The end of the school year is always a time of mixed emotions for me. On the one hand, there is the joy of summer – of great weather, barbecues, and more time to spend with family and friends. But it also marks something of a bittersweet end, as we bid a fond farewell to the graduates of that year’s class. While I love teaching my senior English class, I’m always a little bit sad that just as I’m getting to know these students, it’s time for them to move on to college.

Yet while there is a tinge of sadness, the pervasive feeling is one of joy. At some level, the boys are elated to be moving on to the next stage in life, there is a sense of accomplishment, and there is a strong sense of brotherhood – that even though they are saying goodbye to Bellarmine, the friendships they have forged will last.

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National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Springtime at Bellarmine is an amazing time of year. Everywhere you look, there is something going on. One morning during Lent, you might run into Jesuit scholastic, David Romero, S.J., leading his sophomore religious studies class through campus for a reflection upon the Stations of the Cross. On another afternoon in O’Donnell Hall, you could hear classes reviewing for upcoming AP exams while speech and debate students coach one another in the hallways. Meanwhile, on the track you could watch Bellarmine students running side by side with students from Presentation and Notre Dame. If you head to the outskirts of the Lecaros parking lot and peek into the robotics lab, you would most likely find Team 254 tinkering with a robot in preparation for the next tournament or they might be welcoming another local robotics team onto our field for some pre-tournament practice.

Amidst all of the movement, there are always those moments when we step back to reflect upon what makes us Bellarmine. This year we learned about the impact of Catholic Relief Service’s Rice Bowl collection and the power of a small snack to reflect upon what makes us Bellarmine. This year we learned about the impact of Catholic Relief Service’s Rice Bowl collection and the power of a small snack to reflect upon what makes us Bellarmine. As we sprint toward graduation, these moments of prayer and reflection are essential. It is in these moments that we have an opportunity to ground ourselves in Bellarmine’s mission to live “according to the pattern of service inaugurated by Jesus Christ.” These moments allow us to remember what is truly important.

The National Merit Scholarship Program announced that 15 Bellarmine College Preparatory students qualified as finalists, and were considered for National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2016.

The 15 Bellarmine seniors named as National Merit Scholarship finalists are: Ayan Bandyopadhyay, Alex Chien, Nathaniel Viet Duy Doong, Mark C. Ingram, Shreyan Jain, Josh G. Kim, Callen S. MacPhee, Rohan Menezes, Amit B. Mondal, Sidharth and were considered for National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2016.

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Bellarmine senior Anin Sayana ’16 was a finalist in the Intel Science Talent Search, after having been named a semifinalist with Ayan Bandyopadhyay ’16 in the competition, which encourages students to take on challenging scientific questions as a means toward developing the skills that will be needed to solve the problems of tomorrow, is considered the nation’s most prestigious pre-college science competition. Anin worked on optimizing a cancer peptide vaccine for glioblastoma, a form of brain cancer, by analyzing how the immune system processes the vaccine. His initial interest in cancer research was kick-started by his grandfather’s fight against cancer. “I’ve been researching a variety of cancers throughout high school,” he said “and started working on this particular project, Accelerating Cancer Immunotherapy: Optimization of an EGFRvIII-based Cancer Vaccine via Computationally-aided Analysis of Proteasome Processing for Improved Glioblastoma Prognosis, in April 2014.”

The finals consisted of three categories that students were placed in during the judging process: basic research, global good, and innovation. The judging process was a series of interviews by a panel of judges, then three hours of project judging in typical Science Fair-style, according to Anin, who plans to continue work on his project, hoping to make the vaccine more effective.

Bellarmine faculty member, Dejani Roy, PhD, knows both students through their involvement with the STEM-MED club on campus. “Both Ayan and Anin are fantastic young scientists in the making,” she said.

From the Principal’s Office

Bellarmine College Preparatory

College Visits

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The College Guidance Department, Office of Alumni Relations, and the generosity of many Bellarmine alumni continue to support the College Visits program.

Ten students participated in the Southern California trip, visiting 18 colleges in the greater Los Angeles area over the course of four days. The campuses they visited included Whittier, Pitzer, University of LaVerne, Occidental, Chapman, LMU, USC, UC Irvine, Biola, and UC Merced. These choices covered the gamut from small to large, public to private, Jesuit, and schools with first generation support programs.

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The 61st Annual Mothers’ Guild Fashion Show for Financial Aid, with its “Winter Wonderland” theme, was held November 21, 2015, at The Fairmont San Jose. Under the leadership of Susan Bunce, chair; Sandy Douthit, business chair; Kristen Del Biggio-Heffeman, production co-chair; and Greta Jackson, production co-chair, the effort resulted in record-breaking net proceeds totaling more than $436,000, benefiting Bellarmine’s Direct Financial Aid Fund and the Mothers’ Guild Financial Aid Endowment. Congratulations to all involved, with special thanks to the Fashion Show committee, sub-committees, volunteers, models, dancers, teams, clubs, and generous donors.

40™ GOLDEN BELL AUCTION

More than 760 guests attended the 40th Annual Golden Bell Auction, held the evening of March 12 on the Bellarmine campus. The theme, “A Night At The Derby,” was embraced by many in attendance, with several women wearing beautiful hats and men sporting a variety of derby-style fedoras.

Under the leadership of Claudia DeNuccio, trustee and volunteer event chair; and Brian Christensen, alumni and development director of special projects; the event featured live and silent auctions, wine and bourbon bars, and dinner prepared by executive chefs Philippe Breneman ’97 of The Lexington House and Marty Cattaneo ’97 of Google. Radio personality Gary Scott Thomas of KRTY returned as auctioneer extraordinaire.

As always, much credit goes to all of the many volunteers, including the Mothers’ Guild and Dads’ Club, as well as members of the Bellarmine faculty and staff, for their collaborative efforts.

A highlight of the evening occurred when Jorge Meza ’10 addressed the audience with moving remarks about the impact his Bellarmine education had on his life, and conveyed his gratitude for all the generous donors that provide tuition assistance for nearly one in every four of our students.

The event resulted in more than $500,000 in net proceeds to benefit Bellarmine’s Direct Financial Aid Fund.

Save the date for next year’s Golden Bell Auction:
March 11, 2017
The reason I came to Bellarmine to teach was the direct result of my experience here as a student. I deeply admired the Jesuits and laymen who were my teachers and coaches from 1957-1961.

When I began teaching at Bellarmine in the fall of 1970, the faculty numbered about 90, approximately 70 Jesuits and 20 laymen. My, how times have changed! I began by teaching English (and a Typing class for seniors) for about six weeks, then moved into the Math Department, where I have been for 46 years.

In 1978, Fr. Steve Privett, S.J., asked me to take on the responsibilities of Admissions and Scheduling. At the time, Bellarmine still had resident students, so the job included the need to find students to become “Bellarmine Boarders.” Additionally, scheduling was done on an individual basis. With the arrival of computers to the campus in the late ’70s, scheduling became a much easier process. In 1981, Fr. Ed Reese, S.J., became the new principal at Bellarmine, and in 1983, Fr. Reese asked me to become Bellarmine’s athletic director, a position I held until 1998.

As Bellarmine was approaching its 150th anniversary (2001), then president Fr. Bill Muller, S.J., asked me to chair our 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration. At the conclusion of that celebration, I was then asked to become Bellarmine’s business manager. While I still taught a class during this time, my teaching opportunities were very limited, and after a year and a half as business manager, I requested to return to the classroom full time.

Over the course of the years, the highlights for me included the chance to meet and try to help many wonderful young people. I have always been impressed with the resilience of youth. Our students come from so many different backgrounds, that there is a special “diversity” seen in our student population. I have learned much from watching these kids, working with them, and trying to help them grow, learn, and mature.

On an immersion trip to El Salvador in 1996, while I was dumbstruck by the poverty and terrible living conditions of the people there, I was tremendously moved by the children, their hope-filled faces, their smiles, and their love. I was also just as impressed with the students we took on that trip. It was remarkable to see our students interact with the El Salvadorans, the sensitivity they displayed, and the care they demonstrated. Had I not been a Bellarmine faculty member, I doubt that I would have had the chance to experience what life was like for the less fortunate.

My time at Bellarmine also included coaching three sports covering a span of 40 years. The challenge and joy of coaching kids in baseball (8 years), football (24 years), and golf (30 years) was a privilege and a rewarding experience. I continue to enjoy many friendships, not only with players and coaches with whom I worked, but also with my counterparts at many of our opponent schools.

As I step away from teaching at “The Bell,” I will take with me wonderful memories of not only thousands of students, but also the great role models and close friendships of my fellow teachers, both Jesuit and lay. I have been blessed. Go Bells!!
Athletic Field & Track
Renovation Project Update

Phase 1 of the two-phase Athletic Fields and Track Renovation Project is completed at Bright Whims Memorial Field. Opportunities still exist at the venue for those interested in underwriting a seat with an engraved plate affixed to the seatback. We are grateful for all those who have supported Phase I. Plans continue on Phase II of the project, scheduled to begin mid-May, which includes synthetic turf replacement on Ghiorso Field and resurfacing of the Terry Ward Track. Fundraising for this project also continues, including the Breakfast with Bells featuring former San Francisco 49ers great Dwight Clark, held April 16. Look for details on that event in the next edition of Bellarmine College Prep Magazine.

For information about how you can support the Athletic Fields and Track Renovation Project, visit online: www.bcp.org/fieldproject. Help us move closer to the end zone!

Walk for Water

Approximately 60 students from Bellarmine, Presentation, Notre Dame, and Mountain View High School took part in the 4th Annual Solidarity Water Walk on March 18, 2016. Participants carried containers filled with water on their four-mile walk, from Bellarmine to the Rose Garden then back to school, in solidarity with girls in Kenya, India, and many other developing countries who must walk great distances every day in order to secure water for their families and communities. The estimated $900 in proceeds from the walk, sponsored by Bellarmine’s Free the Children Club, will be used in support of clean water access and women’s education causes.

Athletics
Highlights

There is much athletic Bell Pride on campus these days, and with good reason. Athletic director Joe Romano informs us that the fall sports season was the first time in school history that the Bells won all three West Catholic Athletic League titles. Bellarmine also won all three Central Coast Section titles. “The fall athletic season was incredibly special,” said Romano. “Twice in the past the Bells have won three fall CCS championships, but never have we won league titles in all three as well. The students kept the historical season going this winter with league titles in soccer and wrestling, while basketball hosted the NorCal semi-final game.”

The following are some highlights:

Water Polo
WCAL and CCS Champions

Football
WCAL, CCS, and NorCal Champions

Cross Country
WCAL and CCS Champions

Wrestling
WCAL Champions

Soccer
WCAL Champions

Basketball
CCS Division 3 runners-up; competed in NorCal championships

Tennis
JF WCAL Champions (10th consecutive title)

Golf
Won Fehramp Invitational (2nd consecutive year)
Won Palmettos Invitational in South Carolina
JF WCAL Champions

Statue Dedication:
Ignatius, the Teacher

Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) representative Thomas Awiaapo addressed students at a justice summit assembly held on February 22, directly related to this year’s Summit on Human Dignity theme of poverty.

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Walk for Water

A brief ceremony took place the morning of February 20, 2016, to dedicate the newly-installed statue of St. Ignatius on Bellarmine’s campus. Guests included members of the Prietto Family, artist Jerry Smith ’54, Bellarmine administrators, and the Jesuit Community.

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We here at Bellarmine College Preparatory know that life can be unpredictable — from unexpected lesson plan changes to unexpected (yet, insightful) questions from students to unexpected challenges inside and outside the classroom. We know that even though our work has been important in your life, certain unexpected challenges and other unforeseen events may arise which might mean that you are not always able to be as supportive as you would like to be.

Such is the human condition, and we completely understand those challenges and events. Some of the most meaningful gifts Bellarmine receives are those received after the donor’s lifetime. Estate planning can be a straightforward process that only requires some thinking and a bit of follow through. In a few cases, you may be able to do some of the planning yourself. Many of these planned gifts can be altered as your circumstances change. Here are some easy, inexpensive ways you can enjoy the rewarding benefits of helping Bellarmine continue its work, which also keep your commitment to us flexible:

Remember Bellarmine in your will or living trust.

Including a gift to us in your will or living trust is a simple yet powerful way to offer future support. You can leave a specific asset, a specific dollar amount, or a percentage of the residue of your estate. This gift ensures that you and your family have the resources you need now and that Bellarmine will have the support we need in the future.

Name us as a beneficiary of your retirement account.

Naming any individual other than your spouse as beneficiary of your retirement account exposes that person to income taxes and possibly estate taxes, potentially consuming a substantial portion of your gift. Instead, name Bellarmine as the beneficiary and your estate will receive an estate tax charitable deduction. We accept the balance tax-free and you maximize your gift.

Leave us all or a portion of your life insurance.

Often overlooked as a gift, life insurance is an easy and flexible way to make an impact. You can name Bellarmine as beneficiary of a percentage of your existing life insurance policy’s death benefit.

Many people like to leave a gift to charity as a part of their estate plan because they care about causes that are important in their lives. We are here to help you determine the best way to support Bellarmine as we continue to educate and form young men to be people of competence, conscience, and compassion.

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.

We stand ready to help if you have any questions about how to proceed, or need additional estate or gift planning information. Please do not hesitate to contact us about the possibility of a legacy gift.

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

Legacy Giving

Giving Solutions for a Complex World
(or, “I want to help, but now is just not a good time.”)
Class Notes

1950s

Julio Fernandez ’36, Bellarmine’s oldest living alumnus, and his wife, Dorothy, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on December 2, 2015. Renowned Russ Roos, S.J., was the celebrant for a Mass and renewal of vows at the Fernandez home in Santa Clara. This year marks the 80th anniversary of Julio’s Bellarmine graduation—truly amazing!

Robert Chiesa, S.J. ’53 informs us that he is still serving as secretary to the provincial of the Japan Province of the Society of Jesus. “I have been in Japan since 1960 and expect to live out my earthly days here. My prayers and best wishes are with all the BCP community, past and present.”

Richard Gillberg ’54 and his wife, Evelyn, celebrated their 50th Anniversary in September 2009 while on a cruise of the Greek Islands and Naples, Italy.

1960s

Patrick Mahoney ’53 recently completed his third year as JAMS’s regional leader in dispute resolution, where he has been serving as a moderator, arbitrator, and private judge in a wide range of civil and family law cases.

William Sterling ’61 continues working with the Jesuits in the Northeast Province.

Jim Healy ’54 tells us, “I saw Bellarmine’s fine football team play four times in person this year. I retired after 24 years of slow pitch softball. Currently playing USTA Senior’s Tennis and occasionally feeling very old people in rest homes as ‘The Amazing Mr. Domino.’”

Richard Smith ’55 notes that his oldest daughter is a mechanical engineer working in the Pentagon, and that his second daughter is married to the AO of Boise State.

Lawrence J. Droglia ’56 recently welcomed his first great-grandchild.

Thomas Hastings ’56 is retired from Santa Clara County Superior Court, but is “still putting as an assigned judge throughout California.”

T. Worthen Vogel ’56 reports that he is starting his 44th year at the Fresno County District Attorney’s Office, with the last 12 of those years being part-time. He headed the sexual assault child abuse unit for 13 years and the juvenile unit for 12 years.

Joseph P. Gally ’58 and his wife, Maria, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. “We had family and friends over for a Mass and a reception. Our grandson, Anthony Picchi, is a member of the Class of 2017.”

Jim Fitzpatrick ’73 reports the following: “In 2012, I joined an exclusive marathon swimming club (with about 125 members worldwide to date). I became a member of the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming in 2012 when I completed the 28.5-mile swim around Manhattan Island. The other two ‘jewels’ in the crown are the Catalina Channel (2008) and the English Channel (2005). By completing all three swims over the age of 50, I also am a member of the Half Century Club for all three swims. Other marathon swims include two solo crossings of Lake Tahoe (the long way) from Camp Richardson to Hyatt Incline and reverse, and a swim around Key West. There are plans for more swims in the next few years. Thank you, Bellarmine Swimming, for teaching me the discipline required to be successful in these ventures.”

Tony “Anthony” Seedbach ’73 has been retired from Information Technology at the City of San Jose for almost 5 years. He has been working events that recently included 2 days of outside Lands at Golden Gate Park and both days of Grateful Dead and Taylor Swift concerts at Levi’s Stadium. He also went to Montana for the first time on a trip that included a day in Oregon and California on either end, and multiple days in Wyoming.

Robert Micheletti ’73 and his son, Joseph, are partners in Micheletti & Associates Insurance Services in Modesto, CA. Both gentlemen are Gonzaga graduates.

Paul Richard ’76 and his wife, Sandy, are living in northern Virginia where he is continuing his work as a Boeing 787 check airman for American Airlines, where he has been since 1989.

1970s

Kevin Kavaugh ’72 announces that his daughter, Megan, gave birth to her newest grandson, Lachlan Clayton Williams. “Proud grandparents of 2 grandsons, 1 granddaughter.”

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John P. Sanchez ’76 informs us that he recently opened his third Dicky’s Barbecue Pit restaurant in Petaluma, CA.

David Nobel ’79 is working as a product support engineer at FEI (formerly DCG systems) in Fremont, CA.

Daniel Cane ’80 retired in December 2015 from the Department of Corrections after 30 years of State Service. He is currently developing a solo law practice in El Dorado Hills, CA.

Bill Goodhue ’62 received the Order of Military Medical Merit, Hawaii Chapter, Lifetime Achievement Award at the Honolulu Country Club on December 9, 2015. The recognition was given for service to the Army Medical Department and to the community. He retired in 2001 as a Colonel following a 26-year Army pathologist career, then as Honolulu Acting Chief Medical Examiner in 2011. He is currently a contract forensic pathologist for the City. He went to Medical School at Cornell and trained at Cornell, Colombia, and Tripler Army Medical Center.

Lawrence Swencini, PhD ’62 became “semi-retired” after 27 years of teaching high school mathematics in the East Side Union High School District. “I attribute my success as a teacher to the inspiration of great teachers I had at Bellarmine,” he noted recently. “The methodology to challenge students to think and build confidence in leadership roles is one outstanding feature.” He went on to write mathematics materials for teachers, and created multiple mathematics poster series which are in classrooms all over the country. In 2009 he accepted a full-time math-lecturer position at University of Texas at San Antonio until retiring in 2014. He is currently developing a new math-poster series on women in mathematics.

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1990s

Adam King ’90 has lived in the UK since 1999 and has worked at London Business School since 2009. He was recently promoted to Executive Director of Thought Leadership at the School, and he serves on the school’s Executive Education Board.

Br. Charles (Timothy) Oberholzer ’91 made his first profession of the vows of stability, fidelity to monastic life (including poverty and chastity), and obedience at Our Lady of New Melkery Abbey in Dubuque, IA. December 12, 2015. New Melkery is a monastery of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance, commonly known as the “Triapplets.” Tim entered New Melkery in May, 2013, and received the novice’s habit in December of that year. He took the religious name of Br. Mary Charles in recognition of the Order’s traditional dedication to Our Lady and his sense of patronage by Blessed Charles de Foucauld.

Steve O’Brian ’94 and his wife, Juliana, welcomed their first son, John Anthony O’Brian, on July 9, 2015. They live in Antioch, MD, where Steve serves as the Senior Associate Athletic Director – Development at the United States Naval Academy.

Peter Riebe ’88 was promoted to Corporate Vice President at Samsung Electronics, where he has been working for 15 years in Seoul, Korea. He is responsible for Government Relations and Public Affairs to support the company’s operations in the Americas, Southeast and Southwest Asia and in Africa. He and his wife, Jyun, have a nine-year-old daughter, Athena, and a four-year-old son, Liam.
Class Notes

2000s

Oscar Silva '00 graduated in June 2015 with an MS and PhD from UCLA. After graduation, Oscar and his wife, Amber, recently celebrated their 10 year anniversary. “We have an 18 month old boy, Lucas, and he is very passionate about animals, especially fish! We love living in Santa Cruz.”

Joshua Burmoughs ’04 and his wife, Melissa, welcomed their first child, Savannah Rose, on February 9, 2016. “Baby Burmoughs” entered this world weighing 6 lbs, 5 oz, and 18 inches in length. They just moved to a new house near Santa Clara University/Silicon Valley area. Josh, an active member and Board of Directors of Rotary Club of San Jose, was the recipient of the Neal J. Hovenrath Award, presented by Rotary District 5370 at its conference in April, recognizing Josh as the most outstanding younger Rotarian in the District.

David Grewer ’96 and his wife, Amber, recently celebrated their 10 year anniversary. “We have an 18 month old boy, Lucas, and he is very passionate about animals, especially fish! We love living in Santa Cruz.”

Michael Fiamingo ’97 won a Daytime Emmy in April 2015 for Multicamera Editing for a Drama Series with Days of Our Lives, a program celebrating its 50th year and with which he has been associated for 26 years. Michael is married to Mihoko, a teaching assistant at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

2010s

Alex Brightman ’05 is playing the role of the scorching hot character, ‘Rock,’ in the new musical “Rock of Ages,” starring in its lead role of Drewey, the character made famous by Jack Black in the film version.

Jeffrey Brian Adams ’06 recently completed a successful run in the off-Broadway production of the musical comedy “City of Angels,” running July 5 through September 17 at San Francisco Playhouse.

Brandon J. Bylina ’08 is in a junior in the.Of the Prager Institute at USF. She is also in the USF Women’s Diving Team, and expects to graduate in May 2017.

Bryce Crawford ’08 is completing his degree in Forensic Science at Oregon State University, and accepting a job at a brewery in Napa, CA.

Stephen Anderson ’09 has been working in sales at Pure Storage in Mountain View for the last year. Stephen invites all alumni and current students “please reach out if you are interested in an internship/career in enterprise technology!”

Terrence Crawford ’09 has embarked on a filmmaking journey, as co-producer of a feature-length documentary with the working title, “Chained.” Terrence reports that for more than two years, “we have sat down with a number of key political figures, policy experts, industry whistleblowers, and students to diagnose the crisis facing American higher education today.” While the filmmakers continue seeking additional funding, screenings of the trailer and informational events have been held locally in Los Gatos and Santa Cruz. Information about the documentary is available online at: chainedthedocumentary.com and facebook.com/chainedthedocumentary.

David Moore ’04 and his wife, Jenna, welcomed their 1st child, Matthew, on April 9, 2015. He weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz and was 19.5” long. “Mother and baby are doing great!”

Ryan Trapani ’03 and his wife, Lauren, recently celebrated their daughter’s first birthday. Ryan recently completed his M.A. in Security Policy Studies from the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, and he is currently working at the U.S. House of Representitives. Ryan is also serving in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

David Cleaver ’03 is on his third deployment with the United States Army in Afghanistan, after returning from a deployment to Afghanistan last year with 3rd Special Forces Group.

NOTE: LinkedIn, University Page launches for Bellarmine alumni and students! This is a great resource for finding connections & companies you want to work for. Here’s how you join LinkedIn. For alumni who have been out of school a little longer, it’s a great place to find classmates you worked with or attended college with. It’s easy to get started. If you’re already on LinkedIn, you only have to indicate which alumni programs you want to stay connected to—Bells, classes, universities or related developments here at Bellarmine College Prep.

Matthew Froehlich ’09 is working for RGI Forensics, in their valuation practice, after working for 2 years at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the Bay Area. He graduated in April 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Loyola Marymount University, and remains an active member of the LMU Alumni Association.

Albrecht Dornisch ’09 is working in San Francisco as an Assistant Director at Wilkof & Company. He is also working on a documentary film, “Bloodline,” about the history of Jewish communities in Eastern Europe.

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Rahul Palamati ’12 has been accepted for his MS in Computer Science from Stanford.

James Consiglio ’13 is a junior at Gonzaga University majoring in mechanical engineering.

Ian Granger ’13 is a Computer Science major at Fordham University in New York.

Ryan Yogesh ’13 is majoring in Biology and minoring in Nutrition at Chapman University. He was nominated for Bellarmine’s “Outstanding Sophomore” and received the UPB Pride Award for his work on the University Programming Board, which is in charge of student events at Bellarmine.

Nico Guzman ’14 is a Catal 3rd Class at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Co. He reports that he is focused on Applied Mathematics and Physics and his next goal is going mountain climbing, skydiving, and Mexican food.

Marcos Miranda ’15 is a freshman at University of Washington studying public health.

Go Bells!

We want to know what’s new in the life of our alumni. To provide information and pictures for consideration in future editions of Bellarmine College Prep Magazine, please email Matt Zangis, director of Alumni Relations, at mza@gbells.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@gbells.org or update your information directly at: www.gobells.org by signing into your alumni profile account. We will then update your records in the school’s database. Why stay connected? We need your current contact details, so we can notify you regarding alumni programs, events, classes, events or related developments here at Bellarmine College Prep.

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Larry Harden, former faculty member, died February 9, 2016, of a rare and incurable lung disease known as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Larry studied Fine Arts at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, and was a Fine Arts instructor at Bellarmine from 1991 until his retirement in 2009. Larry, who was among the founders of the former Davenport Gallery, was an abstract expressionist painter, photographer, and sketch artist, whose work is featured in galleries in California and Washington, D.C. In noting his passing, Nick Creech ’03 recalled, “Larry was a friend of many here and served the school in many ways as a campus minister, photography teacher, and director of the sound commission. In each of these roles, Larry had a gift for reaching out to students who might easily fall through the cracks.” Art instructor Al Preciado remembers his colleague as, “a fantastic painter and a stellar teacher.” And longtime Bellarmine theatre director and faculty member Tom Alessandri ’89 recalls, “Larry was also a long-time stalwart of the Theatre Arts Program, serving as a brilliant tech director. He truly built that program with his talent and charm.”

Anthony (Tony) Sortino ’49 passed away October 20, 2015. For many years, Tony was a dedicated baseball coach for Quito Little League and Campbell Moreland Pony League, and he later helped coach the Bellarmine Bells to four consecutive CCS Championships from 1985-1988. He was an active member of many associations, including Bellarmine’s Alumni Council, and as an avid golfer, he is credited for being the catalyst for the annual Alumni Golf Tournament which has, for the past several years, benefitted the school’s Direct Financial Aid Fund.

José Cortez, longtime member of Bellarmine’s facilities crew, passed away March 15 in San Diego after becoming ill while on a trip to visit relatives. Jose worked at Bellarmine for more than 34 years. “He was always friendly, kind, and well-liked and respected by all who knew him,” noted Bellarmine president Chris Meyercord ’88 in announcing the sad news to faculty and staff. “He will be greatly missed by all of us here, and especially by his family.” Among the many memories of Jose the Bellarmine community will hold dear is the great assistance he provided to the Golden Bell Auction each year, wearing a cowboy hat at the event and always working with a smile.
The Bellarmine Community joins in prayerful remembrance of alumni, family, and friends who have died.

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Recipients will be recognized for their lifelong commitment to being a man for and with others in his chosen profession, as inspired by the experience of the Jesuit magis.

While there will be no Hall of Fame event in 2016, we look forward to providing information regarding the nomination process and 2017 Bellarmine Hall of Fame event date very soon.

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