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The mission of the Magazine is to provide alumni and friends of SPX with news, information, and inspiration regarding the school and each other.



Dear Friends,

One of the many things that we at St. Pius X take great pride in is the impact our school has on the community. You might think, how does a Catholic High School figure into that? With over 700 students we have the opportunity to instill in our young people the value of community and how they can play a role.

Community service is an integral part of our school learning environment. Every student is required to complete a certain number of service hours each year in order to graduate. A group experience in which all students are engaged is the MAD Against Hunger Program. Students packaged and distributed 160,000 tons of food for distribution through the program. Individually, students gave 52,000 total hours of service during the 2012-2013 school year to church projects, helping seniors in nursing homes, trash clean-ups and other worthy efforts.

One of our recent graduates who is now attending UNM started a food donation and distribution program similar to MAD Against Hunger involving UNM students for those in need. This is indicative of the carry-over value of St. Pius students as they move onto college and into their work lives.

Lastly, our faculty and staff participate in community-wide projects, serve on non-profit boards, and are members of civic organizations such as Rotary, Salvation Army, Good Shepherd Center, and others.

We look forward to continued opportunities for our school to be engaged in making an impact on the community.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rothweiler
 Principal

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St. Pius X High School and its alumni impact the world through a distinctive focus on making a difference. Alumni Jorja Armijo-Brasher '64 and John Freisinger '85 and current student Tomas Gallegos share what Pius has taught them about making an impact.

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Jorja Armijo-Brasher '64, director of the City of Albuquerque's Department of Senior Affairs, has spent her career focused on improving the lives of the city's youngest citizens to its oldest. Here she visits the North Valley Senior Center, one of eight in the city.

TEACH ME GOOD

Goodness

Pay attention at a St. Pius X High School soccer practice and you might spot Fr. Chike Uba, the school's new chaplain, mixing it up with the team. A soccer player since childhood and a teacher and sports director at schools in Nigeria, Fr. Chike is jumping into his new role with two feet.

"My goal here is no different from the goal of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe," he says. "We want to give the children who come here, Catholic and non-Catholic, a moral training that you would give to any human being. We expect responsible and God-fearing children to come from this archdiocese and from St. Pius X High School."

Fr. Chike celebrates Mass on campus and welcomes students as they arrive at school. He visits classes, meets students during their lunch hours and attends student retreats.



Fr. Chike came to St. Pius from his home in Nigeria after a year in Austria. A priest for 13 years in the Nigerian Catholic Diocese of Awka, Fr. Chike has taught and worked in

three different levels of seminary training there, from high school to senior seminary. He also has been pastor of two parishes since his ordination in 2000. "The archbishop of Santa Fe and my bishop have good relations, and priests from my diocese often come to gain their missionary experience here in New Mexico," Fr. Chike says of the connection between the distant dioceses. He applied to come to New Mexico, and his bishop gave him permission.



Discipline

St. Pius X High School choir students excelled at the New Mexico All-State Choir auditions. Invited to sing in the All-State Mixed Choir in January are Isabella Bruzzese, Veronica Baca, Kailynn Castillo, Xavier Robinson, J.D. Garcia and Elias Limon. Singing in the All State Treble Choir are Bianca Baca and Julia Gallegos.

Knowledge

Spanish IV Honors students studying language dialects at St. Pius celebrated the 500-year-old form of Spanish spoken in New Mexico at a symposium presented in September by the University of New Mexico.

The students, who recently researched and mapped the six to seven different dialects spoken in Spain, learned that many of New Mexico's Spanish speakers continue to use a form of Spanish from the 15th century used in the Spanish novel *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes. The symposium they attended honored two UNM professors credited with pioneering research on the subject of New Mexico's Spanish and included presenters from across the United States.

"The language's survival is due to the isolation of New Mexico from other areas of the Spanish speaking world," says Juan de Dios Baca, St. Pius modern language department chair. "The dialect is so unique to the people of this state. It reflects and embraces the culture and religion of the Spanish speakers who embrace the dialect spoken here. Because of that the kids came away with a little bit of pride in where they come from, where New Mexico Spanish is spoken."





SPX*Sports*

St. Pius X High School's success in 2013 fall sports include a state soccer championship and a state champion cross country runner.

The **St. Pius girls soccer team** earned its blue trophy by winning the state Class 4A championship game 2-1 over Aztec High School, beating Albuquerque Academy 1-0 in double overtime and Santa Teresa 4-1 during the state tournament. With an overall record of 22-1 and a district record of 6-0, the Sartans also sealed the District 5-4A championship. Named First Team All-District were Tatiana Sarracino, Macie Clemens, Amanda Hernandez, Dominique Rivera, Madeline Waszak, Alexis Sanchez and Tatiana Limon. Named Second Team All-District were Darion Faulkner and Caitlin Fattor. St. Pius last won a girls soccer championship in 2007.

SPX Cross Country made history this season as senior Kelli Reagan became the school's first ever state champion with a 5K time of 18:22, the fastest girls time for the day in all classes. Also for the first time, the Lady Sartans had three runners make the top ten, which earns All-State honors for Reagan, Julie Gianinni in fourth place and Hannah Baca in tenth place. The same three girls also made the All-District Team, leading SPX to the District Runner-Up honor.

The **boys cross country team** also finished as District Runner-Up with Cal Ballou, eighth place, and Marcos Serna, ninth place, making the All-District Team. At the state meet the boys placed sixth with Felix Yepa leading the team with a 31st place individual finish.

The **St. Pius volleyball team** finished 13-9 overall and District Runner-Up with a district record of 5-3. The team went into the state championship as an 8-seed, losing in the first round to Artesia High School 3-1. Individual honors were not available at press time.

The **SPX boys soccer team** finished the year as District Runner-up with a district record of 4-2 and an overall record of 9-12. A 12-seed in the state tournament, the team lost in the first round 3-0 to Capital High School. Players earning All-District honors were Kevin Sanchez, Alex Arviso, Luke McConnell, Kiko Macias, Josh Campbell, Joey Sinclair and Parker Padilla.

St. Pius football hosted its four home games at University Stadium this season, creating the opportunity for the Sartans and their opponents to experience playing in a Division I college stadium. The team finished with a record of 3-7. Individual honors were not available at press time.



Photo credit: Ron Tybor



Bethany Tabor '10 sees a direct line from the AP Art History course she took her senior year at St. Pius X High School to the research grant that took her to the United Kingdom on what she calls “the field trip of a lifetime.”

Tabor is the first student ever to receive the St. Mary's College Independent Travel and Research Grant from the Nanovic Institute for European Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Now a senior at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., Tabor used the grant to travel in May to the United Kingdom to conduct research for her senior thesis investigating the role of dance in the art gallery and studying the shift of dance from the performing arts to performance art.

“If it weren't for Mr. (Jorge) Tristani's AP Art History course, I might not have ever discovered my passion for the discipline,” Tabor says. “St. Pius instilled in me a passion and energy to reach beyond what I thought I was capable of, and the results of that reaching are always astounding. I never dreamed I would do something as incredible as this as an undergraduate, it really is amazing.”

Tabor, who expects to graduate in 2014 with degrees in art history and philosophy and a minor in dance, traveled on her own to the University of Surrey where she studied books and notes by Rudolf Laban, a German expressionist dancer and pioneer in modern dance and dance notation. She also traveled to London to visit its museums and galleries and to view an exhibition at the Barbican Art Gallery entitled *Dancing Around Duchamp* featuring the Richard Alston Dance Company dancing amongst a collection of Marcel Duchamp's sculptures and paintings.

“The trip was incredibly inspiring, to say the very least,” Tabor says. “Not only will my thesis have a sophistication similar to that of a graduate student's paper, but traveling on my own was an enriching experience that has taught me so much about the world and myself.”

Dance in the Gallery



THE PIUS SPX ALUMNI IMPACT

To make an impact is what graduates of St. Pius X High School are prepared to go out and do. The education and growth gained at St. Pius X leave their mark on government, business and service locally, nationally and internationally as graduates take what they've learned and apply it to life.

Multigenerational Effect

Jorja Armijo-Brasher '64, director of the City of Albuquerque's

Department of Senior Affairs, has spent her career focused on improving the lives of people, impacting Albuquerque's youngest citizens to its oldest.

"My work has always been about service and the importance of people," Armijo-Brasher says. "St. Pius gave me a way of looking at the world that focuses on the importance of having an impact and doing what you can to make a difference."

In 1970 Armijo-Brasher stepped in on the ground floor of early childhood education in Albuquerque, helping to start the first public school kindergarten programs in the city and bringing new attitudes about the youngest of students.

"We worked to give children the opportunity to feel honored and respected as children and as hands-on experts, explorers, experimenters and creators of knowledge," Armijo-Brasher says.

She carried that through her 30-year career in early childhood education progressing to teaching teachers best practices and advancing to overseeing all of APS's early childhood programs. In 1989 the City of Albuquerque selected Armijo-Brasher to manage a comprehensive child development program grant focused on helping families break the cycle of poverty.

In 2000, in what looked like a 180-degree turn, Armijo-Brasher accepted the position of director the city's

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“*St. Pius gave me a way of looking at the world that focuses on the importance of having an impact and doing what you can to make a difference.*”

—Jorja Armijo-Brasher '64



John Freisinger '85 distinctly remembers the first day of chemistry class at St. Pius X High School when Father Sam Falbo explained how hydrogen is like God.

“It is entirely possible to blend your faith life and your work life, like that first day Fr. Falbo telling me hydrogen is like God,” Freisinger says. “The amazing thing about Pius is they taught both.”

Now Freisinger, president and CEO of Technology Ventures Corp. in Albuquerque, spends his days helping the nonprofit foundation bring the technology of New Mexico’s national laboratories, universities and federal research facilities to the marketplace. Over the past 20 years TVC has raised \$1.3 billion worth of venture capital for technologies and technologists from New Mexico labs, money that likely would not have been invested without TVC’s assistance.

Technology Launch

“*Pius taught me a lot about making faith part of your work life. There’s a greater reason for what you do and a greater good. That’s not something I could have gotten anywhere else.*”
—John Freisinger '85

IX Power (pronounced Nine Power) is one of TVC’s client companies that successfully attracted funding this year. A start-up based on a technology developed at Los Alamos National Labs, the company uses a zeolite filter to treat the produced water that is extracted in oil fields when drilling for natural gas and oil. The zeolite is mined in New Mexico and the technology helps solve a problem that is pervasive in New Mexico’s biggest industry.

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Future Influence



Tomas Gallegos, a junior at St. Pius X High School, always had a passion for math and science, but a unique summer opportunity has turned his interest to making an impact in diplomacy and international relations.

Gallegos was one of 14 students selected from more than 3,000 worldwide applicants to participate in the U.S. State Department-sponsored National Security Language Initiative for Youth’s Russian Language Immersion Program. During the six-week program, Gallegos stayed in a Russian home with host grandparents and a host brother.

“It was extremely difficult,” he says. “On the plane and bus to Yaroslavl, Russia, we did a survival crash course in Russian, but the first two weeks were very difficult and long. We had to learn to communicate without using words.”

He said the Russian language’s completely different alphabet and no root words common to English made the language difficult to learn. The only helpful similarity he found was like pronunciation between Russian and Spanish vowels.

Gallegos says St. Pius’s rigorous academic preparation and the work ethic he developed at school prepared him for the experience.

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“*St. Pius helped me develop the discipline I needed in a foreign country.*”
—Tomas Gallegos '15

Planned Giving



Why Endowments Work

Mark and Mary Jones* have been giving to St. Pius for years. We consider them partners with us in fulfilling our great mission. In fact, we've grown downright dependent on their annual generosity. Consequently, when they are gone, the absence of their giving will be felt.

Mark and Mary know this and are doing something to make sure their giving never runs dry. They are taking steps, through their will, to create the Mark and Mary Jones Endowment Fund. A portion of their estate will be set aside for a special fund that will generate annual gifts to continue the giving they are doing now.

Endowments work well for people like Mark and Mary, and here are three reasons why:

Endowments are Perpetual

Like an artesian well, endowment funds keep giving and giving and giving. They allow people like Mark and Mary to "lock in" their giving. Buildings may crumble and people will come and go, but endowments last. Each year, in the future, family members such as children and grandchildren will be reminded of Mark and Mary's involvement with St. Pius and the value of making regular gifts to support worthy causes. What a wonderful legacy to leave behind!

Endowments are Protected

Endowment funds at St. Pius X High School are set aside and kept separate from operating and capital fund accounts. Mark and Mary have the assurance that their endowment fund will be secure. The written agreement will be on file and the terms will be carefully followed.

Endowments are Personal

While it is possible, and sometimes desirable, to create an unnamed, unrestricted endowment fund, many people want their fund to bear a person's name. And they want to tailor the purpose of their endowment to benefit a specific area of interest. They appreciate the flexibility and the opportunity to personalize their "artesian well."

St. Pius has developed sound policies for creating and managing endowment funds. This information is available upon request. Also, Director of Advancement Steve Ross is able to show you a variety of ways you can use the vehicles of gift planning to make an endowment dream come true whether now through a current gift, or later through your estate plan. He will be happy to visit or correspond with you about this exciting area of philanthropy.

The response form below will let us know how to assist you. Fill it out and send it in and we will respond immediately. Or you can call **Steve** at **(505) 831-8423**.

* Mark and Mary Jones are fictitious names.

Dear Friends at St. Pius X:

Please complete and return this reply form.

- Please send me more information about the endowments at St. Pius X.
- I am interested in establishing an endowment, please contact me.
- Please send me information about the St. Pius Legacy Society.

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Mail this form to: St. Pius X Advancement,
5301 St. Joseph's Dr NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

John Cordova: Making Gifts Personal

John M. Cordova '76 says he arrived at St. Pius X High School a skinny ninth-grader without a clue.

“When I walked out four years later, I didn’t feel there was anything I couldn’t do,” Cordova says from his Atlanta office of The Coca Cola Company where he serves as Director - Sports Transaction Management and negotiates relationships with the leagues and teams of Major League Baseball, the National Football League, the National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League.

Cordova’s 30-year career in the sports business industry has ranged from his first position with the Commissioner of Major League Baseball to sports marketing with Miller Brewing Company and later the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club. He arrived at Coca-Cola in 1994 and has been a key player in its approach to sports partnerships.

“I could never have done what I’ve been able to do without the interface and interaction I had at Pius,” Cordova says. “I came out with a totally different attitude about myself than I went in with. I came out feeling I was never going to lose.”

Cordova wants today’s students to find that feeling at St. Pius too. “The time these students spend at Pius is a critical time,” he says. “These are our next generation of leaders and we need to help support and develop them.”

The memorial scholarship endowment in honor of St. Pius football coach Ray Giannini holds a special connection for Cordova. “Coach Giannini was my biggest influence at Pius,” he says. “When there is a chance to give that’s personal in nature — like Coach Giannini’s scholarship fund for me — it provides a personal stake in making things better.”

“In addition to John’s support of the annual fund, endowments

and special projects, Coca-Cola has matched his donations to Pius, doubling the impact of his support,” says Steve Ross, St. Pius director of advancement.

Cordova credits the camaraderie, the guidance of instructors and coaches, and his sports experiences for developing the attitude and approach that would follow him out of St. Pius. Cordova was an honor student and earned seven varsity letters in football, track and basketball. He was a member of Giannini’s football teams that captured a state title in 1973 and a state runner-up banner in 1975. He was St. Pius’s first individual track state champion, capturing the Class AAA State Shot Put title in 1976, and was named the 1976 runner-up for Albuquerque Male Athlete of the Year.

Cordova left St. Pius with a football scholarship to New Mexico State University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business management and was a starter on the 1978 Missouri Valley Conference Championship team. He earned a master’s degree in business administration while serving as NMSU’s assistant offensive line/strength coach during the 1980 and 1981 seasons. After a brief stint with Texas Instruments, he decided to leverage his athletic experience and business degrees into the newly emerging field of sports business and never looked back.

Cordova and his wife Diane, an elementary school teacher, have a son, Joe, a senior at NMSU majoring in information technology and playing football for the Aggies, and a daughter Layne, a senior at the University of Mississippi majoring in hotel-restaurant management.



Chavez Endowment Challenge Offers **\$5,000 Match**

If you’ve ever considered establishing an endowment to support student tuition at St. Pius X High School, today is the day to start.

Manuel Chavez '65, a longtime benefactor of St. Pius X, has pledged to help launch five new endowments during the 2013-2014 school year with challenge funds. A donor must agree to donate \$5,000 to start the process, after which Chavez will match the donor’s \$5,000. With that \$10,000 start, the donor will then have four years to provide the remaining \$20,000 and reach a total contribution of \$30,000. The donor also must agree to include \$10,000 for St. Pius X endowment in their will, bequest or estate plan.

If you are interested in establishing an endowment and would like to participate in the Chavez Endowment Challenge, contact Director of Advancement Steve Ross at (505) 831-8423 or sross@spx.k12.nm.us.

Endowed funds that support student tuition are crucial in helping to provide St. Pius students with the best educational experience possible. To establish any endowment requires a total contribution of \$30,000. A donor may take up to a maximum of five years to reach the \$30,000. Once the \$30,000 is reached, the funds are invested under the St. Pius X Foundation investment policy and interest earned annually from the funds is used for tuition assistance.

THE PIUS IMPACT

Multigenerational Effect *Continued from page 5*

Department of Senior Affairs. “I looked at it from the perspective that I wasn’t leaving early childhood, I was wrapping my experience around the whole family,” Armijo-Brasher says. “I’ve had the opportunity in my career to develop an awareness of how to honor the growth and development of people throughout the life cycle.”

Now, as Armijo-Brasher works to provide programs, opportunities and assistance to the city’s over-50 population, she’s also working to prepare the city for the inevitable growth of that population — a phenomenon known as the senior tsunami.

“By 2030 the population of seniors will grow by 40 percent in Albuquerque and we’re poised to be the fourth in the nation in elderly population,” Armijo-Brasher says. That has Armijo-Brasher looking outside the senior affairs department and addressing all of the city’s departments and their need to prepare to serve a predominantly older population.

“Right now, the more opportunity people have to experience their elders and build intergenerational relationships the more opportunity we have to build a community that is better prepared to serve all its citizens,” Armijo-Brasher says.

Technology Launch *Continued from page 6*

“Every hour it’s something different,” Freisinger says. “Every day we face amazing challenges, and at the end of day I feel I’ve seen a difference. A company got started; a technology got into the marketplace.”

After graduating from the University of New Mexico in 1990 with a degree in economics and a minor in Russian studies, Freisinger’s first job out of college was with Coca-Cola Refreshments in Moscow as a sales trainer. His career path led to executive roles in technology start-ups including a supercomputer company and two home automation companies. Then he became a turnaround specialist hired to help save troubled companies.

“You can only do that for so long,” he says. “I found I was looking for some way to help companies before they got into trouble, help

them get off on the right foot.”

That led him to TVC where he spent five years as a project manager working with entrepreneurs to create business strategies and attract funding. He was selected to lead TVC in 2011.

Asked what he has carried with him from St. Pius, Freisinger prefaces that he’s not joking about this when he says: “Mrs. Tybor’s typing class turned out to be essential. Every time I fly through a document, I think about Mrs. Tybor.

“And Pius taught me a lot about making faith part of your work life. On a bad day, it’s what gets you through. There’s a greater reason for what you do and a greater good. That’s not something I could have gotten anywhere else.”

Future Influence *Continued from page 6*

“St. Pius helped me develop the discipline I needed in a foreign country,” he says. “That was what really helped me in Russia.”

Over the course of the program, Gallegos attended language and culture classes with other American students at Yaroslavl State University and participated in cultural excursions throughout the area’s communities. The program covered the costs of travel, room and board, language classes, materials, and a small stipend for spending money.

“The goal of the program is to soak up as much Russian as you can and exchange cultures,” he says. “These people are amazing, wonderful people. Once you have lived in their culture, your

tolerance is different. But you come back with a lot of American pride. You don’t understand it until you go out of your country.”

Gallegos hopes to spread the word to the SPX community about the language program so other students can apply and consider serving the United States through critical language acquisition, global awareness, and in careers as foreign service officers.

Gallegos, an after-school recreation leader at Hodgen Elementary School and an SPX hockey player, says he plans to continue studying Russian with alumni of the language program and possibly with Russian-speaking Afghan refugees placed in Albuquerque through Catholic Charities.



Welcome the Winged Lion

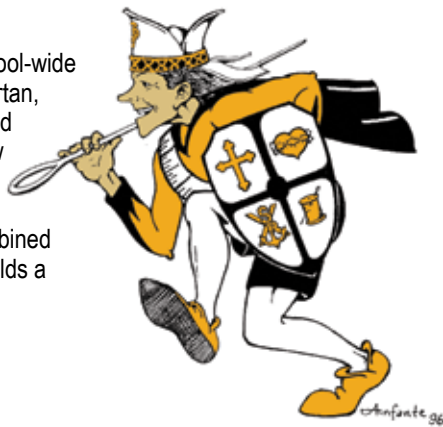


1956-1959

St. Pius X Panthers prowled the city until the basketball team moved to District 1A, where the Menaul Panthers had dibs on the cat and the state activities association required a change.

1960 The Sartans — coined from Pope Pius X's given name, Giuseppe Sarto — take the field and begin to answer the ever asked question "What's a Sartan?"

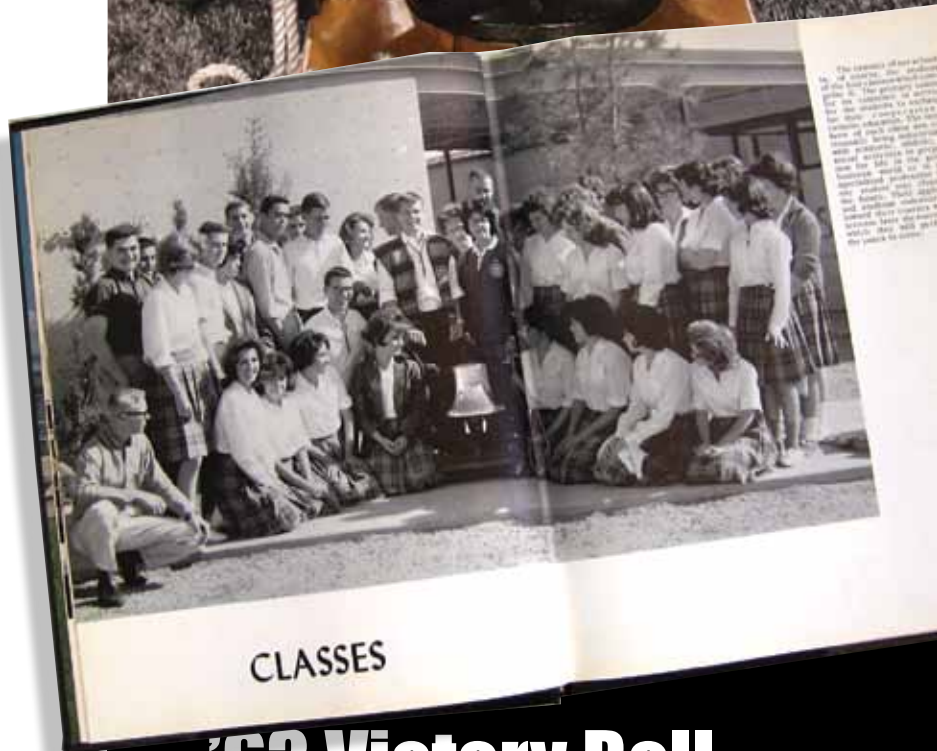
1995 In a school-wide contest to design a Sartan, Beth Fernandez '99 and Adrian Infante '99 draw on the idea of the word "sarto" as Italian for "tailor." In their combined designs the Sartan wields a tailor's needle.



2013

The Winged Lion roared out from St. Pius X High School's own crest as an obvious symbol of faith, power, history and mystique.

The symbol of St. Mark the Evangelist and patron of Venice, the Winged Lion appears in Pope St. Pius X's coat of arms as a symbol of his city and is represented in the lower right panel of the school's crest.



CLASSES

'63 Victory Bell Comes Full Circle

When the St. Pius X High School class of 1963 wanted to make some noise, class president Ben Jojola and Eddie Bell convinced the Santa Fe Railroad to provide what would become the Victory Bell. Engraved with the chi rho symbol and the Class of '63 monogram and dedicated by students outside St. Sebastian Gym, as captured by this yearbook photo, the bell began its service tolling out victory after basketball and baseball games. "If we scored 55 points, we rang it 55 times," remembers Leonard Espinosa '63. The class gathered for its 50th reunion in September and decided to make special use of the bell again. Jojola refurbished the time-worn bell donated by the class to St. Pius 50 years ago and presented it at the reunion's Sunday brunch. In a moving ceremony the name of each deceased classmate was read followed by the toll of the bell.

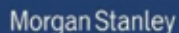


Make plans now for The Great Gatsby Gala — St. Pius X High School's annual Mardi Gras celebration — on March 1 at Hotel Albuquerque. The evening includes dinner and dancing and silent and live auctions amid a fun-loving collection of SPX alumni, parents, supporters and friends.

SPX Thanks

The 2013 Swing Fore St. Pius Jamie Tinnin Golf Classic raised \$32,000 to benefit student financial aid and athletics at SPX. The tournament, played this year on Sept. 20 at Four Hills Country Club, is held in memory of Jamie Tinnin, wife of Tom Tinnin and mother of Megan '06, Courtney '08 and Robbie. Jamie lost her battle with breast cancer in October 2009. In honor of her great spirit Tinnin Enterprises sponsors the golf tournament to benefit St. Pius X High School. The following businesses sponsored the event:

Tinnin Enterprises



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You can help by providing a corporate sponsorship, volunteering to help with the event, donating items and services to the auctions or wine and spirits to the bottle pull, and by attending.

For information and tickets, contact **Becky Montoya-Ballou** at bmontoya-ballou@spx.k12.nm.us or (505) 831-8406.



SPX Arizona Alumni Gathering

Jeannette (Baca) Wilson '83 (left), **Suzanne (Ball) Kocsis '84** and **Melcor Luna '75** attended the SPX Arizona Alumni Gathering on Oct. 5 in Phoenix and had the chance to meet the current SPX cross country team, which had competed in the area the day before. Contact Becky Montoya-Ballou (bmontoya-ballou@spx.k12.nm.us) if you would like to start a SPX Alumni Gathering in your area.



Class of 1968 Reunion

Members of the SPX Class of 1968 gathered in Albuquerque July 6 for their 45-year class reunion. In the back row (left to right) are Victor Chavez, Chuck Daugherty, Rita Kite Wagner, Andy Giomi, Terry Hennigan, Tom Bressan, Wesley Estill, Tony Matteucci and Joe Morrato. In the middle row are Michael Olivas, Barbara Giannini, Janice Littell Love, Dennis Kelly, Steffanie Gibbons, MaryAnn Bird Mathews, Janis Devoti and Jeanette Crepeau Wayne. In the front row are David Pascetti, Anita Schubert Brown, Steve Cheshire and Christine Heffernan.



Photo credit: Ron Tybor



(Top) Tony Pino and Julie Pino '75, close friends of Lincoln Galassini, accepted his Outstanding Alumnus Award from Alumni Council Chair Jennifer Maldonado '92.

(Bottom) Maldonado presented Edward Leute's Outstanding Alumnus Award to his sisters Jacqueline Shannon '64 and Patricia Cook.

HALL OF HONOR

2013

St. Pius X High School honored outstanding alumni and special friends at the 2013 Hall of Honor ceremony on September 17.

St. Pius honored two special graduates who passed away this year with Outstanding Alumnus Awards at the 2013 Hall of Honor Ceremony. Lincoln Galassini '65 and Edward Leute '77 were added to the Hall of Honor for their inspiring contributions to the school.

Galassini was a student-athlete on the 1964 St. Pius state baseball championship team. He taught at St. Pius and coached the 1977 state baseball champions and state basketball runner-up team. He was selected as the 1977 New Mexico Coach of the Year in both sports. Galassini went on to a successful business career in the construction industry, mentoring many individuals along the way. He died June 4, 2013.

Leute began working at St. Pius while a student and continued his employment for 40 years eventually becoming the school's facilities manager and taking meticulous care of the Pius property and his crew. In his free time, he loved bike riding and gold prospecting. He died August 14, 2013.

Cynthia Larranaga received the Principal's Leadership Award from Dr. Barbara Rothweiler for her years of volunteer service to the St. Pius Advancement Office as its Mardi Gras silent auction chair. Richard and Kathy Luna accepted the Julio Vincioni Award for their contributions to St. Pius that include 10 years of volunteer and financial support to the SPX Athletic Boosters, the St. Pius X Foundation, the Jamie Tinnin Memorial Golf Tournament and the St. Pius Mardi Gras fundraiser.



Calling all St. Pius baseball alumni

Dust off that glove and come play in the Third Annual St. Pius X Alumni Baseball Game against the 2014 Varsity team at 10 a.m. on February 22 at the St. Pius Baseball Field. Contact Marc Hilton at (505) 831-8434 for information.

Lise Gabrielle Dominique Thevenet Clark '75, of Greenwood Village, Colo., died Aug. 2, 2013, after battling breast cancer. She is survived by husband Randall, daughter Kaitlin, and sons Wyndham and



Brendan Clark; sisters Susan Thevenet, Michele Thevenet, **Margot Thevenet '73**, **Renee Rodbell '74**, **Adrienne Jochum '77**, **Monique Balboa '79**, brother **Howard Thevenet '73**, and many nieces and nephews. Lise graduated from New Mexico State University in 1979. She was crowned Miss New Mexico USA, representing her state in the Miss USA pageant in 1981. Lise began her Mary Kay career in 1984 and in 2002 earned the company's highest honor by achieving the title of National Sales Director of Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Ruth M. Kelly Cowham, age 89 of Albuquerque, died Nov. 3, 2013. She is survived by her children, **Robert S. Cowham '67** and Nancy E. Armijo. She was preceded in death by her son, **Joseph H. Cowham, IV '65**.

Adele M. Gattas, age 95 of Albuquerque, died Oct. 3, 2013. Adele chaired many successful fundraisers at St. Pius X High School and helped to start Holy Ghost Catholic School in Albuquerque. She is survived by five children Ron Gattas, Ken Gattas, **Joyce Gattas '63**, **Linda Gattas '65** and **Steve Gattas '76** and five grandchildren including, **Jeff Gattas '83**, **Bethie Gattas '84** and **Brian Gattas '86**.

Robert Leo Giles Sr., age 92 of Albuquerque, died Oct. 22, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Gloria; his four daughters, Patricia Pierotti, Mary Ellen Freyermuth, Deborah Rauner, **Maureen Blackhall '80**; his two sons, Dennis, and Robert Jr.; ten grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.



Edward "Ed" Leute '77, age 55 of Albuquerque died Aug. 14, 2013, after sustaining an injury from one of his favorite activities, mountain biking. He is survived by his sisters, **Jacqueline '64**, Pat, Diana, and Kim. Ed started working at St. Pius X High School while attending school and continued his employment for 40 years as the facilities manager, taking meticulous care of the SPX property and of his crew. He was an avid rider of both mountain and road bicycles, and he loved gold prospecting. He had his own business selling prospecting equipment, including an innovative sluice that he designed for use in arid New Mexico. Ed had a very strong work ethic and was highly respected by his coworkers at St. Pius. Some of Ed's last words were, "There are three key things: You never know what is around the corner; Be nice to each other; Work hard." This epitomizes how Ed lived his life.

An SPX endowment has been started in Ed's name. To make a donation contact the St. Pius X Advancement Office at (505) 831-8423.

Phillip C. Gonzales, age 56 of Albuquerque, died Aug. 23, 2013. His survivors include his wife of 29 years, Julia A. Gonzales; six children, **Joseph T. Gonzales '97**, **Roseanna Gonzales '02**, **Nicholas Gonzales '03**, Louis Gonzales, **Valerie Gonzales '09**, and Rebecca Gonzales; and four grandchildren. Phillip was an avid St. Pius X Athletic Booster.

Robert C. Johnson '74 of Albuquerque died Nov. 20, 2012. He is survived by his brother **Richard '65**, sisters **Renee '68**, **Rita '66**, **Robin '71**, and **Rosemarie '75**.

Emma Alice Krezan, age 79 of Albuquerque, died Oct. 14, 2013. She is survived by children **Dale Krezan '71**, **Julia Randall '75**, and Janet Krezan; and grandchildren including, **Jeremy Krezan '95** and **Theresa Muxworthy '98**.

Raymond "Ray" Lucero, age 79 of Albuquerque, died Aug. 15, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Mary Lucero; children Michael and Chuck Lucero and RoseAnna Ruiz; 10 grandchildren, including **Christian A. Lucero '15**; and 12 great grandchildren.

Dorothy Elizabeth (Deedee) Marianetti, age 99 of Albuquerque, died Oct. 18, 2013. She is survived by sons Dr. Oliver "Butch" L. Marianetti and Dr. David L. Marianetti; daughter-in-law Jane M. Marianetti; and grandchildren including **Gina M. Marianetti '96** and **Rebecca E. Marianetti '99**.

Edith Mae "Edey" (Fattor) Matte, age 85 of Albuquerque, died Oct. 24, 2013. Her survivors include her husband, Dr. Arthur T. Matte Sr.; her children **Lynn Gibbs '69**, **Debbie Rhoten '70**, **John Matte '71**, **Tom Matte '74**, **Mary McIntyre '76**, **Laura Matte '78** and husband **Tim Kneafsey '79**, **Gina Seacat '80**, **Lisa Johnston '83**, and **Tina Klumb '86**; and grandchildren including **Ryan Rhoten '97**, **Maegan Rhoten Paulson '00**, **Dustan Rhoten**, **Hannah Rhoten '06**, **Amy Matte '02**, **Katlyn Robbins '04**, **Matthew Matte '05**, and **Sarah Beth Matte '08**.

Mary Lee Morrato, age 86, died Sept. 5, 2013. She is survived by her five children **Joe '68**, **Anna '70**, **Kevin '73**, **Mitzie '76**, and **Laurie '77**; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cherie Neumann of Albuquerque died Oct. 14, 2013. Cherie was preceded in death by her husband, Robert H. Neumann and son, **Colonel Robbie Neumann**. She is survived by her daughter, **C. Lauren Neumann '77**.

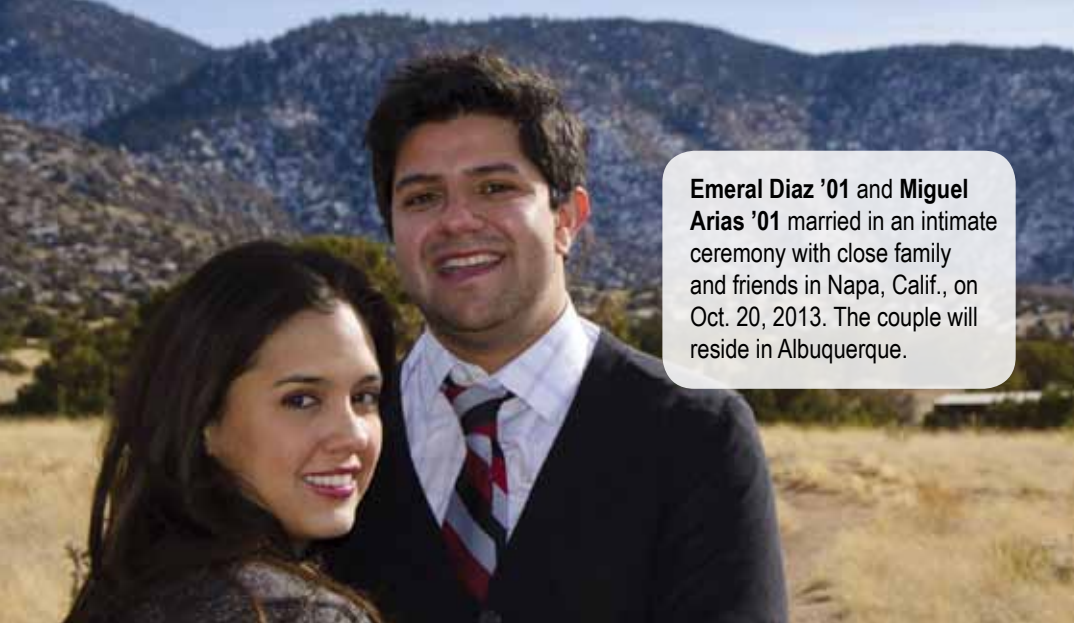
Mildred Lynn Paskind, age 74 of Albuquerque, died Oct. 25, 2013. Her survivors include her daughters, **Rebecca Paskind '82** and Leah Roff.

Duanne "Dewie" Ryan of Albuquerque, age 85, died Dec. 31, 2012. She is survived by her children **Mike Ryan '63**, **Connie Beystrom '64**, **Dan Ryan '69**, **Colleen Domme '71**, **Kelly Ryan '75**, **Marty '76**, **Duffy '77**, **Mindy Hancock '80**, **Lori Salopek '81** and **Kerry VanAmburg '85**; 34 grandchildren including **Gretchen Malovoz '92** and **Kent Domme '95**; and 36 great grandchildren.

Drucilla (Dru) G. Summey, age 90 formerly of Albuquerque, died Oct. 15, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Grady L. Summey, and daughter, **Mary Ann Summey '70**. She is survived by her two sons, **Rick Summey '65** and John Summey and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Harry Leon Waruszewski, age 72 of Albuquerque, died Oct. 16, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Lou Yegge Waruszewski; his children Anthony Leon Waruszewski, Paul Michael Waruszewski, **Beth Ann Chavez '84**, **Polly Sue Keeley '87**, Ted Alan Waruszewski, Harry Stanley Waruszewski and Mary Amy Kleve; and grandchildren including **Shelby '07**, **Roger '08**, **Wesley '08** and **Erica '10**.

Lindy Weller, age 25 of McGregor, Iowa, died Aug. 20, 2013. Her survivors include her husband, Karl; parents Linda Foster Carraro and Joseph Carraro; **sisters Katherine Murray '95**, Mia Carraro and Lisa Stafford; and brother, **Joseph Carraro '99**.



Emeral Diaz '01 and Miguel Arias '01 married in an intimate ceremony with close family and friends in Napa, Calif., on Oct. 20, 2013. The couple will reside in Albuquerque.

program from 35 students to 135 students in just four years. He continues to compose, arrange and teach music.



Bo Bostinto '07 is a lieutenant firefighter at New Mexico State University. He has a fire science degree, is an EMT, and is currently pursuing a business degree. When Bo is off duty at NMSU, he spends his time volunteering as a firefighter for the Las Alturas Volunteer Fire Department.

1960s

Theresa C. Carter '81 was promoted to Major General in the U.S. Air Force and recently assumed duties as the Air Force Civil Engineer on the Headquarters United States Air Force staff at the Pentagon. In 2010 she was the first female civil engineering officer to be selected for promotion to brigadier general and is now the first to serve as the service's top civil engineer.



1990s

Brian Bachtel '98 was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard. He currently is assigned as a Civil Engineering Instructor at the U.S.

Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT molding young minds to become successful officers.

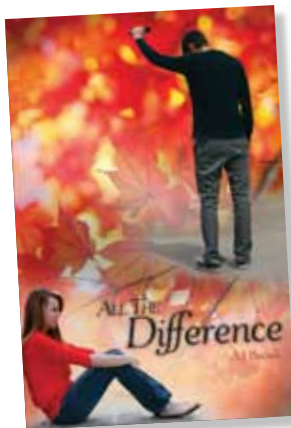
2000s

Dominic Paschel '00 visited St. Pius X High School's Business Marketing and Business Law classes to speak about copyright law, profit margins, competition, innovation and advertising. Dominic is a vice president at Pandora and one of the company's youngest executives.

Joe Baca '03 is a violinist with Mariachi Cobre of Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Prior to auditioning and being selected by Mariachi Cobre, Joe was a high school and middle school music teacher for the Socorro School District in El Paso, Texas, where he built an award winning mariachi

1980s

A.J. Baczek, daughter of **Mary Baczek Reith '80** and **Gene Pettit '80**, published her first novel *All the Difference* in July 2013. She is stepdaughter of St. Pius faculty member John Reith. The novel cover photos were taken by her cousin **Ali Frumkin '11** and feature her cousin **Dan Frumkin '12**.



Laura Sarmiento '10, a junior at the University of Miami, has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars. NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for

first-year and second-year college students. Laura is double majoring in Advertising and Graphic Design with a minor in Marketing and has made both the Dean's List and Provost Honor Roll at the University of Miami. She is also currently interning in the Creative Department at MTV in Miami Beach, Fla., and will be graduating from the University of Miami a semester early in December 2014.



St. Pius X High School photography teacher **Michael Knight** died in late October 2013 in his native England. An accomplished photographer, he taught courses in photography, computer animation, painting, drawing and printing over 15 years at St. Pius. He retired in May 2013 and returned to England. One of his former students commented that "every day he would treat his hundreds of current and former students as if they were his children. In this fatherlike role, he showed me that happiness is worth pursuing even in our darkest days... I owe him an immeasurable debt, as he shared with me wisdom, selflessness, art, strength, truth, and above all, kindness."

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