



# SDHS Alumni Association

## Spring 2021 Newsletter

### President's Report

#### Eddie Head '73

My usual President's message will come from the current SDHS ASB President and board members.

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**Anissa Chavarria, ASB President, 2019-2021**

Since the start of the pandemic, ASB has had to make significant adjustments to our system to accommodate the circumstances of online

learning.

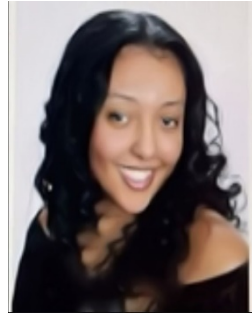
The goal of ASB is to be there to support its students. To do this efficiently, we have had to come together to brainstorm a new dynamic for ASB to better cater to the rest of the student body.

We have collectively decided that ensuring that we provide ways to help students maintain their mental health is the most important aspect of this school year given that we are all spending so much time alone and are feeling similar emotions.

#### **Mariamawit Epherem, ASB Historian, 2020-2021**

Since the start of this year, ASB has been celebrating and highlighting leaders of our school and our country.

This was a way for us to show our appreciation and some positivity through everything that is going on right now.



We started off by doing an all-class homecoming, which is where we celebrated the alumni of our school.

Then went on to doing principal and staff appreciation, we had students fill out google forms.

And lastly, we did black history month highlights, where students in ASB made videos (episodes) and flyers of black leaders from our school and our country and this was played on Good Morning San Diego for a whole week.

We knew that by highlighting and celebrating staffs and other leaders in



**Tania Ramirez, ASB Sergeant at Arms, 2018-2021**

Although the idea of a circumstance being "once in a lifetime" sounds so appealing, this time around, it is safe to say that the pandemic has taken a toll on everyone's

social-emotional wellbeing. Besides increasing spirit, one of our greatest focuses this year is assuring that our Caver family feels appreciated and supported through these Distance Learning times.

Therefore, early onto this school year, ASB has incorporated weekly Mindful Monday and Thoughtful Thursday segments into our daily news outlet, GMSDHS, where students can tell us what academic, social justice, or mental health topics they would like to see more information on.

By merely putting out words of encouragement, tips for a better lifestyle, or resources to support the needs of all students, ASB aims to make it knowing that no one is alone during this time and we are here to support all our peers' needs aside from being extremely proud of every caver for finding the drive to continue building up one another and accomplishing the unexpected.



**Owen Miller, ASB Vice President, 2019-2021**

We have had to do a lot of adaptation this year because of COVID.

This comes with a lot of challenges but also quite a few opportunities. One

project we are working on right now is our college spirit week.

For this spirit week, our goal is to give students tools and information about college as well as to inspire students about applying and attending college.

Our main component of this has been creating advertisements for five informative zoom meetings hosted by professionals.

Additionally, we have been creating flyers and videos showcasing our teacher's experiences at college.

This is a great example of the opportunities provided through online school and we are looking forward to the rest of our event!



**Canaan King, ASB Secretary, 2018-2021**

With the challenges that this year has brought, ASB has worked hard to keep the school's spirits lifted.

A quick look at ASB's Instagram account would show a plethora of student activity and helpful resources, from thoughtful flyers to information on upcoming spirit events.

Additionally, it is a great outlet to spread our caver spirit!

Every month, ASB has helped keep our students engaged with different interactive spirit weeks that allow them to show off different outfits or personal belongings.

ASB is especially grateful for our Alumni Association, and their generous donation that allows us to host our very own Paper Chase!

We have seen the increase in spirit because of the new competitive aspect, and we are all pushing hard to help our classes get ahead.

At SDHS, we want our students to be proud to be cavers, and we always put an emphasis on spirit.



**Deborah Nix Malbrough  
WOH Chairman**

Hello fellow Alumni - starting we will be accepting Wall of Honor applicants between May 1 2021 June 1, 2021

[Online Form](#)



### **Membership Committee Gaspar Luna Oliveira '68**

Hi Cavers! What a difference a year makes. In mid-March 2020, San Diego High School closed its doors and switched to teaching students on-line

because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The many Associated Students activities and Athletic programs your Alumni Association has supported over the years had to be suspended, until the State of California could safely reopen public schools for classroom instruction. Well, it appears that mid-April 2021 will be the time that students can safely return to the classroom and resume the life of a Caver Student, a life we all have known to be a part of attending San Diego High School. Now, your Alumni Association is poised to resume its proud support, both financially and with the "Caver Spirit," the educational environment that prepares our young men and women to be successful in life.

Cavers, we cannot thank you enough for your continued monetary support of your Alumni Association. Along with renewing your Annual Membership, many of you have made donations above your Membership dues to help us maintain our History Center, publish our Spring & Fall Newsletters, hold our Annual All Classes Breakfast, and conduct our Wall of Honor Awards Celebration. Also, we appreciate the Sustaining Members who pledge and contribute \$150.00 annually. Again, thank you. We wish all of you, your families and loved ones a safe and healthy 2021. Go Cavers!

Gaspar Luna Oliveira  
First Vice President & Chair, Membership  
Committee



### **Historian's Report Yvette Porter '86 Recollections**

There is lots of excitement for the SDHSAA this year and in the near future.

Not only is San Diego High School getting ready for a facelift but our fountain,

which has been a historical artifact since 1907, is set to be restored to its glory days.

We are planning to have a fundraiser in the near future by selling bricks engraved with the names of those who would like to contribute. (Info is forthcoming.)

Just as our school is going through some upgrades, our History & Archive Center is going through some changes and upgrades.

We are in a planning stage, and organizing our space, and working towards upgrading our archival system from paper to online. Of course this is taking some time due to the "pandemic," however, once we can meet in person, we will be moving towards better access to our archival system online.

We have received some requests for Yearbooks. Some requests have been able to be fulfilled, however, some yearbook years are not available for sale due to lack of inventory.

All requests for yearbooks should be made via our online system before purchasing online so we can ensure the year(s) wanted are available.

I can be reached @ [yportermoore@gmail.com](mailto:yportermoore@gmail.com) or (619) 768-3094 for research questions, or copies of archival documents.



### Secretary, Ed.D Jo Frocks Birdsell '73

My name is Jo Birdsell. I graduated from San Diego High in 1973.

Last October I was honored by San Diego High School as a recipient for the Wall of Honor.

Now, I am serving as secretary to the Board.

I am delighted to be working with this group of dedicated alumni who support SDHS students and offer campus support as well as networking to promote awareness of the history of SDHS.

My role as secretary will focus on creating and distributing board agendas and meeting minutes. Currently I am working with two other board members in revising the Alumni by-laws for review and approval. I will also assist with creating a shared space for our filing and archiving.

I encourage all Caver Alumni to become a part of the Alumni Association.

You can join on the website. Joining does not mean you have to serve on the board, but if that is something in which you are interested in, we would be happy to know and learn more about you!



San Diego High School Foundation, Inc.  
Ernestine Rae Riner-President

The SDHS Foundation thanks The Alumni Association for recognizing our significance at SDHS by honoring us as a recipient of the Wall of Honor Award 2020!

Established in 1992, we have been successful in raising

over \$4.1 million in donations, contributions, and investment income over this period of time. We have contributed scholarships of over \$1.6 million and another \$1.9 million for various student support!

We continue to participate in many ways to enhance the academic, social, and emotional well-being of the students at San Diego High School. We recognize the many new challenges the SDHS Student Body has experienced and we applaud students and staff for their dedication and perseverance as they meet these challenges. This past year we have:

- \*Granted over 100 new renewable, senior scholarships totaling over \$136,000.
- \*Established a \$42,000 budget for program support to numerous clubs and organizations.
- \*Partnered with other existing support systems such as the Alumni Association, Parent/Teacher/Student Association (PTSA), Wellness Center and the Special Education Department.
- \*Assisted students 'in need' to purchase Yearbooks in 2020.
- \*Funded Purchase of Translation Learning Devices to assist with staff & parent communication.

In conclusion, we would like to encourage you to consider a tax deductible donation to San Diego High School Foundation, Inc. to ensure that our students continue to maintain a high level of Academic Excellence and active participation in a variety of activities and learning experiences. All donations are gratefully accepted! San Diego High School Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit corporation-Tax ID 33-0535624-incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

Respectfully,  
E. Rae Riner  
SDHS Foundation Inc.  
President-Class of 1962



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Name	Year	DOD	Name	Year	DOD
Richard Petties	1962	5/19/2016	Benny Ayap	1946	9/1/2020
Cornelius Stearns	1961	8/18/2020	Cornelius "Ray" Stearns	1961	8/18/2020
Nancy A Felley	1962	2/1/2021	Demoree Alton Graves	1963	11/19/2020
James Eric Hom	1942	1/30/2021	Donald D James	1957	10/30/2020
Stan Westmoreland	1963	2/10/2021	Sue Rodick Jackson	1951	9/16/2020
Olivia Mangiapane	1949	2/3/2021	James Lee Mills	1963	
Joyce C Hensley Newton	1946	10/18/2020	Richard A Klauber	1963	8/24/2018
Donald Newton	1946	3/20/2018	Betty J Riner	1957	
Rosalind (Kirk) De Silva	1950	2/4/2021	Richard Petties	1962	5/2/2016
Alice Low-Zimmer	1950	12/17/2020	Beverly McKinley Brown	1951	10/4/2020
Alice Low-Zimmer	1950	12/17/2020	Ann Alderson Cannon	1951	10/3/2020
Salvador (Sal) Kenniston	1955	1/11/2021	Robert E Klicka	1940	
Walter Emerson Wooden	1962	12/4/2020	Doris Earline Rubin	1952	10/1/2019
John Doig	1962	12/25/2020	Robert M Rubin	1952	2/1/2017
Louise Roper Cox	1951	12/21/2020	Salvador (Sal) Kenniston	1955	1/11/2021
Wink Knowles	1958	11/2020	James Sieg	1956	1/12/2021