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04/19 CHS Foundation throws a mini-retirement for librarian Kate Gallion (front row center).

President's Message

by Sandy Elers '58

When you read this, school will already have been in session for a month! Enrollment is in the 700's, about the same as last year, with about 120 staff. We have more boys than girls, students speak 23 different languages and come from 33 countries. Our number of graduates is growing, a sign that new programs are working. The solar panels in the parking lot give shade to most who park there and there do not seem to be any projects to interfere with the opening of school this year.

Catalina has a new federal program to feed our students breakfast, lunch and dinner, which is wonderful news! Students learn better on a full stomach. That said, our pantry is always in need of individual food items such as small jars of peanut butter, canned

pasta (ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc.), tuna, canned chicken, canned veggies, fruit cups or canned fruit. Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, and feminine pads and tampons (regular size) are also needed. Other needs through the year are prom dresses, men's dress shirts and ties, gift cards to Fry's, Target, Walmart, or Amazon in \$10 to \$25 amounts, new sinks and faucets in the Success Center and meeting room, and behavior awards (sports equipment, phone chargers, candy, earbuds, etc.). School supplies are always needed (college ruled spirals and composition books, scientific calculators, mechanical pencils, colored pencils and markers, binders, backpacks.) As you can see, we have a varied wish list.

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Welcome New Life and Founders Members Life

Mike Codd '58
Richard Seiwart

Founders' Club

Michael Kaiserman '59
Deborah Lindscott '67

Annual

Jeffrey Blackman '60
Drew Donahue '68
Pam Hendricks Donahue '67
Wallis Downer-Joyner '60
Connie Sandlin Stubbs '69
Roland Wong '86



Donations

\$5000 – 9999

Cardinal Charities – Football Team

\$1000 – 3499

Mike Codd '58

Newton Derby '58 – Construction

Newton Don '64

\$500 – 999

Kittle Design and Construction –
SkillsUSA

Bradley Joe Lloyd – SkillsUSA

Jo Riestler '66 – Scholarships

\$250 – 499

Sandy Tanner Elers '58 –
Crystal Apple, basketball

Lloyd Construction Co., Inc. – SkillsUSA

Emily Kittle Morrison '60
in memory of Alma Kittle,
in memory of Gerry LaBelle

Richard Seiwart

\$100 – 249

Deborah Vaughn Linscott '67 –
Exceptional Ed

Pueblo Mechanical & Controls,
LLC – Skills

Jon and Angie Ziegler – SkillsUSA

\$1 – 99

Amazon

Jeffrey Blackman '60 –
Royce Language Fund

Pam Hendricks Donahue '67

Drew Donahue '68

Wallis Downer-Joyner '60

Bill Gaylord '57

Connie Sandlin Stubbs '69

Roland Wong '86

In Kind

Bruce Burkhart '57 Family – Trombone

Gail Grossetta '61 – Book

SPRING SOCIAL - “MARCH MADNESS!”

by Marylyn Schumann Tobey '57



03/19 Spring Social gathering with Ray Lindstrom presenting

Twenty-five alums braved the slippery, mucky, red clay road, thanks to recent rains, to the Tucson Mountain home of Marylyn Schumann Tobey '57 for brunch on March 16th. Croissant and mini-sandwiches, fresh fruit, cheeses, coffeecake and Danish, plus coffee and juice were on the buffet table. Many attended for the first time, and all enjoyed conversation with old friends, and meeting new folks.

Ray Lindstrom '59 regaled us with a review of his new book FEARLESS! Confessions of a Serial Entrepreneur.

Ray has taken a long, winding journey from promoting his backyard carnival when he was 6 years old to owning a record company in high school, an

advertising agency in the 1970s, starting the infomercial industry in the 1980s, creating the world's largest watch store in the 1990s and finally, after “retiring,” building what he termed “the world's most important website.”

“I love to come up with ideas for new projects and then start 'em. I don't much like to manage 'em. You can always find good people to do that while you go on to your next project.”

In 2014 he was inducted into the Arizona Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame. Ray presented each person in attendance with an autographed copy of the book! Thank you, Ray, for lots of laughs and tips! Hope you all will join us for the Fall meeting.



06/19 Andreana Merino and Lori Encinas

CHS Senior Merino, Staff's Encinas, Earn Foundation's Centurion Awards

In spite of obstacles no teenager should endure, Andreana Merino blossomed into an admirable and helpful young woman. She was elected by her peers to Student Council and served as Secretary of the Superintendents' Student Advisory Council for TUSD. During the school years Andreana held down a job, yet thrived academically. She was a such a positive force for others, and we congratulate her as the 2019 Student Centurion Award Winner! Lori Encinas, Office Manager, is the Faculty/Staff Centurion Award Winner. She is the heart and soul of the school, always there to help students, teachers, and visitors. Congratulations, ladies!

CHS Foundation Awards \$7500 in Scholarships

by Jo Riester '66 and Terry Anderson '57



06/19 \$500 Foundation scholarship recipients Anahi, Denise, Khem, Tamarah and Wesam

The Jeffrey McKeever Business and Entrepreneurship \$1000 Scholarship was awarded to **Kiernan R Sherman**, who truly fits the unique character of an entrepreneur, as he created a successful sneaker resale business, loves to give back, and plans to attend Eller Business School.

The Eva Royce Foreign Language \$1000 Scholarship was awarded to **Weam Fade Salami**. Having arrived three years ago from Syria and Jordan, her gift of socializing is a strength as she shares her adopted English tongue with refugees in two different programs. This strength will also be important in her future career as an empathetic and talented physician.

Catalina High School Foundation \$1000 grants were awarded to three students:

An internship in Banner's Heart Center Lab helped **Remun Madol** decide upon studies in cardiology, attending the UA Honors College, and continuing his practice of always asking questions. He and his family arrived from Iraq, eight years ago.

He is Co-captain of the volleyball team, manager of the boys

basketball team, and student council leader.

Tyneja Renee Spangle will prepare for a career in psychology, to change the awareness of behavioral and mental health.

Alexia Davila is anxious to make a difference in the lives of 4th graders, as she prepares to become an educator. Her leadership on Student Council equips her well.

Five students were awarded Catalina High School Foundation \$500 Grants:

JTED internships, volleyball team talents, student council leadership, and dedication to academics, are predictors of **Anahi Bustamante's** successful career in physical therapy, as she seeks to improve lives.

When asked about her best day during her senior year, **Tamarah Amer Mahmood** said, "Every day is the best!" She plans to become a nurse or a pharmacist, and loves the safety and security of her new home, after arriving from Iraq and Jordan in 2017.

An Americorp member and AP student, **Denise Andrea Folsom**

has helped many students in their quest for financial aid and higher education, while serving as captain of volleyball and soccer teams, and a student government leader.

Khem Gautan's curiosity and dedication to searching out answers benefited his UA medical internship in sleep psychiatry, and positively impacted his academics, as he assisted classmates in reasoning out concepts. One of his summer jobs involved restoring old cars. A jazz musician, he participates in several bands. His early childhood was in Nepal, and he cherishes his family's support and connections.

Wesam Salami, carefully outlined his future, as he seeks to become an engineer, owning his own business. He views his long and dangerous trek from Syria and Jordan as a learning experience, and he is commended for his classroom leadership and strong work ethic.

The Foundation thanks our generous scholarship underwriters; Jennifer Miranda (CHS's amazing College Readiness Counselor), and the dedicated teachers who carved out time to write inspiring letters of recommendation.



05/19 \$1,000 Foundation scholarship recipients Alexia, Tyneja, Remun, Weam and Kiernan



Please notify your classmates that the ONLY authentic Alumni group AFFILIATED with Catalina is the CHS Foundation site (catalinahighschoolfoundation.org) and FaceBook link. People are registering with other FB pages that presume to be connected, and if money is sent it does NOT go to help Catalina but rather the commercial sites.

Direct Arizona Tax Credits to Catalina Students

by Jo Riester '66

If you are blessed with an income that requires a payment to the State of Arizona, would you like to be able to direct those payments to your choice of school or organization?

Arizona tax credits are applied to the total tax owing (regardless of the amount you have already prepaid) and can be directed to several causes:

As the Catalina High School Foundation's mission is to increase funding for classroom experiences, we ask that you consider donating your tax credit dollars first to Catalina High School. Checks may be directed to extracurricular activities, including music, athletics, and classrooms and sent to CHS, 3645 E Pima Tucson, AZ 85716. Please be sure to indicate in the memo that this donation is for the Public School Tax Credit, and if you have a special area to which it should be directed (music, football, general) please include that info. These are not contributions to the Foundation, and we do not administer these funds. The maximum for Public School Tax Credit is \$400 for married filing jointly; and \$200 for single, heads of household and married filing separately.

Credits are applied at the time your taxes are filed. Credits may be donated up to April 15th of the year in which you are filing; so credits for 2019 taxes may be donated from January 2019 through April 15, 2020.

If you still have taxes to pay and want to direct additional dollars, private school tuition organizations may receive \$555 for single, heads of household and married filing separately, with \$1110 allowed for

married filing jointly. Additional tax credits may also be available. Detailed info may be found at <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits>.

Qualifying Charitable Organizations can benefit from the \$800 married filing jointly tax credit; or the \$400 for single, heads of household and married filing separately. These funds benefit temporary assistance for needy families, low income Arizona residents with children with a chronic illness or physical disability.

Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organizations providing immediate basic needs to qualifying individuals in the foster care system are eligible to receive tax credit donations of \$1000 for married filing jointly; and \$500 for single, heads of household and married filing separately.

See <https://dvs.az.gov/mfrf> for info on the Arizona Military Family Relief Fund that assists Arizona veterans in need while also enjoying a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona state tax return through tax credits of \$200 single/head-of-household or \$400 married filing jointly. This one operates a little differently and has a \$1 million cap, so if your contribution is received after the cap is reached, it will be returned to you and not be eligible. They recommend early donations.

And of course, the Catalina High School Foundation relies upon your tax-deductible contributions, non-tax-credits, to fund our scholarships and mini-grants that enhance the educational life at Catalina. Please consider investing in our future leaders and citizens in whatever manner you are able.



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Two of our board members have joined the Site Council, Liz Whitaker and Emily Morrison, sharing one position. The council helps Catalina engage families in our many programs, and helps distribute the tax credit money. See article on this page.

Last May we had a surprise party for Librarian Kate Gallion who is retiring after many years in the Catalina Library. She has been a good friend of the Foundation so it was fun surprising her, and we had a nice social time just before school was out. Hope you have a great retirement, Kate.

Remember to bring some of your classmates to the Fall Social on Thursday, October 17, 2019, 5 to 7 PM, at the Lodge at the corner of Country Club and Prince. We will be presenting the new members of the Trojan Hall of Fame and the Alum of the Year. It is a good party, too! Hope to see you there.

If you are interested in serving on our board and are in a position to come to late afternoon meetings (2 or 3PM, second Wednesday of the month), let us know of your interest at greenenchalada@gmail.com. We are always looking for someone to take on a project or serve on the board. It is a lot of fun and a lot of work for a very good cause. Come join us!



Beginning with this edition, the CHS Foundation is pleased to introduce Roland Wong '86 as the lead designer for the Foundation Focus newsletter and the person who will keep its website updated:

www.catalinahighschoolfoundation.org

Wong is a UofA graduate and a design and production lead at the educational publisher Learning A-Z. Earlier, he was art director at the educational newspaper Bear Essential News for Kids.

Building a Winning Culture Extends Beyond Sports

by Stephen Gin '83

When he arrived on campus in January, one of the first things new Athletic Director Tim Bridges did was to take a close look at Catalina's culture.

"Catalina, from what I researched, has a rich history in Tucson," Bridges says. He read up on some of the key figures who helped shape the school and its athletic programs. He also observed the students, coaches, and teachers. "The challenge is honoring that rich past and building a culture of which students and alumni can be proud". This would be a tradition that's based on integrity, good sportsmanship, ethics, high values and hard work," Bridges explains.

Bridges was Athletic Director at Sabino High, the school that outgoing Catalina AD Shane Folsom went to last Fall to take over the baseball program. But Bridges' ties with TUSD start well before then!

He moved to the Old Pueblo from Oakland with his parents. He played football, basketball, and track for Sahuaro High, where he graduated in 1992.

Bridges' view of winning is broader than one might expect. "It's about putting on your hard hat every day, going out there, and doing the little things right. We have to be loyal and committed to that process. And if we lose games, we don't give up!" he shares.

From cross country to girls soccer to tennis, he has several coaching vacancies to fill for the new school year. For boys basketball, he's bringing on Mark Gaxiola, an accomplished head coach here in Tucson. Gaxiola replaces Coach Obie Tann, who has moved to the Phoenix area.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't want to win some championships. But having coaches who understand



01/19 New CHS Athletic Director Tim Bridges

that winning also happens in the classroom, in the community, with your family at home, and in service to others—that's also building a winning culture," Bridges says.

Another big piece of building a winning culture is to increase the level of participation in CHS sports and fine arts. Currently, participation is around 33 percent. Within the next three years, he'd like that number to grow to around 80 percent.

2018 – 2019 REUNION PHOTOS



'58

Back row: Bob Pfeffer, Don Neil, Paul & John Nygaard. **Sort of Middle row:** Sharon Maucher Caldwell, Helen Trott Campbell, Dave & Dale Rees, Mike Codd, Larry Rodish, Pat Young. **Front row:** Sarah Barham Leonard, Fran Rosen Knowles, Susan Carruth Ellington, Sandy Tanner Elers.



'59

To see more Class of '59 photos, please visit: www.chs1959.com

Catalina High School Foundation Mini-Grants Have Banner Year in 2019

by Jennifer Bond '66

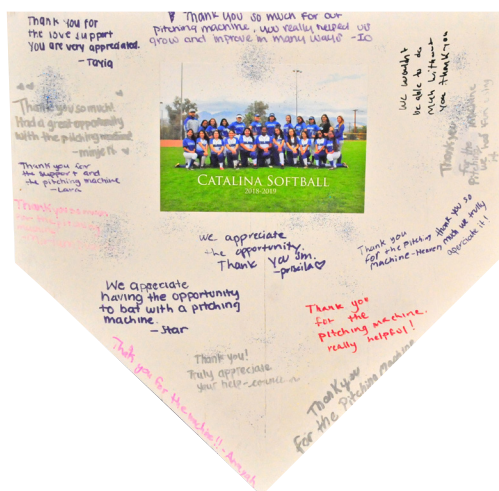
The mini-grants awarded by the CHS Foundation in the Spring semester of 2019 supported academics, extracurricular activities and various Trojan sports programs totaling \$8,375. Your dollars are making a difference: providing twice as many grants as last year!

Daniel Cahill \$250 to provide food and drinks for 18 astronomy students during a field trip to the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association's Chiricahua Astronomy Site so that the astronomy students can experience dark skies. The Catalina Site Council provided funds for transportation.

Kate Brownstone \$500 for the purchase of workbooks and materials to assist in trauma-informed learning, including those on how to deal with anger and anxiety, and helping to promote self-esteem and mindfulness for teenagers. This grant will help traumatized students to develop social-emotional skills in order to appropriately respond to conflicts/struggles, and to be able to focus on academics; ultimately leading to successful lives.

Emily Mcintosh \$500 to purchase class sets of Spanish language chapter books to introduce and implement the Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling (TPRS) approach to the Spanish language classes. To reward her advance planning and early submission of the grant request before the fall semester; and to acknowledge her dedication and commitment to the students of Catalina, the CHSF Board voted to give Ms. Mcintosh an additional \$100 bonus to be used for additional books or other materials.

Alicia Ramirez Borbon \$500 to provide scholarships for students to take the STAMP assessment for foreign language placement and proof of proficiency and to obtain



Home plate thank-you to CHS from the softball team.

a seal of biliteracy. The State of Arizona awards Seals of Biliteracy if the student has proof that they are proficient in a language other than English. This will help students to stand out in the college admissions and with future employers. The cost of the STAMP assessment is \$60 per student and if 15 students take the exam the price would drop to \$15.

Tim Bridges \$450 to provide funds for the boys and girls track team to participate in invitational track meets in order to qualify for the state meet.

Mike Beck \$500 to provide food for the Basketball team attending the state championship for the first time in 15 years.

Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) \$500 to purchase an award table to honor and support Crystal Apple award nominee Jennifer Miranda as the CHS outstanding higher education counselor.

Paul Rojas \$500 to replace the broken and dangerous pitching screen, and purchase catcher's equipment and mitt.

Amy Schull \$175 for medical emergency for an exceptional education student.

Cate Wilcox/AVID Club \$500 for AVID T-shirts.

Marie Skaggs \$500 for yoga blocks, stretch belts, and dance uniforms to use at the end of the year performance at the University of Arizona.

Antasio Holley/Lori Encinas \$500 to fund food and supplies for the Honor Roll Dinner.

Steven Brown \$500 to purchase wrestling uniforms for the wrestling team.

Celestina Rivera \$500 to purchase Daily Grammar Practice teaching materials and student workbooks.

Bennie Davis \$500 to purchase chess equipment including chess sets, vinyl boards and chess clocks for the newly formed chess club.

Elizabeth Cerepack \$500 to help purchase a pitching machine for the softball team. Our grant made possible a two-to-one match by [DonorsChoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org) adding up to \$1500 which enabled the purchase of the much-needed pitching machine.

Paul Rojas \$500 to support the purchase of a variety of supplies and equipment to maintain donated bikes for a new CHS Bike Club.

Melissa Kornmuller \$500 to provide funds to support and subsidize entry to the junior prom.

Looking Forward to the New School Year

by Mellisa Hall

I am Melissa Hall, and I am excited to be starting my fourth year here at Catalina High School as an Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning. I am privileged to work with wonderful students and staff every day. The 2018-19 school year led to our students demonstrating improved academic achievement. We had twice as many students score 20 or higher on the ACT as the previous year and we had many more students scoring within one or two points of 20 this year than in previous years. This is due to the outstanding work of our teachers. We are excited to bring in an American

Sign Language class, Orchestra class and AP Psychology class this year. Our students will now be able to have these options to choose from, along with our other offerings, this year. We also are now providing two dual-credit courses in conjunction with Pima Community College as well as eight Advanced Placement courses for our students. The number of these courses increases each year. Our teachers continue to challenge our students and push them to reach higher levels of learning. This year will be another great year as we help our students continue to grow.

Foundation Mini-Grant Results in a First for Catalina Seniors

by Jennifer Bond '66

Alicia Ramirez Borbon reported that the mini grant that the Foundation provided for Catalina's seniors to take the STAMP assessment resulted in 29 of the graduating seniors able to take the assessment. Of those 29 graduating seniors who showed interest in the assessment, 17 seniors were able to attain the Seal of Biliteracy on their High School Diplomas for the languages of Arabic

or Spanish. This is the first time that students at Catalina High School who have received the Seal, and CHS is the school with the most students who received the Seal, other than University High School. One student, a junior, is hoping to receive high school credit for her scores, which will help her be eligible for college entrance requirements.

Membership Levels

Individual Annual: \$25.00

Annual 57 Club: \$57.00 This commemorates the opening of Catalina High School with a contribution a little beyond basic membership.

CHS Teacher, Administrator, Staff: \$15.00 Annual

Lifetime: \$250.00 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.

Do you have questions? Email Jo Hauschildt Riestler '66, Vice-President of Membership & Development - tsnazlib@hotmail.com or call Jo at 520-730-0045.



If you are an Annual Member or a 57 Club Member, it is time to renew your membership dues.

Complete the following Membership Form and Return with dues to Catalina High School Foundation, 3930 N. Larrea Lane, Tucson, AZ 85750

The Catalina High School Foundation is a 501(c)(3).

Your dues are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law

Name: _____

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Founders Club (\$57)

Teacher/Staff/Admin (\$15)

Lifetime (\$250)

Donation

Total Enclosed _____

Elect Life Member Payment Plan

Yes / No (circle)

Designate Donation to:

Scholarships

Grants

McKenny-Vento

Band Fund

Trojan/Trumpeteer Archives

Eva Royce Memorial Fund

Construction Trades

General Fund

I can help by _____



Catering to Catalina

All Catalina alumni are invited to the

Annual Fall Social

to be held Thursday October 17, 2019 from 5–7 PM at the Lodge, Prince & Country Club. Mark your calendars for an opportunity to see former classmates and make new friends. Bring a friend! Learn more about the CHS Foundation and what's new at Catalina.

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