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---Sister Kathleen Lang, CSJ

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Academic Building Interior More Than Just a New Look

June 1, 2006 at 11:45 a.m. the jubilant shouts of "It's over!" were quickly followed with the realization, "It's just about to begin." The former, the unison cheer of 600 students finishing up the last exam before vacation. The latter, the warning about the weeks ahead! No sooner had the students vacated rooms 5, 6, 7, 8 than the custodial staff completed the real **vacation** with all desks and furnishings moved to the Inner Court.

Faculty members also experienced an early emptying as they securely boxed and labeled all their professional materials. And by 9 a.m. on Friday, June 2, Hertz arrived with a storage unit that will house these materials until the August move-in.

The Summer 2006 project includes extensive asbestos abatement. All hallways, 19 classrooms and other areas will be installed with marmoleum flooring; hallways will also have new wall coverings. Room 8 will be completed with state-of-the-art technology, a scaled down version of the rooms completed last summer in the gymnasium wing. Room 8 will serve as a model for those future donors who wish to sponsor and name a classroom. (To date five classrooms have been named.) All lockers will be refinished to complement the colors

chosen for flooring and walls; the materials will reflect the muted colors already used in the interior design of the Garaventa Center, the Library, Technology Center, College/Career Center, Faculty Room and Science Wing. Summer 2006 projects also include the completion of the display niches in the gymnasium wing as well as the signage of all named and donated areas.

Forty years ago, Carondelet's original architects, Dr. John Reid and Dr. Alexander Tarics, remarked "We always kept thinking of it as a girls' school and we gave it a feminine quality even though the materials, such as the brick and the redwood, came from the earth." Soon after, in December 1966, the Concord Planning Commission presented Carondelet with an award for outstanding architecture/ environmental design.

The School's present architects, CSDA (Corlett, Skaer and DeVoto), remain committed to maintaining the design integrity of our beautiful campus. And Mrs. Trudy Negherbon---Interior Designer, former Board member, alum parent and benefactor---continues her commitment to re-creating a learning environment that is esthetically pleasing, warmly inviting, yet quality driven. The Garaventa Center interior reflects the 17th century origins of the Sisters in Le Puy. The Academic Building interior will provide an environment that continues to nurture the dreams and challenges of Carondelet's 21st century women.

---Sister Eleanor Eagan, CSJ

Mission Statement

Carondelet High School, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, provides quality Catholic education in a caring environment. Carondelet educates, challenges and enables young women to integrate gospel values, to intelligently apply these values to their lives, and to reflect these values through leadership and service to the greater community.

WASC, WCEA Accreditation Update

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the Accrediting Commission for Schools, has granted Carondelet High School a six-year term of accreditation, citing the quality of instruction being offered at the School. The Western Catholic Education Association also accredits Carondelet and is expected to take the same action in the near future.

Rest in Peace

*Catherine Knight
Class of 1970*

February 4, 1952 - April 26, 2006

*Barbara Peters
Class of 1975*

September 13, 1957 - November 17, 2005

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is published for the alumnae, parents and friends of Carondelet High School.

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In Memoriam

We commend to your prayerful remembrance:

Bernita Allender, mother of Jo Anne '70

Maudell Dampier, mother of Joelle Fontana '03 and Ashton Fontana '07

Stephen Kennedy, husband of Louise, CHS benefactor, father of Stephanie '04

Catherine Knight '70, sister of Patricia '71 and Karen '79

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Katie Thatcher '03 and Emma '07; Jaime Swain '04 and Kayla '09

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Barbara Peters '75, sister of Dolores '69, Mary '70 and Shirley '74

Earl Prosek, father of Amy '94 and Taylor '01

Robert Roll, father of Lilla '77 and Mary '81

These loved ones are enrolled in the Carondelet Academic Foundation and remembered each month at Mass celebrated in honor of St Joseph.

CSJ Crisis Nursery Founder Honored with President's Award

Good morning. On July 20, 2006 it will be 25 years since the first family was admitted to a modest Concord residence that would become a refuge and safe haven for thousands of at-risk infants and young children. Described as "a home away from home" the Bay Area Crisis Nursery provides temporary shelter and care for children whose parents are in a time of acute stress and therefore unable to cope with the duties of child care.

As the founder-director has said, "Caring for these beautiful children is our real reward. Our ministry is working with the parents, never giving up on these parents although most of society has given up. We never give up!"

This founder-director is a woman of wisdom and great faith. "Things happen for a reason," she said, with great wisdom. "There was a reason for me to leave the children in Tucson. There was the need, here, unrealized at the time."

Accent on Creativity, Compassion, Competition!

Dr. Beverly Spurs '75 Named Alumna of the Year

Our second awardee today is a native of England. Her family moved to Concord when she was eleven, and she attended Queen of All Saints for two years before coming to Carondelet. During high school she spent one year in New Zealand, returning to rejoin her graduating class of 1975. She earned her Bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley and recently remarked that Carondelet



Dr. Beverly prescribes, Go for Jeopardy!

In 1980, as the needs of East Bay families became more obvious, so did the obstacles, especially lack of funding. "I always believed if God wanted this to happen, if this project was meant to succeed, the crisis nursery would happen."

The woman of great faith, meeting in the parlor at Carondelet Convent, asked the St. Vincent De Paul Society for \$10,000—instead they loaned her \$100,000 with no payments due for 10 years. Margaret Leshner's will included \$150,000 to pay off the debt, and an unknown woman bequeathed another \$100,000. "I always believed," the woman of faith said, "and there have been surprises."

After 25 years the Bay Area Crisis Nursery has expanded to three buildings on Mendocino Drive as well as a residence on Tulare Drive for older children. "It's important not to split up the families," our honoree said.

had prepared her very well. She always wanted to enter the health care profession but medical schools were so impacted in the seventies that it was suggested she try a specialization, earning her DPM at the California College of Podiatry Medicine.

For almost a quarter of a century, this gentle, compassionate woman has combined her private practice of medicine, her services at Mount Diablo Concord and John Muir Rossmoor, with ministering to the needs of the homebound and those in rest homes. She balances the demands of her professional life with her love for reading, cross stitch, knitting and quilting. Each year the fruit of her creativity may be viewed as a Visions of Christmas auction item.

On the other side of compassion and creativity is a flare for competition. She reached the Jeopardy Semifinals in the Tournament of Champions in 1996, and

"Caring for the children is our reward."



This year's President's Award is presented to a Sister of St. Joseph who grew up in Martinez, attended St. Catherine's School, Alhambra High School, Mount St. Mary's College and the University of Arizona. After 13 years of teaching in Oakland and Orinda, her life took another direction and she followed that path with compassion and faith. I am honored to present the Carondelet High School President's Award to Sister Ann Weltz. CSJ.

Sister Kathleen, Senior Assembly

used her winnings of about \$60,000 to help pay off her education debts.

She credits Queen of All Saints teachers Sr. Mary Frances and Sr. Sharon Ann with helping her in many categories. All that memorizing in English, history, and religion. About Jeopardy, she has a message for you future alums: "The CSJs have given you a good grounding; Carondelet has given you a good education—go for Jeopardy!"

Beverly has served as president of our Alumnae Association and on the Board of Regents as well. I have come to the conclusion that because of her generosity to family, patients, the greater community, and to her alma mater, she will never be a wealthy woman—but she will always be a woman of service—caring, creative and productive. With great pride and pleasure Carondelet honors Doctor Beverly Spurs as Alumna of the Year.

Sister Kathleen, Senior Assembly

"Goodbye, Lady Loves and Dear Hearts"

Mrs. Connie Tuft Retires after Twenty-Eight Years

It has been my pleasure to be a teacher at Carondelet High School for, lo, these many years. While I have taught a lot of subjects here, I have also learned a lot from students, faculty and staff members.

And isn't that the point of education? It flows both ways. CHS has been my home away from home. Each day I have enjoyed the company of charming, cheerful students who pick up my spirits with their *b o u n d l e s s* enthusiasm and who give me something to think about in their insightful, unedited remarks about life. The ambience of this school has only improved with the years. The quality and creativity of education is remarkable. CHS has been a wonderful supportive place to spend most of my teaching career. I shall always think of my "dear hearts" with boundless hope and love. I know that you are scattered around the earth and I know that we carry something of each other from our days together in class. That thought gives me great courage.



Frosh Voices Speak Out

Mrs. Tuft is . . . a wonderful teacher. She has taught all of her students so much. I will never forget where the Sea of Marmara is! Mrs. Tuft has a very happy and spunky personality. I will not forget her nicknames for us: lady-loves and dear-hearts. (Anonymous)

Mrs. Tuft is . . . so much fun! She has a really outgoing personality, is really fun and makes our History class fun also!
(Mikaela Grantham)

Mrs. Tuft is . . . very intelligent, loud, funny, nice, dramatic--she loves what she does! (Anonymous)



Ever onward! I wouldn't have missed a day of it!

Mrs. Tuft makes World Civ exciting and funny which keeps us interested! She is really outgoing and dresses just like us! She is also very witty and quick! (Kate Fitzpatrick)

Mrs. Tuft has so much energy and really makes World Civ interesting with all of her stories. She always makes me laugh. (Gabbie Garcia)



Rachel says, "She lives in the text."

Mrs. Tuft is a wonderful woman! She lives in the text and it shows through her teaching! She is a great teacher and will be greatly missed. (Rachel Valdez)

For a Second Year . . .

Cougar Swimmers Take North Coast Section Title



(Photo Courtesy of Janis Levesque)

In front:

Team Captains Kelsey Brassil, Courtney Bauer, Tina Levesque

Next Row: Coach Sue Miller, Stephanie Hess, Alexa Powers, Ally Alessi, Kelsey Lewis, Mariana Prutton, Diandra Prutton, Victoria "Tori" Goodson, Coach Kim Carlson

In back:

Coach Paul Stafford

Not pictured:

Anne Scalmanini

"This just in . . ."

Kim Carlson has been named CCTimes Coach of the Year. Tina Levesque is one of eight swimmers named to the All-Times Team.

Financial Aid Increased to \$550,000

With a combination of individual scholarships and a strong work grant program, Carondelet's financial assistance increases next year by \$100,000. The increase has been realized in part through a gift of \$65,000 from the Sisters of St. Joseph Province in Los Angeles.

Thirty-seven students were awarded a total of \$125,00 at the annual Scholarship Evening on May 25, 2006. In addition many other students will participate in the work grant program which will award \$425,000.

During the scholarship evening, Angela Capurro '07, who was awarded the Donna R. Sabatte Scholarship, offered her own reflections and appreciation. "I would never have had the opportunity to attend school here without your assistance. I am very happy to be able to speak for all who are being honored and helped this evening."



Next year about 12 % of the CHS student body will receive some form of financial assistance.



Danielle DiDonato '08 and Mrs. Michael Fryer accompanied a group of singer-students in "We Give You Thanks" and "Sing with the Spirit."

Alumnae Association Scholarship
Kristen Cadigan '07

Anonymous Scholarship
Alexandria Casillas '07

Carondelet Academic Foundation
Amy Daley '07

The Lucy Nido Cervone Memorial Award
Danielle Piccinini '06

Denise Lynn Durant Memorial Award
Angelica Miralles '07

Janice Ann Durant Scholarship
Gabrielle Poirier '07

The Faculty Staff Scholarship
Kelly Lawrence '07

Silvio E. Garaventa, Sr. Scholarship
Samantha Boyd '07
Olivia Zaragoza '08

Patricia "Tricia" L. Gunning Memorial Scholarship
Angelica Tripp '08

The Legacy Scholarship
Camille Lumsden '07

Trudy Ann Negherbon Scholarship
Emma Thatcher '08

Jeannette "GiGi" Pochini Memorial Award
Rachelle Kabiling '07

Donna R. Sabatte Scholarship
Angela Capurro '07

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Scholarship
Monica Mitra '07

Mary Rose Tancredy Memorial Scholarship
Andrea Guthrie '07

The President's Scholarships
Amanda Camera '07
Allison Firmeza '07
Kristen Gerlach '07
Elizabeth Gilbert '07
Victoria Goodson '07
Andrea Guthrie '07
Melissa Lara '07
Samantha Mascarenhas '07
Marines Novoa '07
Alexis Tracy '07
Cristin Welch '07

Y & H Soda Foundation Scholarships
Amanda Camera '07
Michelle Cirelli '07
Megan Dawe '08
Jamie Diermier '08
Micaela Dolojan '08
Meghan Fabian '08
Jennavee Iglesia '07
Rachelle Kabiling '07
Angelica Miralles '07
Gabrielle Poirier '07



For the 25th consecutive year, Esther and Jack Pochini awarded the scholarship in honor of their daughter "GiGi" who died in 1982, during her junior year. Granddaughter Natalie supervised the presentation.

Vested with Dignity, Worth and Catholic Values . . .

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And God said, "Let there be light." And God saw the light, and said that it was good. God said "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place and let the dry land appear. Let the earth put forth vegetation; plants yielding seeds and fruit trees of every kind." And God saw that it was good. God said, "Let there be a light in the sky to divide the day from the night, and let the waters bring forth living creatures. Let birds fly above the earth. Let us make humankind in our image, and God blessed them and said be fruitful and multiply." And God saw everything He had made, and indeed it was good. And on the 7th day God rested.

I think on the 8th day, God created Carondelet High School and the Class of 2006 and said THIS IS GREAT!

Good morning and welcome to the 2006 commencement ceremony. Last summer, I went to see "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants". The movie follows four very different girls through their summer adventures as independent women. Though miles and oceans apart, they stay united by passing on a pair of magical jeans. With each rotation of the pants, they send each other letters of support, comfort, and love. Here at Carondelet, we are part of a similar sisterhood. But rather than passing on a pair of pants, or maybe a plaid skirt and polo, we pass on something much more spiritual. We form the sisterhood of the traveling Spirit. Observing the behavior modeled by the Sisters of St. Joseph, we learned to pass the Holy Spirit from student to faculty, student to student, and student to community.

The faculty of Carondelet has endowed us with the knowledge and strength to assume roles as informed, moral women. They passed on the Spirit by supporting us as educators, activity moderators, and retreat leaders. We, in turn, were able to pass the Spirit back to these role models. We provided a youthful perspective on issues. We kept them busy with our questioning minds and creative interpretation of the uniform. And, more importantly, we prayed for them in times of personal struggle, tragedy, and loss.

Once we received the Spirit, we became vectors, passing it along from student to student. The Spirit continued to be cultivated through liturgies, Fontbonne forums, retreats, and peer example.

By supporting each other with kind words, Kairos memories, and laughter from spirit rally skits, we expanded this sisterhood amongst ourselves.

Vested with dignity, worth, and Catholic values, we are now empowered by God and a gospel-centered education to carry this Spirit outside the walls of Carondelet. Through Thanksgiving food drives, Breast Cancer Awareness month, and community prayer, we passed the Spirit to those who lack the means to obtain it. As independent women, we interacted with others through community service, ISC, trips to Salinas, and ventures into local poverty. With our eyes open, ears attentive, spirit alert, and sleeves rolled up, we extend this sisterhood, lengthening the journey of the traveling Spirit.

After four years, it may seem that the sisterhood of our class has reached an end. But as independent women, we will pass the Spirit on to those we meet. We will carry the values that Carondelet has emphasized for forty years into the outside world.

*Sometimes we come to life's crossroads
And we view what we think is the end.
But God has a much wider vision
And he knows that it's only a bend.*

(Helen Steiner Rice)

Congratulations Class of 2006 and welcome to the bend! If we are mindful of the Spirit's constant presence within our sisterhood, we will make everyday the "best day of our lives."

---Kelly Kramer, Salutatorian



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Power (Truly!) to Change Our World . . .

I am honored to have the opportunity to say farewell to a class of such extraordinary young women. On this exciting day, I am reminded of a quote by the German philosopher Goethe: "Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. **Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.**" We can recall the courage required on our first few days: the halls were as unfamiliar as the faces; but the magic that our boldness then created will surely be overshadowed by what this class will accomplish in the future. And while our dreams will undoubtedly be fulfilled, for the Class of 2006 the most important focus of Goethe's quote is a single, yet powerful word: "CAN." It is simple, yes, but I have no doubt that we will ultimately prove its worthiness. Borrowing the preferred mnemonic device of one of my favorite priests, Fr. Michael Dibble, I would like to render an acronym that will prove fitting for this class. **CAN – our Catholic identity, our Academic growth, and our New experiences.**

First is the "C," our Catholic identity. When many of us began Carondelet, our growth as Catholics was fostered one hour each weekend. In our four years, we have discovered that spirituality is evident throughout our lives. Together we have personalized our religion into something that is both tangible and transcendent. We have learned about faith and the Holy Spirit in our classes, but we have more completely experienced this presence in our own lives – in the bonds we have formed while a part of clubs, sports teams, and retreats. **Our Catholic environment has given us the power (truly!) to change our world. Aided by our faith and by forty years of roots to support us – I know we CAN.**

Next is the "A," our Academic growth. From the beginning, our class has been marked for great things. We have among us writers and scientists, mathematicians and poets, musicians and leaders. **In our time as Cougars, we have thrived, and our thinking has been cultivated. As we have heard in the gospel of Matthew: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The light that we arrived with was bright, but it has been refined and focused while at Carondelet. With confidence, we will go far with the light that we have; farther, perhaps, than even we can imagine – and we CAN.**

Finally, the "N" – which stands for our New experiences, our future. **No matter where our individual paths take us, I am convinced that we are prepared.** More than this – we are capable of exceeding even our own expectations. We sang in our loudest voices that "These are the best days of our lives." I think that we can all agree that our best days will not end when we walk out these doors. Our time here has been unique to each of us, but it has prepared us all to progress on to new and fascinating endeavors.

---Hayley Wheeler, Valedictorian

All in the Family

A Valedictorian Trio: History Repeats . . .



"I hope that you will always push yourself to reach higher. . . May the most that you ever seek to achieve, be the least that you ever accomplish." In June 2001, Alyson Wheeler, Senior Class President and Valedictorian, shared these final words with her classmates. Her sister Hayley, about to enter the eighth grade at Christ the King School, must have been listening carefully.

This year Senior Class President and Valedictorian Hayley Wheeler echoed her sister's words as she told her class, "With confidence, we will go far with the light that we have; farther, perhaps, than even we can imagine . . ."

Surrounded by her daughter-valedictorians, Kathy Wheeler would probably downplay her role in these accomplishments. Nevertheless, Alyson and Hayley are proud to remember that their mother was also her class valedictorian, 'way back in the seventies!



"We came as strangers, but we leave as friends: ready to be bold and accomplish our dreams. And graduating Class of 2006, I know we CAN!"

School Awards and Honors

Valedictorian Carondelet Award



Hayley Wheeler

The Carondelet Award represents the ideals of the school: academics, leadership, service, character, loyalty.

Fontbonne Award



Miranda Ripoli

The Fontbonne Award honors the memory of Mother St. John Fontbonne - a woman of heart, faith, and courage - who refounded the Sisters of St. Joseph after the French Revolution. This award recognizes the graduate who personifies the CSJ Tradition of "eyes open, ears attentive, spirits alert...sleeves rolled up for ministry."

Medaille Award



Kaley Ervin

The Medaille Award for Spirituality and Service honors the spirit of Jean Pierre Medaille SJ, who challenged six women, the first Sisters of St. Joseph, in 1650, to "divide the city, identify the needs of the time, and to do all of which woman is capable in service to the dear neighbor."

The Principal's Award



Brittany Stich

The Principal's Award is given for outstanding service to Carondelet.

Salutatorian



Kelly Kramer

The Salutatorian, nominated by her class, is selected by a faculty committee.

Senior Athlete of the Year



Jayne Appel

The Senior Athlete of the Year has competed all four years in inter-scholastic sports, maintained high academic standards, and represented Carondelet and the values of a Catholic education.

Recognize the Gifts, Share Your Talents, Cultivate the Spirit Within

“For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day. For poise, walk with the knowledge you’ll never walk alone. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed. Never throw out anybody.”



These wise words of Audrey Hepburn may offer practical insight on your journey. This evening I welcome you as we gather together to honor the accomplishments of our last four years.

Before arriving at this moment of achievement and celebration, I turned to fellow women of integrity and excellence as inspiration for the words I will share today. In a commencement speech delivered at the Harvard Medical School in 1994, then First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton imparted this message: *“In life it is competence and confidence and compassion that separate us as human beings from mere technicians.”*

Later in 1999, Pulitzer Prize winning authoress, Anna Quindlen, stood before a crowd of female graduates and wisely counseled, *“Imitations are redundant. Yourself is what is wanted.”*

As graduates of Carondelet High School, you have been encouraged to discern different vocations that include higher education, religious life, volunteerism, motherhood, and professional careers.

Women like Clinton and Quindlen advise that individualism, rooted in a strong sense of self and a compassionate awareness of others, is the best measure of success. Your foundation for achieving these goals began with loved ones who encouraged you to apply to Carondelet. This was a difficult time of transition, as American Astronaut Sally Ride said, *“All adventures, especially into new territory, are scary.”*

Throughout the four years, you were challenged by the rigorous academic schedule, excelling in every aspect of education. When certain subjects were difficult, you were motivated by the dedicated Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, outstanding faculty, superior staff, and generous peers. Confidence acquired through academic achievement informed other areas of your life, including success as athletes, musicians, debaters, volunteers, student leaders and advocates in humanities groups.

In this pursuit of becoming all of which you are capable, you have enjoyed the gentle compassion and support of everyone gathered today, our Carondelet community. This innate sense of community emerged from the mission of the founders, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, encouraging you to share “the mission of Jesus, and respond to the needs of people in our time.” This spirit of charitable dedication and recognition of God in each other was ingrained through daily prayer and annual retreats.

Tonight the scripture reminds us to tackle each challenge with the greatest courage and verve. “You are the salt of the earth,” the oregano in the sautéed mushrooms; more than this spice analogy, you are here as a culmination of the wonderful opportunities with which you have been presented.

Occasionally, during your years at Carondelet, your light may have wavered, flickering with the changes of the times and the worries of tomorrow. But that internal light shall never be stifled as long as you hold dear the principle of our school: “God is my light.” Do not shield

your radiance from the world, instead share the beauty, the talent, the intelligence, and the blessings you possess upon your community. Exemplify the trust and respect you wish to receive, and as the gospel proclaims, “they will see the good things you do and will honor your God who is in heaven.”

At the conclusion of this high school experience, you might question, *“Who am I going to be when I grow up?”* To this actress Lily Tomlin responded, *“I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific.”*

As you continue to grow and discover who you will be, I encourage you to reflect on all the lessons, both life and academic, that you have learned in these wonderful four years.

Perhaps comedian Gilda Radner said it best, *“Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what’s going to happen next.”* Of course Ms. Radner was also correct when she said, *“I base my fashion taste on what doesn’t itch.”* So I wonder what she would have thought of wool skirts in summer?

In the spirit of all the independent, visionary, and compassionate women who inspire you, I invite you to recognize the gifts with which you have been blessed, to share your talents freely, and to cultivate the spirit within you. Class of 2006, we have arrived, and we made these some “of the best days of our lives!”

---Charlotte Lewis '06



Ashley Aliotti and her mother Robin share a special moment right after Senior Assembly.

The First Jefferson Awards At Carondelet

"The idea behind the Jefferson Awards is that 'ONE person can make a difference.' In our inaugural year, CHS wishes to acknowledge three of our students who made a difference although I think we have 800 of you that do that every day!

"The first recipient took the lead when CHS was offered an evening at McCovey's restaurant as a fundraiser. This senior made the arrangements, not always made easy by big business, pulled off the deal and did this with a special charity in mind – The Wheelchair Foundation. For her public service and making a difference in the lives of seven people who received those chairs around the world, we honor **Lauren Whalen**.

"Our second recipient is also a senior who has been involved in service throughout her life and brought forward the idea of starting a high school branch of the Soroptimist Club, known as the S Club. With a handful of like-minded students, she pulled this off and became the president of the group in its charter year here at Carondelet. For her service in establishing a group which will continue to flourish at CHS, for making a difference, we honor **Morgan McIntyre**.



Morgan McIntyre '06 established a high school branch of the Soroptimist Club on Carondelet's campus. Lauren Whalen '06 organized a fundraiser for the Wheelchair Foundation.

"Our final recipient for this year is a freshman. This student has for some time put her time and energy into providing for others. Due to the fact that moving into high school was her main focus in the Fall, she was not able to do her traditional Thanksgiving baskets drawing on the goodwill of her neighbors. However, spring seemed to allow a bit more time, so the focus was on Easter baskets for those less fortunate. Through letters to her neighbors and a lot of effort, this student assembled numerous baskets of joy and goodies for children who would not have experienced the happiness of the day without her. For her public service and for making a difference in the lives of these children, we honor **Sarah Forde**.

"Schools are also able to honor teachers or staff members who have made a difference in the area of public service. It seems only fitting and appropriate...that we recognize our own guru of service, the woman who leads our Community Service program and who has dedicated her life as a religious to aiding others. And so...we recognize for making a difference....**Sister Dorothy Elaine Stack CSJ.** "

---Sr. James Marien, Senior Assembly

About the Awards

In 1972, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, U.S. Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard founded the American Institute for Public Service, a 501c3 public foundation, to establish a Nobel Prize for public and community service, henceforth to be known as The Jefferson Awards.

The Jefferson Awards are presented on two levels: national and local. The national awards are given in five categories: Greatest Public Service 1) by an Elected or Appointed Official, 2) by a Private Citizen, 3) benefiting the Disadvantaged, 4) by an Individual 35 Years or Younger, 5) benefiting the Local Community.

On the local level, Awards recipients are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition or reward. By honoring the Jefferson Award recipients, the American Institute for Public Service inspires others to become involved in community and public service.

Through the efforts of Mr. Jack Russi, father of Lauren '04 and Allisen '05, Carondelet is this year included in The Jefferson Awards.



Sister Dorothy Elaine directs the Community Service program.



Sarah Forde '09 tapped her neighbors to make Easter Baskets for special children.

Class of 2006 Awards and Honors

Lauren Abbott

California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award
Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award

Emily Akaba

California Scholarship Federation
National Merit Scholarship Program
Commended Student
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
University of Arizona Excellence Award
University of Arizona Honors College
University of Arizona Northern
California Alumni Association
Scholarship

Marissa Alamillo

President's Volunteer Service Award

Ashley Aliotti

President's Award for Educational
Achievement
President's Volunteer Service Award

Kristina Almeda

California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Violet Richardson Award Runner Up

Angielette Andaya

Bank of America Achievement Award
Modern Languages Certificate
California Scholarship Federation
John Muir Medical Center Student
Volunteer Scholarship
National Honor Society
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award

Erin Andrade

President's Volunteer Service Award

Kristin Andrighetto

University of Missouri-Columbia
Athletic Scholarship

Aimee Antonio

California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Achievement
President's Volunteer Service Award
Seattle University Arrupe Grant
Seattle University SU Grant
Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award

Jayne Appel

California Scholarship Federation
High School Sports Focus Scholar-
Athlete of the Year
President's Award for Educational
Achievement
President's Volunteer Service Award
Senior Athlete Award
Stanford University Athletic Scholarship
Wendy's Heisman Award Nominee



Joe and Pam Appel, waiting at Senior Assembly, as Jayne remained standing to claim the Senior Athlete Award. (Imagine the smiles when Jayne was named CCTimes Athlete of the Year for a second time and then selected for the USA under 18 National Team!)

Melissa Ann Asuncion

2006 Sam Walton Community
Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award

Victoria Barone

California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award

Courtney Bauer

President's Volunteer Service Award
University of California, Santa Barbara
Athletic Scholarship

Victoria Isabel Baula

President's Volunteer Service Award
Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award

Bettina Bautista

President's Volunteer Service Award

Michelle Becker

President's Volunteer Service Award

Alissa Benavidez

President's Volunteer Service Award

Allison Benger

President's Award for Educational
Excellence
California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award

Andrea Berner

Girl Scout Association of San Ramon
Educational Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award

Sarah Bishop

California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award
Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award
Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Violet Richardson Award

Bridget Botelho

California Scholarship Federation
National Hispanic Recognition
Program Scholar
President's Volunteer Service Award

Kelsey Brassil

California Scholarship Federation
Diablo Valley Panhellenic Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award
University of Oregon Dean's
Scholarship

Sarah Brittan

California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award

Cesyli Bruno

President's Volunteer Service Award

Nicole Bruno

President's Volunteer Service Award

Class of 2006 Awards and Honors

Kimberly Cabral

President's Volunteer Service Award

Kaela Calfas

President's Award for Educational Achievement

President's Volunteer Service Award

Vanessa Calle

University of the Incarnate Word Athletic Scholarship

University of the Incarnate Word Scholarship

President's Volunteer Service Award

Andrea Carlos

California Scholarship Federation

National Hispanic Recognition

Program Scholar

President's Award for Educational Excellence

President's Volunteer Service Award

Santa Clara University Grant

Danielle Castillo

President's Volunteer Service Award

Brianna Castro

Bank of America Achievement Award

History Certificate

California Scholarship Federation

National Honor Society

President's Award for Educational Excellence

President's Volunteer Service Award

University of California, Berkeley

Alumni Scholarship Semifinalist

Taylor Caswell

President's Volunteer Service Award

Kelsey Collins

California Scholarship Federation

President's Award for Educational Excellence

President's Volunteer Service Award

Lacy Coniglio

President's Volunteer Service Award

Lucia Cortez

President's Volunteer Service Award

California Scholarship Federation

Katie Cross

President's Volunteer Service Award

Heather Cuellar Mendez

President's Volunteer Service Award

Angela De Respini

President's Volunteer Service Award

Kristen Dejesus

Soroptimist International of Diablo

Vista Community Service Award

President's Volunteer Service Award

Kaelalyn DiNino

President's Award for Educational

Excellence

California Scholarship Federation

President's Volunteer Service Award

Lauren Dominguez

Appointment to the United States Naval Academy

California Scholarship Federation

John Muir Medical Center Student

Volunteer Scholarship

National Honor Society

President's Award for Educational

Excellence

President's Volunteer Service Award

Courtney Drew

President's Volunteer Service Award

Molly Dudziak

President's Volunteer Service Award

Cristina Enrique

President's Volunteer Service Award

California Scholarship Federation

Kaley Ervin

Bank of America Achievement Award

Physical Education Certificate

Best Buy Children's Foundation

Scholarship

California Scholarship Federation

Comcast Leaders and Achievers

Scholarship

Georgetown University Scholarship

Medaille Award, National Honor Society

President's Volunteer Service Award

President's Award for Educational

Excellence

Soroptimist International of Diablo

Vista Community Service Award

Soroptimist International of Walnut

Creek Violet Richardson Award

The Georgetown Scholarship Program

Scholarship

Melissa Fake

President's Volunteer Service Award

Maryam Fanara

President's Volunteer Service Award

Seena Ferrari

California Scholarship Federation

President's Award for Educational

Excellence

President's Volunteer Service Award

Eleanor Lydia Fetter

State of California Veterans Education

Benefit

Fahren Fonacier

President's Volunteer Service Award

Ashlee Ford

President's Award for Educational

Achievement

President's Volunteer Service Award

Lisa Fugere

California Scholarship Federation

President's Award for Educational

Excellence

President's Volunteer Service Award

Brianna Galloway

Soroptimist International of Diablo

Vista Community Service Award

President's Award for Educational

Excellence

President's Volunteer Service Award



A very happy Laurie Ervin gratefully accepted the Medaille Award on her daughter's behalf. Kaley was away on a community service project . . .

Class of 2006 Awards and Honors

Molly Ganey

California Interscholastic Federation
Spirit of Sport Award
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award

Daniela Garcia

California Scholarship Federation
Christermon Foundation Scholarship
Semifinalist
Loyola Marymount University
Freshmen Grant
President's Volunteer Service Award
Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award

Loreene Garcia

Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award
President's Volunteer Service Award

Ali Gonzales

Bank of America Achievement Award
Religious Studies Certificate
California Scholarship Federation
Carondelet Parents' Association
Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award
Saint Mary's College of California
Honors at Entrance
Saint Mary's College of California
Merit Scholarship

Anna Gonzalez-Vingochea

President's Volunteer Service Award

Leeson Grant

President's Award for Educational
Achievement
President's Volunteer Service Award

Lynn Gualtieri

Bank of America Achievement Award
Mathematics Certificate
President's Volunteer Service Award

Kristen Hann

California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
The 2006 Stacy Ojeda Scholarship

Rhea Hasson

Bank of America Achievement Award
Sports Medicine Certificate
California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award
Saint Michael's College Scholarship

Teresa Healey

Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Charter Member "S" Club
President's Volunteer Service Award

Jacqueline Hemmen

President's Volunteer Service Award

Karen Hjortsvang

President's Award for Educational
Excellence
California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award

Breanna Holm

Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award
California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award

Alexandria Holmberg

President's Volunteer Service Award
California Scholarship Federation



A very proud big sister and first cousin, Jennifer Holmberg '96, brought her family to celebrate graduation with first cousins Alexandria Holmberg and Samantha Howard.

Samantha Howard

Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award
President's Volunteer Service Award

Caitlin Hudson

President's Volunteer Service Award

Elyse Hunt

President's Volunteer Service Award

Gina Hurley

Hofstra University Achievement
Scholarship
California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award

Bergen Iltad

President's Award for Educational
Excellence
California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award

Heidi Imsand

Saint Mary's College of California
Honors at Entrance
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Saint Mary's College of California
Merit Scholarship

Elizabeth Irion

California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Saint Mary's College of California
Honors at Entrance
Saint Mary's College of California
Merit Scholarship

Melissa Jackson

President's Volunteer Service Award

Erika Janke

President's Volunteer Service Award

Nora Jobling

President's Award for Educational
Achievement
President's Volunteer Service Award

Leanna Jordan

Southern Methodist University Scholar
National Honor Society
President's Volunteer Service Award

Class of 2006 Awards and Honors

Lauren Joskowitz

Bank of America Achievement Award
Drama Certificate
President's Volunteer Service Award

Laura Kaminsky

Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame Le Mans Award
California Scholarship Federation

Kathryn Kim

Bank of America Achievement Award
Science Certificate
California Scholarship Federation
National Honor Society
President's Award for Educational Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Salutatorian Candidate
University of California, Berkeley
Alumni Scholarship Finalist
Valedictorian Candidate

Kelly Kramer

ABC 7 Top Scholars Nominee
All-USA High School Academic Team Nominee
Bank of America Achievement Award
English Certificate
California Scholarship Federation
National Honor Society
President's Award for Educational Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Salutatorian
Sons of Italy Western Foundation Bingo Worker Scholarship
University of California, Los Angeles Honors Program
Valedictorian Candidate

Natalie Kresich

President's Volunteer Service Award

Bethany Krkoska

Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista Community Service Award
President's Volunteer Service Award

Kathleen Larragueta

President's Volunteer Service Award

Kristina Levesque

California Scholarship Federation
National Honor Society
President's Award for Educational Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
University of San Diego Athletic Scholarship
University of San Diego Trustee Scholarship

Charlotte Lewis

ABC 7 Top Scholars Nominee
Bank of America Achievement Award
English Certificate
Cabrillo Civic Club Youth Scholarship
California Scholarship Federation
Carondelet Parents' Association Scholarship
National Honor Society
National Merit Scholarship Program
Commended Student
President's Award for Educational Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Nominee
Salutatorian Candidate
Santa Clara University Honors Program
Santa Clara University Merit Scholarship
Santa Clara University Presidential Scholar at Entry
Valedictorian Candidate



Another proud sister, Emily Lewis '01, congratulated Charlotte on her Baccalaureate message to the graduates.

Maria Llacuna

North Coast Section Foundation Scholarship Nominee
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award

Mary Elizabeth Loecher

President's Volunteer Service Award

Giuliana Longmire

University of San Diego Athletic Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award



Proud Longmire family of the "Living Legacy" Giuliana, at the Senior Assembly: sister Gina '98, mother Lynne and Nona Beverly.

Courtney Allyssa Lorca

President's Award for Educational Excellence
California Scholarship Federation
John Muir Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship
National Honor Society
President's Volunteer Service Award

Blakeley Loyola

Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista Community Service Award
President's Volunteer Service Award

Anne Lukens

President's Volunteer Service Award

Megan Lynch

Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista Community Service Award
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Syracuse University Chancellor's Scholar
Syracuse University Chancellor's Scholarship
Syracuse University Scholarship

Class of 2006 Awards and Honors

Jaclyn MacDonald

*Bank of America Achievement Award
Modern Languages Certificate
President's Award for Educational
Achievement
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Morgan MacIntyre

*Carondelet Parents' Association
Scholarship
Jefferson Award for Public Service
President's Award for Educational
Achievement
President's Volunteer Service Award
Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Charter Member "S" Club
Soroptimist International of Pleasant
Hill Barbara Stevenson Award*

Michelle Madamba

*California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Megan Magers-Rankin

*Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Nelly Maltez

President's Volunteer Service Award

Blanca Marquez

*California Scholarship Federation
Chubb Foundation Benton Award
Chubb Foundation Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award
University of San Francisco Tuition
Grant*

Casey Maxwell

*Northeastern University Excellence
Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Jacqueline McCarthy

President's Volunteer Service Award

Maura McCormick

*Santa Clara University Grant
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Meaghan McVeigh

*President's Volunteer Service Award
University of Hawaii, Manoa Western
Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship*

Bailey Melara

President's Volunteer Service Award

Janelle Mendoza

President's Volunteer Service Award

Stephanie Milne

*President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Lauren Mitcheom

*Santa Clara University SCU Preferred
Scholarship
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Natalie Morales

President's Volunteer Service Award

Blythe Nelson

*University of the Pacific President's
Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Lindsay Newsom

*Bank of America Achievement Award
Science Certificate
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Taryn O'Connell

*University of California, Berkeley
Athletic Scholarship
California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Bridget O'Meara

President's Volunteer Service Award

Cailin O'Meara

President's Volunteer Service Award

Kathryn Ortiz

*Bank of America Achievement Award
History Certificate
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
University of Oregon Dean's
Scholarship
University of Oregon Society of College
Scholars*

Gina Palomba

*Merrimack College Trustee Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Jennifer Parker

President's Volunteer Service Award

Kathleen Paulson

*Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Jessica Pease

*President's Award for Educational
Excellence
California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Deirdre Peckenham

President's Volunteer Service Award

Caitlin Phalen

President's Volunteer Service Award

*Despite the
rain, the
graduates were
very focused,
very dignified,
ready and
waiting for the
cap toss signal.*



Class of 2006 Awards and Honors

Danielle Piccinini

Bank of America Achievement Award
 Fine Arts Plaque
 California Scholarship Federation
 Carondelet Parents' Association
 Scholarship
 Italian Catholic Federation First-Year
 Scholarship
 National Honor Society
 President's Award for Educational
 Achievement
 President's Volunteer Service Award
 Soroptimist International of Diablo
 Vista Community Service Award



At the Scholarship Evening, Rosanne Piccinini accepted Danielle's **Lucy Nido Cervone Memorial Award** for music study at UCLA. As one would expect, Danielle was performing service at another function!

Lindsay Pirkle

President's Volunteer Service Award

Megan Pohley

United Irish Cultural Center Leo Walsh
 Scholarship
 President's Volunteer Service Award
 Saint Mary's College of California
 Scholarship

Marisa Pond

University of Portland President's
 Scholarship
 President's Volunteer Service Award

Christina Pontes

Sonoma State University Honors at
 Entrance
 President's Award for Educational
 Excellence
 President's Volunteer Service Award

Kimberly Prins

Bank of America Achievement Award
 Music Certificate

Sarah Randall

Sonoma State University President's
 Scholar
 California Scholarship Federation
 Soroptimist International of Diablo
 Vista Violet Richardson Award Runner Up
 President's Volunteer Service Award

Sarah Reagan

Burger King Scholars Foundation
 Scholarship Nominee

Lauren Redding

University of the Incarnate Word
 Achievement Award
 President's Volunteer Service Award

Jessica Reilly

President's Volunteer Service Award

Stephanie Resch

President's Volunteer Service Award

Miranda Ripoli

Bank of America Achievement Award
 Religious Studies Certificate
 Best Buy Children's Foundation
 Scholarship
 California Association of Collectors
 Educational Scholarship
 Daughters of the American Revolution
 Good Citizen Award
 Fontbonne Award
 Kohl's Kids Who Care Recognition
 Program Nominee
 President's Award for Educational
 Achievement, President's Volunteer
 Service Award, Saint Mary's College of
 California Scholarship
 Salutatorian Candidate



Grandmother Nicolosi and mother Grace Yvette Ripoli '80 enjoy a Miranda moment during Senior Assembly.

Chantelle Roberts

Links, Inc., Celebration of Excellence
 Certificate
 California Scholarship Federation
 President's Volunteer Service Award

Ivonne Romeo

Bank of America Achievement Award
 Modern Languages Certificate
 Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco
 Workers and Grain Millers
 International Union Scholarship
 California Scholarship Federation
 President's Award for Educational
 Excellence
 President's Volunteer Service Award
 Soroptimist International of Diablo
 Vista Violet Richardson Award Runner Up

Adrianna Rubino

President's Award for Educational
 Excellence
 California Scholarship Federation
 President's Volunteer Service Award

Kimberly Rusch

President's Award for Educational
 Excellence
 President's Volunteer Service Award

Justine Saca

President's Award for Educational
 Achievement
 President's Volunteer Service Award

Jillian Salvador

President's Volunteer Service Award

Sofhia Samimi

President's Volunteer Service Award

Andrea Sarti

President's Volunteer Service Award

Allison Scheffler

President's Volunteer Service Award

Christina Schibler

President's Volunteer Service Award
 California Scholarship Federation

Class of 2006 Awards and Honors

Kerry Schlatter

President's Volunteer Service Award

Kristen Schneeberg

President's Award for Educational Achievement

Hillary Smith

President's Volunteer Service Award

Nicole Sterba

*University of Northern Colorado
National Undergraduate Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Brittany Stich

*ABC 7 Top Scholars Nominee
Bank of America Achievement Award
Liberal Arts Plaque
California Scholarship Federation
Kohl's Kids Who Care Recognition
Program Nominee
NASSP and Herff Jones Principal's
Leadership Award Nominee
National Honor Society
National Merit Scholarship Program
Commended Student
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Principal's Award
Rotary Club of Concord John & Jane
Moiso Endowment Fund Service
Scholarship
Salutatorian Candidate
Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award
Stanford University General
Scholarship
Stanford University Stanford Fund
Valedictorian Candidate*

Jenna Stich

*President's Award for Educational
Excellence
California Scholarship Federation
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Kaitlin Stich

*Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award
California Scholarship Federation
National Honor Society
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Jessica Suarez

President's Volunteer Service Award

Julie Sullivan

*Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Kelly Svoboda

*President's Award for Educational
Excellence*

Jasmine Swearingen

*President's Award for Educational
Achievement
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Michelle Marie Tagay

President's Volunteer Service Award

Kristin Tanyag

*Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award
California Scholarship Federation
National Honor Society
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Sarah Teixeira

*Region VI Association of California
School Administrators Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Megan Telles

*AP Scholar
California Scholarship Federation
National Hispanic Recognition
Program Scholar
National Honor Society
National Merit Scholarship Program
Commended Student
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Christina Tenuto

*Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Violet Richardson Award Runner Up*

Amanda Thompson

*Bank of America Achievement Award
Art Certificate
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence*

Kristin Ann Umadhay

*Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Community Service Award
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Valerie Vanegas

President's Volunteer Service Award

Stevi Vasquez

*National Hispanic Recognition
Program Scholar
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
University of San Diego Presidential
Scholar
University of San Diego Presidential
Scholarship
University of San Diego Scholarship*

Jill Vecchi

*President's Award for Educational
Achievement
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Kelly Vesely

President's Volunteer Service Award

Kaitlin Warren

*Bank of America Achievement Award
Mathematics Certificate
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
University of California, Santa Barbara
College of Letters and Science Honors
Program*

Lauren Whalen

*Bank of America Achievement Award
Music Certificate
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Jefferson Award for Public Service*

Chelsea Wheeler

*Links, Inc., Celebration of Excellence
Certificate
National Achievement Scholarship
Program Outstanding Participant
President's Volunteer Service Award*

Class of 2006 Awards and Honors

Hayley Wheeler

ABC 7 Top Scholars Nominee
AP Scholar
Bank of America Achievement Award
Science and Mathematics Plaque
California Scholarship Federation
Carondelet Award
Carondelet Parents' Association
Scholarship
National Honor Society
National Merit Scholarship Program
Commended Student
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Nominee
UCLA Alumni Association Theodore &
Edith Brown Memorial Scholarship
UCLA Alumni Scholar
University of California, Los Angeles
Honors Program
University of California, Los Angeles
Regents Scholar
University of California, Los Angeles
Regents Scholarship
University of Virginia Jefferson Scholar
Nominee
Valedictorian

Stephanie Williamson

AT&T Foundation Scholarship
California Scholarship Federation
National Honor Society
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award

Katherine Witkower

President's Volunteer Service Award

Ashley Wolf

Soroptimist International of Diablo
Vista Charter Member "S" Club
President's Volunteer Service Award

Nicole Yee

Bank of America Achievement Award
Mathematics Certificate
California Scholarship Federation
President's Award for Educational
Excellence
President's Volunteer Service Award
Toyota Community Scholars Program
Nominee

After Senior Assembly



Ashley Wolf and Giuliana Longmire typify Carondelet friendships. Ashley will attend San Diego State with Giuliana just across Mission Valley at the University of San Diego.

Giuliana sorted through 56 letters from colleges seeking her athletic skills, notably in soccer. She bypassed such schools as UCLA, Notre Dame, Michigan State, USC and Berkeley and chose the Toreros, wanting a California school, a Catholic school and a small school. USD passed the test. Giuliana will be a starter, with friend Ashley cheering her on.

A Graduation Moment



Lord, bless the
entire
Carondelet
community---
students,
faculty,
parents, family
and friends---
as the
graduated
class of 2006
journeys on to
the best days
of our lives yet
to come. Amen

Class of 2006 College and University Acceptances

American River College
 American University
 Arizona State University
 The University of Arizona
 Assumption College
 Boise State University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Brooks College
 Brown University
 Butler University
 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
 California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

 California State University, Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Marcos, Stanislaus

 Carroll College
 Chaminade University of Honolulu
 Chapman University
 Claremont McKenna College
 Colgate University
 Colorado School of Mines
 Concordia University
 Dartmouth College
 DePauw University
 Diablo Valley College

Dominican University
 Emerson College
 Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, San Francisco
 Feather River College
 Florida International University
 Fordham University
 Fullerton College
 The George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Gonzaga University
 Harvard University
 Hawaii Pacific University
 Hofstra University
 Humboldt State University
 Illinois Institute of Technology
 Illinois Wesleyan University
 Ithaca College
 Lehigh University
 Lewis & Clark College
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Marquette University
 Marymount Manhattan College
 Menlo College
 Merrimack College
 Montana State University, Billings
 National-Louis University
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Northern Arizona University

Notre Dame de Namur University
 Palomar College
 Pennsylvania State University, Abington
 Pepperdine University
 Princeton University
 Providence College
 Regis University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon
 Saint John's University
 Saint Joseph's University
 Saint Mary's College
 Saint Mary's College of California
 Saint Michael's College
 San Diego State University
 San Francisco State University
 San Jose State University
 Santa Barbara City College
 Santa Clara University
 Seattle University
 Seton Hall University
 Sonoma State University
 Southern Methodist University
 Southern Oregon University
 St. Edward's University
 St. John's University
 St. Norbert College
 Stanford University
 Suffolk University
 SUNY College at Fredonia

Syracuse University
 Tulane University
 United States Naval Academy

 University of California at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz

 University of Colorado at Boulder
 University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
 University of Evansville
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Miami
 University of Missouri Columbia
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 University of Northern Colorado
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Oregon
 University of Portland
 University of Redlands
 University of San Diego
 University of San Francisco
 University of Southern California
 University of the Incarnate Word
 University of the Pacific
 University of Virginia
 University of Washington
 Valparaiso University
 Whitman College
 Whittier College

(Total of 801 acceptances received. See back page for graduates' actual college choices)

A Final Graduation Blessing



Gracious and loving God, We extend our gratitude for a triumphant four years, glorified by a class of young women teeming with exuberance and insurmountable pride. Let us keep dear to our hearts the bonds, memories, and life skills acquired in this familiar brick edifice. Lord, please grant us strength to never doubt our abilities, but know that we CAN. Bestow upon this sisterhood of the traveling spirit courage to pursue our dreams with unwavering passion and vivaciousness. As we turn to exit these gym doors one last time, we ask your blessing on our beloved class. In the words of St. Teresa: 'May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you ... May you be content knowing you are a child of God ... Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.' Lord, bless the entire Carondelet community as the graduated class of 2006 journeys on to the best days of our lives yet to come. Amen

--Brittany Stich '06, ASB President

Keeping in Touch. .

Kristie ABBOTT-Walker '75 is teaching all levels of Spanish including AP at Benicia High School and is department chair. She also teaches at Diablo Valley College. Son Brandt is in the firefighting academy. Daughter Tahnee, just turned 18, will be a senior at Benicia High.

Elizabeth BOYAN Foraker '82 had a daughter on May 17, 2006. Caroline joins her two brothers and one sister.

Reina TELLEZ Kauffman '83 lives in Petaluma with husband Cameron and 12-year old daughter, Lena. Reina and Cameron will be celebrating their 19th wedding anniversary this year. She is a licensed insurance agent and an underwriter with Amica Insurance in Petaluma. Cameron is a CPA in San Francisco. The Kauffmans enjoy soccer, traveling, visiting family in Europe and spending time at their coastal vacation home in Brookings, Oregon.

Katy McNAMARA '86 just completed her MFA in Painting from the San Francisco Art Institute while continuing in her position in the Community Toxics Program at the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Last May she and James Lloyd-Smith were married.

Patricia AMBACHER '89 transferred from the private to the public sector and works as a historian with the State Office of Historic Preservation. She reviews nominations for properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Spending her days reading about architecture and California history, Patricia enjoys helping preserve historical resources.

Laura GRECO Mahoney '89 and husband Mike welcomed their second child Sean Michael in March. Sean joins big sister Abigail (3 ½). The Mahoneys live in Danville.

Mother-Daughter Retreat

*Alums, their Mothers/Daughters Welcome
February 11, 2007, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

Garaventa Center

*For more information contact
Sr. Joann 925 686-5353 x179.*

Trish FEIL Muegge '90 and husband Jeff have been married for 9 years. The couple live in San Ramon with sons Jake, 4, and Justin, 11 months. Trish enjoys parenthood despite its many demands. Trish works within the real estate community as an Account Executive for JCP Property Disclosures.

Julianne COLLINS Simmons '91 and husband Jeff celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary in September and were delighted to welcome girl/boy twins (Avery Marie & Mason Jefferson) only one month later. The Simmons family lives in San Ramon.

Suzette LAKE O'Neill '91 owns her own business as a Bowen Practitioner Certified Massage Therapist in Walnut Creek.

Bianca HINDS McCarthy '92 is married to Ryan McCarthy and works for the Oregon Zoo Foundation in Portland.

Toni DeGRACA Chu '93 and David welcomed daughter Alison Isabella on February 6, 2006. Big sister Amanda is now 4 and was the flower girl at her Aunt Annie DeGRACA's '95 wedding in April.

Christina COURTWRIGHT Clark '94 proudly announces the birth of her fourth child, Trey Fredrick. Christina teaches second grade at St. Gabriel's School in San Francisco.

Mary Claire BOYAN Gibbons '94 is expecting her first child any minute!

Annie DeGRACA Puska '95 married Matthew Puska on April 8th at Saint Mary's College in Moraga. The couple live in San Ramon. Among the attendants at the wedding were Toni DeGRACA Chu '93, James Neudecker DLS '95 and Matthew Higaki DLS '95.

Shannon THOMPSON Silva '95 has a Masters Degree and teaches algebra and geometry at the high school level. Shannon and her husband live in Elk Grove with their two Labradors where they enjoy boating and friends.

Julie BRIGGS Dunn '97 was married in September 2005 to Ryan Dunn. Julie's sisters were in the wedding party including Liz BRIGGS Farrell '93, Eileen BRIGGS Brinker '94 and Jennifer BRIGGS Fisher '95. Julie and Ryan live in San Francisco where Julie is an event planner. (See family photo next page)

Briana SAPP '99 graduated from the American University of Paris with a dual bachelor's degree in French and International Studies. She lives in Brussels, Belgium and is Special Assistant to the Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi to Belgium, the European Union and the World Trade ORGANIZATION. (We regret that Briana's information was incorrect in our last issue.)

Joy LAMBOY '00 has received her Masters in Social Work from San Diego State University. Having completed a two-year internship, Joy plans to seek employment in her field and looks forward to working with troubled juveniles and their families.

Krista RAINES '01 graduated in May from USC in Architecture. She will be starting her graduate work in Sustainable Architecture this fall in London.

Stephanie BARNUM '03 will be a senior at NYU in the fall in the Musical Theater Program. She is working toward her Bachelor of Music Degree and hopes to seek a career in musical theater after graduation. Stephanie is in the Los Angeles area for the summer and will be performing in the musical "Batboy." This fall she has been cast in the NYU production of "Urinetown."

Morgan TREVARTHEN '05 attended the Air Force Academy's Prep School this past year and has now been admitted to the Air Force Academy. She will be a member of the class of 2010.

Keeping in Touch is compiled and edited by Mary Goebel Frevel '75, Director of Alumnae Relations.

***Mary, as well as all your classmates, would like you to Keep-in-Touch:
alumnae@carondeleths.org.***

All in the Family!

An Update on the Briggs Family



(Photo Courtesy of Julie Briggs Dunn)

Liz Briggs Farrell '93 and husband Mark, Eileen Briggs Brinker '94 and husband Aaron, Jennifer Briggs Fisher '95 and husband John surround bride Julie Briggs Dunn '97, husband Ryan and parents Kathy Gannon-Briggs and Jim Briggs.

Briggs family members have embraced a lifelong commitment to Catholic education. Kathy, after teaching Religious Studies at Carondelet, served as principal of St. Isidore's School for 15 years and most recently principal of St Bernard's School for four years. Jim serves as Executive Assistant to the President of Santa Clara University. All four daughters are Jesuit University graduates.

An Open Invitation

We are currently looking for new members to join the Alumnae Association Board. It's a great way to reconnect with the school without a huge time commitment. The Board meets in September, November, January, March and May on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Faculty Room. Snacks are provided!



Eden Gonzalez Hass '89, Mary Goebel Frevele '75 and Michelle Juran Youngman '79 were part of the Alumnae Registration group for the Golf Tournament.

Our alumnae projects include Visions of Christmas Alumnae Preview Night, Annual Golf Tournament support, support of school service projects and possible new social events.

If you would like more information or your arm twisted, contact Mary Frevele at 925 686-5353 x155 or mfrevele@carondeleths.org. We would love to have you join the Board.

UPCOMING ALUMNAE EVENTS

September 9, 2006
CHS/DLS Class of 1981
25 Year Reunion
Marriott Hotel
Walnut Creek

September 14, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
Alumnae Board Meeting
CHS Faculty Room
All are welcome!

September 23, 2006
CHS/DLS Class of 1976
30 Year Reunion
Diablo Ranch
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October 7, 2006
CHS/DLS Class of 1971
35 Year Reunion
Embassy Suites
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October 7, 2006
CHS/DLS Class of 1991
15 Year Reunion
Zheng Long Restaurant
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October 14, 2006
CHS/DLS Class of 1986
20 Year Reunion
Pyramid Alehouse
Walnut Creek

October 14, 2006
CHS/DLS Class of 1996
10 Year Reunion
Scott's Seafood Restaurant
Jack London Square, Oakland

November 9, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
Alumnae Board Meeting
CHS Faculty Room
All are welcome!

November 28, 2006 6 – 8 p.m.
Alumnae Preview Night
Visions of Christmas
Garaventa Center, Carondelet

Interested in working on the Annual Visions of Christmas Preview Night hosted by the Alumnae Association? Contact Mary Frevele, Director of Alumnae Relations 686-5353 x155 or mfrevele@carondeleths.org.

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