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A Message from Dr. Michael Bates, Head of School

November, 2014

Dear La Reina Families and Friends,

As we enter the wonderful season of holidays, I am so thankful for this opportunity to lead our school. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of La Reina High School, we stand in a fantastic moment to recognize all of the contributions made by our many students, alumnae, families, faculty and staff. We also stand in a moment able to see our future clearly – one in which we continue to provide a transformational education for young women who “promote justice in the local, national, and global community.” In this moment, we are excited to launch this expanded magazine to communicate more fully to you the La Reina of today.

Next fall 2015, we welcome our first 6th grade class to campus with a Middle School for grades 6-8. Currently, we are finalizing curricular and co-curricular decisions to ensure that this formative experience promotes learning and vocation from a faithful and motivating place for the young women entrusted to our care.

We are more than halfway to securing \$4.6 million in pledges toward our capital campaign, which is the first phase of building in our 20 year master site plan for the development of our campus. This first phase will include a learning pavilion, a performing arts wing above the gymnasium, and an updated library and campus ministry center. This work is only possible because of the vision of our Sisters of Notre Dame and our Board of Trustees, and because of the generosity of people like you who are dedicated to the mission and vision of our school.

Thank you for continuing to support La Reina as we move into the future, knowing that on this campus young women develop the confidence and ability to articulate their vision of how they co-create a better world by their involvement and leadership.

With gratitude,

Dr. Michael Bates
Head of School



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La Reina Launches Capital Campaign

A Look Back

In the fall of 1964, the Sisters of Notre Dame opened La Reina High School. Funds to build the school were provided by the Sisters, whose personal sacrifices and fundraising made their dream of educating young women in the Conejo Valley a reality.

As the school grew, more space was needed. In 1987, thanks to the donations of many, the multi-purpose building opened with additional classrooms, a gym with a stage, and a cafeteria.

Responding to the changing needs of the 21st century students, the Board of Trustees commissioned a Strategic Plan and a Master Site Plan to address those needs. The Capital Campaign, which was publicly announced at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the school, is a result of their vision.

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$4.6 million. Thanks to our generous donors and foundations, we are over halfway to our goal.

For updated information about the campaign, follow the Capital Campaign link on La Reina's homepage www.lareina.com.

We invite you to participate in the future of La Reina. Contact Sr. Lisa Megaffin S.N.D. at lmegaffin@lareina.com.

Why This, Why Now?

This year, La Reina celebrated 50 years of educational excellence. Those 50 years were capped by La Reina being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education in 2013. But the future awaits.

To fulfill our promise to graduate young women who will be transformative leaders in the 21st century, the Campaign will fund the...

- Construction of a new state-of-the-art Learning Pavilion to prepare students to become leaders in today's global world.
- Enhancement of the Performing Arts Loft to help students develop their God-given talents.
- Renovation of the chapel and campus ministry facilities to ensure the Catholic faith is at the center of their education.



Chair of the Capital Campaign Tim Paulson with his wife, Judy, at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the school. Tim and Judy's daughters are alums: Sarah '96, Katie '01 and Gretchen '05.



What a Student Has to Say about the Learning Pavilion

Brianna Biezins, Class of 2016, who was working on her research paper on the senior patio:

"It would be nice to have more resources instead of having to go to our local library. We could also have study groups in the interactive rooms. Right now, if we study together, we have to sit outside."

What an Alumna Has to Say about the Performing Arts Loft

Drisana Currier, Class of 2005, who was in the performing arts programs as a student and now volunteers to help Regent Performers:

"When I was a student, we had to share space with sports teams. We could only use the gym stage for performances. That meant we had to practice wherever we could—sometimes it was in front of the gym; sometimes, in the cafeteria. Now, the space in the loft has allowed students to practice their art—whether it be singing, acting or dancing—and to put on small productions. The additional improvements will attract more students to the programs and enhance all the performances."

BY THE NUMBERS

100

Percentage of students who will benefit from the Capital Campaign.

501

Total enrollment in Visual and Performing Arts classes and clubs during the 2014-15 school year.

53%

OF CAMPAIGN GOAL has been secured or pledged.

DONATIONS

can be made payable over 3 to 5 years.

Thank you to our generous donors!

Architectural rendering of the Learning Pavilion (above center) and the black box theater (below), which will be located in the loft above the cafeteria.



Breaking News

from Dr. Michael Bates, Head of School



Beginning in the fall of 2015, La Reina will offer a Middle School that includes 6th grade.

This exciting decision was made in response to the needs of girls in our community, and was finalized after much analysis and careful consideration by La Reina's Board of Members and Board of Trustees. Providing education in grades 6-12 enables us to create a program that allows for a seamless transition from middle school to high school.

The new La Reina Middle School will fulfill the academic, social, emotional and spiritual needs of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls as they make the developmental transition from elementary school to high school. In these years of exploration and challenge, the middle school will provide the guidance and support girls need as they navigate their way into an ever-changing world.

In summer 2015, we will add six modular classrooms to the existing four modular units to develop a middle school campus on the upper softball field. Most of our classes for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will take place within this campus, with a schedule providing a different lunch time and enhanced social programs for our students.

Looking to our future, I am truly honored to serve as our Head of School at this pivotal time. It continues to be an immense privilege to partner with you in your daughter's education.

The La Reina Middle School Advantage

Middle School Food Court

The La Reina Middle School will provide a safe, nurturing environment tailored for the specific needs of middle school girls.

The social and emotional life of middle school students is as important as their academics. To support their unique needs, the school will give students many opportunities to develop positive relationships with their peers and teachers through a strong advisory program, student leadership opportunities, extra-curricular activities, and athletics.

The Catholic education they receive will be based on the principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame and will enrich and support them in their faith journey. Age-appropriate faith experiences like class retreats, prayer services and personal reflections will be part of their education. Service learning programs will prepare the students to become global citizens, whose compassion and integrity will serve as models for others.

La Reina Middle School students will acquire a sense of confidence and responsibility for their own learning, strengthen their ability to make good choices, and come to a deeper understanding of the importance of a spiritual life.

The curriculum will be specific to the academic needs of middle school students, but it will be coordinated with the high school curriculum to prepare students for the rigors of our high school.

Students will also benefit from being part of the larger La Reina community. As our middle school students become our high school students, they will experience a seamless transition.



Alissa Coppa, was one of the students who applied to the Middle School within 24 hours after the announcement.

Alissa is the sister of Kaeli, freshman, and the daughter of alumna Dana Ballaban Coppa, Spanish teacher.

From Alissa:
Even though I love my school, I love the thought of having 60 girls instead of 20 in my class. A Middle School is a new concept and I am excited. It'll be fun to be with my sister and mom.

From Kaeli, Class of 2018:
I am happy for my sister. It's kind of cool for her. And it'll be cool for us to be together—even though we won't be on the same campus.

From Dana, Class of 1994:
We are a family that does better together. I think it will be great that we can be together, but each do our own thing. Alissa is sooo wanting this. I asked her, "Are you sure you want to do this?" "Well this will give me more friends," she said. "Alissa is ready to grab this. She is really ready."

Mary Anne Hedrick Says Au Revoir

What did I like best about being at La Reina? Mary Anne Hedrick, who retired this past school year after 36 years, thought about that question for a moment, then answered, "Besides the camaraderie, I loved the feeling we had that we were part of something bigger than ourselves and that we were part of the growth and development of La Reina. We felt that our opinions were an important part of the decisions being made."

Mary Anne credits the Sisters of Notre Dame with giving her the confidence to grow in her profession and with nurturing her faith. "The Sisters made us into teachers. They formed us and shaped us. Where else are you going to have an experience like this?" she says.

Mary Anne, who majored in French at Marymount College (before it merged with Loyola) and studied in Paris, was hired to teach French—to help out the lone French teacher who taught all levels of French and a few of Spanish. Ready to take on the challenge, but nervous about being in the classroom, Mary Anne says, "I don't think my classroom management skills were very good, but the Sisters of Notre Dame were there to help. Sr. Patricianne came to my classroom, observed me, and taught me a few tricks. They all worked."

She remembers when Sr. Lisa Megaffin, then principal, told her, "You are ready to move up to high school now. I want you to teach French II." Mary Anne remembers being terrified, but Sister assured her there would be no problem. And there wasn't. Soon after, Mary Anne began teaching French IV AP.

In 1991 when her colleague, friend and fellow alumna from Marymount High School, Irene Woodall, decided to step down as Activities Director, Mary Anne moved into that position.

Being Student Council moderator enriched her La Reina experience. She says, "What I loved about Student Council was watching shy 7th graders, afraid to speak, become confident young women. I loved to see that leadership blossom." In particular, she has enjoyed seeing what happens with ASB presidents. "They really understand the idea that leadership is service. They understand that leadership is not about what you want,

but about what is best for everybody. They acknowledge the goodness in each person. It's a beautiful thing to see."

Mary Anne cites the growth in her faith as a great gift she has received at La Reina. "I always go back to the importance of faith," she says.

A number of years ago, Sr. Leanne Hubbard, S.N.D., former La Reina teacher, encouraged Mary Anne to become an Associate of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Recently, she was reminded again of the special bond she has with the sisters "We had a Mass in the sisters' chapel at the Provincial House. It was so simple, but a wonderful act of bonding. To have that beautiful gift of faith that unites all of us makes La Reina special. It nurtures you and feeds you."

Retirement plans are firming up. In June she went on a river cruise in Portugal with some of her retired La Reina friends. To plan her next travels, she is also reading about Road Scholars Tours, which take trips off the beaten path. High on her list are Newport, Rhode Island and Mackinac Island, Michigan. Volunteer work is also something she wants to do. "I want it to be meaningful," she says.

Reflecting on her 36 years, Mary Anne says, "I am so grateful to La Reina and to God for my career here. When I think of my time at La Reina, I think about what the Sisters of Notre Dame taught me: they taught me about the dignity of the teacher, the importance of the learner, and the importance of faith."

Emily Robbins Beutner, Class of 2004 and English teacher, has taken over responsibilities as Student Council Moderator. Emily, who assisted Mary Anne for the last two years, says that working with her was both instructive and rewarding. "Mary Anne really lets the girls decide what is best for them, but still reminds them of what La Reina is all about. She lets the girls have fun, and feel empowered; she lets them have creative license, but always makes sure it is in line with who we are."

The La Reina community, too, is reminded that teachers and administrators like Mary Anne have made La Reina the nurturing and transformative place that it is.



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A La Reina Angel Returns to God

Eileen DeBruno, librarian extraordinaire for 33 years, passed into heaven's grace on October 2, 2014 the Feast of the Guardian Angels.

Eileen came to La Reina High School in 1974 as a volunteer in the library—when she retired 33 years later, she was a legend. Eileen did so much for La Reina that no list would be comprehensive.

In pre-Internet days, she was the campus "Google" for teachers and students alike. "Go ask Mrs. DeBruno," was an oft repeated phrase.

She began the Mock Trial program in 1986, and helped build the teams into county and state champions. She was affiliated with the Speech and Debate team for 25 years and was the moderator for the Academic Decathlon, the Model United Nations and the Knowledge Bowl teams.

But as the thousands of students whose lives she touched know, the Eileen De Bruno story is not just a story of accomplishments. It is the story of her staying in the library every day after

school until all students were picked up. It is the story of parties she organized for the faculty and European trips she arranged for students and teachers. It is the story of second chances. She gave them to everyone.

Eileen shrugged off what she did for La Reina. "I loved the philosophy of the Sisters of Notre Dame—a philosophy that embraces all people. I was always impressed with our graduates. I loved being at La Reina."

At her funeral mass on October 8 at the Sisters of Notre Dame chapel, alumnae representing four decades came to pay their respects. All had their own Mrs. DeBruno story—but the theme was the same: Mrs. DeBruno gave love and support and encouragement to all of them. What they wanted, she wanted for them—whether it was a ride to a speech tournament, a moderator for a new club, or a listening ear—Eileen DeBruno provided it.

And now the good God is providing for Eileen.

"And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest" (Hamlet).



Eileen at her retirement with former teacher, Tricia Bartolomei, and Dr. Leena Shankar Nathan '96.

The Legacy of Eileen DeBruno...through the words of her daughter and Alumna, Becky DeBruno Stanley '87

In her eulogy, Becky DeBruno Stanley, explained her mother's legacy this way:

"My mom used to chaperone many trips to Europe for La Reina students. Her trip to Italy was a dream come true for her – ever the art appreciation student that she was. She was so excited to see all the wonderful works of art in person – ones that she had only studied and seen in books - she was practically giddy...As our last day in Florence was winding down, she saw a break in the schedule and ran off to the Uffizi Gallery to see her favorite—Botticelli's Primavera. She sighed and admired it. Viewing this masterpiece actually gave her goose bumps.

"My mom, being as humble as she was, never thought she was talented. She was not athletically inclined, couldn't sing like an opera diva, dance like a prima ballerina, or play an instrument in the symphony and she couldn't paint a masterpiece like Botticelli's Primavera.

"But she did leave a masterpiece behind. She quietly painted a masterpiece of love – a deep love she had for her family, a love for her friends and a love for all the students whose lives she touched. She quietly painted a masterpiece of giving - giving of her time, or words of wisdom or even crocheting an afghan for a student. She quietly painted a masterpiece of faith – living an exemplary life, according to Christ, and relying upon prayer for guidance, peace and comfort.

"So, when I think of that as her masterpiece...I will sigh, I will admire her and I will get goose bumps."



Becky DeBruno Stanley '87 with her mother.

Memorial contributions may be made in Eileen's honor to La Reina High School's Capital Campaign, 106 W. Janss Rd. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 or online at [La Reina High School: Online Giving](#) and select the Capital Campaign.

Another Transition for Anita Green



Transitions. Anita Green knows them well. She began her teaching career in an elementary school, stayed home to raise her son Josh, and daughter Mariana; then she came to La Reina. In June, she made another transition. After eight years teaching, Anita stepped away.

The reason? Since February 2014 her husband, Bill, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force, has been stationed at Scotts Air Force Base outside of St. Louis, Missouri. She wanted to join him.

An added reason: her daughter Mariana, Class of 2010, and recent graduate of Lake Forest College, in Illinois, moved to Chicago. Anita reasoned that if she had the freedom to spend time with Bill, she would also be only a few hours away from Mariana.

Anita thinks her decision was God-inspired. The day it became clear to her happened this way: she had rented a car because her car was in the shop. The rental had an Illinois license plate (where Mariana lives). When she arrived at La Reina that morning, the college representative from St. Louis University in Missouri (where Bill lives) was on campus. Two signs, thought Anita.

Anita has always paid attention to signs. She came to La Reina when Mariana was a sophomore. According to Anita, "Mariana came home from school every day, excited about being there. You could just tell that this was a great place."

Mariana's enthusiasm convinced Anita, who had been away from the classroom for five years, to apply. When she was offered a position, Mariana told her mother, "You will be fabulous."

Anita quickly gained a reputation as a "go to" person. Her first assignment was teaching Science and Religion 7. A few years later, a Religion 12 teacher was needed. Anita said yes.

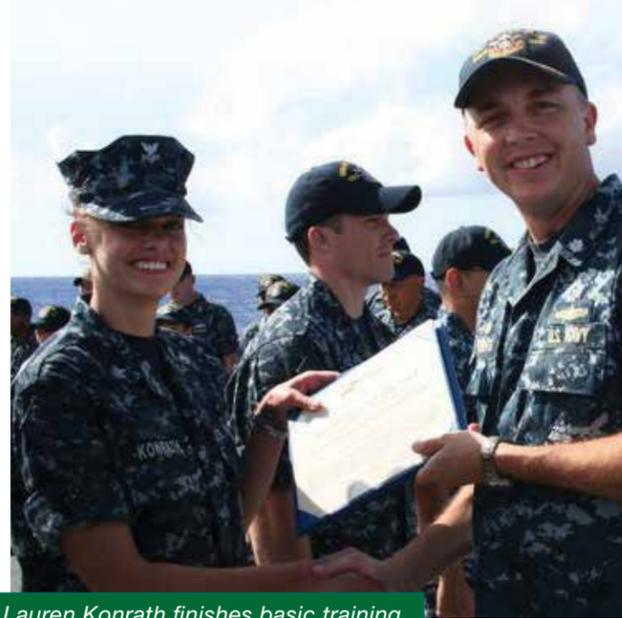
Typical of Anita, though, she gives others the credit for her being able to wear so many hats. "I loved teaching with Judy Knight. Talk about having a great mentor! Sadhana Neurgaonkar as the Science Department Chairperson was wonderful. They always made me feel that I was on the right track."

This past year—which became a year of discernment for Anita—she felt the hand of God. Teachers Allison Dynda Sain '85, Stephanie Howe Grey '02, Michelle Kane '08, Jennifer Ball and Anita had the same free period. Most Wednesdays they went to the chapel and prayed together. Those prayers helped Anita feel at peace about her decision.

Besides spending time in the Midwest, Anita plans to go back to school. She says, "I want to sit. I want to learn. I want somebody to gather me. And then I want to get back in the classroom."

In the meantime, Anita says, "I am going to miss the girls. I am going to miss the camaraderie. I am going to miss the housekeeping staff. I will miss Chuck the security guard. I will miss the connections with nice people."

And La Reina will miss its connection with Anita.



Lauren Konrath finishes basic training.

Lauren Konrath '06 Joins the Navy and Figures It Out

"Accelerate Your Life" was the recruiting slogan when Lauren Konrath '06 enlisted in the Navy in 2007. Lauren didn't enlist to accelerate her life, but to figure it out.

She had spent her first semester after graduation at Moorpark College. "It wasn't the right fit," she says. "I had no idea what I wanted to do." With her parents' encouragement, she joined the Navy and that September left for boot camp in Chicago.

During her three months in boot camp, she spent a great deal of time in the classroom and went through rigorous physical and tactical exercises, culminating in "Battle Training," an intense 12 hours in which recruits are faced with every possible scenario that their training has equipped them for—from firefighting to deflooding a ship.

Her first assignment brought her to Maine where the USS Stockdale DDG-106, a guided missile destroyer, was being readied for sail. Then the crew of 300 men and 60 women brought the ship down the Atlantic Coast, through the Panama Canal and to its home port in San Diego. That took three months.

Lauren went onto ports of call in the Pacific with the USS Stockdale as an operations specialist. "I looked for ships on the water and underwater to see what they were doing. When I was on duty, I was in a dark room, looking at a radar screen. The hardest part was crossing

the Pacific when nothing happened for 100s of miles." The most exciting part was that the USS Stockdale was part of the strike force that backed up the Carl Vinson, the ship that picked up the body of Osama Bin Laden and buried him at sea.

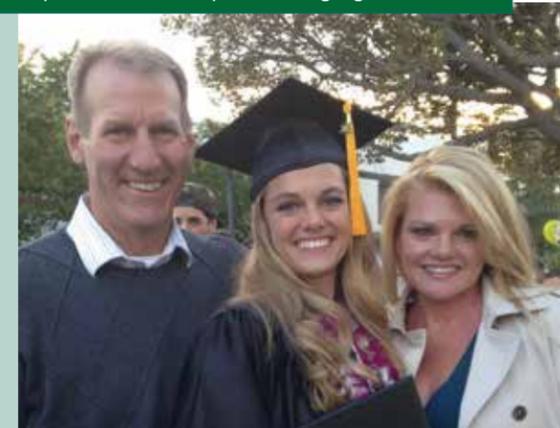
Lauren spent four years on active duty and is serving four years on inactive duty. She has made good use of her time since she has been home. This past May she graduated with honors from Moorpark College and was given a full scholarship to Loyola University of Chicago where she is majoring in marketing.

Lauren has also had time to reflect on her La Reina experience. "When I was at La Reina, I was an average student. I didn't know what my passion was; I didn't know where I was going. But La Reina gave me confidence."

She wrote recently: "Thank you to all the teachers at La Reina for providing me with an exceptional education that has stayed with me after all these years. I did not realize the impact my time there had on my life until I was back in school."

Thank you, Lauren, for seeing what La Reina has given you and for letting us know. Good luck and God bless.

Lauren with her parents at Moorpark College graduation.



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A LA REINA FIRST!



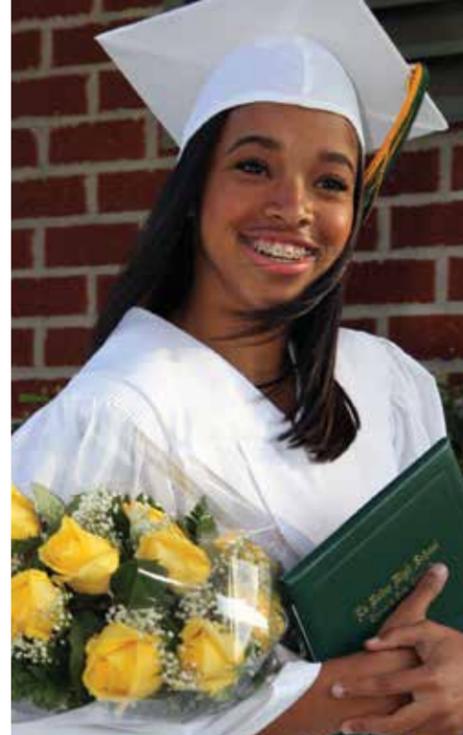
First time in the history of the school:

All four fall teams Volleyball, Cross Country, Golf and Tennis are undefeated league champions.

Congratulations to our athletes and coaches. *Way to go Regents!!*



Left: Caitlin Birch, Annabel Korzelius, and Sarahann Heredia. Right: Brooke Tarver



Class of 2014 Graduates

On a clear and warm Friday in May, 87 seniors graduated from La Reina. The ceremony began with Co-Salutatorians, Olivia Aulicino and Melissa Yu, leading the audience in the Salute to the Flag and the National Anthem. Chris Tolcher, M.D., Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, gave the invocation, thanking God “for the gift that is La Reina High School, for the rich Catholic educational experience that is truly transformative for the students who enter here as young girls and leave as young women of great courage, confidence and character.”



Anna Gober, Class of 2014

Presenting the Class of 2014

Isabella Anderson	Monica Godecki	Megan O'Toole
Olivia Aulicino	Katie Grubaugh	Juhi Patel
Ryanne Bamieh	Camilah Hamideh	Reema Patel
Kayla Baum	Barrett Hecht	Melissa Pearson
Caitlin Birch	Sarahanne Heredia	Holly Petrusson
Chantal Bishara	Sucheta Kadaba	Kiana Phillips
Jennifer Bitterly	MacKenna Kelleher	Michaela Posner
Quincy Bloem	Annabel Korzelius	Sienna Privat
Amelia Booth	Marissa Laschi	Rachel Rodewald
Madison Brooks	Olivia Lauletta	Madeleine Rohlfling
Rachel Busch	Emily Learned	Kennedy Rose
Grace Camenker	Brooke Levinsohn	Sophie Schmietz
Danya Carithers	Peijie Li	Julia Shao
Courtney Carr	Yueyue "Keira" Li	Madelyn Sickle
Alexandra Cerise	Isabella Lynch	Madison Sluck
Camilla Clark	Arianna Macaluso	Jaime Small
Leanne Collier	Paloma Martinez	Nisha Srinivasa
Melina Coto	Quinn Martz	Brooke Stuart
Emily Croft	Kelsey McHugh	Kathleen Sullivan
Nicole D'Andrea	Juliann Montes	Rachel Swanson
Keely Davies	Nicole Morrison	Sydney Tankenson
Katherine Draper	Rachel Mullens	Brooke Tarver
Molly Dunn	Jacqueline Munoz	Mary Tieman
Christina Ferrone	Gillian Myers	Lauren Tolcher
Shannon Fish	Alexee Naumann	Emmaline Trockey
Alyssa Frank	Delaney Niehoff	Jenna Wallace
Jamie Freeland	Ciara O'Donnell	Kimberly Walsh
Meagan Funt	Enya O'Kane	Brittany West
Anna Gober	Colleen O'Toole	Melissa Yu

What Schools They are Attending

Arizona State University	Purdue University
Azusa Pacific University	Rhodes College
Belmont University	Rice University
California Baptist University	Saint Mary's College of California
California Lutheran University	San Diego State University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Santa Clara University
California Polytechnic State University, Pomona	Santa Monica College
California State University, Channel Islands	Seattle Central Community College
California State University, Fresno	Stanford University
California State University, Long Beach	Texas Christian University
California State University, Monterey Bay	The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art
California State University, Northridge	The University of Alabama
Chapman University	The University of Arizona
Columbia College Chicago	United States Air Force Academy
Cornell University	University of California at Berkeley
Creighton University	University of California at Davis
Dickinson College	University of Kansas
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles	University of Michigan
Georgetown University	University of Missouri Columbia
Gonzaga University	University of Notre Dame
Howard University	University of Oregon
Humboldt State University	University of Pittsburgh
Kansas State University	University of Portland
Loyola Marymount University	University of Puget Sound
McGill University	University of San Francisco
Moorpark College	University of Southern California
New York University	University of Utah
Northern Arizona University	University of Washington
Oregon State University	Washington University in St. Louis
Pennsylvania State University, University Park	Western Washington University
	Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Co-Valedictorians, Ryanne Bamieh and Jennifer Bitterly spoke. Ryanne's pride in her class was apparent when she said, "If I had to describe our class in one word, it would be dedication. If I had to describe our class using four words, they would be Best Graduating Class Ever." Towards the end of her speech, her tone became more sentimental: "There is a reason we call ourselves sisters, and that's because we have shared our lives with each other and we have all grown from that experience."

That tone of pride was also apparent in Jennifer's reflections: "In the more literal translation of farewell, I do pray that each and every one of you journey well. I have the utmost faith in you, and I am convinced that you will continue to run the good race. After all, we are the golden class..."

Stan Hirsch, Assistant Principal of Students, presented the graduates to President Bob Rumer and Principal Dr. Shannon Gomez, who awarded the diplomas.

Dr. Gomez introduced the graduation speaker, alumna Pooja Nair, Class of 2005. Pooja, a graduate of UC San Diego and Harvard Law School and litigator for Foley and Lardner LLP in Los Angeles, told the graduates, "I can trace the credit for a lot of what I've accomplished directly back to the values I learned at La Reina." She called her La Reina education the most challenging of her academic career: "How I write and think and solve problems today has come directly from the foundations I built here...La Reina forces you to find your voice and use it often..."

She also spoke about the importance of her La Reina friendships: "Your [La Reina] friends are the ones who will help you out and keep making you believe you can do anything." She concluded her remarks: "I'm excited for the

world to receive another generation of La Reina women."

The Rose Ceremony followed. Senior Class President Monica Godecki recounted the symbolic meaning of the yellow rose at La Reina, explaining that students present a yellow rose to their mothers and a boutonniere to their fathers as a way of saying thank you for their sacrifices and support during their high school years.

Provincial Superior of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Sr. Mary Ann Carla Costello, S.N.D., and a 1969 alumna, delivered the benediction. Sister then asked all alumnae in the audience to stand and sing the Alma Mater with the Class of 2014.

The graduates processed out—into their future—but as La Reina girls forever.



The Class of 2014 toss their hats after the ceremony.

50 YEARS LATER:

Bigger & Better



Archbishop Jose Gomez presiding over the Liturgy at the 50th anniversary.



Some of "The Originals" gather at the 50th.

Left to Right: Lyn Hayler Bernthal '68, Sandy Gillmore Sparks '68, Carol Ramsey Shogren '68, Pam Smolarski '70 behind Carol, Mara Dantas Braga '68, Betty Barrett Boswell '68, Marie Therese Tretton Sromek '69, M'Liss Lierley Scarratt '68, Nita Turner Wadlin '68, Michele Thompson DeMarco '68, Virginia Norris '68, Laura Vangalis Lashley '70, Lisa Vangalis Aschbrenner '72



The display cases tell the 50 year history of La Reina.

Update on La Reina's 50th Anniversary Weekend September 5 & 6, 2014

Thank you to the following alums who either hosted or planned reunions for their class.

Class of 1969:
Marie Therese Tretton Sromek

Class of 1973:
Jennifer Pittello Knapp

Class of 1984:
The Class of 1984 met in Tracy, CA where they attended the funeral of classmate, Barbie Kilbourne Larson. (See page 23.)

Class of 1989:
Stella Crego

Class of 1994:
Dana Ballaban Coppa, Erin Petrick Bell, Kerri Russell Fligiel

Class of 1999:
Teresa Prescott Ysasi and Christina Krause

Class of 2004:
Lauren Mettam Small

AWARDS

Traveled the Farthest:
Mara Dantas Braga, our exchange student in 1968, came from Rio de Janeiro with photo albums from back in the day, wearing her Beatles t-shirt and carrying her Beatles bag—a 60's girl all the way!

Reunion Queen:
Marie Therese Tretton Sromek '69 who was on a mission to find members of the Class of 1968 and 1969 AND get them to the reunion. Nine members of the Class of 1968 came out of a class of 13, and three members of the Class of 1969 came out of a class of 12. You go, Therese.

Special Thanks to Members of the "Originals" who came to the 50th Anniversary of their Alma Mater:

Class of 1968
Lynn Hayler Bernthal, Missoula, MT
Betty Barrett Boswell, Alexandria, VA
Mara Dantas Braga, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
Michelle Thompson DeMarco, Los Angeles, CA
Virginia Norris, Camarillo, CA
M'liss Leirly Scarratt, Payson, AZ
Carol Ramsey Shogren, West Hollywood, CA
Sandy Gillmore Sparks, Thousand Oaks, CA
Nita Turner Wadlin, La Conner, WA

Class of 1969
Sr. Mary AnnCarla Costello, S.N.D., Thousand Oaks, CA; Cinda Thompson Roffman, Agoura Hills, CA; Marie Therese Tretton Sromek, Glendale, AZ.

Now let's gear up for 2015. If your graduation year ends in a 0 or a 5 and you want to start plans for the 2015 reunion, get in touch with, Betsy Potts at bpotts@lareina.com and she will send you the Reunion Guide.

That Was Then...1964.

On September 8, the Feast of Our Blessed Mother, four sisters of Notre Dame and one lay faculty member welcomed 18 girls to the freshman class.

Only the 100s building was completed and students had to wait until 2nd semester before the administration building and the library were completed.

On the other hand, there were certain advantages. You could drive your car up to the 100s building, hop out and go to class. Or you could hitch up your horse to the door handles of a truck that was parked in front of the building, hop off and go to class.

If you think this was a bare bones beginning, you are wrong. Culture and manners were on the agenda that first year. Students were bused to Notre Dame Academy in Los Angeles to take Miss Ann Culkin's four day Charm Course and Miss Mary Louise Hickey came to La Reina to perform *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

You could even buy food! Sandwiches were sold out of the now technology office.

That first year also had its share of excitement. For example, the November Open House had to be cancelled, because of the difficulties of parking in the mud after a torrential rain (no parking lot at that point). That same month a three year old girl wandered on campus and the students in the Home Economics class cleaned the mud off her shoes and called the sheriff, who was able to locate the mother.

The next year, 46 students were attending La Reina; a uniform had been selected; an additional sister joined the staff, and the administration building was in full use.

This is Now...2014

The student body has swelled to over 560 students in grades 7-12. No hitching post for your horse, but an upper and lower parking lot where you can be dropped off or park your car. There are five buildings, not one, a cafeteria, a gym and a black box theater. In the fall of 2015, a 6th grade will be added and we will have an official middle school. The faculty and staff number 88.

We not only have a cafeteria, but a bona fide chef. Cameron Parton prides himself on innovative recipes using locally grown food, including vegetables from the student garden.

Instructional assemblies are still being held—but they cover topics like social media, empowerment of women and women in science.

A two day celebration in September marked the 50th anniversary. Alumnae gathered at a Friday night "Through the Decades" wine and cheese party on the senior patio. Nine of the 13 "originals" from the first graduating class attended.

On Saturday, September 6, Most Reverend Jose Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, was the principal celebrant at the Liturgy. Over 500 people were in attendance.

The public phase of a Capital Campaign to build a Learning Pavilion, to enhance the Fine Arts space and to renovate the chapel was introduced.

FINAL FACT: in 2013 La Reina was named a **National Blue Ribbon School** by the United States Department of Education. Only three private high schools in the nation received this award. To qualify, students must score in the top 15% of the nation on standardized tests and the accomplishments and milestones of the school must set it apart.

The Environment Takes Center Stage at La Reina

The word tradition is a hallowed one around La Reina: our traditional Friendship Week, our traditional Renaissance Festival, our traditional senior events.

So when the Senior Class officers were asked to re-think the traditional senior car wash, they were somewhat nonplussed.

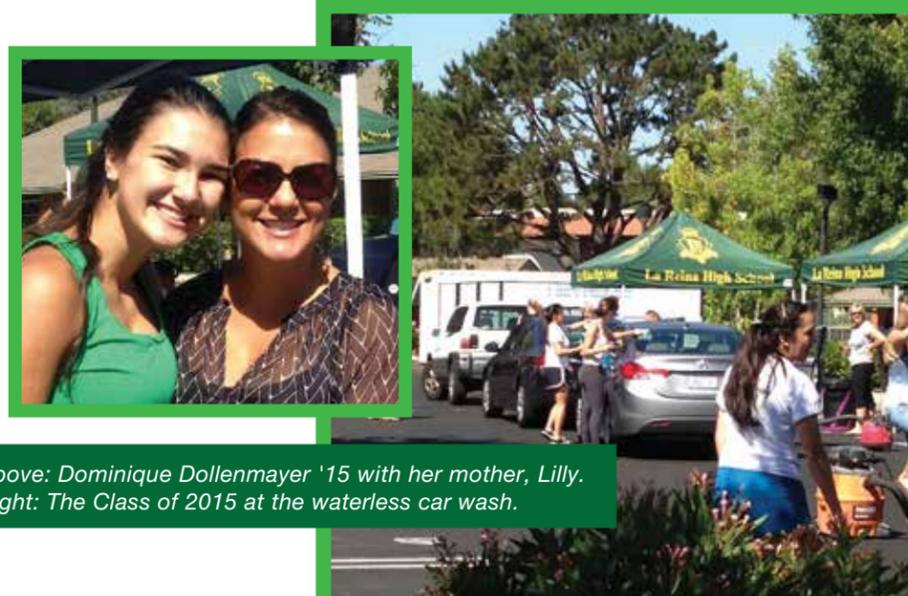
Granted, the reason was sound—California is in the middle of the most severe drought in its recorded history, but the car wash as a fundraiser goes back to the school's opening in 1964! (Talk about a tradition!)

When the officers met with Tiffani Kocsis, Dean of Student Life, they came up with the idea of a waterless car wash—for \$5.00, seniors would wash windows and vacuum car interiors. A ticket to the Janss Car wash, which uses reclaimed water, could be purchased.

With this idea in place, senior officers—with President Evelina Godecki and Secretary Pearl Lee taking the lead—would have to convince their classmates to go along with the idea. The sell might not be an easy one—the money seniors raise traditionally (there is that word again) goes to defray the cost of the senior prom.

The officers gathered their facts: the average car wash uses ten gallons of water per car and the City of Thousand Oaks strongly discourages car washes. They made a PowerPoint to lay out these facts for the seniors, who embraced the idea. The results are in: the car wash was the most successful one ever!

Go, Class of 2015!



Above: Dominique Dollenmayer '15 with her mother, Lilly. Right: The Class of 2015 at the waterless car wash.



At the event itself...

- Tesla brought out an S-model car for people to see. 
- The City of Thousand Oaks set up an information booth about its green programming. 
- Jiffy Lube gave free oil checks and coupons. 
- The Dad's Club checked tire pressure. 

As a result...

- The Ventura County Star and The Acorn wrote a story about it.
- The City of Thousand Oaks gave the school recycling containers to use around the campus and in the classroom.
- The city will be advising the Garden Club on a drip system for its herb and vegetable garden.
- John Brooks, the Senior Environmental Analyst in Thousand Oaks, spoke to Mrs. Kelly Duffy's AP Environmental Science class and invited some LR students to come to the 50th anniversary celebration of the city.

La Reina is going GREEN. If you want to receive the magazine electronically, let us know.

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The Garden Club Has Big Plans



La Reina has a different look—at least from the back of the school. Just last year, if you stood outside the 100s building, your first view would be the Provincial House of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Today, part of that view includes three large garden boxes with scarecrows dressed to the nines, an assortment of vegetables and herbs, and a native California drought-tolerant garden that promotes eco-landscaping and the preservation of native habitat.

The California garden was officially launched on October 29, when groundbreaking took place, with Ventura County Supervisor, Linda Parks, doing the honors.

The gardens are the innovation of senior Arianna Wood, whose love of the land was nurtured in Kona, Hawaii, on her parents' coffee farm and in Santa Rosa Valley where she helps her parents tend 10 acres of citrus trees.

That love led Arianna to her 8th grade science fair project in which she analyzed cost effective ways to reduce herbicide use in farming. Her project won a first place in the California State Science Fair and led to Arianna being selected as a Regional Winner for the 2013 Jefferson Awards' Youth Service Challenge, which honors young people who perform a public service.

Arianna not only wanted to spread that love of the land to her classmates, but she was also interested in extending what she learned in her science fair project to others.

She petitioned the administration to start a Garden Club, which is now in its second year. Last year, club members learned about

gardening and decided what crops should be planted. They worked with their moderator, science teacher Hannah Robinson, and cafeteria chef, Cameron Parton. Their goal is to make the garden organic—a challenge, they realize, but one they want to honor.

Their first harvest was lettuce and was used in lunch preparation. That harvest thrilled Arianna: "To give our first harvest to the school to use in students' lunches was wonderful," she says. The club also has plans to donate some of its harvest to the community.

Arianna, who plans to major in business and learn about cost-effective ways to bring food to the market, is looking ahead at La Reina also. She said that the Environmental Club and the Garden Club might merge because their interests overlap. "The message of connecting others with their food source and teaching others about the environment and protecting it are interests that both clubs have."

Arianna is also looking for others who share her passion and commitment—so she can pass the torch (or the hoe) to the new leadership when she graduates in 2015.



Ventura County Supervisor, Linda Parks and members of the Garden Club at the ground breaking of the California Native Garden. To her right, is Arianna Wood, Founder and President of the club.



A Message from Karen Starleaf, Director of Advancement

Dear La Reina Families and Friends,

Thank you for the truly warm welcome I've received since joining the advancement staff in July. I arrived at the school having spent most of the past 19 years working toward a cure for ALS as a member of The ALS Association's national fundraising team.

In my first few months at La Reina, I've been moved by the deep affection the wonderful Sisters of Notre Dame, my colleagues, and you have for La Reina and our students. As you may know, the Greek root of the word, "philanthropy," is love of people, and I know that your love and your desire to make a difference in the life of every student ensures La Reina will continue to give the world capable, confident and compassionate young women.

The advancement team is excited to have just launched the *La Reina Fund*—our annual fund drive which will run until February 12. Contributions to the *La Reina Fund* directly benefit each and every student by supporting the 14% of academic and co-curricular expenses not covered by tuition.

The Fund's theme is *Show Your Love* and we hope that you are eager to *Show Your Love* for our students and the many ways La Reina continues to bless your life by making a gift to the La Reina Fund in time for our Valentine's Day celebration (for more information on how to give, please see page 19). As an expression of our appreciation, we will be happy to deliver a personalized Valentine to someone special on your behalf!

When you contribute to the *La Reina Fund*, make a commitment to the Capital Campaign, or attend a fundraising event, you are not just helping the school you are helping our girls connect to their God-given potential. Thank you for making a difference in their lives.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season,

Karen Starleaf
Director of Advancement
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Show Your Love

Showing Your Love through your contribution to the La Reina Fund helps provide our students with things like:

- ♥ iMac Computers
- ♥ Classroom Technology
- ♥ Science Lab
- ♥ Tuition Assistance for families in need



When you donate, you'll receive:



Fun-filled Valentine's party for all homerooms with 100% family participation! (Current students)



La Reina Fund car magnet to Show Your Love around town!



A Valentine sent on your behalf to someone special!



Recognition of your gift in the spring 2015 issue of La Reina Today magazine.

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MORE INFO:

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Look for "La Reina Fund" under "Giving" section

ALUMNAE NEWS

Class of 1981

Denise Ingwersen Webster is a Certified Sears LEAN (Lifestyle, Exercise, Attitude and Nutrition) Institute Educator. Denise lives in San Clemente with her family.

Class of 1983

Melinda Bihn is Head of School at the French American International School in San Francisco. She finished her EdD in Educational Leadership at the University of Pennsylvania in the spring. Melinda and her husband Bill, have two children Sam, 18, and Rebecca, 15.

Class of 1988

Jennifer Bihn King lives in Charlotte, NC, where she works for the Bank of America Charitable Foundation as a business support manager. Jennifer's children, Aidan, 17, Hannah, 14, and Liam, 11, keep her "wildly busy with Scouts, apprenticeships, clubs, youth groups and sports."

Class of 1989

Gayla van Oudheusden Kalvelage and her husband, Jim, announced the adoption of their daughter, Kelsey. According to Gayla, Kelsey, who is 9 months younger than her son Jimmy, is a princess. "God has a wonderful sense of humor. I have the girliest girl ever!" Kelsey's baptism took place at St. Julie Billiard Church in Newbury Park.

Jennifer Connor Smith has a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Vermont; her research and clinical work focused on child stress and coping. She has taught at the university level and been in private practice, but recently her career has shifted to writing. Jennifer writes for *Odyssey Magazine*, the science magazine for young children; her recent articles have been about the teenage brain. She and her husband, Casey, live in Portland with their daughters, Celia, 11, and Mallory, 8.

Class of 1991

Kristy Martin Melton has two daughters who are in 4th and 6th grade at St. Patrick's in Thousand Oaks. Kristy works in the commercial finance industry in business development.

Class of 1994

Theresa Solis Metz is the Program Director at the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University. She oversees the East Palo Alto Stanford Academy, a rigorous, two-year academic support program for seventh and eighth graders from the Ravenswood City School District.

Vanessa Escobar is working on her PhD in Applied Math and Physics at the University of Reading in the United Kingdom. The case studies she has developed for her PhD research and through her work at NASA will be linked to a new satellite NASA is launching in January.

2013-2014 LA REINA PRIDE

CLASS OF 2014 National Merit Scholarship Awards

2 Semi-Finalists
10 received National Merit Scholarship recognition

Class of 1995
Laurel Doss Lorigan graduated from UC Berkeley in 2000 with a BA in Landscape Architecture. She and her husband, Chris, live in Charlottesville, VA, with their two daughters, Faye, 2, and Margot, 1.

Melissa Aliberte works as a field manager for Grainger, the supply company, and is working toward her personal training certification.

Class of 1996
After 12 years as a Chef at Walt Disney World, Katrina van Oudheusden is pursuing her true passion: she is a Blogging Coach and Internet Marketer, working with network marketers and home base business owners to build their brand and business online.

Class of 1997
Emily Gibbons was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in the Coast Guard. She is a Senior Staff Attorney at the Coast Guard Eighth District Legal Office in New Orleans.

Kristin Kruer Lawson is a cantor at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church where she is also a teacher's assistant at Kolbe's Korner preschool. Kristin and her husband, Chris, have 2 boys, Dylan, 6, and Tyler, 4.

Class of 1999
Sandhya Ramadas married Michael Kogge on June 6. Sandhya is an Assistant United States Attorney with the US Department of Justice. Prior to her appointment, Sandhya was an associate at Bird Marella Law Firm in Los Angeles. She is a graduate of Harvard University, the Sorbonne (University of Paris), and the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall).

Erynn Smith, the Director of Education for The Abundant Table, a Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA), took a four month educational leave to visit farms in different bio-regions. In Erynn's words, "It was an experience of a lifetime!"

Brenna Halliday lives in Bethesda, MD, and does strategic analysis for a company that invests in hotel real estate. She is in an executive MBA program at Georgetown University.

Class of 2000
Julia Hamada Priest and her husband, Randall, welcomed their daughter, Asbury Jayne, on October 19, 2013.

Class of 2001
Wendy McLevige Axsen is an Assistant Professor teaching biology at Palomar College in San Diego. Teaching at the college level has been a longtime goal of hers. Last year, Wendy taught at La Reina and her AP biology students earned a 100% pass rate. Congratulations, Wendy!



Sue Reyes with Emily Robbins Beutner '04

Alissa Doerfler Macias is a family nurse practitioner at Diablo Canyon Power Plant (the only operating nuclear power plant in California) in Avila Beach. She and her husband, Rawley, have a son, Nathan Porter, 1. Alissa earned an MS in Nursing, Ambulatory Care and completed the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at Western University of Health Sciences. She became board certified in 2011.

Class of 2002
Triona O'Hanlon McGill and her husband, Ryan, welcomed twins—daughter, Keira Finley and son, Liam James, on January 17.

Sara Porterfield passed her PhD comprehensives at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She is teaching at the Center of Southwest Studies, at Fort Lewis College in Durango, while she completes her dissertation on Western Environmental History with a focus on the Colorado River Basin.

Swayta Reddy is completing her residency at UCLA in anesthesiology.

Class of 2004
Sarah Doss graduated from San Francisco State University in 2009 with a BA in Journalism. After working as Special Sections Editor for The Hook, the award-winning weekly newspaper in Central Virginia, Sarah moved to Los Angeles in October and is free-lancing.

Lauren Mettam married Josh Small in August 2013. Lauren finished her Master's in Social Work at Boston University in 2012 and is working as a medical social worker at the Cambridge Breast Center.

Class of 2005
Marella Martin has a fellowship at Tisch School of the Arts at New York University; she is earning her MFA in Musical Theater Writing.

June Chapin graduated from medical school at A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Mesa, AZ, in June and is in residency in Pediatrics at USC.

Class of 2006
Carolyn Rumer earned her JD from the University of Virginia School of Law. She distinguished herself by donating the most pro bono hours in her graduating class.

Lalana Aramthaveethong works in the Petcare division of Mars, Inc. as the Production Manager. She is a part-time student at the UC Davis Graduate School of Management.

Yasmine R. Bolourian was the Project Coordinator for the UCLA PEERS Clinic and The Help Group - UCLA Autism Research Alliance. She is attending UC Riverside where she is working on her PhD in School Psychology.

Sue Reyes Retires

"It was just time," says Sue Reyes who retired from teaching in June. Just as she knew that accepting the job at La Reina in 2000 was a God moment, so did she know that retiring was also.

Sue came to La Reina this way: she was at the Business Office paying a bill and Sr. Antoinette Marie, S.N.D., the principal, called her into her office. Mary Medlin, religion teacher, was leaving mid-year to join her husband, who had taken a job in Orange County. Could Sue step in? Sister knew Sue by reputation: she was active in the Faith Formation program at St. Julie Billiart Parish in Newbury Park and her daughters, Jill '00 and Jayne '04 were LR students, both active in Campus Ministry.

Fourteen years later, Sue knew the time was right. Her husband Tom had retired from the Los Angeles City Fire Department and she wanted to join him in retirement.

Her immediate plans? "I am just looking forward to clearing my head," she says. "After 37 years of marriage, raising four children, working at church and teaching—I have always had responsibilities. I am looking forward to having none."

When friends found out she was retiring, they began to try to recruit her to serve on boards or to entice her to become involved in something else. So far she has said no. But her daughters think the "no" won't last. They say their mother suffers from FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) and it will just be a matter of time before she is onto something new.

Right now, though, Sue is content. She wants to clean out closets, organize the house. Travel, too, is on the agenda. Sue and Tom recently returned from 33 days in Africa where they visited Cape Town, Johannesburg, Victoria Falls, saw the gorillas in Uganda and went on a safari. "It was the trip of a lifetime," she says.

During her years at La Reina, Sue especially loved teaching sophomore religion when the curriculum covered morality and social justice issues. "I taught to my strengths," she said.

Reflecting on the last 14 years, Sue becomes nostalgic. "I will remember the good times," she says. "Starting Regents for Life was huge. I know that club touched girls' lives and changed minds. I have so many milestones here. Two of my daughters got married while I was here. I lost my mother while I was here. We were a family for each other."

Also reflecting on her time at La Reina is her longtime friend, colleague and travel partner, Karen Moore. "The La Reina girls who were blessed to have had Sue Reyes as a teacher also had a beautiful, faith-filled role model. I was blessed to have more than a friend -- I gained another sister when Sue came to La Reina. We will all miss seeing her beautiful smile on a daily basis."

All true.

2014 SAT SCORES

	NATIONAL FEMALE	CALIFORNIA FEMALE	LA REINA
Critical Reading	495	492	590
Math	499	492	556
Writing	492	497	601

54% OF CLASS OF 2014 OFFERED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

\$6,000,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY OFFERED

100% OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLLEGE

16 AP courses offered 53% of students in Grades 10-12 took an AP test in 2014 68% earned a grade of 4 or 5

90% 2014 AP Pass Rate for La Reina Students
California AP Pass Rate: 64%
National AP Pass Rate: 61%



National Blue Ribbon School 2013

Ali Williams is working as an analyst at PennyMac, a finance and mortgage company. She is also running and competing in races in Southern California.

Brianna Blanchard married Christopher Baird on October 4th. Brianna is a triathlete and was recently featured in Women's Running Magazine.

Class of 2008

Alexa Garcia is a Marketing Coordinator and a Business Advisor at a CPA firm. Alexa earned her BA from Loyola Marymount University in 2012.

Kelsey Conway graduated from The College of William and Mary in May 2012 with a BBA in Marketing with a concentration in Management & Organizational Leadership. She is currently Director of Marketing & Communications for the New Jersey PGA & New Jersey Golf Foundation.

Elizabeth Roland is the Senior Program Director at Heartsend Adoptions in Orinda, CA.

Blair Pefley graduated from CLU with a BS in Geology. She has just returned from Okinawa, Japan where she taught English to middle school and high school students.

Class of 2009

Lauren Toohey graduated from CLU with a degree in Math. She works at Farmers Insurance as a Product Management Analyst.

Class of 2010

Makenna Cox graduated cum laude from the University of San Francisco where she was on an academic scholarship. She double majored in English Writing and French and will be teaching in France this year.

Noorean Gill graduated from USC with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. She is attending UC Irvine School of Law.

Christina Burcelis graduated from USC Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism with a degree in Communication and an emphasis in Civic Engagement. She is a director for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program.

Alessandra Martinez earned a BS in Broadcast Journalism from Boston University. She is a TV reporter for NBC 22 News in Springfield, the no. 1 ranked station in Western Massachusetts.

Patricia Pichardo earned her BS in Mechanical Engineering from Loyola Marymount University; she minored in French and Applied Mathematics. She is attending UCLA, pursuing a PhD in Chemical Engineering.



Family First
We Understand That

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world"
(Archbishop Desmond Tutu).

We do little bits of good because we care—it's called philanthropy. We open our hearts and give to make a difference in the lives of others.

Although Americans are incredibly generous, most of us face limitations with respect to how much we can give while we are living. By contrast, we are capable of doing far more after we are gone and our needs and the needs of our family have been met.

When you consider the legacy you want to leave to the next generation, we understand that your family comes first. We think that's how it should be. But, did you know that you can designate La Reina High School as a residual or contingent beneficiary in your estate plan? With this type of bequest, you can name La Reina to receive the remaining assets, or a percentage of remaining assets, after you have taken care of your loved ones.

One of the greatest benefits of giving a charitable bequest is that you remain in control of your assets throughout your lifetime. If circumstances change and you need to adjust your priorities, you may amend your estate plan at any time or prepare an entirely new one.

For more information about how you can meet the financial needs of your family and leave a lasting legacy of love and happiness for future generations of La Reina girls, please contact Director of Advancement Karen Starleaf at kstarleaf@lareina.com; 805-495-6494, extension 414.

If you have already named La Reina High School in your will or living trust, we would love to hear from you, so that we may say thank you now!

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Smith, father of Irene '84 and Melissa '85.
Paul was a member of the first LRHS Finance Committee.

Robert Joseph Gordon, AKA Robert Golkowski, father of
Rebecca Gordon Lubitz, '93.

Vince Sepich, father of Karen Sepich Frost '92.

Helen Brown, mother of Melissa Brown Bowden '74 and
Diana Brown Smith '76.

Ray Hopcus, father of Teresa Hopcus Carpenter '77;
Dona Hopcus '81, and Tracy Hopcus Jordan '91.

Henry Hernandez, former maintenance worker at La Reina.

Barbie Kilbourne Larson, Class of 1984.

Nina Ahankoob, Class of 1999,
sister of Nadia Ahankoob, '07.

Eileen DeBruno, Librarian, Mock Trial and
Speech Team Moderator.



The Class of 1984 traveled to Tracy, CA
to celebrate the life of Barbie Kilbourne Larson, their "Warrior Girl,"
who lost her battle with cancer on August 21, 2014.



FRONT ROW: Dana Pernice Gallagher, Susan Sunde Laschi, Sabrina Noyola.
BACK ROW: Vida Cekanauskas Bruozis, Susan Holroyd Case, Erin Carraway, Parisa Fathi,
Lisa Paikin Watson

Mary Ann Vergot graduated from CSU, Channel Islands, with a BA in Communication with an emphasis in Business and Nonprofit Communication.

Tara Blanchard earned her BA in Performing and Visual Arts from the University of Southern California. Tara is an international model recently featured in Women's Running Magazine.

Amanda Goelz is working at UCLA Career Center as an Employer Relations Assistant.

Sarah Pearson graduated from the University of San Francisco in 2013 with a BA in Comparative Literature and Culture; in 2014, Sarah earned her MA in Education.

Dasha Gloutak graduated from UCLA with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and is working for Northrop.

Joelle Sarkis graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BS Biology. She is applying to medical school.

Katie Kavetsky graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a BS in Animal Science. Katie minored in Equine Science, is working at a veterinary office, and applying to veterinary schools.

Katie Williams graduated from the University of Southern California with a BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Law. She is working at High Tech Connect, a marketing consulting agency in Pleasanton, CA.

Mariana Green graduated from Lake Forest College in Illinois with a BA in Theater and English Writing. She is an Education Department Intern at Goodman Theatre in Chicago.

Mary Kate Jankowski graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University in of San Diego. She works for 91X radio station as a broadcast engineer.

Emily Hassard graduated from Colorado State University with a BS in Apparel & Merchandising; she minored in Business. She is an Associate Editor of Genlux Magazine in Beverly Hills.

Madeline Rumer graduated from Columbia University with a BA in Psychology. She plans to apply to veterinary school.

Jodi Loo graduated from UC Berkeley with a BS in Electrical Engineering. She has started a PhD program at Berkeley in EE.

Sarah McGough graduated magna cum laude from the University of Notre Dame with a BA in Anthropology and Pre-Health Sciences. She is enrolled in the Infectious Disease and Epidemiology PhD program at Harvard University's School of Public Health.

Kate Grode graduated from Stanford University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. She completed a summer internship at Tesla Motors. She is also working on her Master's in Material Science and Engineering at Stanford.

Erin Roh graduated from Boston University with a BS in Broadcast Journalism and International Relations. She is a Production Assistant at CJ Media: MNET America, an entertainment company in Los Angeles.

Jacy Bessolo graduated from Northeastern University with a BS/RN in Nursing. She moved to Denver and is working in the ICU unit at the University of Colorado Hospital.

Emily Chancellor graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BA in History. In October she left for Phetchabun, Thailand to teach English with Teaching Abroad, Thailand.

Class of 2011

Anna Harris graduated from CSU Northridge with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Her senior design project, a portable solar charging station, won a CSU statewide competition for its innovative and challenging engineering design.

Send your alumnae news to
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SAVE THE DATE

Reunion Weekend • Sept. 11-13 2015

Alumnae Picnic • Saturday, September 12, 2015 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at La Reina High School

All alumnae, their families and significant others are invited.

Classes whose **graduation year ends in 0 or 5** will be honored and are eligible to receive the Alumnae Sisterhood Award which will go to the class with the highest percentage of attendees.

If you want to get started planning your reunion, contact Betsy Potts for the Reunion Guide.

- Check www.lareina.com often for updated information about the 2015 Reunion Weekend or contact Alumnae Director Betsy Potts at 805.495.6494 Ext. 353 or email her at bpotts@lareina.com.
- Be sure to check out La Reina High School Alumnae Facebook page for frequent news on reunions and other events!

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The Alumnae Facebook page:
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Monday, December 8
Immaculate Conception Liturgy and Distinguished Alumnae Recognition and Reception

Vicki Chou '98 and Sandhya Ramadas '99 will be honored.

Tuesday, January 6
College Reports

January 13-16
Kairos Retreat and Senior Service Learning

Saturday, January 24
Middle School Assessment Day

Week of January 26
Catholic Schools Week

Saturday, January 31
Sisters of Notre Dame Nun Run

Wednesday, February 10
Sophomore Class Retreat

Wednesday, May 20
Baccalaureate Mass
St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

Thursday, May 21
8th grade Promotion Mass
St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

Friday, May 22
Graduation for the Class of 2015
St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

