



LA REINA TODAY

Community Edition

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Juniors Become Upperclasswomen

Members of the Class of 2011 received their class rings, becoming upperclasswomen, on November 18. Students participated in a liturgy in the morning and parents and guests attended the Ring Ceremony at St. Paschal Baylon Church in the evening. The theme was "Walking Together in Friendship." In her speech, Hailey Garrigus, junior class president, noted, "As La Reina

women, we have learned to hold ourselves in high esteem, to hold others even higher and to hold God above all. We will all inevitably move on to new people and new places, but we will always hold La Reina and the incredible friendships that we've made here deep in our hearts and remember the lessons that we have learned."



Upper left: Rev. Norm Supancheck of Alemany High School officiated at the Junior Ring Mass. Juniors Laurel Rodewald and Christina Zins bring the gifts to the altar while altar server Lauren Tolcher '14 looks on. Upper right: Kirsten Mosesson, Emily Melvin, Kristin Wendel and Jillian DeGennaro are ready for the ceremony.

Lower left: Hanna Winter, Francesca Barletta and Madeleine McGinnis lead the singing during the ceremony. Lower right: Emma Delsohn, Kathryn Molina and Amanda Tom radiate their happiness after receiving their rings.

Message from the President and Principal

Dear Friends,

The close of 2009 also marks the end of a decade. It seems only yesterday that the world was anticipating the new millenium. Y2K is now a memory. And there are also many memories that the La Reina community appreciates and celebrates as we remember the 2000's.

For example, this decade found a number of new ventures and blessings:



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President



Cecilia Coe
Principal

- Students sharing their faith through their individual Christian service activities and through the new Service Learning program during senior year
- The transition to a Board of Members, a Board of Trustees and a president-principal model as the school's governing authority and administration
- Major improvements to La Reina's technology resources for student learning in the classrooms and library
- State championships for cross country and mock trial
- Formation of SALR (Sustaining the Arts at La Reina), a group of parent volunteers who support the students performing arts endeavors
- Students and their families responding generously to the needs of others, especially Katrina victims and the Uganda missions of the Sisters of Notre Dame
- New performing arts activities through La Reina Singers and Comedy Sportz
- Four alumnae joining the faculty and advancement staff, bringing the total to eight alums on the staff
- Circle of Friends, a group of parents and friends of La Reina, gathering monthly for Mass and fellowship
- The addition of a number of honors and Advanced Placement courses
- The completion of *Strategic Plan: 2009-2014* for ongoing school improvement

In the vision and tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, the La Reina community looks forward to a future full of hope, knowing that God's goodness spans all time! Thank you for being such loyal and generous members of the La Reina family!

Sincerely,

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

Students

Students received many awards at the fall Honor Assembly. The Gina Torrey Memorial Scholarships for academic improvement were awarded to **Cassidy Budig '12**, **Sharon Harris '13** and **Rebecca Pringle '13**. The Michele Sinclair Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Megan Garcia '11**; the Stephanie Tourikian Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Maija-Liisa Ehlinger '10**.

Seniors also received these awards: **Janet Lee** (University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award); **Sarah McGough** (University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award for Humanities and Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award); **Jodi Loo** (Medal of Achievement in Math and Science from Colorado School of Mines); **Colleen Murphy** (St. Michael's College Scholarship and Service Award); and **Kate Grode** (University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award).

National Merit Scholarship Commended Students are seniors **Alexandra Clark**, **Noorean Gill**, **Dasha Gloutak**, **Kate Grode**, **Caitlyn Hardy**, **Janet Lee**, **Jodi Loo**, **Sarah McGough**, **Amanda Schubert**, **Kayla Shaffer** and **Emma Sullivan**. **Sarah McGough '10** was also honored by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.

La Reina's 2009 yearbook, *The Courier*, earned a first place award from the American Scholastic Press Association's nationwide journalism contest. The Regents earned 890 out of 1,000 possible points with a perfect score in page design!

The Regent speech and debate team members received special recognition from the National Forensic League. Because the La Reina chapter achieved 100 degrees or

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Photography students showcase their work—a portrait of Katie Williams '10 by Mariana Green '10 and guitar cases by Elizabeth Pote '10.

Continued from Page 2 — during 2008-09, the Regents placed in the top 10% of NFL chapters nationwide and qualified for the NFL “100 Club.”

New members of Quill and Scroll, an international honor society for students who have excelled in journalism, include seniors **Jacy Bessolo, Kaitlynn Birkett, Rhistyn Burke, Mariana Green, Kate Grode, Sarah McGough and Katelyn Williams.**

Service Council scholarships were awarded for the greatest number of service hours at LRHS during 2008-09. Recipients were **Rajika Jindani '12** with 43 points and **Hannah Roberts '11** with 42.5 points. Students recognized for service after receiving their Service Council pins include **Josie Gormley '11** (130 points), **Roxanne Myers '12** (97 points), **Annie Shao '10** (95 points), **Nicole Walsh '11** (92 points) and **Emily Zolfaghari '10** (80 points).

Fall athletics found the Regents capturing Tri-Valley League championships in volleyball and tennis, and a co-championship in golf. **Sarah Pearson '10** is the 2009 Tri-Valley League cross country champion and most valuable runner.

Claira Castillo '13, Emily Castillo '11, Elly Shao '12, Victoria Thomas '11, Dori Wilcox '11 and Alice Zielinski '12 took two robots to the Beach City Robotics Competition at Hawthorne High School in October. After more than 70 matches involving 36 teams, the Robo-Regents B team, represented by **Elly Shao** and **Claira Castillo**, shared the Tournament championship with their alliance partners from Van Nuys and San Jose. This result qualifies the Regent teams for the world championships in Dallas. Go Robo-Regents!

Ali Clark '10 is a recipient of the 2009 National Council of English Teachers Achievement Awards in Writing. Ali was one of only 544 students chosen nationwide for this honor.

Alexis Williams '10, who hopes to pursue a career in animation, designed the winning artwork for the 2010 Ventura County Science Fair poster.



~~~~~Alumnae~~~~~

The Parent Guild thanks these alumnae for their support for the 26th annual Parent Guild Auction: **Rebecca Joyce Adams '81, Candice Layton Allen '87, Elizabeth Beasley '09, Dr. Francine Bradley '72, Amanda Buescher '04, Vanessa Polacek Buescher '75, Rachelle Burke '99, Maryann Campbell Camarillo '81, Kris Lev Chisholm '92, Dana Ballaban Coppa '94, Sr. M. AnnCarla Costello, S.N.D. '69, JoAnn Cushman '84, Katie Conway Deutschman '94, Jennifer Barry Engelberg '91, Nicole Fox '93, Jennifer Foulkrod '98, Darlene Boyd Goodman '87, Jamie Pilloni Graeber '01, Tamara Harper '87, Cristina Arecco Hirsch '85, Janice Rapp Hyllengren '93, Annika Ihnat '04, Kelly Byrd Lee-Creel '97, Sean Bielanski Long '87, Dina Derington Mabry '86, Dr. Julia Pilloni Mack '95, Jo Dransfeldt McDonald '94, Jen Dransfeldt McGee '91, Cristy Richey McNay '87, Melissa Naumann '01, Siobhan O'Donnell '07, Tralee O'Hanlon '00, Gina Pilloni '98, Rebecca DeBruno Stanley '87, Emily Tudman '07, and Cassandra Williams '98.**

Cassandra Williams '98 is the founding partner of The W Law Group in Los Angeles. The W is a full-service law firm specializing in estate planning and administration, charitable giving and non-profit formation and operation.

Meghan Murphy '09, an engineering major at the University of Southern California, recently received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Ventura County chapter of the American Public Works Association.

~~~~~Staff~~~~~

Joel Canary, a member of the English Department and assistant director of technology, completed his master's degree in education from Loyola Marymount University this August.

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In addition to being a substitute teacher, **Allison Dynda Sain '85** will be the Junior Varsity Basketball Coach this season.

Community

The La Reina community is grateful to the Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation for a grant of \$25,000 for scholarships.

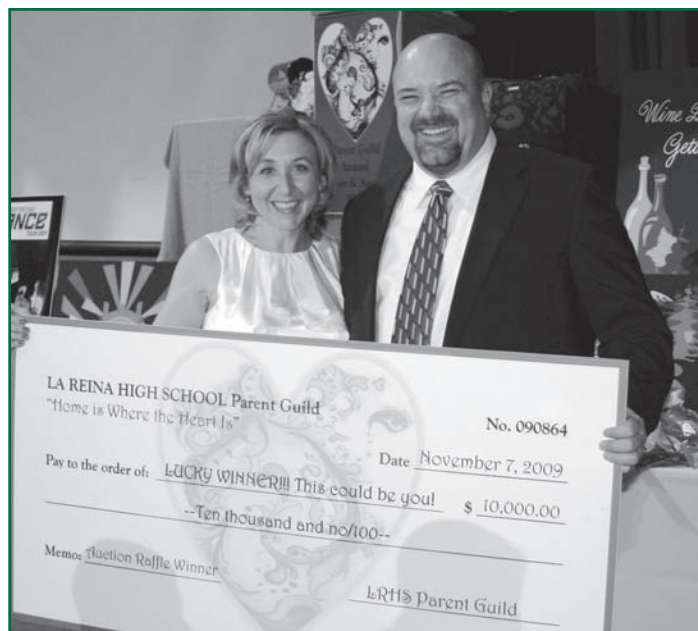
Students, staff and friends gave 14 units of blood during the fall blood drive. United Blood Services of Ventura County thanks these generous blood donors from the LRHS student body and staff: **Erika Brown '10, Bridgett Carney '10, Taylor Cobleigh '10, Katie Foster '10, Elizabeth Furlong '10, Anita Green, Mary Kate Jankowski '10, Mackenzie Johnson '10, Tabitha Kovac '10, Janet Lee '10, Colleen Murphy '10, Patricia Pichardo '10, Leah Tommela '10 and Deanna Walker '10.** Other donors were Pauline Curson, Allyson Folster, Augustine Lariva, Linda Tommela, Olivia Trac, Rod Womer and Lauren Young.

Regent Factoids

- During 2008-09, the Regents donated more than 19,000 hours of Christian Service to their parishes and local non-profit organizations as part of their religion coursework. The Regents also contributed 2,410 Service Council hours to their alma mater.
- Statistics for the Class of 2009 show that 100% of the class enrolled in college, 89% were accepted to 4-year universities and 63% were offered scholarships. Members of the class were accepted to 143 colleges and universities.
- In athletics, the Regents have earned 111 league championships since 1979.
- On the Scholastic Aptitude Test, members of the Class of 2009 scored higher than their female peers in California by:
 - 72 points in math
 - 97 points in critical reading
 - 122 points in writing
 They also scored higher than their female peers across the nation by:
 - 68 points in math
 - 95 points in critical reading
 - 124 points in writing
- The current average class size is 25 students.

Auction Returns to LRHS

The 26th Annual Parent Guild Auction, "Home Is Where the Heart Is" found approximately 400 guests enjoying the dinner, silent and live auction on the LRHS campus. Thanks to the support of hundreds of parents, alumnae, staff, students and community friends, the event raised a profit of \$98,000. These funds will be used to upgrade the high school science labs, to improve sound and lighting to enhance performing arts production, and to provide tuition assistance. The spirit of "Home Is Where the Heart Is" will continue with several online auctions in the coming months; the committee believes that these auctions will help realize the \$100,000 goal.



Upper: Guests were greeted by (back row) Christina Burcelis '10, Emily Zolfaghari '10 and Maryann Vergot '10; and (front row) Maureen Shirley, Mary Ann Campbell Camarillo '81 and Sheryl Plocharczyk. Lower: Excited winners of the \$10,000 raffle were Debbie and David Warner.

La Reina Community Reviews Goals

This year La Reina High School is completing a self study in preparation for a review by a visiting team of educators from WASC/WCEA (Western Association of Schools and Colleges/Western Catholic Education Association). Every six years, the school community takes part in this accreditation process by evaluating its programs and progress in relation to student learning.

An important evaluation tool for this process is the Expected Schoolwide Learning Results or ESLRs. The ESLRs define what students should “know, understand, and be able to do by the time they graduate” from La Reina. Last fall faculty and staff revised and the Board of Trustees approved the ESLRs. The self study is nearing completion for the March 7 through 10 visit.

La Reina graduates are women who

Foster their relationship with God

- Know Catholic traditions and beliefs
- Demonstrate respect for other faiths
- Develop personal and communal spirituality
- Demonstrate Christian values of integrity, justice and service

Grow intellectually

- Demonstrate academic preparedness for college
- Use effective oral and written communication
- Use technology effectively, appropriately and ethically
- Use critical thinking skills

Develop their individual gifts

- Discover and foster God-given talents
- Realize a sense of self-worth and confidence
- Develop their creativity and imagination
- Participate in activities that demonstrate personal transformation

Impact the Global Community

- Demonstrate leadership and service in the community
- Practice responsible citizenship
- Promote justice in the local, national and global community.



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Tribute Scholarship Fund
*You live forever in the minds you
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 Advancement 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 memory of Mark Brader

Lynn, Salvador & Jacqueline Munoz

In honor of Bruce Broillet

Scott & Selene Carr

In honor of Richard Dixon

Laird Wilson

In memory of Monica Kathleen Harper

Joann & Stan Benson

In honor of Helen Jean Kelly

Dr. Julie Pilloni Mack '95

In honor of Judy & Dan Koenig

Vicki & Kevin McNamara

In memory of Steve Sinczewski

Cecilia Coe
Fran Foulkrod
Mary Anne Hedrick
Judy Knight
Nancy LaBelle
Patty Papps
Betsy Potts
Carol Stanley
Sandi & Jim Stutzman
Laird Wilson

Calendar of Coming Events

Further information on these and other events is available at www.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! For admissions information, contact Mrs. Cristy Richey McNay '87 at 805-917-7111 or cmcnay@lareina.com.

Wednesday, December 9 (second Wednesday of each month)

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

Wednesday, December 16 • 9:30 a.m.

Advent Liturgy and Presentation of Distinguished Alumna Award to Esha Chhabra '04

Parents and alumnae are welcome to attend!

Friday, December 11 • 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 12 • 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 13 • 2:00 p.m.

Regent Performers Fall Show - "Hello, Dolly!"

For ticket information, contact Mrs. Robin Privat at 805-495-6494, ext. 320 or follow the homepage link on www.lareina.com.

Friday, January 22

Application Deadline for the Classes of 2014 and 2016

Saturday, January 30

Entrance Testing for the Classes of 2014 and 2016

Monday, February 1 through Friday, February 5

Catholic Schools Week

In writing a will, it is common to bequeath specific amounts of money or pieces of property to family members. After distribution of specific items to various beneficiaries in your estate plan, please consider leaving the remainder (commonly called the "residue") to La Reina High School. Be assured that your deepest values will be shared with La Reina students for generations to come. Our legal title is "La Reina High School" and our IRS nonprofit identification number is 95-2381453. For further information, contact the LRHS Advancement Office at 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**

- Staff member Linda Kidd on the loss of her son, Steve Sinczewski