PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

After years of negotiation with the City of San Diego, our beloved SDHS Modernization is underway. However, first, let me highlight two other things at SDHS. First, the stadium has a new John Deere Gator.

Thanks to your continued membership and partnering with the SDHS Foundation, both organizations purchased a new John Deere Gator. On hand for the delivery was Michael Vick from Stotz Equipment out of Escondido. Principal “Franny” Del Carmen, and Gaspar Oliveira, 1st VP SDHS Alumni Association. With your help and donations, our next goal is to have the Gator wrapped in school colors. If you would like to donate, please go to our website (https://sandieghohighschoolalumni.org/), click on donate, add your name, and put “Gator” in the Note section. Also, if you know of a business that wraps vehicles and would like to help SDHS, please have them email us at sdhsalumni@gmail.com.

Second, your SDHS cheerleaders will be sporting new uniforms for the first time in a few years. Below are the design images, plan on attending the All-Class Homecoming on Saturday, October 22, to see the new uniforms. witness the opening of the time capsule from 1976, and honor this year’s Wall of Honor winners.

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NAME        LAST               CLASS YEAR

Grace       McMillan Rose    1957
James        Bradbury        1951
Bob          Sortillon       1964
Pearl        Brown           1948
Walter       Allaud          1951
Donald L     Poinpeter      1951
Gifford      Nakapaahu      1960
Ray          Miller          1957
Robert       Deutschman Jr.  1957
Mark         Maracin         1951
Yvonne       Maracin         1961
Mark         Maracin         1930
Paul         Maracin         1939
Roberta      Moore Newton    1951
Charles       Ryan            1953
Fletcher      Dehl            1956
Alice D      Whithead        1946
Richard       Maches          1946
Robert        Cundia          1938
Harvey       Wright          1937
Ione          Rhodes Higgins  1940
Don           Nicholas        1945
Paul          Burns           1945
Dorothy       Manland         1944
Anthony       Bedford         1937
Phillip       Gorman          1950
Francis       Martinez Gordon 1950
Beverly       Quinn Horn      1950

Grace          Stark        1957
James K        Teker         1957
Margaret L    Salas Juarez   1957
Carlos         Schroeder Jr.  1957
Christine M   Hammers Bertisch 1957
Carl           Silva          1957
George         Silva          1957
Hector        Perrata        1957

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE Continued

Now to modernization. Phase One has started, starting with the front of the school, as seen in the following photos. Visit our website under the SDHS News tab – Modernization to see more photos. The girls’ softball and boys’ baseball fields will be improved and upgraded, and parking lot “A” has been removed to make way for the new 100 buildings. Parking lot “B” has been filled with temporary classrooms. Parking lot “C” will be used for parking for the main office. Please visit our website for new construction photos moving forward.

As President, it is an honor to announce the winners of the 2022-23 SDHS Alumni Association’s Annual Wall of Honor winners. The nominees have shown leadership and community involvement and accomplished meaningful activities within their careers, leadership, and public service. This year I would like to congratulate Jerry Dave ’54, Johnny Lopez ’60, Marci Heider ’62, Brent Strom ’66, and Capt. Jennifer Moreno ’2006.

Thank you for your continued membership, support, and donations supporting SDHS.

Eddie Head ’75
President

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

FALL NEWSLETTER 2022

THE CAVERS COMMUNITY HAS LOST A STRONG SUPPORTER

Antonio J. “Tony” Hechanova passed away on July 18, 2022. He was born in San Diego, California on January 19, 1932. Tony graduated from San Diego High School in 1950. For over 25 years, Tony was active as a Member of the Board of Directors, San Diego High School Alumni Association. For many years, he was Chair of the Membership Committee. In 2013, he retired from the Board of Directors. I was fortunate to have briefly worked with Tony as he “passed the baton” to me when I was appointed Chair. Membership Committee, by the Board of Directors. Today, I stand on his shoulders. Without a doubt, he left a “legacy of Caver Spirit” for all of us to follow. He will always be remembered for his hard work and dedication to the Students and Alumni Association of San Diego High School. Thank you, our friend. You will be missed.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

On Sunday afternoon, July 10, 2022, the Alumni Association held its annual “Cavers at the Padres Game” at Petco Park. We sold our sixty (60) tickets about a month before game day. Although the Padres lost the game to the San Francisco Giants, the feedback from the attendees was positive. Everyone appears to have had a great time. Cavers from many class years (e.g., 50s, 60s, 70s) attended the game. I believe Tom Ventimiglia, Class of 1953, was the most “Senior Caver” in attendance. What a celebration of “Caver Spirit”! Thank you, everyone, for attending and supporting your Alumni Association. If you would like to be placed on a “to be notified list” for the 2023 game, please contact me and I will be happy to do so. My contact information is: Email: gasparluanoliveira@gmail.com & Cell Number: 619-548-4793.

STUDENT & CAMPUS SUPPORT

Last June 2022, the Alumni Association hosted the annual “Senior Graduates Breakfast” for over 500 students. At this event, we were fortunate to have signed up 322 graduates as new Alumni Association members. In appreciation for their registration and enthusiastic support, we awarded every new member a San Diego High School Alumni Association T-shirt. Wow! It was a beautiful sight to see so many graduating seniors proudly wearing their T-shirts. Go Cavers!

This fall 2022, our Caver Cheerleaders will be wearing new uniforms purchased by the Alumni Association. It was time to retire the old uniforms. Our Cheerleaders do a great job and we were pleased to be able to provide them with new ones. Also, this fall a John Deere “Gator” Utility Vehicle that was purchased by the Alumni Association earlier this year has arrived and it will be introduced to the Cavers sports program. This utility vehicle will be used at all Cavers sports activities (e.g., football, track & field) at Balboa Stadium and at all school events. This much-needed “Gator” is a welcome addition to the sports program.

APPRECIATION OF YOUR SUPPORT

This school year 2021-22, we were able to support many Cavers student and academic programs because of your monetary support. Our membership continues to increase (over 2,000 members) in 2022. We appreciate all of the new members that have joined us as well as those that have renewed their membership. In addition, we are also grateful to the many individual donations we have received (e.g., $50.00, $100.00) from Alumni, Staff, and friends of the San Diego High School Alumni Association.

Looking to the future, we would like to someday soon have our Alumni Association History Center digitized online. What a treasure, a digital historical library (having access to San Diego High School information dating back to 1882). This will be a wonderful resource for our Students, Alumni, Staff, families of our graduates, and the community at large. With your monetary gifts, we can accomplish this. Your contribution will continue to support our Students, the Class of 2023 and beyond. Please feel free to donate to the Alumni Association by check or online at our website: sandiegohighschoolalumni.org.

Again, thank you for your love and support of San Diego High School. Go Cavers!!

Gaspar Luna Oliveira
First Vice President & Chair, Membership Committee
This past school year, the SDHS Foundation was able to offer support to our students in several different ways. In addition to $150,000 in new (65) and renewable (19) Scholarships, we offered financial support to the following clubs and organizations, athletics and teacher requests:

- badminton, soccer, wrestling, track and field and ‘logos’ for newly refurbished weight room.
- Joined with the Alumni Association to purchase a ‘multi use vehicle’ for the campus.
- Purchased dozens of ink printer cartridges and (25) blood trauma kits with grant monies.
- Financed the purchase of a class set of U.S. History books, end of year field trips for Special Ed. Seniors and Visual Arts class, provided $30 gift cards for all staff on Appreciation Day.
- Provided sports physicals scholarships for student athletes and financed the stage for senior Graduation. (15) Senior yearbooks, and various senior activities and school wide ‘Worlds Faire.’

This is only a partial listing ($49,400) of the ways in which the SDHS Foundation continues, with the support of a volunteer Board of Trustees, to provide much needed support. We appreciate and thank all who have sent donations and/or provided Grants to our students!

The Foundation is a tax deductible I.R.S. 501 (c) 3 non profit corporation; please consider making a tax free donation by going on line to our website: sandiegohsfoundation.com and you may also contact our Treasurer, Klaus Mendenhall (kluasm@aol.com) or President, Rae Riner rrplus5@yahoo.com.

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**SDHS SUPER 60’S REUNION**

October 8, 2022 | 10-4pm

**BAHIA RESORT HOTEL**

Over 350 attendees!

Call for late ticket requests and info-

Linda Coulter ‘66 Henry
619 890 8269

Sorry, No Tickets Sold at the door...

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**CLASS OF 1957**

65TH REUNION

October 22, 2022

**CLASS OF 1955 REUNION**

October 26, 2022

More info at: https://sandiegohighschoolalumni.org/
It is my honor to present to you the 2022-2023 Wall of Honor inductees.

Greetings fellow alumni,

Chairperson for the Wall of Honor

Because of Brent's long life journey out of San Diego as a nationally known ball player, he was not involved with the SDHS Alumni Association, but he has attended reunions and stayed in close contact with his friends.

Bret moved from playing ball to the arena of professional major league coaching, working with the Astros, the Kansas City Royals, and currently with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Along with Brent's huge accomplishments with Major League Baseball as a player and a coach, he has been a dedicated supporter of the city of Puerto Penasco in Cleveland Mexico and with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Brent Strom
Class of 1966

Brent was a notable leader from a young age in the world of baseball. Brent was signed by the Major League team, The New York Mets in 1970. He had a long-standing career with the Mets, Guardians (now the San Diego Padres).

Johnny Lopez is an artist (a photographer and a guitarist). He once played guitar in a bank with Ramon “Chunky” Sanchez. His artwork has been shown at colleges and universities throughout San Diego county at Cesar Chavez Elementary School and in the U.S. Border Patrol venues. Johnny participated in community programs about the history of San Diego’s Mexican heritage, including the art and artists of Bario Logan and Chicano Park.

Johnny also worked with Cesar Chavez family and volunteered to establish Farm Workers’ rights.

Johnny Lopez
Class of 1960

Mr. Lopez was Head SDHS Cheerleader, member of the wrestling team and an actor in the school play OUR TOWN. He was San Diego City College 1967-69 founder and President of American Mexican Youth Association/MECHA, participated in founding of CHICANO Studies.

In 1969, just prior to attending UCSD, as an undergraduate, Mr. Lopez started his work in healthcare as a dental technician. As his education Broadened and his experience fund new avenues, he worked with renowned scientists in cancer research and neurology. Coordinated the relocation of clinical research professionals from Wisconsin to USC’s Cancer Center and Research Institute: administered thirteen programs that Placed medical, dental, and nursing students in internships and residencies with community clinics, established health career clubs in local schools, and formed a consulting business to provide assistance to health care providers in the areas of development, contract negotiations, program evaluation and planning. He headed public relations and community relations for two county Board of Supervisors and other government agencies and community organizations.

In 1972 he was UCSD Commissioner of Community Affairs and served on the Student Government Board of Directors.

Johnny gave her life for our country, the ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. Moreno grew up in Logan Heights. San Diego and served with Army Rangers in Afghanistan.

Jennifer gave her life in 2013 during a Special Operations raid in Afghanistan.

Jennifer Moreno
Captain US Army
Class of 2006

President Joe Biden signed legislation renaming the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Diego in honor of Capt. Jennifer Moreno, an Army nurse killed in 2013 during a Special Operations raid in Afghanistan.

President of the SDSU Alumni Association, on the Advisory Council to the SDSU President and an Honorary Alumni Association Life member. He was selected by the SDSU College of Business for a Monty Award as a Distinguished Graduate of SDSU in 1997.

Jerry S. Davee
Class of 1952

Jerry S. Davee attended SDHS 1952-54. He was All-City “B” Basketball in 1953 and All-City Varsity and All-Kiwian Tournament in 1954. He also won the All-City Net Golf Championship in 1954. He then went to SDSU where he led the Freshmen Basketball Team in scoring while also being a Varsity All-City Golfer all four years and Captain in 1958.

To read the full bios please go to the SDHS website.

Jennifer also worked with Cesar Chavez family and volunteered to establish Farm Workers’ rights.

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