

# SDHS Alumni Association

## Fall 2018 Newsletter



### President's Summer Report Eddie Head Class of '73

Another year has come and gone at SDHS. Another group of seniors has graduated and gone out

into our society to make a difference. The SDHS Alumni Association gave the 2018 graduates a free one-year membership to our organization. Our hope is that they don't forget SDHS, will become life-long alumni association members and will keep up with SDHS events.

Here are just a few highlights about SDHS from last year. It started off with your SDHS Cavers football team going undefeated in the Central League for the first time in over 40 years. The fan support was overwhelming all the way to the CIF championship game. Sold-out home crowds helped make a difference to the team and the school as a whole. This success was followed up by your SDHS basketball team winning their league title and going to the State CIF Championship game. SDHS school spirit and pride are back.

The SDHS Foundation and its donors have done another great job of raising funds for scholarships for outgoing seniors. They raised over \$100,000 to help the 2018 seniors further their education. You can read more about their efforts in this issue. If you would like to support their scholarship programs, a favorite school activity or athletic program contact the SDHS Foundation at [www.sandiegohsfoundation.com](http://www.sandiegohsfoundation.com) to make a tax-deductible donation.

I want to congratulate this year's SDHS Alumni Association Wall of Honoree winners. The Wall of Honor recognizes outstanding SDHS alumni who have a history of leadership, community activities, and public service, just to name a few categories considered by the selection committee. Congratulations to Robert Price, Tony and MaryAnn Hechanova, Doyle Steel, Gaspar Oliveira, Angie De Caro and Ben Holman. You can read more about this year's inductees in this issue.

As we enter a new school year, I ask that you please consider joining the SDHS Alumni Association. You can do that by visiting [sandiegohighschoolalumni.net](http://sandiegohighschoolalumni.net). Our website is also a good resource for information on current school activities, sporting schedules, and class reunions. If you're looking for the contact person for your class, we may have some information for you.

By now you should have received a donation letter. We are asking our association members to help fund our operation. Your contribution will help pay for the office staff that answers your calls and sends out membership renewals. It will also help us fund school group activities during the school year like field trips, producing this newsletter, and planning alumni get-togethers like the Labor Day Weekend Padres game.

We also want to congratulate Mr. William Winchester from the class of 1941 for finally receiving his diploma during the graduation ceremony this past June. For more on this story go to our website.

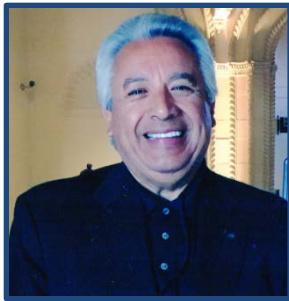
On behalf of the SDHS Alumni Association, we hope everyone had a great summer. Go Cavers!

Eddie Head, '73  
SDHS Alumni Association President

## 2018 Wall of Honor Inductees

The Wall of Honor was created by the San Diego High School Alumni Association (SDHSAA) to acknowledge exemplary achievements by San Diego High School alumni. This year's honorees will be inducted at a ceremony on October 20 as part of the All-Class Homecoming festivities.

### Gaspar Luna Oliveira, 1968



Gaspar's record of leadership at SDHS included Key Club President, Boy's Federation cabinet member, Student Human Relations Commission, cheerleader and ROTC Color Guard Sergeant.

A lifetime member of SDHSAA, Gaspar has been successful in recruiting younger Covers to join the association as the chair of the Membership committee. He has also worked on fundraising and campus beautification activities. He is currently SDHSAA First VP, and a member of the Investment and Strategic Planning committees. Gaspar majored in Public Administration at SDSU and has been active as a volunteer serving on many boards, committees and associations. Accolades include Volunteer of the Year (United Way of Fresno), Super Volunteer (San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council) and a Lifetime Achievement Award from MECHA (Movimiento Esudiantil Chicano de Aztlan).

*Would you like to nominate a Cover graduate for next year's Wall of Honor? Visit the website at [SanDiegoHighSchoolAlumni.net](http://SanDiegoHighSchoolAlumni.net) to learn how.*



### Doyle Steele, 1966

Doyle excelled at SDHS as a member of the school's elite Madrigals choir and as a varsity letterman in basketball and track. His long jump record still stands today as a high school

best. Doyle attended City College, where he earned an athletic scholarship to Cal State Long Beach, graduating with a BS in Physical Education. After a 21-year career with AMTRAK Doyle started his own flooring business. Doyle demonstrated leadership throughout his academic and professional career. He created the "Stay Alive DUI Traffic Survival School" for the Nevada DMV and is an active supporter of Habitats for Humanity. Doyle credits his religious upbringing and SDHS for laying the foundation of how he sees the world and people of all races and creeds.



### Robert Price, 1960

While at SDHS, Robert's many achievements included National Forensic League Southern California champion and Man of the Hour. He was

a member of Speaker's Forum, Latin Club and Key Club. Robert graduated from Pomona College in 1964 with a major in government. Robert began his business career with FedMart, and later co-founded Price Club with his father, Sol. Robert is involved in every aspect of the Aaron Price Fellows Program, a three-year mentorship program for students founded in memory his and wife Allison's son, Aaron. He is also active in The Price Family Charitable Fund, a private family foundation, and The Price Charities, a public foundation that works to improve the lives of families in low-income urban communities.



**Bernardo Hollman, 1958**

Benny showed an interest in music at an early age and turned it into a distinguished career. He founded the popular Velvetones band while in high school. After studying musical

theory at City College, Benny wrote, directed and arranged music for many musicians, notably Frankie Laine. Charger fans will remember Benny for leading the Charger Band, which entertained at home games. Always generous with his time and talent, Benny collected instruments and secured grants to provide grade-school children with professional music lessons. Students who stayed with the program for a year were allowed to keep their instruments. Benny's many awards include, together with Frankie Laine, Special Recognition from the American Federal of Musicians for benefit concert performances.



**Angela Balestrieri DeCaro, 1951**

Angie was a Sergeanette Colonel and member of Glee Club and choir at SDHS. She has organized every Class of '51 homecoming since graduating and is on

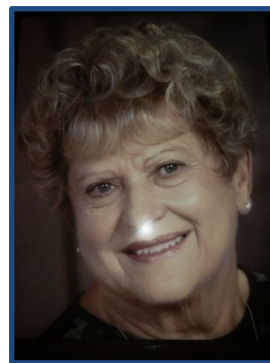
the SDHS Alumni Foundation. The school's Perkins Building trophy case was donated by Angie in memory of her late husband, Jim. Community activities include co-founding the Little Italy Ferragosto fundraiser and serving on the Old Globe Theatre's Globe Guilders as executive vice president, membership chair and logistics chair. Awards include Friends of East County Arts, which supports arts programs in local schools. Angie has also raised funds for many local and charitable causes including Cystic Fibrosis and SOHO for Heritage Park in Old Town.



**Tony Hechanova, 1950**

Tony was a star athlete at SDHS, lettering in track and cross country. After graduating, Tony enlisted in the USAF and served for 21 years. He was stationed in Korea, Vietnam and, later, on

many US bases as a flight engineer and part of an ICBM Missile launch crew. After retirement from the Air Force, Tony became a Technical Service Manager for Sears. He has been active with the SDHSAA for over 20 years, serving as membership chair and on many committees.



**MaryAnn Faiman Hechanova, 1950**

During her years at SDHS MaryAnn was an honor roll student, member of CSF, Chemistry Club, Badminton Club and Senior Ditch Day committee. She was accepted at San Diego

State but elected to take a job with Pacific Telephone. Beginning as a long-distance operator, she worked her way up to a supervisory position. Later she took a job with Air Force civil service, a career she continued with the US Navy in San Diego. MaryAnn spent 31 years in civil service, working her way up from disbursing officer to finance director for the Defense and Accounting Service, winning many awards of recognition over the years. MaryAnn was active with SDHSAA until 2016, serving as treasurer, membership chair and on several committees.

## All-Classes Homecoming



Marci Paraiso Heider, '62

Caver alumni and friends of San Diego High are invited to the SDHS Alumni Association's annual All-Classes Homecoming. Join us for free continental breakfast

and the presentation of this year's Wall of Honor inductees.

**Saturday, October 20 - 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**San Diego High School Library, 1450 Park Boulevard, Building 300**

This is your once-a-year opportunity to reconnect with fellow Cavers and relive old memories.

- Explore our Caver History Center and Resource Library.
- Stock up on Caver tees, caps, visors, mug, totes and memorabilia. All purchases support SDHSAA activities!
- Buy a few tickets for fundraising prizes and a \$100 cash drawing.
- Attend the 2018 Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony at 10:45 AM.

Free parking is available in the SDHS campus east lot, adjacent to Balboa Stadium. From Park Blvd. go east on Russ to the top of the hill and turn left. ROTC students will guide you to available parking and a shuttle bus will make continuous round trips from the parking lot to the library.

For more information, call 619-231-8982, email [sdhsalumni@gmail.com](mailto:sdhsalumni@gmail.com) or visit our website at [SanDiegoHighSchoolAlumni.net](http://SanDiegoHighSchoolAlumni.net).

## SDHS Foundation Report



E. Rae Riner, '62

SDHS Foundation President

This has been an eventful year for San Diego High School! Passage of Ballot Measure I by an overwhelming majority

ensured that SDHS has a home on Park and Russ for years to come. The Football and Basketball teams have done outstandingly well, just like the old days!

Unfortunately the successes of the past year don't change the financial reality of the present. The State and our local school district have far fewer resources to spend on an ever-increasing number of students. These tenuous times make the SDHS Foundation's mission to "raise money to support school activities" more important and challenging than ever.

Over the past 25 years, SDHS Foundation has provided over \$3.5 million in continuing support of San Diego High School. In the past year alone, we were able to:

- Provide \$122,000 in funding to 63 scholarship recipients
- Provide SDHS a budget of between \$30,000 and \$50,000 for program support
- Fund or facilitate funding for lacrosse, the music department and the Academy of Finance
- Support basketball, wrestling and football teams
- Help hundreds of students tour California colleges

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- Partner with the Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSA)
- Assist funding for Special Needs Student activities and other programs/projects

Clearly SDHS Foundation support has been considerable, but we need your help to continue to make a difference in the lives of our students. Please consider a tax-deductible donation or a gift through your estate or trust. We are available to answer your questions and assist you. Just contact us at [SanDiegoHSFoundation.com](http://SanDiegoHSFoundation.com). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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## San Diego High History Center: A Best Kept Secret



*Yvette Porter-Moore, '86  
Historian*

Our alumni association receives requests throughout the year from San Diego High School alumni, descendants of alumni, historians,

genealogical researchers and anyone who has an interest in San Diego history in general and the students who attended our school. Many are researching their family history. Having access to records, old photos, old school newspapers, and yearbooks can reveal a time and period that is relatively unknown to the researcher. As a genealogist, I have used high school records and yearbooks to get a better understanding of an ancestor of mine. Sometimes this is the only surviving information of one's youth and an invaluable but little-known resource.

We have one of the best archives in San Diego. I

encourage you to research and write your family's history for the next generation. If you want to do your own research, contact the office at 619-231-8982. If you have an extensive project and need help contact me at 619-768-3094 or email [yporter\\_moore@gmail.com](mailto:yporter_moore@gmail.com).

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## Membership Report



*Gaspar Luna Oliveira, '68  
Membership Committee  
Chair*

This has been a successful year for your Alumni Association. Last spring we joined many students and

parents to beautify the SDHS campus. It was great to see a team of Cavers working together to take care of business. Good job!

In June 120 Class of 2018 grads joined us as alumni and were presented with one-year SDHSAA memberships to encourage them to remain connected to San Diego High. These 21<sup>st</sup> century Cavers are with us as we all work hard to instill Caver Pride in our students. There is more to be done and we welcome your ideas.

On September 2, members of SDHSAA attended the Padres vs division rival Colorado Rockies game at Petco Park. We had a great time and once again sold out the event.

You are invited to the All-Class Homecoming Breakfast hosted by the Alumni Association on October 20. We will be honoring Caver alumni at the breakfast, so be there to join in the celebration.

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Lastly, please visit the San Diego High School Alumni website and find out more about the many student programs and activities your membership supports. If you have not renewed your membership, please do it now. And, if you can donate \$25, \$50 or \$100, your contributions will be welcome. Spread the word about our alumni association and encourage your fellow Cavers to join now. Go Cavers!

## Campus Action Partners Update



*Marci Paraiso Heider, '62*

Campus Action Partners (CAP) is a collaboration between the SDHS Alumni Association, the SDHS Foundation and the Parent Teacher Student Association

(PTSA). Here's what CAP has been up to lately.

### ASB All Campus Beautification Day May 12, 2018

Over 150 students, staff, parents and CAP Committee volunteers swept trash, raked leaves, pulled weeds, dug up dead plants and put in new ones. CAP worked closely with ASB's Community Service and ASB Advisor Jennifer Pickering to coordinate this event. Student volunteers, with adult supervision, focused on key areas of neglect around campus. Special thanks to Rae Riner, Foundation; Gabriela Contreas-Misirlioglu and Fong Kruse, PTSA; Pete Gumina, Alumni Association; Carole Angeles Caparas and Flora Diaz Ramsey, Class of 1962; and Emily Uribe, Zoe Burkart and Anyah Stempien-Smith, ASB. The Alumni Association, Foundation and PTSA donated snacks, beverages and a pizza lunch with cookies for all volunteers.

### Walk-Talk-Trash Monthly Clean-Up

CAP continued its ongoing mission to keep the

front of the school clean along Park and Russ Boulevards. Volunteers gathered on the first Wednesday morning of each month to pick up trash for one hour. Afterwards, volunteers enjoyed coffee and treats provided by the Caver Coffee Crew Club, students from the Transitions Skills Class and their advisors Marisol Duenas and Vanessa Montgomery. Alumni volunteers included Pete Gumina, Gaspar Luna Oliveira, Jack Dawes, Linda Henry, Linda Matlock, Nancy VanVeen; Foundation representative Rae Riner; and PTSA volunteers Gabriela Contreas-Misirlioglu, Amy Villafranca and Jill Molyneaux.

### Student Field Trips

Using PTSA funds budgeted for museum field trips and campus speakers, CAP funded several activities including the keynote speaker for the SDHS Special Education Transition Conference and a field trip to the U.S.S. Midway Museum.

## Help Us Help San Diego High

We love sending you a print version of the



alumni newsletter and will continue to do so for those who prefer it. But snail mail costs money. So we gratefully welcome any small donation you can make to help defray mailing costs. Donations to a special newsletter fund can be made at: <http://tinyurl.com/nl-dontaion> (and if you enter that URL in manually, don't correct the typo in dontaion).

### SDHS Alumni Office Hours

Itzel: Mondays and Fridays 8am-2pm

Andrea: Thursdays 9 am-11 am

Fridays 10 am-12 pm

Please call before coming down: 619-231-8982

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# Gone But Not Forgotten



We remember Covers who left us this year. The complete *Gone But Not Forgotten* list is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/gwmafby>

- 1967 Oscar Foster
- 1970 John Dimuzio
- Ricky Frost
- Chris Ciampi

Robert Earl Russell, Sr. – SDHS Faculty

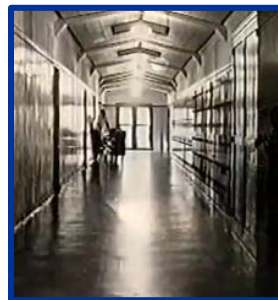
<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>
1922	H. Irene Gates Brian
1933	Robert Bartlett
1935	Mildred Adele Wolfe Kaiser
1939	Eleanor Jane Thomas Nye
	Rex Maddox
	Patricia Little Maddox
1943	Maxine Ashbury Winchester
1946	Viola Muehike Raff
1950	Peter Guldemon
	Roy Fields
	Grace Kodam Imamura
	John Daniel Preciado
1951	Walter R. Stump
1955	Jane Marie Clevesy
	H. Douglas Engelhorn
	Marjorie Hightower Featheringhill
1958	Fred Macarai
	Fred Rader
1960	Emile Wright
	Robert Hurd
	Judy Lee Crofton
	Robin Towner
	Anthony Giacalone
1961	Alice Faye Martin
	George "Chato" Ruiz
1962	Joe "Sonny" Cruz
	Dominic Vanella
1963	Mike Mills
	Tim Towler
1965	Thomas Zigmunt Peranski
1966	Reginald Clark
	Gregory Brebner

## Did You Know?

These former Covers went on to great achievements in entertainment, the arts, sports, business and science.

- Greg Nettles - Athlete
- Charde Houston – Athlete
- Jeremy Tyler – Athlete
- Jacque Jones – Athlete
- Gregory Peck – Actor
- Don Marshall – Actor
- Sol Price – Entrepreneur
- Art Linkletter – Entertainer
- Thomas Schilling – Nobel Laureate, economics
- Juan Felipe Herrera – US Poet Laureate

San Diego High School is one of the oldest public schools in California and the oldest still on its original site.



You can hear the Alumni Choir directed by Mr. E. Harrison Maxwell sing our Alma Mater and see some cool old photos (including some rare

interior shots) of the Old Gray Castle on YouTube at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uT6bmFuTFOA>

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