

JUNIPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL'S *INVEST IN EDUCATION* OPPORTUNITY



**“AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES”
ACTS 1:8**



Thoughts on Serra High School

John McFarland
Serra High School Teacher '61 – '66

The significance of Serra High School rests not on its current eminence in athletics nor its superb math and other programs, but rather than in its adherence to a mission undertaken from its beginnings in 1950. That mission is simple in its intent and complex in its execution. It is to provide economic and social opportunities in a faith based environment to what one once called “The Working Class” in the 1950s and ‘60s. In those days, an overwhelming majority of Serra students had parents entirely bereft of college experience and damn few had a degree beyond high school. Today little has changed. Most Serra students today, as half a century ago, need to be introduced to the mysterious world of academia and trained in how to navigate it.

The school has found ways (some old, some new) to continue to succeed in its mission. Indeed, I suspect that the accomplishments of students at Serra High School probably today dwarfs what we did in the fifties and sixties.

I pray that a half a century from now Serra High School is here performing its mission and is honoring another teacher the way I am being honored tonight. I suspect that teacher may be in the room tonight. Please join me in continuing to support Serra High School.

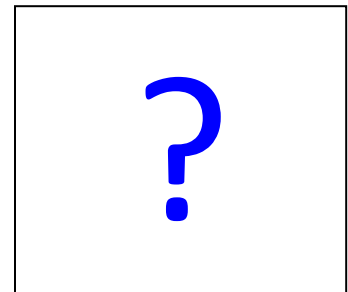
John McFarland
April 12, 2014



Serra Newspaper c.1963



Serra Model United Nations c.2014



Serra High c. 2035



Thank you for considering Serra High School as a part of your giving.

We believe Serra is unique in the true sense of the word. The student's academic performance is stunning. Please review the "Serra Experience" on page 6. Last year we graduated 131 seniors, 100% have been accepted to 4 year schools. 8 are going to a UC. More would have gone to a UC, except many received full scholarships to private schools.

The athletic performance of Serra's teams over the past few years is likely the best in the United States for a school of its size. The grade point average for most of the teams is over 3.0.

Colleges and Universities want Serra students for academic reasons as well as athletic reasons.

Serra achieved this performance on a budget of \$4.4M for 566 students. That's roughly \$7,700 per student or half the cost of public schools in California and $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ the cost of most private schools.

We hope the information here will give you a deeper insight into Serra. Serra's mission is developing morally aware and academically strong individuals who are of service to society and knowing that we serve a student population whose families make great sacrifices to support the Catholic college preparatory education provided by Serra, again we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vince Kates '61
Alumni Office

Joe Cormier '81
Development Director



Invest in Education **At Serra High School**

There are not many opportunities to invest in a young person and witness the results of your investment. Serra's Invest in Education program gives you that opportunity.

Students at Serra have a record of producing stunning academic success. This is easily measured by our students annual College and University acceptance record.

Our difficulty is getting many of our students through Serra. Each year we have students drop out not because they are unable to perform academically; they drop out because their households do not have the resources for tuition. All of our households pay to the level they can. However, 80% of our students have a documented need for tuition assistance.

Please review the participant information and choose your level of investment in Serra's Education

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Invest in Education

Junipero Serra High School

I WANT TO INVEST!

I will invest in a student's education at Serra High School

I pledge my support as follows (please check one):

- ☐ Enclosed is my check for \$7560.00* (3/4 full tuition) (Investment schedule can be arranged)
- ☐ Enclosed is my check for \$4450.00 (1/2 full tuition) (Investment schedule can be arranged)
- ☐ Enclosed is my check for \$2225.00 (1/4 full tuition) (Investment schedule can be arranged)
- ☐ Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$_____

Consider making a gift of Appreciated Stock to Serra's Invest in Education program.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, and Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Credit card number _____ Exp. _____ Security Code _____

Please make your checks out to *Junipero Serra High School* and mail to: **Junipero Serra High School
Attn: Invest in Education
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Gardena, CA 90249**

For your convenience, you can donate online at www.la-serrahs.org - 'Make a Gift' - 'Donate'

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Serra's Federal Tax I.D. number is: 95-1744360.*

* Percentages based on Full Tuition of \$8900.00

The *Serra* Experience

Junipero Serra High School believe that students from all faiths and backgrounds deserve an academically challenging and spiritually enriching Catholic college preparatory education that forms them to become generous, responsible citizens and leaders.

Class of 2015 - 131 graduates – 100% College Acceptance

- ◆ 85.2% to attend 4 year college/university
- ◆ 14.8% to attend community college
- ◆ \$6.8m in total scholarships earned (\$6.4m academic)

8 Dual College credit classes taught on Campus by Professors from El Camino College

- ◆ 24% of upperclassmen participate

7 Advanced Placements classes available

- ◆ 16% of student body participates

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)

- ◆ Project Lead the Way Biomedical Classes

42 Total faculty

- ◆ 17 with Master degrees; 7 working on Master degrees
- ◆ 2 with a Doctorate

Academic Champions

- ◆ Catholic Math National Winner – 3 consecutive years
- ◆ Catholic Math Regional Winner – 5 consecutive years
- ◆ Academic Decathlon – 3rd in Division

16 Sports - 35 Teams

- ◆ 74% of students participate in athletics

16 Clubs – with 61% of student body participating

- ◆ Model United Nations Club; Math Club; Associated Student Body; LIFE Team, Boys and Girls VIP, Music Ministry and Choir Club, Jazz and Marching Band; Theater Club
- ◆ International trips and experiences in France, Spain and Italy

Faith-Based Environment

- ◆ Christian Service & Campus Ministry
- ◆ Minimum 80 Volunteer Hours per Student

We serve 566 students from over 30 zip codes in Los Angeles County

- ◆ African-American 68% Latino 25% Asian/South Pacific 5% Caucasian 2%



IMAGINE Your Gift



Class of 2015

"Here at Serra High I found a whole new family. Serra has taught me to care for others and not just myself. I am surrounded by many individuals that constantly challenge me to be a better person and student. Without the support of donors, students, and faculty none of this would have been possible. "

Jason Richardson

**Currently a student at California State University, Northridge*



Class of 2013

"During the time I was recovering from my injuries, it was the support and prayers of the Serra family that enabled me to survive. My goal is to continue my education and become a positive contributor to society. Thank you for the opportunity to attend this High School, without your support, none of this would have been possible. "

Malachi Mageo

**Currently a student and playing football at the University of Hawaii*



Class of 2012

"During the time I was sleeping under the stars, Serra was my home. Everyone who attends Serra is really blessed. I plan to pursue a degree in Family Psychology and compete in the 2016 Olympics. Thank you for the opportunity to attend this High School, without your support, none of this would have been possible. "

Urina Harrell

**Currently a student and member of the track team at Duke University*



Class of 2010

"I loved every minute I have spent at Serra High. From getting involved in sports and the other great activities, this school has made me into the man I am today and I look forward to continuing my education at the university of my choice. Without the support of donors, students and faculty of Serra High none of this would be possible."

Marqise Lee

**Currently a Jacksonville Jaguar in the NFL and former USC Trojan*



5001 Club Members

Bob Caniglia '61	Jim and Kathy McCaffery
Helena J. Conley '98	Bill McCann '64
Perry and Sandra Even '66	John and Joan McFarland
Bryan Genez '64	Dan Ryan '65
McKinsey and Patsy Hadley	Jerry and Ann Thomas '54
Eugene "Pooh" Jeter '02	Robert Wiessner '73
Vince Kates '61	Mark Wood
Bill Knight '65	

5001 Club Members donate \$5001 or more to Serra High School in a 12-month period.



Home of Champions



National Champion

Math 2010, 2011, 2012

US Regional Champion

Math 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014

State Championships

Boys Basketball 1993, 2010
Boys Track 2000, 2013
Football 1989*, 2009, 2012
Girls Track 2012
Girls Basketball 2013

State Runner-Up

Boys Track 1998, 2010, 2012
Football 2010
Girls Track 2009

It's good to be a Cavalier!!!

CIF Championships

Football '89, '09, '10, '12
Boys Basketball '93, '99, '00, '06, '10, '12, '13
Girls Basketball '10, '11, '12
Boys Track '80, '81, '82, '94, '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13
Girls Track '03, '09, '10, '11, '12
Boys Baseball '13