got "A" in every art class during the two years at PCC.

After earning that priceless AA degree at PCC, I applied to Cal State Long Beach for my third year of college as a History major but that summer I was delayed in Italy during a Cholera outbreak and missed the first three weeks of college. Unable to catch up, I went back to PCC and took a few more language classes. That Fall, I transferred to UCLA as a Spanish major after taking Spanish in summer school. After graduating from UCLA with a Spanish major, I gave up on the plan of teaching and was hired by Western Airlines where I worked while attending Law School.

After passing the California State Bar exam, I had to get a real job in an office and then learned the skills of being an attorney defending people and companies who got sued.

In 1988, I got married to my wife who was an Alverno graduate and in 1993, our daughter was born.

After working for a few law firms and taking a couple of their insurance clients with me, I opened my own office and worked approximately 13 years in the Pasadena area. During that time, I became a licensed general contractor. A large part of my practice involved defending contractors and subcontractors during the wave of construction defect litigation. Those cases flourished after the 2008 financial collapse as people scurried to blame others for their loss of property values in newly built homes and condominiums. As the California insurance market shifted and coupled with a change in personnel, I shut down my office.

I was hired by the State DOT where I worked on construction engineering lawsuits and major accidents. It was a nuthouse place to work because of the complexity and financial exposure involved. After taking a month off and threatening to retire, I returned and requested only the construction cases. I was responsible to defend "Design Sequence" projects. Under the Design Sequence program, contractors bid for and won projects with only 1/3 of the approved construction plans and were given the second and third sets after they completed the prior sequence. There were three such projects which resulted in claims that exceeded the original contract price.

I trained the new and older attorneys at Caltrans on how to handle public works construction cases. I was assigned to assist a young lawyer in Sacramento to defend the Contractor's high dollar claims in the Oakland Bay Bridge litigation. That structure leaked millions of dollars due to the flawed third party design. The Bents or support columns of the bridge had three-inch diameter bolts imbedded in concrete surrounded by a metal tube which were designed to fasten down the bridge structure shear keys. After a few years, those bolts were exposed to rain water and a marine environment. Water was absorbed into the bolts and caused hydrogen embrittlement that caused the bolts to lose their ductility and break when fastened to 80% of their capacity. The broken bolts were abandoned and were replaced by an external fastening system that only cost \$25 million.

In 2018, I bought a place in Fallon, Nevada. In May 2019, I retired and started packing for retirement. In 2020, I sold my house in Sierra Madre, and moved to Fallon where in 2021, I started construction of a custom home which is going slower than molasses.

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La Salle High School did indeed prepare me for my life as an adult. The teachers at La Salle opened up the adult world to me and set an example for me to live my life as it should be not necessarily as it is.

Graduating in 1971, I was considering four different career paths: The Military, Law Enforcement, social work and teaching. Before graduation my father suddenly died and I needed to be at home with my mother. It was a time of political and social upheavals, so for me the military and law enforcement did not seem like a good career choice.

What made me pursue teaching over social work was the inspiration the faculty at our high school gave to me. The Christian Brothers and the lay teachers were some of the best teachers I ever had.

I graduated from Cal State L.A. with a Bachelors degree in History in 1975 and a Masters degree in Religious history, Asian and Latin American history in 1987.

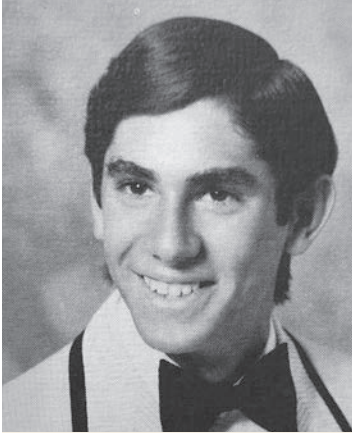
I began my teaching career in 1977 with the L.A.U.S.D. The first school I was assigned to was a Continuation High school behind Lincoln High School in Lincoln Heights.

This school was to be the only school I would ever work for. I spent 38 years teaching Social Studies, P.E, Health, and Science. It was the best job in the world! We did change lives.

I met my wife 37 years ago when we were both T.A.s. We have 2 adult children and 1 grandson.

I love the wilderness that I was introduced to as a Boy Scout. I camp, hike, backpack, fish, and explore wherever it is wild. I hope to learn how to fly fish with my good friend and classmate Roland Gutierrez soon.

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After months of fighting his  
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Raul passed peacefully on  
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RIP

Growing up in Rosemead, I attended St. Luke's Catholic School in Temple City. I participated as an altar boy, in flag football, softball, track, Cub and Boy Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle Scout by graduation.

Next stop was the University of Southern California (Psychology, International Relations), becoming a member of Theta Xi Fraternity. I enjoyed a network of La Salle classmates and alums at USC, many of whom remain close friends, and others I still see at social events and Trojan functions.

Senior year at La Salle and through college I worked in retail pharmacy until moving to wholesale drug distribution (warehouse operations, logistics, retail account management). My next opportunity was as a Professional Pharmaceutical Sales Representative (general/internal medicine, Los Angeles County Dermatology Specialty Representative).

During this time, I also became the owner/operator of Adult Residential Care Facilities in the Pasadena area. Two targeting the mentally ill and one the elderly.

In 1978, I married Carrie and started a family. Eddie (USC/sales), Elena (Registered Nurse), Adam (University of Wisconsin/Football scholarship/commercial real estate) and Miles (Orthopedic Tech).

Most rewarding has been community service and involvement in the kids sports and activities. Kiwanis Club (Past President, Pasadena High School Key Club Kiwanis Advisor), Little League (Coach co-ed T-Ball and girls' softball), American Youth Soccer Organization (Coach boy and girls, Division Director, referee, Referee Administrator), California Youth Soccer Org. (referee), Holy Angels School (School Board Member, Cub Scout Leader, Fiesta Booth Manager), La Salle High School (Basketball Snack Shack).

A merger and generous separation package allowed me to ease into a less regimented lifestyle taking time off, classes of interest at Pasadena City College (Paralegal, Real Estate, Hospital Administration, general education), working on part-time providing dedicated courier services from closed door pharmacies to skilled nursing facilities.

Since divorcing and fully retiring, I have lived in San Gabriel with my girlfriend of 27 years, Anna. We enjoyed travel (U.S. and Europe) supporting my son Adam's athletic adventures (Club soccer, NCAA Div. 1 football). We still travel to USC Football Away games with fraternity brothers and enjoy vacation cruises and travel.

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I went to Loyola University of Los Angeles. It became Loyola-Marymount University while I was there. Mike Kennedy was my roommate for part of Freshman Year. I earned a BBA, with Financial Planning and Literature as my areas of study. I graduated on time in 1975 thanks to some understanding professors. I actually began to work, in essence, full time as a Junior. I joined Campus Ministry while I was there and discovered that I could sing. That later served me in an unexpected way.

I thought I would follow my father into banking, but that was not to be. I went into Credit and Collections, and that culminated in more than 11 years managing collections for Village Nurseries followed by more than 14 years resolving tax matters for the State of California. I was able to retire at 62.

My ability to sing led me into square dance calling, and I traveled up and down California doing that for 14 years. I also studied broadcasting. I never got on the air, but I was a mobile DJ for 8 years. I had a lot of fun with both.

I married my wife Diane in 1998. We moved to Sacramento from Anaheim in 2001 and are looking forward to our 25th Wedding Anniversary in 2023. She retired at 62, as well. No children; we are caregivers for her mother, who lives with us. We love music, reading, and film watching. We have built a library; every room in the house has at least one bookcase in it. That is full. Travel is limited, but we love day trips to breweries and wineries. I am a cantor for my parish.

I came to La Salle as a Junior from Daniel Murphy High School. My favorite memory is just enjoying my time there. It was a chaotic period, but I think we showed how life was supposed to be. We had our differences, but we worked them out. Life should really be that simple.

If I was going to give advice, I would say two things. Work to discover yourself and your passion but be OK with being wrong. I certainly did not anticipate a lot of what I have done and done well. The other thing is this. See yourself and everyone around you as an individual. Do unto them as you would have them do unto you. I honestly feel that a lot of our problems, given the chance, can solve themselves. We just need to take that approach.

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Tell me my fellow Class of '71, were our La Salle graduation parties as much fun as I was told? As I'm sure many of you wondered at the time, "Where is Galindo?"

Well, I was grounded that evening as a result of receiving an empty diploma cover at the graduation ceremony.

Unfortunately, I didn't think an advance warning to my parents was necessary. As I recall, Fr. John Meise felt that my efforts in his elective Religion class that last semester should delay my matriculation. I did make up the class that summer.

I went to St. Mary's College, Class of '76, and have remained in the SF Bay Area ever since. My career has been in Credit & Collection management, initially for specialty retail (e.g., General Mills, Gump's) and in the last 20 years, for large law firms via consultancy.

My best move to date was in 1990 when I married my wife, Diana. We have a grown son, two grandchildren and have lived in Oakland for over 30 years.

The Lasallian pull is strong, as our son went to St. Mary's High School in Berkeley. I've recently retired and I'm attempting to fill my time with meaningful activities.

I remember asking at a La Salle reunion years ago who were those old guys across the room. I'm looking forward to spending an evening with my fellow '71 old guys!

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After La Salle I attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA in the Russian Studies Program. After graduating, I moved to Berlin and worked as a Russian translator.

While living in Berlin, I traveled as much as I could, visiting most of the Western European countries. After two years of that I wanted to return to Southern California to be with family and to continue my education.

I earned a B.S. degree in Accounting from CSULA and for the next forty years I was a financial manager mostly as a Controller or CFO in the logistics and transportation Industry.

Two years ago, instead of retiring, I started working with a non-profit company as the Director of International Finance. The non-profit's mission is to offer fair wage employment to people experiencing extreme poverty to produce, plant and protect native species of trees. In this way, both lives and lands are transformed. The organization is currently in nine countries and planting over 30 million trees a month.

I have two sons. The eldest, Stephen (class of 94) attended USC and has post graduate degrees from Kings College Cambridge and Oxford and is a publisher with a UK publishing firm. My youngest, Michael, attended USD and has a financial services firm.

My traveling did not end after I left Berlin, as I have traveled internationally to many countries. I've been to Russia six times, the Ukraine three times and well as Turkey and back to many countries in both Eastern and Western Europe.

I am passionate about fly fishing and I'm always planning on the next river to fish and my yearly trip to Montana.

Much of my life has included endurance sports including running, swimming, mountain biking, cycling and hiking. I've run twelve marathons, scores of half marathons, one ultra, with my proudest achievement being a three time Ironman finisher.

My wife Catherine has been my cheerleader in my life and in my races as my race support person.

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I've had a very fun and enjoyable journey from my La Salle graduation 51 years ago to today.

Four years after graduating from the University of Oregon, I went to New Hampshire to work for a guy named Mo Udall, who was running for president against Jimmy Carter (A good piece of meaningless trivia).

I met my future and only wife on the campaign, and when Mo lost, we moved to NYC. We married, had 2 kids, and I pursued a career as an investment banker, becoming a partner in a Wall Street firm. I think it was John McCormick who told me I was raping and pillaging the world. I probably was, but I had a great time doing it.

I semi-retired about 10 years ago, moved back to California with my wife and bought a "ranch" – that's what the neighbors called them – in Sonoma County. It was "Green Acres" all over again – I enjoyed farm life, but I was clearly a novice. Over time I learned. I sold my fruit, some of it even won awards and it all worked out well.

Then COVID hit, and we found it tough to see our kids who lived in NYC.

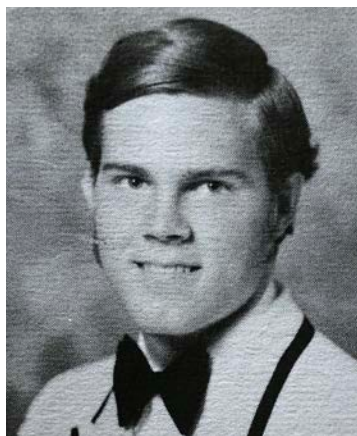
So last year, we made the move to be closer to our children. We went as far as you could from California, and bought a home in Maine, near the coast.

I'm sitting here in our first big snow storm writing this bio.

My most enjoyable moments since La Salle – besides my wife and kids – was being a duck and then serving on the University Board of Trustees.

My only regret is I haven't seen many of my HS classmates in a while. I hope that changes now.

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1971 was one of the most memorable years of my life — I graduated from La Salle, met Janey, now my wife of 46 years, and started college at USC. Janey and I graduated from 'SC four years later and immediately got married. I then took my B.S. degree in Biology (and my new wife) to Duke University where I embarked on a career in the sciences. After a year of studying in NC, we returned to California and spent four and a half years living in Costa Mesa while I earned a Ph.D in Molecular Biology & Biochemistry at UC Irvine. It was a lot of hard work mixed with many fun times with fellow La Salle alums Raul Espinoza, Matt McInerney and Mark Krouse (still see all three).

After grad school, I went to work for Alpha Therapeutic (now Grifols), a biopharmaceutical company in Los Angeles. I started as a Research Scientist working on interferons and blood coagulation proteins. Later, I became Manager and then Director of the company's R&D and Analytical Testing groups. During this time my group developed the first highly purified protein product for treating Hemophilia B, a life-saving drug for many. Yet, while all of this was happening, there was even more excitement in my life as Janey and I had our two children, Daniel in 1983 and Juliana in 1985.

As the children grew up, I continued my career at the same company, becoming Director of Quality Control and, most recently, Vice-President of R&D. It was an active time, working, writing dozens of scientific papers, generating five patents, negotiating with the FDA and trying to get home to San Dimas for dinner. Our son went to Damien H.S. where he played football and our daughter went to St. Lucy's H.S. in Glendora where she played water polo. Both played the same sports in college, Daniel graduating from Claremont-McKenna and Juliana graduating from Colorado State. Daniel has a M.S. in biotechnology and is now Director of Quality Assurance at a biopharmaceutical company in New Hampshire and Juliana is working on a M.Ed. at USC and handles finances at Santa Margarita Catholic H.S. in Orange County.

Looks like Janey and I be watching kids' sports all over again since we now have five grandchildren ranging in age from 3 to 10. Daniel and his wife have two boys and Juliana and her husband have two boys and a girl. We moved in 2019 to Rancho Santa Margarita, putting us close to my daughter's family but, unfortunately, still 3000 miles from my son's. I finally retired in 2020 in order to spend time with the grandkids and my 95-year old father, do some fishing and play a little golf. While working, I traveled to scientific meetings around the world and hope to continue to travel (closer to home) now that I am retired. Janey and I will always have our season tickets to USC football.

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I retired from the University of Southern California in June of 2020 as a Professor of Clinical Pathology. Most recently, I was Medical Director of the Clinical Chemistry section of the Core Laboratory at the LAC+USC Medical Center, teaching Pathology residents the basic concepts and operational aspects of Clinical Chemistry, including protein electrophoresis.

Previously, I had directed the LAC+USC Medical Center Immunology section and the USC Keck Medical Center Flow Cytometry section helping with the diagnosis of Leukemias/Lymphomas and HIV disease. Early in my career, I also worked to bring in Molecular Pathology techniques into the Clinical Labs. My research work was in Sickle Cell Disease, tumor suppressor gene mutations in cancers, and molecular Influenza virology during my PhD work at UCLA.

We raised two talented sons and paid for their educations at USC and Stanford and we helped care for our parents in Alhambra until their passing.

I do a lot of gardening projects at our house and try to stay as healthy as possible. I try to be as up-to-date on investment trends for retirement resources.

Playing on the League Champion Varsity Baseball team Sophomore year, Drama Performances, Senior Prom, Valedictory Address on Graduation Day and Grad Night at Disneyland are a few of my favorite memories from La Salle.

My wife, Linda, who I started dating in my junior year at La Salle, is the love and center of my life. We are very proud of our two sons, Chris, a USC BA and MBA graduate, and Corey, a Stanford University BA and University of Miami MD graduate. Chris owns a Film Post-Production company in Santa Monica. Corey and his wife, Amanda, live with their twin sons, Cliff and Griff, in San Luis Obispo where Corey is a Radiologist.

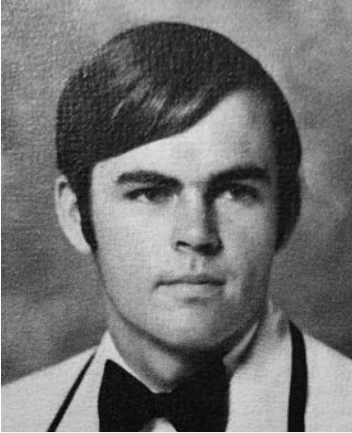
Once this COVID pandemic subsides, we would like to do a little traveling in the US, spend more time in Huntington Beach and make friends for the last stage of our lives.

I was invited to address the La Salle students at their awards ceremony in 2012 and I told them that my best advice was to find your interest and passion as early as possible and direct your career pathway to develop your knowledge and skill in that area instead of waiting for random events and experiences to determine your life's work for you.

Like many others, I had to move away from the comfort of home, neighborhood and high school to grow up and make my mistakes and decisions on my own. My education at La Salle helped prepare me to meet the many challenges. I played on the Frosh Soph baseball team and was a Sigma Chi at Stanford for three years; worked as a Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer Bottler after college before pursuing my PhD at UCLA and my MD at the University of Miami; spent 31 years on the Pathology faculty at the USC Medical Campus.

Over the years, I've kept in touch with all the members of the 50-year Reunion Committee, Bob Mizia and Chris Hugo. It's been fun to reconnect!

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Remarkably, after stints in Oregon, Wyoming, Texas, and San Francisco, my family and I have ended up just 15 minutes from my alma mater in Duarte, California. I grew up in the Pasadena area and attended La Salle along with my two brothers (Kevin '75 and John '82) while living in Altadena. Our family was a member of the St. Elizabeth Parish. La Salle proved to be an incredibly solid launching pad for my future life.

I attended the University of California, Irvine earning an undergraduate degree in environmental science. After graduating I worked for a private firm doing environmental impact reports but discovered that working in a cubicle all day wasn't for me. I went to PCC's career center where they hooked me up with a computer. After putting in all my personal skills and values the computer told me to be a teacher. I listened, went to Cal State LA for a teaching credential and master's degree, and followed that up with a wonderful 37-year career as an educator.

I taught science at Alhambra High School and served as Department Chair for 15 years. Simultaneously, I worked for the College Board training Advanced Placement science teachers and had the opportunity to travel throughout the country. I took pride in bringing skills – discipline, focus, hard work, esprit de corps – that I learned at La Salle to our public schools.

Presently, I am finishing up a 25-chapter book on teaching skills designed to help new and struggling teachers stay in the profession and become successful educators. I have been working on the book for the past three years and have just a few more chapters to complete.

The other huge sphere of my life is the great outdoors. I bicycled across the United States in 1982 from Huntington Beach to Virginia Beach, and then in 1986 from British Columbia to Mexico down the Pacific Coast. Backpacking remains another obsession which has helped me get to the summit of Mt. Whitney twice (2006 and 2018). Right now, my wife (Thuy) and I are backpacking the Pacific Crest Trail (in sections, not all at once) from Mexico to Canada. Luckily this endeavor has not caused our 33-year marriage any problems.

When the pandemic hit, I renewed my childhood love of vegetable gardening and now have our entire backyard under cultivation. We have fabulous salads two or three times a week. The American Outdoor Guide magazine recently (January 2022) ran an article about my unique gardening techniques if any of you are interested.

We have two children. Our son who earned a PhD in clinical psychology works for Sharp medical in the San Diego area. Our daughter followed in my footsteps and teaches high school science in Redondo Beach.

My piece of advice to the La Salle class of 2022 would go something like this: "Move beyond your fears, and know that everyone has insecurities, but those individuals who are able to move forward in spite of their trepidations, will increase their odds of finding a special and unique success in life." Go for it fellow Lancers.

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Upon graduating from La Sale in June of 1971, I went on to attend Loyola Marymount University and received my B.A. in Communications in 1975. Equipped with this degree, my intent was to begin an illustrious career in the broadcast entertainment and film industry. However, as it so happens in life, getting that proverbial “foot in the door” never really happened and I spent the first couple of years after graduating from LMU working for my brother in his roofing business. It was very tough physical labor but, reflecting on it nearly 50 years later, the manual labor skills and overall experience turned out to be quite valuable tools.

In the summer of 1976, I decided to take an extended “vacation” from work and embark on a 7-week camping trip throughout Europe. The trip was organized and led by a Catholic priest and there were 20 travelers in our group, 18 of which were female (enough said about that). When I returned, I learned of a new subscription TV service that was going to start up in early 1977. I thought this might be my big chance to get into the “industry”. I applied for a job and was hired as an installer, installing the ONTV decoder boxes in subscriber homes. I ended up spending eight years at ONTV, having worked my way up from installer to Dispatch Supervisor, Customer Service Manager and eventually Director of Operations. The experience gained at ONTV created the foundation for my future senior leadership career in building and running customer service and contact/call center operations. Additionally, and more importantly, ONTV was where I met and married my beautiful wife Nora in November of 1985.

As my career endeavors progressed, I had the good fortune to be an executive with some great organizations in public sector data management, telecommunications, retail home fitness equipment and business process outsourcing. In June of 1995, my wife and I decided to venture out of our comfort zone and move to Utah. It was a little scary at first but, having lived here in beautiful Sandy, UT for the last 27 years, we both agree it was a great life decision (and yes, we’re still practicing Catholics).

Late in 2005, I decided to start up my own customer service consulting practice, BCC Consulting. Over the last 17 years, I have once again had the opportunity to work with some exceptional companies and have even been involved in some peripheral businesses like retail material handling and distribution services. Meanwhile, my wife has worked as the Office Manager for our parish, St. Thomas More, for the last 21 years. More recently, I received my realtor license in 2019 and I’m now dabbling in residential real estate.

On the personal side, my wife and I were never blessed with having our own children. So, to fill this gap, our “family” over the last 34 years has benefited from the unconditional love of four golden retrievers – Mackey, Kobe, Sammy and now Gibson. In my spare time, I like to golf, do a little bit of skiing, participate in an ice curling league and, of course, continue to be an avid sports fan. Our neighbors constantly criticize me and Nora because we have not given up our allegiance to the teams we followed while growing up in the L.A. area – the Dodgers, Lakers, Rams and the Trojans.

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I grew up in Arcadia, attending Holy Angels grade school. My parents moved to Ohio during 7th grade and we lived in Cincinnati for the next 2 years. We returned to Arcadia and I enjoyed the next 2 ½ years at La Salle, until my parents moved back to Cincinnati, where I finished senior year in high school. Hence, I am a La Salle attendee, not a graduate.

Following high school, I attended the University of Dayton, majoring in accounting followed by three years in Ann Arbor, MI at the University of Michigan Law School. I then spent one year in Grand Rapids, MI, clerking for a federal judge on the 6th Circuit.

I met my wife, Shelley, in Grand Rapids. After the clerkship, we moved to California, where we have resided generally in the Pasadena area since 1979 (with one small recent diversion, living in Croatia).

Starting in 1979, I practiced law for about 6 years, then took a job at a real estate investment company, Public Storage. I had a great career for about 7 years, but yearned to be an entrepreneur.

So, in 1992, I resigned to run my own businesses. I bought a golf club company and a Halloween costume retailer. I also made Halloween costumes for dogs. I built a sub-prime mortgage company and a real estate investment business. Some ideas succeeded, some failed. On balance, the entrepreneurial focus paid off and for the past 25 years, I have owned and managed Everest Properties, which owns multi-family, self storage and retail assets around the USA.

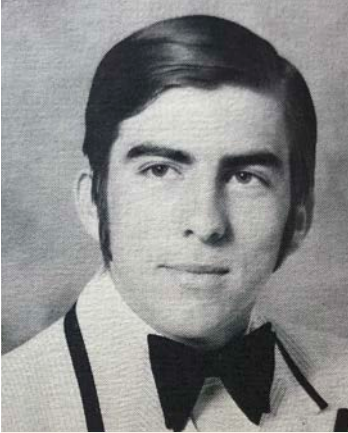
Along the way, Shelley and I raised 2 sons (both of whom attended La Salle). They were active in high school sports (football, basketball, baseball and tennis) and I even served a stint as the La Salle varsity tennis coach and served 9 years on the Board of Trustees. The boys eventually graduated from Loyola Marymount University and University of Kansas. Today, both sons work at Everest Properties and have taken over management of the business.

This brings me to my most recent adventure, serving as the US Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, I was appointed by President Trump in 2018 and served for 3 years; Shelley and I lived in Zagreb during this term in office. It was the experience of a lifetime.

We are back in Pasadena now. I am consulting with Everest Properties but mostly spend time playing golf, tennis and basketball and focusing on the grandchildren (8 and 6 years old), who have a great interest in many sports.

My next "job", I hope, will be working on the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics as a volunteer. We'll see where life takes us, but for now, Shelley and I are healthy and ready to travel, be active and spend time with family and friends.

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My time at La Salle was challenging, but I think the late 60's was a challenging time in general. Despite the challenges, I don't have any regrets going there. From La Salle, I attended UCLA where I graduated in 1974 with a double major in Economics and Quantified Analysis. I was able to become a Ford Foundation Fellow and earned a M.A. in City Planning from San Jose State.

I worked in the public sector for about eight years before being recruited to head-up Citibank's Community Lending Program in California and then went on to become the initial President / CEO of a statewide bank lending consortium specializing in providing permanent loans to affordable housing developments. In 1994, I started my own consulting practice and have worked for local jurisdictions, developers, tax credit investors, state and federal agencies and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals doing project development, loan financial structuring, developing loan underwriting guidelines, and completing mergers and acquisitions.

I've served on a variety of boards, commissions and committees for nonprofit, private and government entities. During the Clinton Administration, I served on special task forces for HUD, FDIC / RDA and Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. I continue to serve on nonprofit boards including chairing a nonprofit board that provides housing and needed social services to formerly homeless veterans and families.

My wife, Joan, and I have been married for over 46 years and we have two kids who are now young adults and have their own families. We have six grandkids and we spend as much time as possible with them. Fortunately, they all live nearby. We hang out with our kids and grandkids on Monterey Bay and in South Lake Tahoe as we all enjoy the beach and the outdoors. When our kids were growing up I coached a variety of teams including teams for sports that I really didn't know much about at the time and was president of our kids swim team, even though I'm not a very good swimmer.

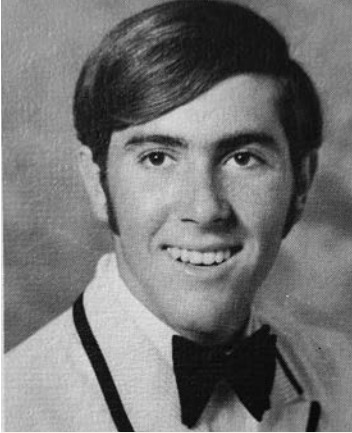
We've been fortunate to have traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad and were able to usually bring our kids along and now our grandkids. I remain an avid distance runner and have run in 10Ks and half-marathons around the Western States (I don't run marathons because it takes way too long to recover from them). Not running very fast any more, but still able to finish.

Going forward, I plan on continuing to travel and hanging out at the beach as well as serving on nonprofit boards who have a clear mission to help others.

The best advice I can give to someone starting high school is to always be yourself and more importantly believe in yourself and pursue a life path that makes sense for you. And don't forget to give back to your community. There are lots of ways to give back.

Finally, a quick story about how I met my wife. My wife went to Ramona in Alhambra and lived about two miles from my parent's house. However, the only reason that I ever met her is because of our classmate, Chris Hugo, who lived around the corner from her and called me up on a night that my wife's parents were out of town. Well, one thing led to another and as I said, we've been married for 46 years. She's an amazing person and I am a better person because of her, plus she had three brothers who all attended La Salle (Pat '66, Tom '68 and Jim '75 Hegarty).

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After La Salle, my academic path was two years at UC Irvine, then UC Davis for a B.S. in biology. A decision for a podiatric medicine and surgery career led to school in San Francisco and residency in Los Angeles, and a private practice opportunity in Chula Vista where I have now practiced for 42 years.

I diversified my private practice experience as a Clinical Instructor in the orthopedic department at UC San Diego School of Medicine for 25 years. I directed podiatric services at the UCSD Diabetes Center, staffed the UCSD Orthopedic Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic and residency training programs at Scripps-Mercy Hospital. I learned more from working with these bright young students and residents than they learned from me (no surprise, right?).

La Salle emphasized leadership, which I tried to exercise in medical politics. After working through committees, directorships and offices of my county and state associations I was humbled by the chance to serve as president of the California Podiatric Medical Association in 2002. Legislative office visits in Sacramento and in Washington D.C. were challenging, and often frustrating. After a decade I wanted to scream at legislators about everything except my assigned "ask", so I knew it was time move aside and let our young members take the reins! Now I just yell at my TV.

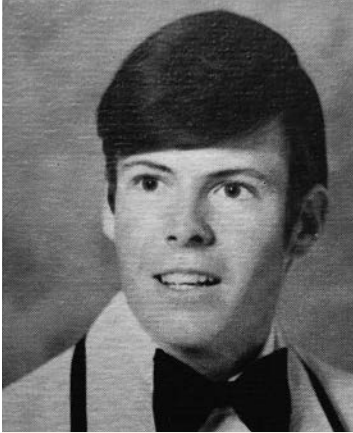
Blessed more than I could ever deserve by my wife of 34 years, Karen. We raised three daughters and one son. The last left the nest just a year ago, so we're still "recovering" from 56 years of pre-K through high school tuition, four college educations, three weddings, and tons of pet food...so I'm still working (also like the job!).

We have five grandchildren, and a realistic prayer for another 5 or more. Through our children we're learning about military life. Eldest daughter Kari, a teacher, is married to a Navy pilot, so four of my grandkids are 300 miles away at NAS Lemoore, CA.

Lindsay, an ICU / post anesthesia care nurse, married a US Marine officer who kept our lives on edge last year. Ben was one of the 20 marines wounded in the Kabul, Afghanistan evacuation /explosion last summer. We're heartbroken for the 13 soldiers lost, but relieved Ben was home for the birth of their first child in September, praise God! Orders are transferring them and our granddaughter to Tennessee for the next three years. We're learning service causes sacrifices for families too. Daughter number three Katelyn is a dietician at the VA Medical Center in La Jolla. Thankfully, her husband's career in finance keeps them nearby. My son Garrett stayed in Texas after college, now in a leadership development program in accounting and finance at Raytheon Technologies.

My advice for students is remember your personal and professional lives revolve around close personal relationships, nurture them.

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After graduating from La Salle in 1971, I moved to Oregon to attend the University of Oregon. I quickly fell in love with the whole state of Oregon and its outdoors, spending much of my spare time backpacking, fly fishing, skiing, and hiking. Oregon just seemed to naturally fit me.

I met my wife to be (a native Oregonian) at the University of Oregon, and married Nancy in 1976. We have been together ever since, and have three sons but no grandchildren and sadly none likely.

As a father, I spent as much time as possible with my sons taking them camping and fishing, coaching baseball and soccer, and helping run a Boy Scout troop. I'm proud that two of my sons, Darren and Brian, made it all the way and are Eagle Scouts. My other son, Ian, discovered sports...and girls too early, and didn't quite make it to Eagle, but I'm proud of him for many other reasons including the fact that he's become quite a good fisherman.

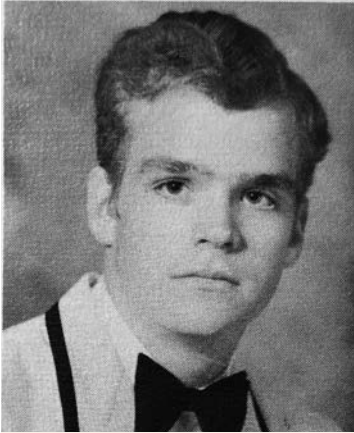
After graduating from college in 1975, I went on to grad school at Willamette University where I earned a law degree and an MBA in 1980. Thereafter, I spent over 30 years in Portland as an attorney who specialized in business, tax, estate planning and also conservation work, and retired in 2015.

Since retiring, I have been continuing my education and have been taking lots of classes that I didn't have an opportunity to take in college. My advise to young people is to stay curious and never stop learning. Learning is the fountain of youth. It is also important to develop lots of hobbies and interests, so you can retire "to" something and not "from" something.

My interests are still centered around curiosity for and love of the outdoors, and I work with organization like The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and The Blue Mountain Land Trust to help identify potential conservation projects. We also own a fair amount of acreage in eastern Oregon on which we have placed a conservation easement, and where I am currently spending a lot of time trying to create a permanent wildlife safe haven preserve for the local deer, elk, antelope, cougars, bobcats, coyotes, and wild horses.

Finally, as to my memories from my time at La Salle, I have many, and have always felt so fortunate to have been a student at La Salle. My best memories relate to playing tennis, golf, and soccer, to attending a retreat at the Christian Brothers estate in Napa, to camping with numerous high school friends out in the Mohave Desert and on the Colorado River, and of course, to dating Alan Hiti's sister, CeCe! (Alan, please say "Hi".)

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Following graduation, I attended USC, where Ken Stachler and I were off-campus roommates for three years. Ken Rausch and Bob Nuccio were next door neighbors for one year, which provided for some unique study hall fun! I graduated in 1975 with a degree in Business Administration from the Marshall School of Business.

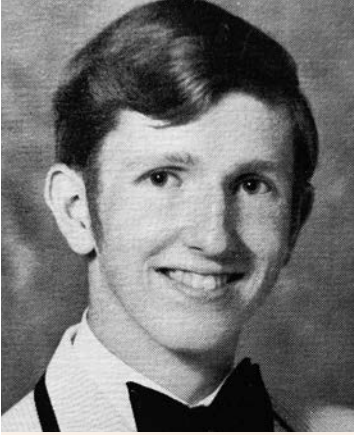
After graduating, I began employment with an agricultural trade association in Irvine, Western Growers Association, which was to become my only place of employment for over 43 years! I enjoyed being involved in many aspects of the industry – immigration, water rights, land use, legislative and regulatory issues, food safety, and international trade. I was given the opportunity to open a branch of the Association in Washington DC, which allowed me to experience living and working in our nation's Capitol for nearly a year.

In 2019, I retired as Senior Executive Vice President, and remain actively involved in the agricultural industry as a board member of a group that facilitates international trade.

My wife Luanne and I have one son, who married our beautiful daughter-in-law in January 2021 (during Covid), and they reside in Dallas. Upon retiring, we began traveling internationally, until Covid curtailed many of our plans. We are looking forward to many more trips in the future!

In the meantime, Luanne and I continue to serve the community of Laguna Beach by delivering Meals on Wheels. I enjoy gardening and am happy to be retired in the beautiful city of Dana Point!

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My collegiate experience began with 4 years at UC Davis followed by 3 years of Pharmacy School at Idaho State followed by a 2 year hospital pharmacy residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Upon finishing my residency, I went to work at Yale University Hospital in middle management and oversaw their home care program.

In 1982, I returned to California and worked at UCLA Medical Center and Nuclear Pharmacy, Inc.

From 1984 through 1989, my wife and I founded and managed a home infusion company.

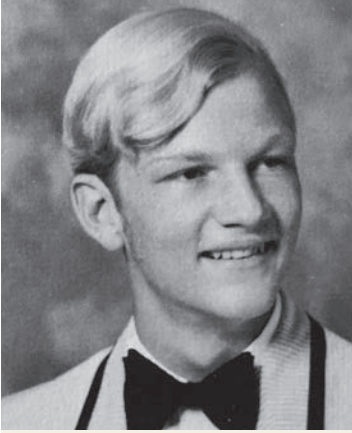
In 1989, we moved to Louisville, Ky and started two separate home infusion companies.

In 2004, we sold our third infusion company and retired in 2006.

On the personal side, I have been married for 35 years and have 3 children and 1 grandkid. My wife and I enjoy travel, fishing, skiing and golf.

I have stayed in contact with Tom Tiernan, Tom Morgan, Shawn Sullivan, Jim Keens, Jack Mallek, Mark Liska, and Phil Capobianco.

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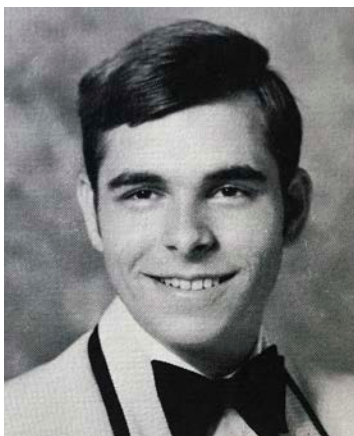
Eventually, I followed in my father's and uncle's footsteps going into horse racing. I became a Steward in 1984 and have held that position at racetracks throughout the state since then.

My wife Margaret and I have three grown children, two boys and a girl. We also have a granddaughter and grandson we see regularly. We built a house in the country near Lodi, California 25 years ago. Along with our kids, we have lived with a menagerie of pets. We are lucky to live in an area full of grape vines and cherries.

Golfing, swimming and traveling are my favorite activities. I think traveling actually tops the list of favorites. I made sure to visit all 50 states (bucket list item). Although we've traveled extensively; so far our top three are China, Portugal / Spain and Costa Rica.

When I'm not working or traveling I still love a good baseball game or concert.

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In 1971, I entered the Christian Brothers Order. “Called” to formal, religious life, especially in a teaching order, I was attracted to a career in Catholic education. “Our” Brothers Martin Fallin, Anthony Q., and Noel Gary had a strong influence on my choice. Now I was to be “known in the world” as “Brother Robert!”

Saint Mary’s College, Moraga, and Mont La Salle in Napa, CA., became my new “playground” in religious formation and professional preparation. Additionally, I was blessed with the opportunity to study in Europe-University of Madrid, Spain-Mexico and Peru in completing my MA degrees and certification programs; California State University, Sacramento, too. I was a “happy,” Spanish Language and Literature, English, and Theology, etc., Catholic high school teacher at Saint Mary’s College High School, Berkeley, CA. My first teaching assignment in 1976.

But alas, the “call of obedience” came in 1980 from my religious superiors, and “early martyrdom” became a reality as I was “assigned” as the new Vice Principal, Dean of “Discipline,” Admissions, Alumni., etc., at our beloved Alma Mater! Now my professional training and certification shifted to private school administration with “the big kids!” Subsequently, over a challenging 8 year period at La Salle, I moved on to Assistant Principal, and then the “big prize,” principal of my alma mater—a singularly unique honor to claim!

As the “road of life” proceeds for all of us with mostly unpredictable twists and turns, I was then called upon by my religious superiors in 1988 to return to my “first love,” Saint Mary’s, Berkeley, to serve as the new principal of this prestigious school founded by the Brothers in 1863!

Then in 1990, feeling a personal and professional need to “stretch” a bit, I completed a demanding discernment process and left the Christian Brothers after a 20 year “tour of duty.” Life now “tested” for me the slogan, “Bloom Where You Are Planted!”

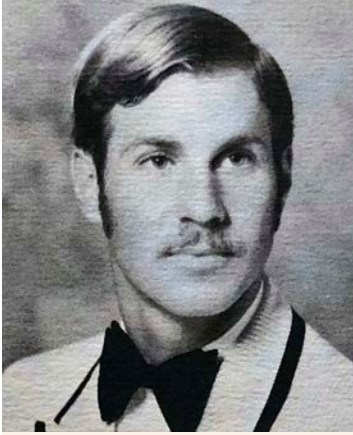
In brief, I moved on to serve more broadly as Superintendent of Catholic Schools, first in Shreveport, LA., and then to a much larger system of 50 Catholic elementary schools and 10 high schools in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon. Proudly, I served Catholic education as “the Super” for a demanding but fulfilling 20 year tenure!

Not totally content with “retirement,” I returned to my “first love” of teaching as a guest/substitute teacher for grades K-12 in both the Lake Oswego and West Linn/Wilsonville ESD’s in 2016. I especially enjoyed teaching in the Spanish language Immersion Programs. Humorously, given my penchant for classroom “accountability” as cultivated in Catholic education, largely the high school and junior high boys “honored” me with the title of “warden” as they “divined” and rumored that I previously served as the Warden of the Mens’ Prison in Salem, OR!!! Once a high school “Dean of Discipline,” the “stripes” are always there!

Finally, “retired” life since 2020, given the constraints of the Pandemic, is pretty “low key” with get togethers with family and good friends. I also enjoy spending more time at my beach condo on the Oregon Coast. A trip back to Spain is high on my bucket list! Volunteer work, too.

Ad Multos Annos to all of my Class of ‘71 Classmates!

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After La Salle, I went to USC where Ken Rausch and I would be roommates for the entire 4 years. I was a fraternity brother with Rausch, Ken Stachler, and Matt McInerney. Graduated USC in 1975 with a BS in Geology.

Attended San Diego State and received a Masters degree in Geology in 1977.

While in college, I worked for the State of California, Department of Water Resources and for ARCO.

Ultimately, I decided to go into the family restaurant business – Little Joe's Restaurant – from 1977 until we closed the business in December 1998.

In 1978, I married Jill, my wife of 43 years. Her family and my family had vacation homes in Lake Arrowhead right next door to each other, so I actually married the “girl next door”. We have 3 grown kids, who all attended La Salle. They are all married and we now have 7 grandkids.

In 1999, I started a real estate property management business which I still run today.

Also in 1999, I became a softball coach at La Salle because my oldest daughter played softball. I continued to coach softball there until 2011.

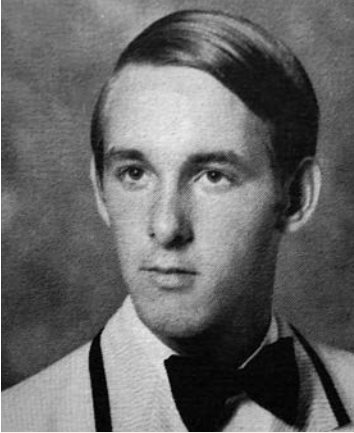
Because I was an alum, the parent of 3 students, and the school's softball coach, the then President, Richard Gray, reached out to me in 2000 to serve on what would become the Board of Regents. I served on this Board until 2011.

In 2013, I was recruited to serve on the Board of Trustees which I still serve on today. During this term, I was vice-chair for 3 years and board chair for 4 years. I was also the co-chair of the Search Committee which was responsible for hiring our new president – Perry Martin.

My wife and I still share an affinity for Lake Arrowhead and 9 years ago we bought our own house up there. We spend as much time up there as we can. Our kids and their families also love the Lake and come and stay with us often. We love the outdoors. We both still water ski and snow ski. We love to travel and intend to see as many places in this world as we can.

I am a member of the San Gabriel Country Club and golf on a regular basis. I enjoy being out on the course with my friends even though none of us are very good.

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After La Salle, I spent way too many years at PCC! I received my Bachelors in Business Management in my mid-forties from a Korean Christian college.

For the last 50 years, I spent the majority of my time self-employed. After working at Bank Of America Card services for 9 years, Duffy Mich and I started a company servicing the Telecommunications network design needs for clients such as Coca-Cola Bottling, Fleetwood Enterprises, and Macy's along with a host of other major retail chains.

We developed software that helped us design Telecom voice networks, Telephone Bill tracking, and Call detail Recording. That industry changed dramatically, and we sold the company. Over the last 15 years, I have spent my time managing D & S Acceptance. I do the bookkeeping and supervising. It is a mini-micro company that I own with a fellow shareholder. Most of our clients are in the Martial Arts industry.

My interest in Hapkido (a Korean Martial Art) led me to obtain Black Belt and the Master Rank. I enjoy investing, repairing old mechanical clocks, teaching Hapkido and playing various video games.

Visiting with relatives is the best, and I am always looking for more grandchildren, we currently have 11. I've been married, divorced and married again. I have 3 children that make me proud. My wife, of eleven years, Jeanette also has 3. Jeanette and I travel with family regularly and look forward to doing more of it post pandemic. We have visited Alaska, Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain, Turkey, and Greece. If you get a chance to visit Ephesus in Turkey, I highly recommend it.

My favorite memory from La Salle would be getting in Duffy Mich's Peugeot with Brad Baldwin and driving around. Sometimes to Bahama Lanes to play pool, and other times up to Alverno to visit the ladies. Family and friends are always the most important thing.

The number one thing I would do differently at La Salle, if I could relive the experience, would be to try to reroute the path of Jonathan Jackson.

My bucket list is wide and deep. It includes Egypt, other spots in Africa, Yellowstone, and Mount Rushmore to name a few. The good thing is I can usually check off a couple items per year. The bad thing is I will never get it all done.

The best advice I could give someone entering high school today: Do the work, schedule your play, plan your future.

I cherish my time at La Salle. It prepared me for the opportunities that came after. It instilled in me the ability to take the chances to start businesses. La Salle gave me a sense of right and wrong that has kept me out of trouble (mostly). I learned the value of working with a team towards common goals. La Salle taught me to value the individual, even if I disagree with them.

Much to my disappointment, I am no longer in close contact with any of my former '71 classmates. But I always look forward to reconnecting at the reunions. I do meet once a year with 5 or 6 class of '70 friends. For 3 days we eat, drink, and reminisce. We rent a home in Palm Springs, or in the local mountains. Mike Roberti and Sam Auriemma play guitar while the rest of us drink coffee and eat junk food. Ron Sardisco, Jim Elwood, my brother Mike, and Jim Edwards complete the group.

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This is a time of transition for me, as I am retiring at the end of May and have a lot of loose ends to tie up.

I am retiring from practice as a child psychologist and autism specialist after 35 years. I moved my family from California to Macon, Georgia in 1996 to help the Medical Center of Central Georgia in starting their developmental medicine clinic. I served as director of psychology for 10 years before going off on my own. I have been in independent practice ever since.

My wife, Linda, and I have been married for 37 years. We have three children and one granddaughter. I don't know if you remember, but I was really into music and in a band throughout high school.



Here is a picture of me playing in a band called, "Masty", at a dance held in the La Salle gym (around 1970-71, I think).

I'm still making music after all these years with some musician friends I met while an undergrad at Loyola Marymount. We are spread out all over the country now (California, Texas, Maryland, and Georgia) but making music via an online platform called Soundtrap. We have a website, [Montana-Band](#), if you care to learn more and to listen to some of our music. Bear in mind that we are four guys pushing 70 and our voices are definitely not what they used to be.

In my spare time, I volunteer at the Allman Brothers Band Museum. Macon was their home base. Capricorn records is located here. Macon is a big music town and home to Little Richard, Otis Redding, and of course the Allman Brothers. Spending time at the museum has been one of the highlights of my life.

Once I retire, I am going to devote more time to building electric guitars. I like working with my hands, not to mention that it is a real joy to play the instruments when they are finished. Here's a picture (above) of one that I completed about a month ago. (To be honest, it was a kit made up of unassembled and unpainted parts. But my goal is to eventually cut and shape the bodies and necks, myself.)

Anyway, please give my regards to old classmates. It's mind-blowing to think that it has been 50+ years. Where did the time go?

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After our LaSalle graduation in 1971, I combined a wanderlust with a complete lack of direction into quite an adventurous 70's and early 80's for me that really accomplished nothing. I could say I was finding myself, but that would be an overestimation. I can say the majority of the time was fun.

As for colleges, it seemed like I shortly attended every public college in California. Abbreviated version is I started out at U.C. Irvine in '71 with a major in drama I think, and graduated from Cal Poly Pomona in 1986 with a degree in mechanical engineering and a few years later got the accompanying professional engineer license. Although that degree would hint at knowledge of cars and engines, I really don't know much about those. I did learn how buildings / facilities utilize and consume energy, water, air and other resources especially in the electronics / semiconductor industry which are big hogs. I worked for Jacobs Engineering and Motorola which then spun into ON Semiconductor figuring out designs for clean rooms, laying out chiller plants, trying to reduce water and power consumption, exhausting and scrubbing maleficent fumes.

As for personal life, in high school I truly thought I'd eventually have a wife and family. Somehow, it did not work out that way, and although I often envy the fullness and richness that life would bring, there have been many wonderful experiences, relationships, wrong paths, right paths that I probably would not have had with the more traditional route.

I taught English in Medellin, Colombia apparently at the same time Pablo Escobar was terrorizing his way to the cartel top in the same city. The relationship I had with my mother at the end of her life was fantastically special. For a brief time, I dated Sandra Bullock (okay, that one's a lie, but I have an active imagination).

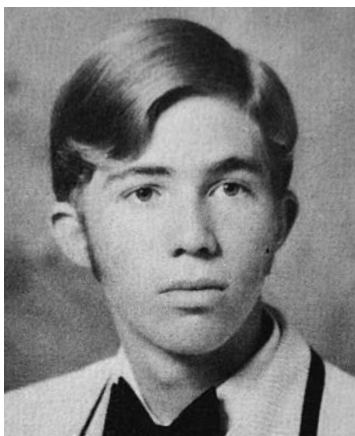
**Some LaSalle time memories:** Cruising around with Steve Herring in his gold or orange Pinto car karaoking at the top of our lungs to the tune of "Try a Little Tenderness", and then witnessing his self-mocking attempts to dance and pick up a beat at the same time. Years of therapy haven't been able to erase that image from my mind.

One time in an English or History or Math class, George Jaqua caught me staring at this fly on the ceiling which had not moved for several minutes. So George looked up there also for a minute, and asked me "Do you think it has brain damage?" Only George could come up with a comment like that. I got in trouble for my burst of laughter.

The summer between junior and senior years, Mark Walton and I took this epic coming-of-age hitchhiking trip from LA to Seattle which included drag queens, cross dressers, loves of our lives for a week, and a house with illicit drugs. Definitely opened up the eyes of a 16 year old boy at the time.

**Retirement plans:** I do want to keep as physically active for as long as possible before the body gives out. I recently completed an Ironman Triathlon (that's another whopper, but I do cycle and play tennis). With my life's flexibility, I was able to take a sabbatical in my late 40's when I knocked off a few bucket list items. One was wine / bicycle touring through Provence and Tuscany. I transferred that experience to here, and I often bicycle tour with friends through the wine country hills of Santa Barbara and Paso Robles. Also, one of my goals is to keep my abundantly thick head of hair with minoxidil (yep, a bald-faced lie...sorry, completely inexcusable).

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After graduating from La Salle, I attended and graduated from USC. While at USC, Bob Nuccio and I were roommates and fraternity brothers at Sigma Alpha Epsilon for 4 years. I also kept in contact with Ken Stachler and Matt McInerney to this day.

Our family owned and operated Edward's Steak House for 64 years where I worked at our Los Angeles location throughout my years at USC, bussing tables, cutting meat, cooking and whatever needed to be done. After graduating from USC, I continued to work at our family restaurant and considered it my career. Our Los Angeles location was opened in 1946 and closed in 1990, after the demographics in the MacArthur Park changed for the worse. In 1973, we opened a second location in El Monte and had a thriving business until 2011 when we closed that location.

Concurrently, while operating the 2 restaurants, I became involved with the California Restaurant Association, the largest state association in the United States, and had the honor of being Chairman of the Board in 2004.

I have 2 fabulous children, Allison (42) and Michael (39). Photos are attached with my family and with Allison, her family and my 2 grandchildren, Connor and Hannah.

Today, I am Chief Executive Officer of the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce, a position that is enjoyable and challenging given of my years in business. I also manage 2 other non-profit organizations, while also sitting on numerous Board of Directors.

In closing, I am proud to be an alum from La Salle. I must say that with all of my dealings in the San Gabriel Valley, La Salle has the uppermost reputation, whereby it is respected and admired by everyone.

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I graduated from California State University, Los Angeles in 1975. I passed the CPA exam on the first try and became a CPA in 1977. I received my Master's degree in Business Administration with a Technology Management Specialization in 2003 from National University.

I have extensive experience as a controller and CFO for several companies. I have had my own full-time CPA business and have continued to maintain a CPA practice.

I have had a Real Estate Broker license since 1980.

For the past seventeen years, I have held the full-time position of Professor of Accounting at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento.

I am a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

I have been actively involved in the California Society of CPAs for over thirty years serving on various state and local committees, including the Technology; and Financial Literacy Committees. I am past chair of both of these committees. I am a past president of the Orange County / Long Beach Chapter and the Sacramento Chapter.

I was a member of two different AICPA task forces to write CPA exam questions for the new computerized CPA exam. I have also taught CPA continuing education courses for the AICPA and others.

In 2007, I created and established the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance [VITA] program at Cosumnes River College and I ran the program for seven years. The last year of my involvement the students prepared over 400 tax returns for low-income taxpayers.

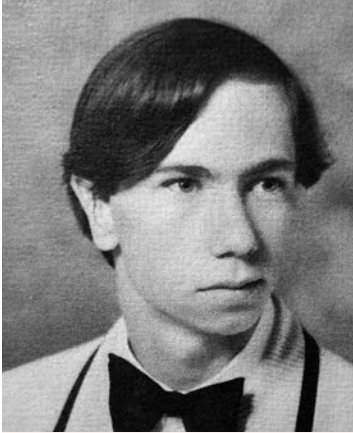
I have created and taught a number of tax and computer related classes and written a number of articles on relevant business and technology topics.

I love to play golf, enjoy model railroading and reading mysteries.

I have been married to my wife, Avise, since 1984. I have a stepdaughter and 2 grandchildren. I now live in the Temescal Valley.

My advice would be to live your dreams and achieve whatever you want to accomplish.

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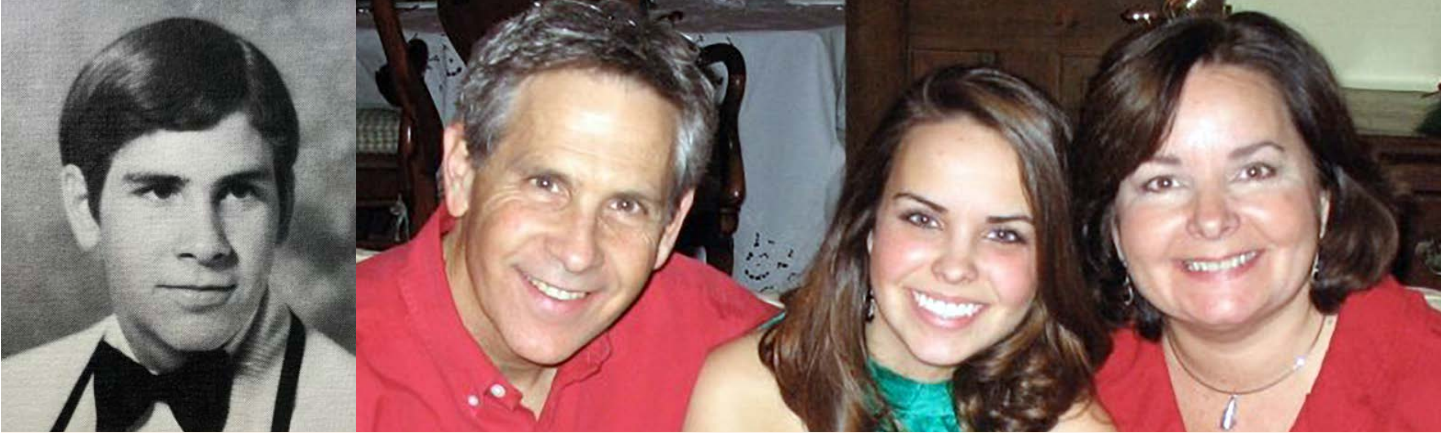
After La Salle high school, I moved on to UCLA obtaining a B.Sc. degree in Geology. I then completed my graduate studies in economic geology at the University of Colorado and the Colorado School of Mines, while serving with the United States Geological Survey Rocky Mountain Division. Post-graduate studies in gemology were completed back in Los Angeles at the Gemological Institute of America.

I took to the life of the professional explorer like an eagle to the sky. For 45 years, I worked as an exploration geologist in the natural resource industries, serving the last three decades as expedition leader on six continents. I've had the privilege to live and work with good people the world over, bringing prosperity to developing nations, and advancing the quality of life for the impoverished by employing the first principals we learned from the Christian Brothers.

These days, I am happily retired and reside in Phoenix, Arizona, with my wife Jannette, who is still working as a diplomatic interpreter. We spend our time tending the garden, continuing our never-ending education, and traveling for pleasure.

Surprisingly, I now find myself the patriarch of our extended family, attending to the needs of loved ones on their own amazing journeys of discovery, in the field today and following the path I pioneered, from Colombia to Greenland.

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After graduating from La Salle, it was off to Loyola University in Westchester. While at La Salle and Loyola, I worked part time in lumber and hardware. On one hand, I was fascinated with the wonder of biology and science, on the other hand while working with building materials I found a love for the building industry. This laid the foundation for buying and remodeling homes, starting a building materials business, and now helping folks buy and sell homes in Montecito / Santa Barbara.

I graduated from Loyola in 1975 with a BS in Biology. Motivated to own my own home, I bought and remodeled a dumpy duplex at twenty-five, all while working full time managing a Hermosa Beach lumberyard. I went on to remodel other condemned and distressed homes, creating the opportunity to own a triplex and live in Hermosa Beach, steps from the lovely Pacific Ocean.

After starting a window and door business in 1983, I partnered up with Patty Stanners, my future wife, a graduate of Holy Family High School in Glendale and FIDM, the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.

We got married in 1986 at American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach, and were blessed with a daughter, Juliette, in 1987. Juliette received her BA degree from Loyola Marymount also. We kept active in our church doing Pre-Cana classes and helping to expand the church campus. YMCA Indian Princesses adventures, Girl Scouts, skiing, sailing our Hobie Cat, backpacking, and hiking kept us involved and having fun in so many ways!

From 1983 until 2007, we worked to grow and expand our business and to become a premier supplier of custom high end building materials in Southern California. In 2007, we successfully sold our building material business.

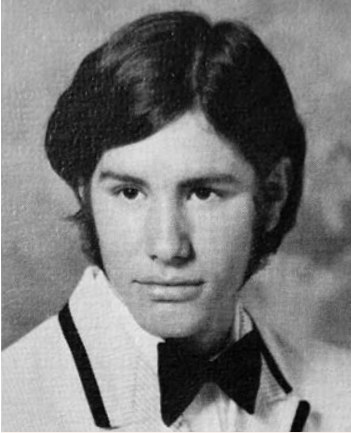
During this period, I served for nine years on the Hermosa Beach Planning Commission. We teamed up with local architects and Council to transform the downtown of the beautiful beach city.

After the business sale, I trained in sustainable building techniques to share with clients, and became a LEED Accredited Professional, a designation from the US Green Building Council (USGBC).

In 2012, we had an opportunity to move to Santa Barbara after being 30+ year residents of Hermosa Beach. I am active as Realtor in Santa Barbara and continue to serve on the Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara Board of Realtors and Government Relations Committee. Hobbys here in Santa Barbara are beach walks, jogs, hiking, and ocean catamaran sailing.

Favorite memories are having Duffy yelling at us at PE, the mudpit at initiation, Br. Tim saying "di-fi-(,) kel-te", hanging out between classes at IHOP drinking really bad coffee with classmates. And, of course, driving a really obnoxious 1957 Chevy.

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After La Salle, I was determined to pursue a career in advertising. I spent two years soaking up all the advertising, graphic design and illustration courses offered at Pasadena City College before attending Art Center College of Design in LA. Since I paid my own tuition, it was quite challenging being on the trimester schedule while freelancing as an illustrator, photographer and working as a part time liquor clerk at the local Market Basket. But it paid off nicely on graduation day when the Film Department Head recommended me and one other student for a full-time job at Leo Burnett Ad Agency in Chicago.

My 45+ years in advertising began at McCann Erickson in SF (I gracefully bowed-out of the Burnett offer) working on the Del Monte, Bechtel, and Chevron accounts. Over the years, I advanced to Creative Director at J Walter Thompson in SF and Chicago, Grey Worldwide and RKR.

It was a great feeling to successfully position, re-position, brand, re-brand, launch and re-launch companies. Activision was a small startup that grew into a mega million dollar video game powerhouse in three years; in one year, Oral-B regained its market share by becoming the #1 toothbrush and oral care company in the nation; even the Milk Board prospered as Californians began to drink more milk. Industry awards followed: EFFYs, DD&AD, One Show, ANNYs, ANDYs, Cable Car, MMAs.

Over the past decade, I've continued my career as Founder, Partner and Creative Director of SGD Advertising.

My wife Judy is the Global Marketing Communications Manager / Life Science Group at BioRad Labs. We've been married for 25 years and are blessed with two children. My son, Dante, just graduated from University of Nevada, Reno with a BS in Finance. And my daughter, Arianna, will be a senior in the fall at San Diego State University majoring in Business Marketing.

Having kids has been an amazing journey. I got to be the photographer and videographer of their baseball, soccer, football, and lacrosse games as well as their swim meets, gymnastic and cheerleading competitions and tournaments. I even got to spend ten years as Den Leader, Committee Chair and Co-Scoutmaster of my sons scout troop.

Golf, baseball, football, and traveling are family favorites. We've taken a few vacations besides the usual trips to Disneyland, Great America, and Magic Mountain. An excellent time was had by all in Australia, Italy, Spain, Bahamas, Mexico, Hawaii and a few other places over the years.

I still enjoy taking photos and videos of concerts to add to my home collection. For those that may not know, from 1969 to 1979, I filmed (Super 8) and recorded bands in their prime: Blind Faith, Who, CSNY, Chicago, Led Zeppelin, Rolling Stones, Neil Young, Jethro Tull, Ten Years After, Eric Clapton, Canned Heat, Iron Butterfly, Bruce Springsteen, Beach Boys, Elton John, Neil Diamond, Bad Company, Paul McCartney & Wings, Ringo's All-Starr Band, Rod Stewart & the Faces, Kinks, Peter Frampton, Humble Pie...

I've kept in touch with Bud Pearce, Steve Bieck and Tom Galindo. I was also in touch with my good friend Marc Gregorio. Sadly, he died last year of a heart attack. We all know that life and distance has kept most of us out of touch with one another. Zoom helped to change that. Being on the Alumni Committee afforded me the opportunity to reconnect with a few. Life is getting shorter by the day. Reach out and call someone. They'll be glad you did.

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I attended the University of San Diego majoring in business administration and played on the golf team. The highlight at USD was winning our division in the International Collegiate Tournament at St. Andrews. After two years at USD, I transferred to San Diego State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing while working at Aldila Golf Company.

I married my high school girlfriend Sue Hansen who earned a Bachelor of Science and registered nurse credentials from SDSU. We have three boys and one girl who are all amazing people. It was an outstanding parenting experience with a multitude of sports, a range of academics, as well as all their accomplishments and challenges. The boys played sports including soccer, golf, baseball and water polo. The superstar athlete was Alyssa, lettering 10 times in three sports and played D-1 softball at the USD. Our parental stage appears to be successful, as they graduated from college, have thriving professions, are married and have outstanding children. We get to enjoy our seven grandsons and one granddaughter.

After college, I settled into a variety of jobs in the energy industry. I worked for San Diego Gas & Electric in marketing, public relations and government affairs. I left SDG&E after 10 years to join San Diego's preeminent public relations and advertising firm. I then spent a few years in land development before returning to SDG&E where I directed public affairs for both SDG&E and SoCal Gas for 10 years.

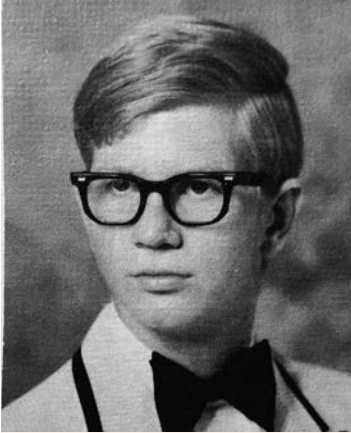
I was recruited to be the CEO at Four Square Productions, a film and video production company. After the owner sold Four Square, I joined Capitol Strategies Group, a Sacramento lobbying firm managing the LA and San Diego clients. CSG provided state and national clients with effective local, state and federal governmental approvals.

Two energy clients that carried over to Capitol Strategies resulted in exciting video and photography opportunities including hanging out of helicopters and video shoots throughout the US and in Helsinki, Finland. Those efforts delivered numerous awards – an Emmy for a climate change documentary, two Tellys for creative advertisements and two Silver Anvils, the Public Relations Society of America's highest accolade.

I returned to the energy industry at Sempra Energy directing government approvals for renewable energy projects in 21 states from Hawaii to Pennsylvania. I continue to consult for two of the nation's largest energy companies on their utility-scale solar, wind and energy storage development throughout the country.

As a semi-retired senior living in San Diego, I still play respectable golf, experience trail-bike riding and snow ski a few times a year. Sue and I enjoy traveling, drinking wine and hanging out with the grandchildren.

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I had a delightful and rewarding experience at La Salle academically, athletically, and personally. The 4 years there set me on a true course for life.

I have a nearly complete Catholic sponsored education starting with 8 years of grammar school at Holy Angels in Arcadia followed by the 4 La Salle years. After 3 years of public education at UC Irvine, I attained a BS in biological sciences. A Jesuit influence was added with 4 years of medical school at Creighton University (Go Bluejays!) and finally 3 years of residency at the Sisters of Providence hospital in Portland, OR.

After 4 years of residency, I had to repay the federal government for financing my medical education as a National Health Service Corp Scholarship recipient by serving in a federally designated health manpower area. We had decided on a region 10 (WA,OR,ID,MT) placement. We toured several sites in WA, OR, and ID and decided on Forks, WA (think Twilight books and movies). My 4 year obligation has turned into a 42 year career in rural primary care internal medicine. I closed my internal medicine practice in December 2019, which was prescient as Covid-19 took hold in early 2020. I still work two 24hr shifts / month in our local ER and am the Director of the ER, Director of Cardiopulmonary Services, and function as the Chief Medical Officer for the hospital. It has been enjoyable being "big fish in a small pond".

Personally, I have been happily married for 48 years to Margaret Morris (Alverno ASB president '72) and have 4 kids - 2 boys and 2 girls - and have been blessed with 7 GK's. They were scattered throughout the US but have recently all moved back to western WA so we get to see them more often. We live at the end of a country road on 10 acres of forest and pasture on the lower Sol Duc river (we had 36 elk stay in the pasture and yard for a week after Christmas). The river has diminishing runs of salmon and steelhead but I still try from shore and by drifting the rivers in my driftboat. We live 4 miles from the protected shoreline of Olympic National Park and 30 miles from the interior of the park and the Olympic mountains. My avocation is fishing in all its aspects and in addition to the river I venture into the ocean to fish for salmon, bottomfish, and occasionally tuna. I also pursue fishing related travel and have visited Baja and Alaska several times, Belize, Costa Rica, Bahamas, Florida, Panama, and Christmas Island. I also deer hunt (usually unsuccessfully) locally and in Eastern WA, ID, MT, and WY.

I have had to slow down my outdoor activities since 2015 after I fell off a ladder and fractured my pelvis in 5 places (put back together with five 10" stainless steel screws) as well as my lumbar spine. Two surgeries, 2 days in the ICU, 1 week in Harborview Medical Center (after a \$20,000 helicopter ride), 3 weeks in our local hospital affiliated nursing facility, and 3 months of rehab (wheelchair to crutches to outpatient physical therapy) and I am left with nerve damage to my right leg, but at least I am alive and can still participate in life.

Although I have had a significant religious influence in my education and life, I am no longer a practicing Catholic for a variety of personal reasons, but I like to think I am still a moral and responsible person. I have not kept in contact with many La Salle alumni. I still talk to Robert Walters Jr. and L. Kirk Piering occasionally and told them about this 50th reunion effort, but they both declined to participate.

## KENNETH STACHLER



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We started at La Salle 55 years ago – how can that possibly be? I feel very fortunate to have attended La Salle as I think I had one of the lowest entrance scores ever! My four years at La Salle were some of my most memorable and formative years, which have served me well throughout my life. I learned to apply myself academically and then, of course, there were those additional experiences outside the classroom!

I attended USC, rooming with Steve Herring my Freshman year and then with Matt McInerney the following 3 years. I had some great times in the SAE fraternity along with Matt, Bob Nuccio and Ken Rausch. I graduated from USC, with honors, with a BS degree in Accounting.

My 4-years at La Salle were memorable; however, 1975 was, by far, the best year in my life as I married, Laura Carver, on June 14, 1975, just days after we both graduated from USC (McInerney as Best Man and Rausch a Groomsman).

My professional career started at Haskins & Sells (now Deloitte). After H&S, I was CFO for a claims management firm based in Pasadena that was acquired by Crawford & Company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, which resulted in the adventure of moving our family cross country to Atlanta in 1985. I became Vice President and Treasurer for Crawford & Company for 20 years then, following a diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma with a couple of years treatment mixed in, I did Treasury consultation until retiring in 2020.

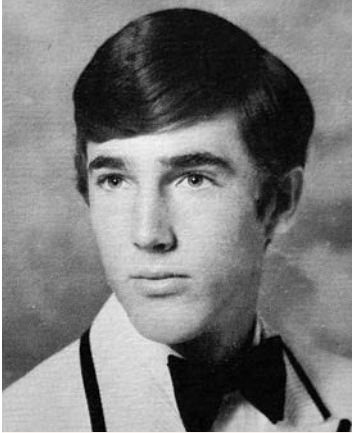
Most importantly, the professional career I chose allowed me to focus on the things that have meant the most to me: Laura, our four children and my community. Drawing on the La Salle motto "Learn...Serve...Lead", I chaired multi-million dollar fundraisers for St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church and School, coached youth sports for 17 years and, as Boy Scout Master, I guided 5 young men to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. All along with the pleasure of seeing our four kids grow up on a daily basis – now that's been the best!

In my personal time I've kept up playing racquetball 3 days a week for 42 years, Laura and I have had a blast renovating a dozen homes, I enjoy gardening, and have become passionate about furniture restoration and woodworking.

Laura and I feel exceedingly fortunate to have our life together along with our four grown children and their families (three grandchildren). We are very lucky they all live in the area where we see them on a regular basis.

I did not know what my journey in life would look like but, I am forever grateful my La Salle experience was part of it.

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Rocco Girillo was a well-loved classmate, my friend, and friend to many in our class. His death in the year following our high school graduation was pivotal in helping me decide to deal with deeper issues of life and death in my career.

I went to Saint Mary's College as an undergraduate and UC Berkeley for my graduate work. I became a Licensed Marriage, Family, and Child Counselor. Early in that career I volunteered to work with The Shanti Project with the dying and grieving. I became head of that work in Contra Costa County.

Years later my own daughter, Christiana, died as a baby. After a great outpouring of love and support, friends came together and we set up a 501c3 in her honor named The Christiana Foundation. I was the volunteer head of the organization for years until the time was right for someone else to step into that role. I was also one of the founders of Therapists for Social Responsibility in the greater Sacramento Area.

After 33 years in Fair Oaks, CA, I moved to my present home in Fairfax, CA. Marin County is in the San Francisco Bay Area and I wanted to be closer to children and grandchildren.

My daughter is a psychologist for Kaiser in Walnut Creek, CA. My older son is a manager of the COMO hotel in Perth, Australia. My younger son is the reserve manager at Reserva las Tongaras in Ecuador. I have two grandchildren in the Bay Area and one in Perth.

I hike nearly every day on the wooded trails around Mt. Tamalpais and am grateful to still have some of our classmates as friends.

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After graduation, I went on to earn a degree in Finance from Cal State Chico and an MBA in International Business from USC as well as a CPA license in Colorado.

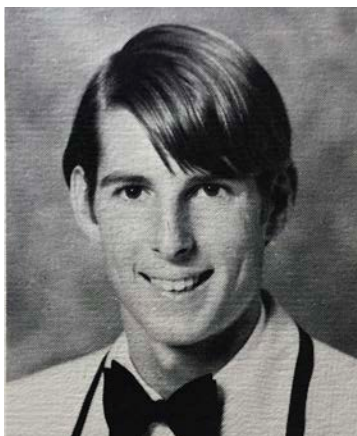
Pursued a career in banking that included finance positions with Bank of America, Sumitomo Bank, Bank of Tokyo, MUFG Union Bank, City National and currently Cathay Bank where I run a team focused on private equity fund finance.

Earlier in life, I had extensively traveled overseas that included a tour as a Peace Corp volunteer in the Solomon Islands and a few years as a banker in Tokyo.

After leaving the Solomons, I traveled the world on the cheap where I met my wife in Europe. Later regularly visited Asia and Australia for both business and pleasure.

Currently, I live in Altadena with my wife, Patty, where we raised our two "kids" who both graduated from LaSalle and went on to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees in engineering and are now pursuing their careers.

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My father, Frank Walton, was involved in politics. He ran for Congress, served in Governor Reagan's cabinet, and even gave a speech at La Salle on leadership. I remember watching the political conventions on TV with him and that inspired me to be a reporter so I, too, could be on the convention floor.

I attended San Jose State University and graduated with a degree in Radio / TV Journalism with a Minor in Political Science.

During the next 25 years, I anchored and reported the news at radio and TV stations in California and Florida. I hosted and produced documentaries and TV shows, like PM Magazine, Eye on San Diego, and ESPN's Lifestyle Magazine. I received six Emmy Awards and several other accolades for my work. As a journalist, I interviewed such historical figures as Ronald Reagan, Cesar Chavez, John Wooden and Mother Teresa.

During my reporting years, I had a wide variety of experiences:

- I reported from Death Row at the Florida State Prison where serial killer, Ted Bundy, was executed.
- In Jacksonville, Florida, while talking on camera, I came close to being shot by a bounty hunter while a suspect was escaping from the jail parking lot.
- I covered the amazing story of a guy who stole a tank from the National Guard Armory in San Diego and rampaged through neighborhoods and down the freeway leaving destruction everywhere. The suspect was eventually shot and killed by police.

And yes, I finally did reach my lifetime goal, covering live the 1996 Republican National Convention in San Diego.

In the late 1990s, I changed careers and became a financial advisor. After helping so many colleagues at NBC San Diego with their 401(k)'s, I thought it would make a rewarding second career.

For 23 years now, I have had the pleasure of seeing clients realize their financial goals and dreams.

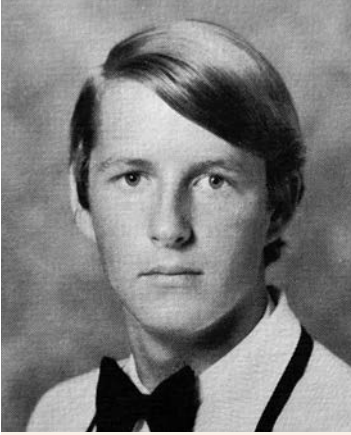
My second career has also given me more time to spend with my family. My wife, Lynette, and I got married 33 years ago. We met when I was covering the Fairest of the Fair/Miss San Diego County Pageant in 1987. She was a contestant and I interviewed her after she won the crown.

We have two children, Luke, 31 and Shayne, 25. Luke graduated from USC with a degree in music and earned his MBA at San Diego State. He is a professional musician who is also the Communication Strategist at the National Association of Music Merchants in Carlsbad.

Shayne graduated from UCLA with a degree in political science and is now working on her MBA on the Westwood campus. She is the National Director of Staff Recruitment at Galileo Learning.

The best advice I could give a young person is figure out what you want to do then reach out to people in that profession. There is no better formula for success.

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After graduating La Salle, I moved to San Diego to attend San Diego State. I worked part time as a custodian for the San Diego city schools while going to school. I worked summers, lived at the beach and never returned to Pasadena. I graduated in four years with a degree in Finance and went part time after that for an MBA.



While in graduate school, I worked as a waiter and started an Aquarium leasing business. I sold the business, traveled for a year, returned and started a Trailer Leasing business. While leasing trailers, I started working as a salesman for Knudsen Dairy. I worked at Knudsen for five years while growing the Trailer Leasing business. That business evolved and is still going and growing today.

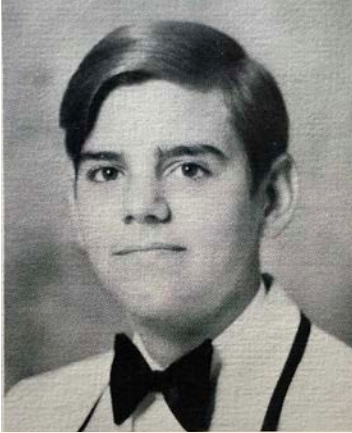
Trailer leasing, Southwest Trailers, has been the engine behind several Real Estate transactions. Bought, sold and developed various industrial properties throughout Southern California, Nevada and Texas.



Got close to marriage a few times and eventually pulled the trigger at 43. Married Robin, with three children, and we have two of our own. Five total between 33 and 18 years old.

We live in Rancho Santa Fe, I play golf regularly, travel and have a boat at the Marriott Marina in Downtown San Diego. In May last year we bought a house in Coronado. The sale was subject to a lease, we plan on moving there in October, 2022.

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**FADE IN:** Of what I learned at La Salle, it all boils down to: 1) “Indivisa Manent,” from Jean-Baptiste de La Salle. 2) “The pouch goes in the front,” from Duffy Lewis. And 3) “Life’s no picnic,” from all the others. Then, after four years at P.C.C. and Humboldt State University, plus one extra for a Teaching Credential, I was set to face the world.

**CUT TO:** Redwoods and a 6’6” Bigfoot teaching kids at rural schools in Fieldbrook and Freshwater, CA. A tough bunch, some riding horses to school. Others, scrawling, “I Hate School, But I Love Mr. Z” on the walls. To relax, I review concerts and movies for the local paper (remember those?) including Etta James, Roseanne Cash and The Robert Cray Band. What an experience...but certainly no picnic!

**FAST FORWARD:** Hollywood declares there’s no business like show business. The Walt Disney Company calls, granting the perfect wish, mixing childhood ed with entertainment. My creative talents market classics like Beauty and the Beast, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Toy Story and then once upon the studio acquires Miramax Films it gets edgy with Cinema Paradiso, Scream and Pulp Fiction.

**MONTAGE:** This goofy writer yearns to share all the Disney magic, along with his lifetime Disney Silver Pass...and don’t forget that annual family picnic! It’ll take more than a Disney princess to tame the beast. Enter singer/songwriter Ellie who’s an incredible wife, mom, law whiz and partner in adventure.

**CLOSE UP:** Blessed with two beautiful daughters. Our first, Helen Regina, became our little angel with only a few minutes on earth, but always in our hearts and souls. A few years later, Antonia Francesca (aka Nia) fills our hearts with joy and continues to brighten our lives every day. Pasadena is a great place for a family, friends and picnics, especially with the Happiest Place On Earth nearby.

**ZOOM TO:** Ellie drops her album, “Toward Home” featuring 11 original works about resilience and renewed hope. I have never listened to an album this much since Carole King’s best-selling, “Tapestry.” Nia and I claim Italian citizenship and perfect our cacciatore and polenta cooking. Nia graduates top of her Pre-K class and dreams of a full-ride home. I break it to her, “Sorry, kid, life’s no picnic.”

**FREEZE FRAME:** After 30 years, retirement and a simple Chico, CA life beckons. While not kumquat ranching or picnicking, volunteering at Chico State’s Organic Garden gives Farm to Table a new meaning. Taking classes at the school’s Elder College include Italian Cinema, Wine Tasting and Modern Art.

**CUT TO THE CHASE:** After 5 years in Chico, we’re moving to divide our time between Sonoma County’s wine country and the four seasons of Chicago’s North Shore. We’ll travel whenever we can and add to the long list of places we’ve been (New Orleans, New York City, Italy, Disney World, Mt. Rushmore, Hawaii, etc.) and the places we want to go (Key West, National Parks, New England, London, Paris, etc.) It’s sure to be a whole new world!

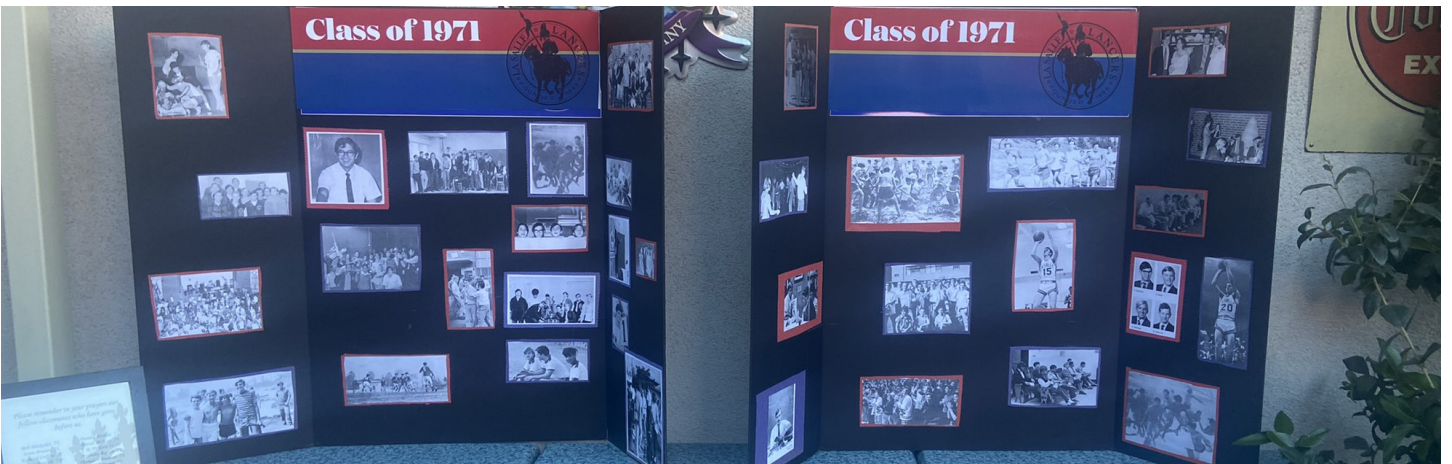
**FADE OUT:** All told, the administration, faculty, staff and students of my La Salle days contributed to a life I couldn’t have imagined 51 years ago. And you know, it certainly was no picnic, it was far better – and I’ve loved every minute of it.

**FUN FACT:** The 1963 VW Beetle I bought in 1970 when we were Juniors for \$750 is now worth \$15,000. Think of what it will be worth if I hold onto it for another 52 years.

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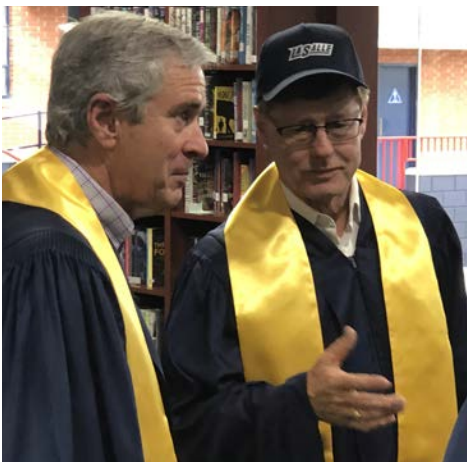
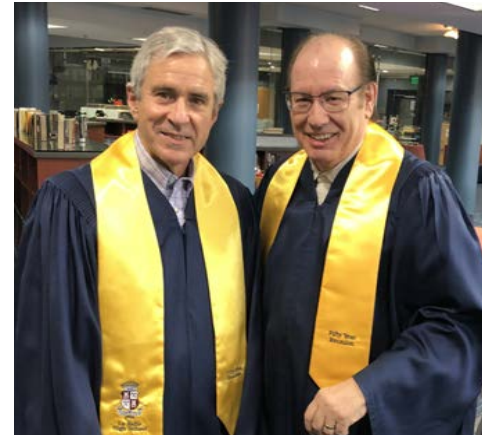
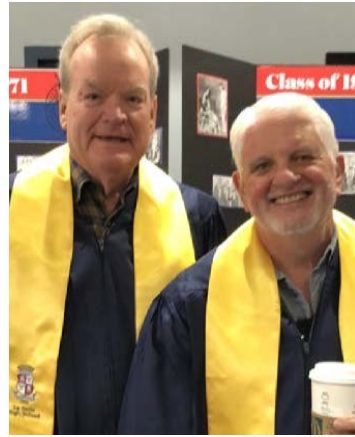
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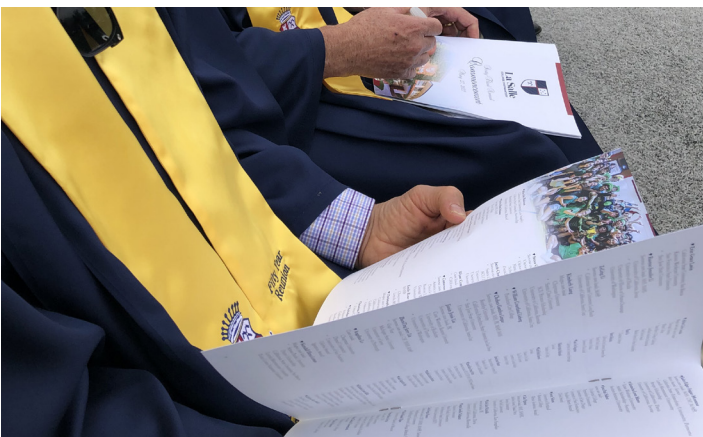
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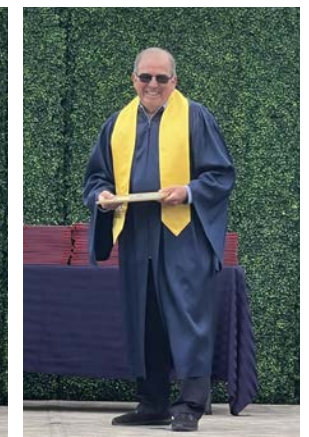
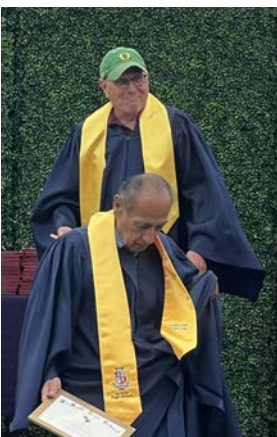
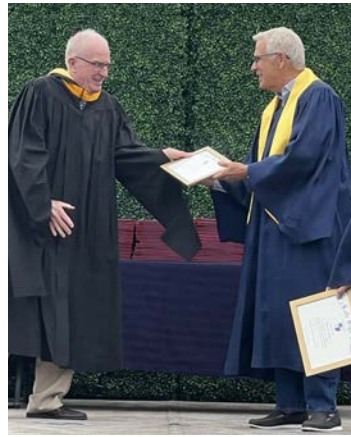
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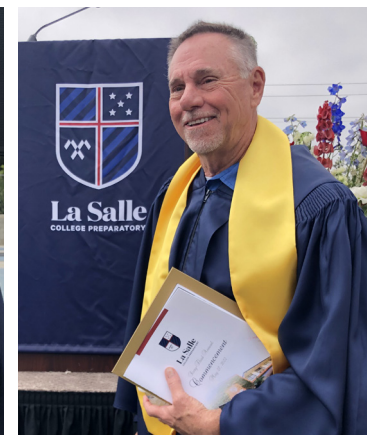
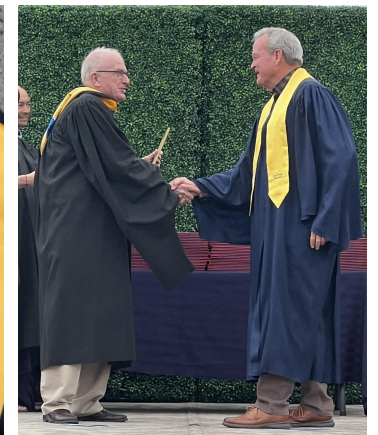
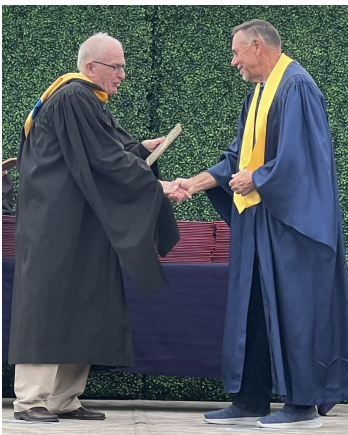
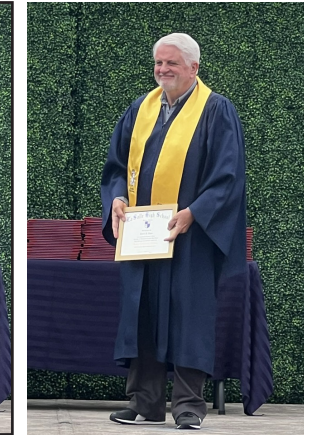
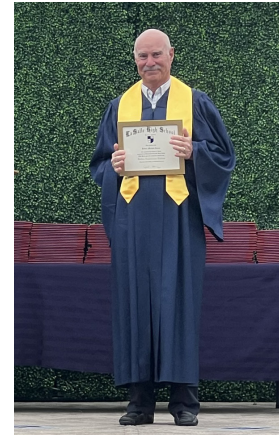
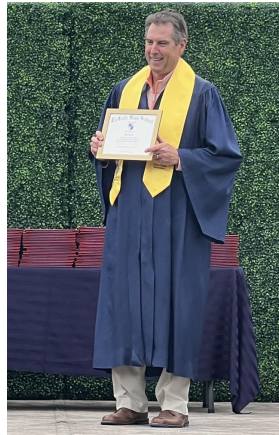
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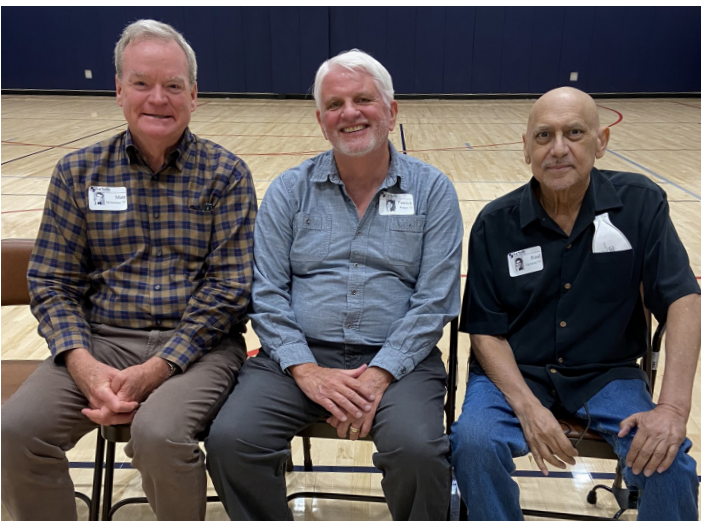


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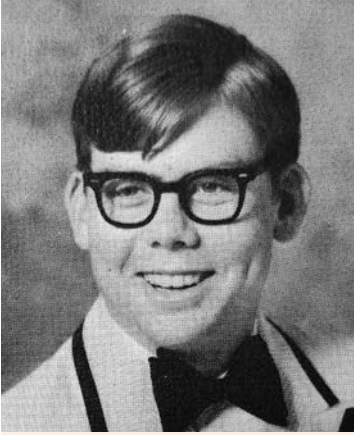


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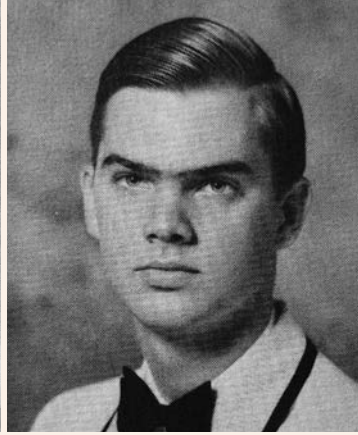
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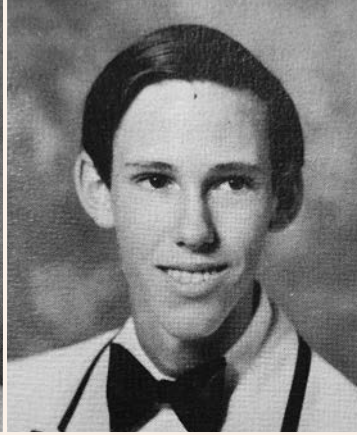
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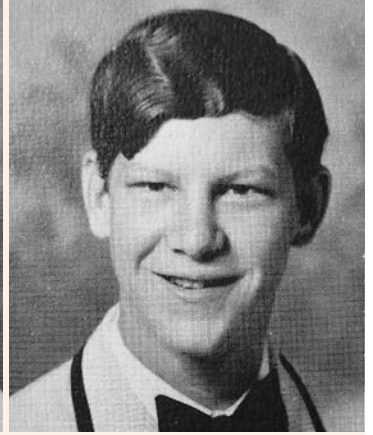
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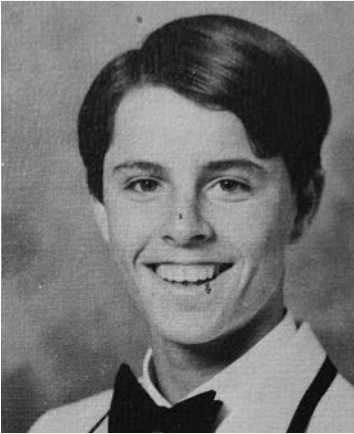
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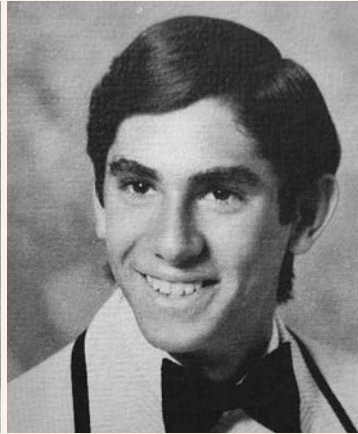
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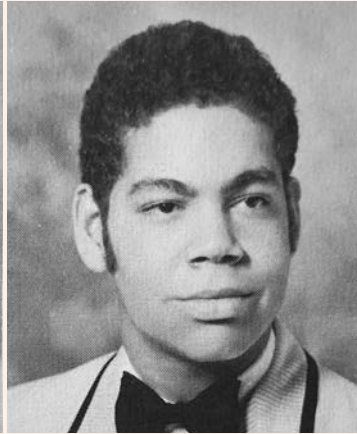
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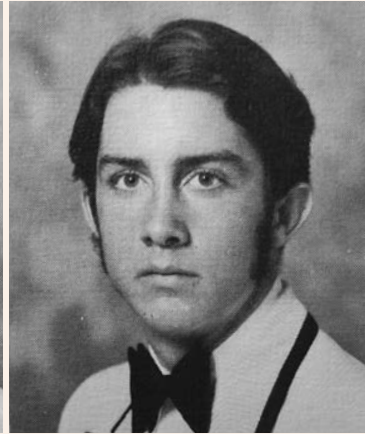
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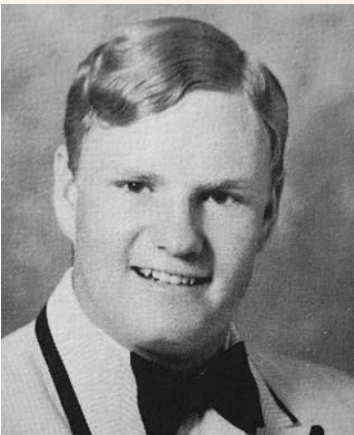
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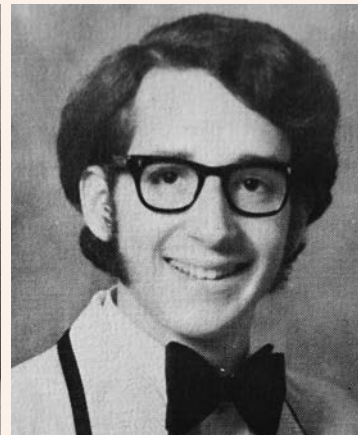
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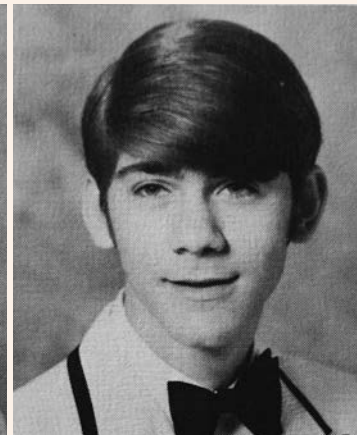
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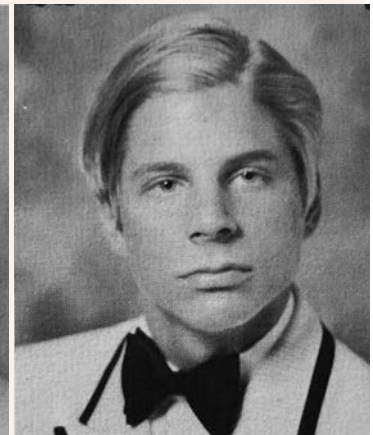
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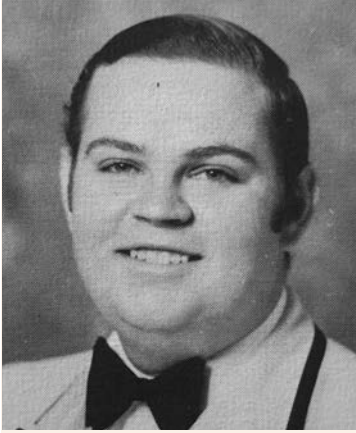


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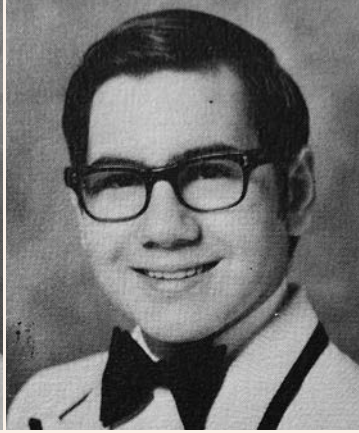


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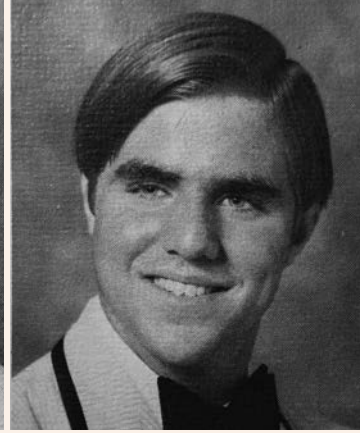
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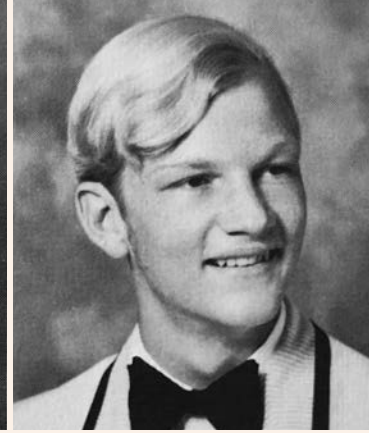
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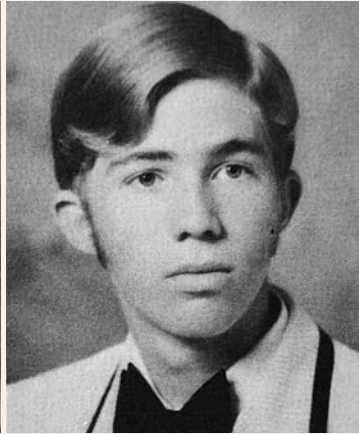
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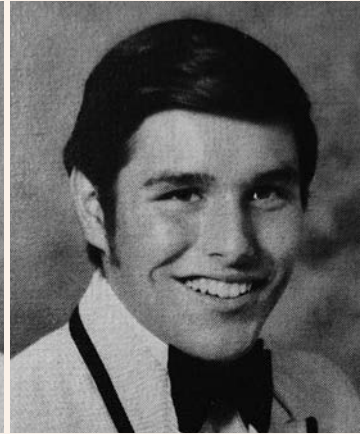
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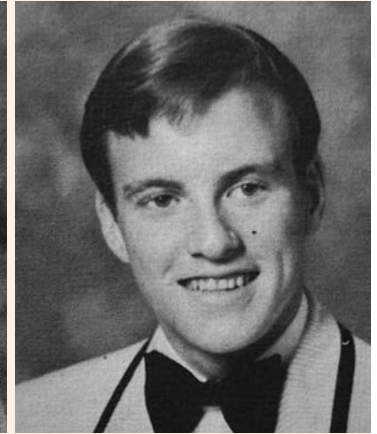
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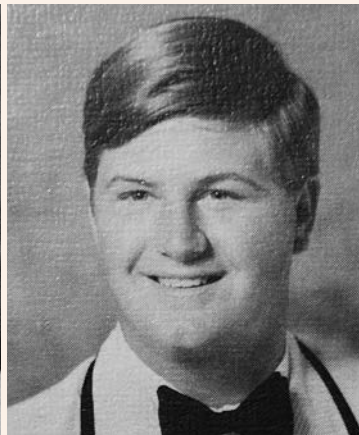
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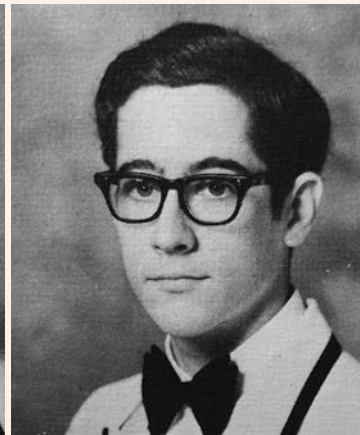
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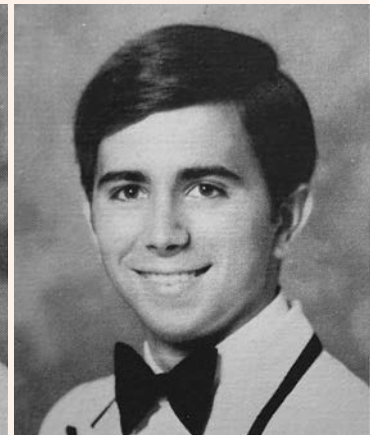
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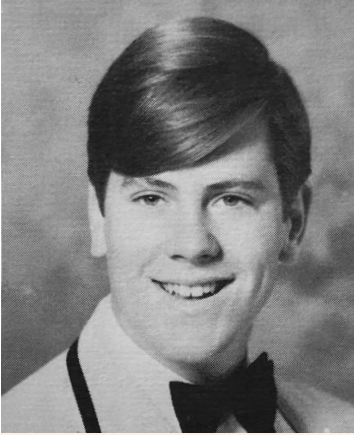


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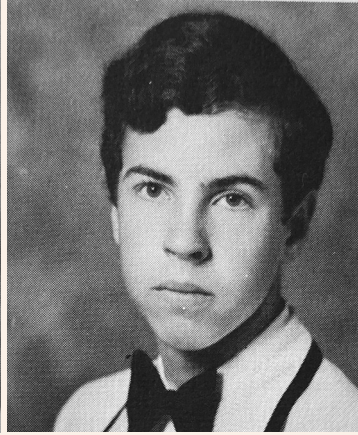


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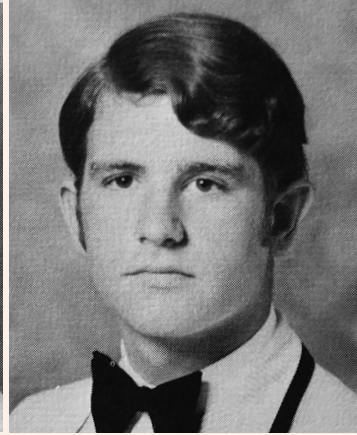
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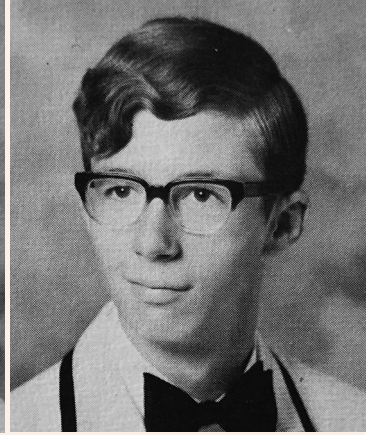
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Frank Teeple III  
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James F. Ware  
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Terry Willson  
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*To our beloved classmates, we will always have so much in common.*

*We went to school together; at times, we suffered through the especially hot Fall and Spring seasons in those un-air-conditioned classrooms; we laughed at ourselves; we praised heaven while raising hell (i.e., open campus, Tiny Naylor's, Tonios); and for the most part, having attended La Salle changed our lives.*

*Our class of '71 produced a future school principal (laid the foundation for going co-ed); a football field; and introduced female cheerleaders (we were way ahead of our time). In addition, our class has produced many professionals who have helped the greater society in so many varied ways.*

*Thank you to each of you for being part of an important aspect of our lives. We'll never forget you and all of your contributions to La Salle and to each of us.*

*Long live the class of '71!*



*Narrative by Br. Robert Mizia*

**The question of whether or not La Salle should enroll young women** at the School had been tossed around quite a bit in the mid-1980s. However, it was not until then Principal Brother Robert Mizia '71 decided to organize some focus groups to discuss better coeducation possibilities that plans began to take shape. From 1986 to 1988, groups of parents, alumni, and students began addressing the advantages of admitting women to La Salle. Thus, the wheels of change began to turn as La Salle took a serious look at what it would be able to offer young men and women in the community.



As Brother Robert took another assignment given to him by the Christian Brothers in Napa, La Salle was introduced to a new Principal in August of 1988 by the name of Brother Philip Clarke. He had recently taken his previous school (Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory in San Francisco) coed in the early 1980's and saw the tremendous advantages to the school. Brother Philip continued the study and discussed the possibility of coeducation at La Salle, especially with the school enrollment continuing to decline. At the request of the Archdiocese, he was asked to have a discussion with Alverno regarding a merger (of some type) as a viable option. Ultimately, the two schools could not come to terms on the merger, and it was decided La Salle would offer enrollment to women on its own. With the tremendous support of the School community, Brother Philip and his administration took on the challenge of shaping La Salle into what it is today; a successful, coeducational institution deeply rooted in the traditions of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

Of course, some things needed to be completed before the actual arrival of women on the campus could take place - like proper restroom and locker room facilities. Therefore, Philip Clarke and his staff started raising money, and by the middle of 1991, a new women's locker room and band room were constructed on the La Salle campus. This meant only one thing; that women were ready to be enrolled for the 1991-1992 school year. Even though the School intended to offer enrollment to women one grade level at a time, a brave group of ladies (thirteen in all) convinced Philip Clarke they should be admitted into the junior class. Cautiously, he gave the stamp of approval to these young ladies, and they took the school by storm. Not to be outdone, there was an ambitious group of twenty-seven young ladies who were also admitted that year into the sophomore class, and they wasted no time letting people know they were here to stay. The freshman class that year (the Class of 1995) was the first fully coeducational class at La Salle. Young women immediately got involved in all aspects of student life ranging from student government to clubs to athletics to performing arts. And the rest is history.

**As for football**, Brother Philip knew a natural fit for a coed school was to have a football program. With only cross-country and water polo in the fall sports season, there was a need to expand the athletic program to include football and the full slate of girls' teams. Some members of the La Salle community approached Brother Philip and recommended he meet with Lew Stueck, a longtime high school and college football coach. The two hit it off from the start, and Lew was hired to get the football program off the ground. (Lew always liked to say that La Salle was not starting from scratch...it was starting below scratch because there was no tradition or culture of a high school football program in the school's history.)

## LA SALLE: COEDUCATION AND FOOTBALL



Lew and the coaching staff worked diligently in the summer of 1991 to promote a JV football team to the current student body at La Salle, which was no easy task. Fundraising efforts supported the initial investment of football uniforms, equipment, and infrastructure. The first game was played on September 14, 1991 against Temescal Canyon at La Canada High School with a final score: La Salle 10 Temescal Canyon 21. The JV team played hard all season and finished with a 2 – 8 record.



The fall of 1992 saw the football program expand with the offering of both Varsity and JV squads. The first Varsity game was played on September 12, 1992, against Maranatha High School, with the Lancers losing 27 – 20.

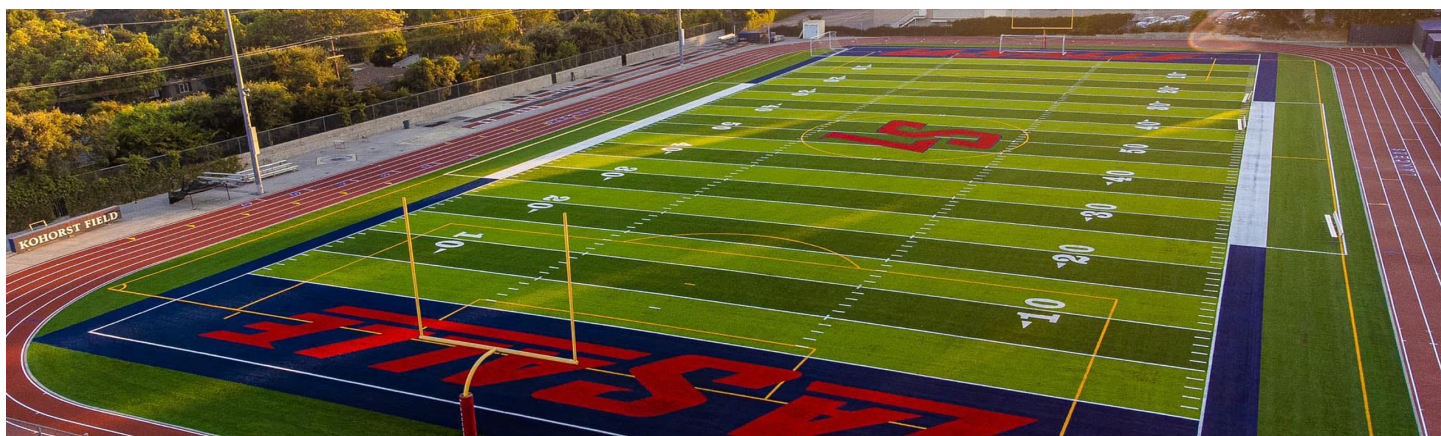
La Salle played its home games at La Canada High School from 1991 -1993 before moving to Monrovia High School for the 1994 season. The school played its game there until the fall of 2002, when Pat Bonacci received the news from Monrovia that we would no longer be able to use their field for our home football games. (Side note: On a rainy night in October 2002, the Lancers played a game at Monrovia, and the field was heavily damaged. Football games are not stopped due to rain! Monrovia was going to limit us to just one team to play on the field, which made no sense to us.) This meant that the only option available to play our home football games was, literally, at home. The obstacle of bringing football “home” was the undersized and poorly maintained practice field on the School’s campus that would not support interscholastic football competition.

At the encouragement of Shelley Allen and Bob Kohorst '71, the School assembled a team of volunteers led by Bob and Shelley to investigate the installation of artificial turf and a tartan-surface track. Bob and Shelley spent countless hours researching the options for artificial turf, and once a vendor was selected, Bob and Shelley proceeded to lead the fundraising effort to install the \$1.1 million facility. Their energy, drive, dedication, and commitment ensured that both the field and the funding would be in place so that the JV Football team played their home game in front of a standing-room-only crowd of fans on September 12, 2003.

Over time, the afternoon football games became rather challenging for players and spectators due to the warm climate in the San Gabriel Valley, and it was apparent that La Salle needed to pursue the installation of lights. (Side note: The movie “Friday Night Lights” debuted in October 2004 and fueled our desire to get lights for our home field.) Bob and Shelley continued to push fundraising efforts in the La Salle community while the school administration went the protocols with the City of Pasadena for a new Conditional Use Permit, including lights. In October 2006, La Salle received approval for the CUP/Lights with 6-0-1 vote from the City Council. (Side note: The Planning Department had originally approved the lights, but the Board of Zoning Appeals rejected it. Hence, it went to the council for a vote. Several people worked the proper channels, and each city council member was invited to campus to see the project firsthand.)

The first night game was on November 17, 2006, in the first round of CIF playoffs. La Salle defeated Fillmore by 20-6 and made it to the championship game against Verbum Dei. Even though the Lancers lost that game, it was probably the most memorable season in Lancer Football history. (Side note: The Lancers were led by Matt Kohorst '07, son of Bob and Shelley.)

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*Narrative by Pat Bonacci*

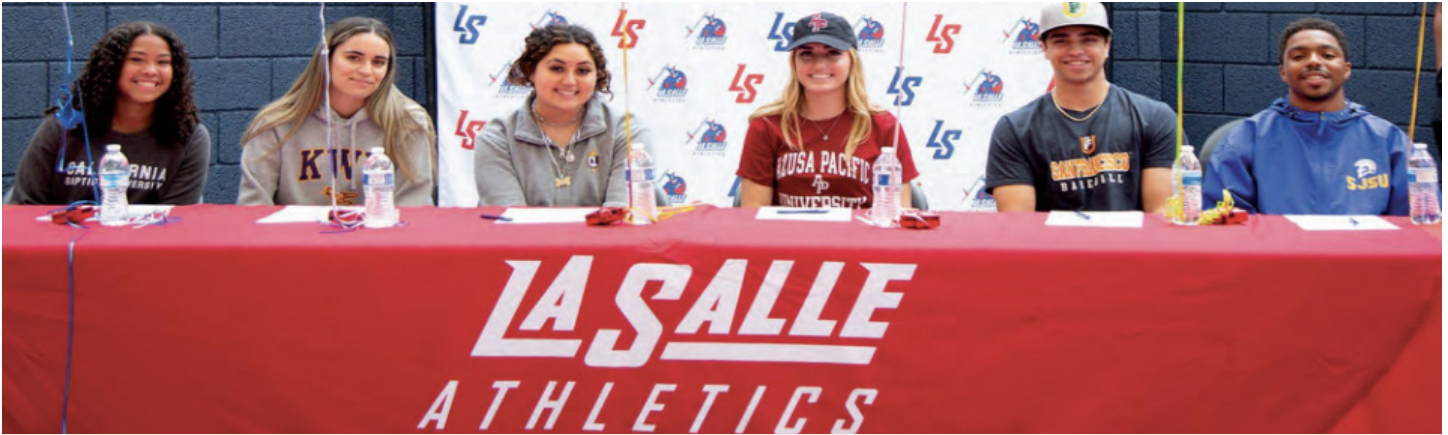
**I became aware and involved in discussions around football and co-ed** going back to the early 1980's – prior to my joining the faculty/administration of La Salle in Fall of 1985. For a number of years prior to my hiring in, while I was the Principal at Assumption of the BVM, I was on an advisory board to La Salle's principal, Br. Christopher. Many on this advisory board suggested that both co-ed and football were issues that needed to be initiated to insure the long-term sustainability of La Salle. At that point, Br. Chris was very much against the notion of football and rejected any sustained discussion on that topic. He was more ambivalent regarding co-education. Neither issue received any traction until 1986 when Br. Robert was named principal. Together, he and I spent a lot of time looking at co-education as an idea we should pursue. Having received the approval of the Brother Visitor, the two of us even met once with the Administration of Alverno – they were not interested at all in any discussions and indicated that they were “dedicated to feminist values and all women education”.



Two years later in 1988, Philip Clark became principal and he was clear from the beginning that co-education was on the front of his agenda and we began moving through the process – approval from the Brother's leadership, discussions with the Archdiocese, meeting with other Catholic high schools, discussions with past and current families and numerous inservices and workshops with the faculty regarding coeducation. An announcement was subsequently made in the Spring of 1989, that La Salle would begin offering enrollment to 9th and 10th grade young women for the 1991-1992 school year. Construction began on upgrading bathrooms, adding a girl's locker room (this construction of a new band room on top of the new girl's locker room became the first construction additions to the school in decades). The original plan of only enrolling 9th and 10th grade girls was altered because of an on slot of interest and pressure from 11th grade girls and their families to enroll them as well. The Class of 1993 was the first graduating class with girls as well as boys, and the class of 1995 was the first fully integrated co-ed class with approximately 50% male and 50% female graduates.

Simultaneously with the move to co-ed, we began the real movement to add football. Cost analysis and league issues were subsequently dealt with and Lew Stueck was hired in 1990 as the first head football coach. The timetable was developed to begin a JV only team schedule that would commence with the Fall of 1991 football season. We began playing games at La Canada High School and then moved to a closer venue at Monrovia High School until we revamped our own field and stated with Saturday day home games at La Salle. The first night games did not occur until 2007 after the long battle over the installation of lights was won. In time, the football/soccer field and surrounding track became Kohorst Field after the installation of a synthetic turf and an all-weather track. (As is standard, a second turf and all-weather track was reinstalled approximately ten year later.)

The beginning of the 1991-1992 school year brought girls on to La Salle's campus as well as boys wearing football jerseys. The optics of La Salle was forever changed with that first day of the 1991-1992 school year.



**Why Co-ed and why Football?** Today we would call this enrollment management. The demographics were clear – the school would double its potential enrolment numbers – which it did – with co-ed. There was also the fact that there was no Catholic co-ed school in the whole Northeast portion of the San Gabriel Valley. Many local Catholic families were driving their sons to one school and their daughters miles away to another. The issue of girls and boys doing better academically if they were separated was more of a myth than a fact and the issue of keeping the girls and boys segregated as a means of forestalling “fraternization” was an outdated morality and one that never worked anyway.

Football was the only major boy’s sport that La Salle never offered. There was no doubt that many potential male students skipped looking at La Salle as an option because they wanted to play football. It should be noted that simultaneously with the addition of football – great efforts were put into the beginning of the girl’s athletic program. Experienced and formidable coaches were hired for the girls and the early years of co-ed brought numerous league championships and trips to the CIF final for the girls.

*“Make sure take you take your dirty gym clothes home to be washed every week. Otherwise, your jockstrap will walk out of here on its own!”*

*- Duffy Lewis*