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Principal Frances Clare

Dear Mater Dei Community,

As we continue to "Chart our Course" toward the conclusion of the 2005-2006 school year, we are grateful for and proud of the many accomplishments of our students in the classrooms, on the playing fields, in the studios and concert halls.

The Spring semester has been very rewarding for our students. During Easter break, Campus Ministry organized an outreach program for a number of students, administrators and faculty who went to New Orleans to offer aid and assistance to students whose lives were impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Our support of these schools will continue into the future. Students continue to enjoy the privilege of attending spiritual retreats throughout the year, which affords them opportunities for further growth in their Catholic Faith. As this letter goes to print, seniors are preparing for the annual MD tradition of the beautiful Marian Mass followed shortly thereafter by the magnificent Baccalaureate Mass.

As the first semester drew to a close, we had over 60% of the students on the school's honor roll with 20% having achieved above a 4.0 GPA through outstanding performance in their classes and in particular in honors and advanced placement courses. This is a tribute to the students' hard work, to parental support and to the outstanding instruction of teachers, counselors, deans and other support personnel working with each individual student. Our Academic Decathlon Team met with unprecedented success this year by winning the Private Schools' Decathlon and proceeding to the State Finals for the first time in the school's history. We are extremely proud of our senior class under the leadership of President, Seamus Crowley and his team of officers. Several of our seniors have received acceptance notices to universities such as Stanford, Brown, Duke, Notre Dame,

Principal's Letter

Georgetown, the University of California system, the California State University system and several other private universities of note. Seniors have just recently completed their outstanding performance in the annual musical, which this year was *Fiddler on the Roof*. Currently, our seniors are preparing for Prom, which will be at the Grove in Anaheim and graduation, which takes place at the UCI Bren Center on May 27, followed by Grad Night at Soka University.

While students continue to excel in the classroom, they are very involved in the numerous events which MD extra and co-curricular activities afford them. Our Monarch teams of basketball, soccer, wrestling and water polo experienced outstanding success in their various tournaments and in Serra League competition with boys' basketball becoming Serra League and CIF Champions. Again this year our pep squad met with outstanding success in USA National Championships in Anaheim and Dallas. Our different bands, choirs, dance and color guard teams experienced tremendous success in their festivals, competitions and other performances as well.

In the Visual Arts Department, several students have won many accolades and awards and over six hundred students are enrolled in the many levels of art including our new digital design courses.

Yes indeed, Mater Dei High School is very proud of the accomplishments of all students. They work hard in all areas of school life, and the results are apparent in the fine young men and women who walk the campus and demonstrate positive leadership and exemplary character in their communities.

As the year draws to a close, we ask God's continued blessings on our entire school community.

Sincerely,

Frances Clare
Principal

ON THE COVER:

MDHS Students along with their hosts from St. Scholastica's Academy and St. Paul's High School in the St. Scholastica Grotto, Covington, LA.

Academic Decathlon Team Makes School History



2005-06 Academic Decathlon Team

The results are in! For the first time in school history, Mater Dei High School won first place overall in the Southern California Private Schools Academic Decathlon, which took place in February at Bishop Alemany High School.

The nine-member team, comprised of three "A," three "B" and three "C" students, competed against 16 teams from private secondary schools throughout Southern California. In the past 10 years that Mater Dei has participated, Bishop Alemany High School of Mission Hills has won gold 7 times and St. Francis High School from La Canada/Flintridge has taken the gold home twice. This was an exciting win for the young Mater Dei team that lost a number of key seniors last year.

"The team's success is a great tribute to the hard work, dedication and commitment of the individual students who

participated," said **FRANCES CLARE**, principal. "It's also an indication of the outstanding quality and discipline of a Mater Dei student who responds positively to instruction, individual and collective research, creativity, team work and all that it takes to be successful in this challenging decathlon arena."

This is the second year on Mater Dei's decathlon team for co-captain and 12th-grader **JULIAN GALINDO**. "This year everyone really wanted it and everything seemed to come together," said Galindo. "It's a great feeling after working so hard as a team to prepare."

Galindo and Clare both credited **Ms. ANNA-LISA GEORGE '89**, Mater Dei's Academic Decathlon Team coach and chair of the English department, for her leadership. "Success at this level of decathlon competition also requires outstanding instruction and organization on the part of the teacher/coach, and we are fortunate to have an excellent and dedicated person in this position at MDHS," said Clare.

It was certainly a combination of George's leadership and the team's determination that led to success. "This team has put in a countless number of

hours over the past couple of months," said George.

Each team member participated in ten academic events including art, economics, language & literature, mathematics, music, and science. In addition, the contestants performed and prepared impromptu speeches, wrote essays on a given topic, and were interviewed by a panel of judges. The final event, the Super Quiz Relay, was held at UCLA's John Wooden Center before a cheering crowd.

Mater Dei also performed well in the Division II competition with the team winning a bronze medal. Junior team member **JOHNATHAN TRAN** won five gold medals for the Monarchs. Mater Dei fielded two teams, one in the Division I and one in the Division II competition. Combined, the teams earned 66 individual medals.

The Mater Dei High School Division I Academic Decathlon Team went on to compete in the California State Finals held in Los Angeles in March. The team placed 26th out of 55 schools and is looking to build on that success next school year. Congratulations to the entire Academic Decathlon Team for their tremendous success this year.

Keating Earns National Merit Finalist Status



Matthew Keating

Senior **MATTHEW KEATING** was selected as a finalist in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program, an honor looked very highly upon by colleges and universities.

Keating is among a group of only 15,000 Merit Finalists nationwide who were selected based on high SAT scores, outstanding academic records throughout high school, leadership in school and

community activities, and recommendations by their high school principals.

Keating was first selected as one of 16,000 semifinalists out of 1.3 million students who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The nationwide pool of semifinalists represented less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and included the highest scoring entrants on the PSAT in each state.

Finalists now have the opportunity to compete for Merit Scholarship awards, worth a total of \$33 million. Keating can

earn one of 2,500 National Merit Scholarships worth \$2,500 that will be awarded on a state representational basis. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Merit Scholars of 2006 will be announced beginning in April. These scholarship recipients will join some 234,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title in previous years.

Make-A-Wish Club Brings Easter Joy to Sick Kids

Members of the Make-A-Wish Club spent a Saturday afternoon before Easter spreading Easter Joy to children at Healthbridge Hospital. The group decorated each of the hospital room doors and spent



Make-A-Wish Club members at Healthbridge Hospital

the afternoon with the children. Each child also had their photo taken with the Easter Bunny which were then placed in frames they decorated with the help of the MD students.

The Make-A-Wish Club raises money to help grant wishes to children with terminal illnesses. Although this was just one afternoon, the time spent at the hospital by over 10 MD students made a huge difference in the lives of these kids. They may not have been able to go out for an Easter egg hunt, but this was a very special Easter none the less.

An Ongoing Relationship

The relationship forged between Mater Dei High School St. Scholastica Academy and St. Paul's High School and has only grown stronger as the year has progressed. Although the memories of Hurricane Katrina may seem to have faded to people outside of the effected region, the signs of her destruction are still very evident in Covington, LA where these schools are located. Over the Easter Break, 17 MD students, eight adults and two future Monarchs took a five day service trip to Louisiana.



Although there is an abandoned car on the grass, the sign in front of this church around Easter read, "He Has Risen, and So Will We."

Hosted by 12 families and members of the administration from Saint Scholastica and Saint Paul's, the group from Mater Dei was given an opportunity to learn, work and pray in some of the most devastated areas imaginable.

The first day of service included a trip to the Lower 9th Ward, Lakeview and areas of St. Bernard Parish. Houses were literally swept off of their foundations and lay next to one another. There are neighbor-



President Patrick Murphy and his wife Marti clean up debris in a Slidell neighborhood

hoods that are like ghost towns, senior ALICIA QUIROS commented, "the bus just kept driving and

there was nothing. Everything was ruined and everybody was gone."

Day two gave the Monarchs and their hosts a chance to interact with some local residents. They visited



Debris is still piled as high as stop signs in some areas

Lacomb Nursing Home in the morning before getting their hands dirty in Slidell, LA. Hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes Church of Slidell, the group hit the streets picking up debris still littering the area.

On day three they worked diligently at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church which had water nearly to the door jam following the hurricane. Representatives from FEMA were on their way and the gym was in no shape to host them. So the Mater Dei group scrubbed floors, cleaned chairs and did some gardening to ready the facility.



Many cars and boats have been moved to the side of the roads, this large boat still sits in the middle of a neighborhood street.

Each time the group visited a new area or met new people, they shared a prayer service before departing. "I was so humbled by all the peoples' faith. They lost everything and yet they gave us so much faith and hope" Quiros said.

It was a very busy week of hard work that

was both mentally and physically draining but the final day still arrived too quickly. Prior to heading to the airport, the hosts from St. Scholastica and St. Scholastica and the Mater Dei group shared in the greatest gift, The Mass. It was an emotional service that culminated with the singing of both the Mater Dei and the St. Scholastica Alma Maters.



This statue sits about 4 feet above the ground and was covered in water past his knees

Living thousands of miles away and with the media coverage dying down we might be led to believe that the people of the hurricane effected areas are back to living life as usual. In reality, people are still rebuilding and cars, boats and debris litter streets everywhere. Through the photos seen here and the quotes given by our students on the next page, it is safe to say that reality is still a ways away. Everyday there are groups pitching in to help rebuild the area, but the end is not yet in sight. Ms. MAURISSA GENEREUX '93 said, "Though the amount of service we were able to perform was minimal in the scheme of things, the gratitude, hope and hospitality we received from people was overwhelming and inspiring."

Although we cannot change the entire area single handedly, the prayers of hope and the friendships created between the schools and individual students will go on for years and years to come.

If you would like to get involved in this ongoing relationship please contact Campus Ministry at (714) 850-9556.

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Help support the Annual Fund by donating your car to Mater Dei. Receive a tax deduction for the fair market value, as well as the satisfaction of knowing you are helping our students.

Donating a car is easy. Simply call (800) 203-2940 (National Charity Support Foundation) and tell them you want to donate a vehicle and the proceeds to be sent to **Mater Dei High School**. They will arrange for pick up of the vehicle, DMV records transfer, gift letters, tax receipt and sale of the vehicle.

Questions? Call the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations at (714) 850-9534.

Students Speak Out

The recent trip to New Orleans to help the area devastated by Hurricane Katrina was a life-changing experience for the Mater Dei students who made the trip.



“Nothing could have prepared us for what we saw in Louisiana. It was indescribable. No matter what we did to help it just didn’t seem to be enough. Even still, the people of New Orleans were so appreciative of us being there.”

Ojan Mirhashemi, Senior



“To see people with absolutely nothing as far as possessions, but to still have faith, love and the desire to move on was just unbelievable. What I witnessed in Louisiana had a tremendous effect on me.”

Melissa Tyner, Junior



“It’s been so long and there is still so much devastation and people don’t see that (on TV) anymore. We went to the Lower 9th Ward and nobody even lives there. There are porch steps with no houses and cars everywhere. The people there don’t have the money to fix anything. There is just so much to be done there still.”

Whitney Taylor, Senior



“When they were thanking us for being there and helping in their community, I felt like I should be the one thanking them.”

Elise Weinberg, Junior



“My trip to New Orleans was an experience unlike any other. The people there were truly touched to know that people thousands of miles away cared about them. I would give up my Easter break again to do it all over. It is something I will never forget.”

Daniel Conway, Junior



“It was amazing how much destruction was still there, it looked as if nothing had been done. The great thing is that the people still have hope even after all that they have been through.”

Christopher Mc Namara, Senior

Beisner Wins Countywide Contest



Priscilla Brinshot

Each year, Chapman University hosts the the Holocaust Writing Contest through The Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education. The essay, poetry and art contest, themed *Moments of Decision; Perpetrators, Witnesses and Rescuers*, is open to all middle school and high school students in Orange County. Over the years, many

Monarchs have had success in this contest and this year was no exception.

Mater Dei was represented with finalists in two of the three categories. Junior PRISCILLA BRINSHOT was a finalist in the art division for her piece entitled *Light the Truth*, while junior NATALIE BEISNER was a finalist in the poetry division for her work entitled *Zoete Eeuwige Hoop (Sweet Eternal Hope)*.



Natalie Beisner and Sivilia Grohs-Martin at the awards banquet

eventually named the first place winner for her beautiful poem about Silvia Grohs-Martin, an actress and singer who fled the Nazis and helped a number of Jewish children avoid capture in Nazi-Amsterdam. Silvia was later turned over to the Germans in Brussels and survived Malines, then Auschwitz, and then Ravensbrueck prior to the liberation of the concentration camps.

Around Campus

Key Club Hosts Free Health Fair

The Mater Dei Key Club, a service club run in conjunction with Kiwanis International, recently hosted a free health fair on campus. The fair was sponsored by Disney and organized by the students with the help of their moderator, MRS. SHEILA COX and input from Share Ourselves (SOS).

Key Club President THERESA NGUYEN, along with over 20 other Mater Dei students, helped to insure that the day was helpful and fun for everyone. The children in attendance were excited to play in the bounce house, run around the grotto, get their faces painted and take part in

the veggie quiz. They were also able to talk to police officers and firefighters, and check out the fire trucks and police motorcycles.

Most importantly, the health fair offered nutritional guidance and diabetes screenings for everyone in attendance. This is the first Health Fair the Key Club has hosted overall, the day was a huge success. The Key Club looks forward to teaming with SOS for future events and hopes the health fair will become an annual event.



Key Club members along with representatives of SOS and Disney at the 2006 Health Fair



Viet Pham-Nguyen and Key Club President Theresa Nguyen in the cab of a Santa Ana fire truck

MD Students Reach Out For FISH

MD students LINDSAY and MICHAEL BROWN recently hatched a plan to collect food and toiletries for Friends in Service to Humanity (FISH). FISH provides a community service to promote self-sufficiency by catching the working poor and the underemployed before they become homeless or hungry.

The siblings gathered a few friends, fellow Monarchs KEVIN HAMMOND and MARIAH JAKOWSKY, and passed out flyers to all 1,400 houses on Balboa Island. These flyers requested that people leave donations on their porches to be picked up by the teens who brought everything to FISH.

The following Saturday the group was back to pick up the bags from doorsteps all over the island. They collected carloads of necessities for people who otherwise would go without. Through the ingenuity of a few students and the generous residents of Balboa Island, FISH received hundreds of pounds of food, toiletries and other essentials for local residents trying to create a better life for themselves and their families.

Alcala's Gift of Time is Rewarded



Senior Caitlin Alcala

Senior CAITLIN ALCALA became involved in service to complete her 80 hour graduation requirement; 800 plus hours later there is no end in site. Caitlin is a member of the Leo's Club of Seal Beach and has enjoyed every

minute of her service to the community. The Lion's Club, which oversees the Leo's, recently recognized their four-year board member and current secretary for her outstanding service. Caitlin was given the prestigious Lion's Teen Recognition Award.

The majority of her service has come through the Blind Children's Learning Center. Caitlin serves as a peer buddy

and has been awarded the Best Buddy of the Year Award and a special award for the most time spent on the phone with her buddy. She has also volunteered at Camp Re-Creation, Good Shepherd Church, and has taken mission trips to Mexico.

Next year as a student at Wellseley, Caitlin plans to continue serving her new community in Massachusetts.

Songleaders Earn Trophies Across the Country ~ Including a National Championship

The varsity songleading squad had an outstanding competition season this year. Under the guidance of DANIELLE CALTA '98 the team reached new heights. Senior COURTNEY GUTHRIDGE is the first Monarch ever to compete on the songleading team for four years. She was joined as the leader of the squad by fellow seniors NINA LUONG and ASHLEE McKEAGUE.

Competing extensively in Southern California, as well as Las Vegas and Florida, the girls could not have asked for a better year. The team won the following awards:

NDA Championship - 1st place Team Performance, Grand Champions, Good Sportsmanship Award

CTC American Grand National Championship - 2nd Place Combined Styles of Dance

USA Spirit Regional - 2nd Place Pom Dance Advanced

ASICS Cheer & Dance Championship - 2nd Place Pom Dance & 1st Place Jazz

King of the Bleachers Nationals - 2nd Place Pom Dance Advanced & 1st Place Jazz

US Spiritleaders X-treme Games - 2nd Place Pom Dance Advanced & 1st Place Jazz

NDA High School Dance Nationals - National Champions Small Varsity Team Performance, Innovative Choreography Award, Best in Category Award - Highest High School Team Performance Score & 2nd Place Small Varsity Jazz

USA Spirit Nationals - 3rd Place Large Varsity Pom Dance Advanced

Next year there will be two groups vying for first place finishes in the song leading competitions. For the first time MD will also field a junior varsity song squad.

Girls' Water Polo

Under the guidance of first year coach, **CHRIS SEGESMAN**, the girls water polo team finished the season with an overall record of 15-12. The team finished third in the tough Serra League led by the play of first team all-league selections **BRIANA DELFIN** and **KAITLYN O'SULLIVAN**.

Delfin will continue her water polo career at Cal State Long Beach next fall and teammate **RACHAEL BELLOWS** will take her talents to Pitzer College. Pitzer

is one of the Claremont Schools and joins forces with Pomona College for their athletic endeavors. The Sagehens are the two-time defending Division III National Champions and had another great season this year.

With a number of talented underclassmen on the roster, the Monarchs are looking forward to continuing their success in the new on-campus pool next season.

Boys' Soccer

The boys soccer team finished the year with another winning season with 15 wins, 9 losses and 2 ties. The team started the season with a championship at the Inland Empire Tournament. They finished third in the Serra League and advanced to the CIF Playoffs where they were eliminated in the first round.

Senior **BRIAN LUHRS** and junior **ROLAND**

ANDERSON were named first team All-Serra League.

Luhrs along with fellow Monarch **RHYS MORGAN** will remain teammates as members of the inaugural Cal State San Marcos men's soccer team.

During the 2005-06 season, **COACH MARTIN STRINGER** reached the 300 victory milestone with a 3-0 win over Servite.

Girls' Soccer



Junior Jackie Zinke

University of Arizona-bound **JACKIE BROUSSARD** and junior **JACKIE ZINKE** led the way for the Monarch soccer team this season.

The Monarchs opened the season with a championship at the Mater Dei Premiere Invitational. The team finished with an overall record of 20-4-3, a Serra League Championship and a trip to the second round of the CIF Playoffs

where they lost to eventual CIF Champion Upland.

A few members of the team also earned a number of individual honors as well, Zinke was the Serra League Offensive Player of the Year as well as a first team All-CIF and OC Register first team All-County selection. Broussard was named first team All-Serra League and second team All-County by the OC Register. Rounding out the first team All-Serra League selections were senior **ASHLEY ARANDA** and sophomore **MARYSOL ROSAS**.

Girls' Basketball



Senior Eshell Estrella

The Monarch girls' basketball team finished the season with an overall record of 16 - 13. Under the guidance of first-year coach **RYAN WEISENBERG**, the Monarchs

advanced to the second round of the CIF Playoffs where they lost to eventual state champion, Troy High School. The young team was led by first team All-Serra League selection and Orange County All-Star, **ESHELL ESTRELLA**. Along with Estrella, the Monarchs will also miss seniors **MONIQUE BIENVENU** and **ERIKA BYERS**. But with three starters returning next season, freshmen **KATHRYN HAUGEN** and **MYA OLIVIER**, and sophomore **KAITLYN SOTO**, the team is looking forward to a very bright future.

Wrestling

This year's wrestling team, lead by **KEVIN HAMMOND**, **SCOTT DAVIS** and **JORGE SANCHEZ**, placed in the top four at every tournament through early January. The team struggled with injuries through the season but still managed to qualify five wrestlers for CIF competition. Sanchez and **RAMIRO CASTRO** won a combined 10 CIF matches before ending their seasons.

Sanchez had a stellar career at MD and will continue his wrestling career next year at USC. The Monarchs lose just one senior from this year's squad. With seven returners and a new facility, the young team is looking forward to next season.

Boys' Basketball

In his 24th year at the helm, **COACH GARY MCKNIGHT** led his team to an overall record of 33-3 and its 18th straight league title, a new CIF record. The Monarchs captured CIF and Southern California titles and advanced to the the California State Finals.

The Monarchs were led by a well balanced attack and had a number of players earn individual honors. The jun-



2006 CIF & Southern California Champions

ior class paved the way this year. **TAYLOR KING** was named CIF, State, LA Times, and OC Register Player of the Year and was Serra League MVP. As the CIF Player of the Year, King will have his number 33 jersey retired following his senior season. He joins 13 other Monarchs who have earned that honor. **KAMYRON BROWN** was named to the OC Register

first team All-County, first team All-Serra League and All-CIF. **ALEX JACOBSON** was named All-CIF, first team All-Serra League. Two seniors rounded out the starting five and they also had outstanding seasons. **STEVE TARIN** was named first team All-Serra League and **DANNY CAMPBELL** earned a scholarship to continue his basketball career at Biola University.

With three returning starters back next season and the opening of the new gym on the campus of MDHS, Coach McKnight and his entire staff are looking forward to the 2006-07 basketball season.

Surf's Up Dinner Auction Raises \$375,000



Nearly 700 Mater Dei parents, alumni, faculty, friends and corporate supporters gathered at the Disneyland Hotel in February for what turned out to be the school's most successful Surf's Up dinner and auction to date. The annual all-school fundraiser earned \$375,000 toward visual arts technology.

PATRICK MURPHY, president of Mater Dei High School, was astounded by the outcome of the event. "It is very special when an event like Surf's Up can generate so much fun and excitement while being so financially successful at the same time," said Murphy.

The evening began with a silent auction featuring an impressive array of items that enticed even the shyest of bidders, including a USC helmet signed by Heisman trophy winners Reggie Bush and **MATT LEINART '01**, a Cabo San Lucas Escape, and the chance to be a ball boy or girl at a Lakers game. Longtime Mater Dei foundation partner the William H. Hannon Foundation donated a Pleasant Holidays vacation for two to Maui as the grand prize for the opportunity drawing.



ASB President Mebus Behrle and ASB Vice President Ana Miller with the dog that fetched MD \$10,000

The live auction, led by renowned auctioneer **CHARLES DREYER**, earned \$178,000. There was a bidding frenzy for items such as a 1965 "Monarch" Mustang, a VIP MD sports fan package including

season tickets for sports events in the school's new Athletics Complex, a 2006 Rebel motorcycle, and a yellow Labrador puppy. Following the dinner and live auction, guests danced until midnight to the sounds of Mark Wood and the Parrot Head Band.



Event Chairs (l to r), Diana Miner and Anissa Gurnee

"The Mater Dei Administration thanks and commends **KELLIE PENDERGEST** (Director of Special Events), event chair **ANISSA GURNEE**, co-chair **DIANA MINER** and the entire Surf's Up Auction Team for their leadership in producing the most successful auction in the history of Mater Dei High School," said Murphy.



Student volunteers from the Class of 2006

Because of the success of the annual Surf's Up event, Mater Dei has been able to expand its visual arts facilities and programs to include digital arts and graphic design. Proceeds from this year's event will fund technology upgrades in the classroom to help fulfill Mater Dei's mission of providing an unparalleled quality

of education.

Surf's Up, Mater Dei's only schoolwide fund-raiser, was coordinated by approximately 50 parent volunteers who began working on the event in early-September. "We could not have done it without the dedication and creativity of the parent volunteers who put in countless hours," said Gurnee. "They really wanted this event to succeed for the benefit of the students."



Event Volunteers (l to r) Corinne Morgenstern, Diana Miner and Tamara Johnson

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Joan Gordon
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Gary and Karan Hunt
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Brian Kaneko
Carl and Margaret Karcher
Milton and Janice Kawabe
Randall and Kelly Kendrick
Darlene and William Kersten
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Ray and Dorothy Lancy
Martin Leon
Michael and Joane Less
Mitchell Lew
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Steve and Rhonda Mais
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Matthews
Bruce and Joan May
Philip and Therese Maynard
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James and Karen Ure
Gustavo and Rini Valdespino
Michael and Annamaria Velez
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Kathleen White and Joel Kew
Timothy and Elizabeth Wigmore
Liz Williams
Maggie Williamson
Glenn and Suzanne Zetz
Cort and Deborah Zimmerman

Two Lucky Winners So Far...Who Will Win Next?



MDHS President Patrick Murphy presents a check for \$10,000 to the lucky winner, Donna Maksimczyk and her husband, Walter

Good news for current and future Mater Dei students who rely on financial aid in order to attend MDHS - the deadline to purchase tickets for its \$1 million home raffle has been extended to Thursday, June 15.

"In the best interest of the students, we have extended the deadline to June 15 so that we may sell all 20,000 tickets available," said **PATRICK MURPHY**, MDHS

President. This will allow more individuals the chance to win the new home and ensure the best results of the raffle, from which all proceeds will support the Monarch Legacy Endowment.

If all 20,000 tickets are sold, approximately \$125,000 per year will be available toward financial aid. Currently, 30% of the school's student body relies on financial aid, and that need increases each year.

What is in it for the ticket holder? If all tickets are sold, one ticket offers a 1 in 133 chance of winning one of the prizes, including the home or 150 other cash prizes. Two lucky ticket holders have already won prizes in the home raffle. Orange County residents **DONNA MAKSIMCZYK** won \$10,000 in the first early bird drawing and **VICTOR KOMAN** won a \$10,000 shopping spree at South Coast Plaza in the second early bird drawing.

Thus far the response from Alumni who have purchased tickets has been good, but we encourage all graduates to take

advantage of this chance to win a brand-new house and to give back to MD at the same time.

Those interested in purchasing a ticket or seeing photos of the Shea Homes property being raffled should visit www.mdhomeraffle.org or can call (866) 962-8373 for more information. The final drawing will be held at South Coast Plaza's Carousel Court on June 30 at 12 p.m.



MDHS President Patrick Murphy presents \$10,000 in South Coast Plaza gift certificates to Victor Koman and his daughter Vanessa '02

CHANGE THE LIFE OF A STUDENT



CHANGE YOURS WITH A NEW HOME

Give future Monarchs the chance to attend MDHS

30% of Mater Dei students depend on financial aid each year. By purchasing a ticket you will enable us to build an endowment that will secure the future of Mater Dei High School for generations to come.

Grand Prize - Brand-new home in Costa Mesa worth \$1,000,000

GRAND PRIZE

Brand-new home in Costa Mesa valued at \$1,000,000

ALTERNATE GRAND PRIZE

Grand Prize winner may elect an alternate cash prize

OTHER CASH PRIZES

- Second Prize: \$25,000
- Third Prize: \$15,000
- Fourth Prize: \$10,000
- Fifth Prize: \$5,000
- Sixth - Tenth Prize: \$1,000
- 11th - 20th Prize: \$500
- 21st - 150th Prize: \$200
- 150 cash prizes in all

Ticket Price: \$200 each

Maximum Tickets to be Sold: 20,000

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 All are welcome to attend, winners need not be present

For more information visit www.materdei.org or call (866) 962-8373

MD 2000

Future Home of the Monarchs

The construction on the school's new Athletics & Aquatics Complex is on schedule and will be open for the start of the 2006-07 school year. The block construction of the building's shell is complete with some minor roofing elements yet to be installed. The concrete pad for the main gym floor and the wrestling area is complete along with the weight room. The framing that forms the various team rooms, lock-

er rooms, and coaches offices is significantly completed as well. The pool concrete has been poured, with the plaster and some plumbing work scheduled for early summer.

The MD Athletics and Aquatics Complex will seat 3,100 fans for basketball and volleyball games and will feature multiple set-up configurations for masses, dances, rallies, meetings and other events. For further information on the Athletics &

Aquatics Complex, or the MD2000 Capital Campaign please contact the Office of Advancement at (714) 850-9534 or advancement@materdei.org.

The facility is located adjacent to the Monarch Way parking lot on the east side of campus. Please feel free to drop by campus to view this new magnificent facility!



Looking southwest from the Monarch Way parking lot



The MD logo is proudly displayed on both walls of the north east corner of the gym



*Looking southeast at the main court of the gym
The upper right portion is the wrestling area*

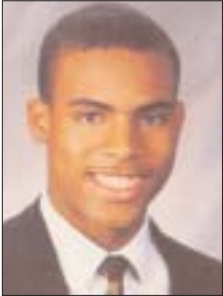


The southwest corner of the gym



Looking southeast on the pool deck

MD Grad Writes & Directs Major Motion Picture



Arik Avelino '95

Since graduating from Mater Dei and

By the time he graduated from Mater Dei, **ARIC AVELINO '95** had directed, photographed and edited his first short film, **JUST A GAME OF DOMINOS**, as well as written his first full-length script.

Loyola Marymount University, he has continued to make major strides in the film industry.

Aric co-wrote and directed his first major motion picture, **American Gun**, that was released this year. The film has seen major success at film festivals all over North America. *American Gun* received two thumbs up from Ebert and Roeper and is still playing in select theaters across the country.

American Gun is a powerful series of

interwoven storylines that bring to light how the proliferation of guns in America dramatically affects and shapes the every day lives of its citizens.

The film stars a number of well known actors, including **DONALD SUTHERLAND** as a Virginia gun shop owner, **FOREST WHITAKER** as a high school principal in Chicago and **MARCIA GAY HARDEN** stars as a single mother in Oregon.

To learn more about *American Gun* visit www.americangun-movie.com.

2006 Reunion Information

2006 Class Reunion Committee Members

Class of 1956 & 1957

Date: Saturday, October 28

Location: Wyndham Hotel ~ Costa Mesa

Contact: Danny Musselman ~ mussnavy@aol.com

Paul Buberl ~ pbuberl@verizon.net

or (562) 597-6340

Class of 1981

Date: Sunday, August 12, 2006

Location: Hanna's Restaurant ~ Rancho Santa Margarita

Contact: Julie DeLallo Hibbard '81
MDHS@hotmail.com

Class of 1966

Contact: Nancy Bansbach-Casey

ncasey@mrpk.k12.ca.us

Class of 1986

Date: 2006 Homecoming Weekend

Location: MDHS

Contact: Lisa Velasquez Mendiaz
lmendiaz@johnlainghomes

Class of 1976

Date: Saturday, July 29

Location: Anaheim Marriott

Contact: Joe Conway

jconway@disinc.net, (800) 660-8141

Class of 1996

Contact: Jason Wong

leejandz@aol.com

For more information visit: www.mdhs76.com

MDHS Band Reunion

Calling all former MDHS band members and boosters. Join us Saturday, June 3 at MDHS.

If you were a member of the band or the band booster club, please contact kpescetti@materdei.org with your name, address, e-mail address and year of graduation.

USA Volleyball Moves to Southern California



Competitive Athlete Training Zone

It was announced recently that the USA Men's National Volleyball team will move from their training facilities in Colorado Springs to Southern California. The team will now practice at the American Sports Center (ASC) and strength train at CATZ, Competitive Athletic Training Zone, located on the premises of ASC in Anaheim. The initiative began with a proposal by the City of Anaheim. After a number of partnerships were formed between the city, local businesses and restaurants, ASC, CATZ and the team, USA Volleyball representatives thought it best to move to the Anaheim facility. The team will train in Anaheim for the next six years getting ready for the 2008 Beijing and the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The team is gearing up for a grueling schedule that has them traveling all over the U.S and the world, including match-



Paul Munoz '01 in action for the USA Men's Volleyball team

es in Salt Lake City, Minneapolis and Spokane, throughout the summer and fall. The final test of the season will be the World Championships in November and December to be held in Japan.

There are two Mater Dei alumni representatives in this new endeavor. The Anaheim CATZ location is owned and operated by **JOHN BOEHLE '88**. Boehle graduated from CSU Long Beach, earned a masters from Loyola Marymount in psychology and an MBA from Pepperdine. The Anaheim CATZ facility opened in February with the focus of building athleticism and leadership in young athletes ages 8 to 18. The facility offers year-round personalized training as well as summer programs in numerous sports such as basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and ice hockey. Although the primary focus at CATZ is on up and coming athletes, Boehle and the entire staff of CATZ are thrilled to team with USA Volleyball. "The partnership has been great. The strength and flexibility training they are doing is new to them but you can already see it helping their overall performance." Following their on court morning practice the team does



John Boehle '88

off court training at CATZ that is helping with range of motion as well as injury prevention. After a quick break, the 2008 Beijing Olympic hopefuls are back on the court for a 2 p.m. practice that is open to the public. The facility is able to facilitate the players strength training and injury treatment needs as well.

Mater Dei will also be represented on the court, **PAUL MUNOZ '01** has been selected as a member of the USA Volleyball team. Munoz had a very successful collegiate volleyball career as a libero (defensive specialist) at CSU Long Beach before earning a tryout with the national team.



Paul Munoz '01



A number of Monarchs are also keeping busy with amateur athletic endeavors. Four graduates recently took part in the grueling WildFlower Triathlon held at Lake San Antonio in Monterey County, CA.

ZSU ZSU BURKHALTER '91, **ANGELA RELING '01** and **GERI CAMPEAU '87** completed Long Course which consists of a 1.2 mile swim, a 56 mile bike and a 13.1 mile run. Burkhalter and Reling finished sixth and fifth in their respective age groups. **DAMON DUNN '87** also took part in the weekends festivities completing the Olympic Distance Course of a 1.5 K-swim, a 40 K-bike and 10 K-run.



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In Our Prayers...

Mary Helen Amezcu - Sodexho Food Services
Employee at MD

Orfelina Castro - Mother of Myra, MD Faculty
Member

Christine Cote '00 & Family

Judy Prioletti Costa '67

Bill Gibbs - MD Faculty Member

Christine Mendoza Isham '84

Courtney Jenkinson - Sister of Ashley '08
and Jeffrey '07

The Jolly Family

Chelsea Lane - Sister of Brianna Lane '08

Richard Porter - Father of Ricky '01

Jeff Sanford - Husband of Angela Harrell '87

We Remember ...

Sr. Marie-Agnes Clisson, UCSC - Former MD
Faculty Member

Tom Eadington '58

Noel Therese Marie Egan '88

William Eller '66

Dorothy Hoskins - Mother of Terry Gonzalez,
former MD Faculty Member

Mary Eileen Lawrence - Mother of Mark '84 &
Conrad '93

Gregory Pratt Lombardi '85

Margarte M. Merello - Mother of Rene '77 and
Denise '81

Audrey Millis - Mother of Lowell Millis, MD Faculty
Member

Michael B. O'Brien '59

John Russell Oldham - Son of Gene '56 and Sherrie '56
Gail Holly Peck '57

John Sawicki - Brother of Bobbie Dankert, MD
Faculty Member

Raymond Smith - Father-in-Law of Sabrina Smith,
MD Faculty Member

Jeanne Woody - MD Faculty Member, Mother of
Chris '93 and Todd '95

In our Catholic life, we have always asked others to pray with us for our loved ones. We appeal together to the Lord for healing as well as the gift of eternal life. This is often done with Eucharist prayer of the church. If you would like us to pray for someone, or if you would like to send a memorial Mass card, please call the Campus Ministry Office at (714) 850-9556.

1950s

SEND IN YOUR UPDATES FOR THE NEXT SCARLET & GRAY, YOUR CLASSMATES WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

1960s

JEANNE KOETH STURTEVANT '66 works as a clinical supervisor in a home health agency in Petaluma, CA. She has 3 children. Jeanne has taught elementary and middle school science and college nursing. She remains an activist in local and national politics.

1970s

STEVE NEWMAN '71 recently began his sixth term as Village Justice in Greenwood Lake, NY. He and his wife are looking forward to celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this summer.

1980s

JANICE BRIONES '80 graduated Magna Cum Laude from Regis University with a BA in liberal studies and a minor in religious studies. Janice lives in Las Vegas where she is a regional manager for The Fragrance Outlet and her husband Dan is a sommelier.

PATRICK KELLY '83 is the head crew coach at Loyola Marymount. He recently led his varsity women's team to a West Coast Conference Championship and was named the WCC Coach of the Year. The Lions are the first team other than Gonzaga to ever win a conference championship.



SUZANNE GORDON '81 will marry Brandt Gentry in Nashville, TN on August 5, 2006. Suzanne moved to Tennessee 2 years ago to pursue a closer relationship with God, as well as a career as a refractive surgery coordinator. She was recently named the #1 laser vision correction counselor in the country.

PAUL MACEK '82 recently retired from active duty with the U.S. Air Force after 21 years of service. He is now a fire inspector/investigator with the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He and his wife Christine were married in 1988 and have two sons Adam, 16 and Ryan, 9.

MARY LOU PIASECKI PAFF '82 is married to Edwin and they have two children. The Paff's reside in Gurnee, IL where Mary Lou has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 20 years. She is currently a technical trainer responsible for training almost 200 people.

LEANNE VANDERHORST '86 and **CESAR MONTIEL '86** were married in 2001 and have a son, Jacob. Leanne also has a daughter Sadie and a son Kyle. The Montiel's live in Costa Mesa and are looking forward to the 20th reunion.

Class Notes

TIM REDFERN '88 and his wife Cheryl are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Lauren Estella, who was born in November 2005. Lauren, along with her three-year-old sister Katy, are loving life in Ladera Ranch.

1990s

MICHELLE GUNST NORMAN '90 and her husband Brian are proud to announced the birth of their third child, Alexander Brian. He was born on April 27, 2005 and joins big sisters Nicole, age 4 and Natalie, age 3.



EVA AURORA TORRES '91 was married to Erick Wolf in December 2005. Eva is a graduate of the University of Redlands where she earned a degree in business management. Fellow Monarch Isabel Velasco served as a bridesmaid and Monarchs Adriana Perez Monje, Desiree Curiel Ortiz and Amy Accornero Landhardt were in attendance.

MAUREEN KELLY '94 AND MICHAEL CROUSE '94 welcomed their first child, Carter Michael in February 2006.

LINDSAY LABONGE '94 is a graduate of Colorado University at Boulder and works for TracyLocke in Irvine. Lindsay recently announced her engagement

to Mark Rubalcaba and the two are planning a wedding for early 2007.



CHARLIE PANKINIER '94, a Secret Service Agent, was on President Bill Clinton's detail as he visited Orange County for the grand opening of the Tiger Woods Learning Center at Dad Miller Golf Course in Anaheim.

JODY GORDON '95 is engaged to be married to Dave Alfaro. She earned her degree in Health Care Administration from CSULB and is now in Nursing School.

CHRISTINA A. MITCHELL-HORVATH '95 is working for a local construction company while also attending school.

MARISA WINCH '96 and her husband recently moved to Surprise, AZ. After spending time in the fashion industry, Marisa is now enjoying her work as an administrator and event planner in the Phoenix area.

KATHLEEN A. WARREN '97 was married to David Britain in London on October 1, 2005. The two reside in Bedford where she is a manager for Barclays Bank of London. Prior to moving to the UK, Kathleen earned her degree from USF and worked in New York at Wachovia Bank.

Laura Sanders '98 and Michael Gannon '99 are engaged to be married in July at St. Edward Church in Corona. Laura earned her degree in engineering from

Cal Poly Pomona and is now working on her masters and works as a systems engineer for Thales-Raytheon Systems. Michael is a fire alarm technician with National Fail Safe and is looking forward to earning his degree in communications from Cal State Fullerton.



IRAIZMI PEREZ '98, will cycle 500 miles from San Francisco to Los Angeles over 8 days in September. She will take part in the Amgen California Coast Classic Bicycle Tour in a effort to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation. To find our more about her adventure visit www.californiacoastclassic.org.

RUBY ROJAS '99 received a full athletic softball scholarship to the University of Virginia where she earned a B.A. in Sociology and Women Studies before earning a master's in Sports Management from Cal State Long Beach. She is an assistant softball coach at Orange Coast College and a supervisor for Protrans, Inc. Ruby is a member of the Venezuelan National Softball Team and will be playing this summer in Canada, Columbia and Beijing, China for the 2008 Olympic qualifier.

KATIE POKORSKI '99 is a registered dietician in private practice nutrition therapy specializing in adolescents with eating disorders.

2000s

LAUREN ADAMS '00 graduated from UCI with a degree in Biological Sciences and is now attending UCLA Dental School.

RYAN STEVENS '00 graduated from USC with a degree in history and is now enjoying life in the working world.

ERIKA GUTIERREZ '01 resides in Orange with her parents Debbie '73 and Mike '75. She recently graduated from Cal State University Long Beach earning a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice.

MATT LEINART '01 a recent graduate of USC, was selected 10th overall in the National Football League Draft by the Arizona Cardinals. Leinart had a stellar career as quarterback for the USC Trojans and is looking forward to bringing his football talents to Phoenix next fall.

MARISSA CAMPANA '02 is a senior at Franciscan University majoring in Theology and Spanish with minors in biology, chemistry and human life studies. Marissa is engaged to be married in the summer of 2007.

YADIRA (GABBY) RAMIREZ '02 is a manager at Nordstrom and recently announced her engagement to Sgt. Michael Stroud of the U.S. Army who is now serving in Iraq.

JENNY CHAVIS '03 played soccer at OCC for two years before transferring to SDSU. She is a communications major with an emphasis in public relations and loves living in San Diego.

NICOLE SMITH '03 is the reigning Miss Orange County. She is busy supporting her platform of breast cancer awareness throughout Orange County via local events and foundations.

Attention MD Alumni Athletes!

The Monarch Hall of Fame, to be located in the new Athletics & Aquatics Complex, will feature a history of Mater Dei sports.

We need your help to put that history together.

Were you a **CIF Player of the Year?**

Were you **All-CIF?**

Did you continue on into the **professional or Olympic ranks?**

We are also looking for jerseys, sweatshirts, t-shirts, shoes, cleats, mitts, balls, bats, hats, helmets, video, film and photos.

Contact the Office of Advancement and Alumni for more information:
(714) 850-9534 or
advancement@materdei.org

Visit the MDHS website at
www.materdei.org

The site features news and event information for parents, students and alumni.

You can also find a huge selection of Mater Dei sportswear and merchandise at the online store. It is a great place to shop for gifts or to find the perfect thing to wear to the next Mater Dei game.

Go Monarchs!

St. Bonaventure School 1st Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, July 24

Old Ranch Country Club ~ Seal Beach
Dinner and Auction to follow the tournament
Call Jeff Acuri for more details ~ (714) 861-1234



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