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Feeder School Students Attend Amazing CHS Block Party

by Julia Velasco McGee, Counselor, Davidson Elementary



Over the summer of 2022, members of the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) site teams for 4 schools met and hatched the idea of having a big multi-school event at Catalina High School that would include three of Catalina's feeder schools. The idea behind the event was to strengthen the relationships between the schools, and promote the retention of students from elementary through high school. As educators, we are aware that student retention is a big issue,

and we want our communities to continue choosing to send their students to our public schools.

AVID is a program that teaches students essential skills for college and career readiness. It targets students who are not exceptional and gives those students new tools, and teaches strong habits and skills that make students critical thinkers and confident, well-rounded people. AVID classes introduce students to college and university culture; they provide mentors from the university; and provide several field trips to make those AVID students feel that higher education is possible for them.

Our April 26th block party was a HUGE SUCCESS. We were able to coordinate the four schools and provide many activities, performances, and community support. We had great attendance from all schools and had appropriate activities for all grade levels. Students were especially excited to dunk their teachers in the dunk tank. I loved the student art display that was in the gym lobby. The face painting and balloon animals were especially popular with our younger students; in fact, the next day at school there were a few unicorns and butterflies still clinging to smiling faces.

Our goal was to build community: to make the Catalina feeder school students feel that they have a natural and logical progression as they move through their grade levels; to have Catalina High School welcome it's feeder schools with a party where there is something for everyone; and where families get to see the school and imagine their future there. I think we did that for our kids in attendance. I can only hope that this event grows as the years go by.

The CHS Foundation's support of this event was much appreciated, as was expressed to those of you who were in attendance. Thank you for taking a chance on this first annual event. We hope that next year we can put it on again.



04/23 Fun & informative booths for families and food trucks were just a few of the offerings!



04/23 Kids had to answer a money question from business teacher Karl Oxnam to get to shoot hoops!

2023 CHS Alum Of The Year

by Liz Whitaker '60 and Sandy Elers '58



Terry Anderson has been selected our Alum of the Year for 2023. He was the major founder of our Catalina High School Foundation. He took the

leadership role and, together with Forest "Bud" Seaman, discussed the idea of creating an alumni foundation with the Catalina administration. Then he contacted several friends from different classes to form a committee to begin our Foundation. During the 50th anniversary of Catalina they began an effort to contact and sign up

alumni interested in joining such a foundation. In addition, he has made sure we build a "strong foundation" by serving as our capable Treasurer for all these years. Although Terry had to work during his high school years, he was an active member of the Catalina A Capella Choir, the Double Mixed Quartet, the Catalina Swing Band; and was a member of the famed Tucson Boys Chorus.

Terry has also served as a key member of the class of '57 and made sure they kept in touch both throughout the year with frequent lunches, and served as co-chair of their 50th reunion. Terry graduated from the University of

Arizona with a BA and a certificate as a specialist as an elementary teacher, and taught for three years at Harrelson Elementary School. He attended ASU for his master's degree in counseling, and then had a long career (32 years) as a middle school counselor in San Mateo, California. Because of his love of



helping students, he has always served on our scholarship committee and has helped numerous CHS students attend and succeed at both Pima Community College and the University of Arizona. For these reasons and more, Terry Anderson is named the Alum of the Year for 2023.

Hall Of Fame 2023

by Liz Whitaker '60

Mark Bahti

Mark graduated from Catalina in 1968 and studied at both Prescott College and the University of Arizona. However, before finishing any degrees, his father passed away after starting Bahti Indian Arts. At the young age of 22, Mark took over the business and has been running it ever since, expanding the business to two Tucson shops and one in Santa Fe. Since then Mark has finished a BA in Anthropology and a Masters in American Indian Studies at the UofA.



Mark has written several books about Native American arts including "Navajo Sandpainting Art", and is currently working on a history of Southwest Indian jewelry. He also is a long -time member of the

Tucson Indian Art Center and was a chair of the Institute of American Indian Arts Foundation in Santa Fe. He continues to do research in Southwest Native Arts, living in Tucson, but spending summers in Santa Fe.

Mary Jacobs

Growing up in Tucson, Mary graduated from Catalina in 1981 and followed that with a BA in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration from the UofA. She used the knowledge in a variety of public positions, most recently being the Town Manager for Oro Valley from 2017-2022. Prior to this position, Mary was the Assistant City Manager for Sierra Vista, and also held positions in Massachusetts and Maricopa County, Arizona. From 2011-2014,



she was appointed by the US Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to serve on the Wildland Fire Executive Council and as a representative to the National League of Cities. She has volunteered at the Cochise County Juvenile Detention Center providing mentorship to young women and as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for the Arizona Supreme Court working with children in the foster care system. Mary is a model for other women in public service.

Peter Kozachik

Pete enjoyed photography and art classes at Catalina and graduated in 1969. Even as a child, he watched movies with a special eye for lighting, composition, and special effects. After studying graphic arts and physics at the UofA,



Pete went on to an exciting career as a visual effects artist and a cinematographer. He is a proud member of the American Society of Cinematographers. Pete was the director of photography on the features James and the Giant Peach and the Nightmare before Christmas. On the latter, Kozachik was part of the movie's visual effects team which was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Effects in 1994. Pete has worked as a Cinematographer and directing Special effects for well known films such as Starship: The Voyage Home and two Matrix films. He has recently written a book: Tales from the Pumpkin King's Cameraman which is an entertaining memoir.



Kathy Krucker

Kathy is a fifth generation Tucsonan and was an outstanding athlete and student at Catalina High School, graduating in 1967. She played

tennis and volleyball at Catalina and went on to the University of Arizona where she was the Volleyball Team Captain with State Championships in '70 and '71. She was also an outstanding swimmer for the UofA and named Outstanding Sportswoman in 1971. After graduation, Kathy became an amazing high school biology teacher, influencing thousands of students with her science expertise and leadership skills. She was the Christa McAuliff Fellowship winner for Arizona in 1995. She was also Arizona Science Teacher of the Year in 2001. She volunteered as a Patient Instructor for the University of Arizona College of Medicine for 13 years. After retirement, she supervised student teachers for the University of Arizona. Kathy is also an outstanding underwater

photographer with work shown on the TMC Healing Arts website as well as her beautiful website, AZScubacat.com.

John Snavely

John graduated from Catalina in 1968 and was an outstanding musician even in high school. He performed at Carnegie hall with the American Youth Performs Orchestra. He went on to the University of Arizona where he studied music, and obtained a Doctorate in Music and is still affectionately known as "Dr. John". While in college he won an audition to play clarinet and bass clarinet in the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and continued to play with that group for many years. He was director of their Young Composer Project for seven years. John shared his musical expertise with many students, teaching at Pima College, the University of Arizona, and Black Hills State College. John assisted in founding Opening Minds Through the Arts for the Tucson Unified School District and co-authored a major grant from the US Department of Education to fund the project. This project has provided opportunities to thousands of students to learn more about the arts.



Forrest Metz

Forrest Metz graduated from Catalina in 1964 and excelled in math and science. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University, using that degree to be a successful civil engineer and planner. In 1974,



he founded his own firm, Urban Engineering, which still exists today, known for civil engineering, planning, and surveying. He also built many other businesses including Celutel, a pioneer in cellular telecommunications, as well as several other real estate development and telecommunications businesses. Forrest served on many community projects and boards including Arizona School Facilities Board, Educational Enrichment Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Tucson, United Way of Greater Tucson, Southwestern Fair Commission, Tucson Airport Authority, and University of Arizona Foundation President's Club. Forrest died in 2016, leaving a large legacy in Tucson and Southern Arizona.



Last year's social theme was "Planting Seeds for Success"! Sunflower seeds given to each attendee, planted by Connie Tobey resulted in success!

IMO-in
memory of
IHO-in
honor of



Donations

\$2500 – 5499

Marylyn Schumann Tobey '57, 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, School Supplies
Mary Hines, Faculty
Larry McBride '66
Jo Hauschildt Riester '66, Scholarships,
IMO Karl Elers
George Roth '58

\$250 – 499

Carol Ameling Dietz '78,
IMO Erin Lough Snyder '78
Wallis Downer Joyner '60
James Franks '70, IMO, Dan Hicks '70
Lynda '71 and Mark Hanna staff,
IMO Karl Elers, School Supplies
Genevieve Leavitt
Sylvia Lee '76
Joel Levin '66
Barbara and Ken Newman '66,
School Supplies
Karl Oxnam '86
Kathy Peters '70, IMO Dan Hicks '70
and Karl Elers
Steven Tofel '60, School Supplies
Valentine Plumbing

\$100 – 249

Jennifer Sue Bond '66, IMO Karl Elers
Joseph Butner III '66
Debbie Petranek Collazo '69,
IMO Karl Elers
Sue Cooper '60
R. Michael Cummings '65
Pamela Donahue '67
Sandy Elers '58, Ladies' Soccer.
School Supplies
Charles Ferguson '70, Band

Julie Fredon '68
Patricia Heisdorffer
Nancy Trott Hurtado '58, Scholarships
Julie Johnson '60
Janice Jones '60, IMO Mary Hines
Jay Kittle '59,
IMO Diane Jeffreis Pautler '60
Lucy Masterman '61, IMO Bonham
Richardson '57 and Mary Helen
Richardson '59
Emily Kittle Morrison '60,
IMO Diane Jeffries Pautler '60
Marjorie Scott '66
Randall Smith
Gregory Ziebell '60 School Supplies

\$1 – 99

Gaeel Morrison Beaham '57
Doug Boling '66
Bruce Davidson '61
Kyle Defoor '59
Wallis Downer-Joyner '60
Carol Green '60
Darlene Hansen Howe '60,
Construction
Julie Johnson
Sue Johnson '70
Kathy Krucker, '67, STEM
Sharon Bykerk Lopeman '65
Klaire Pirtle '70, School Supplies
Jo Hauschildt Riester '66
Kris Thompson, IMO Karl Elers
Roland Wong '70
In Kind
Ford Burkhart '59, School Supplies

Catalina Methodist Church,
School supplies
Gail and Bruce Grosetta '61,
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

Doug Boling '66
Bruce Davidson '61
Kyle Defoor '59
Carol Green '60
Roland Wong '70

Founders' Club

Debbie Collazo '69
Julie Johnson '60
Janice Jones '60
Sue Johnson '70
Sylvia Lee '76
Marjorie Scott '66

Life Members

Carol Ameling Dietz '78
Julie Fredon '68
Patricia Heisdorffer
Genevieve Leavitt
Sylvia Lee '76
Karl Oxnam '86

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, 2024, to receive the credit on your 2023 Arizona State taxes.

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

Mini-Grants Build a Strong Foundation

by Jennifer Bond, '66

CHSF mini-grants provided teacher appreciation events, and special opportunities for students, helping to facilitate an 85% retention rate for the faculty.

Cheryl Cargill, \$150 to pay for bus transportation for 30 Exceptional Education students to attend a hands-on experience and visit to the Mini-Time Museum.

Megan McConaughy, \$500 to help subsidize catering for a senior dinner for about 100 seniors. Our funds paid for approximately 40 seniors.

Megan McConaughy, \$300 to pay for 2 TUSD buses for a final field trip for seniors to attend The Fantastics musical.

Tim Bridges, \$500 for the Athletic Awards Dinner.

Natalie Gonzalez in the art department \$360 to work with the construction students to build a one-size-fits-all art display frames in the dining room to give the art students (and others) a place to present their art, and will enable art to be rotated in the dining room.

Karl Oxnam and 8 students were awarded mini-grants of \$200 each totaling \$1800. to pay for their registration at the Future Business Leaders of America (FLBA) Officer Leadership Camp in Williams, AZ.

Tim Bridges, \$220 expended for athletic ground maintenance.

Tim Bridges, \$228 for the repair of the school tractor which is needed to maintain the athletic fields.

Tim Bridges requested that we pay for five (5) coaches to attend a leadership clinic at the Univ. of AZ. The cost is 360.

Maria Cuadra, \$150 for AVID and parents of 12th graders meeting for a \$25. gift card and refreshments for this event.

Jennifer O'Dell (science) and Joshua Anderson (math) \$418 for aquaponics support and maintenance for additional fish to increase nitrogen and supplements to keep the system in balance.

CHS Administration, \$500 for food/snacks during the all-day ACT exam.

\$500. for Positive Behavior Rewards to be used at the Store.

Jennifer O'Dell \$492 to install a traditional dirt garden bed in the greenhouse to compare growth rates and water usage with the aquaponics system.

Karin Bernal, Librarian, \$250 for interdisciplinary project with Art Department for laminated posters and art supplies.

Julia McGee, \$500 for the Community Block Party to be held at Catalina to raise money for AVID. Davidson, Wright, and Doolen schools will be invited. It is a good recruiting tool. See page 1 for details.

CHS administration, \$500 for staff appreciation luncheon.

Becky Graseck, \$283 for 2 tall husky Ready-to-Assemble 4 ft Solid Wood Top Work benches for her math class.

Kelly Bristow, \$500 to fund an all teachers bowling and lunch social before school starts to increase unity and teamwork across departments.

Dr. Norma Gonzalez and Kelly Bristow, \$500 to purchase CHS lanyards to be sold at the CHS Bookstore to improve school spirit and safety. They will be requiring all the teachers and students to wear lanyards with their identification during the school year. Dr. Gonzalez is matching our mini-grant to get more lanyards at a lower price and have some to file away as incentive prizes.



Scholarships

Scholarships awarded to CHS Seniors who plan to attend Univ of AZ, ASU, NAU or Pima Community College

Piller, Magdalena

Schumann \$1,000
\$1000 + Laptop = \$1400

Wahed, Behesta Mohammed

Riester \$1,000
\$1000 + Laptop = \$1400

Valtierra, Joceylyn

McKeever \$1,000
\$1000 + Laptop = \$1400

Frias, Elizabeth

\$1000 CHS scholarship
\$1000 + Laptop = \$1400

Nyiramugisha, Nibobana (Josie)

Thrivent/Living Grace
\$500 CHS scholarship
*\$500 + Laptop = \$900

Moreno, Jean Carlos

McCraen Scholarship \$600
\$600 + Laptop = \$1000

Sarah, Owen

McCraen Scholarship \$600
\$600 + Laptop = \$1000

Subtotal = \$8,500

The Board members proposed the following could receive either scholarships of \$500 OR a Laptop depending on their needs or wishes:

Morgan, Nicholas

\$500 or Laptop \$400

Martinez, Santiago

\$500 or Laptop \$400

Uwineza, Emerenc

\$500 or Laptop \$400

Ortega, Belinda

\$500 or Laptop \$400

Rivas-Diaz, Alejandra

\$500 or Laptop \$400

Subtotal \$2000 to \$2500

Catalina Future Business Leaders Approve Aggressive Program of Work

by Karl Oxnam '86

The Catalina Business Class made a major impact on CHS's letter grade last year with 18 Microsoft Office Industry Credentials along with scoring 11 points ABOVE the average on the statewide test. In April, eight students were elected to lead the Future Business Leaders of America and will serve on the Executive Council. These students have prepared a 23/24 plan (Program of work) continuing this positive momentum.

Numerous fundraisers, school pride and community involvement events are scheduled. This year, students will also participate in the [Lead4change Leadership Program](#).

They will also compete in Future Business Leaders of America Regional and State competitions. The students are excited to host mock interviews and compete in the UofA Personal Finance Challenge. We especially want

to thank The Catalina Foundation for their generous support assisting the FBLA Executive Councils' participation in a three day leadership camp in Williams, AZ in September.

There are a variety of ways in which you can get involved.

- Provide Gift Cards for student incentives
- Be a Guest Speaker
- Help students prepare for state and national competitions
- Participate in our mock interviews in January
- Or simply donate via personal tax credit

Contact Karl Oxnam (CHS Class of '86) to learn more about how FBLA can create a partnership with you or your company. Karl.oxnam@tusd1.org • (520) 288-1828

Graduation Class of 2023



Website:

www.catalinahighschoolfoundation.org Contact us at greenenchalada@gmail.com

CHS Foundation FOCUS newsletters:

www.catalinahighschoolfoundation.org/foundation-efforts/foundation-newsletters/



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Foundation Welcomes Trojan Teachers

by Stephen Gin '86

To help get the 2023–24 school year off to a strong start, the CHS Foundation hosted the annual Teachers & Staff Breakfast on July 31.

Board members showed up bright and early to set out the food and refreshments in Catalina’s library, which looks spiffy with new furniture, including chairs and couches in CHS blue. The Foundation welcomed and thanked the educators, explained its mission and let them know how they can apply for grant funding.



07/23 Foundation board members welcome CHS teachers to the new school year.



07/23 Faculty and staff listen to Principal Norma Gonzalez' opening remarks.



07/23 Principal Norma Gonzalez and Asst. Principals Michael Beck and Kelly Bristow

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 _____

Founders’ Club Dues \$57.00 _____

Life Membership \$250.00 _____

Donation _____

Total Enclosed _____

I would like my donation to go to (check one)

General Fund _____

Mini-Grants _____

Social Services _____

Band Fund _____

Scholarships _____

Eva Royce Fund _____

Construction Trades _____

Please return this form and your donation/dues to:

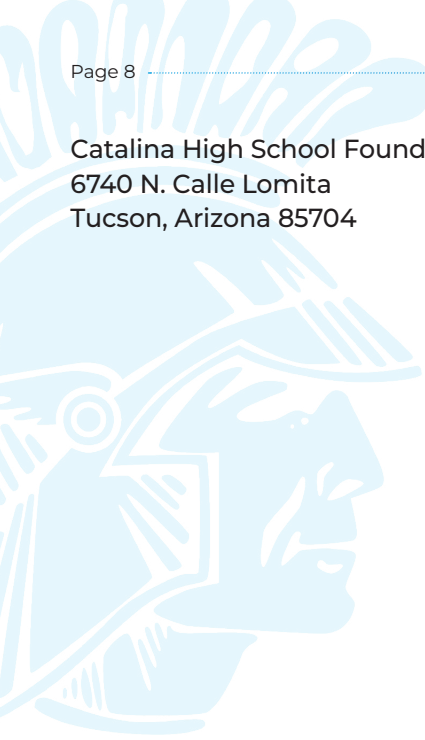
Catalina High School Foundation
6740 N Calle Lomita
Tucson AZ 85704

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.

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



Catalina High School Foundation's Fall Social

October 19, 2023, 5-7 pm
Catalina High School Science Patio
\$20 donation suggested
RSVP: greenenchalada@gmail.com
4:00 P.M. FREE Campus Tour Meet on Front Steps!

CATALINA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

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CHS Reunions

Class of '03
deanne.zeis@gmail.com
Sept. 22, 2023

Class of '83 • 40th Reunion
Free CHS tour!

Oct. 19, 4 p.m. • Oct. 22, 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 20 • 5 p.m. • St. Philip's Plaza Square
Oct. 21 • 5 p.m. • Sacred Machine,
329 E. 7th St, \$20/25
olgs13@gmail.com

Class of '61 • 80th b'day party
klaire.pirtle@gmail.com
Oct 21, 2023

Class of '73
CHS73.org at Casino del Sol.
Contact: info@chs73.org
Oct. 21, 2023

Class of '63
www.catalinahighschool1963reunion.com
Nov. 17-19, 2023

Class of '64
Peggy Burke Guerra
peggyretired@gmail.com
April 12-13, 2024

Class of '58
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April 26-27, 2024

Class of '74
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