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The Newsletter of the Catalina High School Foundation

Makula Kaba Wins AZ Student Success Award

The Catalina High School Administration, Faculty, Staff and Foundation are extremely proud of the success of Makula Kaba. We wish her well as she graduates this year. She plans to attend the Univ. of AZ and major in theater. The awards ceremony was held at Starr Pass resort with 800 in attendance in December 2022. We also congratulate her teacher, Wendy McFeely.

Article published in Arizona Daily Star written by Genesis Lara

Kaba, whose native language is French, was nominated by her English Language Development (ELD) coordinator Wendy McFeely.

Kaba said she had lived at a refugee camp in Ivory Coast, western Africa, for most of her life and moved to Tucson with her family in 2019.



“Most of the time, I would avoid to communicate with somebody,” Kaba said of her first weeks in Tucson. “The only words I knew were ‘yes’ and ‘no,’ so even if I didn’t know what you were saying, I would just say ‘yes’ or ‘no.’” Due to the civil war in her country, she said, she hadn’t been in school for about five years before arriving at Catalina High. So, in addition to not knowing how to speak English, she was behind in other subjects such as math and science.

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Trojans Participate in Business Conference

by Karl Oxnam '86

Twenty-five (25) outstanding Trojans qualified to participate in the Future Business Leadership Conference in Phoenix last November. The Catalina Foundation provided the seed money and students held fundraisers to pay for the entire trip.

“There were over three thousand students from all over Arizona at this event. I made some great contacts plus it was fun to get to spend quality time with other Catalina students interested in business careers,” stated Future



Business Leaders of America (FBLA) President, Junior Trevine Magar.

“I have a better idea of what it means to be a leader. Trips like these just add to my list of wonderful high school memories,” shared senior Dora Vasquez De La Torre, FBLA Treasurer

“The keynote speaker was hilarious, and a student won a free plane trip! There were more than 60 breakout sessions, it was nice to have the freedom to choose topics that interested us most. Many of the speakers reinforced the lessons Mr. Oxnam teaches us every day. All Trojans should take the Catalina Business class, it will help you prepare for any career,” sophomore Atta Rauf, FBLA Vice President shared.

“These valuable learning experiences can’t be recreated in a classroom environment or learned from textbooks. I was happy to travel with these awesome Trojans. Special thanks to the Catalina Foundation for their support” said Business Teacher Mr. Oxnam '86.

Fun Fall Social 2022

by Emily Morrison, '60

THE CHS FOUNDATION holds a fun Social every fall on the 3rd Thursday in October. It's an All-Alumni affair, and a great chance to reconnect with grads from other classes.

This past fall the Social was preceded by a school tour for anyone interested in seeing the "new" Catalina High School. Principal, Dr. Norma Gonzalez led the tour. Then, the actual event was held in what you might remember as the "Boys Gym floor". If you haven't been for awhile you are in for a real surprise. It has been gutted and converted into a stair step auditorium for seating, surrounded by space we fill with tables and chairs; and tables with appetizers and drinks. All open air.

The students in the Culinary Arts program—taught by an award winning chef—prepare the hors d'oeuvres and pass them among those present. The music students provide background music, and Foundation Board members serve as hosts.

After a period for socializing, alums gather in the seating area for a

welcome by the Foundation Co-Presidents; and the Induction of the newest Trojan Hall of Fame members (listed in the fall issue of The Focus). The gathering concludes with a very brief presentation of the accomplishments of the CHS Foundation during the past year and short business meeting.

It's an annual event...not to be missed. This year's theme was "Planting Seeds for Success", and participants were each given a packet of sunflower seeds to plant at home. Mark your calendar—



Hall of Fame Recipients and Representatives

Edie Wagman, daughter of Nina Knipe Daldrup '71; Jerry Leavitt '75 representing Francis Marie Curtis; Sylvia Lee '76; Jo Hauschildt Riester '66; James Mouer, MD '57; Richard Hoshaw, MD '71

October 19th is the date for the next Social. The following weekend provides a great weekend to hold a class Reunion, so classmates who have not been back can come to town early and participate! See you October 19, 2023!



10/22 Student Music Ensemble

CHS Soccer Keeps Growing

by Stephen Gin, '83

The future of CHS soccer looks bright as the girls and boys teams show strong growth and get strong support from the Foundation and the community.

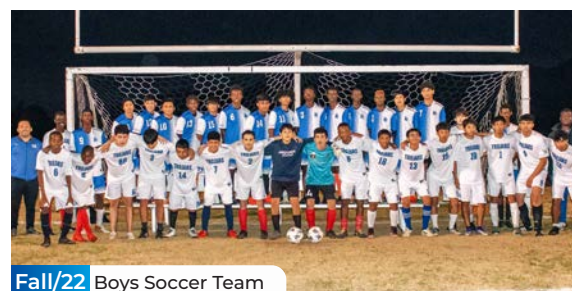
Coaches say that leadership and success and an optimistic, positive culture are big draws for student

athletes. Girls varsity and JV teams went from 19 players last year to 31 this season. And the boys teams grew from 25 to 39 players!

"It's excellent! And it's completely due to the dedication of the players from the previous year who created an environment that other girls would want to come to," explains Girls Head Coach IX (Nine) Mendoza.

Coach IX has a goal of continuing to grow the program and providing a solid foundation for the players. The CHS Foundation funded team uniforms this season.

The growth of the boys teams left



Fall/22 Boys Soccer Team

Head Coach Gabriel Rocha scrambling for equipment. The Foundation helped a lot, as did others in the community.

"Thank you for the support," Coach Rocha said, adding that "Lisa Fraser, a member of the soccer community, dropped us off tons of snacks and hygiene products for the boys. And we partnered with Pass It On, a non-profit, to provide training gear and new cleats, and to do more for our local community."



Girls Soccer Team Fall/22

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She started her freshman year by focusing on learning English and practicing simple math equations, such as multiplication and division. By her sophomore year, she was taking regular science and math courses that her school offered. In her free time, she created her own French-English dictionary, where she would write and practice words and phrases that she thought would be useful at the moment. She also dedicated a lot of time to reading books she borrowed from her ELD classes.

"I would read a lot of books. I don't even like to read, but I would do that all the time after school to improve my English," she said.

The pandemic interrupted her in-person schooling during her sophomore year and, looking back on that time, she said she felt less shy interacting with her classmates on camera than in person.

"I was very reserved, so they didn't actually know I was going to Catalina," she said. "Then when school opened, I met them in person, and we started being friends and getting to know each other."

She noted that she became even more confident in her English skills when she managed to earn a good score on her first Arizona English Language Learner Assessment test, which measures students' English language proficiency based on state and federal requirements.

"That's when I became more comfortable about talking and expressing myself. I felt like I can still do something even though I'm still learning," she said, adding that earning the Student Success Stories award made her feel even better.

"To be recognized for your good job and hard work, that's a good thing," Kaba said.

Nominations for the Trojan Hall of Fame

Liz Whitaker '60

Think about your classmates. Do you know someone that was a student or was connected to Catalina High School, who has:

- made significant contributions to Catalina or the community
- shown distinguished achievement in a profession
- demonstrated strong leadership

If someone comes to mind, please nominate that person for the Catalina High School Trojan Hall of Fame.

Each year a committee of school site personnel, community persons, and members of the Catalina High School Foundation, reviews the nomination forms and chooses persons to be inducted into the Trojan Hall of Fame. The choices are made in April and will be recognized at the CHS Foundation Fall Social and Annual Meeting. Pictures of the honorees are placed in the Trojan Hall of Fame gallery at Catalina High School.

Over 15,000 students have graduated from Catalina since it was started in 1957. You probably know someone that should be recognized. Nomination forms are available on-line at catalinahighschoolfoundation.org. Choose "Foundation Efforts" from the menu across the top and go down to Trojan Hall of Fame. The form can be printed from the section on "Required Information for Nomination".

Schumann Scholarship

Marylyn '57, G. Wayne '59, Timothy '62

The Mckeever Entrepreneurial Scholarship was the beginning of an idea that is currently being highlighted by Development Chair, Sandy Elers.

A CHS alum or supporter would give \$5000. to the CHS Foundation, and each year for 5 years a \$1000. scholarship will be awarded to a CHS graduate for continuing education at a college, university, or junior college. The donor will choose a name for the scholarship. The first such scholarship has been established by the Schumann alums of Catalina High School. If you would be interested in participating in this endeavor, please contact Sandy Elers, greenenchalada@gmail.com.

TAX CREDITS

If you make a \$200 donation for those filing singly (\$400 for those filing jointly) to Catalina High School, the amount of your donation can be deducted from your Arizona State Tax Return Taxes Payable. This basically is a big help to Catalina High School which costs you nothing. (Otherwise, you would pay it in taxes.)

Information on this great deal can be found at: catalinahs.tusd1.org and then choosing "Make a Tax Credit Donation" from the list on the left. These donations can be made any time before April 15, 2023, to receive the credit on your 2023 Arizona State taxes.

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

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Donations

\$2500 – 5499

Marylyn Schumann Tobey '59, Wayne Schumann '59, Timothy Schumann '62: Schumann Scholarship

\$1000 – 2499

Barbara Haag – IMO James Haag '61

Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, scholarship

\$500 – 999

Sandy Elers, '58

Mary Hines, Faculty

Larry McBride '66

George Roth '58

\$250 – 499

Carol Ameling Dietz '78

Genevieve Leavitt

Sylvia Lee '76

\$100 – 249

R. Michael Cummings '65

Pamela Donahue '67

Patricia Heisdorffer

Nancy Trott Hurtado '58, Scholarships

Julie Johnson '60

Jay Kittle '59,

IMO Diane Jeffreis Pautler, '60

Emily Kittle Morrison '60,

IMO Diane Jeffries Pautler '60

Marjorie Scott '66

\$1 – 99

Gaeel Morrison Beaham '57

Kyle Defoor '59

Wallis Downer-Joyner '60

Darlene Hansen Howe '60,
Construction

Sue Johnson '70

Kathy Krucker, '67, STEM

Sharon Bykerk Lopeman '65

Jo Hauschildt Riester '66

Roland Wong '70

In Kind

Ford Burkhardt '59, School Supplies

Catalina Methodist Church,
School supplies

Gail and Bruce Grosetta '61,
School Supplies

Mark Hanna, Faculty, School Supplies

Leslie Lieber King '60, School Supplies

Jay Kittle '59, School Supplies

Lucy Richardson Masterman '61,
School Supplies

Ted and Emily Morrison '60,
School Supplies

Marylyn Tobey '58, Stamps for
The Focus

Steve Young '60 School Supplies

Annual Members

Roland Wong '70

Kyle Defoor '59

Founders' Club

Julie Johnson '60

Sue Johnson '70

Sylvia Lee '76

Marjorie Scott 66

Life Members

Carol Ameling Dietz '78

Genevieve Leavitt

Sylvia Lee '76



Mini-Grants Totaling \$6302 Provide Funding for a Variety of Important Programs

by Jennifer Bond, '66

The board felt that since the World Cup was being played in 2022 and celebrated world-wide, and furthermore that soccer is the most popular sport in most of the countries represented by Catalina's students, that our mini-grants to both men's and women's soccer would be a good investment, and help to build up the programs at CHS. Catalina teachers and our Librarian took advantage of authors coming to Tucson for the Festival of Books to organize presentations to CHS students by two live authors and the Foundation supported purchasing books of both authors. The following highlights those investments in Catalina students, teachers and other projects.

Men's Soccer Team Equipment and Balls, Gabriel Rocha, \$500. The men's team has gained more players and progressed in skill. This new training equipment will help them develop even better skills. Twice as many players signed up for men's soccer as did last year.

Soccer Uniforms for Women's Team. Coach Alfredo IX Mendoza, \$500 to purchase kits (uniforms) for the JV team so that they could play with matching uniforms. The number of women signed up for soccer has doubled and because of COVID, many of the previous team uniforms from the varsity were not able to be handed down. An additional amount of \$137 was approved to reimburse Coach Mendoza for his personal donation toward the purchase of the uniform kits.

Author Presentation and Book Purchases. Karin Bernal, \$411 for the purchase of 43 books by the author E Lockhart to be read by students in both the English and English Learners classes prior to the author having several workshops with

students in March; and to support a raffle of some of the books to interested students during the presentations. Ms. Bernal is the CHS librarian who is organizing the events, together with teachers, to encourage students to read and write more frequently.

Additional Author Presentation and Book Purchases. Michelle Fierra, \$488 to purchase copies of the book "Under the Mesquite" by Guadalupe Garcia McCall for 25 students. The author is coming to speak to the class and the students are going to read the book before her presentation and will keep the book. The author will also be a speaker at the Tucson Festival of Books. An additional \$250 was provided for an honorarium to the author for her appearance.

The Holocaust and Justice, by Wendy McFeely, \$41 to take 39 students and 2 adults to a one-man performance of a play written by the author about Simon Weisenthal and his quest for justice for the victims of the Holocaust. She partnered with Act One AZ who charge only \$1 per seat for theatre shows. They also pay for transportation for the field trip.

Re-certification for Lifeguard Teaching. Paul Rojas, \$500 to cover part of his cost for a course necessary for his recertification to teach the Lifeguarding course (which was only offered in Phoenix). At the end of the school year, the City of Tucson will no longer accept the Red Cross certification and are requiring all guards to recertify through the Star Guard program. Mr. Rojas paid for the travel and two--day lodging out of his own pocket. Lifeguarding in Tucson's pools during the summer has been an excellent way for Catalina students to gain important skills, have good paying summer jobs, and also help the community.

Hands-on Math Learning. Joshua Anderson, \$500 for a parabolic solar cooker stove and a 3-D printer as part of his real-world engineering and math applications. Joshua Anderson is a new mathematics teacher who wrote that the current TUSD mathematics curriculum lacks real-world hands-on activities for the math concepts that students are introduced to in Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II. He personally purchased a solar cooker (cost \$129) and a 3-D printer (cost \$179) last year to determine if this would enhance the classes and, with good results, is expanding this program with the Foundation's help.

Thanksgiving Meals Amy Schull, \$500 to purchase and give out twenty \$25 gift cards for families to purchase a turkey or chicken for Thanksgiving.

FASFA Frenzy Program. Jenny Miranda, \$500 for FAFSA programs, including gift cards to encourage students to register for FAFSA, and for teacher training to help students and families register for FAFSA. The proportion of students preparing FASFA paperwork enables them to be eligible to receive financial aid in college. This percentage figures into the overall grade point of CHS by the state.

Catalina Alumni Christmas Caroling. Stephen Gin, \$75. long-time choir director Craig Plotner gathered his former students to sing Christmas and CHS songs in Winterhaven. The Foundation paid \$75 to purchase 25 Christmas songbooks and to help with refreshments.

Positive Behavior Incentive Program for Teachers and Staff. Melissa Kornmuller \$400 for a teacher PBIS program in which teachers received tickets for participating in various extracurricular activities such as spirit

days, wearing Catalina attire on Fridays, wearing college attire on Thursday, and for volunteering to present at PDs, etc. At the end of each quarter, five winners are to be pulled from the pool of tickets and five \$20 gift certificates will be awarded. This has helped the morale of teachers and also encouraged their participation in enhancing the spirit of CHS.

Goods for the PBI store. Will Rush, \$500 to purchase a variety of inexpensive goods for students to buy at the Positive Behavior Incentive Store with the Trojan tickets they received from teachers as rewards for positive behavior.

High quality shredder. Wanda Buchanan, \$500 to purchase a top-quality shredder for the Student Services Department to enable proper disposal of confidential documents that are no longer needed.

Honor Roll Dinner, Lori Encinas, \$500 to pay for food ingredients for a spaghetti dinner celebrating the students who made the honor roll, and their families. The Culinary Arts students will prepare the dinner.

Donor Listing Answers

by Sandy Elers, '58

Some of you have had questions about the donations listing in The Foundation Focus. Here are some answers.

Donations are listed from the previous six months, since the last issue of The Focus. We list the designation the donor makes, if any, for the funds. In Kind cannot be listed by value, the donor is responsible for listing the value if taken as a tax deduction. Since we are a 501(c)(3), all donations are deductible if nothing of value is received for the donation. Cash donations that cannot be tied to a donor cannot be listed or receive a tax letter. Donations at the door of the Socials are not thanked as most are cash and everyone receives something for the donation. **We list membership at the time of donation only, not every time a member donates.** These are established policies that most non-profits follow. If you have a specific question, please contact Sandy Elers at greenenchalada@gmail.com.



08/22 Teacher welcome breakfast



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 _____

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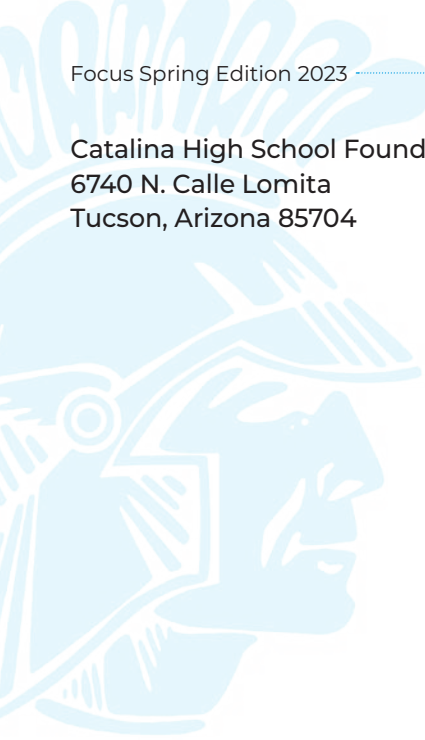
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Life Member Payment Plan: Pay \$100 per year for two years and a final payment of \$50 in the third year, and become a Life Member. Put "Payment for Life Membership" on the "For" line. Questions? Ask Sandy at greenenchalada@gmail.com or 520-260-9171.

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ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations! to Lacy Williams, '84 and Robb Salant, '65 who have been inducted into the Pima County Sports Hall of Fame.

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CHS Reunions

Class of 1990–1993.
April, 2023.

Class of 1983
Weekend of Oct. 21.

Class of 1958 May 2023,
65th Reunion



We will not have a
Spring Social due to
Covid resurgence.