Message from the President

One of the key tenets of Jesuit education is helping to foster “a faith that does justice.” It has always been important to the Jesuits that we recognize the importance of both. Works in pursuit of justice are wonderful – that’s an essential component that we hope our students will take from their time at Bellarmine. But for us, it’s also important to help students to realize the justice we seek is a product of our faith, it is our faith that inspires us to build a world that is more just and more loving.

I was really encouraged recently as I was reading through some of the reflection essays written by our seniors about their Christian Service hours. Steve Pinkston, who has directed the program for many years along with Anne Maloney and Shawn Descourouez, invites other members of the community to share in the joy of reading the reflection essays that our seniors write upon completing their 75-hour requirement. (Reflection, too, is an essential part of Jesuit education!) One senior wrote that he hadn’t prayed much in recent years, but that this time spent working at Sacred Heart Community Service had really touched his heart. He regularly found himself thinking about the people he had met at Sacred Heart, and had been praying for them. In this case, here was a student who completed his hours, in part due to the obligation of meeting graduation requirements, who allowed the experience to touch his heart and lead him back to his faith. Making that human connection, which is a critical by-product of being a man for and with others, caused this young man’s heart to be broken a little bit and then allowed for it to be rebuilt with a stronger love for others.

There was another wonderful moment at our WCAL championship track and field meet a few weeks ago. In the varsity 3200, the Bells faced a formidable squad from St. Francis, with a runner who had bested Alex Scales, one of our star senior runners, in both the mile and 1600 earlier in the season. The Bells ran a terrific tactical race with senior Meika Beaudoin Rousseau attacking with 600 meters to go. St. Francis tried to answer, but they weren’t ready to go so early. Our two other Bell runners knew what was coming, and the Bells ended up going 1-2-3 in the 27-man field, with Scales winning, freshman Colin Peattie taking second, and Meika third. As thrilling as the finish was, what I really loved was seeing Meika’s reaction, which was immediate joy at how well his teammate Colin had done. Meika embraced him right away, with a huge smile on his face. There was not an ounce of anything other than joy and celebration evident in Meika. No part of him was upset about a freshman finishing higher than he. Instead, he saw the big picture. Though Meika is an athlete of the highest caliber (he is the all-time Bellarmine record holder in the 3200 and will run at Stanford next year), he embodies true class and character by being a man for and with others even in the heat of competition. While it was only the second event of the meet, I knew we had already won.

In doing so, they also began embarking on the next chapter of their lives, undoubtedly with some uncertainty, but hopefully also with a sense of confidence in knowing that they have been prepared well by a community of educators that care deeply about them as individuals.

This graduation edition of Bellarmine College Prep Magazine includes several images from both Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies, as well as acknowledgments of a variety of achievements by our students. In a sense, it is a snapshot in time to help tell a story, one that repeats and spans generations. This story – the Bellarmine story – was recently celebrated during the school’s Founders’ Day of May 8th and its successful second annual BellsGive campaign.

Even as we say a fond farewell to our graduates, we welcome with open hearts our incoming freshmen and their families with whom we look forward to sharing their respective journeys.

Congratulations to our newest alumni. Thank you for the many ways you have made a difference in the life of our school, and for the untold ways you will touch hearts, minds, and souls in the years ahead. Commencement!

Warm regards,

[Signature]

Chris Meyercord ’88
President

Editor’s Note

Commencement. A beginning or start.

On the morning of May 26, our graduating seniors took their collective final stroll across the Liccardo balcony as students, seamlessly transitioning to their start as Bellarmine’s newest alumni.

As this school year comes to a close, I can’t help but reflect upon how grateful I am for the many ways in which the students understand, embrace, and embody the lessons that we strive to teach them. They do so remarkably well, and it is for that reason that I know that the class of 2018 and those that follow will continue to “Go forth and set the world on fire!”
The 7 Principles for Constructive Dialogue served as the framework for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Over the course of this past school year, students engaged in dialogue with one another around a variety of challenging topics. In discussing issues of race as part of our Summit on Human Dignity, they thoughtfully wrestled with complex issues, modeling for me what is possible if we listen to understand, rather than to respond.

This summer our students are continuing to stand in solidarity with those who live in poverty. Over 80 students are traveling to Louisiana, West Virginia, Ecuador, Mexico, Tanzania, Guatemala, South Africa, and the Philippines. These immersion trips enable our students and faculty to live out our mission of sharing our God-given talents in service to others.

Throughout the summer, faculty members are collaborating with one another on many different projects. Spanish 1 and 2 teachers are preparing new activities and assessments. Chemistry teachers are designing hands-on labs for their students. Precalculus teachers are redesigning their curriculum, while English 1 teachers are continuing to integrate different voices and experiences into their book lists. I am so appreciative of all the time and energy our teachers invest in preparing for the year ahead.

Next year will be an opportunity for us to gather and examine data in preparation for our Western Catholic Educational Association (WCCEA) accreditation review in 2020. While this might not sound too exciting, it is an important opportunity for us to reflect upon all that our students accomplish during their four years at Bellarmine and develop a clear roadmap for the year ahead.

I continue to feel incredibly blessed to be a part of the Bellarmine community. Your prayers, support, and encouraging words make a difference for our students.

I hope that you are having a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Kristina Luscher
Principal

Pulitzer Prize Winning Author and San Jose’s Police Chief Among Notable Justice Summit Speakers

When Viet Thanh Nguyen ’88 was a student at Bellarmine, he found it challenging to fit in at a school whose student population at the time did not reflect much diversity. “I’m delighted that Bellarmine has transformed,” Nguyen told more than 1600 students, as well as faculty and staff, gathered in the Patrick Wayne Valley Memorial Gym on the morning of October 18, 2017. Nguyen was one of several influential speakers that assisted in helping the Bellarmine community examine the topic of Understanding Race in the 21st Century as its Summit on Human Dignity theme during the school year.

In April 2017, upon being inducted into the Bellarmine Hall of Fame, Nguyen acknowledged many Bellarmine faculty members for having shaped his literary career. “I have to credit Bellarmine with so many things... to this day I credit my belief in social justice in all realms to my Jesuit education.”

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Spring Food & Winter Warmth Drive

As noted by Anne Maloney, associate director of Bellarmine’s Christian Service Program, “Generosity on this campus seems to know no bounds!” Ms. Maloney was referring to the support of the Bellarmine community for the Spring Food Drive, held April 9-20, that resulted in the collection of enough food and funds to provide 12,420 meals through Second Harvest Food Bank. More than 40 barrels were filled with food donations weighing over 6,500 pounds, providing enough food for some 5,420 meals. More than 20 classroom teachers, groups, and teams conducted mini-drives to help fill the barrels. In addition to food items, $7,000 in funds were raised through various means, including the Sanguine Humors improvisational comedy luncheon show, student donations of money and gift cards, and online donations from individuals, families, and the Bellarmine Mothers’ Guild and Dads’ Club.

The success of the Spring Food Drive followed the school’s 24th Annual Winter Warmth Drive that occurred November 13-21. The drive resulted in donations of 880 blankets, throws, and sleeping bags for HomeFirst’s Cold Weather Shelter program; 1,200 pairs of new socks and dozens of hygiene kits for Casa de Clara’s mobile shower program; Showers to the People; and hundreds of jackets, coats, sweatshirts, and other warm clothes for Sacred Heart Community Services. Among the contributors were several teachers who held classroom drives, the Jesuit Community, football and cross-country teams, Big Brothers program, Bellarmine Mothers’ Guild and Dads’ Club, sophomore homerooms, and Campus Ministry.

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“The aspect of the event that will stick with me the most … was the ineffable purpose of solidarity, to extend beyond my comfort zone and feel something, rather than engage with it intellectually. Coming out of this experience, I find myself more knowledgeable and aware of the issue of homelessness in our society.”

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Bellarmine Celebrates Father Wade’s 80th Birthday

During the San Jose City Council meeting on December 12—which is Fr. Wade’s actual birthdate—he received a commendation from Mayor Sam Liccardo ’67.

The on-campus celebration included presentations of additional commendations from Dominic Caserta ’93, then a Santa Clara City councilmember; and Dave Cortese ’74, Santa Clara County supervisor.

In lieu of gifts, Fr. Wade encouraged guests to contribute to the Wade Family Financial Aid Endowment.

This year marks Fr. Wade’s 63rd anniversary as a member of the Society of Jesus, which he entered upon his graduation from Bellarmine in 1955.

Bellarmine Robotics Team Wins 4th World Championship

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A total of 36 Bellarmine students participated on Team 254 at the Houston tournament. The winning alliance of the FIRST Robotics Competition was comprised of Bellarmine’s Team 254, The Cheesy Poofs; Team 148, Robowangers, Greenville, Texas; Team 2976, Spartabots, Sarnamish, Washington; and Team 3075, Ha-Dream Team, Hod-Ha’Sharon, HaMerkaz, Israel.

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CLASS OF 2018

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May 24, 2018

Commencement
May 26, 2018
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Valedictory Award
The Valedictory Award is presented to that student who has achieved academic success, demonstrated leadership qualities, and has the ability to speak for both his class and school at commencement.

Academic Department Awards

Computer Science
Jeffrey Ma
Gia-Phong Nguyen

English
Omar Battisha
Alex Hochroth

Mathematics
Quinn Tucker

Modern & Classical Languages
ASE – Alex Scales
French – Alexander Knappen
Spanish – Atharva Mehendale

Religious Studies
Josh Andrada
Christian Polo

Science
Sachin Narayan

Social Science
Anthony Verdugo
Samuel Yi

Visual & Performing Arts
Brentley Johnson
Joseph Zhang

Music
Daniel Harrington
Wilson Skjerven

John Philip Sousa Award
William Healer

Louis Armstrong Award
Donald Ukanwa

Campus Ministry Awards

Brett Allen
Michael Alloggiamento
Vince Feliciano
Emmanuel Ngbemeneh
Michael Masi
Matthai Shikada
Ronan Shaw
Matoe Solis Prada

Community Service Awards

Arrupe Men For Others Distinction
This award recognizes students who have distinguished themselves as Men for Others—men for whom love of God is reflected in their commitment to justice and the common good—by giving over 200 hours of service.

800+ hours
Roland Troyan

200+ hours, cont.
Vince Feliciano
John Gallarate
Alexander Henderson
Patrick Hurftston
Ryan Hutchinsnon
Tehnir Iyer
Pears Lipcomb
Adrian Lopez
Thomas Malaspina
Atharva Mehendale
Michael Nazar
Emmanuel Ngbemeneh
Andres Rebollar
Mateo Solis Prada
Sahil Surapaneni
Kyle Taylor
Christopher Than
Colin Tralong
Dylan Turner
Donald Ukanwa
Raymond Vergas
Alexander Villegas
Samuel Yi

Larry Lauro International Leadership Award
This award recognizes students who have displayed courage in standing with our brothers and sisters in developing countries and in inspiring classmates to join in solidarity.

Carmelo Barrera
Diego Farinha
Andrew Song

Eagle Scouts
The Boy Scouts of America’s highest rank, this award represents the consummate level of commitment to service and leadership, and indicates a young man’s strong character, perseverance, discipline, and accountability.

200+ hours, cont.
Mason Adams
Ian Bailey
Ethan Coon
Sebastian Cordero
Jonathan Hale
Andrea Yarmowycz
Ryan Lane
Michael Masi
Emmanuel Ngbemeneh
Brian Peck
Andrew Romero
Griffin Soule
Roland Troyan

Justice and Advocacy Leadership
Recognizing students who have shown consistency in their stand with the poor and advocacy for justice.

Jonathan Hale
Pratyush Sridhar

Major Awards
Matteo Ricci Awards
Matteo Ricci was a 16th century Jesuit missionary who epitomized the Jesuit ideal of finding God in all things. Student honorees have contributed significantly to life in and out of the classroom.

Brett Allen
Joel Bartlett
Omar Battisha
Meika Beauvoir Rousseau
Wesley Thomas Clark
William Healer
Alexander Knappen
Jeffrey Ma
Pratyush Sridhar
Nathan Yates

Bellarmine Spirit Award
The Bellarmine Spirit Award is presented to those students who embrace our school’s philosophy of vision, leadership, and service within the broad spectrum of Bellarmine’s co-curricular activities.

Jared Bush
Vincent Saglimberi

Rob Suarez Memorial Award
Honoring that student who raised our spirits when we needed it most, bringing hope in the midst of daily struggles. This student represents the often unnoticed acts of compassion in our community.

Michael Alloggiamento

Jesuit Secondary Education Award
Presented to that student who is well-rounded, intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice in generous service to the people of God.

Andrew Song

Pedro Arrupe Service Awards
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Presented to that student who has been visible and manifold. He has represented the life and spirit of the class through his Christian values and personal integrity.

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The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition that began in 1955. Students enter the competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). There are three levels of recognition: Commended, Semifinalist, and Finalist. Commended students are recognized for their outstanding academic promise, scoring among the top 5% of test-takers; semifinalists are in the top 1% of U.S. high school seniors, and include the highest-scoring students in each state; and finalists are selected from the pool of semifinalists, based upon their academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, and honors/awards received. Finalists further compete for a National Merit Scholarship, judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

### National Hispanic Scholars

Honors high school students with state-specific PSAT scores and a minimum GPA of 3.5 and above. Qualifying students must be at least 25% Hispanic/Latino by birth.

- **Brady Barnett**
  - National Frojen
- **Michael Brannan**
  - Arturo Gambao-Gonzalez
- **Maximiliano Camposano**
  - Gabriel Gonzalez
- **Sebastian Cordero**
  - Diego Leoni
- **Orion Cruz**
  - Alexander Lewis
- **Jacoby Minic**
  - Christian Polo
- **Adres Rebollar**
  - Mario Ruiz
- **Jordan Sandowal**
  - Alexiu Mathur
- **Anshul Narayan**
- **Thomas Nedungadan**
- **Emmanuel Ngibemeneh**
- **Jordan Sandoval**

### Athletic Awards

**John Hanna Award**
Presented to that student who has contributed most significantly to Bellarmine in more than one sport. This award is also known as the “Most Valuable Senior Athlete Award.”

- **Alex Scales**
- **Bellarmine Scholar-Athlete Award**
  - The Scholar Athlete Award is presented to those students who have participated with marked success in athletics and who have maintained a high grade point average.
  - **Alex Burke**
  - **Brian Perkins**
- **Robert Fatio Perpetual Sportsmanship Award**
  - Presented to those students who have contributed significantly to Bellarmine Athletics through leadership, example, and achievements on the field of competition.
  - **Meika Beaudoin Rousseau**
- **Brother Wally Ryan, S. J. Award**
  - For over 40 years, Br. Ryan was a positive influence on athletes and coaches. This award goes to that student whose work on the sidelines and off the field has contributed to the success of our teams.
  - **Quinton Markett**
- **Billy Schmidt Awards**
  - Billy Schmidt ’82 was a fierce competitor, unselfish leader, loyal friend, and committed Christian. This award is presented to those athletes in each sport who have shown good sportsmanship, whose conduct on and off the field is exemplary, and whose leadership is proven.
  - **Baseball**
    - *Matthew Van*  
  - **Basketball**
    - *Jake Wojcik*
  - **Cross Country**
    - *Meika Beaudoin Rousseau*
  - **Football**
    - *Cade Hall*
  - **Golf**
    - *Justin Polk*
  - **Lacrosse**
    - *Ben Grassman*
  - **Soccer**
    - *Cole Hackett*
  - **Swimming & Diving**
    - *Nathan Yates*
  - **Tennis**
    - *Joshua Leopold*
  - **Track & Field**
    - *Alex Scales*
  - **Volleyball**
    - *Alexander Knapen*
  - **Water Polo**
    - *Thomas Rogers*
  - **Wrestling**
    - *Jacob Limon*

### Co-Curricular Awards

**Al Bihn Memorial Journalism Award**
These seniors have contributed countless hours to the school’s publications. Their dedication to telling the stories of Bellarmine have impacted the school community in numerous ways.

- **Edmund Fansdu (Carillon)**
- **Brentley Johnson (Carillon)**
- **Andrew Song (Bell Online)**

**Ben Sumner Memorial Award for Service**
In memory of a young man whose response to setback was to do more for his school, this award honors a yearbook student who has gone beyond his responsibilities and taken the time to help others along the way.

- **Ryan Zarraban**

**Edward S. Romano ’31 Perpetual Theatre Arts Award for Theatre Tech**
Given to those students whose abilities and leadership qualities, in technical theatre and dramatic arts, have contributed most significantly to the success of Bellarmine’s Theatre Arts program.

- **Cedric Nuniz**
- **Brian Peck**

**Bellarmine Theatre Arts Award for Acting**
Given to those students whose abilities and leadership qualities, in acting and performance, have contributed most significantly to the success of Bellarmine’s Theatre Arts program.

- **Bobby Houston**
- **Isaiah Saluta**

**James Harville ’63 Perpetual Speech Award**
Presented to the student who has proven himself as an outstanding public speaker, and whose efforts and leadership in the Bellarmine forensic programs has earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues.

- **Max Campasano**

**Peter E. Tiernan ’50 Speech and Debate Award**
Given to those students who, by consistently putting team goals before their own, and through leadership by example, contribute to the success and spirit of the speech and debate team.

- **Cal Greenway**
- **Bobby Houston**

**The Jim Urhausen Robotics Award**
The Jim Urhausen Robotics Award goes to those students who best exemplify Bellarmine’s mission through outreach and dedication to the robotics program.

- **Varun Gnanasekaran**
- **Mario Ruiz**
- **Gianluca Zanutta**

**Donald Graves Scholarship Award**
Honoring Bellarmine’s first African American graduate, Donald Graves ’49, this scholarship goes to a graduate based on his Black Student Union participation, academic achievement, and commitment to the mission of the school.

- **Emmanuel Ngibemeneh**

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    - *Thomas Rogers*
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    - *Jacob Limon*
Advanced Placement Scholars

**National Scholars**
Granted to students who receive grades of 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale on all AP exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Abhinav Arya
Jeffrey Ma
Maanas Ongranti

**Scholars with Distinction**
Grants to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Abhinav Arya
Joel Bartlett
Wesley Thomas Clark
Shayita Gupta
Benjamin Hymer
Kush Jain
Joshua Joseph
Mitchel Lai
Christian Laowan
Jeffrey Ma
Athara Mehendale
Thomas Nedungadan
Daksh Pradhan
Christian Polio
Richard Rognenker
Atul Saha
Philip Sri
Pranav Srivastava
Devansh Taori
Aditya Venkatraman

**Scholars with Honors**
Grants to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP examinations.

Maximillano Camposano
Matthew Casim
Jeremy Choi
Ryan Foreman
Neeve Gade
Connor Henquines
Trevor Her
Pearl Lipcomb
Gia-Phong Nguyen
Diego Pedraza
Brian Perkins
Ronan Shaw
Joshua Tan
Quang-Long Tran
Anthony Verduzco
Eugenio Williams
Kevin Yu

Brendan Carey
Kevin Chan
Nolan Downey
Jacob Dykstra
Arturo Gamboa-Gonzalez
Alexander Hochrott
Alexander Krapen
Stuart McInerney
Sohun Patel
Philip Perenbilia
Andrew Romen
Ashraf Shoukr
Kyle Taylor
Benjamin Tsai
Brian Weizentkamp
Samuel Yi

**College & University Acceptances for the Class of 2018**

American University
Arizona State University
Art Center College of Design
Azaua Pacific University
Babson College
Bard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Bennington College
Bowdoin College
Brown University
Bucknell University
Cal Maritime
California College of the Arts
California Institute of Technology
California Institute of the Arts
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University
California State University, Chico
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Sacramento
California State University, San Bernardino
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Carroll College (Montana)
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Chatham University
Claremont McKenna College
Claremont Graduate University
Clemson University
Cleveland Institute of Art
Colby College
Colorado College
College of Creative Studies
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Colorado State University
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
De Anza College
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Dominion University of California
Drew University
Duke Kunshan University
Duke University
Eastern Washington University
Elon University
Emory-Richardson University - Daytona Beach
Emerson College
Emory University
Foothill College
Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Georgetown University
George Institute for Technology
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Harvard University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hillsdale College
Hofstra University
Holy Names University
Humboldt State University
Indiana University at Bloomington
James Madison University
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University (Denver)
Kansas State University
Kettering University
Lafayette College
Laguna College of Art and Design
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College
Manhattan College
Marion Military Institute
Marist College
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Maryville University
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
McGill University
MCPHS - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Merlo College
Millersville University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Montana State University, Billings
Montana State University, Bozeman
Mount Saint Mary's University (Chesapeake)
New Mexico State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern Arizona University
Occidental College
Oklahoma State University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Graduate College of Art and Design
Pacific Northwest College of Art
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Point Loma Nazarene University
Pomona College
Portland State University
United States Military Academy - Army
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rutgers University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Santa Clara University
Scripps College
Saint Mary's College
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Santa Clara University
Santa Clara University
Santa Clara University
Santa Cruz City College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Santa Rosa Junior College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Sonoma State University
Southern Methodist University
Southern Oregon University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University - Kansas City
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stetson College
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Tampa Bay College
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The Catholic University of America
The George Washington University
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Iowa
The University of Montana, Missoula
The University of Oklahoma
The University of Texas, Austin
The University of Texas, Dallas
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Military Academy - Army
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Colorado, Denver
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Denver
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa

University of Idaho
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas - Kansas City
University of La Verne
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Missouri
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Hampshire at Durham
University of New Mexico
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Ottawa
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Rhode Island
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee
University of Texas
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Washington, Tacoma
University of Waterloo
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wyoming
Vassar College
Virginia Tech
Vanderbilt University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
West Valley College
Western Washington University
Whitman College
Whitworth College
Wichita State University
William Peace University
William & Mary
William & Mary College
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University
John Regis Armistead '18 and his mom, Kathy.

Under the leadership of Fashion Show chair Sandra Gruwell, co-chairs Gigi Harvey and Julie Hughes, and Mothers’ Guild president, Celine Schmidek, the 63rd Annual Bellarmine Mothers’ Guild Fashion Show for Financial Aid raised a record $576,175 in net proceeds to benefit the Direct Financial Aid Fund and Financial Aid Endowment.

Held on November 18, 2017, at the Santa Clara Convention Center, the luncheon and dinner shows, with the theme, “The Beat Goes On,” highlighted tradition, nostalgia, and legacy, all of which are vital to the heartbeat of the Bellarmine community. The event featured special recognition of Fr. Jerry Wade, S.J. ’55 in celebration of his 80th birthday.

Models included senior Bellarmine students and their mothers, senior girls from local high schools, and Bellarmine faculty, staff, and alumni. Fashions were provided by: Eli Thomas, Donald J. Pliner, Marine Layer, Kendra Scott, and many others. The show’s director was Beverly Zeiss of Red Haute & Co.

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More than 650 guests attended the 42nd Golden Bell Auction on March 10 and enjoyed the French-themed event, “La Vie Est Bella.” The on-campus gala began with an optional Mass held in the Leontyne Chapel, celebrated by Fr. Mario Nietto, S.J., superior of the Bellarmine Jesuit community. The reception, featuring hors d’oeuvres provided by A Catered Affair, cocktails, and silent auction items, was followed by the program and fine dining entrees prepared by the Bellarmine culinary staff, led by executive chef Jeremy Soulia.

Mark Alman, professional auctioneer and parent of Bellarmine alumnus Austin ’17, led the live auction which featured many unique items, including a concert and “meet-and-greet” with country music superstar Keith Urban, 2018 Jeep Wrangler Sahara from the Normandin dealership, a great white shark dive experience near Guadalupe Island, Mexico, and a variety of dining and entertainment experiences.

A highlight of the evening was the address delivered by the three Nazari brothers—senior Michael ’18, Matthew ’20, and alumni Ryan ’17 (currently continuing his Jesuit education at Santa Clara University)—who shared their Bellarmine experiences and conveyed their gratitude for everything that goes into making a Bellarmine education possible for so many deserving young men.

Net proceeds of more than $550,000 from the Golden Bell Auction benefited Bellarmine’s Direct Financial Aid Fund. Mark your calendars now for the 43rd Golden Bell Auction scheduled for March 9, 2019.

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Retiree Ruminations

With the conclusion of this academic year, we say goodbye with respect and gratitude to four longtime faculty and staff members who have collectively given 113 years of service to the school. An on-campus recognition event was held the afternoon of May 9 in honor of Kathy Shanley, director of Freshman Experience; Jean Toohey, registrar and longtime theatre costumer; and Mark Riese and Rod Wong, both longtime Department of Science instructors.

The following is a Q&A with this year’s retirees who were asked to reflect on their time at Bellarmine for this publication.

What is your fondest memory of your years at Bellarmine?

Kathy Shanley (23 years): “There are too many wonderful moments to single out. But my memories will be filled by the reason that we are all here: the boys. Of course, the boys. Every day, I learned from them. And every day, it’s been such a joy to watch them grow into the various aspects of themselves. Be it their faith, their humor, their intelligence, their leadership. I will also remember the teachable moments I’ve shared with them, encouraging them to dig deeper, reach farther, to be the men others always and ever time. In particular, as a youth, the boys were so different from mine in terms of what it is to—will remain—a gift to have been able to experience that.”

Rod Wong (39 years): “It’s difficult to single out a fondest memory as so many happy and life-changing events have occurred over the course of my Bellarmine career, but here’s what comes to mind: A significant portion of my fondest memories involve unplanned and informal conversations that I’ve had with my students. These have occurred in the van, on the way back from a tennis match in San Francisco; on a bus ride to and from Yosemite, when I’ve taken groups of students to attend the Yosemite institute during spring break; late at night on a Kairos retreat, especially the very early ones; or simply after school, when a few students would drop by to bring me a Diet Coke.

Spending time with Mario Capitolo during the planning of the Carney Science building. His energy and excitement was simply contagious. The Monday night summer school faculty family picnics that were held every Monday during the six-week summer session. They were held at various parks around San Jose and almost every faculty member attended at least one of the picnics.

Taking a group of students to the JSEA Justice Summit in New Orleans and the three Taiwan immersion trips. It was validating for me to see the positive changes that occurred in the attitudes and outlooks of the students.

And most definitely, early mornings with one of Brother Wally Ryan’s chocolate chip cookies.”

Mark Riese (30 years): “Well in 30 years I have a lot of great memories. Having my son be a Bell alum and my daughter performing in Bellarmine musicals are certainly highlights. Being able to coach some wonderful student-athletes in basketball is also check full of great memories.”

Jean Toohey (21 years): “I don’t have one fondest memory of my time here, but several fond memories scattered over 21 years. Fathers Wade and Cobb sorting clothes for the poor, The Grapes of Wrath, sitting in the dark in the balcony hoping costumes didn’t fall apart, pizza in the Jesuit residence, liturgy in the chapel Friday morning.”

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Kathy Shanley (23 years): “There are so many things about Bellarmine that I will miss. I’ll miss the incredible colleagues who have become my friends—and have made me a better person. I will miss the Jesus dearly. I’ll miss the morning prayer. I’ll miss the boys yelling from across the yard, ‘Hi, Mrs. Shanley!’ Most of all, I will miss the direct, daily connection to a school that has had a profound influence over me and my family. Almost every day, as I walk through Mathewson Hall, I see a picture of my dad and his class photo (Class of 1938). I will miss seeing that. And I will miss walking the grounds that my own grandfather, who taught here, and sons walked during their formative years here. (I won’t miss the heart-pounding matchups with St. Francis—that’s for sure!)”

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What do you most look forward to in your retirement?

Kathy Shanley: “Certainly, I look forward to spending gobs more time with my children and grandchildren. My husband I have been to all 50 states and I expect we will continue to explore those states more deeply. I plan to do a lot of reading, going to a lot of lectures, cruising, volunteering, and maybe most importantly, purging my home of 40+ years of accumulated stuff!”

Jean Toohey: “No alarm clocks, reading, walking, taking my time with my coffee in the morning, seeing as many plays as possible at the Shakespeare Festival.”

Mark Riese: “I am most looking forward to spending more time with my grandson and also doing a little bit of traveling.”

Rod Wong: “Sleep, visiting various locations during off-season times (e.g. I’m looking forward to visiting Yosemite during Indian Summer), going to a late-night showing of a movie on a Sunday evening, exploring the San Francisco haunts with my new grandson, mid-morning office on Wednesdays with all the other Bellarmine retirees, being in a pleasant field on a Tuesday morning with my dog.”

Do you have a personal philosophy by which you live your life and/or by which you have served the Bellarmine community?

Kathy Shanley: “My personal philosophy is to be grateful. I am so very grateful for what populates my life. A Big Brother once said this about the Big Brother Program: ‘It’s the little things.’ He is so right, and I have held that in my heart since then. It’s the little things like smiling, saying hi, acknowledging another’s sadness or joy. And it’s been the little things that—bit by bit—filled my days here. Before I knew it, a career was created. I am so grateful to everyone who I have shared these little moments with during my time here. Deeply and truly: thank you.”

Jean Toohey: “Be kind. It can be really hard sometimes but try your best.”

Mark Riese: “A personal philosophy of mine is to show up every day for work. There were many days that I didn’t feel well, but still managed to get here. I’m not saying I did a great job when I get here, but I made it. Also, simply put, just do the right thing.”

Rod Wong: “Not to take myself too seriously! To always be cognizant of my blessings. To never forget that family and friends are the source of my happiness. To remember that the focus in education should always be on the well-being of the student and that administrators are really support personnel. There’s always more than a single way to present a meaningful lesson. Finally, that the goal of teaching is for a student to have an inquisitive mind, rather than to have all the answers.”
Bellarmine Honors

Sean Reilly ‘12 has been named one of only 32 American Rhodes Scholars for 2018.

A Rhodes Scholarship provides all expenses for two to three years of study at England’s University of Oxford. Individuals selected as Rhodes Scholars are chosen for their scholarly achievements, character, commitment to others and to the common good, and their leadership potential.

Reilly, who earned a degree in environmental science and biology from Santa Clara University in 2016, is currently a Fulbright Scholar working on invasive species management with an Aboriginal Ranger group in Australia. He plans to begin his studies at Oxford next fall, undertaking two one-year master’s programs while there—the first in Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing and the second in Environmental Change and Management.

“I am incredibly excited to have been selected… and honored that they [the Rhodes Trust] deemed my environmental work worthy of their investment,” said Reilly. “The knowledge I gain at Oxford will enable me to assist communities in developing management plans that foster a mutually-beneficial coexistence with their natural surroundings.”

Reilly credits several Bellarmine experiences as the genesis for his focus on the environment, including the AP Environmental Science course, the yearly Summit on Human Dignity, and his participation in the Guatemala immersion and student clubs such as the Student Environmental Action Society (SEAS) and Gang Green. “During my junior year, Bellarmine held a week-long environmental summit, during which I met many inspiring people fighting for their environment and more livable communities. To this day, I remember being inspired and empowered coming out of that event… even though I had no idea where that path would lead.”

At Bellarmine, Reilly was a member of the Human Dignity of the Poor (Public Service), a classmate of the yearly Summit on Human Dignity, and a member of the Bellarmine Science Department. Finally, he recalls Reilly’s years at Bellarmine: “He was always well organized, enthusiastic and hardworking in his pursuit of environmental justice for all. This is a terrific and well-deserved honor.”

Reilly is beloved to be the third Bellarmine alumnus to be named as a Rhodes Scholar.

Rich Casey has a long association with Bellarmine, going back to his grandfather being a graduate of its class of 1936 when it was known as Santa Clara Prep. He credits the Jesuits for being those “who inspired me to see the world and help those in need.” Casey was honored for his leadership within the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, and for his passion in the education and prevention of AIDS. His philanthropic efforts began as a Peace Corps volunteer in Africa and have more recently been evident in his dedication to the Rotary Club of Los Altos AIDS Project and his mission in preventing the disease. Currently the president and CEO of Neuraltus, the Palo Alto-based organization dedicated to the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases, Casey was previously chairman and CEO of Scion, working in the areas of cardiovascular disease, inflammation, and Alzheimer’s disease. After Larry Lauro graduated from Bellarmine, and having been “impressed by the experiences, teachers, and ethics” as a student there, he knew that he wanted to return to teach at the school where he had encountered “people of faith, people of character, and people of a vision for justice.” Lauro was honored at the Bellarmine Hall of Fame ceremony for exemplifying a faith that does justice. His work during 41 years at Bellarmine, and as a founding member of the Ignatian Justice Network, has furthered awareness and action in issues of human rights and social justice. Whether as a teacher, coach, counselor or mentor, Lauro’s passion for social justice has transformed lives. While at Bellarmine, he established a sister-community relationship with Agua Escondido in El Salvador which resulted in the construction of a kindergarten school, and he was co-chair of Bellarmine’s inaugural year-long Justice Summit. Quoting Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Bellarmine’s first Academic Dean and as Father General of the Society of Jesus, Lauro remarked that, “Only by being a man or woman for others does one become fully human.”

Ming Chin, known for his judicious and fair-minded approach, was honored for embracing the Jesuit philosophy of individual responsibility in bettering communities and the world. During his Hall of Fame induction remarks, Justice Chin noted that his Bellarmine education provided “superior knowledge that instilled character and judgment.” He was appointed an associate justice of the California Supreme Court in 1996, the first Chinese American to serve on the court. He previously served on the First District Court of Appeal, was an Alameda County Superior Court judge, and was a partner at the Oakland law firm of Aiken, Kramer & Cummings. Justice Chin is a decorated U.S. military veteran, having received the Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star for his services in Vietnam. He was the first American president of the Alameda County Bar Association, and was the first Asian American to hold the office of President in any California Judicial Jurisdiction. He was awarded the full respect of the Judicial Council of California. Justice Chin is a fervent advocate of individual freedom and an advocate for judicial education. Commenting on Bellarmine today, he acknowledged that “the rich tradition of service to others continues.”

The Hall of Fame inductions occurred on the Bellarmine campus, with the awards ceremony taking place in the Main Stage Theatre of the Sobrato Center for Humanities and the Arts, followed by a dinner in the Alumni Center. Bellarmine’s principal Kristina Luscher was the emcee, and the awards were presented by the school’s president, Chris Moyeed ’87.

The annual Bellarmine Hall of Fame is presented by the Office of Alumni Relations. For more information, visit online: http://behp.org/BHOF.
Bill and Michael Mitchell (photo courtesy of Kristen Mitchell).

The annual Alumni Baseball Game was held March 31 and among the 28 players participating were alumnus Bill Mitchell ‘58 and his grandson, Michael Mitchell ‘18. A very special occurrence was when Michael, pitcher for the Bells, threw against his grandfather. “We are very grateful that Bellarmine allowed them that moment and made it a very memorable day for our family,” said Kristen Mitchell, Michael’s mother. “Along with being grandfather and grandson, Michael and Bill are the best of friends. They have a strong bond and special relationship and Bill has really passed on his love of the game to Mike.” Matt Zuniga ‘06, Bellarmine Director of Alumni Relations, noted, “The excitement of watching Bill run to first base in an attempt to beat the throw was priceless. Ultimately, he was thrown out at first. Very cool moment that brought everyone to their feet.”

CONGRATULATIONS FR. THOMAS FLOWERS, S.J. ’02

Bellarmine alumnus Thomas Flowers, S.J. ’02 has experienced several significant milestones during the past few months. Thomas, along with 15 Jesuit classmates from the Collegio Internazionale del Gesù, was ordained as a transitional Deacon at the Church of the Gesù in Rome on April 3 by Cardinal Walter Kasper and in the presence of Father Arturo Sosa, the General Superior of the Society of Jesus.

The very next day, on April 4, Thomas was fortunate to meet Pope Francis following the Holy Father’s regular Wednesday audience at St. Peter’s Square. Thomas described the Pope as being very warm and welcoming. “I simply shook his hand, said ‘Grazie,’ and gave him a brief hug.”

Thomas, who entered the Society of Jesus in 2007, was ordained a priest in San Diego on June 9, an occasion also celebrated with a Mass at Bellarmine on June 16.

Prior to his study of theology in Rome, Thomas studied philosophy and history at Saint Louis University, taught world history and religion for two years at Bellarmine, and spent a year with the Kino Border Initiative at the U.S./Mexican border working with deported migrants.

Thomas will serve at Most Holy Trinity Parish in San Jose during the summer, after which he will relocate to England in the fall to complete his doctorate in history at the University of York.

Thomas Flowers’ parents, Deacon Phil and Sarah Flowers of Morgan Hill, were on hand in Rome for the ordination. His father, Phil, a permanent deacon of the Diocese of San Jose, participated in the liturgy, including vesting his son in his new deacon vestments. Thomas’ brother, Stephen ’96, is a Bellarmine faculty member.

We congratulate Fr. Thomas Flowers, S.J. ’02 and wish him many blessings as his journey continues.

ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

As of publication deadline, the following are some athletics highlights during the academic year 2017-18:

Baseball
- CCS Division 1 Second Place

Basketball
- WCAL Champions
- CCS Open Division Champions

Cross Country
- CCS Champions

Swimming & Diving
- WCAL Champions
- CCS Champions

Tennis
- WCAL Champions
- CCS Second Place

Track & Field
- WCAL Champions
- CCS Second Place

Volleyball
- WCAL Champions
- CCS Champions
- NorCal Second Place

Wrestling
- WCAL Champions

CONGRATULATIONS, also, to our lacrosse team who beat SI at the varsity level for the first time in school history!
Amie Romanello '48 reports, “Starting my 18th year as a member of the board of directors at the Nevada County Fair; first appointed by Governor Gray Davis, then by Arnold Schwarzenegger and my friend Jerry (Brown).”

T. Worthington Vogel '56 is retiring from the Fresno County District Attorney's office in June, after 45 years of service. “I started the 2nd Sexual Assault, Child Abuse unit in the state and ran it for 13 years, receiving the Harry Burn’s Award from the National Women’s Political Caucus. I took over the juvenile unit during the 1995 crime wave, with a 1,000-case backlog, and ran it for 12 years. I retired as an Assistant DA in 2004 and have been doing Parish Hearings since then.”

Jack A. Surprise '57 reports: “My wife of 57 years, Cecilia, and I live within the boundaries of the Navajo Reservation in northwestern New Mexico. Our parish is St. Paul’s Catholic Mission, of the Navajo Reservation in northwestern New Mexico. Many of whom continue to live in extreme poverty without electricity or running water.”

Ramon Jimenez, M.D. ’60, senior consultant at Monterey Peninsula Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Institute in Monterey, California, is the proud recipient of the 2018 AOSSM William W. Tipton Jr, M.D., Leadership Award. Dr. Jimenez received the award at the Academy’s 2018 Annual Meeting. The award recognizes Academy members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities that have benefited the orthopaedic community, patients, and/or the American public. "To strive, to seek, to find, and to yield," an Alfred Lord Tennyson quote, is a favorite of Dr. Jimenez. "I've always tried to live by this," he said, when talking about his early upbringing. "My parents were first-generation Mexican Americans and they worked hard to assimilate into this land of opportunity."

Daniel Chadbourne ’69 informs us that, “I got married two years ago, and moved to Maui, so now I spend the winters in Maui and the summers in Alaska. Bought another airplane for Alaska last month.”

Emilio Alvarez ’74 has practiced law for the past 10 years in Miami, Florida, first with the firm of White & Case, and now with Greenberg Traurig. He would welcome hearing from fellow classmates.

Danny Garza ’77 recently retired from a 35-year career as a journeyman ironworker. Danny is involved with the California Department of Transportation Caltrans small business council as an alternate board member.

Razzak Jallow ’99 and Schayne Jallow welcomed their son, Joseph, to the world on March 13. Their daughter, Maryjane (3), couldn’t be happier to have a baby brother.

Andrew Ton ’17 was named most valuable player of the Patriot League tournament in Syracuse after he helped Navy win the championship over Army. Ton won his singles and doubles matches from the No. 1 spot.
As each semester nears its conclusion, I always take the opportunity to look back and reflect on all that has transpired during the past several weeks of that particular term. Since I teach seniors, the reflection back has a bittersweet feel. I know that the young men I have had the pleasure of teaching will be moving on to continue their educational journeys, but we will no longer have their youthful insight and questions to guide us as we continue our work here at Bellarmine. This spring my reflection had me contemplating the connection and relationship between benefactors and beneficiaries. I began to think about the connectivity between the two roles. A benefactor and a beneficiary really work together in an almost reciprocal kind of relationship. As I thought about the above definitions, I noticed that while I am the benefactor of knowledge (educational benefits) to my students, I am also the beneficiary of their insights, comments, suggestions, and good humor.

My connectedness with my students is a true blessing. My ability to give to them enables them to give back to me in ways in which they may not even be aware. I think that return gift, the more intangible one, is really what makes the benefactor-beneficiary relationship a special one. While I have joked with the boys that my job as a teacher in the classroom could easily be replaced by some talking head on a computer screen, it is that personal interaction between teacher and students (the “giving” from both sides) that makes the learning process a dynamic one benefiting both parties to this endeavor.

So, what does that mean from the planned giving perspective? Well, to my mind, that wonderful relationship between benefactor and beneficiary can be brought to bear when your generosity enables us to continue the work we do, both inside and outside the classroom, to form the young men who spend four formative years on our campus. Your gift to us is truly appreciated, and we are only able to educate and achieve like we have done for so many years as the result of your thoughtfulness and commitment to Bellarmine. We are hopeful that what we do here on these 17+ wooded acres (actually more like 27 now), provides you with a sense of accomplishment as well, as we complete another year here at school. What our graduates accomplish out in the world mirrors the generosity you show us.

How can you participate in this dynamic connection between benefactor and beneficiary? Well, one of the simplest ways is to name Bellarmine as a beneficiary on a bank, brokerage, or retirement account. Similarly, you can include Bellarmine as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy. Creating a beneficiary designation is a relatively simple process that in most instances you can do on your own (even online sometimes) without a lot of hassle. As always, make sure you check with your estate lawyer or tax professional to make sure you are getting the most benefit from your gift.

To learn more about Planned Giving opportunities to support Bellarmine, please contact Bill Colucci, Esq. ’82, Director of Planned Giving, at 408.537.9279 or via email: bcolucci@bcp.org.

You may also visit online: http://plannedgiving.bcp.org.
In Memoriam

The Bellarmine Community joins in prayerful remembrance of alumni, family, and friends who have died.

ALUMNI

Ralph F. Mocco ‘54 (May 10, 2018).
John Alden Rankin, Jr. ‘74 (May 4, 2018). Son of the late John Rankin, Sr. ‘56.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Father of Daniel ‘76 and Gus ‘80; grandfather of Michael ‘48 and Richard ‘54.
Dr. Carl Edward Bozzo ‘49 (January 4, 2018). Brother of Mr. Edward Bozzo ‘53.
Ralph F. Moceo ‘54 (January 17, 2018). Brother of Nick ‘45.

NOTE: Listings are based on information known to us prior to publication deadlines.

"Lord, welcome into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed from this present life to be with you. Grant them rest and a place with the spirits of the just, and give them the life that knows no age, the reward that passes not away.”

— St. Ignatius of Loyola
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Leaving a Lasting Legacy: Create a named fund in honor of yourself, a loved one, or your family, and know that your legacy will encourage additional support by others.

Tax Advantages: Gifts may qualify for an income tax deduction at the time the gift is made, a reduction of estate taxes, or avoidance of capital gains on gifts of appreciated assets.

Charitable Estate Planning: We encourage you to discuss your needs and goals with your attorney.

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Event Calendar

July 21
23rd Annual Fr. Joe Costa, S.J. ’41 Alumni Bocce Ball Tournament
Campo Di Bocce, Los Gatos

August 21
Mass of the Holy Spirit
Classes Begin

September 21
Grand Reunion Weekend (1 of 2)
37th Annual Football Tailgate
San Jose City College

Grand Reunion Weekend Dinner
Classes of ’83, ’84, ’85, and ’08
Bellarmine Campus

October 6-7
Grand Reunion Weekend (2 of 2)
Classes of ’73, ’78, ’83, and ’88
Alumni Mass (Oct. 7)
Bellarmine Campus

October 8
31st Annual Golf Classic
Cinnabar Hills Golf Course, San Jose

Bellarmine vs. St. Francis
Alumni Bocce Challenge
Campo Di Bocce, Los Gatos

October 18
64th Annual Mothers’ Guild Fashion Show for Financial Aid
November 17, 2018
Santa Clara Convention Center

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November 21
Alumni Basketball Game
Bellarmine Campus

November 22
Alumni Water Polo
Bellarmine Campus
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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.