



LA REINA TODAY

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Class of 2009 Joins Ranks of Regent Alumnae

In a traditional LRHS graduation ceremony, members of the Class of 2009 became alumnae on Saturday, June 13. Sr. M. Kristin Battles gave the invocation; salutatorian Elizabeth Workman welcomed the guests, and valedictorian Julianne Brauer shared words of reflection and inspiration. Mr. Stan Hirsch, assistant principal of students an-

nounced the graduates and Sr. M. La Reina Kelly and Mrs. Cecilia Coe presented the diplomas. In her message to the graduates, Mrs. Coe reminded them of the responsibilities that accompany the advantages of a La Reina education. Linda Lower, executive officer of the Board of Trustees, concluded the ceremony with a benediction.



Upper left: Ashley Orozco, Hailey Russo and Brianna Hunt show their pre-graduation smiles.

Upper right: Sr. M. LaReina Kelly and Mrs. Cecilia Coe congratulate Julia Dimitriadis.

Lower left: Kelsey Redmond pins a yellow rose boutonniere on her father, Deacon Jack Redmond. In the background is her mother, Sharon Redmond.

Lower center: It's all in the family: Rachel Brajkovich '12, Kelsea Brajkovich '09 and (in front) Ariana Brajkovich '15.

Lower right: Anastasia Buescher joins her family alumnae tradition: her mother, Vanessa Polacek Buescher '75, and sisters Amanda '04, and Allyson and Ashley '07.

Message from the President and Principal

Dear Friends,

We want to share some of the words that Mrs. Coe delivered as a Message to the Graduates during the 2009 commencement exercises.

“You have probably heard the expression, ‘Today is the first day of the rest of your life.’ What does that mean to you this afternoon, the day of graduation, the culmination of your high school career?



Sr. M. LaReina Kelly, S.N.D.
President



Cecilia Coe
Principal

“As graduates of La Reina High School, you have been given many advantages, advantages for life. You have been blessed to have parents who love you and support you and will, no doubt, continue to support you. You have been given a spiritual foundation based on Christian values of integrity, justice, and service. You have been steeped in the traditions and values of the Sisters of Notre Dame. You have had wonderful teachers who have mentored you, guided you, listened to you, corrected your mistakes, encouraged you. You have made many lasting friendships, friends who have been there for you and will continue to be there for you.

“Along with these advantages for life come responsibilities. Steven Sample, the President of USC, recently told an audience at the Annual Summit of Literacy Network of Greater Los Angeles that some things are harder to teach than reading. One of the things Dr. Sample believes is harder to teach is empathy, our ability to feel with others and to understand them. I believe that as graduates of La Reina you have already developed the insights and listening skills important to the quality of empathy. Without empathy, what we learn and apply to our lives means nothing. When we deal with others, we need empathy so that we can step outside ourselves.

“What a profound insight and daunting responsibility it is to realize that you can be the instrument of reform. Your courage, compassion, creativity, and empathy in your own sphere of influence can set into motion a ripple effect of healing actions and attitudes to make a better world. Each of you will use your moral maturity and empathy in a different way. Just as La Reina graduates before you, some of you will make a difference as part of the Peace Corps, through organizations like Kiva, through political activism on the part of the poor and marginalized. Some of you will serve your churches or become attorneys, committed to representing those who have no one to help them. Some of you will become teachers, taking your turn helping children learn empathy.

“Whatever your calling, remember your Catholic education at La Reina has given you an advantage for life. Use that advantage with empathy for others.”

Sincerely,

Sr. M. LaReina Kelly, S.N.D. and Cecilia Coe

Regent News Bites

~~~~Students~~~~

ASB Officers elected for 2009-10 include **Amanda Schubert**, president; **Rashi Jindani**, vice-president; **Maddie Thorpe**, secretary; and **Emili Cardenas**, publicity. Newly-elected class officers (president, vice-president and secretary, respectively) are: **Katie Guiheen, Collen Murphy and Jacy Bessolo** (Class of 2010); **Hailey Garrigus, Stephanie Money and Janaki Balachandran** (Class of 2011); **Lauren Hearne, Kelly Reinke and Katherine Workman** (Class of 2012); **Stephanie Larratt, Bess Grode and Katelyn Sullivan** (Class of 2013); and **Gillian Myers, Dani Sommerhauser and Stephanie Lee** (Class of 2014).

Michele Carter '10 earned First Place in the Third Annual Richard Carpenter Scholarship Competition in the high school division. Michele was chosen as one of 44 students to study at the Julliard Performing Arts Institution in New York this summer.

Out of 78 schools, the Regent Equestrian Team placed second in the Interscholastic Equestrian League. Out of more than 400 riders, **Stacey Bacheller '13** was the Overall Reserve Champion as well as the Overall Champion in the JV division. In the Varsity division, **Elisabeth Scahill '12** was the Overall Fourth Place Jumper. The Novice Team earned second place overall. **Brianna Hunt '09** received the Senior Spirit Scholarship for her hard work and determination, positive attitude, high academic standards and dedication to community service.

Members of the *La Reina Herald* staff won awards in the *Ventura County Star's* 2008-2009 Best of High School Journalism and Internet Competition: **Maddie Thorpe '10** - Third Place: Sports Feature; **Alice Zielinski '12** - Second Place: Sports Photography; **Kelsea Brajkovich '09** - First Place: Sports Feature. In addition, the *Herald* won this year's First Place in Design award. The most recent

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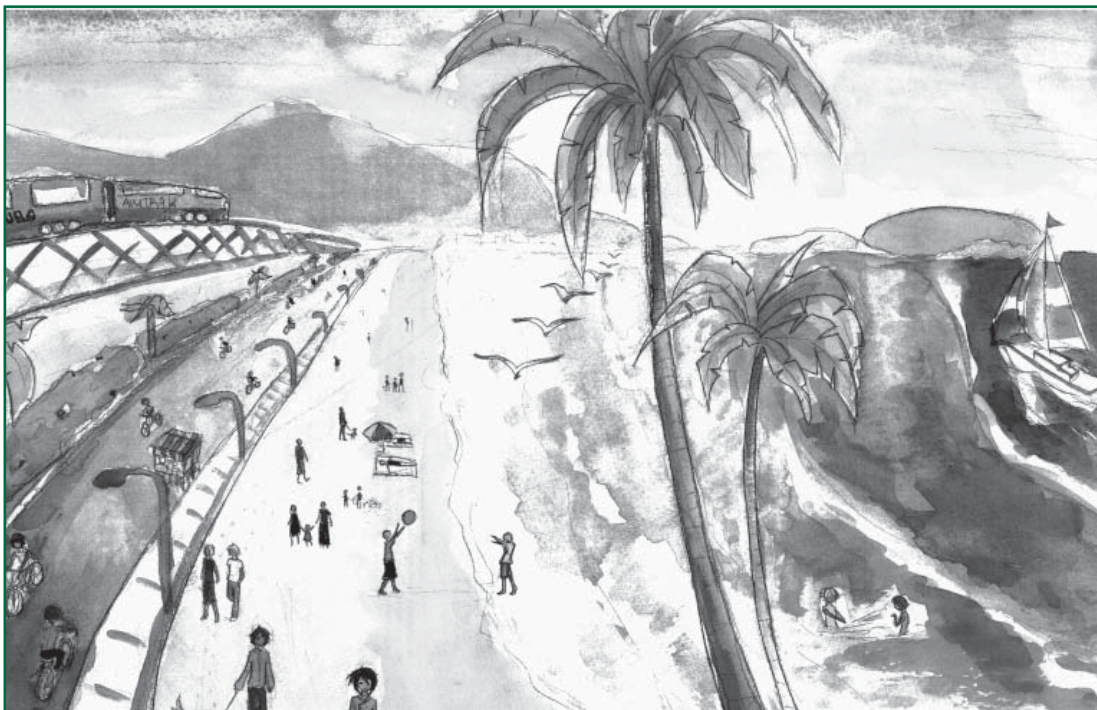
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Elly Shao '12 won first place for the ninth grade division of the "Go Ventura!" poster contest sponsored by the Ventura County Transportation Commission. This contest invited students to illustrate the county's desire to make Ventura a better place to live by ridesharing and conserving energy. In the same contest, Enya O'Kane '14 earned second place for the seventh grade division.

editions of the *Herald* are available on the La Reina website <www.lareina.com> under the Student Life section.

Members of the Class of 2013 were promoted into high school during a liturgy on Thursday, June 11 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Award winners included **Elizabeth Grode**, Alma Mater Scholarship; **Genesis Sandoval**, St. Monica Scholarship; **Melody Forsell**, Parent Guild Award; and **Michelle Zins**, Faculty Appreciation Award.

~~~~~Alumnae~~~~~

Dina Derington Mabry '86 is a licensed insurance agent for Back 9 Insurance in Westlake Village, selling life, disability and long-term care insurance. Dina is also a member of the LRHS Alumnae Association Board and mother of **Maddy Mabry '13**.

Emily Hansen Campbell '92, Ph.D., organized a blanket drive for Forever Angels Baby Home in Tanzania, Africa, an agency dedicated to caring for babies and young children orphaned or abandoned due to the AIDS epidemic, other diseases or poverty. Approximately 50 children received a hand made blanket from Emily's network of knitters and crocheters. Anyone interested in joining can contact Emily at ecampbell574@gmail.com.

Kirsten Ihnat Harvey '98 was recently appointed as an Assistant Professor of Dance at Western Michigan University; Kirsten will be teaching jazz and musical theatre dance.

Laura Perry '02 graduated magna cum laude from the Georgetown University Law Center and is a clerk for the Hon. William J. Hollway, Jr. of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. Laura will eventually return to southern California to work for O'Melveny & Myers. She also wrote an article to be published in the fall edition of the *American Criminal Law Review*.

Heather Hardy '02 is an Assistant State's Attorney in Montgomery County, Maryland, prosecuting cases such as sexual assault and credit card theft. Heather writes, "I am constantly reminded of

my time at La Reina, and about everything it taught me regarding meeting deadlines, organization, communication, and leadership. Over and above even that, I think back to what it taught me to be Catholic, to work toward social justice, and always to strive to do the morally just thing. For all those things I am constantly grateful."

Esha Chhabra '04 will attend the London School of Economics as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. She participated in the 2009 National Immunization Day in India. Esha has produced a video on polio eradication; it can be viewed through Youtube: <http://www.intent.com/esha/blog/leave-mark>.

Taylor Nardoni '05 (daughter of **Stephanie Pernice Marlin '81**) graduated in May from Chico State University with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. After graduation Taylor worked with children of the deployed in the U.S. Army in Germany and received the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service from the Army. Taylor is pursuing a master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Chico State, with plans to become a speech and language pathologist.

Katherine Meyer '08 was recently included on the President's Honor List at Cal Poly Pomona; this achievement signifies Katherine's exceptional academic standing during the 2008-09 academic year.

Julianne Brauer '09 recently received a California Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship.

~~~~~Community~~~~~

Rustic Canyon Golf Course in Moorpark is the new home course for the Regent golf team. Coach **Bob Sisco** and the team are grateful to Buddy Kalencki and the Rustic Canyon staff for welcoming them!

Campus Minister **Kristi Hutter Balleweg '91** reports that LRHS students donated \$6,260 to the Uganda missions staffed by the Sisters of Notre Dame during 2008-09.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009!

The La Reina community is proud to announce that members of the class have been accepted to the following colleges and universities. We wish them God's abundant blessings on all of their future endeavors!

Academy of Art University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Regis University	University of Colorado - Denver
Arizona State University	Farleigh Dickinson University	Roger Williams University	University of Connecticut
Art Institute of California - Orange County	Fordham University	Sacramento State University	University of Hawaii - Manoa
Azusa Pacific University	Fordham University	Salve Regina University	University of Idaho
Biola University	Franciscan University of Steubenville	San Diego State University	University of Miami
Boston College	Georgetown	San Francisco State University	University of Minnesota
Bowdoin College	Gonzaga University	Santa Barbara City College	University of New Haven
Brigham Young University	Harvey Mudd College	Santa Clara University	University of Notre Dame
Brown University	Hofstra University	Santa Monica City College	University of Oklahoma
Cal Poly - Pomona	Lehigh University	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Oregon
Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo	Lewis & Clark College	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	University of Pennsylvania
California College of the Arts	Loyola Marymount University	Scripps College	University of the Pacific
California Lutheran University	Marist College	Seattle University	University of Portland
Catholic University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Seton Hall University	University of Puget Sound
Chapman University	Marymount College	Skidmore College	University of Redlands
Clemson University	Marymount Manhattan College	Southern Virginia University	University of San Diego
Colgate University	Monmouth University	Sri Ramachandra University - India	University of San Francisco
College for Creative Studies - Michigan	Moorpark College	St. John's University - New York	University of Southern California
College of Mt. St. Joseph	Mount Holyoke College	St. Joseph's University	University of Utah
College of Santa Fe	New York University	St. Mary's College - California	University of Virginia
Cornell University	Northeastern University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Creighton University	Northern Arizona University	Stonehill College	University of Washington
California State University Channel Islands, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, San Marcos, San Jose, Sonoma	Notre Dame de Namur University	Temple University	Utah State
Dartmouth College	Olin College of Engineering	Texas Christian University	Vanguard University
Dominican University - California	Oregon State University	University of California at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz	Ventura College
Dominican University - Illinois	Otis College of Art & Design	University of Arizona	Villanova University
Drexel University	Pace University	University of Chicago	Wagner College
Duke University	Pacific Lutheran University	University of Colorado - Boulder	Washington & Lee University
	Pacific Northwest College of Art		Washington State University
	Pepperdine University		Washington University - St. Louis
	Pitzer College		Weber State University
	Point Loma University		West Chester University
	Princeton University		Westmont College
	Purdue University		Whitworth College
			Widener University

2009 Advanced Placement Results

- La Reina's overall pass rate was 94%
- 54% of the students in grades 10, 11 and 12 took one or more AP tests this year
- 72% of the Class of 2009 passed one or more AP tests during their years at La Reina
- 100% of the students taking exams in these areas received a passing grade: Calculus, English Literature, European History, French Language, Spanish Language, Studio Art (Drawing) and Studio Art (2-dimensional)

The La Reina High School Parent Guild proudly announces its 26th Annual Dinner & Auction "Home is Where the Heart Is"

Saturday, November 7, 2009

La Reina High School Campus

Alumnae participation

Dina Derington Mabry '86 • <mabryfam@sbcglobal.net> or
Cristy Richey McNay '87 • <cmcnay@lareina.com>

Donations, sponsorships & reservations

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Watch the La Reina website
for a link to our online auction!

Special thanks to Elizabeth Beasley '09 for designing the auction graphic!

Special Awards for the Class of 2009



Elizabeth Workman, Salutatorian • Julianne Brauer, Valedictorian presented by Mrs. Rebecca Adams '81



Kaitlyn Philpott • Ruth Scholarship presented by Sr. M. LaReina Kelly



Ellen McKenzie • Sr. Aloysia Service Award presented by Sr. M. Rebekah Kennedy



Alexa Shaw • Sr. M. Ignatia Service Award



Jennifer Zahlit • National Charity League Scholarship presented by Stacey Stephens



Sinead Christensen and Tina Nikoomanesh • Los Robles Hospital Student Volunteer Award presented by Irene Brennick



Elizabeth Mackel • Thousand Oaks/Westlake Village Chamber of Commerce Education Committee Scholarship • presented by Mike Humason

- Allen Family Scholarship • Jennifer Zahlit
- Alma Mater Award • Jennifer Zahlit
- Athlete of the Year • Hanna Stoiberg
- Bank of America Fine Arts Plaque • Elizabeth Beasley
- Bank of America Liberal Arts Plaque • Julianne Brauer
- Bank of America Science & Mathematics Plaque • Shannon Shaffer
- Conejo Valley Association of Realtors Scholarship • Elizabeth Workman
- Conejo Valley Chapter, National Charity League Scholarship • Elizabeth Workman
- Daughters of the American Revolution Award • Jennifer Zahlit
- Faculty Recognition Award • Belinda Lai
- Outstanding Citizenship Award • Natalie Cannon
- Parent Guild Service Award • Alexandra Armstrong
- St. Jude Scholarship • Alexis Della Ripa
- Simi Valley Knights of Columbus Scholarship • Elizabeth Mackel
- Simi Valley/Moorpark Association of Realtors Scholarship • Elizabeth Mackel
- Sisters of Notre Dame Distinguished Graduate Award • Julianne Brauer

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inspire and in the lives you touch.*

Tribute Scholarship Gifts honor a special person (on a birthday or another occasion) or memorialize a deceased loved one. La Reina's Development Office will send an attractive acknowledgment to the honoree, or to the family of the deceased person, with an appropriate message and a promise of prayer. A monthly Mass is also offered for the honorees. Donations will be used for tuition assistance grants for deserving students. Special thanks to these recent donors.

**In honor of Cecilia Coe,
Fran Foulkrod & Sr. M. LaReina Kelly
Laird Wilson**

In memory of Jack Dunn
Dr. & Mrs. Steve Stephens & Family

In memory of Maxine Himstreet
Bill Himstreet

In honor of Christina & Stan Hirsch
Joann & Stan Benson

In memory of Davina & Brock Husted
Stacey Stephens

In memory of Don Lanquist
Eileen DeBruno
Nancy & Bob LaBelle
Patty Papps
Betsy Potts
Sandi & Jim Stutzman
Irene Woodall

In memory of Tony Morano
Nancy & Bob LaBelle

Calendar of Coming Events

Further information on these and other events is available at <www.lareina.com>.

Wednesday, September 9 (second Wednesday of each month)

Circle of Friends Mass • LRHS Chapel • 8:15 a.m.

Sunday, September 13

Alumnae Reunion Picnic • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All alumnae and their families are invited to this traditional reunion, honoring the Classes of '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99 and '04.

Wednesday, September 16

Opening Liturgy & Student Council/Campus Ministry Core Induction • 9:30 a.m.

Parents, alumnae and friends are invited!

Saturday, September 19

Senior Car Wash & Green Team E-Waste Drive • LRHS Campus • 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Friday, October 9

La Reina High Day and Auction Catalog Deadline

Wednesday, October 21

Liturgy of Our Lady of the Rosary/Honor Assembly • 9:30 a.m.

Parents, alumnae and friends are invited!

Friday, October 23

Auction Reservation Deadline

Saturday, November 7

26th Annual Parent Guild Auction • "Home is Where the Heart Is"

For more information, contact Barbara Lilley at 805-917-7112 or <blilley@lareina.com>.

Sunday, December 6 • 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Open House for Prospective Students and Families

Meet current students, alumnae, parents and staff, tour the campus and see La Reina in action!

By remembering La Reina High School in your will, trust or other estate plan, you will be investing in future generations of Regents. Our legal title is "La Reina High School, Inc." with IRS identification number 95-2381453. For further information, contact the Development Office, 805-495-6494, ext. 382.

Thank you and God bless you for adopting the Regents!



**The La Reina
High School
community offers
sympathy and prayers**

- *Maryanne Fiorita White '69 and Roslyn Fiorita Mullan '71* on the loss of their mother, Alberta Fiorita
- *Trustee Linda Lower* on the loss of her father, Tony Morano
- *Rachel Ann Cecka '81* on the loss of her mother, Monica Cecka Siler
- *Kelly Lanquist Reilly '95* on the loss of her father, Don Lanquist.
- *Erin Masterson McGhee '97 and Katie Masterson '03* on the loss of their mother, Norma Masterson.