Rooted in 59 years of excellence in education, Palma began this new decade with reverence for our past and great anticipation for the future. Every year a new class begins and, with passion, promise, and possibilities, they prepare to join a proud legacy of over 4,200 alumni — 4,200 Chieftains whose solid foundation at Palma has readied them to stand out as leaders.

Help us to ignite a passion for possibility in the hearts and minds of each and every one of our students through a gift or pledge to the Palma Fund.

Every day our students strive for excellence, both in and out of the classroom, and through their actions. They inspire faculty, staff, administrators, and parents to do the same. Palma’s goal is to provide for its students an academic environment rich in diversity, strong in traditional values, and committed to the potential of each young man. Each year we depend on the generosity of a community that recognizes the important place Palma has in the lives of each of its 574 students. Show your commitment to excellence, and your belief in possibility through your support of the Palma Fund.

As a tuition-driven school, Palma is not eligible for government or diocesan aid of any kind. The tuition covers 82% of what it actually costs to educate each student. Palma relies on generosity of both its immediate and extended family to make up the difference through donations to the Palma Fund. This year the gap has risen to $1,440 for junior high students, and $1,890 for high school students. Each gift, each dollar makes a difference: it is your participation that shows the depth of commitment, not the dollar amount. Thank you for helping to ignite a passion for possibility here at Palma!
## Mission Statement

Palma is dedicated to providing young men an excellent college preparatory education in a Roman Catholic environment that embraces The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education and challenges each individual to develop spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically and socially.

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A message from the President

Brother Dunne

We sometimes are given the opportunity, ready or not, of witnessing the misfortune of others in the local community, often giving us anguish and an uneasy feeling. Responses of this sort are to be expected due to the proximity of the situation and perhaps even close knowledge of those so involved. Often our response is with a heavy heart and an eagerness to help resolve the situation and return to a degree of normality as soon as possible. If anything can be said in such situations that rings true every time, it is that we are indeed a generous community that responds on a regular basis to those in need. One does not have to reflect back too far to see wonderful examples of such assistance in place on a regular basis on the local scene.

There will always be a need for assistance, near and far, to those who have been visited by disaster and/or tragic loss. We all have been touched by the terrible affliction the truly poor peoples of Haiti have been visited with following their massive earthquake just weeks ago. How sad it is that such horrible situations would befall those least prepared to respond.

The recent earthquake in Chile gave each of us yet another view, up close and personal, of peoples in need as well as the effect such quakes can and often do have beyond the local scene. The peoples of Chile, like their brothers and sisters in Haiti, are a proud people who have found themselves in need of assistance from beyond their community and borders.

I am certainly not in a position to claim that I can feel the pain of the peoples of Haiti and/or the peoples of Chile. The wonders of modern-day communications, however, give us nearly everything but the scent of a disaster, twenty-four/seven. As uncomfortable an experience these disasters have been from a distance, on a little screen for me, the degree of devastation simply cannot be adequately felt. My thoughts and prayers are with the many who have felt the pain and anguish of events, not of their own making, right in their backyard, their neighborhood, their town, their country.

Palma people have always been very generous and kind to those in need; I’ve seen that sort of response many times to benefit this school and our students, year after year. May I be so bold as to ask you to be sure to remember in prayers our brothers and sisters in Haiti and Chile as they attempt to put their world back together. Thank you.

[Signature]

Brother Dunne
A message from the Principal

David Sullivan

This 2009/2010 school year at Palma has been truly exceptional. In particular, we have initiated several new events at the start of this year, which have had a positive, long-lasting effect on our school in an effort to cultivate an ever more welcoming environment for Palma families.

CORE: From the Latin word for “heart” Palma initiated a new student orientation designed exclusively for brand new junior high students and all freshmen. Our program is modeled after the highly successful Link Crew program, which is designed to pair quality, upper class students with groups of incoming new students to mentor them, look out for them, welcome them, and cheer for them. In two different groups (half a day per group) new students were invited to campus on Thursday, August 13 — the day before school-wide student orientation to participate in ice breakers, scavenger hunt, introductions, Palma pride-building exercises, and to familiarize themselves with the campus and “big brother” upper classmen. Ultimately the CORE program aims to embrace new students to feel welcomed and important to the Palma Family, by their own upper class peers.

New Parents’ Orientation: While their sons participated in the CORE new student orientation, new parents were invited to take one hour of their working day (morning or lunch) to meet with an assembly of Palma teachers, administrators, the President, and representatives of the Palma Parents’ Club. Introductions were made, and there was opportunity for some “Q and A” from those assembled. Many new parents expressed gratitude for the efforts made at Palma to welcome them and their sons to school before the start of classes. Happily, next year this event for parents will have to be hosted in a new venue large enough to accommodate the packed house that was in attendance this year.

Palma Family Day: Palma hosted its first Family Day in August 2009. Building upon a captive audience present for Red & Gold Day, over 20 clubs and teams set up informational “booths” and activities to advertise the many facets of the Palma program to its family of families. The event was free, and families had the option of purchasing a $10 tri-tip barbecue lunch from the Athletic Council, in addition to clubs-sponsored booths selling snow cones, popcorn, strawberry short cake, and other goodies. Some games and face painting were provided for children who came with their families. This venue was provided both to celebrate the Palma Family and to allow families to meet Palma Faculty & Staff and their families in an informal way. It is estimated that some 750 people attended the event, and many praises complimented the work of Palma personnel and many volunteers.

Palma is truly a special place. There are so many who labor and sacrifice for our school community in so many different ways. We make conscious commitments to cultivate a community where all are to be welcomed, celebrated and affirmed with the awareness that we are investing in perhaps the most important endeavor of all: the education of young men in mind, body and soul. We all play an important role in the mission of Palma. Go Chieftains!
As the sun slowly set on picturesque Markham Ranch, President of Palma High School, Brother Patrick Dunne welcomed 60 guests to the home of John and Judy Jessen for the first annual President’s Circle Reception, honoring the valued members of the President’s Circle.

The President’s Circle is comprised of the generous donors who have made cumulative gifts of $1,000 or more in the past fiscal year in support of Palma High School. Along with the Advancement Office, Brother Dunne was pleased to pay tribute to this visionary group of donors whose widespread generosity is in large part responsible for the financial success of our school.

As guests were escorted through the beautifully decorated home and into the soft evening breeze of the backyard, they were warmly greeted by members of Palma’s Jazz Band, who played throughout the evening. As guests enjoyed beautiful food, provided for the event by Portobello’s Restaurant, and great local wine, conversation naturally turned to the reason for the event, Palma High School. Guests included former and current parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty, and those members of the community who understand the vital role Palma plays in the lives of each young man that passes through its doors. In a lighthearted and witty toast, Brother Dunne...
thanked members of the President’s Circle for their presence, and for their invaluable support and unwavering belief in the mission of Palma High School.

Thank you to the members of the President’s Circle who attended this incredibly successful evening. Special thanks to John and Judy Jessen for the use of their beautiful home, Don and Sue Gibbons, owners of Portobello’s Restaurant for the delicious food, Kurt Gollnick and Scheid Vineyards for providing wine for the event, Adam Penrose and the Palma High School Jazz Band for the lovely music, and Palma’s Cross Country Team for donating their time and talents as valets!

Along with Brother Dunne, the Advancement Office hopes to see many more faces at next year’s President’s Circle Reception, to be held in the Fall of 2010.
Community Service HIGHLIGHTS

Service to others is an important component of the education of each and every one of Palma’s young men. Sixty community service hours are required before graduation, however the following students have truly taken to heart the message of charity set forth for them by Blessed Edmund Rice. These students have gone beyond a requirement to see that in giving to others, we truly give to ourselves. With able hands, intelligent minds, and humble hearts these extraordinary young men have set a remarkable example that is an inspiration to both their peers and the greater Palma community.

Michael Caldwell '10
713 hours
With an astounding 713 hours, Michael Caldwell leads the student body in community service hours! This is surely a feat to brag about, at the least be proud of, and yet in just a few moments with this unassuming young man, it is clear that recognition for his good deeds is not what he is after. Michael has contributed to the community in several different ways. He has helped with numerous school-related events, but has also lent a hand in the larger community as well, coordinating volunteers and raising money for a women’s crisis center, and participating in both clothing and food drives. Michael’s eyes light up when he talks about his favorite community service project. “The best thing I have been involved in is the time I have spent working with children.” Michael donates his time and skills to teaching kids as young as six years old to play football. Though Michael has other responsibilities like fundraising, helping with registration, managing equipment, and announcing games, he says tried to spend as much time as he could with the kids. “At this age, football isn’t work, it’s not a competition, it’s just playtime for them. It didn’t matter to them if they won or lost, as long as they got to play. I learned so much from them about the love of the sport. In college and after, I’d like to continue working with kids. They’re always eager to learn and are fun — and funny! — to be around.” Congratulations Michael on your work in the community, no doubt you have made a positive difference in the lives of those around you!

Neil Lal ’10
296.92 hours
Like so many students, Neil Lal first started to volunteer because it was a requirement, however he soon found satisfaction in helping others and a passion for what he was doing. “My parents initially introduced me to this opportunity, they wanted me to get my required 60 hours out of the way as soon as possible. Before I knew
it, my six-month rotation and along with it the 60 required hours were done. But I had no intention of leaving.” On Sunday mornings, Neil spends time volunteering at the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Gift Shop, and has done so for three years. His responsibilities include working the register, maintaining the order of the shop, training new volunteers, taking inventory, and delivering care packages to patients. However, as Neil explains, there is much more to what he does than just straightening up the shop and answering the phones. “I have had the chance to meet some very interesting people, some of their stories I will always remember. It is not uncommon for people to wander into the shop, not needing to buy anything, but just looking for someone to listen to them in a difficult time. I feel privileged to be that person, to help at the hospital in any way I can.”

When Neil was asked why he did not just stop when he reached 60 hours and his requirement was finished, he thoughtfully responded, “I choose to stay, and have continued for three years because I know that even though this is a small contribution, it only takes one day a week, I could see the difference I was making for the patients and their families. I was more than willing to continue this because it allowed me to give back a little of what my community has given me. I am glad that I was able to give back in some ways to my community.”

Matt Alvarado ‘11
161.75 hours
Matt Alvarado has taken his love for baseball and channeled it into a meaningful community service project. “I have volunteered at the Hartnell Baseball Camp every summer since the 8th grade. I work with kids ages 5 thru 12, for one week, seven hours a day. We teach them the fundamentals of baseball, and also important life skills like leadership and teamwork. It brings back memories of my time as a kid playing ball, I often find myself joining in the games and having fun, just like when I was a little kid. This experience has taught me patience and understanding, and how to care for and teach little kids. It is fun to watch them learn the game, they are so proud of themselves at the end of the week!”

Matt has also spent time at the Monterey County Food Bank, helping to bag and organize groceries that are delivered to those in desperate need. “I get a good feeling about myself when I know that a family gets to have food on their table tonight because of my help. I feel proud that I have done something to help those in need, and it helps me to appreciate how fortunate I am, I never take for granted the food on my table.”

Weston York ‘11
144 hours
One of the most rewarding experiences for Weston York has been the time he spent volunteering at the Monterey Sports Center. Every year the Sports Center holds several summer sports programs for children of all ages. Weston has worked as a “volunteer” in this program, teaching

Lee National Denim Day

On Friday, October 2, Palma hosted a very special “casual Friday,” in partnership with Lee National Denim Day. Palma students, faculty, and administrators joined this grassroots campaign that has raised over $75 million for breast cancer research. In exchange for wearing jeans this day, participants were asked to donate $5 toward important breast cancer research. Monies raised go to research that supports the development of an early detection blood test, and the creation of less toxic, more effective treatments for breast cancer patients. Congratulations Palma, you raised over $1,700 toward this important cause!
and supervising children of all ages. “I played games with them, took them to the park, and even held a barbecue for them.” Children who participate in the summer camp are there while their parents are working, and without volunteers like Weston, encouraging them to be active and entertaining them, might just be sitting at home in front of a TV or video game. “I learned a lot about patience and a lot about responsibility. It felt good to be trusted with these kids and to be a positive influence on them. I encourage more people to look into the program, it has been so rewarding for me!”

Stephen Guzman ’12
176.75 hours

Just a Sophomore, and already well over the required number of community service hours, Stephen Guzman has learned the joy of giving back to his community, something he says will be a lifelong passion. “I participate in a couple different projects for community service. I like to help barbecue at Palma’s football games, and also spend time every Lent giving back to my parish, Madonna del Sasso, serving meals at their Lenten dinners, but my favorite is the time I spend at the Salinas YMCA.” A few minutes with Stephen reveal that he is soft-spoken and kind, and that he has a talent for working with people. All three of his projects require him to interact personally with his community, helping to strengthen the bonds that tie a community together. “I love to work at the “Y” because of the people, I check guests in and out, and greet them warmly. The “Y” is a gathering place for the community, and I like to be a part of that.”

Jaime Guzman ’13
53 hours

Jaime Guzman understands the importance of a Palma education, and he sees the benefits he is receiving first hand when he tutors underprivileged students at a local high school. “I tutor because I like to learn, and I like to share what I learn.” Jaime tutors students in the advanced Algebra class, a class made up of mostly Juniors and Seniors, kids three and four years older than himself. “It makes me feel good to know that I am putting the advantages I have had going to Palma to good use. Some of the kids came up to me and said they would have failed the class had I not helped them, it made me proud of my hard work to hear them say that.” Jaime looks forward to continue tutoring throughout his high school career.

The Edmund Rice Society

The members of the Edmund Rice Society have been active on campus this year, as they follow the example set forth by Blessed Edmund Rice himself, to serve those in their community who are less fortunate than they. The Edmund Rice Society recently helped to organize two very successful food drives, one to benefit families around Thanksgiving time, and one closer to Christmas. The dedication of these young men to their mission ensured that many families, who might otherwise go hungry, enjoyed a hot and nutritious meal during their holiday season. As hunger and need know no season, the Edmund Rice Society is currently running a Spring Food Drive. Soon many members, along with their chaperones will make the long trek to Mexico, for their annual Mission to Mexico. The participants will spend their Easter Break in Mexico, building a home for a family in need. Good luck!
Around the Campus

Palma focuses its teachings in four areas of personal growth: spiritual/moral, intellectual, physical and social. These personal growth areas are derived from The Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education.

English
Spelling Bee
On Tuesday, February 16, Palma Junior High School students participated in the annual Scripps National Spelling Bee. Contestants and teachers gathered in the cafeteria to compete. Students eligible to compete represented the top spellers in their individual classes. First Prize went to Joe Badke ’15, who made it to the top 5 in Monterey County. Second Prize was awarded to Max Fiege ’14, and Luke Huntington ’14 came in third place. Congratulations to these great spellers!

Visual essay by Christopher Chen, ’12

Sophomore Honors
In Herman Hesses’s acclaimed novel, Siddhartha the protagonist ventures on a quest of learning experiences to find his spiritual self. In an effort to understand this journey more completely, students in Sarah DeSantis’ Sophomore Honors English class created compelling visual essays about their own transitions from childhood to young adulthood. Students were challenged to tell through pictures, memorabilia, and quotes from the novel about where they have been, where they are now, and where they are going. After completing essays, reflections, and a test on the novel, students participated in an hour-long Yoga session lead by three instructors to further experience, and gain a deeper understanding of eastern culture.

Campus Ministry
The Office of Campus Ministry has formed a liturgy team of students and faculty who participate in our daily and school-wide Masses as readers, servers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Thanks to Tim Carroll ’10, Joe de Silva ’11, Jonathan Garibay ’15, Steven Harvey ’10, Kevin Heffernan ’15, Rick Keaton ’15, Julian Larimer ’11, Steven Marcroft ’11, Kellen O’Laughlin ’11, Nicholas Parks ’15, Michael Robertson ’14, Angelo Scattini ’11, Tanner Sherman ’11, and Michael Valentin ’11, for their efforts in helping Palma become a more prayerful place.

Joe Badke ’15 placed in the top 5 at the Monterey County Spelling Bee
Technology
Students in Technology classes are making great use of brand new, 24" iMac's in the computer lab. Students in the 7th grade Intro to Computers class recently completed a unit on Black History Month, applying what they learned about the history and importance of this month into multi-media projects, created using GarageBand. Students produced multi-media audio files which contained music, pictures, and voice-overs.

Digital Art students are working on motion graphic projects, utilizing Adobe After Effects, while students in the Computer Animated Drafting class are creating house designs in Google SketchUp. Java students are working on creating a video game using Game Maker Pro.

History
7th Grade American History
In 7th grade American History, a unique approach was taken to learning about the War of 1812. In conjunction with Technology Director Mr. Nick La Fountain ’98, Mr. Nick Noroian ’02 challenged his students to create the lyrics to a short rap explaining the history and events of this particular event in history. Mr. La Fountain provided students with a beat to work with, but the lyrics were their job. Using Garage Band, students laid down their track. Mr. Noroian saw an improvement in the recollection of the facts of this complicated historical event. Mr. Noroian said, “It helped them to get the facts straight, to remember the people and places involved in something as complicated and convoluted as a war.”

Freshman World History, Honors
Students in Freshman Honors World History integrated technology into their classroom with an interactive project this year. Mr. Anthony Schipper ’97, had his students pick a song from history (1950-2000) that contained a political or social message. Students then created a music video that illustrated the issues brought up in the music. Students were encouraged to think outside the box, not to simply convert the message of the song into pictures from that time, but to perhaps take an anti-war song from the 1960’s and apply its message to what is going on in the world today. Students used still images, video and text to communicate their point of view. This project not only combined history with modern technology, but also taught students a valuable lesson of history repeating itself.

Religious Studies
Seventh graders in Ms. Kathleen Marsh’s religion class are studying the history and use of Rosary Beads. In addition to creating Rosaries in class, the students will make podcasts in three stages. Stage One will be the history and background of the Rosary, Stage Two will be a step by step guide to make a Rosary, and stage three will be an explanation of how to pray the Rosary.

Xavier Woods ‘15
Mr. Nick Noroian uses the new iMacs to help students with a history project
**Sophomore AP European History**

Sophomores in AP European History are working diligently to prepare for the AP Board exam, coming up quickly. These students should be commended for their willingness to take ownership of their educational experience. They have chosen to take an 8th period class, and to apply themselves in order to pass the AP. The class has just completed reading their 1,000-page textbook, and has now moved on to practice AP exams and peer-correcting AP style essays. Good Luck!

**Foreign Language**

**Spanish**

The focus of Mr. Barry Sheppy’s Spanish classes this year has been communication! So often students learn the grammar, spelling, and mechanics of the language, but do not truly have the ability to converse, not so for Spanish 3, 3 Honors, 4, and AP. Students in these classes spend the majority of the class on one day every week just talking to each other. Of course no English is allowed! Students blind-fold themselves so their hearing is heightened and so no one will be embarrassed, and then the conversation begins. For a half hour only Spanish is used. Students must form and answer questions, express opinions and direct the conversation.

**Chinese**

The following update was written by Chinese students for Palma’s January Newsletter.

“In Palma’s Chinese classes, much more happens than what people might expect. At the end of each week, our classes have what we call ‘Happy Friday,’ during which we learn about Chinese culture or apply what we have learned in an activity. We have watched DVDs of Chinese festivals and acrobatics, and celebrated Chinese New Year. We have had tea parties and a field trip to a Chinese restaurant. We have also practiced Chinese painting, typed Chinese characters, played games of searching for Chinese characters in dictionaries, described what we were wearing, and much more. These are some of the many fun, exciting, and informational opportunities available from taking the Chinese class. On November 13, our classes had a fun day of practicing dialogue about shopping. Pretending to be both sales clerks and customers, we were required to bargain, buy, and sell speaking only in Chinese that we had learned from our teacher, Mrs. Sun, or Lao Shi (teacher). We bought and sold a large variety of food, drinks, and school supplies, and paid for them with fake ‘Chinese money.’ It seemed as if we were in a small market in China. At the end, every single student had a smile on his face. The class has also learned about Chinese music. We first watched a video about Chinese folk music, which is commonly characterized by instruments such as the er hu (two-stringed fiddle), di zi (bamboo flute), and pi pa (Chinese lute). After watching the video, we listened to modern Chinese music tracks by the Singapore-born, Taiwan-based Chinese pop duo By2. This music had a more universal sound to it, characterized by pop, rock, and hip-hop elements. Food tasting is one of our favorite activities, too. We learned the names of the food and typical dialogues people would have in a restaurant. When we ate, we picked up food with chopsticks. The most enjoyable part was that our class would vote on what we would eat, but in the end, everyone won because no one could resist the great taste of Chinese food!

We have appreciated that we have had the opportunity to take such an enjoyable and fantastic class.”


**Italian**

Italian teacher, Mr. Valerio Biondo, is bringing the best elements of Italian culture, conversation and food, to his
classes, creating his own “Little Italy” right here on Palma’s campus. The first fifteen minutes of every class period is spent completely in Italian. Students use the grammar skills they have learned to converse with the class, ask questions, and respond to different subjects. The most important thing is that students become comfortable speaking fluidly; after all, Italy is all about talking. Students have also had the chance to experience another mainstay of Italian culture... eating! Along with Mr. Biondo, parents and students have made several Italian dishes and brought them to class for an Italian Food Day. Nothing expresses Italian culture more clearly than lively conversation had over a big bowl of “Pasta al Pesto!”

Science
Chemistry
As a part of the National Chemistry Week 2009, hosted by the American Chemical Society (ACS), Palma High School’s Chemistry classes participated in the national poster project. Students created a poster that celebrated the theme “Chemistry, It’s Elemental!” The main concepts depicted in the poster were focused around having fun, acting as a motivational tool and relating how chemistry has impacted our society. The concept also needed to include some historical background and the major milestones that certain elements played in the world.

The winners of the 2009 local National Chemistry Weeks Poster Project have been selected and are as follows.

10th Grade: 1st place Ryan Halbrook, 2nd place Bradley Reyes, 3rd place Tony Suarez
11th Grade: 1st place Josh Inocencia, 2nd place Tom Sharp, 3rd place Blake Hughes

Science Fair
Congratulations to Palma High School students; Andy Falconer ’12, Kyle Moore ’12, and Daniel Wege ’11, for their superb efforts at the 2010 Monterey County Science and Engineering Fair competition at CSUMB Saturday, March 6. Each student competed in separate Senior high school divisions and presented an outstanding verbal defense of their projects in competition for top honors.

Andy Falconer was awarded 1st place in the Senior Chemistry division and was selected as an alternate to the 2010 California State Science and Engineering Fair competition — a first for Palma High School. Kyle Moore had an outstanding poster and presented his evidence with praise from the judges. Daniel Wege was awarded 3rd place in the Senior Applied Materials and Mechanical Structure division. The judges recommended that these students return for the 2011 Monterey County Science and Engineering Fair.
Eight Palma High School students were credentialed as judges for the 2010 Monterey County Science and Engineering Fair competition. The student judges were as follows: Bart Bruno ’11, Danny Brock ’11, Shaun Camcam ’11, Andrew Chen ’13, Christopher Chen ’12, Christopher Dy ’11, Anish Kunduru ’10, and Kyle Sterrett ’11. This is the 2nd year Palma has been invited to participate in the fair with Bart Bruno, Danny Brock, Shaun Camcam, and Christopher Dy being members of the original 2009 Palma student judges. Palma has also been invited back to participate as student judges in the 2011 Monterey County Science and Engineering Fair competition.

AP Biology

Students in Mr. Art Henry’s AP Biology class dissected frogs this semester in order to study their physiology. This exercise will help them when they sit for their AP Examination in May.

Mock Trial Team Places Third in Monterey County Championship

On February 6, Palma’s team placed third in the 12th Annual Monterey County Mock Trial. Throughout the competition, the students argued before real judges and attorneys at the Monterey County Courthouse, switching between defense and prosecution roles each round. Besides Palma, this year’s participating schools were Alisal, Carmel, King City, Monterey, North Salinas, Pacific Grove, and Salinas. The competition was the culmination of four months of preparation by a team of dedicated students, all of whom can be very proud of their efforts: Brandon Esslinger ’13, Gilbert Estrada ’11, Aaron Lewis ’10, Daniel Machado ’12, Anthony Mak ’12, Jose Ponce ’10, Josh Price ’10, Robby Puccinelli ’10, Fernando Quiroz ’12, Gabriel Quiroz ’10, Steven Rogalsky ’10, Kevin Serrano ’10, James Toan ’11, Austin Walter ’11, and Charles Yan ’12.

At the award ceremony following the final round, Steven Rogalsky won outstanding prosecution attorney, and Josh Price won outstanding defense attorney. Palma’s attorney coach was John Bailey, who generously volunteered many hours of his time to work with the team. Teacher and coach was Robert Viarengo. ●
PHS Band

Whether they are performing on their own turf or hundreds of miles away from home, the Palma High School Bands are as spirited as ever. The Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and Junior High Concert Band show off their musicianship and school pride during sporting events, campus functions, and in competition. The bands, now under the direction of Mr. Adam Penrose, are doing their part to enhance the Palma experience for themselves and their fellow Chieftains.

If you went to any of the home football games this year, you would have seen and heard the Symphonic Band. For the first time in recent memory, the band performed solo and with the cheerleaders as part of the varsity halftime shows. Led by the group’s seniors, the band brought a renewed sense of spirit, as the band became an integral part of the student cheering section. The Palma Jazz Band continued into the spring with their support of the athletics department as they energized varsity basketball team during timeouts and halftime.

It takes a lot of dedication to be a member of the music experience at Palma High School. Music students meet daily before school for rehearsal. The jazz band meets twice a week at night. Many band members are also on one or more athletic teams. They do all this (and their homework) while averaging a dozen performances outside of the school day each semester. But, even with the time commitment, performing is what band is all about. Each year, the band gets the opportunity to travel outside of the region to play at places like Disneyland, Hawaii, and the Bahamas.

This year, the Symphonic and Jazz Bands traveled to Stockton to perform at the Lincoln Review of Champions. Each group
brought home a third place trophy. This April, the band travels to Disneyland to participate in the Disney Magic Music Days program. This February, the Junior High Concert Band sent four of its members to represent Palma at the Central Coast Section Middle School Honor Band and Orchestra Festival. Students performed with the top middle school students in the region under the direction of a few of the top music educators in the state.

The musicianship does not end at Palma with many of our music students. Our students regularly perform with their own bands at restaurants, dances, and venues like the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Some even write their own music and record their own albums. Our students are energetic about what they do and are always eager to play their newest tune for you.

— Mr. Adam Penrose, Music Director

Art
Seventh and eighth grade Studio Art classes, taught by Ms. Bev Florance, spent time this semester getting to know and appreciate some of the big names in art! Each of the 24 students began by choosing a famous artist and doing some research about their choice using art biography books, the Internet, and classroom handouts. A “Personal Facts” page was completed with important information about the artist. When each student could complete the sentence “The important thing about my painter is…” the research was complete. Next the boys searched for a photograph or a self portrait of their artist and sketched a life-sized drawing. The figures were finished using oil pastels. A nameplate was created to show the artist’s name, date of birth and death, and the name of a famous work of art. The final step proved to be the most difficult, but was the step that really got each student acquainted with the style of their artist. Each student selected one of his painter’s masterpieces to copy. After individual presentations in the classroom, the artists were hung in the cafeteria for all to enjoy. It was so thrilling to see Frida Kahlo and Claude Monet hanging out together with Jan Vermeer and Vincent van Gogh!

Reflection Paintings
Advanced Art Students were given a painting assignment focusing on reflections in water. Students observed art work done by current landscape artists Mark Workman, John Briggs and Richard Schloss. Reflections in still water appear as almost pure mirror like images of the reflected object. They can be smooth and straight or jagged or elongated and are a great device for adding dimension. Students used acrylic paints on canvas. After the reflection was painted, gray wash laid down over the entire water area. This technique dulls the reflected colors and makes them look as if they are in water. Students used color photographs for their inspirations.

Art Show
Ten Palma artists participated in the Monterey County Annual Youth Art Competition, a contest open to all junior high and high school students in the County. Three Palma students won recognition for their work; Nathaniel Hamilton ’12 won 2nd place in oil painting, Niel Fogel ’12 was given an honorable mention in acrylic painting, and Sergio Guzman ’14 placed third in oil painting. Art work will be displayed at the Avery Gallery in the Seaside City Hall until April 30, 2010.

Ecology Club
The members of Palma’s Ecology Club have been active members of the com-
Community this year. In January, they partnered with the California Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to plant over 1,500 plants in the former Fort Ord area. The intention is to help return native species to the area, and crowd out non-native plants that are harmful. In February, the Club took part in a planting and clean-up effort at Natividad Creek Park in North Salinas. The Ecology Club has also been active with the organization AG AGAINST HUNGER, a charity that feeds the County’s many poverty stricken residents by gleaning surplus food from the rich Salinas Valley farm fields, and then distributes that produce to local food banks. The Ecology Club was active this year as volunteers in the fields, picking the excess produce and loading it onto trucks to be taken to the food bank.

CJSF Membership in the California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF) is based on grades earned during the preceding semester. The student must earn twice the number of points than courses in which he is enrolled that meet membership requirements. The following students have qualified for CJSF membership for the Spring Semester 2010.

**Eighth Grade**
- Jean-Luc Adam
- Salvatore Aiello
- Anthony Campos
- William Chilton
- Nicholas Cortese
- James de Lorimier
- Dalton Dovolis
- Alexander Ellison
- Maximilian Fiege
- Dominick Fusanotti
- Jake Gavin
- Joshua Gonzalez

- Lukas Gularte
- Travis Gunka
- Sergio Guzman
- Mitchell Kidd
- Bijan Kooroshfar
- Benjamin Laycock
- Jinwon Lee
- Emmanuel Limbo
- Peter Lucas
- Tomas Madrigal
- Marc Moreno-Takegami
- Anthony Payan
- Zachary Piccoli
- Jacob Regester
- Cole Rianda
- Adrian Sahagun
- Ryan Scarr
- Christian Sergent
- Harrison Spencer
- Cameron Stoopes
- Zachary Werner
- Shae Wiley
- Zachary Zender

**Seventh Grade**
- Trent Baldwin
- Kevin Bass
- Jonathan Bennett
- Maciel Buelna
- Steven Camcam
- Cameron Crane
- Jonathan Garibay
- Austin Greene
- Peter Griva
- Kevin Heffernan
- Austin Hussain
- Matthew Jensen

- Rick Keaton
- Jack Koster
- Dillon Leslie
- Matthew Lucas
- David Nunes
- Nicholas Parks
- Jacob Rosales
- Jose Santiago
- Connor Schivo
- Hayden Spencer
- Schyler Treanor
- Andrew Wooler

Congratulations to Nathaniel Hamilton ‘10 who has been selected as a National Merit Finalist. The selection of some 8,200 Merit Scholarship winners from the group of finalists is now in progress.
For many Americans, the most they will ever see and hear of the capital city of Kabul is what is displayed on the nightly news. But Peter O’Farrell is intimately acquainted with the noises and smells of this bustling city of over two million people. He can tell you how to get around, by armored convoy, or simply on foot, he can direct you to the nearest bazaar, and he can tell you what to do when you hear a bomb explode as close as a few miles away. From his home in Portland, Oregon where Peter now lives between international travel and work, he recalls with the familiarity what Afghanistan was like in the three years that he lived and worked in Kabul.

After graduating from Palma in 1996, Peter went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and Political Science from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. When he graduated in 2000, unsure of how to put his knowledge and passions to good use, he took the opportunity to join the U.S. Peace Corps, a decision Peter now realizes has shaped the course of his life. In February of 2001, Peter was placed in a small town in Madagascar called Andrafiabe. “I spent two years in and around Andrafiabe learning the language and working side by side with the residents. My projects in Madagascar were mainly agricultural, a funny coincidence being from Salinas, and yet having no experience in the ag world at all, suddenly I was absorbed in it.”

Peter spent the next four years in Madagascar, three with the Peace Corps, and one as a Rural Development Adviser for the Wildlife Conservation Society. “I had spent nearly four years working with farmers to implement modern farming techniques, I was working from the bottom up. I realized that in order to effect change on a larger scale, I needed to learn the politics and procedures that govern international projects. I had to learn to navigate the bureaucracy that goes into these projects.”

Peter moved back to the States briefly in 2006, where he worked for Chemonics International, in an administrative capacity out of their offices in Washington, D.C. However, not one to be chained to a desk, Peter took an opportunity that arose in 2007, to go back overseas, this time to Afghanistan to organize agricultural trade fairs and to manage a 75 acre demonstration farm; efforts meant to accelerate sustainable agriculture in a country ravaged by decades of war and oppression. Peter was responsible for organizing the largest peaceful, social event Kabul had seen in years. “What it amounted to was a county fair. Farmers and craftsman came to show their wares, over 100,000 people came out.”

Again craving the personal interaction of working one on one with farmers, Peter pursued a position with his current company Mercy Corps. “It was a little more low-profile, no more convoys and armed guards. Mercy Corps gets on the ground, and works with individuals. I noticed a difference in how I was received. Mercy Corps has been in Afghanistan since the 80’s, and people know that we are there to help them get ahead, and that we are there to stay, no matter the political climate. The less skeptical they are, the better we can work together.”

In October, Peter left Afghanistan to go to Mercy Corps headquarters in Portland, Oregon however Peter remains tied to the region as the Senior Program Officer for Afghanistan and Pakistan.
“Why are you interviewing me?” Andrew asked as he began to discuss this article, “. . . doesn’t Palma keep records?” Andrew was referring to his years at Palma where he recalls lackluster grades and a suspension or two as part of his high school career. But Andrew has certainly come a long way from the defiant teenager he once was. Proving that who you are in high school does not dictate who you will become in life, Andrew, a Fulbright Fellow, fluent in four languages, internationally traveled, and a Doctor of Applied Economics, has matured into a well-respected economist who is at the top of his field.

Andrew completed his undergraduate work at UC Santa Barbara, graduating Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa with Bachelor of Arts Degrees in both English Literature, and International Relations. Ironically what led Andrew to the field of economics was the economy itself. “When I graduated and entered the work force the economy was in a bad place. The only recruiters interested in my major were looking for sales people, and I hate to sell. By that time I was good at school, so I went back.” Andrew received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in Applied Economics, with a minor in Statistics. Whatever interest he lacked for academics in high school, was replaced with a fervent desire to excel in his field in both his undergraduate and graduate work. Andrew was awarded a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship in 1992 and was selected as a University Graduate School Fellow, before traveling to Bulgaria as a Fulbright Fellow in 1995.

Since completing his graduate work, Andrew has worked both as an independent consultant and with various companies as an economic advisor to foreign governments. Andrew’s work has taken him to Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey, Morocco, Bulgaria, Guatemala, Spain, Lebanon, Oman, Egypt, The United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and El Salvador. In addition to his work as a consultant, Andrew has also collaborated on and independently written several articles on the pressing and ever more complicated economic issues of our time.

Andrew’s work has taken him all around the globe and worlds away culturally and politically from his roots in the Salinas Valley. He worked in emerging markets finance for the first six years abroad, starting and running one of the first venture capital funds in Turkey. After living abroad for over 15 years, Andrew has come back to California. He lives in Santa Barbara where he has just begun to renovate his home along with his partner Kimberly. Andrew is happy to be back in California, closer to family and friends even though he says it was great living abroad. “People in other countries know how to take their time; Americans just don’t have wine-filled six hour dinners with friends. That said, it is great to be home. After living for 15 years in countries with dysfunctional governments, maybe it was just the right time to come back.”

Andrew is currently a Senior Manager and Independent Consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton and Company and Alliance Equity LLC., and continues to travel internationally.
Chieftain Sports

Chieftain Sports Scorecard:
Fall & Winter Highlights

Cross Country

Varsity

The 2009 Cross Country team began the year with much optimism. Three returners from last year’s squad, Kent Majewski ’10, Chris D’Arrigo ’10, and Tom Scaglione ’10, were ready to lead. The early practices went very well. Michael D’Arrigo ’13, Chris Chen ’12, Jonathon Diaz ’12, Miguel Soria ’11, and Joe Corner ’10 joined the three veteran runners, and practice became something special. We began to run as a team. In the first big test of skill and endurance, the Stanford Invitational, the team placed seventh. Soria was the top finisher, placing 26th in 17:05. Considering the size of the meet, 32 teams, the finish was successful. The next week, however, spelled disaster. An awful flu took hold of the team and wouldn’t let go. A number of our top runners were out for 3 weeks, and Majewski, a runner with incredible potential this year, did not recover until the last week of the season. As a result, the dual meet season suffered. The team finished the season with a 2 and 4 record and a 4th place finish at the league meet. The team did advance to CCS finals and placed 8th, not the position Coach Scott Brock and his runners had hoped to be in, but considering what they had to overcome this season, this team succeeded and will come back stronger next season!

Water Polo

Varsity

The Chieftains started their season on a Thursday with a 17-10 loss to Stevenson, but learned quickly from the experience and followed it up with four straight wins over the weekend to win the Monterey Bay Shootout at Watsonville. This success was followed by a close 6-4 loss against Carmel and a trip to the Bay Area where the team finished 3rd in the Doug Wahlgren Memorial at Homestead H.S. The learning curve continued to slope upwards as they returned to the Bay Area the next weekend for the St. Francis CCS-NCS Challenge. The team experienced a different level of water polo throughout the tournament, but it paid off the next week when the program achieved its first water polo victory over Salinas with a 5-2 win. The win over Salinas started a four-game streak that saw the team through to a 3rd place finish in league. The squad was led by team captain Aaron Lewis ’10 with 77 goals and Brazilian foreign-exchange student Gustavo Pingo ’10 with 53 goals as
teams struggled to contain their strong play at 2 meters. Goalie Michael Cahalan ’10 capped an amazing varsity career in the cage with 230 saves. Several Palma players received team and league honors for their accomplishments this season: Aaron Lewis ’10 - MVP, Varsity Water Polo; 1st Team, All-TCAL; Michael Cahalan ’10 - Coaches Award, Varsity Water Polo; 2nd Team, All-TCAL; Gustavo Pingo ’10 - 2nd Team, All-TCAL; Kevin Serrano ’10 - TCAL Richard Chamberlin Sportsmanship Award; Neil Fogel ’10 - “For-the-Good-of-the Game,” Varsity Water Polo.

JV
The 2009 Junior Varsity Water Polo season was one of incredible overall improvement. This was especially apparent in a competitive tournament held in San Jose, when the team was only a few goals away from victory in each of the first two matches. The Chieftains then tied the third match by scoring two goals in the last minute of the third period, sending the game into double overtime. They played hard and did not let another goal go by! The final match of the season was also a testament to the overall improvement that had been achieved by the entire team. The Chieftains won their last league match, taking on Hollister in double overtime, and then winning in a final sudden death period. Palma won that match by taking Hollister to two overtime periods and then winning in the final sudden death period. MVP went to team leader Nick Yeo ’12. Brent Keller ’13 was given the Coaches’ Award for his enthusiasm and dedication.

Football

Varsity
The 2009 Palma Chieftains won the TCAL Championship with a perfect 6-0 record. In an exciting match-up between two undefeated teams, the Palma Chieftains prevailed over the Hollister Haybalers in week 9. The outcome was not decided until the very last play when Bruce Taylor ’10 deflected a Hollister two-point conversion attempt. Palma overcame a 14-0 lead. Max Gibbons ’10 scored a touchdown on a recovered fumble and Josh Vultaggio ’10 caught a 70-yard touchdown pass from Austin Fales ’10. QB Austin Fales, running back Jack Baird ’11 and wide receiver Bruce Taylor led the Chieftains on offense. Fales threw for 1500 yards with 12 Touchdown passes. Taylor was voted the 2009 TCAL Most Valuable Player; he was first team All-State and All-County for the Monterey Herald and the Salinas Californian. The offensive line did a tremendous job and consisted of Colby Varley ’10, Joe Santiago ’11, Omar Marsarweh ’10, Davey Winslow ’10, Brian Holmes ’10, Kelly Swanston ’10 as well as Tight End Garrett Taylor ’10. Defensively, Palma was led by All-State linebacker John Andrus ’10 and TCAL Most Valuable Defensive Lineman Max Gibbons. Linebacker Robert Foy ’11 and Defensive lineman Brandon Pulealii ’11 were also named first team All-TCAL on defense.

JV
The 2009 JV football team completed a remarkable turnaround after starting the season 1-3 by winning their last six games. The highlight of this turnaround was a come-from-behind victory against North Salinas. Lead by 2-way starter and team MVP Ryan Sarmiento ’12, the Chieftains ended their season by beating Alisal, and finishing 2nd in the TCAL. On offense, the team was led by Quarterback Brandon Villar ’12 and Runningbacks Ryan Sarmiento, Alex Gutierrez ’12, and Tanner Carrillo-Zazueta ’12. Most Valuable Offensive and Defensive Lineman went to Paul Apilado ’12 and Sawyer Swanston ’12. Defensive MVP went to Marcel Brinson ’12 and Most Valuable DB went to Eddie Farfan ’12. Coach’s Awards went to A.J. Sims ’12, Andy Steitz ’12, Peter Ramirez ’12.
Kevin Ekanem ’12, Nick Ruiz ’12, Ryan Keating ’12, and Tanner Carrillo-Zazueta ’12.

**Frosh**

Coach Steve Clayton ’76 welcomed 68 young men to a rite of passage, Palma Frosh Football. Rumors had been swirling that this class might be something special, and the class of 2013 did not disappoint. **QB Jack Tardieu** and his sensational wide receiver, **Noah Allen**, guided the high-octane offense. When the freshman needed to grind the ball out on the ground, **Marcus Washington, Cody Washington, Jack Ross, Isaiah Garcia, and Mitchell Huntington** all chewed up massive amounts of yardage. **Josaiah Pulealli, Spencer Seeley, Jack Powers, and Beau Giltott** were the key linemen that opened huge holes for their running backs. On the defense, where championships are won and lost, the freshman unit gave up just one touchdown during the entire season. The anchors on the “D” line were **Tyler Escoto, Hidelv Manzur, and Jake Robinson**. An outstanding corps of linebackers **Alex Radoni, Cameron Neff, Matthias Lopez, and Sean Robinson** crunched all opponents. The hard work and dedication by this group of young men and their coaches exceeded all expectations. They ended the season with a perfect 10-0 record. Palma football’s tradition of greatness is certainly in able hands with this group of athletes.

**Soccer**

**Varsity**

**Daniel Johnsen ’11** led the 2010 Chieftains with 13 goals and 6 assists as the squad struggled with a string of ties and tough losses in good games to finish the season at 2-6-4 (4-9-6). Forward **Matt Tunzi ’10** returned for his fourth season as a varsity starter contributing 4 goals and six assists, but finding himself with a big target on his back as each team focused their defensive efforts on slowing him down. At the other end of the field, sophomore **Tim Carroll ’12** recorded 99 saves in goal to keep the Chieftains in the mix down the stretch.

Several Palma players received team and league honors for their accomplishments this season: **Daniel Johnsen ’11** - 1st Team All-TCAL, MVP, Varsity Soccer; **Matt Tunzi ’10** - 1st Team All-TCAL, Coaches Award, Varsity Soccer; **Conor Boulger ’10** - 2nd Team All-TCAL, Coaches Award, Varsity Soccer; **Joseph Corner ’10** - 2nd Team All-TCAL, Coaches Award, Varsity Soccer; **Tim Carroll ’12** - TCAL Richard Chamberlin Sportsmanship Award.
Junior High
With a combination of great soccer players and talented athletes, the Junior High Soccer team, led by Coach Nick Sterrett ’04 captured the MTJAL Championship, a feat not accomplished since 2002. While the entire team worked hard throughout the season, co-MVP honors went to Zack Werner ’14, for his outstanding play at central midfield, and JD de Lorimier ’14, for his consistently tenacious defense at sweeper. For scoring thirteen goals in 12 games, Will Chilton ’14 was the named the Outstanding Offensive player for the team, while 7th Grader Steven Camcam ’15 was named the Outstanding Defensive player for unmatched in effort in pursuing opposing forwards. Coach Sterrett said he was very fortunate to have such a great group in his first year of coaching any sport and said, “We were successful because of pure determination and tenacity, and the winning the Championship was definitely a great way to the season.”

Basketball

Varsity
In his sixth season as Head Coach, Paul Alioto led the Chieftains to a fourth straight TCAL title by going 12-0. The Chieftains have been a whopping 44-4 the last four years of TCAL play. The last time Palma went undefeated in league play, the team was lead by Orlando Johnson ’07. For the fourth year in a row, the Chieftains made it to the championship game of Palma’s very own Luis A. Scattini Memorial Basketball Tournament, only to be defeated by state-ranked Buchanan. The Chieftains also won the consolation trophy at the very competitive Saint Francis Christmas Classic, in Mountain View. This team received the number one seed in the CCS Playoffs, finishing the regular season with a 21-3 overall record. This team has been very competitive and exciting to watch as seven players lead in scoring this year! Seniors Chris Benevente, Michael Cahalan, Austin Duke, Cristian Plascencia, and Travis Short, were the leaders who kept the Chieftains focused on their goals all season long. Juniors Matt Johnson and Justin Regester, sophomore Joe Paulo, and freshmen Noah Allen and Jack Powers lent their drive and skills to strengthen this team.

JV
At the JV level, second year coach Justin Clymo, along with assistant Joey Willrodt ’98, led 15 hardworking young men through steady improvement in another tough non-league schedule. With five freshman playing significant minutes, this team had its ups and downs, but ended up beating the top three teams in TCAL the second time around, and finished with a winning record in TCAL. Sophomores Devin Morales ’12, Rueben Rubalcava ‘12, Shivan Singh ’12, and Sam Thompson ’12, along with freshmen Cameron Neff ’13, Jack Tardieu ’13, and Marcus Washington ’13 demonstrated that their talent and work ethic will continue to keep Palma Basketball competing at a high level for years to come.

Frosh
The freshman team, lead by first year head coach Jim Bass, and assistants John Given ’80 and Juan Batistia, was an
exciting group to watch all season long! No dominate player emerged, but 16 players contributed to the success of this team. Going 9-3 in TCAL, this team improved immensely from the beginning of the season, an improvement that is a credit to both players and coaches. This group has some players who in just a few short years will grow into their own, continuing the successful tradition that is Palma Basketball. Defensive Player of the Year went to Armando Castellano and Offensive Player of the Year went to Nick Marquez, while Most Improved was earned by Spencer Seeley. The Hustle Award went to Lane Larronde, Spencer Lane was honored with the Coaches’ Award, and team leader Isaiah Garcia was named Most Outstanding Player. The future is bright with the Class of 2013!

Junior High

8th Grade

The 8th grade class of 2010 was blessed with some amazing athletes. With seven players over six feet tall, the team was a force to be reckoned with on the court. No less than three opposing coaches asked Coach Nick Sterrett ’04 if he was leading the JV team. Off the court, they were a group of dedicated students who represented the top of the class including the Valedictorian and Salutidctorian of the Junior High Class of 2010. Finishing the season 23-2, the team won the MTJAL Championship, the Mickey Linehan Memorial Tournament at Palma, and the Evergreen Shoot-Out in San Jose. Standout players include Jacob Regester ’14, the MVP of the Mickey Linehan tournament, Will Chilton ’14, the Outstanding Defensive player for the team as well as a selection on two all-tournament teams, Dalton Dovolis ’14, the Outstanding Offensive player for the team as well as a selection on two all-tournament teams, and Peter Lucas ’14, the MVP for the Evergreen Tournament in San Jose and the team MVP. Not only did the team have a successful season in terms of wins, but the players had fun and continued to develop their skills throughout the year.

Wrestling

This season started a new chapter in Palma wrestling. With the graduation of seven league champions and 13 Central Coast Wrestling Medals last year, only two starters returned, making this year both challenging and exciting. The young Chieftains proved that with dedication and focus it is possible to achieve success, learning from both wins and losses. The season started in Half Moon Bay at the 47th Annual Peninsula Invitational. Leading the way was finalist Brandon Pulealii HWT who finished as the runner-up, and Mike Sarmiento ‘10 189lbs who came in with a 6th place finish. On the same day Palma also sent a team to San Jose’s James Lick High School for the Lynn Dyche Classic where freshman Reed Worthy 125lbs finished in 4th place and sophomore Ryan Pullara HWT finished in 5th place. The Chieftains qualified all 14 wrestlers out of the TCAL and into the Central Coast Section Championships held in San Jose at Independence. Medals went to Nick Busby ’12 103lbs in 4th place, Josh Gonzalez ’11 112lbs placed 3rd, Sam Eastman ’11 119lbs brought in a 4th place, Christian Palacios ’13 125lbs also
grabbed a 4th place, Noah Short ’10 130lbs got 5th, Alec Reyes ’10 135lbs came in 5th, Eddie Farfan ’12 140lbs 5th place, Ryan Sarmiento ’12 145lbs came in 3rd, Nick Abulencia ’10 152lbs 3rd, Mike Sarmiento ’10 160lbs place 2nd, Armando Martinez ’10 171lbs, Josaiah Pulealii ’13 189lbs, Jeff Taluban ’11 215lbs all came home with 6th place medals, and Brandon Pulealii ’11 HWT brought back a 2nd. The top finishers in their respective league vying for the CIF California State Championships, qualify through CCS. With over 87 high schools that wrestle in the CCS, both Brandon Pulealii HWT and Mike Sarmiento 160lbs (10) both qualified for the CIF State Championships by finishing in 4th place. Sarmiento finished his season by going 1-2, and Pulealii finished 0-2 at the CIF State meet. Both of these wrestlers ended their season at the biggest high school event in the nation.

Volleyball
Junior High
Coach Stephanie Corda had nothing but praise for the athletes who made up the Junior High Volleyball team. She said, “An athlete, according to the dictionary is “a person trained or gifted in exercises or contests involving physical agility, stamina, or strength.” It was clear, that the 2009 Jr. High volleyball squad lived up to every word of not only an athlete, but as a student athlete. Their dedication to the sport and to their academic commitments made me work harder in my own goals as their coach. Little do they know I learned so much from them,” she added. This year’s league was small, but competitive.

Carmel, San Benancio, Santa Catalina, and Junipero Serra made the season exciting, challenging and motivated the Chieftains to become better at the sport. Of all the teams in the league, Catalina was the biggest competition. The natural ability to lead, a quality Palma’s setter Jeremy Dicks ’14 possessed, helped the players feel confident on where they were on the court. Athletes like Ben Laycock ’14 and Jake Gavin ’14, our height and power of the team, helped inspire their teammates. Jimmy Clark ’14, Josh Gonzales ’14, Lukas Gularte ’14, Kyle Swanson ’14, Jeff Burke ’14, John Sheets ’14, Anthony Campos ’14, Kevin Bass ’15, Shane Folck ’15, Jack Koster ’15, Zachary Zender ’14 and Andrew Wooler ’15 also helped make this season amazing. The season ended with a 3-5 record. Palma moved on to the playoffs, beating Junipero Serra to play in the championships against Santa Catalina. Every game was point-to-point, and all athletes were playing better than they ever had. There were no score leaders and in the end Palma did not come out holding the physical trophy, but left with one in their hearts. Catalina beat Palma in the championships 27-25, 32-30. Corda said, “Our 2009 Jr. High Volleyball team believed in themselves, their school, their team and my abilities to teach them — success at its finest. I am so proud of their efforts.”

Eighth Graders John Sheets, Ben Laycock and Jeremy Dicks
Chieftain

Legacies

Palma’s connection with the community, with past generations, and the promise of those to come creates a special link, a feeling of continuity, a legacy. This is evident by the 96 sons of alumni, who returned this year to their parents’ or grandparents’ former school. Eight of these legacies span three generations! That kind of continuity stands as a testament to Palma’s tradition of providing excellence in education.
Three-Generation Legacies

Matthew Parsons ‘11, son of Charles C. Salmina ’87, grandson of Charles N. Salmina ’61, Virginia (Bode) Salmina ’63
Angelo Scattini ‘11, son of Jim Scattini ’81, grandson of Jim Scattini, Sr. ’60 & Joan (Botelho) Scattini ’61
Christian Bengard ‘13, son of Bardin Bengard ’79, grandson of Butch Massa ’58
Jacob Given ‘13, son of John Given ’80, grandson of Rebecca (Gallegos) Mier ’64
Mitchell Huntington ‘13, son of Chris Huntington ’82, grandson of Roberta (Fanoe) Huntington ’59
Jacob Taylor ‘13, son of Richard Souza ’87, grandson of Raymond Souza ’63 & Pam (Stolich) Souza ’64
Luke Huntington ‘14, son of Nick Huntington ’86, grandson of Roberta (Fanoe) Huntington ’59

Class of 2010
Jonathan Airada, son of Ricardo Airada ’83
Joseph Alarid, Jr., son of Joe Alarid ’77
Peter Cabrera, son of Rolando Cabrera ’83
Joseph Carnazzo, son of Jeffrey Carnazzo ’85
Christopher D’Arrigo, son of John D’Arrigo ’76
Nathan de Lorimier, son of David de Lorimier ’75
Dillon Given, son of Vern Given ’79
Clinton Holthouse, son of Brian Holthouse ’75
Mychal Muro, son of Robert Muro ’86
Zachary Ostarello, son of Russell Ostarello ’70
Zachary Shade, son of Randy Shade ’79
Noah Short, son of Roger Short ’81
Travis Short, son of Timothy Short ’83
Kelly Swanston, son of Marty Swanston ’82
Matthew Tunzi, son of Marc Tunzi ’76
Joshua Vultaggio, grandson of Marilyn (Menges) Lorentz ’59

Class of 2011
Jack Baird, grandson of Jonathan Storm ’60 (deceased)
Gonzalo Cabrera, son of Fidel Cabrera ’82
Tucker Carrillo-Zazueta, son of Greg Zazueta ’72
Justin Cook, son of Brian Cook ’80
Stephen Daguio, son of Gary Daguio ’79
Casey Dixon, grandson of Donald Dixon ’64
Samuel Eastman, son of Brent Eastman ’81
Jack Gnosca, son of Peter Gnosca ’75
Cody Hontalos, son of Ted Hontalos ’81
Blake Hughes, son of Thomas Hughes ’73
Hunter Johnson, son of Paul Johnson ’69
Steven Marcroft, son of Michael Marcroft ’74
Caisen Mirassou, son of Gregory Mirassou ’84
Colin Spencer, grandson of Camille (Campbell) Mitchell ’59
Devin Thomas, grandson of Butch Massa ’58

Class of 2012
Tanner Carrillo-Zazueta, son of Greg Zazueta ’72
Wesley Daoro, son of Sam Daoro ’80
Taylor Dow, son of James Dow ’84
Stephen Guzman, son of Joe Guzman ’79
Marcus House, son of Mark House ’79
Daniel Machado, son of Gary Machado ’77
Devon Morales, son of Israel Morales ’90
Alan Sims, Jr., son of Alan Sims ’78
Sawyer Swanston, son of Marty Swanston ’82
Matthew Vultaggio, grandson of Marilyn (Menges) Lorentz ’59
Nathaniel Zanger, son of Michael Zanger ’82
Class of 2013

Carlo Aliotti, son of Daniel Aliotti ’77
Bart Bonfantini, grandson of Butch Massa ’58
Charles Byers, son of Charles Byers ’89
Michael D’Arrigo, son of John D’Arrigo ’76
Christopher Duby, grandson of Randall Parola ’68
Matthew Given, son of Vern Given ’79
Branden Hontalas, son of Ted Hontalas ’81
Spencer Lane, son of Christopher Lane ’85
Lane Larronde, son of Lawrence Larronde ’75
Henry Mirrasou, son of Gregory Mirrasou ’84
Stephen Thomas, grandson of Butch Massa ’58
Dominic Zanger, son of Michael Zanger ’82

Class of 2014

Jeffrey Burke, son of Richard Burke ’70
William Chilton, son of Greg Chilton ’80
Dalton Dovolis, son of Angelo Dovolis ’80
John Gnosca, son of Peter Gnosca ’75
Devin Hinson, son of Victor Hinson ’90
Mitchell Kidd, grandson of Timothy Smith ’60
Cameron Lane, son of Christopher Lane ’85
Benjamin Laycock, grandson of Donald Turner ’60
Angel Martinez, son of Angel C. Martinez ’93
Zachary Panziera, son of Mathew Panziera ’92
Kevin Piffero, son of Gary Piffero ’83
Cole Rianda, son of Jeff Rianda ’83
Harrison Spencer, grandson of Camille (Campbell) Mitchell ’59
Blake Waldron, son of Barry Waldron ’90
Shae Wiley, son of David Wiley ’85
Noah Yost, son of Thomas Yost ’84

Class of 2015

John Baillie, son of John Baillie ’77
Kevin Bass, son of James Bass ’88
Barret Bonfantini, grandson of Butch Massa ’58
Brad Caraccioli, son of Philip Caraccioli ’81
Matthew Costa, son of Steven Costa ’86
Rick Keaton Jr., grandson of Albert Gozzelino ’59
David Nunes, son of David Nunes ’71
Lost Alumni

The following Alumni are considered “lost” by the Alumni Relations Office because no current contact information is available for them. If you know, or are one of these individuals, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 831.422.2309 or alumni@palmahs.org

1950’s
Stephen Avina ’55
Penny Hershey ’55
John Fitzpatrick ’57
Gloria Navalta ’57
Dora Scarpino ’58
Karen Clark ’59
Stephen Clarke ’59
Alida Hurtado ’59

1960’s
Shirley Downs ’60
Daniel Sahagun ’60
Edward Spencer ’60
Michael Ullmann ’60
Joan Arnold ’61
Geoffrey Handis ’61
Jerry Janoski ’61
Louis Lopez ’61
James Reed ’61
Diane Rose ’61
James Van Eron ’61
Karen Alexander ’62
William Cowie ’62
Olivia Favela ’62
Joanne Frazure ’62
Judy Kristofferson ’62
Douglas Mathews ’62
David Mitchell ’62
Nancy Wilson-Rush ’62
Ruben Salgada ’62
Charlotte Allan ’63
Mary Ellen Austin ’63
Kathleen Boswell ’63
Mary Ellen Briel ’63
Pat Carr ’63
Richard Duron ’63
Judy Ferris ’63
Kathy Fredrickson ’63
David Thorup ’63
John D. Bell ’64
Richard Bo ’64
Kevin Callahan ’64
Jennifer Copley ’64
Henry Davila ’64
Timothy Dixon ’64
Manuel Fernandes ’64
Albert Friedrich ’64
Joseph Heinz ’64
Marinus Hysler ’64
Joan Jacobsen ’64
Ann Lessinger ’64
Michael Lynch ’64
Robert May ’64
Barbara Jean Simas ’64
William Stewart ’64
James Churchill ’65
Gary Grimes ’65
Patrick McGrath ’65

1970’s
George Paoli ’65
John Powers ’65
John Rothstein ’65
Matthew Stevens ’65
Richard Thorup ’65
Richard Baxter Robert Lindstrand ’66
William Powell ’66
Albert Rocamoara ’66
Daniel Sanchez ’66
John Carillo ’67
Paul Deschler ’67
Thomas Diggins ’67
John Grant ’67
Thomas Lee ’67
Charles Marriotti ’67
Glen Myers ’67
Mark Rothstein ’67
Kevin Cassidy ’68
David Hughes ’68
William McClure ’68
David Barlogio ’69
John Benoit ’69
Kevin Bowen ’69

1980’s
Stephen Avina ’85
Penny Hershey ’85
John Fitzpatrick ’87
Gloria Navalta ’87
Dora Scarpino ’88
Karen Clark ’88
Stephen Clarke ’88
Alida Hurtado ’88

1990’s
Jonathan C. Baptista ’00
Vincent Barrientos ’00
Christopher Boyd ’00
Joemari Domingo ’00
Richard Handley ’00
Lawrence Hernandez ’00
Jason Troia ’00
Christopher Alcantara ’01
Floyd L. Dixon ’01
Shin Jin ’02
Marcus A. Barbosa ’03
Steven Jackson ’03
Saam Shahrabi ’03
Stephen Spadoni ’03
David Donahue ’04
Sun Woo Kim ’04
Leonelle Nagatlon ’04
Brandon Young ’04
Thomas Bourne ’05
Jordan Casas ’06
Austin Saunders ’06
Cody Liebreve ’07
Nathan Ramirez ’08
Dylan Lee ’09

2000’s

2010’s

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Class of 1959
50-Year Reunion

Palma High School’s Class of 1959 celebrated their 50th year reunion on September 21, 2009. The weekend’s events kicked off Saturday evening at the Salinas Golf & Country Club with a dinner coordinated by Roberta Fanoe Huntington. Red and gold decorations and banners welcomed classmates, some who had not seen one another since graduating in 1959! Thirty-two alumni gathered together with spouses and guests to share the evening remembering and reminiscing about their Palma days. Out of 42 graduates of the class of 1959, 32 were present! Alumni came from as far away as Hawaii, Mississippi, and Illinois. Sunday’s activities were overseen by Mary Campion Drinks who did a wonderful job planning a Mass in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel which was celebrated by Bishop Richard Garcia, followed by a tour of the school, and a leisurely buffet luncheon.

The Class of 1959 also generously gave back to Palma through donations to The Palma Fund. The Reunion Committee encouraged and inspired their classmates to make donations to Palma, which will be in large part used towards scholarships for deserving students. The Class of 1959 generously donated over $2,300.00 to Palma! They are the first class to challenge themselves this way, and they hope the class of 1960 will continue this great tradition!

Class of 1969
40 Years Later

Palma and Notre Dame Classes of 1969 held a 40th year Reunion evening reception and dinner party in the Palma Multipurpose Room on October 24, 2009. The returning classmates greeted one another with enthusiasm, interest and laughter. The room was decorated and transformed into a 60’s themed event by Reunion Committee members Joine Campion, Linda Rossi, Rosanna Lepiane and Patricia Fuque. The new room provided a warm ambiance with many spaces and places to meet and greet old friends.

A highlight of the night was when Brother James Glos, former Palma science teacher, greeted the graduates from Lima, Peru via a Skype computer video call projected on the video projector in the room. Brother
Glos recalled wonderful memories of his teaching time at Palma and the good people he was blessed to meet. Father Ken Laverone, O.F.M., Palma graduate and Franciscan priest, said the Grace before dinner and blessed the assembled classes. The evening reception and dinner was staffed and catered by Portobello’s restaurant. The appetizers and dinner were superb as recounted by the diners. Tom Pagano donated and arranged for fresh Pacific salmon to be flown in for the dinner while Kevin Olson and John Oliverio donated wine for each dinner table.

Mark Panelli and Janice Pierson Engelhorn co-emceed the evening with playful humor and creative games for the attendees. Paul and Paddy Jo Castagnetto were actively involved in reunion planning and handled beverage tickets for attendees. Palma classmate Bill Lorentz provided digital music of the 60’s capturing song, TV themes, and commercials to trigger rich memories of times gone by. Rosanna Lepiane performed the administrative tasks of mailing, banking, and tracking attendees. John Firth set up a website for the Reunion and created a PowerPoint presentation with committee advice showing pictures of graduates, fun memories, and past reunions. One attendee wrote to the planners, “Thank you so much for all the work that you put into the reunion. Because of your efforts, we were able to enjoy a wonderful evening. The food was great and of course catching-up with everyone a true joy. So often it is the hard work a few which benefits all. This was certainly the case in this instance. Thanks again.” The committee members were Paul Castagnetto, Patricia Fuque, Mark Panelli, Paddy Jo Castagnetto, Rosanna Lepiane, John Firth, Joine Campion, Linda Rossi and Joanne Pierson Englehorn. The Classes of 1969 want to extend a big “thank you” to David Sullivan, Brother Patrick Dunne, and Tracy Jones for providing the facility.

Class of 1989

Notre Dame and Palma Class of 1989 had their 20-year reunion on July 25th, 2009 at Tarpy’s Roadhouse in Monterey, where over 90 classmates and guests attended the cocktail hour, enjoyed the lively company and conversation, feasted on a fabulous dinner, and danced the night away to some great 80’s tunes. The reunion was preceded by a Friday evening family social at Casa Sorrentos, and followed by a family BBQ at Spreckles Memorial Park on Sunday afternoon. The reunion committee of Michelle Pena Esposito, Cindi Martinez Dodd and Frank Campo were excited with the enthusiasm of classmates and the great turnout!

Class of 1999

On November 28th, 2009 about 85 guests attended the 1999 Notre Dame/Palma High School 10-year reunion. Alumni all had a great time getting together with old friends. The event was held at Montrio Bistro where alums enjoyed cocktails, appetizers and of course, good conversation. Each alum received two raffle tickets and a commemorative glass upon entering. Everyone had a chance to win many great raffle prizes. Some raffle items included; Wine (thanks to Chris Mills for donating some of his very own wine “Christopher Paul” and Jason Smith, for donating wine from Paraiso Vineyards), wine glasses, personal training gift certificate, rodeo tickets, gift certificates to CVS, and other businesses, Palma t-shirts and much more!
**Alumni UPDATES**

**Class of 1971**

*Don Barich '71* is running to represent the people of the 15th District of California in the upcoming Congressional election. As it says on Don’s website, www.barichforcongress.com, “Don is single and resides with his dog Nick, a chocolate Labrador retriever, in West San Jose. He has 3 brothers (sadly, Don lost a younger brother to cancer 4 years ago) and 3 sisters, the youngest a Downs Syndrome Child, the pride of the family. He is an active pilot with single and multi-engine ratings as well as being instrument rated. Over the years he has been active in the OTHG Motocross racing club and enjoys snow and water skiing, scuba diving and travel.” Good Luck Don!

**Class of 1976**

*Mike Borg '76* and his wife Leah have moved to Colville, Washington, which is on the north eastern side of the state. They are enjoying the great outdoors, especially the abundance of wildlife which visits their property. Their daughter Gina has moved to Colville as well. Mike says, “She has her own piece of heaven and is looking forward to summer in order to get her garden going again.” Their youngest daughter Talia is in her junior year at Lindenwood in Missouri. She is doing very well academically, and is continuing to participate in the clay target sports.

**Class of 1980**

*David Walker* earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law Studies from Saint Mary’s University. He practiced trial and appellate legal work in California State Court until 2008 when he returned to Saint Mary’s to get his Master’s in Leadership. In September 2009, David began his first year of law school. He hopes to practice appellate, public interest, and Constitutional law in state and federal courts.

**Class of 1981**

*Ed Laverone ’81,* ended his first term on the San Juan Bautista City Council by serving as Mayor for 2010. Ed also serves as the second Vice President of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, and on the Public Safety Policy Committee of the League of California Cities. Ed is a Captain with the Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff where he oversees law enforcement at Stanford University. Together with his wife Lori, Ed has three daughters, Erin (UC Davis ’11), Jennifer (UC Davis ’13), and Stephanie, who is a junior at Anzar High School in San Juan Bautista.

**Class of 1983**

*Jim Deaver* has been a P.E. teacher and coach at Enterprise High School in Redding, California. He is the Head Coach for Cross Country, Assistant Coach for boys Varsity Basketball, and the Head Coach for Track and Field. His wife Karen is a counselor in the same district, and he is the proud father of two boys, Colton, 14 and Jason, 10. “Next year I get to have my son Colton at Enterprise with me, and I am looking forward to bringing him to Salinas for cross country and track meets. I look forward to seeing some old friends in the spring at some track meets.”

**Class of 1986**

Jewelry designer and Palma Alum *Jeffrey Appling ‘86* is planning a trip to Peru in the summer of 2010 and hopes...
to draw inspiration from ancient Inca civilization for his new line of jewelry, called "Universe." Jeffrey says, “The new jewelry collection will be a first of its kind anywhere in the world, and I will have at least one patent attached to the engineering portion of the jewelry line. That’s all I can say for now, but it does involve pyramids and jewelry that lights up!”

**Class of 1987**

*Esteban Ochoa* retired as a Master Sergeant from the Air Force after 21 years, 5 months and 23 days. He currently resides in North Las Vegas, NV. He and his wife Jenni have two children, Alejandra and Ryan.

*Michael Ventimiglia ’87* is a Senior Manager for Customer Support at Oracle Corporation. “I have now been involved in the customer service industry for the last 20 years. I have managed private health clubs and high-end restaurants, worked in the retail service industry, and as a golf professional for the Pebble Beach Corporation. I currently live just outside of Boulder, Colorado with my wife, two boys and our dog. In my free time I continue to play competitive golf, I am a den leader for my Son’s Cub Scouts, and enjoy the outdoors with the family. I am always up for a good session of Texas Hold-em or live music. Follow my adventures on my blog: http://ventisworld.blogspot.com/"

**Class of 1989**

*Maxwell Hayes ’89* lives with his wife Vivian in Hollister where they are raising their three children Miranda (12), Aidan (6), and Evan. Max works for Camping World in San Martin.

**Class of 1992**

*Ken Buzelle* and his wife Jeri live in Tacoma, Washington where Ken works as inspector for Boeing in nearby Everett. Previously, Ken was a mechanic for the propulsion systems for the Boeing 747 and 767.

*Steven Zenk* just finished his 5th season as head football coach at North Salinas High School. Steven and his wife Stefanie have been married for 8 years and have one son, Joseph, who will turn two at the end of March.

**Class of 1993**

*Jarrod Westerlund* is living in San Luis Obispo and is a real-estate broker, specializing in bank-owned properties. He has a 5-year-old son David who is just starting kindergarten. “He is my world.” Jarrod says.

**Class of 1994**

Living in San Antonio, Texas with his wife Lauren, *Shawn Golden* has a commercial ...
Shawn Golden’s daughters Madison and McKinley

Class of 1996

Justin Reyes ’96 was honored just weeks ago by a nomination for a “Jefferson Award,” a local award that commends an individual’s exemplary service to his or her local community. Justin is among six other nominees and is recognized for his service to the Kinship Center. Justin works as a firefighter and paramedic at the Monterey County Regional Fire District. Justin was nominated by John Wilkinson, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Dr. Olivia Yates, Vice President of Development of Kinship Center for a decade of commitment to coordinating the annual toy drive in the community, providing a holiday party, educational “characters” program, and Santa and Co. arriving by fire engine. These events benefit over 300 children every year. Justin saw a need in his community, and when he found that Kinship Center was within the fire district, a natural partnership formed. Congratulations, Justin for this incredible honor.

Class of 1997

Seaside First Baptist Church is a new home for Pastor T.J. McCall ’97. After going to school and living in southern California for the past 12 years, T.J., his wife Jessica, and their 2 boys Andrew and Ayden are back in the area. “It is a blessing to be home!” In addition to his job as a pastor, T.J. is working on his Doctor of Ministry degree in Biblical Studies.

Brian Trenner “Thanks to the solid foundation that Palma’s education has provided (both scholastically and morally) I have been able to pursue each and every one of my dreams. I have worked with the Republic of Nicaragua as an assistant to the Consul General, a bartender on an island in Greece, a primary school teacher in China, and as a Federal Agent for several different agencies, most recently with ICE (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement). But it was just a little over a year ago when I was living in Guandong, China that I had decided to pursue a life-long goal to become a doctor. Considering how valuable being able to communicate in different languages, especially Spanish, has been for my careers, I made my decision to study medicine in Fuzhou, Fujian, China. It was an easy decision to come to, but now that I am living there, and will be there for another 5-and-a-half years, it doesn’t always seem like the best decision. Cultural differences, censorship, not being able to see your friends and family when you please, to simple issues of how to get around the “small” city of 8.5 million. It is sometimes the little things like burritos, or your favorite candy that you just can’t get that really gets to you. Just like at Palma not having girls in the class rooms with us, or having to wear our dress pants and collared shirts (tucked in of course). It is these little sacrifices we make which galvanize us, making us stronger and better. In the end, when I walk down the aisle and receive my degree to practice medicine and take my oath, I will remember why I gave up the little things. Just like at Palma when I walked down that aisle and Br. Dunne handed me my diploma, I knew that all the sacrifices and hard work that I put in would be worth it, and what I learned from Palma would forever make me a better person.”
Anthony Schipper lives in Carmel Valley with his wife Katie. Anthony is teaching Social Studies at Palma and Katie is a teacher at Santa Catalina School. They are the proud parents of Charlotte born 03/17/2009.

Class of 2000
Chris Buich '00 is back in the area. He lives in Santa Cruz, and has opened a State Farm office at the Harbor.

Class of 2001
After graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2005, George Fontes Jr. '01 attended Pan Am International Flight Academy in Phoenix, Arizona. George obtained all of his pilot's licenses and then began working as a flight instructor at the same school. For the past two years he has been a First Officer for American Eagle Airlines. “In June 2009, I married my lovely wife Shanin. We have since bought a home and reside in sunny Glendale, Arizona. I am based in Chicago O'Hare Airport for American Eagle, and during the work week, I spend four to five days flying around the mid-west and northeast followed by three to four days at home in Phoenix.

Coordination for adults with developmental disabilities. Erick graduated from University of the Pacific in May of 2005, and married Amber shortly after. Their twins were born in December of '08.

Class of 1998
After graduating from San Jose State in 2002, Jazziel Rodriquez settled in Los Angeles. He is now the Assistant Dean at a local high school, where he teaches P.E. and also coaches varsity soccer.

Azher Khan '01 has recently left California in pursuit of a new job opportunity with the United States Federal Government. He has been living and working in the Washington D.C. metro area since January of 2010.

Class of 1999
Paul Hall '99 lives locally and works at CSU Monterey Bay in the Information Technology Department where he manages 200 Linux Servers and two datacenters. Paul and his fiancé Eileen are busy with wedding plans and will tie the knot in December of 2010.

Congratulations to Chris Ricciardi '99 and his new wife Andrea! Chris and Andrea were married on January 17, 2009. Chris also welcomed two wonderful step-sons, Seven and Jade. Chris continues his career in the U.S. Probation Office in Alexandria, Virginia.

Christopher King '01 is still living in Culver City, CA. His company, CPK Mortgage, Inc., is now beginning its second full year in business doing residential and commercial mortgages. CPK Mortgage now has five agents working under its license and is looking to continue expanding! Christopher also continues to run marathons, and he has begun training for a triathlon. He is training a marathon team at a Jewish half-way house in Los Angeles, Beit T'Shuvah, for the L.A. Marathon this year. Beit T'Shuvah is the only official Jewish charity running in the L.A. Marathon. Christopher calls their mission to help people in recovery from drug and
alcohol addiction “inspirational.” Christopher wishes the best to the Palma Family.

After attending Cuesta College, **Travis Lee ’01** transferred to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo where he earned his General Education Degree, with an emphasis in Environmental Horticultural Science. In the summer of 2009, Travis was married to Karlie Lee in at Fess Parker Winery in Los Olivos, CA. Travis has recently moved back to the area, and works in the Sales and Dispatch department at Dawn Transportation, Inc. Travis enjoys the outdoors and is passionate about off-roading, motorcycles, and wakeboarding.

**Daniel Sterrett ’01**, has joined the prestigious bay area law firm Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy. Prior to joining the firm, Sterrett clerked for the Salinas firm of Lavorato, House, Chilton & Lavorato and the Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office. Dan received his B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles and his Juris Doctorate from the University of California Hastings College of the Law. Dan currently represents municipal entities in the central coast area of California in antitrust litigation and practices civil litigation focusing on contract disputes, trade secret litigation and complex business disputes.

**Class of 2002**

**Marcos Magana** resides in the Salinas area with his wife Christina and their two boys, Mateo (6) and Jourdan (3). Marcos has worked for All-Safe for three years.

For five years, **Clifford Anderson ’02** had been working as a Supervisor for Long’s/ CVS Pharmacy, and while he enjoyed the work, wanted to find a career that was a little more fulfilling. In January 2010, Clifford became a soldier in the United States Army, where he will serve as an Avionic Mechanic. Clifford currently lives in North Las Vegas, Nevada but will ship out this May for Fort Eustis, Virginia. Clifford says, “I wish the current students of Palma, as well as my fellow Alumni, the best of luck in everything they do.”

After graduating from Fresno State in 2006, **Michael Hughes ’02** has been living in San Luis Obispo working in the health and fitness industry. Currently, he’s managing a high intensity functional fitness facility that he developed called Gymnazo. It is based out of a local health club, Kennedy Club Fitness. In the afternoons, Michael is the strength and conditioning coach for an international junior golf academy called the Gary Gilchrist Golf Academy. He has also been blessed with the opportunity to be a part of the Gray Institute’s course called G.I.F.T. Michael is studying to earn a Fellowship of Applied Functional Science and a certification in Functional Manual Reaction. “Check out Gymnazo at [http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gymnazo/249339485055?ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gymnazo/249339485055?ref=ts)

Since graduating from Palma, **Alex Teplitsky ’02** has earned a double Bachelor’s Degree in Art History and Comparative Literature from UC Davis. After graduating from college, he taught English to fourth graders in a small city in France for a year, then moved to San Francisco. There, he interned at the de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor, and also worked at an architecture firm as a project assistant. In January 2010, he drove cross country to move to New York City. Currently, he is enrolled in an interdisciplinary masters program studying Literary and Cultural Theory at NYU.

**Anthony Toste ’02** is attending St. Mary’s University where he won an academic scholarship as a Pre-Med Student. Anthony is studying hard to prepare himself for
Medical School. Anthony remains active in sports and is a member of the National Collegiate Boxing Association, and Captain of the St. Mary’s Boxing Team. Anthony remembers fondly his days at Palma, “I honestly owe Brother Dunne and my football coaches unconditional gratitude. May God bless them all, and of course all the Palma Football players on the battlefield.”

Class of 2003
A.J. Anable ’03 resides in downtown San Francisco and works as an Advisor with LPL Financial. A.J. recently earned a designation called the Accredited Investment Fiduciary. He has also started a new business, Anable & Co. Employee Benefits.

In 2008, Anthony Riso ’03 graduated from Fresno State University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Kinesiology. For two years, Anthony has worked for BestCare Home Health Agency as an Account Executive for the medical marketing and sales department. Anthony was recently married to his wife Sheena, who teaches 6th grade at Wishon Elementary School in Fresno, CA. Anthony and Sheena have just bought their first home in nearby Clovis, CA.

Class of 2004
Kyle Brady ’04 finished up his college gymnastics career with a 2nd place finish on the Parallel Bars at the NCAA Championships, while his team, Cal Berkeley, finished 4th overall. Kyle is currently a pursuing a law degree at UC Berkeley, and works between Palo Alto and New York for Skadden Arps, a law firm.

Class of 2005
Kyle Marscellas is currently in his fourth year at UC Irvine, double-majoring in International Studies and Political Science. Kyle was recently elected to the position of President of the Interfraternity Council, the governing body for Greek life on campus. Kyle spent the summer of 2009 in Spain, where he completed a summer intensive language program at the University of Barcelona. After completing his studies, he traveled all over Europe with stops in Amsterdam, Arezzo, Florence, Rome, Berlin, London, Paris, and Prague! Kyle is looking forward to his graduation from UCI this year and to traveling again in the near future.

This May, Cory Miyamoto ’06 will graduate from the University of California, Berkeley, with a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering. He has had the great opportunity to be a part of the University of California Marching Band all four years of his college experience as a cymbal player and bass drummer. He has also become a brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity during his time at Cal and has been involved in the Berkeley chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. His plans after graduation include graduate school and international travel. Go Bears!

Class of 2006
Kyle Marscellas

Class of 2007
A junior at the University of Southern California, Parker Adams ’07 is a communication major at the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, and is also a marketing minor at the Marshall School of Business. Parker was Vice President of his fraternity, and now serves on the Interfraternity Council as Vice President of Public Relations, making him responsible for the public image of over 4,000 undergraduate Greek students. Parker is planning on going to law school, and thinking about a career in entertainment law.

Jacob Jackson ’07 is attending Santa Clara University, where he is minoring in Math and Electrical Engineering, and majoring in Engineering Physics, with an emphasis in Solid State Physics. Jacob is involved in the Physics Club, and is also a part of a weightlifting club called the Iron Broncos Club. Between studies, Jacob works as a personal trainer.

Alfred Murabito is a Navy Corpsman assigned with Combat Logistics Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group out of Camp
Lejeune, North Carolina. In late January of 2010, Alfred was deployed to Afghanistan, and his tour will likely end in July or August. He sends his greeting to Palma!

**Class of 2008**

**John Bonano ’08** made a name for himself this past football season as a kicker for the University of Arizona Wildcats. In addition to his success on the football field this year, Bonano maintains a GPA of 3.903 and is majoring in pre-physiology with plans to attend medical school after he completes his undergraduate degree.

Almost at the end of his Sophomore year at the University of San Diego, **Eduardo Navarro ’08** is majoring in Biology and Spanish, with a minor in Chemistry. “I am taking all the pre-med courses here at USD and hope to go into medical school once I have graduated from San Diego.” Eddie is primarily involved in pre-med organizations here at USD but also enjoys his time as a guide for the Outdoor Adventures program. Eddie has pursued his love of medicine by becoming a certified EMT, and experience that he says has given him great insight into the world of primary care. Eddie also volunteers in the E.R. at Palomar/ Pomerado Health Hospital, which is where Eddie would like to specialize as a doctor. This past winter, Eddie took the opportunity to study abroad, and traveled to Argentina to study Spanish Language and Argentine Culture. He says, “It was one of the best experiences in my life living with a host family and being on my own.”

**Jorge Rico ’08** is attending school at Hartnell College where he is earning his AA Degree in Psychology. One of the highlights of Jorge’s year was becoming a kicker on the Hartnell Football team.

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**In Memoriam**

Palma holds the families and friends of the following alumni in its thoughts and prayers.

- **Mr. Oscar Allen ’57** — February 12, 2010
- **Mr. Sam Souza ’62** — November 12, 2009
- **Mr. Dennis McDougall ’70** — January 24, 2010
- **Mr. David Smith ’77** — January 6, 2010
- **Mr. Steve Pybas ’83** — October 8, 2009
- **Mr. Tyler Mitchell ’96** — December 29, 2009

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**The Red and Gold is Goin’ Green**

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