



# LANCER LIFE

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## **It's a great time to be a Lancer!**

Dear Salpointe Lancers,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. I invite each of you to walk with us as we continue to embrace the cross-generational, sacred mission that is the essence of Salpointe. This mission matters. It is our promise to you. Let me review the key elements of this mission, this promise: We are a Catholic, Carmelite school focusing on the virtues of prayer, service and community. We work with you to prepare your student for college and career, for this life as well as for eternal life. We serve Tucson's economically, academically and culturally diverse population. We offer a holistic education that fosters faith, encourages the pursuit of excellence, develops servant leaders, affirms the dignity of every individual, and promotes global social justice. This is our mission; this is our promise to you and to each and every Lancer.

I'd like to share with you some very exciting news about Salpointe's immediate future. This fall, we are launching a capital campaign called "Aspire: Arts Academics Athletics," because our standards are high, but our aspirations are higher! We aspire to round out the student holistic experience by creating a transformative, synergistic Center for the Arts, with new learning spaces for Drama, Band, Choir, Dance, 2D and 3D Art as well as a theatre lobby/art gallery, dressing rooms, green room, shop and costume room; on the athletic side we will expand the weight room, air condition the gym, renovate the snack bar and light the athletic fields; and on the academic front we will create six new classrooms and expand the STEM patio to broaden experiential learning. [Read more...](#)

Sincerely,

*Kay Sullivan, President*



## **Spotlight: Commencement Address**

"It really is as simple as this, seniors. Be kind. Do the right thing. Treat people with respect. Sure, you can enjoy the moment. Carpe Diem. YOLO. Absolutely. You have only one life so live it up. At least that's the message the world sends us. But along the way, remember that your happiness is not more important than anyone else's. Personal worth or success isn't about how many 'likes' you have or how many friends

have seen your 'stories.' As much as society may tell you otherwise, it's not all about you. Think about others. Consider the bigger picture. Be part of something larger

than yourself. Salpointe has taught you that. So as you leave here today and start your life beyond Salpointe, understand that at times it will be a difficult journey - one filled with ups and downs, losses and wins, embarrassments, mistakes and a few heartaches. But that's life. So some advice:

Work hard. - Be humble. - Hug your grandparents. - If you start something, finish it. - Try not to judge. - Read books. Lots of books. - Say thank you. - Admit when you are wrong. - Listen to your parents. - Apologize when you make a mistake. - Say 'I love you' as much as possible. - Adopt a shelter animal. - Keep reaching for your own green light. - Finally, and perhaps most importantly, surround yourself with good human beings.

And remember: Salpointe will always be with you, because our Lancer roots run deep. Thank you and congratulations, Salpointe Class of 2018."

- Mr. Steve Perri '85, Graduation 2018 Keynote Speaker

## CAMPUS NEWS



### Introducing Lancer Legion!

The Lancer Legion is a student-organized spirit society centered around promoting all Salpointe athletics in a positive manner. Students with a passion for spirit and positivity come together to cheer on fellow Lancers while holding a high standard of respect for themselves and our opponents. Members of the Legion are present at every home varsity sporting

event. Other activities include pep rallies, tailgates, themed spirit sections, and club meetings. The Legion is open to all Salpointe students. We are SC. We are Legion.



### Applied Science: Researching Owls

**Mrs. Shannon Seidl**, science teacher at Salpointe, spent a week this summer researching forest owls in the Chiricahua Mountains east of Tucson. Her team researched these elusive, nocturnal insectivores that scientists currently know little about. Next summer, Mrs. Seidl will be leading a group of students to research owls in Utah. They will be hiking into the Utah aspens to seek out and tag owls. Students will work alongside scientists who are looking for answers to pressing environmental questions. [Click here](#) for more information about [Mrs. Seidl's summer research](#) and the [student expedition](#) coming up next summer.

### Time for Action: Care for Our Common Home

This year, Salpointe's theme comes from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*: "Time for Action: Care for our common home." President Kay Sullivan says, "Our community will focus on how our lifestyle, our culture and our personal decision-making impacts our Earthly home... and affects all the precious life forms,



including humans, it sustains." Salpointe embraces this theme in many ways, both in and out of the classroom. Salpointe's Laudato Si curriculum provides lessons that apply environmental concerns to various disciplines. This year, students wear lanyards that reiterate that now is the time for action to care for our common home.



### **Salpointe Welcomes New Faculty and Staff**

Salpointe Catholic welcomes 13 new faculty and staff members to the Lancer family. Of these new employees, 3 are Salpointe alums, 3 are Lancer parents, and 1 returns to Salpointe after working here previously. They span across 10 academic and administrative departments. [Click here](#) for the list of new employees.



### **Campus Improvements**

If you look around campus, you may notice a few changes that took place over the summer. Salpointe continues to upgrade the holistic learning experience with new features such as state-of-the-art smart boards; lights on the softball, baseball and track fields; ADA improvements campus-wide; new air conditioning in several classrooms; as well as updating the stadium press box and concessions.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



### **Featured Event**

#### **Lancer Men's Mass and Breakfast ~ Sept. 16, 2018**

Men of all ages and faiths are welcome to share in a morning full of inspiration, prayer and community! Mass begins at 9 a.m. in Corcoran Theater, followed by breakfast in Foundation Hall. The event will feature guest speaker Dave Heeke, Vice President of Athletics at the University of Arizona, with an introduction by

2012 Salpointe graduate, Talbott Denny, former UA Men's Basketball player. *Deadline to purchase \$12 tickets is this Monday, September 10.* Tickets must be [purchased online](#) in advance.

### **Save the Date!**

**32nd Annual Salpointe Gala ~ April 6, 2019\***



Support the Salpointe Catholic Education Foundation (SCEF) at the annual Gala at the Tucson Convention Center's Grand Lobby! *\*Date has changed to April 6, 2019.*

- Sept. 11      [Athletics in College Meeting](#)
- Sept. 13      [No School](#)
- Sept. 16      [Lancer Men's Mass and Breakfast](#)
- Sept. 18      [All School Mass](#)
- Sept. 21      [Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame](#)
- Sept. 22      [Paying for College Workshop](#)
- Sept. 24-27   [Kairos 262](#)

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## ALUMNI NEWS



Fame!

### Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Salpointe Catholic is proud to announce the 2018 inductees to the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame: **Sr. Jeanne Bartholomeaux, S.C. '64**, faculty from 1970-1982 and 2007-2015; **LtCol Brett Cassidy '00**; **Anne De Luca, Ph.D. '88**; **Richard De Schutter '58**; **José I. Garcia, Ph.D. '66**, faculty and staff from 1973-1976; **Luisa Greenfield '88**; **Hugh Grinnell '57**; **M. René Islas '96**; **Maggie Glover Jerry '88**; **Frank Reilly**, faculty and staff from 1975-2000; and **Tony Torres '92**. Come support these inductees on September 21 as they're introduced at halftime of the football game vs. Tucson High. [Click here](#) for more information and to nominate a deserving Lancer for the Distinguished Alumni Hall of



### Don't Miss Your Class Reunion!

Mark your calendar for Salpointe Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, October 19-21, 2018! Reunion Weekend kicks off Friday night with a Homecoming celebration at [Sal's Diner and Cantina](#) on campus, followed by Lancer Football and the Homecoming parade. The energy continues Saturday night with special class celebrations at local Tucson venues and concludes on

Sunday morning with Mass, breakfast and tours of campus. [Register for your class reunion now!](#)

### Melissa Vito '69 Leaves the U of A with a Legacy

After nearly 40 years of service to her alma mater and hometown, **Melissa Vito '69** departed from the University of Arizona this summer. Melissa, senior vice president for student affairs and enrollment management and senior vice provost for academic initiatives and student success, was responsible for envisioning and executing large projects on campus





that ultimately reshaped the student experience. [Read more.](#)



### **'00 Alum Living Her Dream**

As a junior at Salpointe, **Briana Felix '00** led her basketball team to the state semifinals. Since high school, Briana has become another Lancer who is living her dream. After coaching at Salpointe and Tohono O'odham Community College, Briana returned to the University of Arizona to serve as coach Adia Barnes' assistant director of operations for the women's basketball team. Among many other tasks in the past year, Briana has organized the Adia Barnes Basketball Academy and Native Heritage Night, an alumni reunion and the women's empowerment luncheon series. [Read more here.](#)



### **Gabe and The Underestimated City**

**Gabe Grateron '02** is the co-owner of The Underestimated City (TUC), a clothing and lifestyle brand selling hats, shirts, sweaters and more! The TUC store is located on 4th Avenue and is expanding online as well. TUC has designed shirts for Salpointe students and alumni, including this year's football shirt. The newest endeavor is to help grow Legion, Salpointe's new spirit club. Gabe is currently working with the Spirit Store to design the Legion shirts for students. [Read more.](#)

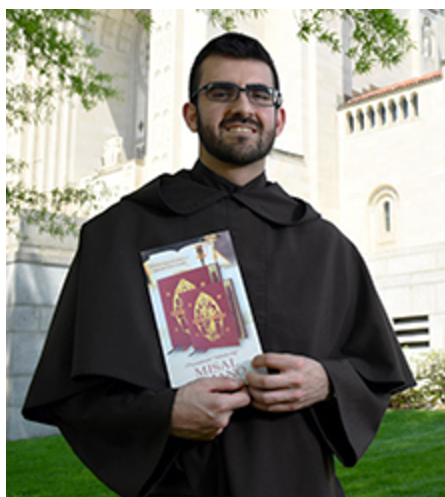
### **'05 Alum Publishes Novel**

**Kiley Reid '05** is the author of "Such a Fun Age," a novel that will be published in fall of 2019. Kiley's novel was recently acquired by film and television producers. "Such a Fun Age" is set around a young black babysitter, her well-intentioned employer, and a surprising connection between them that threatens to undo them both. This novel will explore the complicated nature of transactional relationships, of being a 'grown up,' and of doing the right thing for the wrong reasons. [Read more here](#) about Kiley and "Such a Fun Age."



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## CARMELITE VALUES IN ACTION



### Welcome Fr. Manu: Art and Service

Fr. Emanuel Franco-Gomez, known as Fr. Manu, joins the Salpointe community as our school chaplain. Fr. Manu is an artist and was ordained in his native Mexico in May. "Fr. Manu sees his art very much as a ministry," said Fr. Quinn Conners, O.Carm, director of formation in the Carmelite order, "so he's not just an artist who became a priest, but a priest who is an artist. He sees it as part of his evangelizing role through his art." Fr. Manu recently completed the illustrations for the first official Spanish-language missal for the Catholic Church in the U.S., which was published in May. Now, Fr. Manu brings his gifts to Salpointe. "God is calling me to

minister in that border, in between the two cultures," he said. "There is a great need in the U.S. to have ministers who can move from one side to the other. That's been part of my discernment, my spiritual journey." [Read more about Fr. Manu here.](#)

Fr. Manu recently visited theology classes to teach about the significance of the Carmelite Habit, described as the "Architecture of a Carmelite." [The Carmelite Habit](#) stems from medieval clothing and incorporates elements that reflect their humility and spirituality. The capuse, or hood, represents that Carmelites are traveling preachers and reminds Carmelites to submit joyfully to the will of the Lord. The scapular, or apron, symbolizes work and doing service for others. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, appeared to St. Simon Stock and blessed the habit, promising a special protection for those who wear the Carmelite scapular. "The work we do follows Mary's example of her dedication to her Son," said Fr. Manu, "and reminds us of our commitment to work towards the kingdom of God." The Salpointe community is looking forward to putting these values of service into action at the annual IMPACT service days in November.

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