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Seniors Soar at Catalina High School

Jennifer Miranda • College and Career Readiness Coordinator

Over the past semester, the Catalina High School Foundation has been instrumental in supporting Catalina seniors in their college and career planning. Without this additional support, we would not have been able to achieve the outcomes we have this year.

This past fall, Catalina was selected as a Celebrate Yes! site for the University of Arizona. This recognition allowed Catalina Seniors who applied to the University, notification of their acceptance prior to anyone else in the country! This amazing opportunity served as the cornerstone of our first ever COLLEGE WEEK at Catalina! This week-long event, funded by

the Catalina Foundation and co-sponsored by AVID included a College Fair, College Application workshops, University of Arizona Celebrate YES! School-wide



assembly, Next Steps Fair and more. The Foundation's support provided resources for the Next Steps Fair and offered incentives for seniors to apply to at least 1 college or university. As a result of this school-wide coordinated effort, over 70

(55%) Catalina Seniors applied to a college or university, and the University of Arizona accepted 39 students (21%); with almost 90% of these new Wildcats-to-be the

first in their family to go to college! As of the end of the Fall semester (2019) over 52% of our graduating class has been accepted to a college or university.

As the semester continued, the Catalina Foundation continued to support the college and career goals of our students. One student in particular, Shanelle Cabrerra, received direct support to achieve her goal to attend college. Born in the United States,

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Terry Anderson '57

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Presidents' Message

Jennifer Bond '66 and Stephen B Gin '83



What an honor to be recently voted in by the Board of Directors as co-presidents of the CHS Foundation. Please note it takes two of us to fill the shoes of former President Sandy Tanner Elers '58, who provided such excellent leadership over the past five years! We are committed to do our best. A list of all the new officers and committee chairmen can be found on page 8.

We are delighted that Ken Newman '66 and Kathy Peters '70 have rejoined the Board of Directors. They made wonderful contributions when they served before, and we expect good things from them again.

Certainly, Catalina faces serious challenges when it comes to enrollment and performance on its standardized test scores. The CHS Foundation is doing what it can to help move the school forward. Like many TUSD schools, Catalina faces declining enrollment. Starting in 2020, there are 626 students. The diversity is remarkable—the student body represents 40 different countries and speaks 28 different languages. More than 100 of these students are part of the Youth On Their Own program, and Catalina has one of the district's largest exceptional education populations.

The Foundation works closely with the school administration and the site council. The Foundation recently provided transportation funds to bring three busloads of Doolen Middle School students for a special campus visit on Jan. 17.

We are glad to report that 32 seniors were given early admittance to the University of Arizona at a special event this fall and that Catalina is the most improved school for its participation in the FASFA program (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for middle enrollment schools. Catalina increased its participation by 13 percent (See p. 3 for details on this).

The annual Fall Social on Oct. 17, 2019, at the Lodge on Prince and Country Club, was a big success. The Foundation posthumously inducted artist Jon Forrest Lightfoot as Alum of the Year. His partner of many years, Joseph Birdsong, accepted the award on Lightfoot's behalf and also brought a number of Jon's paintings and photos to enjoy. The Catalina Culinary Arts students catered the event and provided delicious appetizers. A more detailed report including the names of the new Hall of Fame Inductees can be found on page 5.

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but raised in Mexico, Shanelle had dreams of attending the University of Arizona and majoring in economics and business. She and her mother moved back to the U.S. for her last two years of high school in hopes that her dreams would come true. Due to the length of time she had been in the U.S., Shanelle was required to submit a TOFEL score to prove her English literacy. This is an extremely expensive test. and her admissions application would not be evaluated unless she passed the exam. Our turn-around time was short, but with the assistance of the Catalina Foundation, Shanelle was able to register for the exam and pass. She is now a future Wildcat, with a full ride, including tuition and housing to the University in the Fall 2020!

A foundation of college access at Catalina is the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the FAFSA. This application allows for a majority of students to access federal and state grants and loans that offset the increasing cost of higher education. With the support of the Catalina Foundation, we were able to promote our FAFSA Frenzy competition. Over the past couple of years, we have come to realize that the most effective way to work with our students to complete their college and career goals is to work with each student, and their family, one on one or in small groups. We have had the opportunity to use Foundation resources to send faculty to FAFSA trainings. These trainings, and subsequently the faculty who attend, provide our teachers the resources and know-how to assist students in filling out the FAFSA. Last Fall we sent the largest number of faculty to date. We now have a total of eight faculty and staff that have been trained to work with students. The faculty members that were selected and trained each have unique relationships with our

student body and can provide that additional support and reminders regarding FAFSA and financial aid. The following departments are represented: Social Studies; PE; English and Language Arts; Student Council; English Language Learners; Dean of Students; Counseling; and AVID. In addition to the professional development and capacity building of our staff, we created a 30-day competition between the two senior Economics courses. The class that had the highest FAFSA completion rate would win a catered lunch for their whole class! With the teacher support, we had a lively and close competition, with Mr. Velgos's class winning by only 3%. These students received a catered lunch of their choice by our Catalina Culinary Department. While the competition was fun, the real winners are the 89 (58%) students who successfully completed their FAFSAs. This number is 13% higher than last year's final FAFSA completion rate. Over



the past week, Catalina has learned that it is currently #1 in the Most Improved Category, Ranked in the Top 10 overall in the College Goal Arizona state FAFSA completion competition; and was recognized by the Arizona Commission on Post Secondary Education as the Most Innovative Player for the month of January!

These are tremendous outcomes for our Catalina Seniors, and ones that could not have occurred without the generous support of the Catalina High School Foundation.

SPRING EVENT FEATURES KEN NEWMAN, CHS CLASS OF 1966, MAN OF MANY TALENTS

TOPIC: "GEMS OF THE DESERT"

Metalsmith, Gemologist, Photographer

Birthplace: Reno Nevada

Residence: Tucson Arizona

www.newmansdesign.com

Ken Newman's interest in gems and metal work began in childhood as he watched his father Yell Newman fabricate and hand engrave jewelry. Ken was exposed to Navajo sandcasting while studying anthropology at the University of Arizona. This provided the catalyst that turned his interest in metal work into a passion. Ken is a Graduate Gemologist. A life-long love of the outdoors and the need to use photography to promote the jewelry business led to having a camera at hand on outings. Ken worked as a land surveyor, horse wrangler and miner until he became a full time goldsmith in 1972. He and his wife Barbara ran a gallery for 28 years. He uses a variety of photographic techniques, still occasionally using his high milage Nikon F3 for film work in addition to the usual

digital media. One of his current passions is combining the two disciplines by incorporating photo-etched images into his jewelry.

Join us for brunch on
March 21st at 10:00 A.M.,
4020 W. Ironwood Hill Drive, Tucson.
RSVP: gmt@tobeys.org



2019 Trojan Hall of Fame

by Liz Wheeler Whitaker '60

2019 Alum of the Year



**Jon Forrest
Lightfoot '57**

Jon was blessed with a variety of artistic talents. At Catalina, he was especially attracted to drama and dance, and

appeared in all of Catalina's dramas. After graduation, he went to New York City to attend the School of Visual Arts. While there he became a professional model, using his special face, dancer's physique, and dramatic training while showing clothes for fashion houses in New York, London and Paris. He continued his schooling in the visual arts, becoming a fine painter. Leaving the fast life, he returned to the Southwest living in Santa Fe where he ran an antiques store and gallery. Upon returning to Tucson, his main passion was painting. His paintings are sought out by art dealers and collectors of western art. The art world said goodbye to an impressive talent on April 29, 2018, when Jon died in Tucson.

Susan Curtis, Dropout Prevention Specialist 2007-2014



Susan's role at Catalina was keeping the 150 refugee and 90 homeless or foster teens in school. She accumulated a variety of resources to support her

students: speaking at civic groups and securing donations. The local Lions' Club donated a refrigerator/freezer to hold donated poultry, beans, rice and lentils to support her students. Graduation is a big time in the life of students and she supported them with caps and gowns and a party with funds from our Catalina Foundation. There were

many instances when she helped individual students with food when they had none at home, counseling when they had personal problems, and even support for a student who lost his only parent and wanted to quit school to go to work. You can tell that Susan was loved by her students, since she received many Mothers' Day cards each year. She currently enjoys spending time by travelling.

Stephen Gin '83

Stephen Gin has turned his writing talent into his daily job, which benefits children all across Arizona. He is the editor and co-publisher of Bear Essential News for Kids. While at Catalina, he was managing editor of the The Trumpeteer and covered a variety of high school sports for the Arizona Daily Star and Tucson Citizen. Bear Essential News for Kids is a free, literacy award-winning newspaper whose mission is to educate, enrich and entertain young readers. The monthly newspaper is used by teachers (K-8) in their classrooms, and many of the articles are written by the newspaper's Young Reporters from various schools in Arizona. There are Phoenix and Tucson editions of the newspaper. Stephen has received many awards including those from the Tucson Area Reading Council, the Arizona Reading Association and the International Reading Association in recognition of his contributions to improving reading and writing among Arizona students. He is also an accomplished photographer and takes many pictures for the Catalina High Foundation where is currently the Co-President.



Dave Hendrickson, Catalina Principal (1969-1978)

Dave was an outstanding employee of TUSD for over 30 years, moving from teaching, to principal, to Assistant Superintendent. As a principal, he was appreciated and loved by both students and staff. He really took an interest in his students, getting to know them, supporting them through difficult moments and applauding their successes. During the Vietnam era, he worked with students to help them show their disapproval in acceptable ways. Dave was concerned about students' issues: eating off campus, cafeteria lunches, dress code, and the menace of drugs on campus. Dave continues to be interested in his former students, and attends many of their Catalina High School reunions where he is warmly received.



Marylyn Schumann Tobey '57

After graduating with honors at Catalina, Marylyn was encouraged because of her science and math talents to choose Chemical Engineering as a major at the University of Arizona. She was a pioneer because there were very few women in engineering studies at that time. In her senior year, she achieved the highest grade average in the College of Mines. After graduation, she worked for defense firms, working on projects including the Minuteman and Polaris missiles. She also became an



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Fall Social and Annual Meeting

by Marylyn Schumann Tobey '57

As described in our Presidents' message, we gathered October 17th for our Fall Social celebrating the presentation of the 2019 Trojan Hall of Fame inductees and The Alum of the Year. It is always a treat to meet and greet old and new friends. It was especially fun to meet the families of some of the THOFers!

The Culinary Arts group offered their delicious appetizers with professional flair. The students really enjoy having a chance to practice food preparation and presentation. The silent auction was organized and presented by Ken Newman and company, and added some needed funds to our treasury for scholarships and mini-grants. Sandy Elers enjoyed presenting the new slate of Foundation Board of Directors, as she is "retiring", and in need of some rest and relaxation. Never fear! She will continue as a much-needed Board member. We can't express our appreciation enough for her leadership.

The newly elected Board Members are Sandy Tanner Elers '58, Matt Kopec '07, Barbara Callaway Pollack '58, Marylyn Schumann Tobey '57, and Lisa Watson '83. They will serve 2-year terms. Officers were selected at the November Board meeting (see p. 8 for a list).

The Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Terry Anderson, '57.

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accomplished programmer, working for Bell AeroSystems in Tucson. Marylyn was honored as a "Pioneer Woman" in Chemical Engineering 1961-1979, by the UA Chemical and Environmental Engineering department. She has also found time to volunteer at several non-profit organizations in Tucson and is currently Recording Secretary for the Catalina High School Foundation.



10/19 Culinary students preparing appetizers



10/19 Culinary students serving appetizers



10/19 Sandy Elers, Dave and Arlene Hendrickson

CHS Reaches Out to Feeder School

by Stephen Gin '83

Catalina rolled out its red carpet on January 17 for three busloads of eighth graders from its feeder school, Doolen Middle School.

Students accompanied by Doolen faculty arrived on TUSD buses provided by the CHS Foundation.

These young VIPs were greeted at the front steps by cheering CHS Student Council members, teachers and administrators.

Catalina administrators organized the morning visit to showcase the school and its offerings in hopes of attracting the next great class of Trojans. Administrators, department heads and Senior Class President

Marcia Montañó took to the auditorium stage and, with the help of PowerPoint slides, put Catalina's best foot forward.

After the presentation, student council members led groups of eighth graders on tours of the school, where they got to meet teachers, visit CTE areas like construction and culinary arts, check out the gym and weight room, and hear from students in various classroom settings

Administrators plan to reach out to its feeder elementary and middle schools in other special ways as well.

Catalina High School Foundation support has helped students to have the necessary supplies to learn and be successful

by Jennifer Bond '66

Mini-Grants Top \$10,000

The CHS Foundation has provided mini-grants for needed classroom texts and supplies; necessary sports team uniforms; and support for school-wide activities to enhance student abilities to continue their education after graduation. The following list of mini-grants covers not only the fall semester awards, but also much of the spring semester. In general, we try to limit the number of mini-grants that one teacher gets to one per semester, so when a teacher gets more than one mini-grant, it was in two different semesters for different needs.

Jennifer Miranda \$500 for FASFA Frenzy to enhance incentives for students and parents to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student AID (FASFA) form in order to apply for financial aid for college. This grant also trained two teachers to help students fill out the form. The CHSF grant was partly responsible, together with Jenny Miranda and teachers, for Catalina receiving the award for the highest percentage increase (20%) in the state for middle enrollment schools.

Cody Downing \$500 for a College Week Mini-grant to help encourage seniors to apply to colleges, especially in Arizona. This was a joint effort between the College and Career Counselor (Jennifer Miranda) and the AVID Counselor Cody Downing to promote early applications to colleges.

Claudia Mavis \$500 for Chicken coops for the Culinary Arts Farm to Table program. The students are raising several chickens in order to use their fresh eggs. As the chicks have grown, they needed a larger

and more appropriate coop. This grant provided that, along with some feed for the chickens.

Erica Addison \$265 for a subscription for Scholastic for Choices Magazine for a classroom set. This provided a curricula text on current health issues, from a student perspective.

Marc Leviton \$500 for art supplies for drawing classes, especially newsprint drawing pads.

Marc Leviton \$400 Painting art supplies for painting classes in the second semester of art class..

John Gonzales \$500 for T shirt uniforms for Boys Volleyball.

John Gonzales \$500 for T shirt uniforms for Girls Volleyball.

Robin Forias \$500 to purchase 25 used Chromebooks for \$20 each for English Language Development students to use in internet-based activities. Ms. Forias found that Presidio High School was selling these Chromebooks because they were upgrading their school resources.

Armanda Argenti \$500 to purchase 25 used Chromebooks for \$20 each for English Language Development students to use in internet-based activities

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Elizabeth Cerepak \$500 for specific safety equipment for the Girls Softball team,

John Arroyo \$500 for additional specific safety equipment, and specialized training, for the Girls Softball Team. Please note that both Coach Cerepak and Assistant Coach Arroyo have paid over \$400 out of pocket for bats, pitching lessons, team-building experiences and food. They also put in \$200 each of tax credit dollars to go into the team and plan to do so again.

Quinton Griffith \$494 Summer uniforms for the football team to wear during summer camp.

Terry Reed \$400 to purchase headphones for English Language Development classes

Michele Deeds \$500 Positive behavior incentives. This program is mandated by TUSD, but they do not provide any funds for incentives. This program provided small prizes that teachers could award to students for exceptional behavior.

Michael Gradowski \$500 to pay for packaging and shipping costs of culinary books and periodicals donated to the CHS Culinary Arts Program by Julia Hoffer, a James Beard award-winning cookbook author in New York City. This is a "seed" donation to inspire more donations to CHS.

Wanda Buchanan \$500 to pay for school buses to bring students from Doolen Middle School to visit and,

hopefully, to subsequently register at Catalina, when appropriate. This is an effort to maintain, or possibly increase, the enrollment numbers for CHS.

Wendy McFeely \$500 to provide CHS t-shirts for the English Language students, for wear on Spirit Fridays. This enables them to feel a part of the school and more engaged. The teachers were able to pass out the t-shirts to about 97 students and they were all excited and grateful to have the shirts; and 100% of the students wore them on Fridays.

Chris Barlow \$500 to purchase half of the matching cleats for the football team. The Site Council paid for the other half.

Lori Encinas \$500 for the Student Honors spring dinner. This helps to

support the spring dinner for the honors students and their families, for all those students who had accomplished being on the honor role. The Culinary Arts program prepared the spaghetti dinner, which was served in the cafeteria at CHS to the students and their families. It was a very good way to provide an award and incentive for good grades.

Kelly Bristow \$500 to pay for the collaborative teacher team initiative.

Shanelle Cabrera \$190 for TOEFL test. She is one of the top students at Catalina but, in order to be admitted to the University of Arizona, she needed to take the English language capability test. This was because she and her family had lived numerous years in Mexico. She passed the test and subsequently has received her

award letter from the U of A and has a "full ride".

Other (non mini-grant) expenditures: \$100 for an ad to congratulate Rich Giffiths on his admission to the Pima County Sports Hall of Fame in the ward program.

\$500 for \$10-20 food gift cards; and funds to replenish the CHS pantry (peanut butter, fruit/veggies, ramen cups of noodles;) and several Thanksgiving turkeys for students who need food. This was done through Amy Schull, Dropout Prevention Specialist.

\$296 to purchase healthy snacks for CHS students before they take the PSAT test on a Monday morning, in order to give them the best opportunity to concentrate.

Catalina High School Foundation Dues run from November 1 to October 31

Name _____ Class Year _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Annual Dues \$25.00 _____

(check one):

Founders' Club Dues \$57.00 _____

Life Membership \$250.00 _____

Donation _____

Total Enclosed _____

I would like my donation to go to

Business Club _____

Scholarships _____

Exceptional Ed _____

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Catalina High School Foundation

6740 N Calle Lomita

Tucson AZ 85704

I can help by _____

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Life Member Payment Plan: Pay \$100 per year for two years and a final payment of \$50 in the third year, and become a Life Member. Put "Payment for Life Membership" on the "For" line. Questions? Ask Sandy at greenenchalada@gmail.com or 520-260-9171.



CHS Reunions

Class of 1958 Mini-reunion

May 1, 2

Contact

Frances Rosen Knowles
highdesert1@cox.net

Class of 1960

Oct. 16-18

Location TBA

Contact Emily Kittle Morrison
ekmorrison2@msn.com

Class of 1970 50th reunion

October 23-25

Hilton El Conquistador

Contact Jim Franks
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Mark your calendars to attend our Spring Social: March 21, 2020 from 10 a.m.–noon
PROGRAM: Ken Newman, "Gems of the Desert".
It will be held at the home of Marylyn Tobey, 4020 W. Ironwood Hill Dr., Tucson.
Please RSVP by emailing Marylyn at gmt@tobeys.org
We hope to see you there.



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.



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