

LANCER LIFE

Salpointe's newsletter for alumni, parents and friends



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President's Message

Dear Lancer Families,

We are glad to put the 2020-2021 school year in the rear view mirror! We look forward to embracing normalcy in August, with mask free, on-campus education and no requirements for distancing!

And while I am enthusiastic about 2021-2022, my heart goes out to every Lancer as we look back on the past fifteen months. I recognize that you have suffered mightily and that you did not have the opportunity to participate 100% in the signature Salpointe high school experience. [Read more...](#)

Kay Sullivan
President

CATCHING UP WITH

*Kiley
Reid*



Kiley Reid '05, a 2021 Salpointe Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame inductee, is an award-winning novelist whose debut novel, *Such A Fun Age*, has gained international attention and was listed as a *New York Times* bestseller.

"I've loved storytelling and writing for a long time," Kiley said, "and Salpointe was a place where this obsession became concrete. Theater classes and productions were a wonderful introduction to dialogue, pacing and rhythms of speech. Cheerleading was a place where I learned how important it is to rely on others and to listen to and edit feedback. And my English classes were a huge source of inspiration in terms of craft and content. I will never forget Mr. Perri's chilling session on lynching in America, set to the soundtrack of Billy Holiday's *Strange Fruit*. And I distinctly remember Mrs. Demers explaining a critical chapter of the *Odyssey* and when the bell rang, cutting her off, I realized I'd completely forgotten the time and myself. This is a specific and wonderful feeling that seemed rare then but it's now a guiding principle that I strive to give my readers. Salpointe was wonderfully pivotal as an exploration in the magic of storytelling and the responsibility of an artist to unearth truths."

After graduating from Salpointe in 2005, Kiley attended Marymount Manhattan College where she earned her BFA in acting and a minor in religious studies. She started writing her first novel while applying for graduate school. Kiley later received her MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop where she is now a creative writing instructor.

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Congrats, Class of 2021 Graduates!

Salpointe Catholic is proud to announce that [287 seniors](#) have been admitted to 166 higher education institutions with \$21,075,000 in academic scholarships offered. Please enjoy the [graduation speeches](#) by Madeline Hall '21 and Sophia Sethi '21. Salpointe also celebrated the 44 graduates who are second, third or fourth generation [Lancer Legacies](#).



Aspire Dedication of Stearns Center for the Arts

At the Aspire Dedication on April 23, Salpointe blessed and dedicated the new Stearns Center for the Arts. Major donors enjoyed an evening of celebration with performances by music, dance, drama and choir students. Salpointe is grateful to the 290 donors who contributed over \$10.1 million to the *Aspire: Arts Academics Athletics* capital campaign. [Read more here.](#)



Salpointe Celebrates Earth Week

Salpointe hosted a climate change awareness meeting with Diocese of Tucson Bishop Edward Weisenburger and Mayor Regina Romero. Student speakers shared their thoughts and concerns about the environment, encouraging collaborative discussion between political and religious leaders. Salpointe also celebrated Earth Week by participating in the *Jerusalema* global dance challenge. [View the videos and read more here.](#)



Kairos: Not Merely a Place

When the pandemic struck, the 43-year tradition of Kairos retreats had to be put on hold. But Salpointe couldn't wait until the pandemic was over to resume this beloved tradition. We wanted our graduating seniors to experience the life-changing mystery and opportunity of Kairos. [Continue reading...](#)



Seven State Championships

Despite the challenges, the 2020-21 year was successful for Salpointe athletics! Lancer athletes won seven state championships in men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, softball and beach volleyball. [View the full list of athletic accomplishments.](#)



Coach Ball Named Esports Fellow

Esports coach Amy Ball was among only six esports professionals to be selected for the first-ever MindSpark CAPITA COLab Esports Fellowship. Coach Ball has led Salpointe's inaugural esports team to a [winning season](#) where her athletes competed at the state semi-finals, were recruited by college scouts and forged friendships during the pandemic. [Read more](#) about her journey to coaching esports.



Join the Carmelites in Prayer

Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis reminded and challenged the Carmelites: "Carmel teaches the Church how to pray." As a response, the Carmelites established [CarmelPrays.com](#). This daily interactive Carmelite prayer hub offers text, video and audio of morning, evening and night prayer in the Sant'Angelo-Style. CarmelPrays also provides meditation tools and Carmelite music.



Sophomore: Three-time State Champion This Year

For many athletes, being part of just one state championship team during their four years in high school is a remarkable accomplishment. Sophomore **Rylen Bourguet '23** was able to pull off the unthinkable: three state titles in one year! Rylen competed on the volleyball, soccer and beach volleyball teams, which all won state championships this past school year. [Read more here.](#)

ALUMNI NEWS



Save the Date for Reunion!

Join Lancer Nation for [Reunion Weekend](#) on October 29-31, 2021. Salpointe will host the following class reunions: 60th Reunion - 1960/60; 50th Reunion - 1970/71; 40th Reunion - 1980/81; 30th Reunion - 1990/91; 20th Reunion - 2000/01; 10th Reunion - 2010/11. Invitations will be mailed in July. We are in need of reunion committee members to help plan the fun! Contact Salpointe's Alumni Manager, Kasey Barghout '11, at kbarghout@salpointe.org or 520-547-9365.



An Award-Winning Composer

William "Bill" Campbell '87 served as the music composer for the film *Hunger Ward*, which received a 2021 Oscar nomination under the "Documentary: Short Subject" category. Among his many accomplishments, William has composed the scores for full-length feature films and documentaries. His score for *Sons & Daughters of Thunder* received the 2020 Award of Excellence from the Iowa Motion Picture Association. He was inducted into Salpointe Catholic's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 2011. [Read more.](#)



'95 Alumna Promoted in Digital Design Company

Jennifer Kinkade '95 was recently appointed Director of Operations of Clique Studios, a custom digital design company based in Chicago. Previously, she worked as the Senior Project Manager and Operations Lead over her four years with the company. After graduating from Salpointe, Jennifer studied creative writing and earned her Master's in educational psychology. She taught English for 11 years before joining Clique Studios. Congratulations, Jennifer!



Jeffrey Sklar '00 Appointed to County Superior Court

Governor Doug Ducey announced the appointment of **Jeffrey Sklar '00** to the Pima County Superior Court. Jeff is a partner at Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, where he has been a commercial litigator since 2010. He also serves as outside general counsel to the Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. In addition, Jeff has been serving since 2018 as a Pima County Superior Court Judge Pro Tem, where he handles civil and family law-related settlement conferences. [Read](#)

[more.](#)



Alumni Collaboration

Salpointe enjoys a strong connection with Pima Community College (PCC) and the Catholic Foundation. This was recently demonstrated when two Salpointe alums from those organizations collaborated to provide scholarship funding to future nurses in Tucson. **Bryan Hannley '91** is the Board Chair of the PCC Foundation and **Elizabeth Dorsey Bollinger '92** is the Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation. [Read more.](#)



'17 Alum Pursues Ph.D.

Alec McCall '17 graduated summa cum laude from Arizona State University with a degree in biomedical engineering and two minors in chemistry and business. He has accepted an offer to pursue his Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at Brown University in a fully-funded research position. "This would not be possible without the foundations that the Salpointe community has provided for me," said Alec. [Read more here.](#)



Alumna-Owned Food Truck

Mary Wood '94 owns a fun and refreshing food truck in Tucson called BlackJack Citrus Infusions. Mary makes her own simple syrups and looks to local flavors and flavors from Mexico to make her lemonade pop. Among her drink selections, you'll find lemonade flavored with prickly pear, jalapeño, mango and tamarind. In addition to BlackJack, Mary recently joined Salpointe as the Spirit Store Manager. [Read more.](#)

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