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NAME	LAST	CLASS YEAR	DATE DECEASED
Louis	Botte	1944	
Shirley	Boson Ricketts		
Esther	Castro Valder	1951	10/29/2024
Wanda	Couture		
Aldene	Daley Gaboury	1958	4/3/2024
Thomas	Fago		
Penelope	Fitzgerald Jimenez	1951	9/11/2024
Gordon J	Gardner		
Walter	Garrett		
Emil C Maureen	Ghio		
Jane	Higgins		
Connie Rae	Johnson	1958	6/2/2023
Jay	Johnson		
Angie	Johnson		
Betty	Landers		
Lillian Noel	Logg		
Joe A.	Martinez	1957	
Cliofas	Morales		
Dr Bud	Muehleisen	1949	9/8/2024
Ed	Ott	1959	12/12/2024
Rosalie	Sardo Camarda	1949	2/10/2025
Ruth	Sato Fukuchi	1951	12/29/2024
Mary Ann	Sciarra	1953	2/29/23
Jack Joe	Silva	1967	1/19/2025
Harlene	Walker		





# SDHS Alumni Association

## SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER

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## PRESERVING TRADITION:

### The History and Legacy of SDHS Colors

School colors are a cornerstone of identity, embodying an institution's pride, history, and values. For **SDHS**, the traditional colors of **Blue**, **White**, and **Gray** have long been symbols of its rich heritage and enduring legacy. In 2023, however, the current administration introduced **Black** into the color scheme, which was introduced by an athletic director back in 2013-14 in a branding book. That athletic director never attended SDHS and had no stake in the history of SDHS also bypassed key stakeholders in the decision to include Black, which has sparked debate about the importance of honoring tradition. This article explores the origins and significance of SDHS's traditional colors and why preserving them is essential to maintaining the unity and history of SDHS.

### The Origins of Blue and White

From its earliest days, SDHS adopted **Blue** and **White** as its school colors, a choice imbued with symbolism. **Blue**, often associated with loyalty, wisdom, and inspiration, reflects the school's commitment to academic excellence and fostering strong community ties. **White**, representing integrity and hope, reinforces the school's dedication to ethical leadership and the belief in the potential of every student.

Together, blue and white became the visual identity of SDHS, evoking a sense of pride among students, staff, and alumni and connecting generations through a shared tradition.

### The Addition of Gray: A Tribute to the Old Gray Castle

The introduction of **Gray** to the SDHS color palette was a deliberate decision to honor the **Old Gray Castle**, one of the school's most cherished landmarks. This historic building, constructed in the early 19th century, symbolizes strength, resilience, and legacy for the SDHS community. The gray stone walls of the **Old Gray Castle** are more than an architectural feature—they are a testament to the school's endurance and the countless milestones it has witnessed. Incorporating **Gray** into the school colors ensured the castle's legacy would be forever intertwined with the identity of SDHS, a move celebrated by alumni.

### The Controversial Introduction of Black

Many in the SDHS community felt the addition of black diluted the school's historical identity and overshadowed the significance of the original colors. In 2008, football Coach Paul Turner ordered Black uniforms for the football team against the advice not to. The team wore the uniforms, and Coach Turner was fired. The lack of consultation with those deeply connected to SDHS's traditions heightened concerns that the decision prioritized aesthetics over legacy. During the football playoff game between SDHS and St. Augustine HS on November 22, 2024, SDHS coaches wore all black rather than any traditional school colors of Blue, White, or Gray. On February 21, 2025, the Cavers boys varsity basketball team played Sage Creek High School (SC) in the playoff. Sage Creek wore their school colors, Black



and White. There was a large crowd, but the only problem was that you could not tell the Caver fans from the Saga Creek fans because the Caver fans were also wearing Black. One of the missions of the SDHS Alumni Association is to keep the history and school colors as part of its history and traditions.

### Why Tradition Matters

**Blue, White,** and now **Gray** are more than aesthetic choices—they represent the heart

of SDHS's identity. These colors honor the school's mission, values, and history while fostering unity among its community.

**Blue, White, and Gray** connect current students to generations of alumni, serving as a bridge between past and present. They visually and symbolically tie SDHS to the enduring presence of the **Old Gray Castle**, a cornerstone of the school's heritage. Preserving these colors reinforces a sense of continuity and pride, ensuring that the SDHS identity remains intact for future generations.

### A Call to Action

To respect and uphold SDHS's legacy, staff, coaches, and teams representing the school at events should prioritize the traditional colors of Blue, White, and Gray. By doing so, they honor the history and traditions that have helped shape SDHS into the institution it is today. The values, traditions, and symbols have defined SDHS's character over 142 years. The decision to embrace tradition at public events and competitions will foster solidarity and pride among the SDHS community, showing reverence for the long and distinguished history of SDHS. Let your voices be heard and defend the school tradition and colors of Blue, White, and Gray, NOT Black.

### Conclusion

The history of SDHS's colors is a story of tradition, resilience, and identity. Blue, White, and Gray must remain at the forefront of the school's representation. These colors are more than a design choice—they are the visual legacy of SDHS, Honoring the Old Gray Castle and the generations of students, staff, and alumni who have worn the colors and called SDHS home. By embracing its traditional colors, SDHS ensures its history is celebrated, its values are upheld, and its legacy endures for another 99 years.

Eddie Head '73

President

SDHS Alumni Association





## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### UNOFFICIAL SAN DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL APPAREL

I have received several inquiries from Cavers regarding online stores purporting to sell official San Diego High School Cavers apparel (e.g., sweatshirts, t-shirts). Please understand that these private companies do not contribute any of their earnings to San Diego High School, the SDHS Alumni Association or any student academic and athletic programs. The Alumni Association does sell Cavers apparel and all earnings go toward San Diego High School student activities and programs. We are the official organization recognized by the Federal Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) 3, private, non profit corporation. All donations are tax deductible. For more information about the Alumni Association, please contact us at our office: (619) 560-4610, extension 3349.

### ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

The SDHS Alumni Association will hold its annual “Cavers at the Padres Game” on Sunday, 1:10 pm, July 13, 2025. The Padres will play National League rival, the Philadelphia Phillies. The price is \$69.00 per ticket. As in previous years, the seats are located in the shade, close to restaurants and restrooms, down the third base line. We have consistently received “two thumbs up” from Alumni attendees regarding the seats location. Last year we sold out! Let’s go, Cavers! Tickets will be available for sale on April 1, 2025. For ticket purchase or information, please contact the office: (619) 560-4610, extension 3349.

### STUDENT CAMPUS SUPPORT

As we have shared before, your Alumni Association continues to provide funds to support student athletic programs such as: Boys Varsity Basketball Team - \$5,331.00, Girls Varsity Basketball Team - \$5,000.00, School Mascot “Caver Bob” Costume - \$1,875.00, and many more student activities and athletic programs. We thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your love and support. Let’s go, Cavers!

### GRATITUDE, “PASSING THE BATON”

From the bottom of my heart, I want to give all of you a huge “Thank You” ...the over 3,000 Alumni Association members for your support of the SDHS Alumni Association. My heart is full of gratitude. In the Fall 2014, President Eddie L. Head appointed me to the position of Chair, Membership Committee. I was honored to be selected and I pledged that I would do the very best I could. Of the many accomplishments over the years, I am very proud that the SDHS Alumni Association Membership Program has been automated and we have improved the recruitment of new members and the retention of current members. It took several years to make the transition, and we succeeded! Now, in the Spring 2025, I have voluntarily decided to “pass the baton” to Board Member Andrea Bird, Class of 2010. Andrea is the Head Coach, “Lady Cavers” Girls Basketball Team. Thank you, Andrea, for agreeing to accept the Chair position. I will stay on as an active member of the Membership Committee. Please give Andrea the enthusiastic support you have given me. My friends, it has been my pleasure to have served you, the SDHS Alumni Association!

Gaspar Luna Oliveira, Class of 1968

First Vice President, & Chair, Membership Committee





# San Diego High School Athletics

Hello fellow Cavers. The following is an update, to what's going on, in athletics, at our San Diego High School. Winter sports are coming to an end and **Spring sports are beginning**. I have listed recaps of all winter sports and the teams and leagues, for springs sports. Enjoy and hope to see you at one of the events. Go Cavers!!!!!!

## WINTER SPORTS

**Boys' Basketball:** Overall 24-6  
League 7-1 (1st place)  
SDCIF Championships, 1-1 (lost to Sage Creek in 2nd round)

**Girls' Basketball:** Overall 13-14  
League 6-2 (2nd place)  
SDCIF Championships 0-1 (lost to University City in 1st round)

**Boys' Soccer:** Overall 10-7-2  
League 3-3-2  
SDCIF Championships 1-1 (lost to Saints in 1st round)

**Girls' Soccer:** Overall 10-8-1  
League 4-4 (3rd place)  
\*SDCIF 3-0 playing for championship Friday, February 28, 2025 (4:30 p.m. at Monte Vista High School)

**Boys' Wrestling: DIVISION 2**  
Overall 3-1-0  
League 1-1-0  
175 lbs. Adrian Garcia  
lost in SDCIF Championships

**Girls' Wrestling: DIVISION 2**  
Overall 1-0-0  
League 1-0-0  
142 lbs. Madelyn Bayona  
Master's Finals seeded- 3rd (lost in SDCIF Championships) 147 lbs. Xiciali Dominguez Master's Finals seeded 5th lost in SDCIF Championships  
\*172 lbs. Keona Mae Simmons\ (CHAMPION)  
\*Master's Finals Seeded- 1ST  
\*2025 SDCIF MASTERS CHAMPION at 172 LBS

## San Diego City Conference Spring Sports

\*BASEBALL\*

**CITY LEAGUE:**  
Clairemont  
La Jolla  
Mission Bay  
Morse  
San Diego  
\*TRACK AND FIELD\*

**EASTERN LEAGUE:**  
Canyon Hills  
La Jolla  
Mission Bay





San Diego  
OLP/St. Augustine  
\*BOYS TENNIS\*

**WESTERN LEAGUE:**

Cathedral Catholic  
La Jolla  
Patrick Henry  
Point Loma  
San Diego  
St. Augustine  
\*SOFTBALL\*

**CITY LEAGUE:**

Coronado  
Crawford  
Mission Bay  
Morse  
San Diego  
\*SWIM AND DIVE\*

**EASTERN LEAGUE:**

Canyon Hills  
Christian  
La Jolla Country Day  
Point Loma  
San Diego  
OLP/St. Augustine  
\*BOYS VOLLEYBALL\*

**CITY LEAGUE:**

Kearny  
Madison  
Morse  
Patrick Henry  
San Diego  
\*BOYS GOLF\*

**EASTERN LEAGUE:**

Christian  
Clairemont  
Mission Bay  
Point Loma  
San Diego  
University City  
\*BOYS LACROSSE\*

**EASTERN LEAGUE:**

Canyon Hills  
Clairemont  
Lincoln  
Mission Bay  
Mira Mesa  
Morse  
Preuss  
San Diego  
University City  
\*GIRLS LACROSSE\*

**CITY LEAGUE:**

Lincoln  
Mission Bay  
Morse  
Preuss  
San Diego  
\*BADMINTON\*

**WESTERN LEAGUE:**

Canyon Hills  
Hoover  
Mira Mesa  
Patrick Henry  
San Diego  
Scripps Ranch





## History Corner

By Yvette Porter Moore

Greetings Caver Alumni!

Great things have been happening in our Archives & History Center! We applied for a small grant with California Revealed, “Cataloging California” Description Assistance Award. Great News, is that we secured the reimbursement grant. This will fund about 54 hours of cataloging a portion of our collections. We are currently cataloging 700 Russ newspapers, 50 AV (Audio-Visual) items, and yearbooks going back to 1900. Once we have our items cataloged, we will be applying for the Digitization Grant with California Revealed. Hopefully our items will be nominated. This will enable us to digitize our cataloged items and make them available online.

I have a great team of student archivists. Josie Zubkoff is the President of the SDHS Archive Club. She came to me last year and this group of students have been the spark needed to get this project going. If you would like to reach out to me, please email me at [yportermore@gmail.com](mailto:yportermore@gmail.com) or 619-768-3094. Look forward to serving you.



### Here is a message from President Josie:

We are the San Diego High School Archives Club, a group of current SDH students who meet on Mondays to explore the SDHS Alumni Association Archives. Our goal is to preserve our school's rich history and remove barriers between it and the community. The club was founded back in 2022, when students realized that there was no student organization that enabled students to explore SDHS's 140+ year history. Excited to finally see the elusive archives, the founding members began working with Ms. Yvette, the Alumni Association Historian. As we explored and met with Ms. Yvette and other historians, we realized how much work there was to be done to preserve its contents.

During our meetings, we work in the Archives organizing countless objects—photographs, yearbooks, Russ copies, school assignments, student writings—into boxes and digital catalogs. Our hope in organizing and digitizing these artifacts is to make the archives, and the school history captured within them, more accessible to our community. In pursuit of that goal, we publish our favorite artifacts to our Instagram in a “Find of the Week” series, as well as present physical copies of them to current students at club fairs. Another project we are working on is collecting school history through interviews with alumni. These interviews enable us to capture former Cavers' unique memories of their time at school. This has afforded us the opportunity to form connections with alumni. We have interviewed over a dozen Caver alumni, and we hope to hear from many of you.

If you're interested in learning more about our work or in being interviewed, please reach out to us by email ([sdhighsarchivesclub@gmail.com](mailto:sdhighsarchivesclub@gmail.com)) or on Instagram (@sdhsarchivesclub).





## WALL OF HONOR

Fellow Cavers,

Each year at our All-Class Homecoming Reunion in October, we honor San Diego High School Alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and service in our community.

If you know someone deserving of this recognition, you can submit a nomination on the San Diego High School Alumni Association website under the Wall of Honor page. Please be sure to complete the entire application before submitting.

Applications open from April 1, 2025, to June 1, 2025.

Once your application has been reviewed, you will be contacted via email by the Wall of Honor Chairperson.

<https://sandieghighschoolalumni.org/wall-of-honor-nomination-form-2021/>

Looking forward to receiving your submissions!

Mark your Calendar for:

**All Classes Homecoming Reunion set for Saturday, October 18, 2025.**

## Cavers at the Padres Game

Join us for our annual Cavers at the Padres Game on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 1:10 PM at Petco Park!

Matchup: San Diego Padres vs. Philadelphia Phillies

Ticket Price: \$69.00 each

As always, we've secured our favorite shaded seats down the third base line, conveniently located near restaurants and restrooms. Alumni, family, and friends consistently give this spot "two thumbs up!"

Don't miss this fun-filled afternoon of baseball and reconnecting with fellow Cavers!

To purchase tickets or get more info, contact:

San Diego High School Alumni Association Office.

Email: [sdhsalumni@gmail.com](mailto:sdhsalumni@gmail.com)

Phone: (619)560-4610

**Let's make this another unforgettable Caver afternoon at the ballpark!**

