

August 16, 2010

# LA REINA HIGH SCHOOL E-gram

*...where quality and the individual count*



## Coming Events

Sat., Aug. 21  
**New Student  
 Welcome Dinner**  
 3:30 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 25  
**First Day for New  
 Students**

Thurs., Aug. 26  
**First Day for All  
 Students**  
*and*  
**Parent Guild  
 Welcome Breakfast**  
 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Thurs., Sept. 9  
**Circle of Friends  
 Mass**  
 LRHS Chapel  
 8:15 a.m.

Thurs., Sept. 9  
**Back-to-School  
 Night**  
 7:00 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 12  
**Alumnae Reunion**

## Message from the President

Each new school year begins with heartfelt gratitude for all that has been and anticipation of a future full of hope. This year is one more example of God's blessings at work in our school community.

As a Sister of Notre Dame and President of La Reina High School, I once again turn with gratitude to our good God for our school community, which now includes our new principal, Shannon Gomez, Ed.D., shown in the photo to the right.



Dr. Gomez had been part of an extensive principal search process that included written communications, interview sessions, and personal visits to the campus. At every phase of the process, Dr. Gomez gave witness to having a strong faith-life, unwavering love for learning, excellent leadership skills, and a passion for enhancing opportunities for the learner.

When Dr. Gomez said "yes" to becoming principal, she did so with her own sense of gratitude to the good God. At the same time, our search committee knew it had chosen an enthusiastic principal, who was committed to Catholic educational excellence.

This year our school community will be working together to implement a major focus of our Strategic Plan: 2009-2014-a 20-Year Site Plan! Pica & Associates Architects will oversee the plan; however, trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, parents, students and friends of La Reina will be invited to contribute to the plan design. Whether through surveys or by attending focus sessions, each of us will be "touching the future" of every La Reina graduate!

Dr. Gomez and I wish to express our gratitude to the Board of Trustees for its visionary leadership as the Site Plan moves

**Picnic**  
[Click here for  
 details.](#)

Wed., Sept. 15  
**Opening Mass &  
 Student Council/  
 Campus Ministry  
 Core Induction**  
 9:30 a.m.  
 Parents & alumnae  
 are welcome!

Sat., Sept. 18  
**Senior Car Wash &  
 Green Team E-  
 Waste Drive**  
 9:00 a.m. -  
 1:00 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 1  
**Opening of 2011-12  
 Application Season**

Sat., Nov. 6  
**27th Annual  
 Parent Guild  
 Auction**  
 LRHS Campus  
 5:00 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 5  
**Open House for  
 Prospective  
 Students  
 & Parents**  
 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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

## Announcing the Heidel Family Scholarship



La Reina High School is pleased to announce the Heidel Family Scholarship, made possible through the generosity of Mary Heidel and Heidi Heidel '94. This annual scholarship of \$500, applicable to tuition, will be awarded at the fall Honor Assembly.

A Heidel Family Scholarship candidate is a student who

- Has earned the Activity Letter, as described in the *Student-Parent Handbook*;
- Has a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0;
- Has earned an "A" in Citizenship for all four quarters of the previous school year;
- Has completed the [application form](#) for the Heidel Family Scholarship by the last Friday in August.

The recipient of the scholarship will be the student who has met these criteria and has the most credits through Extra-Curricular Activities (excluding athletics) as listed in the *Curriculum Catalog*. In case of a tie, the student with the higher cumulative grade point average will be the winner. A student may win this scholarship only once while attending La Reina High School.

Sr. Lisa Megaffin, Director of Advancement, stated "We are very grateful to the Heidel family for their generosity and leadership in starting this scholarship. La Reina's activities offer a strong complement to the curriculum. This scholarship will affirm students who use various opportunities to explore new horizons."

For information about establishing a named scholarship fund, contact [Sr. Lisa Megaffin](#) by email or at 805-495-6494, ext.382.

## Where Are They Now?

### *A few alumnae updates*

Joining the LRHS faculty are *Allison Dynda Sain '85* as Assistant Athletic Director and religion teacher and *Emily Robbins '04* as a member of the English Department.

*Bridget Benson '01* recently completed requirements for her doctorate from the University of California at San Diego. Her thesis was "The Design of a Low-Cost Underwater Acoustic Modem for Short-Range Sensor Networks," and she will soon begin postdoctoral research at the Center for Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

*Ashley Millhouse '08*, inspired by a trip to South Africa, has started HeartLetters, an international letter-writing campaign. Her experiences as a volunteer at a primary school transformed her life. Ashley explains, "Every day at La Reina, I felt loved. I felt that the teachers knew me personally and encouraged my talents. I want these kids to feel loved, too. I want them to know that American kids didn't just come for a few weeks and then disappear from their lives. HeartLetters will let them know that they are not forgotten." [Follow this link for the Heart Letters website.](#)



## **Admissions Information for 2010-11**

Applications for the 2010-11 school year continue to be accepted, although there are waiting lists for several grade levels. Qualified applicants will be admitted on a space-available basis. [Follow this link for information about the Admissions Process.](#)

For further information or to schedule a private campus tour, contact [Mrs. Cristy McNay](#), Director of Admissions, by email or at 805-917-7111.

## **Parent Guild Plans 27th Annual Auction**

The LRHS Parent Guild proudly announces "*Celebrate Good Times*," its 27th annual dinner and auction on Saturday, November 6. Proceeds from the 2009 auction (with a net profit of more than \$100,000) were used this summer for partial funding of science lab and theatrical lighting improvements.

A \$10,000 cash prize will be raffled at the auction. Tickets are \$100 each and a maximum of 500 tickets will be sold.

Be sure to circle November 6 on your calendar! For further information, contact

Loree Bussard - Chairperson | Donations of Auction Items  
Joan Fisher - Volunteer Coordinator  
Darlene Boyd Goodman '87 - Alumnae Liaison  
Barbara Lilley - Invitations | Catalog ads | Raffle | General Information - 805-917-7112

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Thank you and God bless you for your support  
for the Regents of La Reina High School!

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La Reina High School is a Catholic college preparatory school for young women in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. La Reina provides a strong spiritual and academic foundation in a nurturing environment helping young women develop into moral and self-confident leaders. Students are given opportunities to grow intellectually, to foster their relationship with God, to develop their individual gifts and to contribute to their community.

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