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Good Things Happening As School Commences Fall 2021

by Principal Melissa Hall

Welcome back to a new school year at Catalina High School! We have some exciting new programs that have been added to the curriculum this year. Biology 156, American Sign Language 101 and American Sign Language 102 are now on the schedule. Students who enroll in these courses earn dual credit which means high school credit and credit from Pima Community College. We also have a new Journalism and Yearbook teacher, Felicia Chew. She will be working on bringing back the Journalism portion of this class. More good news includes being able to hire a Social Worker part-time as well as a Behavior Specialist. These are being funded using our ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) monies.

We also have challenges that we are facing such as some staffing shortages and over-full classes. However, we would rather have full classes than empty classes so that is a good thing in some ways. Our enrollment in Advanced Placement courses and Dual Enrollment courses has fallen a little this year after the year of the pandemic, so we hope to increase those numbers this year. It is an exciting time to be able to move Catalina forward after the challenges of the past year and a half. If anyone would like to volunteer as a guest speaker for our students, we would love to have you.

Please reach out to me, and we will connect you with a teacher. Thank you for your continued support!



Principal Melissa Hall

“Return to Greatness!”

by Jenni Bond '66 and Stephen Gin '83

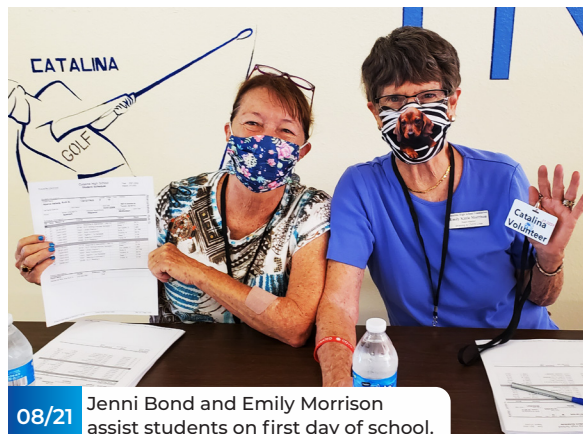
Catalina is getting back to as normal as possible given the Covid-19 Delta variant, and is preparing to Return to Greatness! CHSF Board members helped to hand out schedules to the students on the first day, and the good news is there are lots of new students. During the summer there were major challenges such as the campus air conditioning breaking down for two weeks; and last year's principal leaving in May for a job in Vail. Fortunately, long-time Vice Principal Melissa Hall was appointed Interim Principal, so there is

continuity for the students and staff (see her article).

The Foundation organized a very nice welcome breakfast in the library for the teachers on their first day. We provided a beautiful and healthy buffet and also distributed information about the Foundation and our mini-grants. Several new teachers were introduced, and they are delighted to be at Catalina. Many returning teachers are happy to be able to provide in-person learning. To “break the ice” and start informally, Ms. Hall instructed

everyone to pair up for a fun Rock, Paper, Scissors challenge until a final two champs were identified.

The Foundation also spearheaded a donation campaign for the Torch Yearbook. Because of the pandemic, Torch Adviser



08/21 Jenni Bond and Emily Morrison assist students on first day of school.

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Tracy Lee almost single-handedly prepared a wonderful Torch volume, which commemorates the year and has a special section on the history of Catalina. It also mentions and highlights our Hall of Fame. We thank him very much for his yeoman's work. Because very few students were in person at Catalina, and they were all financially stressed, very few yearbooks were sold, and so the yearbook club was in a \$1,500 debt to the publishers. The CHSF Board and other alumni rallied to donate funds, and we were able to retire the full debt. Mr. Lee has decided to leave CHS, but we now have a new journalism and yearbook teacher Felicia Chew, who will provide new resources and leadership, including enlisting alumni guest speakers to give presentations to her students.

There are many positive signs that Catalina is poised to "Return to Greatness," which is the theme of our fall all-class social on October 21, 2021. It will be held at Catalina this year in the Trojan Patio and the Science Patio (which used to be the old Boys Gym). The students from the Culinary Arts program will provide the appetizers. We will be inducting the Hall of Fame awardees who are featured in this issue. Be sure to make your reservations and attend on our beautiful campus!



08/21 Emily Morrison explains Mini-grant application at Teachers Welcome Breakfast.



08/21 Foundation crew serves up breakfast for the teachers.

Spring Mini-grants That Make a Difference

by Jenni Bond '66

- The Foundation provided mini-grants to support the following projects:
- Honor Roll Students Award—Goeff Parks \$500. Purchased \$5 Gift cards to give to honor role students to acknowledge their accomplishment. Catalina could not hold the traditional spaghetti dinner for these students and their families.
- Parent-Teacher Conference Gift Cards—Wanda Buchanan \$200. Eight \$25 gift cards to local grocery stores were purchased to raffle off to those parents attending their students' conference. This was an effort to encourage parent attendance.
- Second-hand Metal Shed for Baseball Equipment—Cody Downing \$500 This baseball shed would normally be \$4,000 but Erin Arana has offered to sell it for \$500. We are happy to help get this important equipment for the baseball team. The old shed was damaged in a break-in.
- Yearbook Club—Tracy Lee \$500 to help retire the yearbook pandemic debt. (see Presidents' Message)
- Summer Girls Basketball League—Coach Al Addleman \$237.50 This was done in conjunction with Flowing Wells High School.
- QwikCut Video & Analytics for Varsity Football—Coach Gregory McKinstry \$500 plus \$175 from the men's athletic fund totaling \$675.
- American Red Cross Lifeguarding Manuals—H. Paul Rojas \$500 for 14 manuals. This program has enabled CHS students to be certified as lifeguards, and be employed at city pools in the summer.
- Portable Ballet Barres—Marie Lea Skeggs \$500. This will assist Catalina to maintain a valid ballet program; and will help with flexibility and stamina as well as precise ballet positions.
- Library Beautification Project—Danayra del Castillo \$500. This project is to provide frames, posters, a white board, books for contest giveaways, pots for plants and a corkboard for an information area in the bathroom. It will create a pleasant atmosphere for the students to read and enjoy studying. The Librarian is helping the library interns to develop an overall design and learn to compare prices and quality before purchasing.

Trojan Boys Soccer Team Gets VIP Treatment

by Stephen Gin '83

The pandemic may have put a damper on most high school sports last season, but the CHS boys soccer team stuck together, became tempered, won their region and made it to the state tourney.

It was the only team at Catalina to make it through its' entire season. This year, the team had connections and found itself as the VIP guest of FC Tucson, the Old Pueblo's professional soccer team!

On Aug. 14 around 5:45 P.M., vans from FC Tucson rolled into the parking lot of Catalina to pick up 26 very excited guests. "They invited our Catalina Boys Soccer team as VIPs, providing free transportation to and from the game, dinner, merchandise and of course all access to the game (against Union Omaha)," says Head Coach Gabriel Rocha.

Not all of the 26 guests were varsity soccer players. Some were lucky kid brothers of the players!

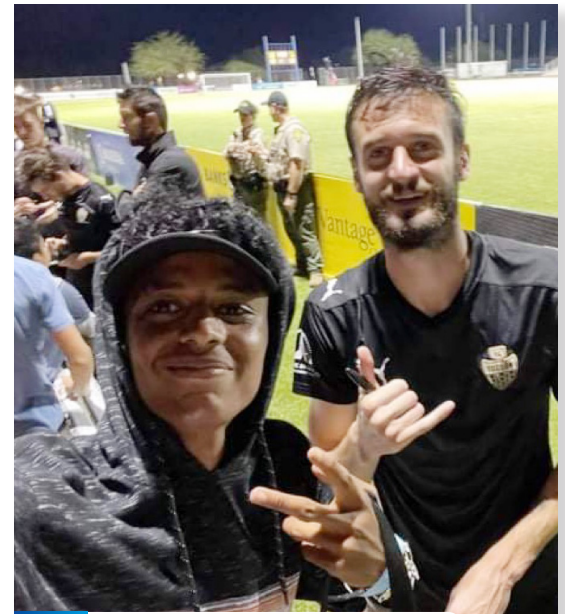
The guests received goodie bags and a flag, met players and coaches, and FC Tucson President Amanda Powers was their personal guide. They got to watch the game field side!

"They were so loud (and) heckled the other team's defender," Coach Rocha laughs. "The kids were impressed and in awe. For many of them, it was their first professional game! To see that level of play in their hometown is critical to showing that they can have those opportunities."

Then they got to meet players and get photos and videos with them. They also asked Assistant Coach

Mark Biagi all sorts of questions. They enjoyed meals prepared by the AZ Fit kitchen to see how the professional players eat.

"It was a fantastic experience. They left inspired and excited about the upcoming year," Coach Rocha shares. Who knows? Maybe when the season kicks in, the Trojans might host FC Tucson for a practice!



08/21 Senior Akrem Sied meets FC Tucson Defender Kaelon Fox.



08/21 The CHS Soccer team roots on FC Tucson!

TAX CREDITS

If you are an Arizona resident paying income tax to the state, you can direct \$200 per person or \$400 per couple to Catalina. Send your check to CHS, 3645 E Pima, Tucson AZ 85716. Put Public school tax credit on the 'for' line. You can direct your tax credit to various areas at CHS (sports, music, general). You will get a receipt.

This receipt will be needed at the time you do next year's taxes when the credit will be applied to your state income tax. Other tax credits may be available.

See <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits>.

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HALL OF FAME 2020

by Liz Whitaker '60

Our Hall of Fame winners for 2020 have had successful careers in a big variety of fields, but all of them have given back to their communities in very productive ways.

William Gaylord '57

Bill Gaylord was a member of Catalina's first graduating Class; in fact, he was the first Student Body President, elected when Catalina students still



attended Tucson High as Catalina was being built. After Catalina, Bill got his degree in dentistry and added a master's in orthodontics. After serving as a captain in the U.S. Airforce, Bill and his wife settled in Flagstaff. He has always been active in professional organizations, but he served his community in many ways: Chamber of Commerce, Townjacks, NAU Foundation among others. He loves winter sports and even served on national committees for the 2002 Winter Olympics and the US Ski & Snowboard Association. Bill has always balanced family, professional and community activities.



Sandy Tanner Elers '58

Sandy Elers is a founding member of the Catalina High School Foundation, which supports the school in many ways:

grants to teachers, scholarships, and promotion. She served in many capacities, but was the President from 2018-2020. Sandy was a leader during her years at Catalina (National

Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, Junior Guard); at the University of Arizona (Spurs, President of ACO, and Engineering Week Queen); and in all the communities in which she lived (National Outstanding Young Woman of the Year, Audubon Society). She has continued to support Catalina students, working hard to help teachers, students and administrators succeed at Catalina. The Catalina community is made better by her continuing service on the Board and at Catalina High School.

Ray Lindstrom '59

Ray was already an entrepreneur and innovator when he was in high school—he started Zoom Records featuring music of local bands at the time. He was also an announcer and DJ for local radio stations during his high school and college years. After graduating from the University of Arizona, he started a broadcast advertising agency. That led to another very lucrative business, producing program commercials, often using celebrities and authors. This business was recognized by Forbes Magazine. Prior to retirement he ran a watch business in a large store in Las Vegas which drew hundreds of people every day then expanded to stores primarily in Laughlin. Ray is the consummate entrepreneur and has even written a book about being a "Serial Entrepreneur."



George Wayne Schumann '59



After graduating with a Psychology degree from the University of Arizona, Wayne spent his working and personal life in caring for the health and welfare needs of people in

a sympathetic way. He worked at the Centers for Disease Control in Communicable Disease Control for 14 years and then became State Director of Emergency Medical Services for the State of Georgia, beginning the paramedic program for the entire state. He developed a team of Crisis Counselors for the 1996 Olympic games. Prior to his retirement in Tennessee, he was the COO for the Bedford County Medical Center and later became the Nursing Home Administrator for facilities there. His caring and desire to serve were also apparent in many volunteer positions including United Way Campaign chair. He is a Co-Creator of the Timothy K. Schumann Memorial Scholarship in Education at the UofA.

Thelma "Tee" Taylor '59

Tee is a person of action! Shortly after graduating from Catalina, she found her passion—parachute jumping. She continued to jump as she worked as a flight attendant, competing in National Parachuting Championship tournaments. Soon she qualified for the US parachute team, traveling around the world, competing for the US. In 1964



she was the Women's All Around Champion in parachuting. She has been inducted into the National Skydiving Hall of Fame and the Pima County Sports Hall of Fame. She had a 19-year career as the Chief Appraiser for the City of Tucson and later did appraising for Maricopa County. She also loves family, and was featured in "Sunset Magazine" for taking her family to Sabino Canyon for Thanksgiving every year. She has always been a leader and champion!

Barry Headricks '65

Barry's schooling was in Tucson: Blenman Elementary, Doolen Junior High and Catalina High School. Barry's major extracurricular activity in Catalina was excelling in gymnastics. After graduating from Catalina and the University of Arizona, Barry became a Police Officer for the Tucson Police Department. Unfortunately, his life was cut short in 1974 when he was serving as an undercover officer. He died while working on the Narcotics Squad during a drug bust. Barry was shot when he led his team into the room with the suspected dealers. He is remembered fondly and respectfully by his classmates and fellow officers.

**Thomas Langdon Hill Terry '79**

After graduating from Catalina, Tom became a broadcast specialist, working in a variety of broadcasting positions and helped build and train Christian radio and TV staff in three countries. He produced the nationally syndicated program, Connection, and served as operations manager for stations in Tucson and Albuquerque. He has written five books, the latest of which is about his 10 years in Mongolia working in radio. You may know him as Langdon Hill when he wrote a syndicated romance column for newspapers. His latest endeavor is running the Z Mansion in downtown Tucson as an event venue. On Sundays, the Z Mansion transforms into a support location for the homeless, providing clothing, meals and health checkups. Since Covid, he has housed infected



homeless people, providing clothing, meals and health support by UA Medical students.

Lynn Marcus '82

After Catalina, Lynn got a bachelor's degree from Stanford and then a law degree from New York University's College of Law. She passed the Bar in Arizona and is a Clinical Law Professor at the University of Arizona. Lynn was the Director of the Immigration Law Clinic in the College of Law at the UofA for 25 years and currently directs a placement clinic, which is an externship program for the College of Law. Lynn was a founder



and is currently President of the Board for the Asylum Program of Arizona, which provides free legal representation for low-income people seeking asylum. She volunteers for other organizations related to immigration but still has time to enjoy outdoor activities including bicycling and hiking.

Marge Christensen Gould (Teacher)

Marge was an amazing Business Education teacher at Catalina High School for many years. She ran her classroom like a business, teaching the importance of punctuality, personal appearance, appropriate language and behavior in business situations. Marge worked with many students who struggled due to tough conditions in their young lives, helping them to become successful in her class. She built a community (Team Marge) of mentors, motivational speakers and classroom helpers exposing students to a variety of adults in the business world. She was an ambassador to



the business community for education, encouraging the adults who came into her classroom to interact with students to help prepare them for future careers. She started the Arizona Supreme Court LEARN Center at Catalina where members of the court came to her classroom to teach students about the law and workings of the court system. Marge's students remember her fondly for the contribution she made in their lives. Visitors to her classroom marveled at the organization and positive attitudes shown by the students.



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.

CHS Fine Arts Dept Receives Gold Rating!

by Marc Leviton

Catalina High School was honored in their receipt of a Gold Rating bestowed by the Round Table Advisory Committee for Arizona Arts Education, as part of the Arizona Department of Education Exemplary Arts Schools Program.

36 TUSD schools are a part of the Arizona Department of Education Exemplary Arts Schools Program. Catalina High School outperformed 1,542 Arizona schools to receive the Gold Rating, and is only one of two schools in Pima County to receive this honor.

The Catalina High School Fine Arts Department teachers include: Robert Trogila, Band and Department Chair; Chris Moseley, Theater; and Marc Leviton, Fine Arts.

Graduation Class of 2021



Catalina High School Foundation Membership Form

Annual and Founder's Club dues run from November 1 to October 31

Name _____ Class Year _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Annual Dues	\$25.00 _____	I would like my donation to go to (check one)
Founders' Club Dues	\$57.00 _____	General Fund _____
Life Membership	\$250.00 _____	Mini-Grants _____
Donation	_____	Social Services _____
Total Enclosed	_____	Band Fund _____
		Scholarships _____
		Eva Royce Fund _____
		Construction Trades _____

Please return this form and your donation/dues to:

Catalina High School Foundation
6740 N Calle Lomita
Tucson AZ 85704

I can help by: _____

Please do not publish my name. Initial here: _____

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 greenchalada@gmail.com or 520-260-9171.



Donations

\$5000 and up

\$2500–4999

\$1000–2499

\$500–999

Gail '61 and Bruce Grossetta '61

James Mouer, MD '57

Jo Riester '66, Scholarships

Mary Lynn Kinney Weaver '60

\$250–499

David C Bartlett '62, Scholarships

Randall Bennett

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Joseph C. Butner III '66

Mike Codd '58

Linda Cohen '65

Sidney A. Coon

Stephen Gin '83

Susan Gin-Shaw '75

Edith Catlin Gustafson '60

Lynda '71 and Mark Hanna, counselor

Julie Johnson

Patrick Lane

Walt Moody '63

James Mouer '57

James Phillips

Jeanne Porter

John Sutton '60

Jerry Cornell Wade '64

\$100–249

Elaine M. Baarson,
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Sandy Elers '58, Yearbook

Gerard Ervin '61

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Eva Royce

Emily K. Morrison '60, Yearbook

Bill Neubauer '61, Yearbook

Linda Raymond

Dale Rees '58

Dale S. Retrum '60

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Steven Young '60, Yearbook

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Debbie Petrdnek Collazo '69

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Gail '61 and Bruce Grossetta '61, *in memory of Bon Richardson*

Gail '61 and Bruce '61 Grossetta,
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Ford Burkhart '59

Janice Dowling

Rick Holsclaw '65

Leeann McHugh

Judith Nostrand

Kandis Rodda

Mary Schneider

James Stevenson

Jennifer J Stewart '78

Membership Alert

It's that time again! If you are an Annual Member or a Founders' Club Member, your dues for the next year are due unless you have recently paid them. An AM or FM will be on your mailing label to remind you and to tell you what level you have been this year. Life Members will not have any designation. If you are not an alum of Catalina and generously made a donation last year, please ignore the designation. We are grateful for your past donations. Principal and outstanding faculty.



CHS Reunions

Class of '58, Mini-reunion

October 22 and 23.

Call Fran Rosen Knowles for information at 520-508-4945.

Class of '60

Oct 22-24

El Gringo:

5:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.

RSVP at

ekmorrison2@msn.com

Class of '65

Oct 22-24

Westward Look

Contact Rick Holsclaw at

rick@rickholsclaw.com

or Sharon Grave Ellsworth at

sellsworth@resultsaz.net

Class of '66

Oct 30

Hacienda del Sol

Contact Jennifer Bond at

jbond@cox.net

Class of '70

Oct 15-17 El Conquistador

Contact Jim Franks at

chilehouse@mac.com or

jfrancis1952@gobrainstrom.net

Class of '80 & '81

Sep 24-25 Frog & Firkin

Class of '86

Sunday Oct 24th School Tour

Catalina High School Foundation
6740 N. Calle Lomita
Tucson, Arizona 85704

“Return to Greatness”

Meet the 2020–2021 Hall of Fame Inductees

Thursday, October 21, 5:00–7:00 P.M.

Catalina High School

Science Patio, 3645 E. Pima St., Tucson, Arizona

Reservations: Sandy Elers

502-260-9171 or email: greenenchalada@gmail.com

Appetizers served by the Culinary Class at CHS

Suggested donation \$20.00/person (Masks required)

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