



LANCER LIFE

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Dear Lancer family,

Salpointe Catholic High School cares deeply about the health and safety of our community. In these uncertain times, we are committed to educating our students while taking measures to help slow the community spread of the COVID-19 outbreak.

To that end, Salpointe is adjusting our schedule of classes and all extracurricular activities as follows:

Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20

No classes; no extracurricular activities

Monday, March 23 through Thursday, April 9

Online classes; no extracurricular activities

Friday, April 10 through Friday, April 17

Easter Break; no classes; no extracurricular activities

Monday, April 20

On-campus classes and extracurricular activities resume

Please visit our website for more information regarding classes, athletics and extracurricular activities during this period of campus closure. If you have additional questions, please email info@salpointe.org. During this time of social distancing, we are grateful for the Salpointe community and the care we show for one another. We look forward to reuniting on campus in April and continuing the school year with joy and good health.

While the national and local news is certainly disconcerting, we at Salpointe remain grateful to our Lancer community for their confidence in Salpointe's bright future. We're delighted to share some great news: Thanks to our generous benefactors, Salpointe has been blessed to raise \$9M in support of "Aspire: Arts Academics Athletics." This is a \$10M capital project, so we have only \$1M to go to reach our goal. As we move to the "public" phase of this campaign in the next month or two, we will invite the help of all Lancer fans. [Read more here.](#)

With gratitude,

Kay Sullivan
President





Spotlight: Thriving in the Arts

At Salpointe, the arts play a profound role in the development of the students. With six disciplines, there are many specialized ways to express and create. Salpointe's art educators know just how significant the arts are. "Arts education can unlock our human potential for profound empathy and creativity," said Dana Milne, Fine Arts Department

Chair and Theater Director. "It boosts other academic skills and academic performance with the application of critical thinking." Betina Fink, Salpointe's 2D art teacher agrees. "The arts provide an opportunity to teach not only the fundamentals of how to see and create art," she said, "but ultimately the ability to express feelings and attitudes about the world around us." Alum and teacher Jim Howell '91, Director of Instrumental Music, has a dual perspective of Salpointe's arts programs. "I believe that studying the arts helps the students become more well-rounded individuals," he said. "The depiction of the human condition and expression of emotions and ideas are realized within the arts. The arts help students become better humans!" Salpointe is progressing towards the completion of the new Stearns Center for the Arts. "I am really enthusiastic about the Aspire Project," said Mr. Howell. "I am excited about the synergistic design of the Center, which will allow both the faculty and the students to collaborate in cross-disciplinary ways within the performing and visual arts. It is an amazing time to be involved in the arts at Salpointe." [Read the full article here.](#)

CAMPUS NEWS



First-ever Boy's Basketball State Championship

This year's boy's basketball team won the State Championship in an overtime thriller against Peoria High School on February 29. The 54-48 win led to Salpointe's first-ever basketball state championship. The Lancers finished the season with a 30-1 record, averaging 75 points and 19 assists per game. In the 4A State tournament, they also defeated Rio Rico, Buckeye and Catalina Foothills. The championship team will be inducted into Salpointe's Sports Hall of

Fame. [Read more.](#)



Salpointe is STEM Accredited!

Salpointe Catholic High School was recently named a STEM.org Accredited Educational Program for its rigorous work in the Engineering, Biotech, Computer Science and Applied Math and Science fields. Salpointe's STEM department was lauded for preparing students for careers in STEM industries once they completed their secondary education. STEM.org also gave Salpointe high marks for its encouragement of female and minority STEM program participants as well as the annual STEM Showcase held on campus

every spring. [Read more.](#)

Lancers Perform in Annual Shakespeare Competition



Congratulations to **Addy Horkey '23** and **Spencer Samuels '23** who competed at the English Speaking Union Tucson Branch Regional Shakespearean Monologue Competition on Saturday, February 29. Addy and Spencer both performed very well at regionals, among a very talented field with tough competition. At Salpointe's school-wide Shakespeare Competition, they placed as the top two performers.

Engineering Teacher Named Educator of the Year



Salpointe faculty member **Mrs. Cecilia Gossler** was recently named the 2019-2020 Southern Arizona Secondary Educator of the Year by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Mrs. Gossler is the Director of Salpointe's STEM Center. She teaches Engineering 101 and 102, dual credit classes with the University of Arizona, as well as Intermediate and Advanced Engineering. She and her team host the annual STEM Showcase, providing students with the opportunity to present their capstone projects to Salpointe's STEM Advisory Committee, a group of distinguished corporate presidents, CEOs and engineers, as well as the general community. Additionally, she directs Salpointe's Engineering Club and Racing the Sun

team. [Read more here.](#)

ALUMNI NEWS

Kairos Across the Decades: We need your help!



Have you attended a Kairos retreat at Salpointe? Do you still have your group list? Do you remember the names of your leaders and which talks they gave? Campus Ministry is trying to round out our Kairos Archive. We are also looking for the date and number of your retreat. If you have any of this information please send a digital copy or picture of your list to Lisa Astrouski, Director of Campus Ministry, at lastrouski@salpointe.org.

Hugh Grinnell '57 Publishes Book about Glacier



Hugh Grinnell '57 published his book, "The Father of Glacier National Park: Discoveries and Explorations In His Own Words." In 1975, Hugh discovered a distant cousin, George Bird Grinnell, who was influential in the exploration and establishment of Glacier National Park. Now in addition to impersonating his cousin, Hugh has compiled first-person narratives from unpublished journal entries, personal correspondence and dozens of articles to tell the early story of Glacier. "I think anyone who reads this book is going to want to strap on their boots and go for a hike," Hugh said. "George Bird Grinnell was a real adventurer." [Read more here.](#)

Alumna Joins Governor of Arizona's Medical Board



Dr. Dawn K. Walker, DO '88, has been appointed by Gov. Douglas A. Ducey to the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery. Dr. Walker is the Chief of Staff at Northern Cochise Community Hospital (NCCH) and is an appointed member of the hospital's Corporate Board of Directors. She has been involved with NCCH since 1999 as a rural health clinic provider and as chief of staff, from 2005-08 and 2016 to the present. Dr. Walker also has her own practice, Walker Family Medicine, PLC. Her vision is to utilize her new role to help strengthen and expand healthcare services provided by NCCH to the community. Walker knows that a great hospital, with its excellence of care, is the foundation for a healthy and successful community. [Read more here.](#)

Inaugural Lancer Alumni Theatre Production

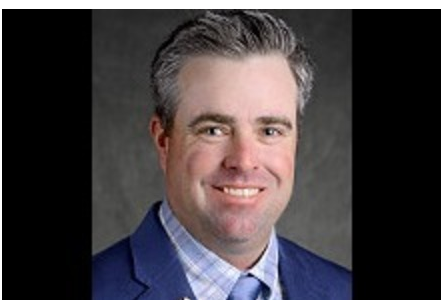


Calling all Alumni, Student and Community actors, actresses and musicians! Salpointe Drama is pleased to announce the first production in the recently remodeled Corcoran Theatre in the new Stearns Center for the Arts! *Bright Star* is a musical written by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell based on the folktale of the Iron Mountain Baby. The show will be directed by **Dana Milne** with musical direction by **AJ Lepore '06** and choreography by **Simone Jolivet-Manuel '99**. This production will be our inaugural Alumni/Community collaboration. Auditions for *Bright Star* are on June 1 and 2, 2020. *Bright Star* will be performed August 14-16 and 21-23. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up for an audition time.



Three Generations of Pharmacy

When deciding which pharmacy program she would attend, **Amanda McDaniels Leluan '11** considered all the typical factors like the college's location and reputable programs and faculty. However, she also considered a few not-so-typical factors like the fact that both her mother and grandmother are University of Arizona College of Pharmacy alums. Amanda's grandmother, Dolores Kneuer, was in the College of Pharmacy graduating class of 1954. Her mother, JoAnne McDaniels graduated 38 years later in 1992. During her schooling, Amanda would volunteer at the pharmacy with her mother and enjoyed the work environment, and the versatility the field offered. [Read the full story here.](#)



'00 Alum Named Golf Merchandiser of the Year

Brent Lingel '00, PGA General Manager of Rolling Hills Golf Course in Tucson, is the recipient of the Southwest PGA Merchandiser of the Year for Public Facilities. Brent started playing golf at the age of 12 after his grandfather introduced him to the game. In order to earn free practice and playing privileges, Lingel took his first job working in the cart barn, helping clean carts and pick the driving range at the Davis Monthan Air Force Base Golf Course. [Read more](#)

[here.](#)

Gillian Bryant '14: Dean's Medalist for Psychology



Congrats to **Gillian Bryant '14**, who was the Dean's Medalist for Arizona State University's Department of Psychology. Gillian researched how therapy dogs reduce stress. Bryant joined ASU's Canine Science Collaboratory and started a research project to answer the question: Do dogs themselves cause a therapeutic effect, or is it caused by something else like novelty? She also worked in the Learning and Development Lab and as an instructor at the Phoenix Zoo. [Read more about Gillian here.](#)



'96 Alum: Film Producer in Los Angeles

William Barrantes Jr. '96 is a Film Producer in Los Angeles. He started in Film Distribution for many years, working with companies such as Regent and Fabrication Films. He later became a producer, with eight films released in the past six years by companies such as Lionsgate and Taylor & Dodge. "I have four projects in the works with the next one scheduled to begin filming in New Jersey this spring." At the same time, William also works for a company called FilmTrack where he works with studios large and small every day to help them with their rights management: what TV shows and films have been sold where, to who, for how much. William is a member of the Producers Guild.

CARMELITE VALUES IN ACTION



Lancers Make a Lasting Impact

As part of Salpointe's IMPACT Service Day, two Lancer seniors designed their own project that is still having an impact on the community. **Emily Modisett** and **Natalie Nye** collaborated with the Abbie School, which provides a specialized educational environment to 55 students with academic needs. Emily and Natalie heard that the Abbie School has a shortage of weighted blankets, which are very expensive to purchase. For kids with disabilities, weighted blankets are an important soothing tool that reduces stress and anxiety. Emily and Natalie had the idea to create their own weighted blanket out of rice and recycled sheets. Even though IMPACT was several weeks ago, the work the Lancers did that day continues to make a profound impact on individuals and the community as a whole. "It seemed like a simple project, until it was done," said Susan Modisett, Executive Director of the Abbie School. "Then I looked at it and realized how huge the impact is." [Read the full story here.](#)

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