



LANCER LIFE

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Aspire With Us!

Dear Salpointe Family,

Salpointe Catholic recently celebrated a momentous occasion in the school's generational history, the groundbreaking ceremony for [Aspire: Arts Academics Athletics](#). This milestone was the culmination of several years of planning, fundraising and dreaming about what makes Salpointe what it is today ... and what it will be tomorrow.

This capital campaign will round out the student holistic experience by creating the transformative, synergistic Stearns Center for the Arts, with new studios for Dance, Band, Choir, Drama, 2D and 3D Art as well as a theatre lobby and art gallery; by expanding the weight room, air conditioning the gym, and lighting the baseball, softball and track fields; and by creating six new classrooms and expanding the STEM outdoor learning experience, all to serve the needs of our Lancer students. Our future holds nothing but promise!

This dream is becoming a reality because of you, our generous donors. I particularly want to acknowledge the heartfelt, leadership-level giving of Brian and Sandy Stearns, Jeff and Sharon Stevens, Ginny L. Clements, George Kalil, the Pocono Foundation and the Salpointe Catholic Education Foundation. These significant investments, along with other gifts to date, have catapulted this campaign to the next stage: the stage of "Let's do this!" I sincerely thank you for your support.

Today marks the beginning of a new era at Salpointe, an era of which we can all be very proud. This is a \$9.5M campaign, and while we celebrate this landmark occasion, we are far from done! We have raised about \$6.8M so far, and we really need your help to fund the completion of the project. We know that this won't be easy and we are counting on all Lancer fans to make this happen. Please take my call to learn more about the project! Let's finish this and dedicate our new facilities and programs in May of 2020!

Gratefully,

Kay Sullivan
President



Spotlight: Senior Class Gift

"Our 2019 senior class gift is a time capsule that will represent the four years we spent at Salpointe. Our gift will also include a sponsored and named bench in the new Center for the Arts. We decided to donate to the plaza Aspire campaign because, as a class, we want to make an impact on future generations and ensure that their experience at Salpointe goes beyond all expectations."

When we entered as freshmen in the fall of 2015, we were the first class to experience the completed Building Leaders and Legacy project, which included Foundation Hall, Click Library, Geddes Sports Complex, Cracchiolo STEM Center and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel. This has led to many successes, including outstanding academics, state championships, wonderful musicals

- and so much more. We want to give the gift of this same legacy to future Salpointe students.
- Please consider giving a gift in the name of your senior to celebrate his or her time at Salpointe. **Let's leave a legacy that will be remembered forever at Salpointe!** Go to the Salpointe website, click "Giving," then find [Senior Class Gift 2019](#) on the left side column."
- *Jacob Hardy - Student Body President*
- *Majok Deng - Senior Class President*
- *Samuel Scherer - Student Body Representative*

CAMPUS NEWS



Salpointe Breaks Ground for Aspire Campaign

Salpointe broke ground on the Aspire Capital Campaign that will complete the comprehensive campus renovation that was started in 2011. Aspire will round out the holistic student experience by creating the Salpointe Center for the Arts: a 28,000 square foot learning center for Art, Band, Choir, Dance and Drama students. Aspire will also provide improvements to classrooms and athletic facilities.

[Read more about the Groundbreaking here.](#) Fr. Manu Franco-Gomez offered a reflection and blessing over the ground that will become the foundation for the new Center for the Arts. "For us Carmelites, a building is as solid as its community, as beautiful and functional as the service we offer to others, and as meaningful as the prayers that take place in it. Carmelite buildings are made for community, service and prayer." [Read the full reflection here.](#)



Thespians Thrive at Annual Regional Competition

Salpointe's Drama program participated in the Southern Arizona regional competition on January 19. Fourteen students qualified to compete at the national level; many qualified in two or three different events and one in four! Drama teacher Ericka Quintero "has made a tremendous effort to get our students prepared to compete at the highest level," said theater director Dana Milne, "and she has made a huge impact in their lives. They have a new appreciation for hard

work, craft, and confidence. The future looks bright even without lighting effects!" Student winners included three seniors, six juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen. [See the list of winners here.](#)



Humanities Juniors Visit San Xavier Mission

Humanities students and faculty spent February 2 at [San Xavier del Bac Mission](#) as part of the junior Humanities curriculum. The group spent two hours pulling weeds and cleaning up the play area of the San Xavier Mission School. Fr. Manu then celebrated Mass with the Humanities students in the Mission church. The afternoon was spent learning about the history, theology, art and architecture of the Mission, as well as the oral tradition and stories of the Tohono O'odham Nation. This annual field trip and service project ties together all areas of the Humanities into one holistic experience.



Our Students - Your Tax Credit - Their Future

Give the gift of a Salpointe Catholic education by re-directing your state tax liability to financial aid. Thousands of children will have access to an outstanding education that prepares them for the future in mind, body and spirit. Best of all, your gift lasts a lifetime:

- College Admission: 99% of Lancers go on to college.
- College Scholarships: Each year, Salpointe graduates earn over \$20 million in college scholarships.
- Community Leadership: Salpointe's holistic curriculum and Carmelite charism of prayer, community and service are educating our students to be thoughtful, intelligent and hard-working leaders for the future of our community.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Kate McGarey-Vasey Receives MLK Award

Kate McGarey-Vasey, a Theology and Humanities teacher at Salpointe, received the [Martin Luther King Jr. Award](#) during the MLK Classic at McKale Center on Monday, January 21. The MLK Award is given to someone who has worked tirelessly to unify the diversity of their school as well as the Southern Arizona community. Mrs. McGarey-Vasey, who has taken a Leadership role in Salpointe's Laudato Si initiative, instills a sense of community in her classroom on a daily basis and is a well-deserving recipient of the award.



Latin Teacher to Publish Workbook on St. Augustine

Salpointe's Latin teacher, Bernard Carrington, is publishing a Latin workbook on St. Augustine's *Confessions* that will add to the body of literature available for Latin students. St. Augustine discusses moral issues, then resolves them through spiritual dialogue. Students in Mr. Carrington's Latin classes now engage in complex moral discussions that integrate spirituality and religion. Mr. Carrington has previously developed workbooks on Caesar and Virgil. He plans to continue expanding his collection of Latin workbooks to include a variety of authors. [Read more.](#)



123 Students Receive Confirmation

On January 29, 123 Salpointe students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Monsignor Raul Trevizo, Episcopal Vicar of the Tucson Diocese, presided at the Mass and Fr. Manu Franco-Gomez, O.Carm., was granted faculties by Bishop Weisenburger to assist in the sacrament. Students began preparing for the Sacrament in August. They also attended a retreat and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation during their formation. [View photos of](#)

[Confirmation 2019 here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



[purchase your tickets today!](#)



Featured Event

Lady Lancer Brunch and Blessing

March 3, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Join us for a morning brunch brimming with inspiration, community and fun at Hacienda del Sol! Women of all ages and faiths are invited. Garden party hats are encouraged! The event begins at 10 a.m. and features performances by Salpointe's Choir and Orchestra, a photo booth, a champagne and sparkling cider bar, raffles and a blessing by the beloved Sr. Jeanne Bartholomeaux, S.C. '64! The inspirational talk will be from past-parent, Sarah Smallhouse, Tucson community leader and philanthropist. The Faith in Action Award will be presented to Peggie Gessner.

Space is limited and tickets are selling fast, so

Save the Date!

32nd Annual Salpointe Gala: A Swanky Affair

April 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Support the Salpointe Catholic Education Foundation (SCEF) at this year's "outta sight" Gala in the Grand Lobby at the Tucson Convention Center! Get jazzed and join us for A Swanky Affair: a retro sixties night of dinner, far out dancing, and fab entertainment in downtown Tucson! Get decked out in costume or cocktail attire! Click here to [purchase hip tickets](#), [purchase boss sponsorships](#), or [donate groovy auction items](#). It's gonna be a gas!

Feb. 14-17 [Kairos 265](#)

Feb. 19 [Parent Teacher Conferences](#)

Feb. 21-24 [Rodeo Break](#)

March 4-7 [Kairos 266](#)

ALUMNI NEWS



Lancers Make Tucson's '40 Under 40' List

Tucson revealed the 40 Under 40 list, including two Lancer alums, **Kate (Vesely) Lawson '98** and **Hailey Swanson '16**. [Kate Lawson](#) specializes in the intersection of behavioral health and criminal justice system reform and is the director for the Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison (DTAP) program, with the Pima County Attorney's Office. [Hailey Swanson](#) has a passion for working with young children and is inspired by doctors, teachers, and youth philanthropists alike who shape our future when leaving an impact on a child's life.

'01 Alumna Becomes Missoula's Newest Legislator



Katie Sullivan '01 is many things: an intellectual property attorney, a business co-owner, a data privacy advocate, a former neuroscience research assistant, a millennial, a traveler, a skier, a foodie, and a mom to two cats. She's also a newly elected member of the Montana Legislature, having won a hard-fought Democratic primary and the subsequent general election in November to Missoula's traditionally liberal House District 89. Katie won the old-fashioned way, by knocking on what she estimates to be 4,000 doors in her University District neighborhood and listening to people's concerns. [Read more here.](#)



'02 Alumnus Campaigns for Alderman in Chicago

Matt Martin '02 is running for Alderman for the 47th Ward in Chicago. "Too many of our neighbors in our Ward and our City are struggling today," said Matt. "I am running for Alderman because we need to ensure that our neighborhoods have affordable housing, our schools are fully funded, and our police department gets badly-needed reform." The Chicago Tribune recently endorsed his campaign, recognizing that they need an independent city council that fights for the needs and concerns of all their constituents. [Read more about Matt's journey from Tucson to Alderman.](#)



Gold Medalist in Parachuting Championships

Rachel Kinnison '17 won the gold medal for accuracy at the national competition of collegiate skydivers. She was among 73 skydivers from around the country who competed at the parachuting championships. Kinnison, a sophomore mechanical engineering cadet at the U.S. Military Academy, won the sport accuracy event, one of four disciplines. The others are classic accuracy, formation skydiving, and vertical formation skydiving. In sport accuracy, skydivers try to land as close as possible to a target while flying across the ground at high speed. [Read more.](#)



David Hardy '69 Releases his 7th Book

David Hardy '69 just released his seventh book, "Dred Scott: The Inside Story," the history of the 1857 Supreme Court decision that did much to make Lincoln president, available on Amazon.com. David is an attorney at David T. Hardy, PC. He is a former attorney/advisor at the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington D.C. He holds a BA and JD from the University of Arizona.

Lancer Lacrosse Benefits from Alumni Sibling Duo

Alumni brother and sister duo, **Ryan '11** and **Rachel '15 Bowman**, are taking Lancer Lacrosse to the next level. Ryan, who is an elementary school teacher,



played lacrosse for Salpointe and is using that experience and passion to lead our team as the new men's head coach. Rachel is a senior at the University of Arizona, majoring in Elementary Education, and has been the head coach for the women's team since it was formed in 2017. Both of these coaches love their sport and love the Lancers!



Terry Bahill Publishes *The Science of Baseball*

A. Terry Bahill '63 recently published "[The Science of Baseball](#)": Batting, Bats, Bat-Ball Collisions, and the Flight of the Ball." In it, Terry provides an understanding of batting based on human physiology, eye-hand cross-dominance, and bat-ball interactions.

Terry was inducted into Salpointe's [Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame](#) in 2004. He has a BSEE from the University of Arizona, MSEE from San Jose State, and Ph.D. from UC Berkley in electrical engineering and computer science.



Alum Business Recognized for Quality and Success

Andrew Kelly, of A B Kelly Realty, LLC, was recognized as a top self-storage and facility management company by *Inside Self Storage Magazine* for the second year in a row and by *Mini-Messenger Magazine* for the first time. A B Kelly Realty, LLC, specializes in self-storage property management across the nation. Kelly is experienced, dependable, and knowledgeable with over 20 years of experience. This year, Kelly has pending building projects in Guam and Saipan. Kelly is also the founder and owner of Sierra Self Storage Consulting, LLC in Tucson.

CARMELITE VALUES IN ACTION



Celebrating Lancers During Catholic Schools Week

The Catholic Schools Week Student Award breakfast recognizes students who have distinguished themselves by modeling good character. They have demonstrated the core values, the Lancer values, that we teach at Salpointe both inside and outside the classroom. Each teacher nominated a student, and they did so for many reasons: academic, strong

character, kindness, graciousness, helpfulness, inspirational to others, etc. These students are, in fact, the epitome of what it means to be a Lancer and exemplify the values of prayer, service and community. The awards breakfast was attended by 80

students, their parents, and nominating faculty. These 80 students are a sampling of the diverse and influential student body at Salpointe. Every day, they demonstrate that there are countless ways to make an impact - by encouraging their peers, coming to class smiling, or even pushing the boundaries of their own understanding. Their acts of kindness, bravery, and generosity do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. [View the full list of award recipients here.](#)

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