

CHATTER

When your high school experience is a Whittier High School Cardinal experience, the effect is different, the impact is palpable, and it's not just the good old days.

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Annual Hall of Fame

Five join the ranks of the influential and the masterful. Heber, Marc, Steve, John, and Ioannia are game, art, car, motion picture, literacy, people, and life changers. Nearly 200 hear the history and the future of Cardinals.

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Scholarships & Testing

Twelve members of the WHS Class of 2016 receive scholarships totaling \$13,000.

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44 years later, she is now qualified

In education and incarceration, time served is sometimes the defining requirement. Lori Peel Eshilian finally qualified for a Cardinal Key due to her time as principal, 44 years after graduation.

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Principal & President



Liggett and Magdosku look forward to forging new paths and keeping the treasured legacy.

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Wurlitzer Unveiling

The Vic Lopez Auditorium will be set for the great reveal on February 11, 2017. Assisted by Dave Harris, 63, of Harris Organs, and many who seek to fulfill the original dream, "all the bells and whistles" in Pueblo Cardinal.

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Cardinal Reunions & Passings

Our beloved and remembered are again shared with the hope that our information is accurate and timely.

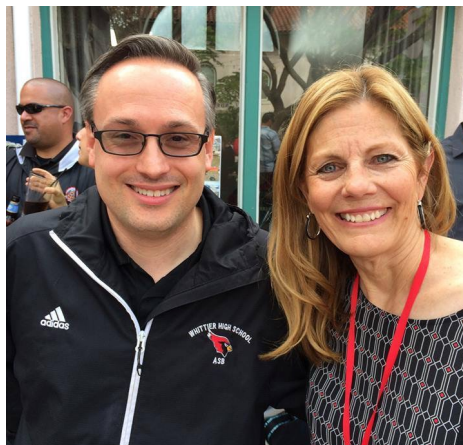
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The Principal and the President

Mr. Timothy Liggett has assumed the position as of July 2016. He will not be trying to fill Lori Peel Eshilian's shoes, he has his own and her's don't match his pants. Prior to being selected as the next Principal of Whittier High School, Tim Liggett was the Assistant Principal of Curriculum, and before that a math and physics teacher. The students endearingly refer to him as Mr. "Legit," as in legitimate, and he is.

Most of the current administration will be remaining in place for this next school year. The leadership style has been more of a family/team style with the cohesive mantra of "Whatever it takes." The culture has been established for a while and there is little need for corrections,



and more of a concentration on sustainable evolution. There will always be change, and Mr. "Legit" will get it done.

President Magdosku's Message

Hello Fellow Cardinal alum, my name is **Chris Magdosku**, '89, and I am the WHSAAEF Board President. I thank the Board for allowing me to serve as your youngest president to date! I hope your summer treated

you well and that as we get into fall this year is the best ever.

I have been a board member for nearly three years, and have welcomed the opportunity to help support the endeavors of the Whittier Cardinal students and staff. For the school, we will have some changes. Our prestigious principal, Ms. Lori Eshilian, recently retired after eight years as principal (another Whittier High Alum!) and a new principal has taken over the reigns of Whittier High School. Although familiar to many, let's start by welcoming Mr. Tim Liggett to the team after serving as Assistant Principal. Our 17th annual Hall of Fame ceremony was held on Sunday April 17th at the William C. Gordon Library and was an overwhelming success. Next year we will return to the Gordon Library, April 23. Please make note of all the events listed here in the Chatter. The BBQ on October 16th will be worth the time and energy to make your way back to Whittier.

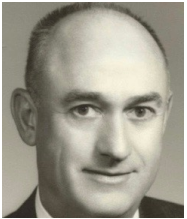
I look forward to meeting more alumni and increasing our membership. Great ideas lead to great things which lead to additional resources. Take care and remember, "once a Cardinal always a Cardinal". **Magdosku out!**



Hall of Fame - The Legacy of Hope

The families and friends of five new Hall of Fame members gathered with the families and friends of twelve scholarship recipients to remember the past and envision the future. A teacher, a coach, a gear-head, a cartoonist, and a visionary professor were all enshrined.

Heber Holloway



The Heber Holloway influence is international and deep into the waters of every country and every school that has ever gathered a water polo team. His students have stood proud on the Olympic podium as both players and coaches.

He is lauded as the Godfather of modern water polo. The aquatics facility at Whittier High bears his name and the name of one of his favorite students, Frank Poucher. Now they are both in the Hall.

He learned to swim from a frog, and he taught what he knew to some very influential and big time tadpoles.

Marcelo Bermudez



There are only a few members of the WHS HoF who were never Cardinal students. Marc Bermudez now stands with four other teachers who have impacted the lives of so many with so much that the Hall of Fame would not be fulfilling its role if he was not included.

His students lift his name as a significant factor in their growth and achievement in their studies and their professional careers. From museums, to international airports, to children's toys, movie theaters, and amusement parks, Marc's words have assured WHS students they could do it.

Steve Saleen



Some dream big, some dream fast, some to build, others to own, for Steve Saleen, they all came true. Turning ponies into race horses might seem like a wild imagination, but for Steve, the S7 was just that. When many remember the days of wood shop, print shop, metal shop, auto shop, architectural drawing, and industrial arts, and everything else on the Southside of the Cardinal Campus, they think of learning a trade. Thousands have traced their eventual success back to those special times and places. Steve stopped racing in Turnbull Canyon soon enough to be able to build and race and win all over the world.

John Lasseter



No introduction needed, but his own story at the HoF event reminded us of some eternal truths, and the emotional value of discovering that what you love to do can be enough.

Back in the library after too long away, the pulse of Pixar, John Lasseter, 1975, shared a quote about the two most important days of your life being the day you are born and the day you discover why. Our venue was where, while a student, he read about being able to make a living drawing cartoons. That day, he found HOPE, and now the toys, cars, and monsters are able to share that, too.

Ivannia Soto



The waiting period between graduation and induction is 20 years. The fastest to induction is now Dr. Soto.

Inspired to establish what would have assisted her family, Ivannia developed support curriculum for those learning English and those who are assisting those learning English.

A college professor at Whittier College, the acclaimed author of numerous papers and books, and founder of the Institute for Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching, Ivannia has brought hope to teachers and students of many school districts.

Every student, teacher, classified staff, and administrator to grace the Cardinal halls has spent some time in the presence of a highly influential person. Some people help many people, some people help the masses, and some even change our world. Remember who created marker moments and nominate them at www.whittierhighalumni.org. Right now!



Life Members/ Principal's Academic Leadership (PALs)

Each year the WHSAA Educational Foundation distributes \$13,000 in scholarships to graduating Seniors. The goal for the Foundation is to fund these scholarships with a combination of annual gifts and return on investments of Life Membership Donations. Additionally, the cost of more than 250 Advanced Placement tests are covered by the Foundation.

A qualifying donation must have no other designation and be a minimum of \$1000. Two consecutive gifts of at least \$500 can qualify, if requested.

TOM AUGUST '45
PATRICIA BEHNKE BECK '61
CATHIE MOON BROWN '49
RICHARD & BILLIE DEIHL
BILLY EORDEKIAN '75
JOAN DEZEMBER
PAT & GEORGE ENGELAGE
MARJORIE JOHANA MOON
GARRISON '48
RODERICK HILLS '48
DON L. JENKINS '49
PETER & LOUISE KEMPF '54
JACK & ERLINE MELE
LOUISE JOHNSON PASCALE '60
JOHN PEEL '74
LAURIE WELSH PEEL '80
CARLOS RODRIGUEZ '55
ELIZABETH ANN CARROLL SNYDER
SANDY SANCHEZ THORSTENSON '73
BILL WELSH '70
RICHARD WELSH '74

Please see the story about the 2016 scholarship winners in the right column.



Whittier's Wurlitzer Organ Donors

Yes, the console is in the auditorium, and here is Mark Herman, internationally acclaimed organist, ready to flip the switch February 11.

Bill Wood graduated from Whittier High School in 1941 when the Auditorium was new. The original architectural plans and the completed building included special air shafts, concealed closets, and vertical access routes for the installation of a Wurlitzer theater organ. The funding ran short, and the grand icing of the auditorium "cake" was never to be, at least not until a 1926 Wurlitzer became available in 2001.

The fifteen year adventure has included grand discussions and fearful responses. As is frequently the case, some see walls and boundaries, while others see them as climbing structures. Bill Wood has been going over and through walls since his days as a Marine. His style is cerebral and engineering based.

He shared his thoughts with Breene Murphy and the Rose Hills Foundation, the Whittier Host Lions Club, and several anonymous individuals. The total for Bill's friends is \$150,000. That'll do.

As of June 15, we have also been blessed with two \$1,000 donations. These were provided to honor the memory of special individuals, **Harriet Cumberland**, a WHS english teacher, and **Beth McEachen**.

The special recognition on plaques to honor and memorialize will start at \$250 gifts. Naming rights may exceed \$200,000. Call soon, be an organ donor.



Scholarships for Students and a Cardinal Key for Mrs E

While Mrs. Eshilian, Class of 1972, was taking pictures with the senior scholarship recipients, she was unaware that the evening would conclude with a special presentation to her, the coveted Cardinal Key.

Twelve scholarships were awarded to the selected members of the Class of 2016. This year included five newly named scholarships, NOHEMI GONZALEZ MEMORIAL, 1960 CIF CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL TEAM, THE WILLARD FAMILY, DON KELLY, and the CLASS OF 1949 HONORING JOHN LASSETER. In order the recipients were Brenda Dorantes, Alyssa Gutierrez, Mark Rojas, Pavle Pejovski, and Matteo Munoz.

The RICHARD NIXON, PATRICIA NIXON, VIC LOPEZ, MAXINE MILNER RICH, DONNA RICH FERGUSON, and three ALMUNI ASSOCIATION scholarships were awarded. In order the recipients were Andrea Palayo, Yulissa Serratos, Bryan Martinez, Meghan Keneally, Alyssa Saldana, Cynthia Martinez, and Kaitlin Terry.

If you are counting and keeping track, the numbers don't add up correctly. The scholarships are all \$1,000 except one, the grand prize \$2,000 scholarship received this year by PAVLE PEJOVSI. This year we named it the DON KELLY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP. Pavle will be a Bruin.

The contribution required to name a scholarship is \$1,250. Cost includes the plaque and dinner for the student and two family members. Send a check, now.

October 16, 2016 - All Class BBQ Weekend

This year the Alumni Association was hoping to reveal our Wurlitzer Organ during the BBQ weekend, but that event will be saved until February 11. The tour of the campus on Sunday afternoon will include the muralized tunnel, the library, the fountain, and a few other interesting places before concluding in the auditorium. The BBQ is \$20.

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CARDINAL PASSINGS

Manuel Renteria - '51, Kathleen Ann Capron Biehl - '59, Charles Cunningham - '74, Beverly Rader Black - '55, Jerry Eppler - '55, Bob Blair - '55, Mary Alice Erazim - '55, Joe Burrow - '55, Bud Chapman - '46 Ruth Martha Ilten Scott - '48, Thom Hoffman - '64, Dellea Lorraine Porter - '57, Richard D. Haddon - '51, Jaime Noonan - '72, Kevin Kelley - '76, LaDonna Lee All Shaw - '50, Nadine Dooley Stayton - '29, Hubert Perry - '31, Marilyn Kridler Drake - '55, Leon Kelber - '62, James "Barry" Dowling - '62, Linda Taylor Lightbody - '58, Alice Eastman Munger - '58, Thomas Tibbs - '58, Elaine Adams Hickok - '58, Ken Williams - '56, Keneth L. Camp, -'50, Leo Loyola - 2005.

CARDINAL REUNIONS *(many are on Facebook)*

1956 Class Info: 60th Oct.15-16 Contact: Don Lee 562-943-3512 or email: donjenlee@msn.com, Joyce Wall Schilling 714-536-0386 jhschill@aol.com or Lois Senteney Bennett 562-947-3060 or email: loisabenn@yahoo.com

1966 Class Info: 50 year Reunion will be **Sat. Oct 8, 2016** at 5pm at the California Country Club. Cost is \$80/person. Send RSVP & Payment to WHS 1966, 2070 W. Merrill, Show Low, AZ 85901. Contacts: Betty Halte Cauley 562-947-6931 blcauley6@msn.com, Sally Huntsman: sally.huntsman@gmail.com, or Pat Duncan: whs66cards@gmail.com

1986 Class Info: Facebook "Whittier High School Class of 1986"

1996 Class Info: Joan Santiago McFarland at ph 562-594-5656 or via email at jmcfizzle@gmail.com. Saturday, Sept 17 at Whittier Radisson at 6:00. Facebook page "Whittier High School Class of 1996 – 20 Year Reunion"

2006 Class Info: 10 year reunion??? Senior Class Presidents were Monique La Marr & Steven Reaza 949-398-1621 sreaza.747@gmail.com or contact Sarah Peel at peel101@mail.chapman.edu