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*I will pour out my Spirit
on your children*

Where Land and Sea
Unite to Inspire



FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT



Pour... Overflowing in Abundance

Now have two children attending college. A son, who is a freshman, and a daughter, entering her fourth and final year. My husband, Tom Follet '91, and I recently delivered them to their “homes away from home” two states away. Having said our final good-byes and hugged our last hugs, I stared out the car window and couldn't stop the tears from streaming down my face. For two decades we have protected, consoled, fed, cleaned, nurtured, corrected, disciplined, tutored, chaperoned, cheered, guided, and loved them. We poured our lives into them when they were just tiny humans, and continued pouring into them as they became adults.

When I think of the word *pour*, I think of overflowing in abundance. I imagine pouring hot fudge over homemade vanilla ice cream, pouring water over your head on a hot day, or pouring a tall, refreshing glass of iced tea. The definition of pour is to “flow rapidly in a steady stream.” A rapidly steady stream can easily accumulate and overflow—providing an abundance, or having extra to share. As parents, we provide a steady stream of love, care, kindness, forgiveness, and understanding for our children. Nurturing our kids will help them develop talents and qualities that can then spill over into their interactions and relationships with others.

Through the decades, the staff members

of MBA have devoted an extensive amount of their time, energy, and emotion for every student on campus. Wow! Talk about *pouring*! A constant, rapid, steady stream of teaching, mentoring, caring, and loving all of those students. Many of us experienced that outpouring of love and mentorship during our time at MBA. We were been blessed. In turn, we have the opportunity to pour blessings into our homes, work places, churches, and communities. As alumni, we also have the wonderful opportunity to *pour* back into our beloved school in a variety of ways—through our prayers, through volunteering our time, and through our financial support.

In ISAIAH 44:3–4, God promises to pour out water on the thirsty land until it *floods the dry ground*. He will pour His Spirit out on us and our descendants so they *spring up*. What is poured into us accumulates to overflowing so we can share all the blessings God brings into our lives. Although it doesn't stop the tears from flowing, observing how God is working in my children's lives to become “pourers” has filled me with excitement. I look forward to seeing the impact they make in this world. It is my prayer that each of us will become pourers of love and kindness into others.

Until we meet again!

Traci (Wareham) Follett '93

MBA Alumni Association President

On the Cover

Friday night communion service during the Class of 2022's Senior Survival.

POUR...

2022–2023 SCHOOL THEME

I will pour out water onto the thirsty land. I will make streams flow on the dry ground. I will pour out my Spirit on your children. I will pour out my blessings on their children after them.

ISAIAH 44:3 (NIRV)

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Alumni Calendar

APRIL 2023

20–23 | *Alumni Weekend*

73rd ANNIVERSARY

Monterey Bay Academy, CA

JUNE 2023

2–4 | *MBA Graduation Weekend*

JULY 2023

13–22 | *Soquel Campmeeting*

At the MBA Trailer

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. As an event gets closer, double-check the alumni website or call the Alumni Office for an update.

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Love All, Serve All

Early one morning, while waiting in line at a Dutch Brothers Coffee, customer Barbara Danner noticed three Dutch Brother employees leaning out of the drive-up window grasping the hand of the woman in the car ahead of her. She quickly grabbed her cell phone and snapped a picture. When Barbara got to the service window she asked her server about what she had seen. The employee told her the young woman, whose hand they were holding, had just lost her 37-year-old husband the night before. As she tried to place her order, they saw she was emotionally falling apart. They stopped everything and prayed with her for several minutes, then invited her to come back whenever she needed prayer and support.

Love all, serve all, because when you pour yourself and your love into others, you never know whose life you might change.

CREEDENCE JOHNSTON

This powerful quote perfectly describes the actions of those three young teenage employees. It's also a reminder of what we are called to do as Christians. We may never know the effect our love, our kindness, or our prayers will have on another person—it could unknowingly bring about a life change.

Each school year, a theme is chosen to set the tone and direction for the year. This year, Principal Dan Nicola '80, chose the theme,

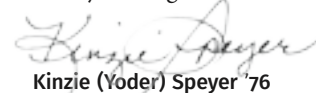
POUR..., from the Bible text ISAIAH 44:3. God wants to pour out His blessings upon us. *We cannot pour into others what we don't have ourselves.* We need someone pouring into our life to be able to pour into others. When we accept and experience the gifts God wants to pour upon us, we will want to pour out our love to others. Giving of ourselves is an opportunity to change another person's life, and remember...it's not about who we are loving and filling, but why we are loving them. *We love because He first loved us.*

The world we live in is becoming more and more egocentric, where it's all about me, me, me. What about how *I* feel? What about *my* pain and suffering? What about *my* race, *my* identity, *my* expression, *my* life? It's less and less about serving others and being in tune to the needs of those around us. The digital age of Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok has only amplified this mindset.

To counter this egocentric view our world has, MBA is a training ground for teaching the importance of loving all and serving all. It is a place where they are poured into, and then given opportunities to pour out to others. We hope that when they leave here they will have the desire to continue living a life of service.

As you read through this issue of *Sandscripts*, I hope you are inspired by articles of people giving of themselves. As I reflect on the impact of those who helped put together our first in-person alumni reunion in two years, or the many hours of planning and implementing our first full three-day weekend of graduation ceremonies in two years, or the wonderful gifts of time, talents, and dollars from volunteers and donors—it is truly evident of what it means to love all and serve all. My prayer today is that we all will be inspired to pour out our love in service to others.

Gladly serving our home on the shore!


 Kinzie (Yoder) Speyer '76

Editor, *Sandscripts*

VP of Alumni and Development

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2022 IN REVIEW



VESPERS **STUDENT-LED PRAISE SONGS**



SABBATH **STUDENT-LED PRAISE SONGS**



VESPERS **COACH BRYANT WORTH**



SABBATH **TRACI (WAREHAM) FOLLET '93**

BRUCE EVANS '74



SABBATH **CCC PRESIDENT DAN SERNS**

After two years of being unable to have an in-person Alumni Weekend, a modified reunion was held for the 72nd homecoming. Friday evening vespers was planned and presented by current students and staff, beginning with a student-led song service. A student panel reflected on the February mission trip to Puerto Rico. Athletic Director, Bryant Worth, provided an uplifting talk titled, *A Life of Abundance*. Students closed the program with a beautiful acapella rendition of *Mary Did You Know?*

California Conference president, Elder Dan Serns, provided the Sabbath worship service, speaking on mentoring. Class meetings and honor class photos filled the afternoon and the weekend concluded with an Oceanaires and Westwinds music program.

We look forward to having a traditional Alumni Weekend format on April 21-23, 2023.



SABBATH **CONCERT WESTWINDS**



SABBATH **CONCERT OCEANAIRE'S**

FULL Alumni Weekend 2023

HONORING CLASSES ENDING IN **3 & 8**
APRIL 20-23

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Scholarship Reception *(by invitation only)*

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

21st Annual MBA Golf Classic
Vespers

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Worship Service
Honor Class Meetings
Honor Class Photos
Concert/Evening Program

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

49er Brunch

*Honoring the 50-year classes: **1973***

Look for more details in the
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montereybayacademy.org/alumni-welcome

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2022 IN REVIEW

ROW 1 Shirley (Colburn) Baughman, Sylvia McHenry-Martella, Patsy (Eyer) Panek, Lonette (McKee) Williams

ROW 2 Frank Baughman, Kenneth Graybill, Virgil Buhler, Fred Schnepfer



CLASS OF 1952

ROW 1 Art Anders, Arlene (Christiansen) Webb, Ramona (Richli) Clark, Charles McConnell



CLASS OF 1957

ROW 1 Carolyn (Lai) Low, Lori (Gottfried) Matthews, Karen (Wisell) Harklerode, Linda (Phillips) Sakaino, Arazeli (Rodriguez) Weimer, Aileen (Aguillon) Heitz

ROW 2 Don Wong, Dan Ward, Randy Zeismer, Cheryl (Strauss) Barr, Warren Barr, Harlan Brock

ROW 3 Julie (Dunn) Thompson, Roy Stocke, Peter Berbohm, Chuck Frederick, George Benton



CLASS OF 1971

ROW 1 Cheryl (Nelson) Sjoboen, Elsa Rodriguez, Lonna (Wileman) Petsch, Jackie (Pudewell) Moore, Sherri (Lemmon) Hopkins, Kathy (Toews) Aceres, Karen (Banks) Tilstra

ROW 2 Ed Chapman, Ken Sjoboen, Ray Wedel, Estela (Ham) Jones, Candy Cantrell, Rick Blakely-Smith, Carlyle McHenry, Marvin Sundean, Rick Regester (Class Sponsor), John Pobursky

ROW 3 John Dexter, Stan Petersen, Don Erich, Joe Bates, Rick Martin, Syd Putnam, John Larson, Phil Liang, Dick Kent, Jim Lehman, Ernie Peneueta



CLASS OF 1972



CLASS OF 1982

ROW 1 Frances (Zavala) Soohoo, Steve Speyer, Wendy (Holland) Weber, Debbie (Lewis) Christensen, Cindy (Otter) Mauk, Gary Banner, Nina (Ho) Shakespeare, Janice (Lang) Banks, David Banks

ROW 2 Pilar Machado, Lori (Parker) Aceves, Mike Fernandez, Nancy (Park) Garrard, Sylvia Kissig, Jerry Bullock, Ramona (Love) Thurman, Leanne (Langham) Drieberg, Nerida (Taylor) Bates, Brent Tompkins, Gaelyn Betts, Jerry Nelson

ROW 3 Ginger (Lyman) Thornburgh, Peggy Mattier, Jennifer (Trujillo) Jones, Doraine Myres, Jon Scheffel, Joel Peterson, Kathy (Wong) Nelson, James Bolander, Jeffrey Anderson, Debbie (Webb) Curry, Linda (Griswold) Barron, Andrew Chang, Lesa (Ziegenbalg) Moses



CLASS OF 1992

ROW 1 Esther (Labro) Aguilar, Eric Neubauer, Melody Krun, Rick O'Connell

ROW 2 Cyrus Oster, Jennifer (Martinez) Farvell, Ritzelle (Tan) Porsona, Steve Davidson



CLASS OF 2012

ROW 1 Andrea Feria-Zurita, Talisa Aristide, Ryan Tompkins, Jared Curry, Luke Travis

AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

A file to print a 5x7-inch photo is available using the [Download Full-Quality Image](#) link for each class.

<http://montereybayacademy.org/alumni-weekend-photos-2022>

NEW PRINCIPAL AND REGISTRAR



Nicola

Monterey Bay Academy is happy to introduce our new principal and his wife, **Dan and Jane Nicola**. Dan is no stranger to MBA, graduating with the Class of 1980 and returning from time to time to MBA for alumni weekends and class reunions. Obtaining a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities and a master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration, both from La Sierra University, Dan began a long history in the field of education. His career began as a teacher of third and fourth graders, and progressed to administrative positions.

In 2013, Dan accepted the principal position at Portland Adventist Academy. In 2016,

he became associate superintendent of education for the Oregon Conference. Dan became well-known in the conference as a servant-leader who worked hard to support the principals and educators, while demonstrating his personal faith in Jesus.

For nearly 10 years, Jane Nicola served as administrative assistant in Oregon Conference's Outreach and Relational Ministries departments. Her prior experience as a registrar will be a welcome addition to MBA.

Beyond the professional contributions they have made wherever they have worked, Dan and Jane are known to invest their time in people and make the lives of those around them better. We are delighted to have them here at MBA! **SS**

NEW FOOD SERVICES DIRECTOR

Shenee Espinal, Food Service Director, comes to MBA from Holbrook Indian School in Arizona, where she served in the same director roll for three years. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience in culinary arts that began when she attended Great Lakes Culinary Institute at Northwestern Michigan College, completing her Baking & Pastry Arts certification. Her husband, Richard, is also an accomplished chef and they have worked together at Laurelbrook Academy in Tennessee, Wildwood Lifestyle Center in Georgia, and Camp Au Sable in Michigan, prior to Holbrook Indian School and MBA.

When asked why she came to MBA, Shenee says, "I believe that God has called me to work, serve and minister here. I love working with young people, and it is my hope and prayer that the love of God will flow through me as I minister to them by providing food that can nourish them physically, mentally and spiritually. I thank God for giving me this blessed opportunity to be a part of the MBA team in reaching out to our kids here."

Shenee and Richard have three boys, Joshua, Josiah, and Jeremiah. Josiah is a sophomore at MBA, and Jeremiah attends Seaside Adventist Elementary. Welcome to MBA! **SS**



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Pour...

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after them. ISAIAH 44:3 (NIRV)

This verse is the inspiration for the theme of our 2022–2023 school year.

POUR... They are words that touch upon every aspect of our lives, staff and students alike. They are words of promise, hope, and comfort to those who accept them as they are intended—a gift from God. During each quarter of this school year, we will highlight

by the **LOVE** of God. Even before God woke them up that first morning and introduced Himself to them, they were loved, and they quickly came to understand the depths of that love as their relationship with Him grew.

We want our students to know that—being a God of love—He won't compel us to return that love, or obey Him out of any other motive than love. That is why, when Adam and Eve chose to test the bounds of their relationship with God, they found that His love for them remained unconditional—even as the results of their poor choices began to unfold.

This opened the door for God's **MERCY** to be revealed. Over the course of many generations the Bible shows us a merciful God—a God who patiently draws His wayward children back to Him and reinforces His love for them, over and over again. It is the mercy of God that helps us to understand the lengths to which He will go in order to have a relationship with his beloved Creation.

And to what lengths will God actually go? Further than anyone can expect or imagine. With **FORGIVENESS** as His objective, God sent His only Son to take away all of our sins—Adam and Eve included—and lead us deeper into that relationship with us that He so intensely desires. Jesus is the living and breathing example of God's unfathomable love for us.

heard from the Father. He wants us to respond to Him because we love Him, just as He loves us. This is what defines a truly healthy relationship of any kind. Indeed, all God is doing is modeling for us how we should engage in all our relationships.

THIS IS THE STORY... OUR OWN CHILDREN NEED TO HEAR.

This is the story that a hurting world needs to understand and, more importantly, it's a story our own children need to hear. Our greatest mission field is right here on our own campus, and our first calling is to make sure our own children are in Heaven with us. This goes back to what God models for us because He was willing to sacrifice everything to make sure He is once again surrounded by His children...us!

As the new principal of *our home on the shore*, I am so excited to partner with God and our faithful MBA staff in this mission this school year. What a privilege it is to share how much our loving Father wants to **POUR...** into each one of us. How beautiful it is to watch as young people—your children and mine!—grow in their understanding of God's infinite **love, mercy, forgiveness, and friendship**. May this relationship lead each one of them, and each one of us, to Heaven!

For His Kids,

Dan Nicola '80

Principal

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OUR GREATEST MISSION FIELD IS RIGHT HERE ON OUR OWN CAMPUS...

one aspect of our relationship with God and what He wants to pour into us—**love, mercy, forgiveness, and friendship**. These are the beautiful qualities of God's character we can experience as we open ourselves to the Spirit that He so desperately wants to pour into us.

The story of Adam and Eve gives us a beautiful picture of how God wants to relate to each one of us. From the moment they opened their eyes on the first day after Creation Week, Adam and Eve were enveloped

Finally, God desires our relationship to develop into a **FRIENDSHIP**. Just as He joined Adam and Eve for daily walks in the Garden, He wants to walk with us on our life's journey. He doesn't want us to respond to Him out of obligation...or coercion...or fear. In the words of Jesus recorded in JOHN 15:15 (MSG), *I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've*

UKRAINE...THE POURING OUT OF MANY HEARTS

There are moments in history that are as pivotal as they are terrifying—the 2005 London bombing, 9/11, Iraq and Afghanistan wars, Boston Marathon bombing, and most recently, Russia declaring war on Ukraine. Pivotal...because they reshape towns and cities, the nation and world. Terrifying...because they directly impact lives—most importantly, families.

Following the invasion of Ukraine, Pastor Violeta “Violet” Bilan, associate pastor of the Living Word Adventist Church in Oregon City, OR, started receiving requests from Ukrainians—desperate parents were reaching out to get their children to America for safety and an education. Ukrainian herself, Pastor Violet contacted MBA hoping for possibilities. Everything these families owned was confiscated, leaving them with no money. Regardless, MBA said yes to four students. *What follows is their stories.*



Sasha Zhukovskyi '25 “I come from the city of Lutsk, near Poland and Belarus. I was able to leave Ukraine after the first three months of the war. My grandfather was killed by Russian shells near the capital of Ukraine. All my studies had to be completely remote. Many of my friends went abroad with their families to escape the war and are now all studying throughout Europe. All my life I dreamed of studying in America, but due to my circumstances, that did not happen. After learning about the sponsored studies in America, I hoped that dream could be fulfilled. Now I study at MBA, where I have many new friends and cool teachers.”

Masha Subbotina '24 “I was born in Belarus, but have lived in Russia since I was six years old. The United States has made a strong impression since I arrived here and now realize that the US is the place where I want to be. People respect each other. Teachers communicate with students on an equal footing without a sense of superiority. The discourse is very civil. People always feel that they have freedom and choice.

I began my preparation to apply for

admission to an American university in the 9th grade. Simultaneously, I developed an interest in civil rights—an important issue that has always been in the forefront of my mind. In Russia, it’s almost impossible to be a free citizen. People are discriminated against based on their ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or religion. Then the war with Ukraine began, putting everything in perspective and

WHEN I AM AFRAID, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU.

becoming a turning point for my family. My mother made superhuman efforts to enable me to leave Russia. A friend of mine recommended I try to attend MBA, and I soon realized that my values and the school’s values matched. After I wrote the letter to the school, I have experienced sympathy and understanding for my family’s plight.

From my first day at MBA, I felt welcomed and developed a deep sense of belonging. I have never met such kind, open, and com-

passionate people who are willing to listen and teach others. At times, I am pierced by a sense of disbelief at how lucky I am to be here—instead of where kids, a little older than me, are sent to war. I cannot express how grateful I am for the opportunity to be in a place where I am respected, appreciated, and able to study and learn new things.”

Yaryna Yarosh '25 “I’m from Ukraine. I always planned to graduate from school, then come to Adventist university. Since first grade, my dream was to go to the United States and learn at a great university. Since the war started, I lost peace for a couple of months. The first two weeks were stressful for me and my family because we were in the bombings. God gave us a chance to move to the west of Ukraine where it was safer. After we moved, my mum told me that I might have an opportunity to go to the United States for high school! We worked quickly to gather my documents and send them to the person who told my mum the news. A few days later, I got an email from Pastor Kevin at MBA and had an interview with him. I prayed to go to this school and God answered my prayers. I’m so

EXPERIENCING THE RAVAGES OF WAR, these students and their families have had their lives disrupted in ways that we do not and can not understand.

God provided opportunities for these students to escape circumstances beyond their control. As Ruta stated, these students have placed their trust in Him. MBA also puts its trust in Him as staff work to lead students to His glory.

These students are no different.

WILL YOU ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

Our goal is to find sponsors to help with the necessary tuition to educate these precious kids. Please ***pour your love and financial support*** into these students so they can continue their education at MBA!

NEEDED \$65,000

RAISED \$15,000

GOAL \$80,000

MBA AQUATICS REPAIR

Completed in 1965, the MBA pool is a benefit to our curriculum; lifeguard training and certification, scuba and swimming classes, as well as a central component to our summer camp activities.

The pool's heaters failed last winter. During that repair, a survey was conducted of all the pool's operating systems; the filtration system was in poor condition, the pool lights had been out of service, pool paint was peeling, and more.

By early summer, the pool had been refurbished. A coordinated effort of volunteers, paid service technicians, MBA staff, and donors were all needed accomplish the many tasks needed to bring the pool up to date.

Leading the project was a nearly full-time job for Don Riggs. Don is a professional artist and works in various mediums: stone and bronze sculpture, acrylic painting, and jewelry. A lifelong passion for swimming and scuba diving led to Don volunteering to take on the pool as his gift to MBA. Don had already been servicing the pool for almost

three years. Don's project management has provided MBA with an amazing pool that now has state-of-the-art heaters, filtration, programmable chemical delivery systems, as well as paint and lighting. As with most projects, significant challenges caused work stoppages: global supply chain issues, inspections, consultant and technician availability, and making sure that the systems were correctly sized for the volume of MBA's pool and that the systems met current codes while interfacing with existing infrastructure.

With the pool fully operational, MBA is able reinstate classes taught for credit. Scuba instruction begins this fall, with a new class starting approximately every six weeks throughout the school year. The Surf Club uses the pool for basic safety and familiarization with surf equipment. In addition to course instruction, the pool is available for organized class events, as well as open swim during evening recreation times.

Many thanks are due to Don Riggs; MBA staff David Lara, Steve McGuffy, Dave



Don Riggs, volunteer

Nazari, and Junior Wilson; Heber Perez of *HP Phoenix*; Jerry Allison of *Precision Pools*; and equipment suppliers *Lincoln Aquatics* and *APPI Pool & Spa*. Thank you, Dr. Allred, for partnering with MBA and funding this project. **SS**



Ukraine... *continued*

happy that I'm in this beautiful school with amazing teachers and friendly classmates."

Ruta Babych '25 "I had a really hard time when the war started. I was worried about my family and friends. After living with sirens and under the bombs for a week, my family moved to our relatives in Poland. The part that hurt the most was that my dad and brother had to stay in Ukraine. I was worried

every day from all the terrible news we heard. People died every single day. My sister was very anxious as well as my mom. I realized that only God could help us.

One of the Bible verses that helped me to cope with all those terrible feelings was *PSALM 56:3 (NIV)*. It says, *When I am afraid, I put my trust in you*. We prayed every day so God would save our motherland and help us find a way to live on. At the end of April, my

mum got a call from my aunt. She told us about a school that might give me a chance to get a great education and stay safe. I couldn't say no. It was the only choice I had—for which I'm extremely thankful. MBA gave me a real opportunity to reach some of my life goals and even my dreams. I couldn't be more thankful. And I thank God every day for what He has done for my family—and for me especially." **SS**



Switzerland

IS IT AN AIRLINE ROUTE MAP? A vacation destination wish list? Actually, this is a map of MBA's presence around the world during the past 10 years. A similar map was printed in the Fall 2008 issue of *Sandscripts*. Since then, MBA's presence around our world has continued to grow with visits to 12 countries and 15 US states. We have been on **MISSION TRIPS** to Brazil, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Fiji, and the Philippines where MBA students spread the Word of God in helping with Vacation Bible Schools, building churches and schools, delivering school supplies, assisting teachers in classroom projects, and cleaning up hurricane-ravaged towns, cities and beaches. Talents were also shared on **MUSIC TOURS** to Alaska, Canada, and Hawaii. **HISTORY** lessons were taught outside the classroom as students visited Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. They stood where Abraham Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address, watched the changing of the guard at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, walked on the ground where the Civil War was fought, and visited the 9/11 Memorial. **EDUCATIONAL TOURS** visited the countries of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland, immersing



BLUE MARBLE: NEXT GENERATION AUGUST 2004 TOPOGRAPHY AND BATHYMETRY
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WORLD PAST 10 YEARS

students in the culture, language, food, and way of life of the local people. **ATHLETIC TEAMS** have worked hard to better their skills as they play fellow Christian athletes around the country.

Education is more than learning information in a classroom from a textbook; it's more than a field trip or a music tour. True education is about creating experiences and providing knowledge that will forever change the hearts, minds, and lives of students.

SO, WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR? The History tour just returned from a trip to New York, Massachusetts, and several New England states. Student athletes will play in various Friendship Tournaments around California. Oceanaires and Westwinds music groups will travel to Orlando, FL this year, sharing their musical talents. This year's mission trip will head to Puerto Rico to help clean beaches, paint a church, and participate in the local Sabbath church services. An educational tour to England, France and Italy is also planned to take place during Spring Break. **ALL ABOARD!**

SS



Puerto Rico mission trip 2022

THE PROJECT SHOP

A Model for STEM Learning

by Jay Ketelsen '76, VP for Operations

Darlene Grunke often reminded me how deeply her father placed the importance for students to have the opportunity to learn through their hands in both the classroom and at work. Almost seven and a half decades have passed since MBA's founding and it is exciting to see third-party industries on campus collaborate to create "real world" classrooms in technological environments.

In the spring of 2022, Craig Calfee, Chris Bley, and Arthur Siordia Sr. presented a STEM learning concept to the MBA school board and the concept was unanimously accepted for the 2022–2023 school year. Craig Calfee of Calfee Design and Chris Bley of AirSpace Integration are two entrepreneurs with independent companies on our campus that are deeply engaged in providing opportunities for MBA students to gain hands on experience in presently relevant and emerging technologies. Arthur Siordia Sr. is a respected aeronautical developer with a pedigree that includes more than a decade of engineering work at Mojave Air and Space. Together, they have created a concept classroom that is now a reality called *The Project Shop*.

The Project Shop is a designated classroom in the on-campus Calfee Design company facilities. Calfee Design is known throughout the world as an innovator in bicycle tech-



nology design and production. Calfee and his team of talented technicians have created a research and development (R&D) portion of the business to explore and push the boundaries in current and emerging technologies. Projects that are advancing the capabilities in aerodynamics, alternative propulsion, and small, efficient, renewable energy systems. Many of the projects that are developed at Calfee Design are intended for use in emerging nations, such as easily transportable solar systems to power remote irrigation systems and lightweight electric cargo motorcycles with quick-swap solar-charged batteries. The result of these efforts do change lives for the better across cultures worldwide.

Racing, be it bicycles, boats, cars, motorcycles, or airplanes, has always been a key

source of advancing technology that flows directly to improved and efficient products. Calfee Design is regularly contracted to provide R&D for companies and individuals seeking the utmost in efficient aerodynamics, lightweight durable construction, and emerging power systems. Roadable vehicles that convert to gyrocopters, streamlining projects, and more happen in this shop—a shop where now MBA students meet twice weekly for hands on learning.

AirSpace Integration (ASI) provides R&D opportunities for scientific and commercial drone research, US Navy Weather station research—all at MBA, in addition to coordinating the use of the MBA airfield and airspace. Technical work in support of SpaceX launches is also provided by ASI, with some of that support work being done on MBA's campus. With ASI involvement, The Project Shop students will have exposure to these science venues when aspects of their projects share purposes and opportunities.

Arthur Siordia is deeply involved with the R&D aspects on campus and he also assists as a presenter and shop mentor for the MBA's Exploring Aviation and ground school class. He is also the curator of the campus aviation classroom hanger where a RotorWay two-seat kit helicopter, ww1 Nieuport 17 C.1 replica, Frontier STOL prototype airplane, three canard-style aircraft (Cozy all-composite, original Rutan VariEze, and American Aero-lights Falcon ultralight), kit-built Zenith STOL CH 701, and Bede BD-5 kit jet is stored. These



ROBOTICS/STEM CLUB

by Jovina Mustard

With the new school year underway, MBA is also starting a brand new afterschool program: Robotics/STEM Club [science, technology, engineering, math]. Led by Jovina Mustard, teacher at VHM Christian School and mother to Timothy Mustard '25, the club will meet once a week with a lead engineer mentor and interested students. The team will hone teamwork skills, fundraise, as well as build and program an industrial-size robot to compete on a difficult field game against teams from other Adventist academies. The students' efforts will help them prepare for the 2023 championship tournament that will take place at Forest Lake Academy in Florida.

"The STEM club is a great opportunity for students to get hands-on experience working with materials and problem solving in a way that meaningfully reflects a professional engineering work environment," says Charles Neumeyer, engineer mentor from Joby Aviation. "I like that in the span of a year, I'm going to be able to build a robot and learn how to program it," says Lucia Assencio de Saavedra '24, from Madrid, Spain.

As one would expect, there are significant costs involved with getting a club like this started. Thus far, finances have been raised



Allison Pascual, Lucia Assencio de Saavedra, Sarah Ramos, Timothy Mustard, Giulio Mazzoni, Livio Letizia, Benji Douyon

to purchase starter sets, parts, and supplies before the team meets. The club has been awarded grants totalling \$1,950 from the Pacific Union Conference and FIRST® Tech Challenge Rookie Team Grant. "We also had several private donors step forward to support the club," says Mustard. "I am really grateful for the support for this new program and opportunity for our MBA students."

While the club is off to a great start, the need to fundraise and find additional support remains critical, as the total cost of the club's expenses have not yet been met. With your

support and donation, the students will be able to focus on robot performance as well as community outreach, design, and other real-world applications of their classroom studies in math and science. Please consider supporting this exciting new opportunity for MBA students. *Hail MBA!*

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The Project Shop *continued*

static aircraft are for hands-on learning of flight controls, operating systems, advances in construction, and exploring aerodynamics and control surfaces.

There are four phases, or class sections, to The Project Shop (PS1 through PS4). PS1 began this fall, with the focus on learning about tools; everything from how to hold a screwdriver to programming and running 3D printers and CNC mills—with safety being the core goal. As tooling is learned, students begin a familiarization with materials; wood, plastics, carbon fiber, and various metals—learning structural properties and uses. Observation and assistance with ongoing real-world R&D projects is a bonus.

PS2 will begin second semester. Students will begin working with the more advanced

equipment and materials and have more hands-on involvement with both production and R&D teams.

PS3 will have students become part of an R&D project team. Beyond helping with design and fabrication, PS3 will involve the students with coding, cost tracking, research, marketing, and customer interface.

Students will culminate The Project Shop study with PS4—designing their own project for scholastic competition and or trade show.

As successive semesters advance, by the end of school year 2024, all phases will be running concurrently thereafter.

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COMMENCEMENT SENIOR OCEANAIRE'S LAST PERFORMANCE

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022!

Following two years of online or extremely modified graduation exercises, we were immensely grateful to be able to return to a traditional celebration. The Class of 2022 had 62 graduates, including 20 four-year, 22 international, and 11 second-generation students.

Friday evening's consecration address by former music director, Lance Downing, challenged the class to keep *God At the Wheel*—always directing and guiding their lives. Boys' Dean, Greg Gryte, gave Sabbath's baccalaureate address, *What Will Your Name Mean?* The much anticipated graduation day arrived—cold, foggy, and raining—but it did not dampen anyone's spirits. Elizabeth Mendoza, Spanish and athletics teacher, concluded the weekend with the commencement address and challenge: *Anything worth doing is worth doing right and with God, all things are possible.*

It is MBA's prayer that God remains the Class of 2022's guiding light into their future. MBA will always be their *home on the shore.*



COMMENCEMENT GABE ARMENTA '22, CROSSING THE STAGE TO RECEIVE HIS DIPLOMA



CONSECRATION SPEAKER **LANCE DOWNING**



BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER **GREG GRYTE**



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER **ELIZABETH MENDOZA**



SENIORS **CLASS OF 2022**

STAFF HOUSING

Employees, of any organization, are the backbone to that organization’s success. *Our home on the shore* has been staffed by many award-winning educators and inspiring staff members over it’s 73 year history.

Such recognized excellence is one of the many draws to living and working at MBA. To further MBA’s long-standing history of teaching students about God’s love, Dr. Edward Allred has provided a significant con-

tribution to improving staff housing. With some of the housing constructed in the 1930s and 1940s while the property was used a military base, this two year project is intended to go beyond routine maintenance needs.

Former MBA principal, **Tim Kubrock**, as housing project manager, says, “In addition to fully renovating several homes, we have also completed significant improvements on others, including new roofing, gutters, windows, exterior siding, and interior remodels

to kitchens, bathrooms, and more.”

Project bids are continually being sought by contractors to help with the much needed improvements. If you would like to support these projects with your skills or financial resources, please contact Kinzie Speyer in the Alumni and Development office.

We are grateful to Dr. Allred for his generous support of this project. We also thank each of you for your continued prayers and support of MBA. SS



CLASSROOM ENHANCEMENTS

Last spring, MBA teachers were asked by the Allred Trust, “If you had the budget for your classroom, what would you ask for to enhance the learning experience of our students?” Initial responses were cautious: a \$14 desk tray to help students organize, or a loaner phone charger for student use, with the teacher saying, “I know it’s a lot at \$45, but...”

Thinking this was not a serious question and often just having-to-make-do, along with not realizing a specific *Teacher Ask Fund* had been set up, was the source reason for

the judicious responses of the faculty. One teacher, questioning the seriousness of the request, asked, “Surely they don’t *really* want to know what I’d buy, because they won’t have the money if I told them.”

After the faculty were reassured that this offer was legitimate, each teacher who submitted a request was able to meet with the Allred Trust representative to review their needs. Ultimately, \$113,000 was approved for the combined classroom requests. Teachers were issued approved budgets for their individual requests and provided purchase

orders that allowed them to source their specific items.

Some of the classroom improvements include a new and larger projection screen, a reading nook for the English classroom, updated and sufficient supply of physics and chemistry equipment, life-size anatomical model for biology and physiology, 3D printer for technology, interactive teaching games and software, new desks for three classrooms, replacement scuba gear, equipment for video production and editing, and budgeting to repair musical instruments. **SS**



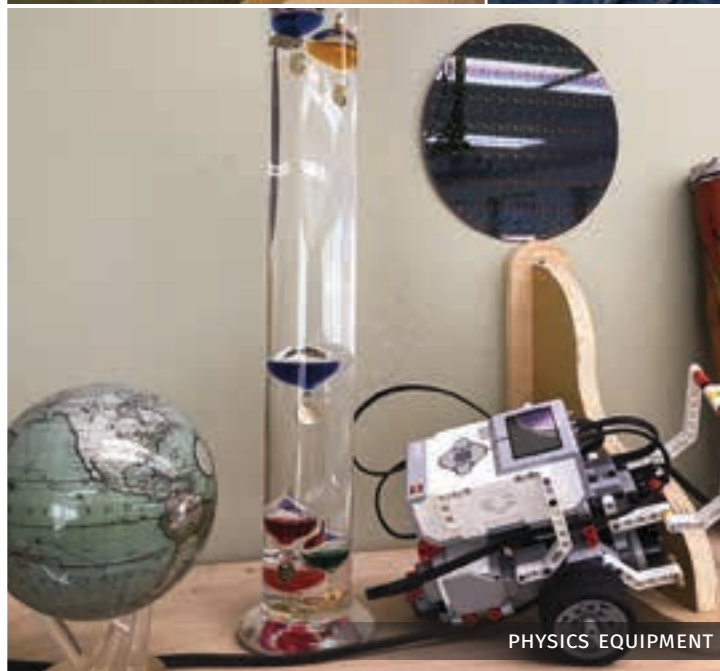
ENGLISH READING NOOK



CLASSROOM DESKS



VEHICLE REPAIR LIFT



PHYSICS EQUIPMENT



CHEMISTRY EQUIPMENT

GIANT OF A MAN

by Stan Wheeler '81

When you reflect back on your life, is there someone who has impacted your life to an extent that it helped you become the person you are today? Is there someone who poured love, mercy, kindness, or forgiveness into your life and because of it you were changed?

What follows is a tribute to Dan Zinke, boys' dean from 1978–1984, written by **Stan Wheeler '81**. Dean Zinke had a tremendous influence on Stan, as well as many boys who passed through the doors of Voth Hall. This beautiful tribute perfectly embodies the theme of this issue of *Sandscripts*—pouring out our hearts, our love, and our care on others.

I was 15 years old when I moved into the boy's dorm in the fall of 1978. Of course, one of the first people I met was the head dean, Dan Zinke, a man I would grow to respect and admire over the next three years.

Dean Zinke was a giant of a man in physical size. I lived just a few doors down the hall from Dean Zinke's apartment, and it was not uncommon, if my room was open, for him to stop and spend a few moments in conversation as he headed to his apartment. Due to his height, he would almost completely fill the doorway, as he nonchalantly leaned against the door frame and joked with us.

Beyond his physical size, Dean Zinke was an extraordinary man of character. His demeanor was always cheerful, jovial, and fun-loving. Harmless practical jokes were always greeted with a smile and good natured ribbing. I remember one time, when a group of about six guys made an attempt to “take him down” in the hallway. Although he may have slowed and staggered a little, he was able to continue making forward progress

carrying, pushing, and dragging the young men down the hall while laughing the whole time. I don't ever remember seeing him angry in any situation. He was simply so fun to be around that many of us took great pleasure in sitting for a few minutes in his office or in the den just to visit with this authority figure who took an interest in each of us. He willingly poured kindness, love, and care into our lives and always had time for us—no matter what he was doing.

Dorm activities are another great memory I have of Dean Zinke—Boys' Club events that were organized by the dean, watching sports and special events on a TV that Dean Zinke would set up in the den, spotlight tag on the beach where the deans wielded handheld spotlights trying to “catch” boys crawling over the sand dunes and through ice plant to get safely to base without being detected—are a few that come to mind of him pouring time, attention, and thoughtfulness into the boys. Then there was, of course, the slip 'n slide that was set up on the lawn between the cafeteria and the music building. An epic event where the boys would scatter like bowling pins as Dean Zinke came down the hill like a cannonball.

Creating a spiritual atmosphere in the dorm was also important to Dean Zinke. Dorm worship was a special time when he focused on helping us see the value of a relationship with Jesus. The dorm was full to overflowing in those days with about 250 boys, so the dorm chapel nearly burst at the seams when we crowded onto the wooden benches. I will never forget the resounding chorus of favorites like *Sound the Battle Cry* or *Seeking the Lost*, led by this giant of a man,



Zinke

who enjoyed the singing every bit as much as we did. I think we probably rocked the foundations of that poor building, and I'm sure we could be heard all over campus.

Dean Zinke's intentionality of building relationships with the boys was evident in everything he did. He spent so much time with us that on the rare occasion when we had to be disciplined, we accepted the consequences of our actions because we knew we were loved unconditionally and he would go to all lengths to reconcile and maintain the relationship he had formed with us. The impact this giant of a man had on the lives he came in contact with is countless because of what he poured into our lives. I feel fortunate to have had Dean Zinke as a mentor and a friend. Many of my memories of MBA will continue to revolve around his influence on my life and his leadership in the dorm.

Dan, and his wife, Jennifer, currently live in Travelers Rest, SC, where they are enjoying retirement. Thank you, Dean Zinke, for the impact you have made on the lives of so many. Your influence will be felt for many years. **SS**



1950S



Whiting

Myron Whiting '54 and his wife, Phyllis, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 29, 2022. Congratulations on this amazing milestone!



Webb

Gayle Webb '81 sent the following information on her mother, Patricia (Curtis) Webb '57. "Patricia Mae (Curtis) Webb was born in Clearlake Highlands, CA on February 20, 1939. After graduating from MBA, she attended nursing school at Pacific Union College. She moved with her parents to Susanville, CA, in 1960 and shortly after that met and married our father, Jim Webb, who had recently graduated from Lodi Academy. She got a job at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, NV, and worked in the nursery or OB/GYN for 25 years. In addition to being a nurse, mother, and wife, Patricia loved to read, feed the birds in her yard, and made beautiful cross-stitch pictures. Over the years she was always excited to host family get-togethers that were filled with love, laughter, and of course, lots of food. She suffered from fibromyalgia and

severe arthritis and was in pain much of the time over the last decade. After complications from a medical procedure a couple of years ago, her health began to decline and when both she and Jim got COVID-19 in January, he got better and she got worse. Patricia passed away on March 27, 2022, peacefully waiting to see Jesus."

1960S



Raymond

Marjorie (Wheeler) Raymond '66 writes, "This August I hosted another artist's retreat at Mill Creek Resort. We have over 100 on our waiting list. We want to keep it at around 15. They attend for a week and paint all day. It's amazing the work they turn out! I'm blown away! We have children that started painting with us in their single-digit years and they return every year. Even one from England! My hubby and I are both blessed and thankful for good health! Praise the Lord. Praying for all at our beloved MBA. *We love you!*"

1980S



Henning



Henning

Scott '80 and Tami (Parks) Henning '80 share, "For Tami's 60th birthday we went to Fairbanks, AK, in March, (temperatures can get to -40°F!), in hopes of achieving a bucket list item which was to see the Aurora Borealis, the Northern Lights! We were blessed with an extremely good showing and will never forget God's awesome beauty in nature! We had friends join us which made it even more special. We also just celebrated our 39th anniversary in August with a trip to Nashville, TN, to go to the Grand Ole Opry, which was really fun!"



Markoff

Debby Markoff '80 writes, "In March of this year I joined my brother, David, who is an ophthalmologist, on a medical/dental mission to a remote Maasai Village in Kenya. A group of students from Mount Pisgah Academy and members of their Adventist church in North Carolina helped with everything from assisting at the clinic to the construction of a new classroom. The little girl (pictured) bravely getting her first dental treatment is named, Blessing. I am grateful for the educa-

tion and skills that allowed me to be of service to the wonderful people I met there.”

2000S



Choi

Serah Choi '02 was named Pacific Union College's (PUC) Educator of the Year for 2022. Kimberly Dunker, Director of Nursing, said, "We were all on the edge of our seats to hear who this year's winner was and we are delighted to congratulate Serah Choi, Assistant Professor of Nursing. It is well earned and we are blessed to have her as an educator. We are so incredibly lucky to have Serah leading the underpinning of our program through teaching the foundational skills and directing the students and faculty in our labs. This is the first time a nursing faculty member has received such a prestigious award at PUC and we are excited and supportive of Serah as this year's recipient."



Speyer

Brandon Speyer '03 and his wife, LaShell, welcomed their third child, Lydia Rose Ann, on April 27, 2022. Big brother, Logan, and big sister, Lizzie are excited about the new addition to the family. Brandon and LaShell currently live in Bend, OR.



Silvestri

Jessica (Kubrock) Silvestri '06 and her husband, Nathan, are excited to announce the addition to their family coming in October. It's another girl! She will join big sister, Taylor. The happy family reside in Sacramento, CA.



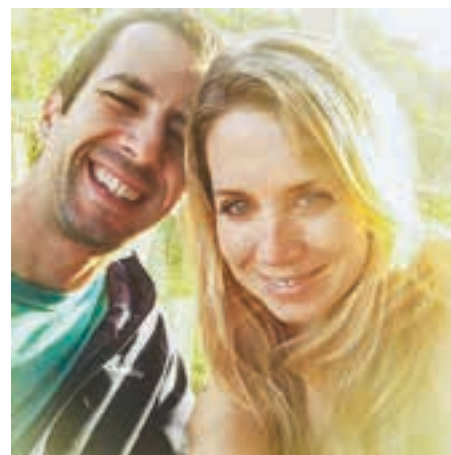
Cline

Natalie Cline '08 married Sanders Paraison in June of 2022. They currently live in Port Saint Lucia, FL. Congratulations!



Thomas

Alexandra (Howsman) Thomas '08 and her husband, Jon, welcomed baby Jaxon to their family on May 30, 2022. Jaxon joins big brother, Errol. Congratulations!



Thomas

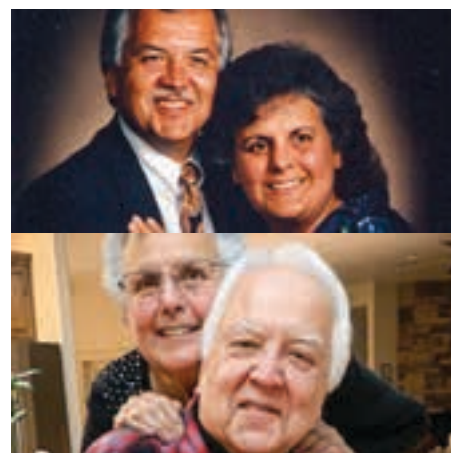
2010S



Lemos

Aimee (Penaloza) Lemos '10 shares the following: "I became an Occupational Therapist in February 2020. I got married March 20, 2020 then had the big wedding October 10, 2021. Now, my husband and I are full-time agricultural missionaries in Laos for the next 2 years with ASAP Ministries."

FORMER STAFF



Rosado

Josh and Ruth Rosado celebrated their 55th anniversary on June 18, 2022, enjoying their 'golden years' living in Napa, CA.

OUR MBA FAMILY AT REST

Louvera Phillips '51
June 2022

Robert Adams '57
June 2022

Patricia (Curtis) Webb '57
March 2022

Corwin Bemis '58
April 2022

Kathryn (Thompson) Lockwood '61
March 2022

Betty (Nelson) Waddell '63
June 2022

Wayne Enos '72
April 2022

Vincent Verzosa '76
September 2022

Donald Habenicht
Former Faculty
February 2022

Ray and Pat Watson
Former Faculty
July 2022

Larry Koozmin
Former Faculty
May 2022



The Monterey Bay Academy Alumni Department would like to retract the listing of the death of Willie Vargas '81 in the Spring 2022 issue of *Sandscripts*. Willie is very much alive and we apologize for this error as well as for any emotional hurt this has caused.


*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*


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