Letter from the President

It has been an extraordinary ride for me at Bellarmine. I have been a part of a school that is open to ideas, innovative, transparent, inviting, and very compassionate. It presents a first-class education in an environment that is so supportive of the student and yet, appropriately challenging. I have often heard from our graduates how well they were prepared, not only for college, but more importantly, for life.

Bellarmine is an amazing school on so many different levels. The spiritual life of the school is vibrant with active prayer groups, retreats, reflection periods, Eucharistic celebrations, and with the incredible undertaking of projects that promote justice. The Justice Summit theme lived out in an academic year, the incredible number of immersion trips with reflection and prayer, the daily commitment of students to community service, the raising of funds for charities along with material drives throughout the year, the hosting of charitable events—all reflect a passion by the school to extend itself on so many fronts.

Perhaps the most visible feature of the school’s outreach to those in need is its strong investment in our financial aid program. Every fundraising event the school has is in support of our financial aid needs. The Golden Bell Auction, the Mothers’ Guild Fashion Show, our alumni golf tournament, our Godfather event—all reflect this commitment. When I came to Bellarmine, our financial aid award was $1.7 million. Today, nearly ten years later, it is $4.1 million. This aid was never reduced in the recessionary period nor in the years when we stretched ourselves to construct new facilities. Our parents and alumni have been more than generous—they understood the meaning of our mission.

To really understand the caliber of our administrators, faculty, staff, and Board is to realize that we are never satisfied with the “status quo.” As an organization, we strive to improve in each phase of our operations. I witness this level of energy on many levels, such as the “rolling out” of Chris Meyercord’s professional plan, Chris Carey and Sheila Collock’s architecture of creating a new website, Brian Christensen and Claudia DeRaucio’s redesigned Golden Bell Auction, Dr. Debjani Roy’s “STEM-Med program.” Vern Cleary’s leadership of having faculty/staff look beyond Mikael Meyer, Cathy Vivian and Bob Mathewson, S.J.’s pastoral review of our financial aid requests, the vision and leadership of Fr. Sheridan that drove the initiative.

Beyond the campus renovation, the past decade of Fr. Sheridan’s term has also been a time of expanded course offerings, additional immersion experiences, spiritual growth, and an increased Financial Aid Program.

In the words of one of Fr. Sheridan’s favorite Jesuits in history, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: “The most satisfying thing in life is to have been able to give a large part of one’s self to others.”

As you enjoy reading this issue, we hope you will reflect on the many ways Fr. Sheridan has made a difference in the collective lives of the family that is Bellarmine, and wish him well as his journey continues in the important apostolate of Jesuit secondary education.

Warm regards,

Paul G. Sheridan, S.J.
President
The 60th Bellarmine Mothers’ Guild Fashion Show for Financial Aid, “Soiree en Bleu,” took place on November 15, 2014. The luncheon and dinner shows were held at the Fairmont, San Jose, with more than 1,500 guests in attendance. Members of the Fashion Show Committee and its numerous sub-committees work tirelessly throughout the year, as this event provides essential and significant support to provide tuition assistance to nearly one in every four of our students.

Under the leadership of Cat Westover, Fashion Show chair; Christine Culine, production chair; and Darla Brown, business chair, the event raised net proceeds of more than $395,000 for Bellarmine’s Direct Financial Aid Fund and Financial Aid Endowment.

Joey Rovetto ’15 of Bellarmine and Hayden Geiger of Presentation High School were among the many student models participating in “Soiree en Bleu.”

Student dancers perform at Fashion Show 2014, “Soiree en Bleu.”

The 60th Bellarmine Mothers’ Guild Fashion Show leadership team (from left) Christine Culine, production chair; Cat Westover, chair; and Darla Brown, business chair.

Behind the Collar
Rev. Michael Moodie, S.J.

DATE OF BIRTH: July 17, 1950
HOMETOWN: Stow, Ohio
GRAD SCHOOL: Holy Family, Stow, Ohio
HIGH SCHOOL: Bright College-Preparatory
COLLEGE: LMU, Gregorian, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley; Pontifical Gregorian University

DATE ENTERED THE SOCIETY OF JESUS: September 7, 1968
DATE ORDAINED: March 31, 1979
FAVORITE PRAYER: Suscipe
FAVORITE TYPE OF MUSIC: Baroque
FAVORITE MOVIE: “Schindler’s List” (Drama); “Moonstruck” (Comedy)
FAVORITE FOOD: Italian
PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY: First Principle and Foundation of St. Ignatius

History of Assignments as a Member of The Society of Jesus:

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Each issue of Bellarmine College Prep Magazine highlights a member of the Bellarmine Jesuit Community, a way to further know our beloved Jesuits as individuals.

This edition features Rev. Michael Moodie, S.J., minister of the Bellarmine Jesuit Community and a respected faculty member since 2008, teaching in the areas of Religious Studies and Modern and Classical Languages.

Fr. Moodie is known as an extremely dedicated faculty member who cares greatly for students, spending countless hours outside of class to assist students with their studies. “He’s very generous with his time, especially helping his students who are studying Latin,” said Fr. Jerry Wade, S.J. ’55. “He also celebrates Mass about three times each week for a women’s Religious order and assists many Sundays at St. Anthony’s Parish in Almaden Valley.”

An avid lacrosse fan, Fr. Moodie is also a frequent sideline presence in support of our athletes. “He doesn’t miss a game, or a practice,” said athletic director Joe Romano, who considers Fr. Moodie the “team chaplain.”

A man of intellect, Fr. Moodie received his degree in canon law from the Gregorian University in Rome. Perhaps that’s also where he developed his culinary expertise, as Fr. Dick Cobb, S.J., informs us that Fr. Moodie is “a great chef.”

We are grateful to Fr. Moodie for being such a key ingredient to life at Bellarmine.
The 39th Golden Bell Auction, “A Night of Reflection,” was held on campus the evening of March 7. More than 750 guests attended the fundraising event, with proceeds benefiting Bellarmine’s Financial Aid program. The Patrick Wayne Valley Memorial Gym was transformed into an elegant dining venue, with silent auction items and beverage stations located throughout the Lorry I. Lokey Academic Center and the Hall of Honor. The event was coordinated by Claudia DeNuccio, volunteer event chair and Trustee, and Brian Christensen, director, Development & Alumni Special Events. In addition to funds raised for Direct Financial Aid, Marc Rebboah ’77, chair of the Trustees, announced at the event that to date more than $2.2 million had been committed to the newly established Fr. Paul G. Sheridan, S.J. Financial Aid Endowment. Following the announcement, a tribute video thanking Fr. Sheridan was shown, with hundreds of Bellarmine students surrounding the stage and interior of the gym. (photos by Al Bacosa).

Save the date for next year’s Golden Bell Auction:
March 12th, 2016.
The end of the school year always marks a time of change. We see one quarter of our student body turn over, as we mission nearly 400 young men, ready to set the world on fire, and to be men for and with others as they venture into adulthood. There also are always transitions as some teachers retire or move on to other endeavors.

This year marks a particularly significant transition, as Fr. Paul Sheridan, S.J., moves on to Regis Jesuit High School in Colorado after 9-1/2 years at Bellarmine. It has been my great pleasure to work with Fr. Sheridan throughout his tenure at Bellarmine, and I am grateful for the many contributions that he has made to our school community.

I think that a quick reaction, in terms of Fr. Paul’s contributions to Bellarmine, would be to think of the many ways in which he has transformed our campus physically. And to be sure, these elements of change have been profound. Starting with the library remodel during his first summer, and then continuing with the soccer/lacrosse field and football field; the campus really began to transform with the completion of the Lorry I. Lokey Academic Center, and graduation day 2012 we opened the Br. Wally Ryan, S.J./Fr. Bob Shinney, S.J. Student Life Center and the Patricia and Stephen Schott Athletic Center. The renovated Bob Fatjo Baseball Field opened the year following, and the new Wrestling and Fitness Center this past Fall. Our campus went from looking, frankly, a bit tired to one that now rivals any small college out there.

But Fr. Sheridan has understood from day one that the buildings and fields are just a platform that enables the real work and life of Bellarmine to shine through – for the teaching, acting, and coaching to occur. It is in these spaces where our faculty and staff work with the students to inspire them to put their gifts and talents at the service of others – to be men for and with others.

Finally, Fr. Sheridan has radically grown the Financial Aid program at Bellarmine, in terms of dollars distributed, the number of students who benefit, and the percent of each class that receives aid. This year, we will give out nearly $4 million in financial aid – more than any other high school in California. When the economy went south a few years ago and the school was scrambling to cut expenses, Fr. Sheridan insisted that we increase – significantly – the amount of aid that we were distributing. He was absolutely committed to making sure that no student had to leave Bellarmine because of his family’s economic challenges.

Paul has been a great model for our students and for me. He is a man of deep prayer, a man of great faith, and a man committed to justice. Our school is a much better place thanks to his leadership, and I am a better person for having had the chance to know him. I hope that this year’s graduates will emulate his example to go forth and set the world on fire!
Bellarmine’s Immersion Program has seen incredible growth in the last 23 years, when the first groups of students traveled to Tijuana, Mexico, and El Salvador. In keeping with the hallmark of Jesuit education, the dedication to forming “men for and with others,” our Immersion Program today offers unique opportunities to serve the poor in 17 local, domestic, and international solidarity and service trips during school breaks and summer vacations.

This past February, ten students, accompanied by faculty members Michael Downs and Patrick Mc Cristyle, traveled to Kolkata, India, to work with the Missionaries of Charity (MC), the religious congregation started by Mother Teresa in 1950. The group provided service – from hand washing clothing to serving snacks and stacking firewood – at MC homes for the sick, dying, and disabled, including Prem Dan and Daya Dan. Their rewards each day were the smiles of gratitude from residents and the feeling of satisfaction in their hearts. “The single most inspiring, graceful, and beautiful action is when the children simply smile and chuckle,” said Mc Cristyle. “Their smile is a humbling reminder that love is a language that we all can speak.”

During their days off from volunteer work, the group was able to visit FreeSet and SariBari, textile businesses which employ women who were formerly sex trafficked. With human trafficking as our justice theme for the school year, it was profound for the Bellarmine contingent to observe the day-to-day operations of the businesses and the impact it makes in the fight against human trafficking, perhaps one of the largest hubs of trafficking in the world.

During this same time period, on the other side of the world, faculty and staff members Tyler Halsbrugh, Jeremy Lum ’02, and Fr. Manis Prettto, S.J., accompanied 15 Bells on the seventh annual Los Angeles Immersion. With their home base in downtown L.A., in the neighborhoods of Skid Row and Boyle Heights, the delegation worked with students at Dolores Mission School, served breakfast to over 1,000 homeless and downtown at Midnight Mission, and made bread alongside “homies” at Homeboy Industries. The bakery is one of many enterprises of Homeboy Industries, which was started by Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J. as a positive alternative for gang members to leave the dangerous and destructive life on the streets in favor of training and work experience.

“In solidarity with those who call these areas home, we’ve come face to face with hopes and heartbreaks, successes and setbacks, problems and solutions. We’ve returned tired, but with hearts full of hope and gratitude for those we met in and around downtown Los Angeles,” said Halsbrugh, who has led the L.A. immersion since its inception in 2009.

The last of our three Winter Break immersions took place in the Navajo Nation near Tuba City, Arizona. Seven students and faculty members Terry Ryan and Alison Pagura were the guests of St. Jude’s Parish and the Daughters of Charity, as they painted classrooms, and worked in the food bank and the garden that supports it. Down times were filled with conversation with Hopi and Navajo about the political and economic situations which still negatively impact the people on the reservations, as well as visiting local area archaeological sites.

Three additional immersions took place over Spring Break – Mexico, Tijuana and Kino Border, with trips to Appalachia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, the Mississippi Delta and South Africa scheduled for the summer months.

Those wishing to support this unique and transformative program may make a gift “in Support of Immersion.” Visit online: www.bcp.org/give
Reflection

By Terry Ward

In December 2014, Terry Ward retired after nearly 35 years at Bellarmine, including 13 as athletic director.

I have been asked to reflect on my years with the Jesuits and, by my calculation, those are 50 years! I will attempt to give you a glimpse of what stands out in my mind.

I give my mom and dad the credit for choosing to send me to St. Ignatius for high school, thus marking the beginning of my 50 years. My parents were traditional Irish-Catholics. They had six children, and I was the oldest of their five boys. My mother was a stay-at-home mom who had four brothers as the oldest of their five boys. My mother was a stay-at-home mom who had four brothers who were Franciscan priests. My dad worked as an attorney for the City of San Francisco, and was always involved in our parish and many Catholic organizations, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Charities. It was instilled in us that we were to work hard, play fair, and always help others.

On my first day of school, the words “Men for Others” were spoken by the principal, and although I did not fully understand the true meaning of that time, it resounded through all four high school years. It was used by my two track coaches, Fr. Ray Devlin and Fr. Dare Morgan, and continued in the classroom with Fr. Spohn, Fr. Enright, Fr. Becker, Fr. Morgan, and continued in the classroom with Fr. Spohn, Fr. Enright, Fr. Becker, Fr. Bill Ryan, Fr. Pat Carroll, and two laymen, Bill Kennedy and Frank Kavanaugh. By my senior year, I got it.

During my days at St. Ignatius, I was a member of the track and field team, being my high school classmate at S.I., a teaching friend at Bellarmine, and the president of S.I. today. Brother Charlie Jackson, for years of coaching track and cross-country at Bellarmine and S.I., being my track teammate at S.I. – you are a friend that I could always count on – thank you so much, to two younger Jesuits who coached cross-country with me: Fr. Scott Santamaria – our new provincial, and Fr. Paul Manari – professor of Chinese History at Santa Clara University; former president of S.I., Fr. Tony Sauer, for giving me counsel in accepting the position of track at Bellarmine and, above all, the Jesuit of Jesus, Fr. Ed McFadden, for taking a chance on a young S.I. alum and hiring me to teach and coach at S.I., and then for encouraging me 11 years later to follow him to Bellarmine, for his leadership of our faculty governance group, for teaching my three children, and allowing all of them to be members of the Greater Grammar Group (GGG) and always the friend of friends.

I was offered a position at Bellarmine in 1980. Fr. Russ Roade, my former president at S.I. and friend at Bellarmine, Fr. Ed Harris, my high school classmate at S.I., a teaching friend at Bellarmine, and the president of S.I. today, Brother Charlie Jackson, for years of coaching track and cross-country at Bellarmine and S.I., being my track teammate at S.I. – you are a friend that I could always count on – thank you so much, to two younger Jesuits who coached cross-country with me: Fr. Scott Santamaria – our new provincial, and Fr. Paul Manari – professor of Chinese History at Santa Clara University; former president of S.I., Fr. Tony Sauer, for giving me counsel in accepting the position of track at Bellarmine and, above all, the Jesuit of Jesus, Fr. Ed McFadden, for taking a chance on a young S.I. alum and hiring me to teach and coach at S.I., and then for encouraging me 11 years later to follow him to Bellarmine, for his leadership of our faculty governance group, for teaching my three children, and allowing all of them to be members of the Greater Grammar Group (GGG) and always the friend of friends.

Terry Ward was one of the most dedicated teachers, coaches, and administrators that I have known. He was then – and still is now – a true “Man for Others.” I’m sure that Bellarmine College Preparatory is quite proud to have had such a wonderful man as one of their teachers, coaches, and administrators. Go Bells and Go Terry!”

Gary Cunningham

Former Bellarmine Head Baseball Coach

In April 2015, Terry received the Central Coast Section (CCS) Distinguished Service Award, as well as recognition from the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Central Coast Section Athletic Directors Association.

“I could not have survived this journey without my wife. Mary. She allowed me to spend countless hours coaching, and our love only continues to grow. I was able to share my life with my three sons as members of the cross-country and track teams. I learned so much from them, and I thank them for allowing me to be on their journey, whether driving to and from school, being together at practices and meets all over California, or going to Bellarmine on Sundays to swept the two inside lanes of water so that we could practice on Monday.

Thank you to my fellow Jesuits: Fr. Jerry Wade – family baptisms, marriages, being my mentor in the 19th Annotated Spiritual Exercises, twice giving me the Sacrament of the Sick, and always being there for me; Fr. Dick Cobb, for your wisdom and understanding and dedication to all of us, Fr. Bob Shmyr, for being upbeat every day to all of the faculty and, when I attended any sporting event, I knew you would be there for our student athletes; Fr. Ron Gemi, for teaching me and always being a friend in the Social Science department; Fr. Mike Moody, for being a friend to Mary and me; Fr. Ray Atteneder, for your knowledge and help in our prayer groups. Fr. Bill Tom, for your sense of humor. Fr. Bob Mathewson, for your vision of Bellarmine many years ago; Fr. Bill Muler, who saw that justice also included the faculty, and for his leadership in raising faculty salaries. Fr. Russ Roade, my former president at S.I. and friend at Bellarmine, Fr. Ed Harris, my high school classmate at S.I., a teaching friend at Bellarmine, and the president of S.I. today, Brother Charlie Jackson, for years of coaching track and cross-country at Bellarmine and S.I., being my track teammate at S.I. – you are a friend that I could always count on – thank you so much, to two younger Jesuits who coached cross-country with me: Fr. Scott Santamaria – our new provincial, and Fr. Paul Manari – professor of Chinese History at Santa Clara University; former president of S.I., Fr. Tony Sauer, for giving me counsel in accepting the position of track at Bellarmine and, above all, the Jesuit of Jesus, Fr. Ed McFadden, for taking a chance on a young S.I. alum and hiring me to teach and coach at S.I., and then for encouraging me 11 years later to follow him to Bellarmine, for his leadership of our faculty governance group, for teaching my three children, and allowing all of them to be members of the Greater Grammar Group (GGG) and always the friend of friends.

What sticks out to me most about Terry is his sense of humor and his level-headed perspective. Terry is the epitome of a model for student-centered athletics. He always understood that competition was about the student-athletes’ experience and that the identity of a team at Bellarmine should reflect the spiritual, intellectual, and physical balance that our students reflect upon in daily — As I transition onto this role, Terry continues to be a great mentor. His ability to make the work in Bellarmine athletics reflect our Jesuit mission, and to keep our students at the core of everything that we do, is inspiring.”

Joe Romano

Bellarmine Athletic Director

An event in honor of Terry Ward’s service to Bellarmine is scheduled for June 20. For details, visit: www.GoBells.org

Finaly, there are so many of you to thank: Chris Meyercord, teaching buddies, coaches in other sports, scholars, administrators, faculty, staff – especially Sue Atkinson and Kay Smith, buildings and grounds – especially Juan Navarro and Quiro Quin, and more importantly the students who have made me more complete every day.
Bill Healy

Named to State Speech Association’s Hall of Fame

Bellarmin College Preparatory faculty member, Bill Healy, was recently elected to the California High School Speech Association (CHSSA) Hall of Fame. Healy retired from coaching speech last spring after 27 years with the Bellarmine program.

Candidates for the Hall of Fame are nominated by Leagues across the state, and voted upon by CHSSA council members. Leagues and Hall of Fame members not currently residing on the council. Election requires a 60% vote for the nominee.

Healy became involved in coaching when, after a number of years as an English teacher, he discovered that many of his favorite English students were members of the speech and debate team. Asking then Bellarmine head coach Jim Harville if he could help out and do some coaching for the team, Healy was assigned to original written student congress and extemporaneous speaking, with which he remained during the length of his highly successful career. “I love being able to help on-raters figure out what issue moves them the most and then aiding them in crafting thoughtful, powerful ways to convey that issue to an audience, and helping young ‘extempers’ learn to hold and cogently respond to any current events question thrown at them,” he said.

Healy has had a significant impact on Bellarmine’s program, coaching 18 state champions in Oratory, Advocacy, Expository and Extemporaneous speaking, as well as 16 national finalists and 6 national champions in Oratory, Expository and Extemporaneous speaking. But it’s his impact on the students who have competed for Bellarmine that will remain his legacy. Often described as a coach who formed young men to stand up and speak the truth, he finds his greatest pleasure in seeing how many of the students he coached continue to use the abilities they developed in speech in constructive ways to improve the lives of others.

“Bill Healy was, for many years, an outstanding Speech and Debate coach for Bellarmine,” said Bellarmine principal Chris Meyercord ’88. “He successfully coached students at the highest level of competition, and regularly provided them with the kind of guidance and support that was integral to their success. More importantly, Bill consistently focused his efforts not merely on helping his students to be better speakers, but to encourage those students to put their skills and talents at the service of others. For these reasons and many others, Bill is richly deserving of this significant recognition.”

One of the most important aspects of coaching with the Bellarmine team, from Healy’s perspective, was the team spirit, fostered by Harville and his successor, Kim Jones. “The team was and is, a community of coaches and students who help one another achieve team as well as individual goals. Watching older students guide the newer in practice, watching the whole team cheering for their teammates at awards ceremonies – these are things that he will remember most. “I don’t think I could have coached for as long as I did, and I know I wouldn’t have enjoyed it as much if I did, were it not for the sense of community fostered by Jim and Kim,” he said.

Healy has also served as vice president of individual events for the Coast Forensics League and for many years ran the extemporaneous prep room for all-league tournaments.

Alumni Mothers Extended Network (AMEN)

strives to keep the mothers of Bellarmine graduates connected after their sons have graduated, nurturing friendships old and new through a variety of activities.

AMEN’s activities include:
- Building community within AMEN through various Interest Groups
- Raising funds to support Bellarmine’s Financial Aid Program
- Providing mentorship to Bellarmine parents whose sons are navigating the college process
- Volunteering at local nonprofit agencies and organizations
- Providing helping hands at Bellarmine events

Visit the AMEN website for more information and a membership form: http://www.bcp.org/alumni-parents/amen/

The Dads of Grads organization (DOGs)

is a group of fathers of Bellarmine graduates who enjoy staying connected to the Bellarmine community and each other. The Dads of Grads exists to provide a forum for dads to stay involved with and support the Christian, social, and developmental activities of the Bellarmine community. We are a resource to Bellarmine and solicit your ideas for activities that will benefit Bellarmine.

The DOGs organize and/or participate in several events throughout the year, such as the Dads’ Retreat, a Memorial Mass, an event with AMEN, and more!

Visit the DOGs website for more information and a membership form: http://www.bcp.org/alumni-parents/dogs/

The Cheesy Poofs Robotics team from Bellarmine College Prep did it again this year, winning the 2015 FRC Silicon Valley Regional held April 2-4 at San Jose State University.

The team played 9 qualification matches and averaged over 200 points, becoming the first team to finish with a 200+ point average.

The Cheesy Poofs seeded first and picked Team 1678, The Citrus Circuits; and Team 5027, Event Horizon, going on to win the finals with a final score of 254 points (ironically the team number).

During April 15-18, Team 254A and 254D competed at the 2015 VEX World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky, earning the Website award after challenging top teams from places like New Zealand, Texas, China, England, Mexico, and Bahrain.

The Cheesy Poofs Drive Team

(left to right): Christopher Sides, operator and FRC technical director; Christian Jimenez, driver; Travis Covington, BCP Robotics advisor.

Travis Covington, lead mentor, also won the prestigious Woodie Flowers Finalist Award, given to only one mentor at each regional for that mentor’s ability to effectively communicate with and inspire students.

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Athletics

Highlights

As of publication deadline, the following are some athletics highlights during academic year 2014-15:

Football
CCS Open Division Runner-up

Cross Country
WCAL and CCS Champions

Soccer
CCS Championship, and WCAL Champions at all levels: Frosh, JV and Varsity

Basketball
CCS Division 1 Championship

Wrestling
WCAL Champions

Varsity Golf
Won the Pahrump Invitational Tournament in Nevada, March 12 and 13

Legacy Giving
by Bill Colucci, Esq. '82 Director, Planned Giving

The Power of a Plan
“I love it when a plan comes together.”
– Hannibal Smith (“The A-Team”)

One of the great joys I get to experience on a daily basis is teaching some of the young men here at Bellarmine. Over the last 16 years, I have been privileged to be a small part of the lives of many of our alumni. Don’t let me wrong; some of those guys may want to forget about me, but, either way, I feel blessed to have been their teacher. If teaching has taught me nothing else, it is the necessity of having a plan before venturing forth into the classroom or any other endeavor.

It is critical to have a plan when I go into the classroom to make sure that the students and I have an idea as to what we are going to accomplish on a given day. Now, if you ask any of my former or current students whether that plan is followed to the letter, there’s probably going to be some disagreement about that. Yes, sometimes plans need to be adjusted, but a well-executed classroom lesson is a thing of beauty to watch unfold.

Just as a teacher needs a plan in the classroom, it is also important to have some kind of a plan for your estate (how’s that for a segue?). Estate planning may not be one of the most thrilling things you’ll ever do, but it is one of the most important. Whether you know it or not, the state in which you reside has already created an estate plan for you if you have not done so yourself. And, the state’s idea of who should get your assets may not be to your liking. So, to make sure your hard-earned assets go where you want them to go, you need some type of estate plan.

Your plan may be a straightforward one that is relatively hassle free to create, or it may require more complexity, depending upon your assets and family situation. In either event, it is important to make some kind of plan so that your heirs know your wishes after you are gone.

As you craft an estate plan for you and your family, adding a charitable gift can be an important part of your plan. If you’ve been thinking about how you might be able to extend your support of the school, including a gift to Bellarmine as part of your estate plan is a simple, yet powerful, way to do just that. A legacy gift to the school, that is, a gift made through your estate plan, will help provide us the tools we need to continue to make Bellarmine an even better place to attend high school.

If you have already established a bequest or other gift to Bellarmine in your estate plan, please let us know so that we can acknowledge your generosity and include you as a member of our legacy giving society.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about how to proceed, or need additional estate or gift planning information.

To learn more about Planned Giving opportunities to support Bellarmine, please contact Bill Colucci, Esq. ’82, Director, Planned Giving, at 408.537.9279 or via email: bcolucci@bcp.org
You may also visit online: www.bcp.org/plannedgiving

Senior Networking Luncheon

The 8th Annual Senior Networking Luncheon, presented by the Office of Alumni Relations, was held on March 31st. More than 70 alumni returned to campus and were grouped with members of the Class of 2015, based on the students’ areas of career interests. The keynote speaker was Michael Trela ’00, head of Satellite Engineering and Programs at Google. It was a great opportunity for alumni to share their career experiences with seniors, as well as offer them tips for success and college life.

Senior Networking Luncheon

Michael Trela ’00 addresses seniors and alumni at the 8th Annual Senior Networking Luncheon.

ASB Blood Drive
On March 12, Bellarmine’s Associated Student Body (ASB) sponsored a blood drive for Stanford. The effort resulted in the collection of 106 pints of blood. Among the student blood-donors were (from left): Scott Baker ’17, Justin Maly ’16, and Roshan Narayan ’16. (photo by Sheila Collison)

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It is critical to have a plan when I go into the classroom to make sure that the students and I have an idea as to what we are going to accomplish on a given day. Now, if you ask any of my former or current students whether that plan is followed to the letter, there’s probably going to be some disagreement about that. Yes, sometimes plans need to be adjusted, but a well-executed classroom lesson is a thing of beauty to watch unfold.

Just as a teacher needs a plan in the classroom, it is also important to have some kind of a plan for your estate (how’s that for a segue?). Estate planning may not be one of the most thrilling things you’ll ever do, but it is one of the most important. Whether you know it or not, the state in which you reside has already created an estate plan for you if you have not done so yourself. And, the state’s idea of who should get your assets may not be to your liking. So, to make sure your hard-earned assets go where you want them to go, you need some type of estate plan.

Your plan may be a straightforward one that is relatively hassle free to create, or it may require more complexity, depending upon your assets and family situation. In either event, it is important to make some kind of plan so that your heirs know your wishes after you are gone.

As you craft an estate plan for you and your family, adding a charitable gift can be an important part of your plan. If you’ve been thinking about how you might be able to extend your support of the school, including a gift to Bellarmine as part of your estate plan is a simple, yet powerful, way to do just that. A legacy gift to the school, that is, a gift made through your estate plan, will help provide us the tools we need to continue to make Bellarmine an even better place to attend high school.

If you have already established a bequest or other gift to Bellarmine in your estate plan, please let us know so that we can acknowledge your generosity and include you as a member of our legacy giving society.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about how to proceed, or need additional estate or gift planning information.

To learn more about Planned Giving opportunities to support Bellarmine, please contact Bill Colucci, Esq. ’82, Director, Planned Giving, at 408.537.9279 or via email: bcolucci@bcp.org
You may also visit online: www.bcp.org/plannedgiving

Senior Networking Luncheon

The 8th Annual Senior Networking Luncheon, presented by the Office of Alumni Relations, was held on March 31st. More than 70 alumni returned to campus and were grouped with members of the Class of 2015, based on the students’ areas of career interests. The keynote speaker was Michael Trela ’00, head of Satellite Engineering and Programs at Google. It was a great opportunity for alumni to share their career experiences with seniors, as well as offer them tips for success and college life.

Senior Networking Luncheon

Michael Trela ’00 addresses seniors and alumni at the 8th Annual Senior Networking Luncheon.

ASB Blood Drive
On March 12, Bellarmine’s Associated Student Body (ASB) sponsored a blood drive for Stanford. The effort resulted in the collection of 106 pints of blood. Among the student blood-donors were (from left): Scott Baker ’17, Justin Maly ’16, and Roshan Narayan ’16. (photo by Sheila Collison)
1950s

Ellis Grant ’56 has been retired for the last 15 years, following 25 years in the field of hotel management. Married for 53 years to Judy (O’Brien), a Dominican University graduate. Two sons, one an executive with Starbucks in Seattle and the other a check pilot for Fed Ex, stationed in Germany. “Life is good as we live here in the ‘deep south’!” Dixon, South Carolina. Would love to hear from any fellow classmates.

Glen Fritzell ’56 retired after 50 years as an appraiser and Right of Way agent with CalTrans, City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara.

Larry Atwell ’56 is a chairman of the Wyoming Community College Commission, which coordinates the seven Wyoming Community Colleges with 23,000 students. He is also chairman of a local economic development board and executive director of the Wyoming Society of Association Executives.

1960s

David Barkaly ’62 reports: “God has given us even more blessings. I’m a grandfather again. My eldest daughter, Julie, has adopted two little girls, sisters Anastasia (9) and Zamantha (6); adoption became final March 1st. I’m a grandfather again. My eldest daughter, Julie, has adopted two little girls, sisters Anastasia (9) and Zamantha (6); adoption became final March 1st. I’m a grandfather again. My eldest daughter, Julie, has adopted two little girls, sisters Anastasia (9) and Zamantha (6); adoption became final March 1st. I’m a grandfather again. My eldest daughter, Julie, has adopted two little girls, sisters Anastasia (9) and Zamantha (6); adoption became final March 1st.

John Miller ’76 is a director of business management solutions at Intel. He is celebrating 30 years of marriage with his wife, Larrie.

Jerome Neville ’79 was a Navy lawyer (LT - JAGC) for four years, then later returned to Silicon Valley. Jerome reports that he is an alum of 3Com, PWC, and Cisco for three stock splits. “I punched out in February 2000 (right before the bubble burst). Almost 15 years later and I am still solvent … I came to St. Paul, MN because I love Prairie Home Companion so much I had to see this place. Have been here off and on for 10 years, with rental property in Port Townsend, WA and Berkeley, which I visit often. My daughter is Julia Clare, age 11.”


1970s

Chris Wyland ’85 notes that he is, “happily married 20 years now with two great kids, son 6 and daughter 10 years old. Still working in the semiconductor industry in the San Francisco Bay Area.”

Dan Cordoa ’86 was scheduled to leave for France on February 23 to begin walking a pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago. “By the end of March, I will have walked 500 miles and be at the Cathedral de Santiago de Compostela,” noted Dan. “Along the way I will be lifting up in prayer all of the people in my life who have carried me to where I am now, including the Bellarmine community. I would be honored to have my journey remembered in your prayers as well. In the 1980s, I walked pilgrimages with Bellarmine and I can’t help but think about those days as I prepare for my trip.”

1980s

Ellis Popp ’85 enjoyed his retirement ceremony held June 20, 2014 at U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Captain Popp’s personal decorations include three Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, and a Navy Achievement Medal. He and his wife, Ruth, have five daughters: Frances, Naomi, Hannah, Mary, and Ellen.

Ralph Alvarado, M.D. ’87 was elected last November to the Kentucky State Senate - 28th District, the first Hispanic member of the Kentucky State Legislature.

1990s

Christophe Rebboah ’90 has been appointed executive director of Rebelian Children’s Services (RCS). The organization promotes the social, emotional, and physical well-being of children and families in Santa Clara and Monterey counties. Rebboah began his tenure at RCS in 1994 in Campus Services and has held various roles including chief clinical officer, director, clinical program manager, and unit manager.

Aaron Baloney ’91 married Yurika Kawashima on June 7, 2014, in Honolulu, Hawaii, where they enjoyed their honeymoon. The couple resides in Maryland Heights, Missouri.

Mike Ahrens ’92 teamed up with his brother, Ken ’96, to launch the WiseCracker brand, which specializes in high-quality, U.S.-made bottle openers (many are produced in San Jose). A portion of sales are donated to non-profits, such as Read for Reading, and various local causes.

Mark Rodgers ’98 resides with his wife and children in Sofia, Bulgaria. He recently founded an offshore I-T company focusing on mobile application development for clients in the U.S. and Western Europe. He requests someone please send him an In-N-Out Burger.

Patrick Lorenzo ’98 announces the birth of Tiago Sebastian Lorenzo, born on November 24, 2014, at 1:28 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring initially at 18.5 inches (actually 21 inches per his first week appointment). Patrick notes it as “an admissions calendar-friendly birth.”
**2000s**

Donald Nadalin '00 and his wife, Damsi, welcomed their twin boys, Daniel and Mateo, in May 2014. They live in Culver City, CA.

Matt Mahan '01 is preparing to launch a new startup, Brigade.com, in the spring.

Joseph Mendoza '01 is in his fifth year as a firefigher/paramedic with Corvallis Fire Department in Oregon. Joseph and his wife, Lauren, have a nine-year-old daughter, Kennedy, a two-year-old son, Cruz, and a child due in August.

Tony Zand '02 and his wife, Leah, welcomed their second child, Daniel, on December 28, 2014. Daniel is working as a pediatrician in Mountain View, CA. He continues to grow, as a software engineer and as a whole person. Lots of dreams ahead - of travel, creativity, and personal growth - but the present is good. I wish all the best to my fellow Bells in their endeavors.

Mark Rossetti '05 reports that

its a return to beautiful weather and the comfortable proximity of home. I joined a startup (boat-themed) late last year and have continued to grow, as a software engineer and as a whole person. Lots of dreams ahead - of travel, creativity, and personal growth - but the present is good. I wish all the best to my fellow Bells in their endeavors.

Matt Sobol '05 continues his career in filmmaking, and his film, "Take Me to the River," had its World Premiere in the NEXT Section of the 2015 Sundance Film Festival. In 2014, Matt was among those named "25 New Faces of Indie Film" by Filmmaker Magazine.

Jason Von Raesfeld '07 will be married on August 29, 2015 to Jennifer Ling. "We met working out at Coyote Creek Golf Course and have been dating since August 2011," notes Jason. “We will be getting married at Wente Vineyards in Livermore and there will be many other Bells in attendance."

Kyle Hilbrecht '08 is completing the Stanford Teacher Education Program, through Stanford's Graduate School of Education, in June with a Masters in Education and a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. He is looking forward to having an elementary school classroom of his own in the Fall.

Mackenzie Pridham '09 reports that he recently signed a contract with the Vancouver Whitecaps USL Pro Team, and has moved to Vancouver for the season.

We want to know what’s new in the lives of our alumni. To provide information and pictures for consideration in future editions of Bellarmine College Prep Magazine, please email Matt Zuniga, Director of Alumni Relations, at mzaniga@bcp.org.

Stay connected to the Bellarmine Alumni network. If you are changing your job or home address, please reach out to the Bellarmine Alumni Office at stayconnected@bcp.org or update your information directly at www.bells.org by signing into your alumni profile account. We will then update your records in this school’s database.

Why stay connected? We need your contact details to notify you regarding alumni programs, events, job opportunities, class reunions or related developments here at Bellarmine College Prep.
In Memoriam

Mikael Meyer ’96

beloved Bellarmine faculty member and alumnus, passed away on April 13, 2015, following his year and a half long battle with Glioblastoma Multiforme, a type of brain cancer. Mikael’s transition to eternal rest occurred at home, where he was surrounded by his wife, Maggie, and daughters, Grace and Nina. Mikael, who taught Spanish at Bellarmine and coached Speech and Debate, touched many lives through his gentle spirit, gift of grace, sense of humor, and musical talents. Even as others were caring for him during the final weeks of his challenging journey, Mikael continued to be a man for and with others. Vaya con Dios, Señor Meyer.

Daniel C. Harrington ’64

entered eternal rest February 23, 2015. A proud Bellarmine alumnus, Dan led the Bells to victories on both the football and baseball fields. He was inducted into the Bellarmine Athletic Hall of Fame for baseball in 1999 and was a member of the Hall of Fame 1963 football team. From Bellarmine, Dan went on to attend Santa Clara University, where he continued to excel on the baseball field. Other family members who attended or are attending Bellarmine include Dan’s brothers, Michael ’67 and Timothy ’71, and Dan’s grandson, Coleman Shaheen ’16. Dan cherished his Jesuit education and truly embodied the Jesuit philosophy of being a “Man for Others.” He is remembered lovingly by many at Bellarmine as being among the nicest of young men to grace our campus.

Andy Anh Nguyen ’17

passed away January 25, 2015, following a courageous battle against cancer for more than one year. Andy was a passionate martial artist, Boy Scout, and Bellarmine club enthusiast. He was well-known for being a gentle and caring individual with a burning desire to learn and serve others, regardless of the obstacles that lay before him. Above all, he had a natural habit and gift for making people smile and laugh in any situation. In addition to his parents, Tuan Nguyen and Hong Tram; and sister, Olivia; Andy is survived by his Godmother, Kristina Luscher; Godfather, Fr. Mario Prietto, S.J.; and his sophomore classmates and entire Bellarmine community who mourn his passing but who are grateful to have had the privilege of knowing him.
The Bellarmine Community joins in prayerful remembrance of alumni, family, and friends who have died.
Time Capsule

Newspaper editor Jerry Wade ’55 (center), who would go on to become a beloved Jesuit priest and then president and chancellor of Bellarmine, pounds out a story as Donald Sorensen ’57, Robert Boivin ’55, James Douglas ’55, Herbert Shiner ’55, and Nick Livak ’55 look over recent editions.
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Bellarmine College Preparatory is a community of men and women gathered together by God for the purpose of educating the student to seek justice and truth throughout his life. We are a Catholic school in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Founder of the Society of Jesus. As such, our entire school program is dedicated to forming “men for and with others” – persons whose lives will be dedicated to bringing all their God-given talents to fullness and to living according to the pattern of service inaugurated by Jesus Christ.