



LANCER LIFE

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Well-Earned Accolades

Dear Salpointe Community

On Wednesday, April 16, Salpointe Catholic held its annual Student Awards Assembly. The Kalil Family Gymnasium was filled with Lancer students, faculty, staff, parents and guests. With prospective award winners seated front and center, and with over 1100 students in the audience applauding and cheering, Salpointe bestowed high honors upon 106 outstanding young leaders. I would like to share a few thoughts

from my remarks at this celebratory occasion:

"Salpointe is a high school of distinction because of its students. Today we celebrate the excellence achieved by our Lancer students during the 2018-2019 school year in the classroom, on the playing fields and courts, on the stage, in national competitions...

These accolades did not come easily ... nothing of merit ever does. We recognize that your success did not just happen. You are honored today because of decisions you made and promises you kept over the past many years: commendable decisions to study with effectiveness and zeal; decisions to set lofty goals and to work hard to achieve them; decisions to pursue excellence rather than accept mediocrity.

With this high honor comes parallel responsibility: responsibility to use -- and to share - - your God-given talents and gifts for the good of our world; the responsibility to be a role model for your fellow Lancers, for your family and for your friends. What you say and what you do matters. Others will always be watching you ... and they will follow you. What an opportunity you have to act for goodness, justice and integrity, to be a man or woman for others, to hold your head high and be proud of the exemplary decisions you will continue to make."

May our hearts welcome the transformational power of the resurrected Jesus Christ, our Savior, this Easter. [Click here to read the full letter and view photos of the ceremony.](#)

Kay Sullivan
President

Spotlight: Athletic Achievements

It has been a successful year for Salpointe Athletics. So far, we already have **three State Championships** and are hoping for more from the Spring sports! Special congratulations to the **Women's Cross Country, Men's Soccer and Women's Soccer** teams which have also been inducted into Salpointe's Sports Hall of Fame. [Click here for the full list of athletic achievements and rankings to date.](#)

Here is a sneak peek of how other teams placed!

- Football: State Runner Up



- Girls Volleyball: State Runner Up
- Boys Swim/Dive: State Runner Up
- Cheer: State Runner Up in Show Cheer & All Girls Stunt
- Boys Cross Country: 3rd at State
- Girls Golf: 3rd at State
- Dance: 3rd at State

*Phil Gruensfelder
Director of Athletics*



CAMPUS NEWS



"Aspire" In Full Swing

Salpointe's ["Aspire: Arts Academics Athletics"](#) capital campaign is in full swing! The new Stearns Center for the Arts, expanded weight room, gym air conditioning, lighting for baseball, softball and track fields, six new classrooms and expanded STEM learning space have campus buzzing with excitement. The Aspire project will transform the Salpointe campus and the holistic education of our students. Classroom, STEM Center, weight room and

gym air conditioning projects will be completed this summer. Site preparation and construction of the Stearns Center for the Arts has begun and will be completed in May 2020. Lancer alumni, parents and friends have been incredibly generous and we now have gifts and pledges of over \$7.2M. With a total project cost of \$9.5M, there's still work to be done and we continue to talk to donors about this exciting opportunity to enhance the Salpointe student experience. We are grateful for your support! If you'd like to learn more, please contact Jennifer Harris, Director of Advancement, at 520-547-1952 or jharris@salpointe.org.



Salpointe Uses Theater to Address Tough Issues

Salpointe Catholic High School examines gun violence with the play "Bang Bang You're Dead." The play, by William Mastrosimone, addresses gun violence in schools as well as mental-health issues. School shootings are an issue many high school students grapple with daily. Theater can be a healthy way to deal with these complex social problems. Outlets such as art and advocacy are some of the best ways to cope with stressful situations and emotions. "The school is working hard to raise awareness that we need to

become vocal advocates for one another. We want to help our students see that they have power," said Dana Milne, Salpointe's artistic director. [Read more](#) from the *Arizona Daily Star*.



Ten Juniors Named National Hispanic Scholars

Salpointe is proud to recognize these ten juniors who have earned recognition as [National Hispanic Scholars](#) by the College Board. This honor acknowledges their exceptional academic achievements, strong GPA, high scores on the PSAT and rigorous curriculum. This is the largest number of Salpointe students to receive this honor in school history. As National Hispanic Scholars, these students receive the same academic

scholarships as National Merit Finalists and have an automatic acceptance into the Honors programs at the University of Arizona and Arizona State University. If they choose to apply elsewhere, the honor greatly increases their chances during the application process and can enhance opportunities for financial aid. Congratulations to **Gabriel, Chase, Susan, Alexander, Paola, Martin, Stephen, Orion, Alan** and **Damian!**



Three Lancers Receive Diocesan John Paul II Awards

Each year, the Diocese of Tucson recognizes teens who are active in their faith. Bishop Edward Weisenburger presented the [St. John Paul II Awards](#) personally, to convey that the Church recognizes that young people do have an impact in the community. This award encourages them to keep living their faith and inspires other teens to live their faith as well. Salpointe selected three seniors who have shown consistent faith throughout high school. Congratulations to **Brendan Salcido** (Missionary of Mercy), **Adrian Robles** (Missionary Disciple), **Lucy**

Carter (Liturgical Leadership).



The 32nd Annual Gala: A Swanky Affair

The 32nd Annual Gala, [A Swanky Affair](#), was held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Grand Lobby of the Tucson Convention Center in downtown Tucson. Event Chair Jennifer Barner and Vice Chair Kristin Tomlinson, along with their committee, created an evening of fun and fellowship. Over 220 guests were dazzled by the new venue and greeted by the sounds of the Salpointe Jazz Combo, followed by the smooth tunes of Frank Sinatra Impersonator, Vaughn Suponatime.

Partygoers dined on sixties cuisine, bid on one-of-a-kind items in the silent and live auctions, sipped specialty cocktails reminiscent of the times, and took a chance on the 50/50 raffle! Guests danced and enjoyed socializing late into the night! All of this, while supporting the [Salpointe Catholic Education Foundation!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Featured Event

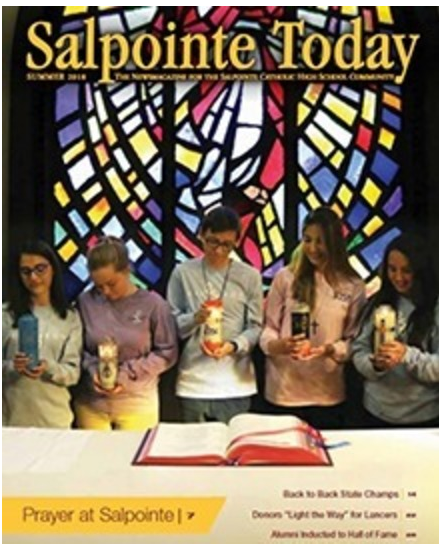
Class of 2019 Commencement and Graduation

Salpointe is proud to celebrate the graduation of 281 Lancers on Saturday, May 18. They will be going on to attend universities and colleges all across the country. Listen for the announcement of the two seniors who will be awarded the prestigious Carmelite Award at the ceremony! We are looking forward to hearing from graduation faculty speaker **Mr. Tony Gerrettie** and

Valles.

April 24	Humanities DaVinci Awards Breakfast
April 24	Engineering Showcase
April 25	Spring Art Show
April 26	Theater Presents: Murder Music Mayhem, the Musical
April 27	STEM Racing the Sun Solar Go-Kart Race
April 30	Band, Jazz, Orchestra Concert
May 2	Dance Showcase
May 3	Lancer Legacy Breakfast
May 5	Spring Sports Celebration
May 11	Senior Banquet
May 23	Last Day of School

ALUMNI NEWS



Submit Alumni News for *Salpointe Today* Magazine

Did you graduate? Get married? Have a baby? Get a new job? Just want to share a life update? Share your news with the Salpointe community!

We would love to hear from you and share your alumni news in the John's Journal section of this summer's Salpointe Today newsmagazine. Send your news and photos to myschs@salpointe.org.

Have you seen an article about a classmate? Feel free to share that with us as well! We look forward to hearing from you!



Matt Martin '02 Wins Alderman Election In Chicago

Matt Martin '02 prevailed in the runoff election to become the [Alderman of Chicago's 47th Ward](#). Martin is a civil rights lawyer at the Illinois attorney general's office and serves on a local school council in the area. He also co-founded the Heart of Lincoln Square Neighbors Association and served on Pawar's zoning advisory council. Martin also had the backing of organizations like the Chicago Teachers Union, Service Employees International Union and more, plus several

progressive elected officials. Congratulations, Alderman Martin!



Get to Know Trevor Werbylo '17

University of Arizona sophomore, **Trevor Werbylo '17**, shot a 10-under 62 in last week's Arizona NIT golf event at Tucson National, a score that creates pause even on the PGA Tour. The Salpointe grad was 10 under par in Monday's afternoon round, becoming the first Arizona golfer in history to shoot 10 under in a round. Trevor has climbed to be ranked number 35

[about Trevor here.](#)

overall, and he's just getting started. [Read more](#)



Save The Date for Your 2019 Class Reunion

Classes celebrating their Reunions this year are:

Class of 1959 - 60th Reunion
Class of 1969 - 50th Reunion
Class of 1979 - 40th Reunion
Class of 1989 - 30th Reunion
Class of 1999 - 20th Reunion
Class of 2009 - 10th Reunion

Save the date for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend: October 18-20, 2019. [Click here for more information!](#) Don't miss your invitation, [submit your updated contact information!](#)

CARMELITE VALUES IN ACTION



Spirituality Through Softball

If you have been to daily Mass at Salpointe's Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel in the past few weeks, then you have probably seen an increase of students gathering in prayer. This is, in part, due to two athletic teams attending Mass as a team: rugby and softball.

Head Softball Coach, **Amy Baray-Rocha '96** encourages her team to attend Mass together each week. They come together to refocus

whatever is on their hearts towards God. At Mass, Fr. Manu Franco-Gomez, O.Carm. will connect what they hear in the readings to their lives as athletes. In one homily, Fr. Manu expressed, "Softball is a vessel for God to work through."

"At the end of the day that's who you play for," agrees Coach Rocha. She incorporates faith and moral development into every practice and game. "The team chemistry has started to bloom since they started going to Mass together," she observed. "I can see them having a stronger connection with each other. They're playing for each other and not for themselves. I really feel fortunate to be in a Catholic environment where I have the freedom to bring God and the Holy Spirit into my teachings on the field." The softball team at Salpointe exemplifies what it truly means to be a Lancer. Through their dedication to living out strong values, they improve their sport and team, but also the entire Salpointe community. [Read more here.](#)

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