



# LANCER LIFE

*An eNewsletter for Alumni, Parents & Friends*

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## **Lancer Community Comes Together**

Dear Lancers,

Salpointe Catholic is proud to host events that bring us together and strengthen us as a Catholic, Carmelite community.

On Sunday, September 16, we held the 17th annual Lancer Men's Mass and Breakfast. Over 200 fathers, sons, grandfathers and friends came together to celebrate Mass with Fr. Emanuel Franco-Gomez, O.Carm., better known as Fr. Manu. A delicious breakfast was followed by heartfelt remarks from Mr. Dave Heeke, University of Arizona Director of Athletics. Dave shared the principles that have served as the foundation of his life and continue to guide his journey.

On Friday, September 21, Salpointe inducted ten stellar alums and one well-loved past faculty member into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. One recipient after another gave testimony as to how Salpointe had provided a powerful foundation, launching them to personal and professional accomplishment. Please see the [accompanying article](#) in this publication for more details.

Next, we will celebrate [Homecoming!](#) We welcome all Lancers, especially our alums! [Read more...](#)

Sincerely,  
*Kay Sullivan, President*



## **Spotlight: Homecoming, Then and Now**

On October 19, we will welcome back Salpointe alumni from the classes of 1958, 1963, 1968, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1998 and 2008 for their reunions. Our overarching theme for reunions this year has been "Salpointe, Then and Now." The theme features a collection of highlighted moments in time throughout Salpointe's history, showing us that although much has changed, the basics of this beloved high school and community have remained timeless. The same Salpointe spirit, traditions and culture are alive and well in our students as much now as they were in the 50s... with slightly different attire and hairstyles! Join us as we celebrate our past, present, and future together as a community for our annual Salpointe Catholic Homecoming!

We will kick off the weekend on Friday night with a Homecoming celebration in Foundation Hall and

- Commons Plaza. All alumni, parents, students, and friends of Salpointe are welcome and encouraged to join us for the festivities! [Click here for more details!](#) We've got a weekend brimming with celebration, good food, Lancer pride, nostalgia, and many memories to come. We hope you'll join us!

- Kasey Barghout '11, Manager of Alumni & Parent Relations, Special Events

## CAMPUS NEWS



### Aspire: Arts, Academics, Athletics

"We have exciting news! Salpointe is embarking on a campaign to address the capital improvement needs of the school in terms of the arts, academics and athletics. The campaign is entitled 'Aspire' because our standards are high, but our aspirations are higher! We aspire to round out the holistic student experience by creating a transformative, synergistic Salpointe Center for the Arts, with new or renovated learning spaces for Drama, Band, Choir, Dance, 2D and 3D Art as well as a theatre lobby/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. Our future holds nothing but promise as we launch the \$9M 'Aspire: Arts Academics Athletics' capital campaign. You will receive monthly progress updates as to fundraising success and construction plans starting in mid-October..." [Read more from Kay Sullivan here.](#)



### Salpointe Inducts 11 Distinguished Alumni and Staff

Salpointe inducted 10 alumni and one long-term faculty member to the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame on September 21! Congratulations to **Sr. Jeanne Bartholomeaux, S.C. '64**, faculty and staff from 1970-1982 and 2007-2015; **LtCol Brett Cassidy '00**; **Anne De Luca, Ph.D. '88**; **Richard De Schutter '58**; **José I. Garcia, Ph.D. '66**, faculty and staff from 1973-1976; **Luisa Greenfield '88**; **Hugh Grinnell '57**; **M. René Islas '96**; **Maggie Glover Jarrry '88**; **Frank Reilly**, faculty and staff from 1975-2000; and **Tony Torres '92**! [Click here for more information](#) about these incredible Lancers and their accomplishments!



### Salpointe Retires Kris O'Dowd '07 Football Jersey

Salpointe retired football jersey number 76, worn by **Kristopher O'Dowd '07**. Retiring a jersey is the highest honor Salpointe can bestow on a former athlete. Kris was arguably the best lineman in Tucson high school football history. He played left tackle at Salpointe from 2003 to 2006. By his senior season, Kris was Parade All-American and a second-team USA Today All-American. He participated in the 2007 U.S. Army All-American Bowl. Kris also played for USC and after graduation, played briefly with the NFL's Cardinals, Jets and Seahawks in 2011 and 2012. In addition to retiring his Salpointe jersey on September 28, Kris supported the Salpointe football team's Games for the Greater Good, which focused on the Arizona School for

the Deaf and Blind. While playing football at USC, Kris met then 12-year-old Jake Olson, who lost both of his eyes to cancer. They formed an immediate bond of friendship. Despite his blindness, Jake went on to play football at USC as a long snapper. While in Tucson last week, Kris and Jake visited the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind and welcomed their students to Salpointe for the Friday night game. [Read more about Kris and Jake here.](#)



### **Share the Love with Future Lancers!**

As a Salpointe alum or friend, YOU have the opportunity to encourage a prospective student you know to attend Salpointe Catholic High School. Not only can you tell them why you love Salpointe, but you also can help make their future bright!

As a member of the Salpointe family, you are uniquely able to identify bright, values-based leaders to ensure the school's outstanding student body and expand the alumni network. Share the love by telling students you know about the upcoming events:

- [Open House](#) on October 28 at 1 p.m. Middle school and transfer students, and parents are welcome!
- [8th Grade Step Up Day](#) on November 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come spend a day at Salpointe and experience Lancer life!
- [Entrance Exams](#) on December 8 or January 12 at 8 a.m.



### **Take a Shot at Winning the SCEF Basketball Raffle!**

Thanks to the continued generosity of George Kalil '56 and RC Cola, the Salpointe Catholic Education Foundation (SCEF) is raffling two prime-location season tickets to the men's University of Arizona

home basketball games! The deadline to purchase raffle tickets is Friday, October 19 and the winner will be drawn on Friday, October 26. All proceeds from this raffle benefit Salpointe today and in the future through the SCEF Endowed Fund. Purchase tickets online today at [www.salpointe.org/basketballraffle](http://www.salpointe.org/basketballraffle)!



### **School Conducts Self-Study through Accreditation**

Salpointe Catholic has been continuously accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) since 1987, and was accredited as Tucson's first college preparatory school by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Accreditation provides a schoolwide self-study every six years of all aspects of school programs and operations for current success and long-term viability. The self-study began in the fall of 2017. All constituent groups were

included in the process including parents, students, teachers, staff and Board of Directors. Many students and parents served on committees in the self-study. "I appreciated their time and commitment to our work," said Sr. Helen Timothy, Principal. "The WCEA will send a visiting team to Salpointe in March 2019 to verify the findings of our study. After the visit, I will share the results with the Salpointe community. The results will include growth areas that we will address between 2019 and our next visit in 2025. Thank you to all who supported the work of WCEA!"



## Featured Event

### Veterans Day Mass and Reception

*Tuesday, November 13 in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel*

Join us at 7:30 a.m. for morning Mass to honor our alumni veterans and members of the military. Please send names, titles, and photos of Salpointe alumni and past faculty/staff who have served or are serving in the military to Lisa Astrouski, Director of Campus Ministry, at [lastrouski@salpointe.org](mailto:lastrouski@salpointe.org).



## Save the Date!

### Salpointe Musical: *Footloose*

Regular showtimes include:

*7 p.m. on November 30, December 1, 7, and 8*

*2 p.m. on December 2 and 9*

Tickets will be available for purchase on November 1 at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com).

### **Special Performance, Hosted by Alumni Council**

*Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. in Corcoran Theater*

The Salpointe Alumni Council, in collaboration with the Salpointe Theater Department, invites you to join us during the holiday season for an afternoon of socializing with fellow alumni, drinks, snacks and a special performance of *Footloose* presented by Salpointe actors and actresses! The event begins at 1:30 p.m. followed by the performance at 2:00 p.m. Kick off your shoes and join us for an afternoon supporting our amazing Lancers! The Salpointe Musical hosted by Alumni Council is NOT exclusive to Salpointe Alumni! ALL Salpointe friends, family, and community members are invited! Tickets are \$15 per person and include two drink tickets, which can be used for beer, wine, water and soda. Popcorn and licorice included! [Click here for details](#). Space is limited so register today!

- Oct. 9 [Parent Teacher Conferences](#)
- Oct. 11-12 [Fall Break](#)
- Oct. 19 [Homecoming and Sal's Diner](#)
- Oct. 20 [Homecoming Dance](#)
- Oct. 23 [College Fair](#)
- Oct. 24 [Autumn Serenade](#)
- Oct. 25 [No School](#)
- Oct. 28 [Open House for Prospective Families](#)
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- Nov. 13 [Veterans Day Mass and Reception](#)
- Nov. 14 [Community of Concern](#)

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## ALUMNI NEWS

### Now is Your Chance to Nominate a Deserving Alum!

Established in 1993, the Sports Hall of Fame is a tribute to the outstanding athletes and/or coaches who, through their athletic and/or community





achievements, have brought honor to themselves, their school and community. Areas of eligibility include: athletes, teams, coaches, support personnel, scholar-athletes, or heritage.

[Nominate a worthy Lancer](#) to be inducted in the 2019 Sports Hall of Fame! Athletes become eligible for induction 10 years after Salpointe graduation. Coaches become eligible for induction 5 years after finishing their coaching career at Salpointe.



### Calling All Choir Alums!

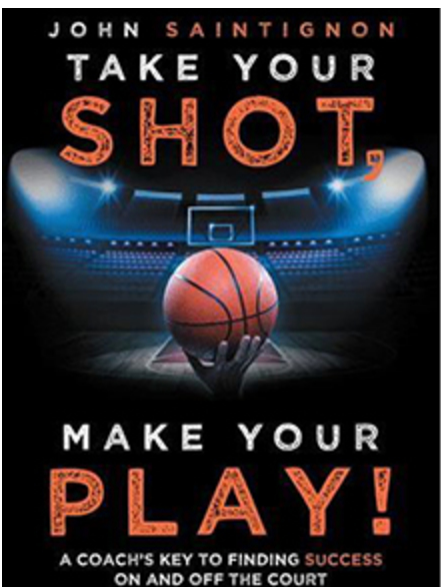
Attention all former members of Salpointe Choir: please join the current choir for an exciting new opportunity to sing the National Anthem at the Homecoming Game on Friday, October 19! You are also invited to sing for the Homecoming Mass on Sunday, October 21. We would love to have you for either or both, with one rehearsal. All interested alumni, please contact Salpointe's Choir Director, alumna Natalie Hall '11 at [nhall@salpointe.org](mailto:nhall@salpointe.org).



### Alumna Creates Mural that Unites Sister Cities

For 50 years, Ashland, Oregon and Guanajuato, Mexico have developed a small global community between countries. As sister cities, they share a special relationship of generosity and support. **Denise Donohoe Baxter '87**, a resident of Ashland, designed and painted a 75-foot mural located in Guanajuato.

The colorful mural depicts the life, landmarks, and community of Ashland. Denise was struck by the ability of the people of Guanajuato to see past the political divisiveness between the countries. In Ashland, a mural of Guanajuato provides a beautiful view of what could be. [Read more here.](#)



### '83 Alum Authors Motivational Book

**John Saintignon '83** recently authored a book on basketball, overcoming the obstacles life throws your way, and much more. "Take Your Shot, Make Your Play!" is for students, athletes, coaches, entrepreneurs, salespeople, businesspeople, and anyone looking for an edge to achieve their goals. John Saintignon, one of the NCAA's most accomplished basketball players, shares how pursuing his passion has led him to success. Using lessons he learned in his own life, John addresses how to turn failures into comeback opportunities, focus on the things you control, and cultivate the confidence you need to succeed. [Read more here.](#) John will be at his 35th Salpointe Reunion on October 19 where he will be signing copies of "Take Your Shot, Make Your Play!"



## Mariachi Cobre Legacy Lives on in Salpointe Alumni

**Stephen Carrillo '76** and **Randy Carrillo '71** are founding members of Tucson's Mariachi Cobre. As one of the best mariachi groups in the world, they will celebrate 48 years of making music in January. Cobre's genesis in 1971 was Los Changuitos Feos de Tucson, generally considered the first youth mariachi group in Tucson and in the country. The Carrillo brothers and

violinist Mack Ruiz were early members of the group. The Changuitos became a local sensation. Within a few years, the Changuitos were traveling to other U.S. cities. They appeared on television here and in Mexico, and performed at the inauguration of President Richard Nixon in 1969 in Washington, D.C., and for Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz. Two years later, Mariachi Cobre was created as a professional group, including the Carrillo brothers, and fellow Salpointe alumni, **Ruben Moreno '73** and **Gilbert Velez '67**. "I truly enjoy playing," said Stephen. "It's the passion in my life." [Read more.](#)

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## CARMELITE VALUES IN ACTION



### Serving Our Little Brothers and Sisters

Twelve orphans from southern Mexico visited Salpointe on October 1 to participate in a cultural exchange through a program called Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH), translating to "Our Little Brothers and Sisters." Lancers welcomed our visitors into their classes in the mornings to give them a peek

into high school in the United States. At lunchtime, our guests shared a presentation! They danced and sang mariachi favorites; it was quite a treat! After lunch, we visited Casa Alitas, a local migrant shelter. Hugo, the director of NPH, commented that when they visit America on these trips, they are always shown the glamour, the riches, and the well-manicured areas of a city. This was the first time they received the opportunity to meet the poor and the marginalized, and coincidentally, they met a migrant at Casa Alitas who was from the same town in Guerrero as four of the orphans. It was a moment that offered a connection and sense of community to all of us. We ended the day with a trip to Egees, a local Tucson favorite. What a lovely day to participate in hospitality and cultural exchange!

- Jessikah Eller, Director of Service Learning

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