

# LANCER LIFE



*Salpointe's newsletter for alumni, parents and friends*

**February 2022**



## **President's**

### **Message**

Dear Salpointe family,

It's another great day to be a Lancer! We continue to live the sacred mission that is the essence of Salpointe: we are a Catholic, Carmelite school focusing on the virtues of prayer, service and community. We work with parents to prepare our students 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 mission is

## **CATCHING UP WITH Carter Comstock '05 and Michael Wystrach '98**



Carter Comstock '05 and Michael Wystrach '98 are the successful duo behind *Freshly*, a prepared meal delivery company that ships over one million prepared meals per week throughout the United States. Started in 2012 right here in Southern Arizona, *Freshly* expanded nationally in 2015 and now has 3,000 employees. The idea to co-start/own this company together was a natural one for Michael and Carter, who have been friends for 15 years. Carter, with a health and fitness-oriented mindset and Michael, with a passion for business and entrepreneurship, worked well together and were truly the ideal consumers in those early days. They knew what it was like to not have time to cook and wanted to provide easy, healthy options. Michael's personal favorite *Freshly* meal is the chicken parmesan, while Carter named the turkey chili as a stand-out. When they launched the company, their meal service was the first of its kind, and even now, with various competitors, they still stand out among the rest. *Freshly* offers fully-prepared, ready meals, from a truly consumer-focused company that is ten times larger than their competitors. What began as a way to simply try to make it easier for people to eat healthier in Tucson quickly grew and became the huge success it is today.

Michael and Carter both attended Salpointe followed by the University of Arizona. Asked what their favorite memories were from their time as Salpointe Lancers, Michael described his experience as "foundational and instrumental...I may not have always appreciated it at the time, but I now truly appreciate the quality of the education I received and the level of true passion from the staff." As for Carter, he enjoyed "the culture, athletics and the people; a lot of my closest friends to this day are people I went to school with."

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Kay Sullivan  
President

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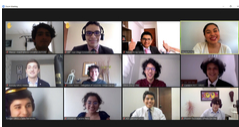
### Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

Salpointe celebrated Catholic Schools Week January 30-February 5! This year's theme was Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service. Salpointe was thrilled to celebrate our community, students and staff. [Daily themes can be read here.](#)



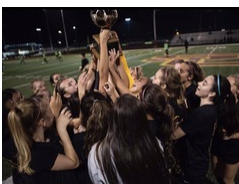
### MLK Basketball Classic

On Monday, January 17, Salpointe Director of Athletics Phil Gruensfelder was honored at the MLK Basketball Classic with the 2022 MLK Basketball Classic Community Award for contributions to his school-wide community. Each school that participated in the MLK Tournament presented an award to one of the school's community members. [Read more.](#)



### Salpointe joins Carmelitas Model UN Conference

Last October, the Salpointe chapter of Model UN virtually joined the closing ceremony of the Carmelitas Model UN Conference. Topics such as Climate Change, UN establishment and COVID-19 were covered. [Read more.](#)



### 17 Lancers Named Top 100 Sports Figures of 2021

*Arizona Daily Star* named the top 100 sports figures of 2021, including 17 Lancer alumni and coaches. [Read more.](#)



### Salpointe Sports Hall of Fame

Nominate a worthy Lancer to be inducted in the next Salpointe Catholic Sports Hall of Fame by contacting Jennifer Harris at [jharris@salpointe.org](mailto:jharris@salpointe.org)! The next induction is scheduled for Fall 2022.



### 2021 Thespian Teacher of the Year!

Salpointe's drama teacher Ericka Quintero received the 2021 Arizona Thespians Teacher of the Year Award for the South Region. This award is given annually to a teacher who demonstrates courage and devotion to the performing arts program at a school. Congratulations!

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## ALUMNI NEWS



### '63 Alum Finds Passion for 16th Century Nautical Maps

**A. Terry Bahill '63**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Systems and Industrial Engineering at the University of Arizona, found a new passion for 16th century nautical maps. He does extensive research to try to determine the origin and dates these maps were created.

Bahill was inducted into Salpointe's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 2004. Read his peer-reviewed papers [here](#) and [here](#).



### '89 Alum Hosted Poetry Workshop

**Carl Marcum '89**, Chicano poet and author, hosted a workshop at the University of Arizona's poetry center titled: *Little Rooms Anywhere: The 21st Century American Sonnet with Carl Marcum*. The goal was to help participants understand the development and adaptation of the sonnet in order to help them apply these elements to their own drafts. Learn more about Carl [here](#).



### '92 Alumna BEA-utiful Photography

**Beatriz Cornejo '92** recently started her own business, BEA-utiful Photography. Beatriz is a Los Angeles-based landscape photographer, whose passion lies in capturing nature's beauty. When she first stood behind the lens in photography class at Salpointe, she knew that she had found her passion. Through her work, she wishes to inspire and motivate others to explore mother earth's infinite wonder. View Beatriz's gallery [here](#).



### '10 Alum Earns Dream Job at Disney

**Mark Pickering '10** has always had a love for Disney. After joining Disney for not one but two Walt Disney World college programs, he knew someday he would be back in a greater capacity. After working for the Ritz-Carlton Resort at Dove Mountain, he learned the gold-standard of hospitality and was ready to spread his wings further. He is now the Guest Experience Manager in Merchandise at Disney's Hollywood Studios! Read more [here](#).

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