



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Where do I start, with a Congratulations & an Apology

First, let me congratulate Yvette Porter Moore, Honored Historian and Guardian of SDHS Legacy.

The San Diego High School Alumni Association proudly celebrates the induction of Yvette Porter Moore into the prestigious Wall of Honor. This recognition reflects not only her dedication to the school community but also her exceptional leadership as the Association’s historian and a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Yvette has devoted herself to preserving the rich stories and achievements of San Diego High School, ensuring that the voices of past generations remain alive and accessible. Through extensive research, careful documentation, and a true passion for history, she brings to light the memories that define the spirit and legacy of SDHS. Her skill, knowledge, and unwavering commitment help current students and alumni alike appreciate the deep roots of their school community.

Thanks to Yvette’s work, the history of San Diego High School is not just being saved—it is being celebrated. Her contributions ensure that the legacy of SDHS will continue to inspire future generations for years to come.

**Congratulations,** Yvette Porter Moore, on this well-deserved honor. Your dedication makes history last forever.

My Apology

We appreciate your patience as we prepare this year’s Fall Newsletter. Due to ongoing campus construction, the temporary closure of our office over the summer, and the packing and relocation of the History Center, our publication timeline was delayed. We are excited to resume our work, slowly getting back up to speed, and are proud to feature this year’s Wall of Honor winner in this edition. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of San Diego High School.

Campus Modernization Update: SDHS Begins Phase 1Transformation

San Diego High School is entering an exciting new chapter. Phase 1 of the campus modernization project is actively transforming our school, delivering significant enhancements to student spaces, academic facilities, and campus accessibility. I invite you to review the PowerPoint presentation on the website, which includes photos of both completed upgrades and areas still under construction. The following are some key highlights from the PowerPoint presentation.

Transformation

Visitors now arrive through a redesigned front entrance, constructed to enhance safety and create a welcoming gateway to the campus. Inside, the school lobby features a memorabilia display case that highlights San Diego High School’s historical legacy and honors generations of alumni.

Administrative spaces have also seen upgrades. A new front conference room provides an improved setting for meetings with families, student support planning, and staff collaboration. A refreshed hallway connecting the lobby to the attendance office, along with a fully updated attendance office, helps improve campus flow and student access to services.

Gone but not forgotten

View a full list at: <https://bit.ly/2QbHwjY>

NAME	LAST	CLASS YEAR	DATE DECEASED
Lorraine	Bernard Cook	1956	May 5, 2024
Charllelia H	Green	1966	August 3, 2025
Lana	Karman	1962	May 28, 2025
Norma Lee	Rubio Vega	1957	September 24, 2022
James D	Mellos Jr	1949	December 17, 2024





PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE Continued

Improved Student Movement Across Campus

Several outdoor improvements are helping reduce congestion between classes. Crews have completed a new walkway between the 300 and 100 buildings, as well as a bridge that connects the two areas, giving students faster and safer access across campus. Enhanced walkways near the library continue to emphasize smooth circulation.

Learning Environments Designed for All Students

A key focus of the modernization project is inclusion. New facilities support the needs of special education students, reinforcing the school’s commitment to ensuring every student has access to the tools and environment they need to thrive.

Community Spaces Get a Fresh Look

The much-loved lower quad has been redesigned into a more open and inviting space for student gatherings, outdoor learning, and campus events. Nearby, the student store has been rebuilt as a more accessible hub for school supplies and spirit wear — further tapping into school pride and community connection.



More to Come

These upgrades represent only the beginning. As modernization continues, San Diego High School remains committed to preserving its historic identity while creating a campus that meets the needs of today’s learners.

“SDHS is building spaces that reflect the future that the students deserve.” Stay tuned for more updates in the upcoming newsletters as we progress through the completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 planning and implementation.

<https://sandiegohighschoolalumni.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/00-Moderization-1-Photos.pdf>



Yvette Porter-Moore:  
Genealogist, Public Historian, and Community Connector

Yvette Porter-Moore is a distinguished genealogist and public historian with over 25 years of experience dedicated to uncovering and preserving African American history. Based in San Diego, she is a leading expert in reparative genealogy, using her deep research skills to bridge generational gaps and empower communities through knowledge of their past.

As the founder and owner of Root Digger Genealogy & Legacy Consulting, LLC, Porter-Moore provides historical and genealogical research, consulting, and narrative writing. Her work has a tangible impact on the community; she served as the historian for the Tubman-Chavez Wall at the San Diego County Southeastern Live Well Center.

A passionate advocate and community connector, Yvette’s work extends beyond research. She served as a community connector and conducted oral history interviews for the San Diego History Center’s “All In” Project, which aimed to preserve local African American narratives. Her commitment to public service is also evident in her extensive volunteer work, which includes serving as the historian for the San Diego High School Alumni Association and the Nate Harrison Serenity Ranch Foundation. She is also the founder of the Delilah L. Beasley Historical Society.

Yvette’s expertise is frequently sought by media outlets and public institutions. She has been featured on KPBS News and NBC-San Diego Channel-7 to discuss the generational wealth gap among African Americans and the topic of reparations. She was invited by the



California Reparations Task Force to testify on behalf of adoptees and those in the foster care system, highlighting the critical role of genealogy in their claims. Her media appearances also include KGTV 10 News, Channel 8 News, and the Travel Channel’s “Dead Files.” Her work has earned her a Proclamation from Supervisor Monica Montgomery-Steppe, San Diego County-District 4, which was presented at the Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony.

A lifelong learner, Yvette’s eclectic educational background includes a degree in Cross-Cultural Studies, a B.A. in Human Development, and a paralegal certificate from USD. She also holds genealogical research certificates from Boston University and the Midwestern African American Genealogy Institute.

Among her many accomplishments, Yvette considers her greatest to be organizing the San Diego community to name two elementary schools after her father, Dr. Walter J. Porter. Her future goals include writing a memoir about her adoption search and documenting various histories of San Diego.

As Maya Angelou said, “The more you know of your history, the more liberated you are,” a philosophy that Yvette Porter-Moore embodies in her life and work.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The 65th Graduation Reunion of SDHS Class ‘61 is October 16-17, 2026 in Mission Valley at The Handlery Hotel, 950 Hotel Circle, San Diego, CA. The Planning Committee contact person is **Florence A. Jackson** at [florenc74.98@gmail.com](mailto:florenc74.98@gmail.com) or call **(219) 844-1560**, if you would like to participate in the planning phase of the 65th Reunion celebration.

San Diego High School Alumni Association  
- Founded 1975

For those who leave San Diego High School, but for whom San Diego High School never leaves, this is where you belong; the San Diego High School Alumni Association.

Membership in the SDHS Alumni Association is all about pride—pride in being a Caver and in belonging to a distinguished alumni network.

Strengthen your CAVER connection and help support activities and enjoy some of the Alumni Association Member benefits including our Annual All-Class Homecoming Reunion; electronic newsletter; the Cavers at Padres Game fundraiser;

access to the SDHS History Center; complimentary campus tours and our annual Wall of Honor Ceremony.

Join here  
<https://sandiegohighschoolalumni.org/join-the-aa/>

SEASONAL SPORTS 2025-2026

Hello fellow Cavers. We are in a new school year (2025-2026), and I am extremely excited to report that we are looking forward to a successful year in athletics. The SEASONAL SPORTS are listed below: Currently we are in the beginning of FALL sports season. You can find more information and follow our sports teams, by going on San Diego High School’s athletic website:

\*sdcavers.com, then click on TEAMS, then click on sport of choice, then click on schedule You can navigate the athletic season, at your choosing. We have great kids, and they will be happy with your physical presents. Come on out and support our/your teams.

Go Cavers  
Charles Brown  
Class of 1964  
San Diego Alumni Association  
Executive Board Athletic Liaison

FALL SPORTS	WINTER SPORTS	SPRING SPORTS
Cross Country		
Football (Varsity & J.V.)	Basketball (Boys Varsity/J. V.)	Baseball (Varsity/J. V.)
Flag Football	Basketball (Girls Varsity/J. V.)	Beach Volleyball (Girls)
Golf (Girls)		Golf (Boys)
Volleyball (Girls)	Soccer (Boys/Girls)	Lacrosse (Boys/Girls)
Competitive Cheer	Wrestling (Boys/Girls)	Softball (Varsity/J. V)
		Swimming & Diving (Boys/Girls)
		Tennis (Boys)
		Track & Field (Boys/Girls)
		Volleyball (Boys)