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Catalina To Remain Independent

President's Message

by Sandy Tanner Elers '58

Summer is winding down and school is ramping up. We are looking forward to a good year at Catalina, with some new programs and some increases in old ones. For now, it looks like Catalina will continue as a stand-alone school. The Superintendent, **DR. GILBERT TRUJILLO**, proposed a plan to enhance all the high schools and it was accepted by the School Board. Some of us are a little edgy, knowing that University High still wants its own campus, but for now, we seem to be safe. For the record: TUSD Board Member **DR. MARK STEGEMAN** object-



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Principal's Letter

by Antasio Holley

Thank you for another wonder-filled year with memories and milestones witnessed by the Catalina Community. Success is rarely obtained without hard work and persistence. None of our students' achievements could be possible without the support they receive from a committed faculty and community partnerships. I cannot thank everyone enough for the endless contributions, support, dedication, and whatever was necessary to support students and families.



The introduction of an embedded conference period during the normal ademic school day with a primary focus on Math and ELA,

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We welcome new Life and Founders Members

Life
Liz Whitaker '60

Founder's Club

Debbie Petranek Collazo '69

Michael Kaiserman '59

Annual

Sally Anderson Daniels '58

Catalina Culinary Arts Programs Prepare Students

We've been busy this year in Catalina Culinary Arts. We have begun laying the foundation for what we hope will soon become a premiere CTE culinary program for our students. CTE stands for Career and Technical Education and it is a nationwide secondary school initiative that focuses on career preparation and professionalism for skill-based trades. Our students are learning the technical skills and the hands-on work based experience that hospitality industry employers are looking for when hiring.

This year our advanced culinary program was certified for dual credit with Pima Community College. Our students are now earning college credits toward a degree or certificate in Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management. Also

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\$10,000 in EIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS - CENTURION AWARDS RECOGNIZED

The CHS Foundation has been awarding mini-grants and support to students and

teachers for the past 12 years. We are grateful to have alumni invest dollars to award scholarships. This year we were pleased to award eight \$1000 scholarships and four \$500 Centurion Awards.

Members of the CHSF Board participated in the Honors Assembly help in May. Vice President for Outreach, **EMILY MORRISON '60**, began her speech with,



Clemente Quintero Centurion Award

“Congratulations to all” including parents - and ended with the wish “may you go forth with curiosity, courage and confidence.”

The recipient of the Eva Royce Memorial Scholarship was **MENA BACKAYAH**. In honor of Eva Royce, this scholarship honors a teacher who has encouraged her students through their studies in foreign languages. Mena has served as an Arabic translator for ELD classes, a teacher's aide for two teachers for two years, and is excited about learning to sing and dance in Korean. Her studies will prepare her to become a leader in the field of physiology.

JEFFREY MCKEEVER, the founder of the Fortune 500 company, MicroAge, underwrote the Foundation's first scholarship.



Scholarship Awardees

He encourages business leadership and entrepreneurship. This scholarship was awarded to **KATHY RODRIGUEZ**, who is completing her studies at JTED in cosmetology, and is looking forward to eventually opening her own salon doing something that her grandmother dreamed about but was not able to do.

The following six \$1000 grants were underwritten by other CHS alumni and the funds can be used to supplement tuition, living expenses, and book budgets.

ABDULLAH KADKIM delights in assisting other students to find their way through the Regional College



Jack Draper Centurion Awardee

Access Center. He was a valuable band member, scholar, mentor for fellow medical assistant students, as well as a golf and soccer athlete.

In addition to being a leader on the soccer field and in the science classrooms, **OSCAR VALENCIA CASTRO** impacts the lives of young players through his volunteerism with Tanque Verde Soccer and his eagerness to prepare specimens **CENTURION AWARD TO JACK**

highlighting Catalina's science programs during freshman orientation and recruitment events.

This young woman, **SARMILA BHANDARI**, is eager to serve in her future career as a nurse, which uses her talents of integrity and compassion. She embraces varied experiences to encourage others in their growth, while serving as a teaching assistant in culinary arts program. When Catalina hosted over 300 guests at an evening gala, she was an integral leader in this successful event.



Amy Schull Centurion Awardee

A gifted young man, **PAUL MORAGO**, inspires others through his teamwork on the soccer and football teams, as well as in stage productions, creative writing, and drawing, while handling challenging situations.

TANIA LOPEZ BENITEZ, will graduate with a certified caregiver certificate and looks forward to enhancing the medical conditions in other countries with her compassion and strong work ethic. She plans to become a pediatrician. She believes and lives, "Giving back to others makes others feel safe and that they are not alone."

NHAT NGUYEN came from Doolen Junior High without an interpreter and excelled so well at CHS that he was able to accept internships with the UA's Summer Institute on Medical Ignorance. Nhat is always seeking answers or formulating questions. Whether serving as captain of the CHS tennis team, attending AP classes, or serving in HOSA, it is difficult to keep up with him. He embraces new challenges and experiences which will be assets as he dreams of working in medicine.

Finally, **JENNIFER MIRANDA** was commended the College and Career Readiness counselor for an inspiring experience for arranging interviews which were enjoyable as the selection committee met and interviewed the students.

At the May Honors Assembly, teachers **JACK DRAPER** and **AMY SCHULL** and students **CLEMENTE QUINTERO** and **YSENIA LARIOS** were awarded \$500 checks for their selection as Centurion Award winners.

by Jo Riester'66
Scholarship Chairman

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in 2018 we provided our advanced students with the opportunity to obtain a nationally recognized professional certification, Servsafe Food Protection Manager. This is a

highly coveted industry certification, and will certainly open doors for them in the workforce. Throughout the year our students have also successfully hosted several high-profile district events. Averaging about one event per month (sometimes two in one day!), these extraordinary experiences have given them first-hand exposure to one of the busiest and most lucrative sectors in our industry,



banqueting and catering. In continuing our effort to model our program around work-based learning, we have been opening up the former FEAST kitchen every Friday and selling a modestly priced lunch to our faculty. The lunch is managed, prepared and sold by the students, with all proceeds going to the Catalina Culinary Club. It is a remarkable demonstration of the professionalism of our Culinary Club student leadership; and it has generated a tremendous buzz among our students and faculty. Our culinary students look forward to the service every week.



As we continue to develop industry connections and professional support systems, the opportunities for our students will continue to grow exponentially. The hospitality business is booming, and the hireability of our students is a top priority. Our aim is to have employers coming to Catalina when they are looking to fill positions with career-ready professionals.



Spring 2018 Grants Supported Student Activities

The Catalina High School Foundation provides mini-grants to teachers and students for academic, extracurricular and athletic needs. This past spring, we provided mini-grants to support the Honor Society, a trip to the Tucson Museum of Art for art students, Torch Yearbook equipment, girls basketballs and tournament support, and boys volleyball team shirts. The following provides more detail.

Member contributions, community and foundation grants enable the Foundation to award scholarships.

Theoni Taylor (\$500) to service and repair cameras for the yearbook

student staff, purchase memory cards, lens caps and a memory card reader. One of the CHSF Board members, **Stephen Gin** offered to assist in getting the cameras in good shape.

JOHN FARUOLO (\$125) to pay for a school bus to take his art students to see the exhibition of CHS alum **HOWARD POST '66** spanning his 30-year career entitled "The West Observed." Howard's paintings are in the AT&T Headquarters, the Cowboys Hall of Fame and many museums. He is in the CHS Hall of Fame and the Foundation thought it would be inspirational to see the works of a famous painter who studied at Catalina. The Tucson Museum of Art gave the students free admission and arranged for three docents to guide the students not only to see Howard's paintings but to see the entire museum.

JAMA DLUEHOSH (\$500) in support of the CHS chapter of the National Honor Society including a check for \$385 to pay for the chapter dues to the National Honor Society and an additional check of \$115 to cover the costs and certificates and cards for new members.

SAM ROLFE (\$500) Sam Rolfe is the head of the Student Council. He requested \$500 to help underwrite the cost of taking seniors on a senior trip. However not enough seniors were able to attend, so he returned the funds and will try to plan another trip next year.

RICHARD TESTER (\$500) to pay for food for the Girls Basketball team during a summer tournament in Florence, AZ. They will use any excess funds to purchase additional girls' basketballs because they currently only have 5 for the whole team.

KATE GALLION (\$180) to purchase three 2018 Torch Yearbooks for the Library archives. This also enabled the yearbook sponsor and student staff to break even for the year. They still have a \$1,000 deficit after inheriting a \$2,000 deficit last year.

THEONI TAYLOR (\$500) to support the service and repair of equipment for the Torch yearbook including cameras as well as the purchase of memory cards, lens caps and memory card reader.

LORI ENCINAS (\$500) honor roll dinner for students and their parents who made the honor roll. The dinner was in the cafeteria and the teachers were the servers.

JOHN GONZALES (\$400) to support the purchase of team shirts for the boys' volleyball club.



Mishari Otaibi Takes Helm of CHS Construction Technology

Hopes are high that the construction trades classes will continue to thrive at Catalina as **MISHARI OTAIBI** takes over instruction beginning with the 2018–19 school year.

With a nationwide shortage of qualified workers throughout the trades, Catalina's construction program offers students a career path with a very bright future.

A product of TUSD's construction program from Santa Rita High several years ago, Otaibi has helped award-winning CHS instructor **JACK DRAPER** teach construction and ready the top students for competition over the past two years. Otaibi earned his teaching certificate in mid-May, and with Draper being promoted to construction specialist for the district, he takes over the program at Catalina. "I get to move up and fill some big shoes!" Otaibi says.



Construction technology covers a lot—including hard skills like wiring and framing and soft skills, which are more about integrity and professionalism. “It’s all encompassing. We teach them everything,” Otaibi explains. “We go through carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, sheet metal, and they’re even getting a chance to move into metal framing (for commercial building), which is something none of the other schools have gotten into.”



The program receives a boost from companies in those industries which provide students with the expertise, equipment, and internships for qualifying seniors. Otaibi knows what’s needed in the construction trades and what the companies are looking for when it comes to hiring apprentices.

Students learn about safety as well. “Sometimes you have to scare them a little bit and let them realize the severity of what could happen. Safety is all about knowledge of the tool and how it works and what could happen,” Otaibi points out.

Catalina construction students do well in the SKILLSUSA competitions, which have regional, state, and national-levels. Otaibi competed in his high school days and took third in state in carpentry. “It’s extremely nerve-racking. It’s a time crunch, and it’s very detail-oriented,” he shares. At regionals, CHS students placed first, second, and third in sheet metal. “They’re extremely confident because they know what they’re doing,” he points out.

With a nearly 100-percent retention rate of returning students, the construction program is blooming from about 80 students this past year to 145 students this fall. While males outnumber the females, more and more females are joining and they tend to be top-notch construction students. Otaibi plans on adding metal framing to the curriculum and having students work on larger, more real-world modules that include electrical, plumbing, and possibly sheet metal.



Stephen Gin '83

Draper has some high expectations for his successor— “He’ll be the finest teacher I’ve ever seen!” Fortunately, Otaibi is used to handling pressure.



“The most rewarding ten years in my life”

My ten years with the Catalina High School Foundation were the most rewarding ten years in my life. Being a former fifth grade teacher, education has always been a central focus for me. Not surprisingly, all the groups that I have been associated with were focused on education.

My first venture for the Foundation was to initiate the Foundation Focus newsletter and act as its editor. I wrote many of the nominations for the Trojan Hall of Fame and wrote many Kudos Kards to students who had excelled in sports, academics, and volunteerism. I often recommended to the board a person to speak at the spring socials because Catalina alums are so talented. I encouraged the Board to organize a 60th Anniversary celebration for the school, and to my delight the occasion was a total success.

Last year I was honored to have been chosen by the Foundation board as the Volunteer of the Decade. That meant so much to me especially because I had so much fun working with the most delightful committed group of outstanding individuals.

Now I live in Anthem, just north of Phoenix, and I feel so empty because I no longer can directly contribute as I had before to the goals of the Foundation other than to encourage the board to continue as they have: seeing that each Catalina student succeeds in high school and life. However, I will continue to write and edit the biographies for the Trojan Hall of Fame. Go Trojans!

Margaret-Ann (Wagner) Fangmeier '58
Focus Editor 2007-2018

Amy Schull, Drop-Out Prevention Counselor, Lends Students a Hand

- Partnered with Caring Ministries and Elements to give out 50 turkeys and food boxes.
- Hosted Young Women’s Empowerment/Self-Esteem Workshops (12 young women attended this spring).
- Hosted Boys to Men Mentoring group weekly. Took 15 students to EEf shoe shopping events.
- We served about 12,000 pounds of produce, pastries and bread to about 180 families each month.
- 97 active students are enrolled in Youth On Their Own.
- Gave out prom dresses and dress shirts and slacks and ties. Provided balloons and table coverings for table coverings for our Freshman Welcome Night.
- Provided hotdogs and chips for parent engagement Night.

ed to my column in the Spring Edition of the Foundation Focus.

We have some new people to introduce to you. **NEWTON DON '64** has taken the reins of The Foundation Focus from **MARGARET-ANN FANGMEIER '58**, founder of our newsletter. While Newton lives in San Francisco, he has been in contact with all of us by email and even worked in a meeting or two when he visited Tucson. We look forward to working with him to bring to you a picture of our school today. This is his first issue. Thanks, Newton! We welcome two new board members, Liz Wheeler Whitaker '60 and Elena Martin '84. We will do our best to keep them busy with board matters.

News Shorts: At the Honors Assembly we gave out \$8000 in scholarships to eight students. See more information on p2 We also gave \$2000 in Centurion Awards to two students and two educators. The Parkland shooting was memorialized by our students with 17 desks and lighted candles encircling the flagpole, while the students stood silently for 17 minutes. A mockingbird stood atop the pole and sang the whole 17 minutes. What a sad lesson for our students. Later, students and faculty supported Red for Ed, a statewide coalition for raising teacher's salaries. Teachers should see some increase in salary, but probably not the 20% they asked for. We hope the raise will be sustainable, ongoing, and repeated. Our BOD member, **MATT KOPEC '07**, is running for the Amphi School Board. Good luck, Matt!

If you are in town, hope you will catch a football game. If you live out of town and come to visit, come on by and see what great things are happening at our school. And remember to support CHSF!

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Common Formative Assessment Process, increased RTI Classes, and a strong curriculum focus on teacher planning and assessment, has resulted in increased student academic achievement.

Our teachers committed to new training throughout the year in such areas as Advanced Placement classes, culturally relevant professional development; and meaningful and targeted instructional strategies. Our staff has and will continue to be trained in order to deliver excellent instruction based on these standards.

Teacher Highlights:

Department Chair **JAMA DLUEHOSH** is retiring after 13 years. During her time at Catalina, she was involved with the National Honor Society, girl's soccer, tennis, and volleyball. She will be greatly missed for her dedication to Catalina and all of its students.

VALERIE EZZO moved to a team teaching role within the English Department. Instead of being an assistant, she

used her experience to take the lead to plan and teach cohesive lessons, collaborate with the classroom teacher, and apply various methods of instruction to students. Math Department Chair **YVONNE SHOUSE** was a top three finalist for the Star Teacher of the Year award for TUSD. She did an excellent job creating formulas, and using data to adjust and drive instruction.

LUCY LIBOSHA joined Catalina 2nd quarter from Santa Rita and quickly turned around struggling classes. Her teaching strategies created a positive and successful learning environment.

History Department Chair **MELISSA KORN-MULLER** has taken advantage of her multiple trainings and consistently used the AVID and WICOR strategies in her classroom. Her students will have a huge head start when Catalina goes school wide with AVID next year.

WENDY MCFEELY was brand new to the ELD Department this year. She did a great job creating collaborative groups to help students who had minimum English language skills become successful. She was also one of the teachers who had the greatest amount of student increase skills based on AZELLA scores. Additionally, Wendy took on the role as the lead Testing Coordinator.

THERESA THAYER has created and implemented an effective system that requires students to take ownership of their own work. She is also always willing and happy to try new things that are presented in professional development and is passionate about sharing them with colleagues to improve quality instruction. While some teachers were hesitant to apply the instructional strategies taught during PD outside of the ELA and Math content areas, **CHRISTOPHER MOSELY** was able to find innovative ways to adapt them all to his Theater Arts classes.

Athletics:

Participation was up in sports over last year. Male participation was up 35%, female participation held steady and total participation numbers were up 20%. We had 192 different boys and 104 different girls participate this year for a total of 296 athletes.

The football team finished 5-5 and that was the most wins since 2009. **ROSTOW GASORE** finished runner-up in the state 100-meter dash. Boys Basketball finished 16-12 and that was the most wins since 2010-2011. Baseball started out 19-0 and finished 24-6 and that set a school record for wins. This was the baseball team's first winning season since 2010-11

Until next school year, here's wishing you love, laughter and learning.

Antasio Holley

Spring Social March 2018

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e gathered at the home of board member, **MARYLYN SCHUMANN TOBEY '57**

in the Tucson Mountain foothills on March 17, 2018. It was a beautiful day, and after a delicious brunch of quiche, breakfast burritos, fresh fruit, Danish pastries, coffee and



juice, we were treated to a trip to Nepal, courtesy of **JENNIFER JENKINS STEWART '78**. Jennifer is an author of children's books described as "seriously funny"! Her family traveled to Nepal on a medical mission. There were slides, a reading of the first chapter of her book, "Close Encounters of the Third World Kind"; stories and questions. Jennifer had available a number of her books, and autographed them for those of us who wanted to purchase.

She very graciously offered to send the post-cost money to the Foundation. Jennifer was born in East Patchogue, New York, to a librarian mother and a physicist father. When she was four years old, her family moved to Tucson, Arizona, where she grew up and attended Whitmore Elementary, Townsend Junior High, and Catalina High School. She received an honors degree in English from Wellesley College, followed by an M.B.A. from the University of Utah. For a while, she wore suits and pantyhose, but then she found out that writing for children is a lot more fun. There were 20 of us present; and everyone enjoyed talking with those we hadn't met before around tables as we ate. It was a delightful morning; and we agreed that we all had a great time. **JEFF BALDAUF** was the photographer; and will post some of his photos on the web page and Facebook. Some attendees brought books to be donated to Make Way for Books. Thank

you to **JENNIFER, SANDY ELMERS, AND JEFF** for making the morning a special St. Patrick's Day occasion! Don't miss the Fall Social; and be sure to attend next spring!



by **Marylyn Schumann Tobey '57**

Membership Levels

Individual: Annual \$ 25.00

Benefits: Foundation newsletter, voting privileges, and the October Annual Alumni Social.

Founders Club: Annual \$ 57.00

This commemorates the opening of Catalina High School with a contribution a little beyond basic membership.

Benefits: Foundation newsletter, voting privileges, the October Alumni Social, and entry to Founders Club events.

CHS Teacher, Administrator, Staff: \$15.00

Benefits: Foundation newsletter and the opportunity to help support the Catalina High School Foundation. *Annual*

Lifetime: \$250.00

Benefits: Foundation newsletter, voting privileges, the October Alumni Social, and admittance to annual Life and Founders Club events.

Life Member 3-Year Payment Plan: Pay \$100 per year for two years and a final payment of \$50 in the third year, and become a Life Member. Mark your check "Payment for Life Membership" and we will keep track of it. You will be eligible for all Life and Founders Club events. Do you have questions? Call *Jo Riester at 520-730-0045*, or email *Jo Hauschildt Riester '66, Vice-President of Membership & Development - tsnazlib@hotmail.com*

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