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Alumni Football Game Day – Saturday, October 18 – Don't Miss It!



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Mark your calendars now because Saturday, October 18, 2025, will be the first Lowell High School Alumni Football Game Day — an occasion to rally around our student athletes and show our Lowell pride on the sidelines. Notably, Cal Berkeley's home football game that week is Friday, October 17, at Memorial Stadium. That means our Alumni Day on Saturday doesn't compete with a Cal home game, so we expect plenty of

enthusiastic attendees in the stands.

Come join us to reconnect with classmates and other Lowell alumni and friends while we support the next generation of student athletes and enjoy the sounds of the Lowell Pep Band.

Our Cardinals will battle the Galileo Lions in three contests that day:

- Girls Flag Football – 10am
- JV Football – 11:30am
- Varsity Football – 2pm

We'll have refreshments, alumni seating and a brief reception after the game. For more info, please visit www.lowellalumni.org/news/2025homecoming..

A Conversation with LAA President Peter Lee



Peter Lee

Interviewer: Welcome to the homecoming issue of the Lowell High School Alumni Newsletter! We're excited to sit down with Peter Lee, Class of 1994 and new President of the Lowell Alumni Association ("LAA"), to discuss his vision and plans for our vibrant community. Peter, could you share a bit about your background and what Lowell means to you?

Peter Lee: I am a first-generation immigrant from Hong Kong, raised in San Francisco with my sister in a household rich with love but more financially modest means. My parents instilled in me the value of education. Arriving in 1982, I started kindergarten not speaking English, but was able to make my way.

I am incredibly grateful that teachers at Lowell, like Mrs. Torlakson, my English teacher, and Mr. Dahl, the chess club sponsor, saw my potential. Their support, from writing recommendation letters on holidays to fostering my love for chess, where I competed at national levels, shaped who I am today. Lowell's rigorous academics and extracurriculars were transformational, preparing me for Berkeley, Stanford, and a career in investment and business leadership. My

wife and I are raising two young sons in San Francisco and we love that they are able to grow up in my hometown.

Interviewer: That's inspiring! How does your experience inform your role as President?

Peter Lee: Lowell was my bridge to my American dream, and I believe public education remains that bridge today. As President, my focus is to emphasize why we serve—because Lowell's excellence builds futures—and outlining our values. We're committed to increasing alumni engagement, supporting students, and strengthening our community. I want the Alumni Association to act like a startup and focus on creating value for alumni and students alike.

Interviewer: What specific initiatives are you excited about for this year?

Peter Lee: We're rebuilding foundational work. For example, our alumni database, built in the 1990s, is outdated. Our Innovations Committee is transitioning it to a modern CRM to better connect with alums and offer valuable programming. We want to build more touchpoints with our alumni and rekindle their relationship with the school and the students.

We also want to set up more students for success at Lowell. For example, we're also expanding the Lowell Excellence Academic Program ("LEAP"), a LAA funded program that takes students starting in the 6th grade at Willie Brown Middle School to Lowell as part of a weekly tutoring program that connects students one on one. Since LEAP began, applications from Willie Brown to Lowell jumped from around 10 per year to almost 40 per year in the past two years and 6 to 8 students enrolling per year to more than 20 enrolled students per year in the past two years. In other words, almost half of the 8th graders at Willie Brown now apply to Lowell and almost a quarter of the entire 8th grade class enroll in Lowell! We are excited to expand to another school, Paul Revere, this year to ensure more students are prepared to apply to and enroll in Lowell. I want to give a special thanks to the two directors and co-founders of the program, Susan Dean and Tycho Rosenfeld, as well as the many volunteers at the program.

Interviewer: That's impactful! How are you approaching the newsletter and alumni engagement?

Peter Lee: This homecoming issue is a chance to reconnect. We're aiming for a digital-friendly format with high-resolution photos and concise content, like class notes and an In Memoriam section. We're collaborating with our team, including outgoing Executive Director Terry Abad, whose 20 years of service set a high bar. We're thoughtfully searching for his successor, prioritizing passion for Lowell and a track record of action.

Interviewer: Any final thoughts for our alumni?

Peter Lee: Get involved! Whether through attending events, mentoring students, or contributing to the newsletter, your engagement strengthens Lowell's legacy. We're building a community of doers, inspired by Lowell's excellence, to ensure it remains a beacon of opportunity. Reach out with your ideas for our next issue, and let's make this homecoming unforgettable!

Girls Soccer Team Soars To State Championship



See story on back page.

Lowell Alumni Association Annual General Membership Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2026 • 7pm Pacific Time via Zoom

The principal business to be conducted is the election of ten members to the Lowell Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

Complete information will be posted soon at www.lowellalumni.org/news/generalmeeting

Interested in running for a seat on the LAA Board of Directors?

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Betsey Mar Ho '76 Makes Ground-Breaking Donation

Betsey Mar Ho takes justifiable pride in her many life accomplishments to date. Of course, she is proud to be a member of the Lowell Class of 1976, but she is equally pleased to have always attended public schools, including City College of San Francisco and San Francisco State University. She also derives great satisfaction from the fact that all three of her children are products of the public schools and all three are also Lowell alums. And professionally, she looks back fondly at her very successful career as a CPA.

All these threads of her life came together to shape Betsey's recent decision to fund the first-ever Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) in support of the Lowell Alumni Association. As a CPA, Betsey was considering tax planning strategies to deal with some upcoming required minimum distributions when she realized a CGA would allow her to access immediate tax benefits while also generating annual income and supporting important programs at Lowell.

Why did she choose the Lowell Alumni Association as beneficiary of her CGA? "Because I didn't know how good I had it at Lowell," she explained. With the help of LAA Executive Director Terry Abad and in partnership with the National Gift Annuity Foundation, all of Betsey's detailed questions were answered and plans are set to create this exciting new option for alumni and other friends to support Lowell High School and our alumni community.

We invite other alumni and Lowell friends to consider including a Charitable



Betsey Mar Ho '76 with her husband, Stephen

Gift Annuity as a tax planning option. You can find more information about opportunities to make a planned gift to benefit the Lowell Alumni Association at www.lowellalumni.org/giftplans.org.

REUNION CALENDAR

2025 Reunions

➤ Class of 1990 – 35-Year Reunion

Saturday, November 29, 2025, 6:30pm to 10:30pm

Lake Merced Boathouse, SF
Check online for more info!

➤ Class of 2000 – 25-Year Reunion

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Adult Night Out at Bruno's, SF
Sunday, December 21, 2025
Family Day Out at Lowell
Check online for more info!

➤ Class of 2015 – 10-Year Reunion

Saturday, December 27, 2025

Pa'ina Restaurant & Lounge, SF
6pm to 10pm
Check online for more info!

2026 Reunions

➤ Class of Spring 1966 – 60-Year Reunion

Sunday, September 27, 2026

More info coming in 2026!

➤ Class of 1976 – 50-Year Reunion

Saturday, October 17, 2026

SF Italian Athletic Club
Save the Date — more info coming soon!

➤ Class of 1986 – 40-Year Reunion

Planning is underway!

For a calendar of all reunions and special alumni events, please visit www.lowellalumni.org/reunions



Class of 2003 20-Year Reunion

In September 2023, the class of 2003 held its 20-Year Reunion! It was a two-day affair, starting with a Friday afternoon on-campus get-together for Lowell alumni of the classes of 2002, 2003, and 2004, alongside friends and family. Thank you to the performing arts groups and clubs for bringing the Lowell spirit to the courtyard and to Shield & Scroll

for hosting campus tours.

On Saturday night, we had a special evening at the Intercontinental San Francisco with over 150 Class of 2003 alumni and friends. The room was filled with paella, poker, and great memorabilia from 20 years ago. You can find all the pictures here: <https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-NcgJQq>.

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Huge thank you to silent auction donors: Natalie Gee, Nance and Joyce Yuan, Philip Ngo, Jimmy Cheung, Janet Cruz, Any Ching and Whitnie Low Narcisse. Congrats to our silent auction winners: Vince Tso, Carla Faraguna, Catherine Hsiao, Colin Heckman, Anna Gee, Matt Moore, Arthur

Stein, Pip Ngo, Samantha Huang, Michael Quach, Mary Zhu, and Edward Yoo. And a huge thank you to our immensely talented Class of 2003 Reunion Committee: Amy Chou, Miranda Tang, Linda (Chen) Bollinger, Chris Hiura, Stacy Fong, Natalie Gee, Philip (Pip) Ngo, and Whitnie (Low) Narcisse.

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Mission Statement: The Lowell Alumni Association maintains and enhances relationships that serve and support our alumni, students, school and the Lowell community.

Congratulations Class of 2025 Lowell Alumni Scholarship Winners!

Congratulations to the Lowell High School Class of 2025 and this year's Lowell Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients!

The Lowell Alumni Association (LAA) enthusiastically congratulates the Class of 2025 on their graduation. These new graduates now join the ranks of Lowell's alumni family, a global community providing life-long support to fellow alums and Lowell students.

We are also delighted to announce that the LAA awarded over \$250,000 in scholarships to 102 exceptional seniors. These scholarships acknowledge the talent, hard work, and dedication these students have shown since starting their tenure at Lowell during the pandemic.

The LAA is deeply grateful to the generous donors and committed volunteers whose support made these scholarships possible,

enabling these investments in the future success of talented students.

Special appreciation goes to Scholarship Committee co-Chairs Sunil Kapadia and Mark Mosheim, Executive Director Terry Abad, and committee members Mark Budak, Bruce Green, James Han, Stephen Hsu, Allene Jue, Adnan Khan, Laurance Lee, Peter Lee, Elizabeth Murphy, Tony Quang, Annie Wasacz, Helen Wax, and Quincy Yu for their thoughtful leadership and the hundreds of hours they spent during the selection process.

As we honor the Class of 2025 collectively and celebrate the accomplishments of the scholarship recipients, we also extend a sincere thanks to all of the Lowell alumni, parents, faculty, staff and other friends who support the LAA, Lowell students, and our beloved alma mater.



2025 Scholarship Recipients Express Their Gratitude

Here are excerpts from just a few of the thank you messages the Lowell Alumni Association received from 2025 scholarship recipients.

Ayden Tse: "Dear LAA & Donors – Throughout my four years at Lowell, a mixture of failures and successes have taught me a great deal about hard work and dedication. Meanwhile, you all were fighting for me and my peers to make all of that happen along the way. Your generosity and support will be forever appreciated and cherished. Thank you, not only for this amazing scholarship, but for all that you do in your daily lives to make our community a better place."

Zoe Collins: "I am so grateful for the opportunity to begin my college education without needing to worry about whether or not I can afford it. Thank you to all the amazing donors who are helping students like me pursue our dreams."

Eunbi Lucia Ryu: "Thanks to your scholarship, I was able to step into my first year of college with confidence and stability, and this past year has been full of growth — academically, professionally, and personally. I've taken courses and joined community service and volunteering organizations that have challenged and inspired me, expanding my perspective and guiding me towards a clearer direction of where I want to take my studies in college and beyond."

Lisa Clay Honored For 35+ Years of Service to the LAA

At a special reception held on campus this past March, the Lowell Alumni Association, represented by many current and former board members, celebrated Lisa Coughlin Clay '74 and honored her more than 35 years of dedicated service to Lowell and the LAA. We were honored to be joined by Lisa's husband, Judge C. Don Clay (retired), now a member of the San Francisco Police Commission.

Ms. Clay, the mother of three Lowell alums (Donnie '04, Angelina '07 and Anthony '10), served as LAA President from 1991-2016, then remained on the board as Immediate Past President and now holds Director Emeritus status.

Thank you, Lisa, for guiding the LAA through many decades of continued growth and doing so much to benefit several thousand Lowell students!



Lisa shares some favorite memories about her service with the LAA.



Attendees included (from left) past LAA Presidents John Trasviña '76 (2016-21) and Kate Lazarus '01 (2021-25); guest of honor Lisa Clay '74 (1991-2016) and LAA Executive Director Terry Abad '76.

Geology Students Benefit From Special Alumni-Funded Trip

By Scott Dickerman, Geology teacher

On March 28th, 2025, the Lowell High School Geology class embarked on our biennial trip to Yosemite National Park and the Sierra Foothills. I have taught Geology at Lowell every other year since the Fall of 2012 and, with the exception of the COVID lockdown year, this Yosemite/Sierra Foothills has been a part of the course. The trip always takes place during a portion of Spring Break, so students are not required to go. But for students who choose to go, it is generally regarded as the highlight of the course. And funding from the Lowell Alumni Association has been an integral part of making almost every such trip happen since the beginning.

On the first day of the trip, a chartered bus took us from the Stockton Amtrak station to Moaning Caverns and Columbia State Historic Park near Sonoma. Moaning Caverns is an unusual cave; unlike most caves, the cavern is nearly vertical! Limestone caverns generally form at the groundwater table, and thus are typically horizontal. But geologists believe that Moaning Cavern may have been part of a geyser at one time, with the dissolution of the limestone taking place at various vertical positions. Tourist access to the floor of the cave is by a lengthy staircase, the last 100 feet of which is a spiral staircase that was constructed in 1922 from scrap metal salvaged from a World War I battleship. At Columbia State Historic Park, students attempted to pan for gold, learning about how the density of gold is an important part of how it can be collected from sands at the bottom of rivers and creeks. This first day concluded with the chartered bus taking

us to our lodging at the Yosemite Bug and Rustic Resort near Mariposa.

Our second day was spent at The Bug. Typically, we spend two days in Yosemite Valley, getting there and back to The Bug via public transportation. But because there was a question of whether or not public transit could even bring us into the park due to a rockslide, we chartered another bus for one day so that at least we had the option of getting there via a longer route if need be. The rockslide was cleared just before our trip began, but we kept the charter bus for that one day; better safe than sorry. Students spent the second day taking a few short walks on the premises of The Bug and generally enjoying spending time with each other.

On the third day of the trip, the second chartered bus brought us into the park. Because we had our own private bus rather than relying on public transit, we were able to park near and walk up to near the base of Bridalveil Fall, experiencing the mist from Bridalveil Creek. After our bus dropped us off at the Yosemite Valley Lodge, we explored the valley floor via the free shuttle system. After lunch, we took the guided Valley Floor Tour, showcasing the geologic and human history of the valley. The highlight of this tour is the sweeping view of the glacially-carved valley from Tunnel View. For a number of students, this was their first time experiencing Yosemite Valley.

The trip concluded on the next day as we took public transportation from The Bug back to San Francisco.

As always, our thanks to the Lowell Alumni Association for helping to make this trip possible.



Lowell Geology teacher Scott Dickerman with students at Moaning Caverns.

Meet The Lowell Alumni Association Board Of Directors

The LAA board is fortunate to have added several new members over the past few years, so we want to take this opportunity to introduce the current board members to the Lowell alumni community. Thanks to all of our board members who volunteer their time to support Lowell and the LAA in a myriad of ways!

Officers

◆ President

Peter Lee '94

- Stanford University Graduate School of Business, MBA; UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business, BS
- President and COO at Leafly Holdings, a technology marketplace business
- Co-Chair, Budget Task Force; member Scholarship Committee
- Proud father of two young boys and chess nerd as a child



◆ Vice President

Phillip Shinn '76

- University of California Berkeley School of Law, JD, international arbitration and cross-border litigation
- University of California, Berkeley BA
- Trial attorney and commercial arbitrator
- Chair, Admissions Task Force; member, Legal Committee and Admissions Policy Working Group
- I used to play soccer but now I coach my son's baseball team



◆ Vice President, Governance

Kate Lazarus '01

- Past President, 2021-2025
- Columbia Law School, JD; Northwestern University, BA
- Attorney
- Chair, Advocacy Committee; member of Legal Committee, Nominating Committee, and Budget Task Force
- Both my grandfathers attended Lowell, though only one graduated from there



◆ Vice President, Planning And Development

Christine Linnebach '89

- University of San Francisco, JD 1998; UC Berkeley 1994; BA, Political Science
- BA, US Housing Policy
- Attorney
- Member Budget Task Force and Communications Committee
- Peet's coffee fuels my love of rescue dogs, golf, and merit-based excellence



◆ Treasurer

Quincy Yu '73

- Stanford University, MBA; University of California, Berkeley, BA
- COO & CEO of the Bertrand D Hsu American and Chinese Bicultural Academy in San Francisco
- Chair, Budget and Finance; member Budget Task Force and Scholarship Committees
- I have 6 children and 5 grandchildren



◆ Secretary

Lee Cheng '89

- University of California School of Law; Harvard University BA
- Attorney, Buchalter Law Firm
- Member, Innovations Task Force and Development Committee



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Lee Blum '52

- Past Treasurer, LAA
- University of California, Berkeley, '56
- The US Army Finance Corps
- Financial Advisor
- Member, Development Committee
- At Lowell I was on the Debate Team and won the freestyle swim race at the All-City meet



Charles Breyer '59

- University of California School of Law, JD, 1966
- Harvard University BA
- U.S. District Judge
- Member, Governance Committee
- I like to bike



Gerald J. Buchwald '66

- Northwestern University School of Law, 1973; Northwestern University, BA
- Civil Trial Lawyer 1975-2005, Judge of the San Mateo Superior Court, 2005-2022, Retired
- Director-Officer of two closely held family companies
- Chair Legal Committee, member Audit Committee
- I like to go flyfishing and I enjoy golf, a close second



Mark Budak '73

- Golden Gate University School of Law, JD
- University of California, Berkeley, BA
- Semi-retired
- Member, Scholarship and Grants Committees
- LAA Student Liaison
- I walk the streets of San Francisco 30 to 40 miles a week for exercise



Jessica Kuzmanich Gaynor '67

- University of Houston, Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, 1976; University of California, Berkeley, BS
- Clinical Psychologist and Co-Founder of a Non-Profit Organization, Retired
- Docent, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco
- Member, Budget Task Force, Communications, and Nominating Committees
- I am a US Figure Skating official, love sports and all our local professional teams



Bruce Green '75

- City College of San Francisco, 1978, Associate of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management
- Member, Scholarship, Grants and Budget and Finance Committees
- Business owner in the foodservice, wine, construction and trade show industries
- I live in Sonoma, I am married, and I have three children

James Han '03

- University of California School of Dentistry, D.D.S.
- University of San Francisco, M.B.A.
- University of San Francisco, B.A.
- Board-certified pediatric dentist in private practice
- Chair, Nominating Committee; member Scholarship Committee
- I enjoy urban hikes, horology, competitive trivia, and open mic nights



Stephen Hsu '99

- University of California, San Diego, Interdisciplinary Computing & the Arts
- Senior Vice President, Product & Engineering, at Veeva Systems
- Co-Chair Innovations Task Force; member Communications and Scholarship Committees
- I like adventures, storytelling, and doing a little bit of everything



Allene Jue '02

- University of California, Davis, B.S. Managerial Economics
- VP, Marketing Programs & Operations at Hashgraph
- Member, Innovations Task Force; Scholarship, Grants, and Nominating Committees
- I recently got into collecting Labubu, Crybaby, Pucky, and Lulu the Pig



Sunil Kapadia '92

- Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, MBA; Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, BS, Computer Engineering
- Media & Technology
- Co-Chair Scholarship Committee; member Innovations Task Force
- I wrote and edited for the Lowell, launching my current career



Mikhail Kazantsev '06

- Tufts, Masters Computer Science, in progress; University of Southern California, BS. Business Admin / Information Systems
- Senior Technical Program Manager, Meta
- Chair, Communications Committee; member, Innovations Task Force
- I was the U.S Junior U-18 Champ for table tennis and U.S Open U-22 champ



Adnan Khan '82

- San Francisco State University, MBA, Marketing
- San Francisco State University, BS
- Executive Director, Digital Strategy, Wells Fargo Bank
- Member, Scholarship and Grants Committees
- I love to travel; to date, I have visited 31 countries and 30 states

Eugene Lee '87

- University of California Berkeley, Haas School of Business, BS and MBA
- Accountant
- Chair, Audit Committee
- I enjoy travelling and playing basketball



Laurance Lee '88

- Harvard University BA 1992, Chemistry and History & Science
- Small business owner, licensed general contractor, real estate developer and investor
- Member, Scholarship and Communications Committees
- I roast my own green coffee beans at home, yummm!



Mark Mosheim '73

- University of California, Berkeley, BA in Zoology and French
- San Francisco Unified School District Teacher; currently active as a Substitute Teacher
- Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee; member Grants Committee
- I have a permanent resident visa for Brazil and spend a couple of months a year in São Paulo, when not in San Francisco



Elizabeth Carl Murphy '77

- San Francisco State University, BA, Modern European History
- Fraud prevention and risk mitigation in financial services, Retired
- Member, Scholarship, Audit, and Development Committees
- Avid home cook, gardener, and crafter, always inspired by travel

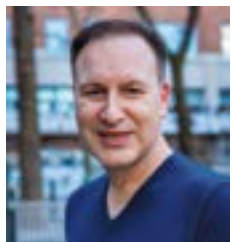
Tony Quang '92

- Drexel University College of Medicine/ Hahnemann University, MD; University of Washington School of Law, JD
- University of California, Berkeley, BA
- Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology, University of Washington Medicine; Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, University of Washington
- Radiation Oncologist, VA Long Beach Healthcare System, Long Beach, CA
- Member, Scholarship, Budget and Finance, and Development Committees



Tycho Rosenfeld '91

- The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, MBA
- University of California, Berkeley, BA
- President, Optimize Compliance Solutions, which provides educational compliance software and training for mortgage lenders
- Member, Development and Budget and Finance Committees
- My favorite ride was a Subaru WRX which never went above the speed limit



Scott Silverman, '07

- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, BS in Agricultural Business
- Airbnb
- Co-chair, Innovations Task Force and Grants Committee; member Budget and Finance Committee
- I recently became a father

John Trasviña '76

Past President, 2016-2021

- Stanford School of Law, JD; Harvard University, BA
- Dean, University of San Francisco School of Law
- Served in Four Presidential Administrations, most currently as President Obama's Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Member, Admissions Task Force and Governance Committee



Annie Miu Wasacz '82

- University of California, Berkeley, Haas School of Business, MBA
- University of California, Berkeley, BA
- Semi-retired; mentor to rising professionals
- Member, Innovations Task Force, Scholarship, Grants and Communication Committees
- I love vacationing in yet-to-be-discovered spots, Tulum, 2004; Azores, 2024; Molokai, 2025



Helen Louie Wax '66

- San Francisco State University, B.A. Sociology
- Elementary Teaching Credential, Calif. State University Los Angeles
- President, Associated Pacific Machine Corp., Hydraulic Die and CNC Cutting Machinery, Camarillo, CA.
- Member, Scholarship, Grants, Communications, and Development Committees
- I love to travel; I have visited 56 countries; golf is my favorite hobby



Cary Wong '89

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, BS, Electrical Engineering
- San Francisco Unified School District High School Physics Teacher
- Member, Development and Communication Committees
- I've started and coached boys' lacrosse teams at Lowell and Lincoln

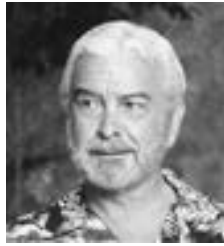
Joyce Yuan '03

- University of California David Geffen School of Medicine, MD; University of California, Berkeley, BA, major in Molecular and Cell Biology, minor in Japanese
- Private Practice, double board-certified Dermatologist and Mohs surgeon
- Member, Nominating Committee

Emeritus Directors

Jack Anderson '50

- San Francisco State University
- Lowell Faculty Member, founder, and head of Lowell's Visual and Performing Arts Department, 1954-1992
- Beloved, talented, and honored teacher; long-time member of the LAA Board



Lisa Coughlin Clay '74

Past President, 1991-2016

- UC College of the Law, San Francisco, JD, 1981
- San Francisco City Attorney's Office, trial attorney, child abuse cases, Retired
- Member, Grants, Scholarship, and Executive Director Search Committees
- I am the proud mother of three Lowell alums



Anita Payton '74

Past Secretary, 2007-2022

- California State University, East Bay, BS in Health Science, Healthcare Administration, 1982
- University of California, San Francisco, Practice Coordinator in Kidney Transplant, and Practice Supervisor in Chest and Allergy, Retired
- Currently enjoying retirement and tackling the many items on the "I'll do this when I retire" list



Wendy Drefke Shinbori '68

Past President, LAA, 1988-91

- San Francisco State University, BA, Physics, minors in Chemistry and Electronics Engineering
- California Teaching Credential
- University of San Francisco, MAT Physics, Science Education.
- Administrator, Teacher, and Director of Science Research, St. Ignatius High School.
- Chair Grants Committee; member of Development Committee



Mike Ugawa '76

Past Acting President
Past Vice President

- San Francisco State University, BA, Physics, minors in Chemistry and Electronics Engineering
- California Teaching Credential
- University of San Francisco, MAT Physics, Science Education.
- Administrator, Teacher, and Director of Science Research, St. Ignatius High School.
- Chair Grants Committee; member of Development Committee



Reverend Matthew Fong, seated, along with (from left) Steve Geiger from the Mensch International Foundation; son Jerome Fong; daughter-in-law Carol Fong; and former Lowell JROTC instructor Col. Doug Bullard.

Centenarian WWII Veteran and Alumnus Honored at Lowell

Lowell's Carol Channing Theater was the setting for a very special event last month commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, sponsored by American Legion Post 315 and the Mensch International Foundation. Among the distinguished speakers was Frank Kendall III, former United States Secretary of the Air Force (2021-25). But the special honoree was one of Lowell's own, alumnus and distinguished World War II veteran Reverend Matthew Fong from the class of February 1942.

Fong remembered a childhood spent socializing at the Chinatown YMCA with other Cantonese and Taishanese-speaking kids. His family attended Chinese Congregational Church, founded in 1873 by a white missionary who had left a church in San Francisco that refused to baptize Chinese converts to start one near Portsmouth Square for Chinese immigrants.

After World War II broke out, Fong's father, a businessman who immigrated to the U.S. from Guangzhou, sent him to Long Beach to study aeronautical drafting, hoping he wouldn't get drafted into the Army. The plan worked. Fong got drafted into the Army Air Force but was sent to fly in B-17 bombers, one of the most dangerous assignments.

Named the "Flying Fortresses," the B-17s were fitted with about a dozen machine guns that, in theory, were supposed to provide the plane with its own defense during daylight "precision bombing" missions of German military targets.

Standing at 5-foot-3, Fong, as the shortest member of his crew, was assigned to the position of ball turret gunner. Squeezed in a fetal position into a 3½-foot-wide glass sphere on the underside of the B-17, the "belly gunners" operated two machine guns. The

hazardous nature of the job inspired the 1945 poem "The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner," by American Randall Jarrell, because the highly visible location beneath the aircraft made the gunner an easy target for enemies firing from below. The glass sphere lacked protection from gunfire and made it difficult to escape in the event of an emergency landing.

Fong said he hadn't been scared when he was handed the assignment. "I was young," he quipped. During the war, more than 4,700 of the total B-17s manufactured, or 37%, were shot down. On the flight back from each mission, the crew would breathe a sigh of relief when they saw the white cliffs of Dover, because it meant they'd made it back safely. All the crew, except Fong, who was crouched in the ball turret below, would stand and sing "The Star-Spangled Banner." In total, Rev. Fong flew 35 successful B-17 missions and earned ten air medals.

After the war, he moved to Guangzhou province in China, where he began seminary school, eventually serving as a missionary and pastor for more than two decades, with much of that time spent in Hong Kong. He returned to San Francisco in 1971 as minister of the Chinese Congregational Church and later served as Executive Director of the Chinatown YMCA.

Adding to his numerous lifetime honors and awards, Rev. Fong received a Mensch award from the Mensch International Foundation at the Lowell ceremony. Founded in 2002 by Steve Geiger, son of a Hungarian Holocaust survivor, The Mensch Foundation's goal is "to develop a tolerant social order of values which respects minority rights and freedom of speech and worship."



AJ Frazier (right), long-time dean of the Lowell security staff, with LAA Executive Director Terry Abad at AJ's blow-out retirement party in Vallejo.

The Lowell Alumni Association also extends best wishes in retirement to these 2025 faculty and staff retirees:

- Karen Franklin – English
- AJ Frazier – Security
- Douglas Haake – Paraprofessional
- Sgt. First Class (ret.) Stephen Hardee – JROTC
- Chris Lanier – Assistant Principal
- Amelia Wong – Paraprofessional

See pages 6 and 7 for profiles of other 2025 retirees.

Lowell Bids Farewell to Long-Time Faculty

Lured in part by the siren's song that might be promising beachside tropical drinks (or maybe just not having to teach early morning classes) and in part by the early retirement incentives offered by the San Francisco Unified School District, Lowell saw an unusual number of staff retirements this year, including several with two decades or more of service to Lowell. Cumulatively, this year's retirees spent nearly 200 years working at 1101 Eucalyptus Drive. We are honored to share their stories as we wish them all the best in retirement!

Nahleen Pang

World Languages department

Ms. Pang holds the all-time record for the longest tenure on the Lowell faculty in school history, spanning a total of 42 years, from 1983 to 2025!

Favorite class taught: I have always enjoyed teaching

both Chinese language classes, which I started to teach at Lowell in 1984 (remember "Thriller" and "Purple Rain?"), and French language classes, which I started to teach at Lowell in 1996 (remember Lauren Hill's "Doo Wop (That Thing)"). It gave me the chance to integrate many things that I love into the classes: acting, art, dance, drama, romance, comedy, music, culture, literature, history, current events, movies, slang, food (both street and gourmet), and most of all, cooperation and camaraderie. I loved teaching languages that way and I felt that my students' interest in global languages were expanded and enriched them in many aspects.

What will you miss most about Lowell? I will miss the excitement of students entering Lowell, usually at age 13 or 14, and watching them grow like "magic rocks" — physically, emotionally, and mentally. I loved watching them work studiously on challenging assignments and then running to the windows en masse to watch heavy rainfall. They also love to shovel handfuls of hail into their pockets. I have experienced teens going to their first high school dance, their junior and senior proms for 41 years. I will miss watching them grow and evolve. It's precious.

What will you miss least about Lowell? I will miss faculty meetings and WASC accreditation the least. I think there might be a huge consensus here!

Your message to your former students? I hope that you will remember the group projects and the coziness of working in a different small group for each project. I would love to know what and how you're doing.

Your message to future Lowell students or faculty? I always had an internal calendar synchronized with that of the school's calendar, listing school events, when grades were due, holidays and festivals. It was a joy to mark time like this.

Favorite Lowell memory? Meeting my present students' parents, at "Back to School" night and finding out that some of them were my former students became routine year after joyful year in recent years.

Retirement plans? I want and need to learn more Spanish. I also want to learn Italian. I'd like to relearn how to play the piano, to continue to dance jazz and ballet and pick up dancing salsa, re-start writing short stories and plays. I will travel with Dr. David Yuan (recently retired Lowell English teacher) — we are definitely a committed couple! We've already traveled to many places and some were very challenging, like Eastern Turkey near the Syrian and the Iranian border. We want to visit as many places as possible. That is our new dream. I will miss Lowell and teaching there, as there has not been a day in the last 41 years that I didn't

think about how to reframe, edit, engage, or design novel, creative ways to add on to my repertoire of lesson plans. I felt like an accomplished master ballerina twirling around and around and not missing a single thing that was happening in the classroom. Many nights I have dreamt of teaching in my classroom. For over 40 years, Lowell was my North star and my whole life centered around it. Now my new North star will be my family, travel, cultural, literary and music events and of course, sipping rich foamy large cappuccinos with my partner and friends at Peet's. Come join me and don't forget to give them my membership number so I can get the reward points!!

Bonne journée. 一路平安!

Colonel Doug Bullard (US Army, Retired)

JROTC

Colonel Bullard led the Lowell JROTC program from 1998 to January 2023, then took over administration of the entire SFUSD JROTC program until his retirement earlier this year.

What will you miss most about Lowell? It sounds trite, but of course the students! I have been blessed to know the nicest young people anywhere . . . my cadets were always kind, respectful, and patient with me. I have been privileged to watch them transform into parents and professionals and to still count many of them as my friends.

What will you miss least about Lowell? Fire Drills!

Your message to your former students? Thank you all for the joy and sense of purpose you have given me for the past 28 years! I am "parent-like" proud of all of you! My Vermont lake house is nearly finished!

Your message to future students or faculty? You are part of a long legacy of Lowell JROTC students, dating back to the Cadet Corps of 1886, who have made lasting friendships, developed leadership, life, and citizenship skills, while becoming selfless leaders in their communities. Go forward with humility, respect for all, kindness, and with confidence that you will find your purpose and change the world!

Favorite Lowell anecdote? One Halloween I dressed up as a clown. Not realizing how frightening clowns are for some people, I hid in one of the clothing lockers in the back of the JROTC classroom and waited for students to gather just outside the locker before opening the creaking door and sticking my head out. Although I expected a reaction, the screams and scrambling that occurred exceeded my wildest imagination. I never tried that again!

Retirement plans? I will remain largely in San Francisco while also enjoying the lake house in Vermont. Plan to play golf, fish, and travel extensively.

Robert Ray & Sascha Taylor-Ray

Physical Education department; Athletics

Rob Ray joined the Lowell faculty in 1998 and served for 20 years as our Athletic Director. His wife Sascha began her career at Lowell in 2004 after six years teaching elsewhere. Their combined 48 years of service to Lowell sets a record for a married couple, even eclipsing that of beloved Lowell music teachers Paul Zahtilla (1970-91) and wife Janelle Zahtilla (1979-92).



Sascha Taylor-Ray

Favorite class taught? Tumbling and Archery.

What will you miss most about Lowell? The students. Each one brought something different to the table which kept me always on my toes.

What will you miss least about Lowell? Meetings.

Your message to former students: Go out and explore the world, try different things, get out of your comfort zone and laugh along the way.

Your message to future students: Remember, it's only one test, don't be so hard on yourself if you didn't get an A. You will still get into college.

Retirement plans? Figure out the new normal, explore the US in our Airstream with our golden retriever, Jenny Ray, and travel, travel, travel.

Lowell Coaching History: As the head softball coach at Lowell for 20 years, my teams recorded:

- 13 AAA CIF/SF championships
- 7 Transbay championships
- Only 5 losses (amazing!)
- Two COVID years.

Robert Ray

Favorite class taught? Basketball elective.

What will you miss most about Lowell? Obviously the students, but in particular watching them and also coaching them in their athletic games and especially the many, many Championship games. Also many of the colleagues that I worked side by side with for many years.

What will you miss least about Lowell? That's easy, faculty meetings and SFUSD.

Your message to former students? Slow down and enjoy the journey of life moment by moment.

Retirement plans? Go slower, golf, scuba, travel more and look for the next adventure.

Lowell Coaching History: I was the Boys Varsity Basketball Coach for 20 years, winning five section championships, including the 2004 championship -- Lowell's first in 52 years! I also coached Girls Golf for 11 years, winning ten consecutive city championships, then helped Coach Taylor-Ray with softball for ten years.

Kevin Sullivan

Math department

Mr. Sullivan joined the Lowell math department in 2003.

Favorite class taught? The ACCEL class for Freshmen. These classes consisted of students who generally liked math and did well. These students were the top students in terms of their background and performance on a placement exam. These Freshmen were starting with the content typically called "Algebra 2".



What will you miss most about Lowell? Teaching mathematics to interested and capable students.

What will you miss least about Lowell? Grading.

Your message to former students: I wish all my former student the very best, especially in these difficult times. I hope you can find the resources to solve or improve some of the many problems we face.

Your message to future students or faculty: To have mathematics teaching and learning proceed well, it requires some genuine curiosity about the nature of mathematics and a patient development of problem-solving abilities. It may take some work and time, but you can do it! Among Lowell alumni are many many highly accomplished individuals. Strive to be among them!

Retirement plans? A lot of travel, especially spending time with far-flung family members (son & family in France, daughter & family in New Zealand!). Also, get into better physical condition, play chess, maybe take cooking classes. Other things yet to be decided!

Jeremy Gribler

Math department

Mr. Gribler began teaching at Lowell in 2004 and also served multiple terms on the Lowell School Site Council. Out of our great respect for Mr. Gribler, we will use the word favourite rather than favorite.

Favourite class taught? I enjoyed both AP Calculus AB and Pre-Calculus Honors which I taught for the last 15 years. If I was to pick a favourite it would be PCH since the class was so hard and both the students (Juniors) and I really rose to the challenge.

What will you miss most about Lowell? The kids. The energy of the place which imbues the students and the staff.

What will you miss least about Lowell? The grading and the prep work, which filled many evenings and weekends.

Your message to former students: I hope the rigour of my and other teachers' classes prepped you well for college, career and life.

Your message to future students or faculty: Work hard and don't forget to have fun also.

Favourite Lowell anecdote: One that sticks with me is that on the first day of a freshman's Algebra 1 class, she said "Test me, I'm ready!"

Retirement plans: I just had major ankle surgery in July which means I cannot walk for three months. Once I am on my feet, I plan to do hiking with my wife on Mt. Tam, where I live, more travelling and keep my hand in on teaching, tutoring and learning to play guitar.



A Heartfelt Conversation with Principal Jan Bautista: Leading Lowell High with Passion and Purpose

In this exclusive interview, Principal Jan Bautista, a proud Lowell High School alum and long-time San Francisco resident, sat down to share her inspiring journey, nostalgic memories, and bold vision for the future of Lowell. From her roots as an immigrant student to her unexpected career shift from medicine to education, Principal Bautista shares the experiences that shaped her and her commitment to fostering a vibrant, inclusive school community.

Q: Welcome, Principal Bautista! Our alumni are eager to learn more about your background and how it led you to become Lowell's principal. Can you share a bit of your story?

Principal Bautista: Absolutely, it's a pleasure to connect with our alumni! I immigrated to the U.S. in 1990 and grew up right here in San Francisco, attending Lafayette Elementary, Saint Thomas the Apostle School, and, of course, Lowell High School. I'm a true child of this city, having experienced both its public and private schools.

Initially, I set out to study medicine in college, aiming for a career in pediatrics. But during my junior and senior years, I realized my true passion was working with students and advising them, not the hospital environment.

That epiphany led me to pivot. I earned my teaching credential in secondary science—because I'm a total science nerd—and began my career in education.

I've been with San Francisco Unified for nearly 15 years, starting as a Science and English language development teacher at Everett Middle School. Later, I worked in the district's Multilingual Pathways Department, running programs and coaching teachers to support English language learners.

After COVID, I felt disconnected from directly impacting students and families in a central office role, so I transitioned to site administration. That's when Lowell called me back, and I'm thrilled to be here, leading our students and staff to become change-makers for the future.

Q: That's an incredible journey! As a Lowell alum, do you have any special memories from your time as a student here that shaped who you are today?

Principal Bautista: Walking these hallways always brings back memories of "little Jan." One vivid memory is from my first week as a ninth grader, sitting alone under a tree in the courtyard eating lunch. It felt overwhelming at first, but Lowell became a place where I found multiple homes.

I built lifelong friendships through JROTC, choir, musicals, and the Fil-Am Club. Those connections have endured—my best friends from Lowell were my bridesmaids, and I've attended their weddings across the globe. It's a privilege to still be so connected to this community, and now, as Principal, to nurture those same opportunities for our students to find their place and build lasting bonds.

Q: That's beautiful! What's something about you that might surprise our alumni?

Principal Bautista: [Laughs] It's becoming less of a secret, but I'm a huge anime fan! If you visit my office, you'll spot my Funko Pops and Pop Mart figures of favorite anime characters. Opening a blind box is my little guilty pleasure—it's like a burst of joy. I love sharing that side of myself with students who geek out over anime too!

Q: How does being a Lowell student today compare to your experience as an "elder millennial" student?

Principal Bautista: Oh, the changes are wild, and I'm not *that* old! As an elder millennial, my high school soundtrack was Linkin Park, Green Day, Britney Spears, and Mariah Carey. Back then, the world felt smaller—career paths seemed more limited.

Today's students are navigating a landscape transformed by technology. There are so many new careers and ways to find a livelihood that didn't exist when I was here. The trends, learning strategies, and opportunities are evolving so fast, and it's exciting to see our students exploring paths we couldn't have

imagined. I'm eager to watch where their creativity and ambition take them.

Q: Looking ahead, what are your goals for Lowell this year?

Principal Bautista: We have big plans! First, we're celebrating our successful accreditation last year, which secures our status as an accredited high school for six years. Our focus is on fulfilling those accreditation goals, especially by providing robust support for all our focal populations and ensuring teachers have the tools to assess and respond to students' needs effectively.

We're also prioritizing culture and climate. This year, we're rolling out "Cardinals Chirp" to spread joy beyond just Cardinal Olympics and Spirit Week. It's about embedding our Cardinal values—community, helpfulness, integrity, academic risk-taking, and patience—into everything we do.

We want students to feel safe trying new things, whether it's joining a club, writing a grant, or speaking up in class. Patience with each other and ourselves is key as we grow and learn together. My vision is for Lowell to be a place where every student feels empowered to take risks, build community, and prepare for a future where they can make a difference.

Q: Thank you so much, Principal Bautista, for sharing your story and vision with us!

Principal Bautista: Thank you! It's an honor to serve this incredible community and to connect with our alumni. Here's to a year of growth, joy, and Cardinal pride!

This interview has been edited for clarity and flow. Appreciation to Video Lowell students for conducting and taping the interview!



Principal Bautista quite literally rolled out the red carpet to welcome students back to campus in August.

Faculty Farewell continued from previous page

Ellen Reller

Math department; Visual & Performing Arts department

Ms. Reller began teaching math at Lowell in 2005 before taking over the Lowell ceramics program.

Favorite class taught? It's a toss-up between AP Computer Science Principles and Ceramics.

What will you miss most about Lowell? The great students!

What will you miss least about Lowell? The ugly interior of the buildings with all of their problems and the district's never-ending attempts to turn SFUSD from an educational entity into a daycare with low academic expectations.

Your message to your former students? As soon as you graduate from college and/or get your first real job, start sending a little money to the Lowell Alumni Association every month. Everyone at Lowell benefits from the LAA and I think it's a great way to help out future students and staff. Also, join a community arts program and continue nurturing your creative side!

Your message to future students or fac-



ulty? Students: Put those phones down and be where you're at! There's a time and place for social media and texting and it's not in the middle of class! This is the last time you'll definitely get to experience four years of free and awesome education -- make the most of it. Join or start those clubs! Make friends with a variety of people. Learn how to start a conversation with someone you don't know. Try a new route across campus - you'll never know who you'll (literally) bump into in the hallways. Staff: Go to one random event each month. Stop in and watch a JV volleyball game on your way out of the building. Go watch a soccer game, a play, the orchestra. Ask your students in Reg to invite you to events important to them. There's so much going on and it's a pretty easy way to connect with the parent community too.

Favorite Lowell anecdote? When the Social Science department had a dance off with the math department and danced to Taylor Swift, that was fun. There were so many many many crazy fun and crazy painful things that happened since 2005 at Lowell, it's difficult to narrow down and pick just one.

Retirement plans? I'll travel a lot and then I'll move to a place where I can have my own ceramics studio and a nice big vegetable garden. But right now, I'm enjoying my retirement right here in the city!

Principal Jan Bautista's Message

I hope you have had time this summer to rest, rejuvenate, and reconnect with yourselves and loved ones. This summer I had the opportunity to reconnect with my roots and visit the Philippines for the first time in 20 years. This time being with family and working alongside community members from the Bay Area and the Philippines to protect natural resources like mangroves and coral reefs to strengthen community economic and environmental resilience has reinforced my belief that in spite of scarcity and strife communities can come together in joy, celebration and collaboration to realize a hopeful and beautiful future for the generations that come after us. I am joyfully returning to Lowell with a full cup ready to continue working towards our WASC* goals and envisioning what we hope for future generations of Lowell Cardinals. Our focus this year will be to continue building and refining our work in collaborative teams to bring the teacher practices of the core rubric to life and to continue building learning partnerships

with all of our stakeholders through warmth and clear, consistent communication of our students' progress towards our high expectations.

*WASC refers to the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Area Schools and Colleges, which is the accrediting body for Lowell High School. Last school year, Lowell's accreditation was extended for a new six-year term, the highest accreditation status offered by ACS WASC. Lowell's success in the most recent accreditation cycle is due to the hard work of many Lowell faculty and staff, particularly the leadership of WASC coordinator and math department faculty member Elizabeth Statmore.

Jan Bautista is Lowell's 22nd Principal and, as an alumna from the Class of 2004, the fourth alum to serve in this role. She has just begun her second year at the helm of Lowell High School, having previously served as an Assistant Principal at Lowell under Principal Dr. Mike Jones.



Lowell Orchestra Earns Top Honors at San Diego Festival

In March of this year, the Lowell Orchestra, led by the dynamic Juan Menendez, traveled to the San Diego Heritage Festival where they received a 1st place Gold mention, the Adjudicator award and the Outstanding Orchestra award. The Lowell Alumni Association provided critical funding for this trip, in large part thanks to our Bob Anino Music Endowment that provides perpetual funding for the Lowell Orchestra, Band and Choir.

Plans are underway now for the Lowell Orchestra to perform at New York City's Carnegie Hall in March, 2026.

We are delighted to share the following messages from some of the students who participated in the San Diego trip.

The Southern California trip is truly one of my most memorable experiences in high school.

I never imagined how impactful the trip would be musically and personally. As an orchestra, we strived to perform well in the competition. My skills as a musician elevated as we spent each rehearsal strength-

ening techniques and perfecting details in preparation for the trip. The San Diego trip was more than a musical path of advancement, it also fostered interconnections with classmates. Our trip presented opportunities to get to know one another on a deeper level. Whether we were playing cards on the road, or exploring Seaworld, each experience brought my classmates and me closer. As a result of the trip, I have gained more confidence as a musician and developed stronger bonds with fellow orchestra students. I look forward to our future trip and the unforgettable memories we will make.

—Bethany Wu, Violin, Class of 2026

If I were to sum up my experience traveling to San Diego with our Orchestra last year in three words, it would be fulfilling, thrilling, and unforgettable.

I have been a part of the viola section for Lowell's Orchestra program for close to 4 years now (rising into my 3rd year in the Symphonic Orchestra), but during my first couple of years in the program, our performances were limited to a couple concerts a

year and not much else. However, after playing under Mr. Menendez for some time, it's become amazingly clear that he is passionate in making a significantly greater impact on Lowell and the communities that surround it through Orchestra! Last year, we went on field trips to play in Middle School music festivals, performed at school events, and of course, earned the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel and play in San Diego.

I'll never forget the moment when "Lowell High School" was announced during the award ceremony when we won gold. We all leapt from our reception tables, everyone screaming with excitement. And then we won another gold, and we blew up again. It was truly an unforgettable feeling.

As the chance to go to Carnegie Hall presents itself, though thousands of miles farther away than San Diego, I can't express how ecstatic I would be if I could perform in one of the most famous concert halls in the world. I've never been to the East Coast before, and I'm sure many others in the orchestra haven't, so this is no doubt a potential future full of thrills and fulfillment.

—Aden Zhang, Viola, Class of 2026

Some of my fondest memories came outside of the concert hall. On the long bus rides, we played road trip games, shared music, and laughed for hours, while in hotel rooms I forged great friendships with classmates I had never spoken to before. Those seemingly small moments — late-night talks, silly adventures, and shared meals — made this trip unforgettable. Over the course of our trip, the differences between friend groups faded, and our orchestra felt more like a family than ever before. The trip brought us together in ways that rehearsals alone never could.

On behalf of the orchestra, I want to sincerely thank the Lowell Alumni Association for making this journey possible. Your generous grants turned what could have been just another school trip into a life-changing experience — one that strengthened friendships, deepened our musicianship, and set the foundation for our 2026 Carnegie Hall performance. We are proud to represent Lowell and grateful to carry forward the tradition of excellence that your support makes possible.

—Aarav Lal, Double Bass, Class 2028

Lowell Choir Strikes Gold In New Orleans

By Cailey Ng, Lowell Choir, Class of 2026

Every year, Lowell's Concert and Chamber Choirs go on a spring tour. Each of the destinations are selected by the students. In the past we've been to Seattle, New York, and Boston. This year, we went to New Orleans, and it was nothing short of spectacular.

This trip to New Orleans was an amazing choral learning experience. At the end of our performances, we received feedback from judge panelists with decades of experience. They showed us how to read between the lines of the music and helped us better interpret the music. After months of hard work and preparation, we ended up placing Gold

1st for both Concert and Chamber Choirs. Being able to share this achievement with the rest of the choir just felt exhilarating.

Not only did we (Concert and Chamber Choir) come out with more knowledge about choral technique, but we came back better bonded. We got the chance to explore places in the city, such as the French Quarter,

Jackson Square, and the Garden District. This wouldn't have been possible without the help of our lovely Lowell Alumni Association. Your generosity to help fund our trip gave our choir the chance to grow musically and create lasting memories with our friends.



Lowell Pep Band Returns for Second Year

Last year, with the support of the Lowell Alumni Association, Lowell Band students started the Pep Band club! This is an extra-curricular ensemble that meets twice weekly after school, and performs at many sports and community events, both at Lowell and off campus.

Pep Band performances in the 2024-2025 school year included home football and flag football games; home basketball games; “Battle of the Birds” basketball at Kezar

Pavilion; “Reading Month” kickoff at Aptos MS; End of Year Carnival at Lawton K-8 School; Lowell Freshman Orientation; and many other club fairs and school-day events on campus.

The Lowell Alumni Association directly supported the purchase of drumline equipment and music portfolios, without which Pep Band wouldn’t be able to operate.

The Lowell Pep Band welcomes students of all grades and ability levels, offering a fun

and relaxed space for musicians from different school ensembles to gather and make music. Students choose what songs they play, lead rehearsals, and help organize events.

Do you have an upcoming event in need of music and spirit? Contact the Pep Band via their club email (lowellpepband@gmail.com) or contact sponsor Ms. Kelci Hartz (hartzk@sfsud.edu).



Lowell Wellness Center Provides Critical Student Services

The San Francisco Wellness Initiative is a groundbreaking program dedicated to improving the health, well-being and academic success of the city’s 16,000 public high school students at 19 campuses. In safe, confidential settings, experts in adolescent health at onsite Wellness Centers help teens gain the skills they need to cope with complex issues such as stress, trauma, suicide, bullying, depression, self-esteem, drug and alcohol use, sexual health and relationships. Students learn positive, lifelong habits that contribute to their well-being and success, and ultimately, to the health of the communities in which they live. The Wellness Initiative is the only school-based program for adolescent health and wellness of its kind.

The Lowell Wellness Center is located in Room 118 behind the main office and is run by a multidisciplinary team of four full-time staff. Em Kane, Wellness Coordinator, manages the programming and operations of the Center in addition to collaborating with teachers, parents, and other support staff to support bridging the educational and health needs of Lowell students. Erica Tam, Community Health Outreach Worker (CHOW), is the first face students see when they enter and is responsible for triaging students and coordinating with outside providers and organizations. Aaron Hui and Zabreen Shaikh are the team’s mental health clinicians who are on campus full-time pro-

viding drop-in services and ongoing individual therapy to students.

In the 2024-25 school year, the Lowell Wellness Program provided over 5,527 individual services to 911 students. Over a third of the school population received some type of service from the Wellness Center. We also participated in 23 different health promotion outreach activities including staff presentation on mental health crisis, Wellness 101 orientations to Health class students, and a Spring Health Fair with activities and resource tabling by representatives from 10 San Francisco community organizations.

One of the Wellness Program’s primary outreach strategies to identify students in need of support is our Wellness Referral Google Form. During the 24-25 school year we received 245 referrals from students, teachers/staff, and parents. 82 students were connected to on-site weekly individual therapy with our two full-time mental health therapists and four graduate clinical interns. Without these on-site resources, many of those students would not have been able to access mental health services.

Ongoing support and collaboration from the Lowell Alumni Association has been integral to the services provided in the Wellness Center. To learn more, visit our page on the Lowell HS website (www.lowell.sfsud.edu) or reach out to Lowell Wellness Coordinator Em Kane at kaneel@sfsud.edu.



The Lowell Wellness Center team (standing, from left): Aaron Hui (therapist), Simon Haswell (graduate intern), Zabreen Shaikh (therapist), Kalin Mo (graduate intern) and Susana Fortes (school nurse). Front: Em Kane (Wellness Coordinator) and Erica Tam (CHOW).



The comfortable main gathering room of the Wellness Center is an oasis of calm within the busy Lowell campus.

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Generous Alumni and Friends Made “Putting Students First” Campaign a Great Success

Our 2024-25 Annual Fund Campaign — with the theme “Putting Students First” — had the goal of providing resources to offset the anticipated budget cuts at Lowell flowing from the school district’s current financial plight while also funding our traditional programs (grants for academic and extracurricular programs, reunion support, this newsletter and many other projects).

The campaign attracted over 1,400 gifts from Lowell alumni, faculty and friends for a total of more than \$470,000.

And while the Lowell site budget was significantly reduced (by over \$1 million), Principal Bautista and her administrative team managed to avoid eliminating any academic programs

or the 7th class option that so many Lowell students demand. However, Lowell does have 8.5 fewer classroom teachers this year compared to last, which means average class sizes have increased slightly and a larger than normal number of students have had to settle for their second choice World Languages offering.

Looking forward, the Lowell Alumni Association and Principal Bautista are preparing for additional budget cuts for the 2026-27 academic year, but we won’t know the magnitude of those cuts until Spring 2026. In any event, we know that the Lowell community will do what it can to save critical programs and services for today’s students. Thanks to all our donors for their great generosity!

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1949
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1950
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1951
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1952
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1953
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1955
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Jeri Zemon

1974

Susan Adams
Joseph C Armenta
Mirta Arsenian Cali
Bruce Batten
Marna Blanchard
Rosalie Bravo
Lorna Chee
Brenda Chong Choy
Tamara Cognetta
Lisa Coughlin Clay
Fernando De Alba
Barry Epstein
David Fellows
Connie Gibson D'Aura
Samuel Gluck
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Frank Hong
David A Lee
Jerry Lee
Wayne Leong
Deborah Lim
Henry Luis
Peter MacPhail
Kristie McCune Postel
Leiko Nakazawa Dahlgren
Daniel Alvin Ng
Mary Patton
Anita Payton
Peggy Peterson Bley
Nicholas Roxborough
Barbara L Schulz
Maggie Shafer Maiers
Ray Vanderhorst
Maria Vasquez Brosnan
Susan L. Wolff Meyer
David Wong
Andrea Yakas Olson

1975

Janet Ahn Dokey
Sarah Jane Amoroso
Linda Ballard
Carol Bassette Bassetti
Mark Bley
Rosalind Calacal
Philippe Henri Chagniot
Lisa Christensen
Ronald Chu
William Cicerone
Roger Collins
Inocencia Dacumos
William Davidovich
Elaine Fibish Boulets
Adam Fink
Bruce Fink
Stephen Y Fong
Katherine S Fong Taylor
Dudley Fournier
Bennett Freeman
Kenneth Gee
Joel Hausman
Catherine Hayman Burchett
Stanley Holloway
Keith Howell
Marian Hung Seto
Victor Hurtado
Lodgie James
Joanne Jung Wohlers
Jeffrey Kawaguchi
Vivien Koreisha Neves
Gloria Lau
Paul David Lazzareschi
Karen M Lee Chin
Judi Leff
Janet Liu
Larry Lowe
Clinton Edward Lum
Mark Manber
Donald James Marcus
Mark Markel
Stuart Misfeldt
Terri Mistrack-Klein
Sandra Nelson
Keith Ng
Gregory Gary Ow
Sophia Papageorgiou
Joan A Paz
Diane Pickell-Gore
Jeannie Pun

Stephen Anthony Roja
Joshua Scodel
Karen Dale Shem Yee
Ralph Shohet
Chela Sloper
Helen Galzote Tacdol Vickroy
Stanley F Tom
Elizabeth Varnhagen
Mark Wach
Peter Wang
Cris Wedekind
Anne Wong Fong
Nora Woo Gee
Susan Yip
Cynthia S Zamboukos

1976

Terence Abad
Charlene Aguilar
Kim Amini Frederickson
Augustine Bau
Andrew Berberich
Joceline Boucher
Flora Burger Kupferman
Douglas Carr
Paul K Chan
Patricia Jean Chan-Miller
Cherrilynn Chan Lee
Susan Cherin Rushakoff
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Edward K Chung
Kim Clark
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Ingrid Priskich Wach
Patrick F Quan
Andrew Rich
R. Therease Silvabara
Susan Simpson
Sophit Supphavanit Lee
Mike Susoev
Justin Ting
Lisa Tong Hu
John Trasvina
Michael Ugawa
Sheila Walsh Yeh
Francis Yeh
Karen Young

1977

Kirsti Aho
Valerie Aiken
Wendy Bailey Crisafulli
William Bialek
Elizabeth Carl Murphy
Noreen Chiu Greenhalgh
Sherry Dacanay Tennyson
Garrick Damir
Michael Lee Fong
Linda Hoskins Mauzy
Patricia Hui-Ng
Lisa Jensen Beffa
Ann Kasper
James K Lau
Daniel Lee
Lawrence Louie
Roxanne Louie Morrill
Philip C Mezey
Roland Perkins
Martha Shumway
Sonia Soy Ottusch
David Clark Tseng

1978

Nadine Barroca
Richard Brandis
Joseph Breen
Sid Burger

Carol Crawford Falstrup
Ammy Dong
David Fink
Benjamin Gulli
William Hair
Janet Hong Lee
Joyce Keyak
Doris Lee
Benjamin Leung
Mark W Lieu
Sandra Loey
Mark D Meyer
Duke Otoshi
Portia Panganiban Kirkbride
Chris Paszty
Richard Andrew Reinhardt
Julie D Soo
Jonathan M Vapnek
Jonathan Wong
Jack Yang
Christopher Young
Nancy Yue

1979

Vincent Anderson
William W Cheng
Howard Chung
Lorna Corral Padia Markus
Elaine Edsall Haire
Ronald D Eng
Karyn Hunt Ellis
Peddie Kelisky Arneson
Joanne Lee
Linda Lee
Jason Macario
Carol Ozawa
Perry Pong
Michele Rajninger Hassid
Mary Reilly Keller
William Rietmann
Paul Tsien
Susan S Wang
Andrew Williams III

1980

Anonymous
Dolores Acosta Maufras
Naomi Baum
Marina Briones-Burke
Erik Chan
Darrah Choy Kimzey
Emily-Jane Cohen Ravezzi
Dominador Coloyan
Chazzerrina Concepcion-Pono
Marco Esposito
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Marlene Keyak Smith
Lisa Kobayashi McPhaul
Todd Kushner
Edna Fay Lee
Edward Louie
Thomas Moore
Amy Segal Blase
Karen Shibata Nixon
Kenneth Styles
Shelly Wentker Taylor
Helen Yan

1981

Frederick Buskey
Maya Ching
Alexandria Clerkin Slippy
Theresa Harrington
Philip E Hartman
Sabrina Hernandez
Theodore Holman
John Lam
Selinda C Molloy Neal
Stanley Ng

1982

Nathan Bernstein
Kimiko Burton
Lawrence J Clark
Daniel Feder
Susan Freiwald
Lana Huey Pun
Susan Rachel Kroll-Wilch
Helen Lee
Dina E Lieu Sit
Lawrence Wing Loo
Annie Miu Wasacz
Cheryl Murray Ross

Alice Nguyen
Stephen Popper
Hubert Pun
Chisoo Song Lyons
Diane Suen Shew
Sally Tam Screven
Christine Wilson Knight

1983

Stephen Chin
Lon Chow
Hayley Green
Victoria Lau
John S McDonald
Emily Murase
Anastasia Pappas Fusscas
Dennis Shew
Gary Takemoto
Mark R Taylor
Grace-Ann Wu
Vivian Yee Eng
Joseph Yeun
Dominic Yin
Stephen Yuen

1984

Julia Fong
Valerie Fong Chiang
Jessica Hudacek Ried
Andrew Lam
Jennifer Poulakidas
Eric Weiss
Anne Wilson Griffes
Amy Wong
Darren Hing Wong
Steven Wong
Wendy Wong
Tony Woo

1985

April Wai Yee Chan
Daniel Harrington
Deborah Hauser
Linnea Johnson
Isabelle King
Sherilyn Lee
Randy Pon
Frances Quan
Noreen Quimson
Rodney Tom
Herman Yan
Darryl Yee

1986

Alicia Cabe-Reyes
John W Chan
Eric Fastiff
Sonia Gomez-Rexelius
Vincent Harris
Julie Higashi
Grace Kao
Samuel Kwong
Raymond K Louie
Carla Newmeyer Cooper
Dean M Poulakidas
Kathy Quon Bryant
Priscilla Wong
Hawkin Ed Woo

1987

Anonymous
Susan Au
Jack Dyogi
Deborah Grubb Moskovitz
Francisco Gutierrez
Michael Kwan
Dee Hung Lau
Eugene Lee
Kenny Mok
Eric Verhoogen
Christina Mei Yue Wong
Christine Wong Lai

1988

Marcelino Baltero
Sabrina Fung Yee
Chris Galvin
Daniel Handler
Todd Harrison
Serena Kwan Young
Ana Lau
James Poy Lee
Laurance L Lee
Bernadine Mellis
Daria Pennington
Kamaljeet Singh Singh-Khaira
Andrew Tolson

1989

Trisha C Alvarado
Rebekah Ashton
Olivia Boler
Sara Campos Gonzalez
Lee Cheng
Atwood Cheung
Kisha Chuck Tang
Noreen Chwee
Melanie Coronel Fong
Amanda Dingman Hamilton
Robert Gee
Jonathan E Heuser
Sunny Yang Kim
Lena Kopelow Brooks
Joel Kurzman
Yvette Leung
Christine Linnenbach
Catherine Miguel Cote
Yuliya Oryol
Kenneth Quon
Teresa Tree Tam
Terry Yeung

1990

Doris Cheng
Roger Fong
Calvin Low
Marie Ouano
Tuyet Quan Ontiveros
Daniel S Reid
Rebecca Richards

1991

Shea L Bond
Shirley Chan
James Kong
Sharon S M Lum Medina
Eric Quandt
Tycho Rosenfeld
Sarah Shonkwiler
Jennifer Louise Wong Rumberger
Kenneth Wun
Hamilton Hung Chiu Yu

1992

Casey Berman
Richard Harper
Sunil Ramesh Kapadia
Cindy Lee Harrington
P.J. McGuire
Trinh Quach Green
Tony Quang
Selina Shek
Robert Sheridan
Rebecca Shore
Wendy Siu
Lillian Trac
Jose Zelidon-Zepeda

1993

Jeffrey Byrnes
Brian Ngoc Huynh
Racy Ming Ming Copley
Ann Marie Paulose Pierce
Dennis Song
Sharyl Lynn Wong

1994

Felix Au Yeung
Matthew Axtell
Mary Anne Baysac
Lavinia Frank
Steve Guillen
Stanley Hong
Lilei Huang
Christopher Kwong
Peter Ho Lik Lee
Jean Lee Lim
Dominika Maglasang
Jean Miller Truelson
Jennifer Morales Cayanan
Adam Noily
Irene Jean Ong Seto
James Pappas
Timothy Seto
Vanessa Verzosa
Jason Ming Che Wong
Hideki Yamashita
Pamela Janie Yee

1995

Daniel G Chan
Venus Nancy Chung Tritasavit
Stephen Dodson
Andrew Green
George Liu
Janet Cheu Chu Ng

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Yana Zelkin Frazee

1996

Jenny Chan Gehrke
Katrina Dodson
Jennifer French Kovacevich
Cindy Minh-Tran Le
Tennant Jung-Yeal Park
Calvin Poon
Tammy Vung Truong
Jaclyn Wong Chou

1997

Edison Thor Keh Cayabyab
Lauren Choi-Dea Marshman
Allison Frances Fong Poon
Benson Kirby Jung
Lynn Poss Veblen
Matthew W Tsang
Elisa Chia Yao

1998

Jasmine Defield Berjiky
Edward Fong
Daniel H Goto
Anna Lau
Kimberly Anne Louie Yeung
Lenette Lin Lu
Alain Oyafuso
Manda K Wong

1999

Alan Huynh Chung
Andrea Elliott

Stephen Y H Hsu
Audrey Anne Jeung
Matthew L Lee
Ke Jing Amy Lei
Patricia Lynn Louie

2000

Betty Feng
Daniel Siu Hui Mui
Gabiella Pasman Makstman
Dana Lee Roark Thomas
Rex Diaz Santos
Desiree Dolores Serrano
Derek Aaron Van Orden
Irene Pui Lai Wong

2001

Jacob Amiel Garcia
Bronwen L Konecky
Nahum Lau Lan
Kate Ellis Lazarus

2002

Alisa Lena Farenzena
Janet Fung
Jonathan K Lui
Margaret C Mazzetti
Brina Mocsny
Dennis Patrick Moy
Laura Rosaria Sergio Unal
Nicholas Snead

2003

Lisa Lam
Rebecca Lam Lew
Christopher A Sia

2004

Matthew Allen

Danielle Margri Borden Robins
Erin Elizabeth Calhoun
Serena Leong Chan Dougherty
Rory Elliot Davis
Nicolas L Gallyot
Irina Kurtsevaya
Xahej Xi Patel Bajipura

2005

Jonas Ryan Chin
Alan Gee
Jasmine Tszmun Lau
Pauline Leung
Anton Alexander Peterlin
Tiffany E Tan
Nicholas Yee
Lee Lee Lily Zhu

2006

Jonathan Joseph Djavaheri
Alexis He
Mikhail Kazantsev
Stefanie Meggan Lau
John Joseph Lazarus
Julia Ye

2007

Alison Altany
Julia Aranda
Valentin Bolotnyy
J Andrew Linford
Emily Maher Real
Sebastian Peterlin
Keith Sun

2008

Heejin Hwang
Kenneth Kozakura
Griffin Tyree

2009

Katrina Lau

2010

Gail Green
Stella Shalita Levy
Thomas Tu
Megan Wong

2011

Matthew Estipona
Jeremy Gaines

2012

Shin San

2014

Bilegt Baatar
Penelope B Ferguson
Samuel Levine Ryan
Annastasia Joy Wong
Yu Ling Wu

2015

Vanessa See
Annie Xie

2016

Darrah Fox Bach
Anderson Kien Giang
Carmen Judy Kwong

2017

Frances Sutton
Andrew Tieu Xu
Lu Yu

2018

Yolanda Kate Feng

2019

Madeline Seifer Aubry

2020

Gerard Phillippe Morales-Roig
John Jun You Wu

2021

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2022

Anjali K Blacker
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2023

Alexander Blacker
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It Started at Lowell

Thanks to the vision and leadership of former LAA Director Pamela Sayad F'66, Lowell alumni have been sharing their "It Started at Lowell" stories, describing the ways in which their Lowell experiences have shaped their lives and careers. Read more of these inspirational stories at www.lowellalumni.org/news/itstartedatlowell.

Elinor Acampo '66

"Lowell challenged me academically and prepared me well for what came next, especially in the way it nurtured intellectual curiosity. I entered UC Berkeley with a major in social sciences and a goal of becoming a social worker. However, a history course on the French Revolution which I took my sophomore year changed my life's path. After all, Berkeley itself was in a state of "revolution" in the late 1960s, or at least it felt that way to me. I was accepted into Berkeley's graduate program in French history, received a master's degree and then advanced to the Ph.D. program. Staying in the program seems to have been irrational, since initially I had no funding and was quite naïve about what lay ahead: 12 years of financial, intellectual, and emotional struggle.

"But the decision to forge ahead also brought joy, adventure and eventually led to a fulfilling academic career. The research for my dissertation required that I live in Lyon, France where I became fluent in French, developed a passion for archival research, and deepened by love for France, its culture, and its people.

"In 1983, I began a tenure-track position at USC where I remained the rest of my career, teaching undergraduate and graduate students in French history and developing courses in the history of gender and sexuality,

World War I and epidemic and disasters. The subject of my dissertation and first book was an analysis of the impact of industrial change on the working-class family, class consciousness, and class relations in 19th century France and my second book was a biography of Nelly Roussel who was a feminist public speaker and activist for reproductive rights.

"Even though I remain a die-hard San Franciscan (and Northern Californian), USC and Los Angeles proved exciting places to have a career. At USC, I taught, and learned from excellent students of diverse backgrounds from all over the U.S. and various parts of the world. As I look back on my career (i.e., I have been happily retired for 6 years), I have renewed appreciation for what Lowell did for me in both practical and intangible ways. It was there I "learned to learn," and first began to acquire skills in the French language. In so many subject areas, the instruction at Lowell both challenged and nurtured the intellectual ambitions that served my entire career as well as my life."

Lucinda Lee Katz '64

Lucinda Lee Katz, a distinguished educator, shares her personal story and memories of Lowell:

"I am the oldest daughter of an immigrant father who entered the United States during the time when the U.S. only allowed 105 Chinese immigrants into the country per year from 1940 to 1965. My mother, born in the U.S. of immigrant parents, attended Lowell High School so I am a second generation Lowellite. My memories of Lowell were mostly focused on meeting new classmates from all over the city which was thrilling; having awesome teachers who were very strict graders; attending new clubs mostly in sports and the arts and getting to know a different part of the city as I traveled from North Beach to Lowell

each day. I attended the "old Lowell" on Masonic Ave and then the new campus on Eucalyptus Drive one year later. It took 90 minutes for me to travel from my home in North Beach to the new Lowell and I loved passing through all the neighborhoods on public transportation from North Beach to Market/Castro to the suburban-like enclaves of San Francisco.

"I began my career with the National Teacher Corps Program working with low-income schools in San Francisco. I taught in the San Francisco Unified School District from 1968 to 1972 and during that period, I became the teacher of Kinney Lau. The class action suit, Lau vs Nichols, argued that the SFUSD failed to provide supplemental English language instruction to students of Chinese ancestry in violation of the California Education Code and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that English Language Learners should have access to dual language instruction in the public schools throughout the U.S. I also became an advocate for bilingual bicultural preschools and in 1973 helped open the Chinatown Community Children's Center, a bilingual bicultural day care center that celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2023.

"I completed my Ph.D. and served as professor at Erikson Institute and The University of Chicago. I retired in 2018 after 14 years as the Head of School at Marin Country Day School."

Aliya Chisti '06

"I was born and raised in San Francisco, attending Sunnyside Elementary School, Aptos Middle School, and Lowell High School. My time at Lowell was a pivotal period in my life, where I discovered my passion for public service. I also made lifelong friends who

all helped me run my successful grassroots campaign in 2020 for election to the San Francisco City College Board of Trustees. Against all odds, I won with over 126,000 votes, making history as the first Muslim person elected in San Francisco.

"Growing up in a low-income household, Lowell opened many doors for me. The "mod" schedule taught me independence, and my involvement in the Forensic Club, Model United Nations, Urban Step, and other extracurricular activities enriched my experience. My experience at Lowell was at times very difficult. I learned about systemic inequalities and my passion for social justice was recognized by many of my teachers.

"I am grateful to many of them for mentoring me and for providing me with the skills and tools to make change in my community. Teachers like Mr. Fisher (photo included) taught me about history and movements centered on social justice, and Miss Stupi helped me improve my writing and encouraged me to use it to express myself.

"I went on to attend and graduate from UC Davis and then earned my MA in Education Policy from Columbia University, where I specialized in higher education. In 2017, I was appointed to serve as a Fulbright Scholar in North Macedonia, where I taught English and advised on higher education policies.

"I have also served as a legislative advisor on the Board of Supervisors for Former Board President Malia Cohen (now state Controller), who is also a graduate of Lowell.

"I strongly believe in the transformative power of education. City College of San Francisco is the people's college. As Chair of Student Success and Policy, I led the effort to eliminate \$2 million in student debt for over 14,000 students and ensured balanced budgets and a successful financial audit after 25 years. I am committed to maintaining balanced budgets, reaffirming accreditation, and prioritizing student success. You can learn more about my campaign at www.aliyachisti.com."



KEEPING IN TOUCH

1941 Spring & Fall

DOROTHY WEISBAUM GRAF: Dorothy is now 100 years old and still enjoys the newsletter; many memories of Lowell!

1942 Spring & Fall

JEAN RILOVICH BOEDDIKER: Jean is now 100 years old!

1950 Spring & Fall

LEON LINDBERG: Just turned 93. Thriving in a fine retirement community in Madison, Wisconsin, where I can share my passions/hobbies: gardening; art and art history; and co-teaching a world affairs course.

JOHN RISING: Jack Rising is well but his wife Ellen passed away four years ago. Jack lives in Sonoma and sees his three kids and five grandchildren frequently. He sends fond regards to all his (old) friends and is grateful for the wonderful life he has had.

1953 Spring & Fall

JUDY KELLEHER RIGAS: My family has grown, now six adult grandchildren and four great-grandkids. Made my first trip to Europe at age 80. Three trips to Italy for a total of 12 weeks. Also spent time in five other countries, all in five years time. Hello to my fellow class members. Can't believe we are 90 this year.

1955 Spring & Fall

MICHAEL R PEEVEY: I am retired, though do some modest consulting; my wife, Carol Lou, is also retired after serving 14 years in the California Legislature in Sacramento. We split our time between our primary home in La Canada Flintridge in Southern California and our Sonoma County home at The Sea Ranch. Family is scattered, some living in Texas, some in Georgia and some in San Francisco. We travel extensively – in 2024, besides New York and New England, we spent weeks in Norway, England, and Japan. Busy and fun filled.

SUSAN ALTER DAVID: Lee and I have lived in our home in Hillsborough for 50 years! We are both doing well.

CLAUDE HUGHES: I was hoping all the surviving alumni through the Class of '59 could have one big reunion. The theme of the gathering being run like one gigantic national political convention with placards sporting graduation year and name tags looking like campaign buttons with empty horizontal strip for wearers' name and music curator covering pop music from all pertinent eras - up through 1959.

1956 Spring & Fall

SONJA THEA SWENSON TAYLOR: Traveled to Oregon to visit four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1958 Spring & Fall

RICHARD & ELVIRA MEROLLA BERGAMASCHI '62: Richard (Class of F'59) and Elvira (Class of S'62) have been fortunate enough to do lots of international travel each year and have visited almost all of the continents. Richard likes to putter around the house and Elvira continues

to work with animals at Humane Society Silicon Valley. She has lunch with fellow classmates a few times each year and both try to attend the Lowell reunions. We hope to see everyone at the future Class of Fall 1959 and Spring 1962 reunions.

1959 Spring & Fall

KEVIN THOMAS: Thanks to everyone who attended the 65-year Reunion of the Spring and Fall Classes of 1959, and the Spring Class of 1960, held on April 10, 2024. It was one of our very best reunions. Special thanks to our reunion committee and to Terry Abad '76 and the LAA who all helped to put the reunion together.

1960 Spring & Fall

THEODORE BRESLER: This year (2025), I will celebrate my 27th year of retirement from the position of Senior Assistant City Attorney of the City of Sunnyvale.

JOANNE WALLIN SMITH: Keeping active; enjoying life.

SHARON-ANN JAMART BAUM: Nothing new. Grandsons (4) all grown up now. Grateful I wake up every morning!

1961 Spring & Fall

WILLIAM HANSON: Cruises, motor home trips, VA Hospital volunteering and Clovis Senior Center workouts are helping me to never grow up, never grow old, and never give up. Let me know if I can help with any class reunion plans.

1962 Spring & Fall

KWAME "KEN" BOWMANI: I am happy and healthy, enjoying a relaxed retirement in So. Cal. I was a professor of communication with the Los Angeles Community District. I am a proud Stanford grad, and an even prouder Stanford Dad!

EUGENE BUVELOT: Retired from Bank of America (San Francisco) in 1999 after 32 years. Elected in 1992 to the Tribal Council of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria as Tribal Vice Chairman for 10 years and Treasurer for 18 years and retired from the Tribal Council in 2020 after reorganizing and creating an Indian Nation. Presently serving as a Tribal Cultural Consultant for the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria in Rohnert Park CA.

JOHN PLOUGH: We are still the Lowell Indians. Enjoying life in Reno and cruising the seas.

JOHN PETROVSKY: Our class of '62 60th reunion was great fun. Let's have a 65th celebration in 2027. Time passes so fast these days.

ELVIRA MEROLLA BERGAMASCHI: See Richard Bergamaschi '58.

1964 Spring & Fall

PHILLIP HANDIN: I continue to live in the Oakland Hills, where my wife and I have lived since 1977 (at our current address since 1999). I retired three years ago from my solo law practice. I worked in downtown San Francisco for about 18 years until 2012, when I worked from home thereafter. Before that, I did legal work for a major homebuilder

and several real estate investors and developers. Our one child is 42 and has lived in LA since 2008 when he began graduate school at USC. He is married and has a lovely wife and wonderful 5 ½ year old daughter. We try to visit them 3-4 times per year; they try to come to see us in Oakland once per year. We didn't do much travel with the Covid virus in our lives; we have gone to Hawaii and plan to do so again in March of 2025 to join our son and his family. We enjoy our good friends and are fortunate to have many of them. I attended our 60th reunion at the Basque Cultural Center in San Mateo in May, 2024 and enjoyed seeing some OLD(!) friend. Stay HEALTHY.

DARLENE ALIOTO-WHITE: The retirement bug has not yet bit, as I'm still teaching at City College of San Francisco and chairing the Social Services Department.

1965 Spring & Fall

ELIZABETH "BECKY" BRADLEY: Living the good life in the Land of Enchantment. Miss the city so much, especially Dungeness crab, sourdough bread, and especially the FOG!!

1966 Spring & Fall

CATHERINE CICERONE FAWCETT: Still living in my house in Washoe Valley, NV. Have lots of season tickets to shows and sports; go out often. So far, so good. I still see my best friend and classmate Sharyn Ryan, who comes for visits and I travel to see her.

ADRIENNE JACOBS MILLER: I retired last June from the Office of Administrative Hearings where I had the privilege to work with fellow Lowellites Ruth Sallein Astle Samas S'65 and David Benjamin S'67.

BARBARA PENNEY CLARK: Had a wonderful girls weekend in Santa Barbara this past year with classmates Darsha Davidoff and Margie Weil Stone.

1967 Spring & Fall

BRUCE SPIEGELMAN: My Lowell years were wonderful and, of course, educational. Wishing our community the best.

1968 Spring & Fall

ANDRE HASSID: Enjoying life in Hawaii with Anna. Lots of visits with children and grandchildren in California and Hawaii. Retirement is grand.

1969 Spring & Fall

SORIN EREMIAS: Great article about Coach Feibusch. I had the privilege to play varsity on the 1st team he coached at Lowell in 1966 and for the next two years as well, and for the Vikings Soccer Club he founded. I stayed in touch with Ernie until his passing and occasionally met him for lunch. I encourage anyone who played soccer for him to contribute to this memorial fund and support Lowell soccer.

1970 Spring & Fall

DEBORAH GROSSMAN-GARBER: The experiences and education I received at Lowell were utterly formative for my life. I'm

constantly amazed by the excellent preparation I received to be able to thrive in other phases of my life. Special recognition to Jack Pereira and Lowell Orchestra (1967-70); travel to the Osaka World Fair; debating and public speaking experiences; and my amazing peers!

WILLIAM YEE: Enjoy coaching high school tennis and still in touch with Ben Franklin classmates Angela Cheer and Michael Gash who also went to Lowell. Angela a retired UC Davis math professor, Mike a retired federal attorney.

JUDITH ROSSI: I am enjoying the days of retirement with family, friends, golf, and many outdoor activities. I am thankful for all of the firefighters in Northern California. They work tirelessly to save communities including my home.

1971 Spring & Fall

CALVIN CHU: In April 2021, with 23+ service years, I retired from PG&E's Tax Dept. My wife, Lily, had retired in 2017 from PG&E's IT Dept. with 35 years. My oldest, a daughter, with a teaching credential, is at the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. My oldest son graduated from the University of Washington (BA, Foster Business School), worked at Deloitte and obtained his CPA license. He is now in data analytics at JP Morgan Chase in Seattle and is married to a realtor. My youngest son graduated from the University of Southern California in 2021, BA, Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa, in Political Science and Chinese Language. In May 2025, he graduated with a Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, from Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law in Chicago. He will work in "Big Law" in Redwood City, CA. We are grateful for the hard work ethic Lowell instilled in me which I passed on to my kids. A few of my Lowell classmates have passed. Time is short and we should cherish every moment God has given us.

KATE CAMPBELL BROUILLET: Married in 1984, had one son in 1987, and now happily retired and living in Novato for the last 30 years. Career included working at advertising and graphic design agencies in San Francisco and later opened a studio in Santa Rosa with two partners, Ranch7 Creative. Would love to learn about what members of the Science Fiction, Fantasy and Weird Things Club (SFFWTC) have been up to!

PAUL HELLER: A number of my films and plays had premieres in the last 20 years in SF and abroad. My work seeks to understand what it is to be an American. "Spit In Your Face" - about a Mexican American defeat of two men who want to use her identity for their own purposes - will premiere in September, 2025. "First World" a film collaboration about an East Indian woman's attempt to succeed in Hollywood just won 2 awards for the film and script. I am happily united by marriage to the Gang Class of 1976.

1972 Spring & Fall

LAETITIA LA FOLLETTE: Recently stepped down as President of the AIA (Archaeological Institute of America) (2020-2023), North America's largest and oldest national organization for archaeology. She is currently Professor of Ancient Greek and Roman Art at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst and plans to retire in 2026. This past year, she led stray trips for

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Keeping in Touch items received after August 1, 2025 will appear in the next newsletter

the AIA to Gaga and Sicily as well as from Athens to Rome. She remembers Lowell and **Dr. Ruth Howard**, her Latin teacher then, with great fondness.

1973 Spring & Fall

JERI ZEMON: Sorry I missed the 50th. Was that Laura Trent in the photo? I retired from California State Parks in 2015. I had a great job as a Park Ranger for 28 years. I am living the good life in Sonora. I come to SF for Giants games.

ANNE SCHAGEN: I am retired (mostly) from being a school speech-language pathologist. Still hanging out in Portland, OR with my husband, two cats, two kids, and two grandkids. Trying not to watch the news.

1974

ANDREA YAKAS OLSON: I have been working as an academic advisor at SF State. Hoping to hear that my granddaughter has been accepted to Lowell for next Fall. Greetings to the Class of '74. Take care and be well.

1975

RALPH SHOHET: I would like my donation directed to the **Peter Dahl '53** Memorial fund. He was a terrific, rigorous AP Chem teacher who helped put me on my path to molecular biology. And I enjoyed the Chess Team which I think he and **Don Murray** co-coached.

1980

LINN HOM: Greetings to all! Looking forward to the upcoming Class of 1980 reunion! Cannot wait to see everyone since the pandemic cancelled our last one!

1982

CHISOO SONG LYONS: After my career in the corporate sector, I joined an amazing organization called Women In Data Science (<https://www.widsworldwide.org>). I am currently the CEO and having a fantastic time on a mission to increase the participation of women in AI/Data Science. Check us out! Join us! Support us!

1983

JOHN S MCDONALD: Hello my '83 friends, in our 6th decade! How can that be? I am still at work as a space flight engineer at UC Berkeley. Painting and showing pictures now and then. Wishing you all prosperity and peace.

1988

DR. JENNIFER CAMOTA LUEBKE: In 2023, I was appointed President and CEO of Relay Resources, a leading social enterprise in the Pacific Northwest that cultivates meaningful employment for people with disabilities. I also became a member of the Board of Trustees for the national United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) organization as of June 2023. In October 2022, the Filipina Women's Network recognized me as one of the Most Influential Filipina Women in the World, and the Sacramento Bee designated me as one of the Top 25 AAPI Change Makers. I am married to Christopher Luebke, a special education teacher and inclusion specialist. Our son Antonio E. Contreras is a graduate of Georgia Tech's EXCEL program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our family splits time between our residences in Portland, OR; Citrus Heights, CA; and Atlanta, GA.

1989

JOEL KURZMAN: Encouraging friends and teammates to contribute to the **Ernie Feibusch Soccer Fund**. As Coach would say, "Get The Finger Out!!!"

1990

JOSEPH BRAY: I'm excited to share with you that I've started my own law firm practicing tax, real estate & business law. www.legaljoseph.com.

1991

SARAH SHONKWILER: Living in the North Bay with my husband and eight-year-old son and honored to be serving veterans and their loved ones as the Director of the Couple and Family Therapy Program for the San Francisco VA Healthcare System.

1997

LAUREN CHOI-DEA MARSHMAN: Serving the students of SFUSD as district head counselor for all 16 middle and high school AVID programs that make college a tangible reality for thousands of students. Her son, Tristan (14) is applying to high school (yes, Lowell included, fingers crossed!) and her daughter Charlotte is in 6th grade. Lauren still hangs out with her 3rd floor besties every month (shout out to **Christina Wong, Kim Ong, Mel Wong, Jeanna Wong, Jen Fung, and Kat Lui!**)

2007

JAKE HANFT: I've worked on environmental conservation at a family foundation for the past ten years. I live by Dolores Park in San Francisco with my wife, two-year-old daughter, and our tiny, mean dog. Hope everyone from 2007 is doing well!

2016

DARRAH BACH: The program I manage at the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana is partnered with NFL Green to build an oyster reef restoration project as a community greening initiative for Super Bowl LIX, held in New Orleans in 2025. More at crcl.org.

Principal Jan Bautista's Message to the Class of 2025



Lowell's administrative team celebrates on stage at Kezar: (L to R) Assistant Principals Jandro Alcantar (Lowell '94), Matt McDonnell and Abby Matthews; Principal Jan Bautista (Lowell '04); and Assistant Principal Chris Lanier.

Today we are here to celebrate a milestone — a moment that, for this class, means more than switching sides of your tassels or receiving your diplomas. This is not just a graduation. This is a culmination of over a decade of dedication to gaining the skills you want and need to thrive in the world.

You are not just the Class of 2025. You are the class that didn't get a proper 8th grade sendoff — a mix of virtual, hybrid, and distanced celebrations of your transition, no closure. You were launched into the largest high school in the city from over a year of staring at screens, in isolation and uncertainty, and into a sea of 3000 students, educators, and leaders recovering from that same isolation and uncertainty.

But the challenges didn't end there.

You were also the class that the nation had something to say about. Not about your dreams or your talents, but about whether you belonged here at all, a political bargaining chip, clickbait. You were brought into this school under the lottery process, a decision made by adults, and somehow, you were the ones who were judged for it. You were scrutinized, second-guessed, and demeaned. People including yourselves questioned your worth, your ability, your presence.

But let me say this clearly and from my own similar experience: **You never needed to prove you belonged here.**

You always did.

Still, in true Class of 2025 fashion, you didn't just show up. You showed out.

You didn't let fire alarms stop you from taking your first ever AP exam, World History, not once, but TWICE. You spoke out in focus groups, accreditation boards, and task force meetings. You guided the ever-changing cast of administrators (Principal number 3!). You led us towards better ways of serving your communities. Never did you

shrink in the face of unfair judgment. You rose and demanded to be heard. You worked harder, smarter, and supported one another fiercely. You found your voice — in classrooms, on teams, on stages, and in student leadership. You didn't just meet expectations, you redefined them. You turned doubt into drive, exclusion into excellence, criticism into community.

You've taught us all something that every great leader understands: belonging is not something anyone gives you. It's something you claim. And claim it, you did.

Your resilience is unmatched — not just because of what you went through, but because of how you carried yourselves through it. With strength. With grace. With unity. With heart.

As you move into the world beyond these walls, I want you to remember this, no matter what judgements, what data, what stories society forces on to you:

You belong in every room you walk into.

You belong at every single table where decisions are made.

You belong in every dream you dare to dream.

The world may not always be fair, and voices of doubt may still try to follow you. But those voices don't define you. They never did. What defines you is your courage, your character, and your commitment to each other and to yourselves.

So today we honor your resilience. We honor your strength. We honor your belonging.

Congratulations, Class of 2025. You are the proof that sometimes, the ones who are told they don't belong are exactly the ones who were meant to lead.

And the world better get ready—because you're just getting started.



Alumni pose in the dazzling sunshine on June 2nd on the Kezar Stadium field.



Commencement 2025

Under a brilliant blue sky on an unseasonably warm morning, Commencement Exercises for the Lowell Class of 2025 were held on June 2 at Kezar Stadium in Golden Gate Park. The 614 members of this year's senior class were honored and celebrated with particularly heartfelt remarks by Principal Jan Bautista acknowledging the unique resilience they demonstrated after being subjected to special scrutiny as the first class admitted to Lowell under the school district's temporary (and since abandoned) adoption of lottery admissions.

San Francisco School Board Commissioner (and Lowell parent) Supriya Ray was on hand to officially proclaim the conferring of high school diplomas to this extraordinarily talented class.

And, continuing a tradition that began with the 2006 Commencement Exercises during Lowell's Sesquicentennial celebration, nearly three dozen alumni celebrating major reunion milestones — members of the classes

of 1965, 1975, 1985, 2000, 2005 and 2015 — donned academic regalia to participate in the ceremony, demonstrating their continued allegiance to their alma mater and support for today's students.

Congratulations, Class of 2025 — we can't wait to see all that you accomplish in the coming years!



Members of the alumni contingent prepare to march into Kezar Stadium with the Class of 2025 graduates

2025 Salutatorian Address — Pierce Nguyen '25



was successfully navigating all three buildings and four floors of our school in that first week of freshman year. There are papers in there that represent the relationships we've built with friends, teachers, coaches, staff, and counselors. There are papers that document the experiences we've had, like our first high school dance, and the lessons we've learned, like how there really is such a thing as taking too many classes and not sleeping enough. There are papers in there that encapsulate our funny sides, our creative sides, our serious sides, and those sides we might not be so proud of either. But even more prevalent are the papers that are testament to the multitude of positive adjectives that Lowell has instilled in us: hard-working, adaptable, resourceful, tenacious, having the ability to run on less than six hours of sleep and still crush it—and all the things that make Lowell students, Lowell students.

In the years to come, you will collect many more pages to add to your pile—and you may lose some too. You will create new relationships, experience new things, and change as a person. You will encounter challenges that test your strength. You will encounter setbacks and make mistakes that make you want to give up. Don't. Because if there's one thing Lowell taught us, it's how to take notes and study. So learn from your mistakes. Take notes. Study them. You made it through the paper whirlwind of tests, challenges, and overcoming setbacks that is Lowell. You will make it through the paper whirlwind that is life.

Before my time is up here, I want to leave you with this final thought: If, at the end of your lives, all that is left to remember you by is a stack of papers in the corner of your room, what do you want those papers to say? about who you were? about how you lived? about what you accomplished? Ask yourself what those papers will be. Maybe among those papers is the one you will receive in a few moments as you walk across this stage. Maybe there'll be a college degree in there. Maybe it'll be your child's birth certificate, a stack of cash, an inventor's patent, a nobel prize, or a medal of honor. The papers don't have to be physical, either. What impact do you want to make on those around you? What legacy do you want to leave in the world? Whatever those papers end up being, remember to let go of those that make you say "never again," and keep those that make you say: This is me. This is how I want to be remembered.

I look forward to seeing the many amazing papers you will collect in the future.

Thank you.

Congratulations, everyone! My name is Pierce Nguyen, and I am honored to be speaking as your salutatorian today. I would like to thank my family, friends, teachers, mentors, and everyone who has helped me along my journey to get here.

As the year comes to a close, I've been getting a head start on my annual purge of the stack of school papers that's been accumulating in the corner of my room. Notes from my classes, homework assignments, tests and the like. I do this every year, not just because of the satisfaction it brings me—there's something therapeutic about looking at my calculus notes, dumping them in the recycling bin and saying "never again"—but also because I get to see how I changed over the course of the year. Each page in my stack is like a snapshot of who I was on a given day: a joke written down in the margin of my economics notes tells me I was feeling silly on April 12th. Illegible handwriting on my November 7th American Democracy quiz tells me I was a little too sleep deprived...you get the idea. I don't just throw away every page, though. I keep my favorite pages each year, especially those reflection do-nows that our teachers always made us write, and I get to see how I've changed over the course of high school.

The point I want to make by bringing this up is: we all have a stack of papers, in both the physical and metaphorical sense, that we've collected during our time at Lowell. Each paper represents a snapshot of who we were over these past four years, and taken together, they represent who we are today. They include our achievements, the first of which



Class of 2025 graduate Josh Hong (center), a third-generation Lowell alum, shows off his diploma while flanked by his grandfather, William Hong '56 (left), and his father, Terrence Hong '90. Thanks to the Hong family for sharing this family portrait!

IN MEMORIAM

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1934 Spring & Fall

Loe Swart Tolson* died 10/21/24

1936 Spring & Fall

Beatrice Ann Kroger Dimpfl* died 8/27/21

1937 Spring & Fall

Alma Bernadette Jordan Winters* died 2021 at the age of 101. She left us peacefully at home in her bed with the breeze blowing through her window and the sun shining brightly. A third generation San Franciscan, she took great pride in her Lowell pedigree and went on to graduate from UC Berkeley – she commuted to college via ferry boat! Alma was a lifelong educator whose early teaching assignments were in San Francisco before teaching school and tutoring in Lafayette and Walnut Creek. Her real passion was teaching special education and she loved her exceptional students. Her widely exclaimed mantra will be her lasting legacy: “I am a special education teacher. That is my superpower!” As part of her 100th birthday festivities, Alma visited Lowell where she was honored by the Lowell Alumni Association and school administrators. To her last day she talked about her return visit to Lowell and how much she appreciated the kindness and generosity she was shown. She proudly wore her Lowell sweatshirt weekly as if she were a LHS senior about to graduate!

Muriel Nuhn Weaver* died 5/3/22

Ralph Hugh Schwarz* died 4/15/21

1938 Spring & Fall

Robert Boeddiker* died 3/23/22

Gloria Greenbach Kennett* died 9/16/23

Jerome M. Lerner* died 5/29/21

1939 Spring & Fall

John Bedecarre* died 1/13/21

Grace C. Sant Fernandez* died 1/21/21

1940 Spring & Fall

Daniel F. Barreto, Jr.* died 2/10/22

Gwen Miller Kerner* died 4/24/21

Richard Niello, Sr.* died 6/4/22

Maxwell A. Myers* died 4/19/22

Howard Sullivan* died 10/13/21

1941 Spring & Fall

Margery Jean Downey Harman* died 1/21/23

John M. Greenberg* died 12/23/20

Ella Gross Driscoll* died 4/21/23

Richard “Dick” Moss Lipton* died 2/17/23

Gloria Sabbato Goss* died 2022

1942 Spring & Fall

Philip Howard Arnot, Jr.* died 4/6/21

Harriet Cook Dhanak* died 1/20/22

Edward Dressen* died 2/7/23

Majorie Ann Hauck Sproul* died 6/18/22

Donald Heyneman* died 8/2/22

Barbara Levy Greenberg* died 6/16/20

Roberta “Bobbie” Mathews Buckley* died 6/12/22

Florence Riza Bourne Baggetta* died 1/5/22

Jane Sachs Samuel* died 3/15/24

Louis Schmidt* died 12/1/21

Barbara Wax Hirsch* died 8/7/23

1943 Spring & Fall

John “Jack” Maurice Baird* died 1/4/23

Joseph “Joe” Ehrman III* died 10/22/21

Helen Kockos Hafner* died 2/1/21

Thelma Marguleas Colvin* died 3/4/21

Diane Roth Ehrman* died 9/14/22

1944 Spring & Fall

Dr. James Leong Way passed away on April 13, 2023, at age 97. In his youth he was an accomplished athlete as a shot-putter, sprinter, hurdler, ping pong player and collegiate boxer. After Lowell, he went to UC Berkeley and then earned his Ph.D. in Pharmacology at George Washington University. He was a professor of Pharmacology at Washington State University from 1967-82, then took an endowed chair in Pharmacology & Toxicology at Texas A&M for two decades until his retirement. He was an internationally renowned expert on cyanide toxicity and antagonists with over a hundred research publications to his credit. After retiring from academia, he returned to his roots in San Francisco to live his best life with his siblings, childhood friends and new friends. He loved to ballroom dance around the world, travel nationally and internationally, golf, experience new restaurants and was a season ticket holder to the ballet. He was an avid skier, fisherman, gourmet, traveler, scuba diver, racquet and handball player and golfer. He completed the Bay to Breakers race through age 75. Dr. Way is survived by his three children and six grandchildren.

Janice Beanston* died 11/1/21

Helen Dencker Osborne* died 6/26/21

Barry Livingston* died 6/27/22

Antoinette “Anne” Helen Misthos Chituras* died 1/6/24

1945 Spring & Fall

Robert Joseph Bilafer* died 11/13/24

Mary Ann Brown Tonkin* died 11/10/21

Betty Davis Mazotti* died 4/13/23

Elaine Davis Pass* died 6/28/22

Danard Harold Emanuelson* died 2022

Constance “Connie” Herman Brooding* died 7/9/22

Orly E Nolze Kelly* died 2023

Lawrence “Larry” Solomon* died 7/13/23

Gloria Adele Tyroler Horn* died 2/4/23

Nancy Wallace Page* died 12/9/24

1946 Spring & Fall

Richard “Dick” Silva passed away on July 17, 2025. He earned his Block L as a star on the Lowell baseball team and signed with the Philadelphia Phillies, but a shoulder injury ended his baseball career. Richard was awarded a Purple Heart while serving in the Korean War. He joined the SF Police Department from 1953-68, then worked as a probation officer until retiring in 1991. He was an award-winning photographer who will be remembered as a kind, intelligent, generous man with a great sense of humor. He is survived by his daughter.

Enid Aldwyth Arata Scovil* died 5/3/24

Millicent Hanson Tomkins* died 4/25/21

David Holman* died 6/10/24

Lois Isaacs Rhine* died 1/10/23

Roean Norwitt Iscoff* died 10/24/23

Delores “Del” Reinhart Lau* died 2/11/24

Anna Serezlis* died 3/12/22

1947 Spring & Fall

Nancy “Nan” Hardgrave Shelly passed away in San Jose on February 6, 2025. In her long and well-led life Nan was horse-woman, physical therapist, Religious Science minister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was an active friend, a caring counselor, a mountain lover, and a dedicated gardener. At Lowell, she served as student body Vice President before attending UC Berkeley to study physical therapy. Nan is survived by her husband, three children, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

John Bell passed away on August 9, 2025, in Oxnard, California. A proud UC Berkeley alum and member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, he was a pilot for Pan American Airlines from 1957-1990, flying various aircraft from the Boeing 377 to the 747. He retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1990 as a Colonel. He loved music and sang in the church choir at both St Francis of Assisi in Novato and Trinity Episcopal Church in Sonoma for many years as well as barbershop quartet singing with his group, Buskers. John leaves behind his wife Peggy (married more than 60 years), two children and five grandchildren.

Sanford “Sandy” Brousseau* died 8/7/21

Ruth Mary Gallaher Leijon* died 8/19/22

Barney G. Glaser* died 1/30/22

Helen Setsuko Okubo Hamasaki* died 3/1/21

Roger F. Shatz* died 2021

Edward Warren Simons* died 7/14/24

Donald Sweet* died 10/22/23

1948 Spring & Fall

Arthur Andreas died on March 25, 2025. A graduate of the University of San Francisco Law School, he operated his own firm, Walker & Andreas, for nearly 40 years. He was a longtime member of the Olympic Club, where he played many rounds of golf, and patron of the San Francisco Symphony, Opera and Ballet. He met his wife, Erika, at a performance of the S.F. Ballet at the old Alcazar Theater on O’Farrell Street in 1961, and they eloped in Reno in 1963. While he will always be remembered for his incredible wit, intelligence and vitality, his gregarious nature and his forthrightness, it is his generous heart that will be most missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, three children and two grandchildren.

Ralph Mendelson died on August 1, 2025. A graduate of the University of Minnesota and then Yale Law School, Ralph served in the military before returning to San Francisco to clerk for Chief Judge Albert Lee Stephens on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He was partner at several law firms, including Mendelson & Brown, specializing in construction and banking law. His volunteer work included service as a founding director of Berkeley’s Cal Performances; president and founding director of Music in the Vineyards in Napa Valley; 35 years as a director of the Alameda Boys and Girls Club; and president and director of the Alameda Boys Club Foundation for many more years. He is survived by his wife Melinda, two sons, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Zel Greenberg Bauer* died 5/1/22

Diana Grosso Nichols* died 9/2/23

Dr. Joanne Hope Jepson* died 12/2/22

Wallace Levin* died 2021

Carol Elaine Modlin Swillinger* died 10/12/23

Martin Sosnick* died 2/4/21

Jeanne Evelyn Susnow Sassoon* died 10/27/24

1949 Spring & Fall

Dorothy Ann Greenfeld Auerbach passed away on July 5, 2025. In 1952, she married Lowell classmate Harold “Hal” Auerbach and they were married for 72 years until Hal’s death in 2024. Dorothy and Hal raised five children while she

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had a 30-year accounting career. A life-long member of Congregation Sherith Israel, she taught in the Religious School, was active in the Sisterhood, and worked in the Temple offices. She loved the arts, especially ballet, and enjoyed classes at the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning. Dorothy is survived by three children, five grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Grant Alan Settlemier died on November 3, 2024, with his wife by his side at their San Francisco home on Marina Boulevard overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge. He attended Dartmouth College and graduated from UC Berkeley. After moving to New York City in 1960, he began a career in finance that led him to a 40-year career at Smith Barney, where he opened the firm's San Francisco office in 1965. He retired as a Senior Vice President and life member of the Presidents Club in 2003. Known affectionately as "Skipper", he joined the St. Francis Yacht Club in 1968 and is a three-time winner of the St. Francis Yacht Club Intra-Club Regatta and the winner of the 1996 Knarr Cup. He will always be remembered as the captain of Adelante 125 and Adelante 130, and his powerboats, Chico and Tango. He was an active SFYC member for 57 years and he was a Staff Commodore, having served as Commodore in 1995. He served on the Board of Directors for seven years and as Chairman of the Board in 1991. A part of his heart can always be found in the things and places he loved most — royal blue, Mariachi music, Kiahuna in Kauai, classic Cadillacs, tango dancing, the American flag and of course, the Golden Gate Bridge on the beautiful San Francisco Bay. Grant is survived by his wife, three daughters and five grandchildren.

Forrest Anderson* died 8/16/24

Harold Bertram "Hal" Auerbach* died 6/15/24

George Dewey Barron, Jr.* died 10/31/21

Joann Brye Gelardi* died 11/22/21

Donna Decker Stadtfeld* died 10/21/21

Reva Lee Futerman Riskin* died 3/23/21

Z.S. "Goldy" Goldenberg* died 10/26/23

Adrienne Nihil Kraut* died 9/21/21

Jesse Levy* died 1/28/21

Kathryn Lowy Schorr* died 2023

David Mendelsohn* died 10/21/23

James Peter Plessas* died 8/27/22

Paul Rasmussen* died 2/18/22

Joseph Rotenberg* died 6/28/24

George Voronin* died 11/6/23

Paul Woollomes* died 11/1/21

1950 Spring & Fall

Ruth Jean Allen* died 6/6/23

Andrew Tom Banis* died 7/28/21

Richard "Dick" Behrendt* died 2/25/24

Donald Henry Cheu* died 7/15/22

Rev. Warren Debenham* died 4/16/24

Lynn Devine Denman* died 3/7/22

Sigmund Freeman* died 4/10/21

Robert Cotter Keefe* died 12/4/22

Norman Kingshill* died 12/17/21

Robert "Bob" Kurtz* died 11/11/24

Carl Nobuaki Muto* died 2022

Barbara "Barb" Newman Witter* died 12/22/23

Betty Carol Trevor Davis* died 2024

Patricia World Stephens* died 1/4/22

1951 Spring & Fall

Auguste "Gus" Broucuret died February 21, 2025, in Daly City. Gus went on to study at City College of San Francisco and later joined CCSF's Horticulture department, where he taught for an incredible 50 years while simultaneously running his family business for 46 years. Through his teaching, he inspired generations of San Francisco gardeners and left a lasting impact on the community. Beyond his professional life, Gus had a deep love for the outdoors and found joy in fishing, hunting, gardening, and diving. He is survived by life partner Opal Raya, two sons, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Richard Aaron Blaustein* died 2/5/22

Robert Blumenthal* died 5/4/21

Frederick "Rick" Bradley III* died 12/31/20

Michael Golden* died 6/19/23

John W. "Jack" Hamilton* died 3/25/21

Eleanor Jacobs Coffman* died 1/11/24

Gerald Steward Levin* died 6/12/24

Marietta Parker Kahl* died 4/16/21

Francine Rose Feder* died 3/6/24

Maxine Rosenberg Schulman* died 3/28/24

Sheldon H. Wolfe* died 9/2/22

1952 Spring & Fall

Preston Cheek passed away in 2025. A native of Texas and veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he was a long-time employee of the Borden's Milk Company, where he was recognized for this dedication and safe driving record. He will be remembered for his warm spirit and his love for cooking, especially barbecuing, a cherished skill passed down from his father. The father of six children from his two marriages, he lived out his spiritual calling through his dedicated service at San Francisco's First AME Zion Church,

where his devotion touched the lives of many.

Leland "Le" Levy died from pancreatic cancer on June 10, 2025, surrounded by friends and family. A graduate of UC Berkeley and Harvard Business School, Le served on the Palo Alto city council for 12 years and was Mayor in 1985. He was a long time member of Congregation Beth Am, including serving on its board, as its president, and on its religious education committee. For over 55 years, he worked as a stockbroker and financial advisor, most recently at Wells Fargo Advisors. His special love was bicycling and celebrated his 80th birthday by biking 80 miles in one day. Le is survived by his wife, two sons and three grandchildren.

Beverly Aizenberg Konkoff* died 1/24/22

Kenneth Grover Berry* died 10/22/23

Marlene Joan Hague Marcotte* died 1/26/23

Margaret Hedtke Damir* died 4/11/24

Jerrold Jacoby* died 2/22/22

Donald Kahn* died 3/26/22

Marjorie "Margie" Kay Feder* died 8/1/22

Ronald H. Rouda* died 3/12/22

Lee Tennant* died 6/29/22

1953 Spring & Fall

Gail Garvin Berry* died 5/26/21

Lois Birnbaum Anderson* died 1/13/22

Peter Goldberg* died 2/9/22

Garrett P. Graham* died 4/7/23

John Nicholas Guirao* died 5/13/22

Frank Kenney* died 8/5/20

Sharlene Klein Wachs* died 6/1/22

Paul Rosenthal* died 2/15/21

1954 Spring & Fall

Stephan "Steve" Krieger passed away on August 22, 2025, in San Francisco. After earning his Ph.D. in Physics from UC Berkeley, Steve had a career at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle campus, including a sabbatical year at Oxford University in England. Later in life, he worked in theoretical nuclear physics at Lawrence Livermore National Lab. An avid sportsman, he was known for his love of running, biking, backpacking, tennis and Pilates, as well as water skiing and snow skiing, which he continued to do into his 70s. Steve is survived by his wife Melinda (married almost 67 years), four children, nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild and his brother, Dennis Krieger (Lowell class of 1962).

Kyra Oppermann Janssen died in Santa Rosa on August 5, 2025. From the romance of proms (SF's Lowell High School Class of '54) to a picture-perfect 1958 wedding, through successful co-parenting despite a classic 1970s Marin

divorce, to the comfort of friends-for-life phone calls in the 21st century, Kyra's relationship with Peter A. Janssen was central. She earned a BA from UC Berkeley, where she was president of the Alpha Phi house. She later added two MA degrees. She was a dedicated tennis player, reader, and music lover. Kyra was active in civic affairs, participating in organizations ranging from the Red Cross to Neighborhood Alliance; she took leadership roles in the Oaks at Fountaingrove HOA, among many others. She navigated the final phase of her life as she had others, courageously and on her own terms. She spoke often of her hope to "leave the world a better place for having been here," and she succeeded.

Charles "Chuck" Albert Pritchard left this earth on November 22, 2024. He settled in his favorite chair for a nap with his dog Sage at his feet and Frances Pritchard, his partner of 64 years, seated nearby. Chuck peacefully fell asleep in his Paso Robles home and woke up in the hands of God. Chuck played football, basketball and tennis at Lowell, then earned a B.S. in Farm Management from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He was an independent dryland grain farmer before turning his focus to the cattle business. Chuck was very involved in various farming and conservation organizations, including the California Cattleman's Association, where he was honored as the 2015 San Luis Obispo County Cattleman of the Year. Chuck's priorities were family, ranching, the San Francisco 49ers and fishing, not necessarily in that order. He is survived by his wife, four children, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Robert "Buzz" Pritchard (Lowell class of 1959).

Sonja Erla Auz Sims-Dickerson* died 1/10/21

James Lawrence "Larry" Husband* died 2/27/22

Hon. Laurence Kay* died 10/12/22

John Vannucci* died 8/21/24

1955 Spring & Fall

Stephen Jaffe, DDS, passed away earlier this year. He earned his undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley, followed by a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from UCSF Dental School in 1964. Steve was an avid tennis player and had a deep appreciation for classical music, the symphony, and the arts. He is survived by Helene Jaffe, his wife of 61 years, two children, three grandchildren and his brother Dennis (Lowell class of Spring 1961).

Dr. Jerrald R. Goldman* died 6/22/23

Robert Samuel "Robbie" Hermann* died 3/10/22

Thomas S. Levison* died 1/14/24

Kiyoshi Naito* died 5/31/23

W. Timothy "Tim" Ryan* died 2/12/24

Jeffrey B. Thomson* died 8/16/23

IN MEMORIAM

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1956 Spring & Fall

Leo R. Martinez passed away on January 12, 2025. He spent nearly his entire life in two San Francisco neighborhoods – 24th & Potrero (where he met his wife Mary) and the Excelsior district (where the couple raised their family). A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Leo enjoyed a 30-year career in the SF Fire Department with Engine 42 and Engine 43. Leo enjoyed giving of his time and energy to numerous clubs and associations, serving as past president of the San Francisco Baseball Old Timers Association, as well as of the Retired Employees of the City and County of San Francisco. Leo's faith guided him throughout his life, and he was a dedicated member of the Church of the Epiphany, actively participating in parish life and living his faith through kindness and service. He is survived by Mary, his wife of nearly 64 years, and their two children.

Hon. David Flinn* died 10/17/24

Nancy Maness Cariani* died 4/27/22

Anthony "Tony" Mathios* died 11/16/22

John Chisato Tsukamoto* died 6/29/24

1957 Spring & Fall

Larry Carlton German, beloved father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on July 18, 2025, at the age of 85. Larry built a decades-long career as an insurance agent, known for his responsibility, tidiness, and integrity. He lived a humble, organized life — generous yet frugal, punctual and a rule-follower with an unfiltered sense of humor. He loved golf, cigars, country music, and his Elks Club community. Larry was a 49ers fan who found joy in handball, his daily routines, his dog Snoopy and reminiscing about his youth in the Sunset District. He is survived by his son and two grandchildren.

John Nicholas Minjiras peacefully closed his eyes for the last time on April 25, 2025, one day after his 86th birthday, at home surrounded by his family, to whom he said beautiful, loving things before he departed this world. In December of 1958, John began a more than 66-year love affair with Shirley Lax. They wed in 1962 and celebrated their commitment by renewing their vows several times over the years, including once on stage at a performance of "A Chorus Line" in San Jose after John won a contest. His professional life included a distinguished career, spanning more than thirty years, with the United States Postal Service in San Francisco. Upon retirement, he launched a successful mobile notary business, which he actively maintained until the age of 85. John is survived by his wife, four children, three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Robert "Bob" Basso* died January 2021

AJ Laymon* died 11/16/22

Carol Magidson* died 3/21/23

Roberta Alice Manoogian Dittes* died 1/8/23

Joan Mendelson Sautter* died 5/2/24

Jean Mirjolet Wais-Sullivan* died 9/19/22

1958 Spring & Fall

Marilyn "Mimi" Marx Mindel* died 3/30/21

1959 Spring & Fall

Barbara Kossen Margolis died peacefully at her home in Hillsborough on August 8th just 28 days after her husband of 54 years, Lawrence "Larry" Margolis, passed away. Barbara wished to be remembered above all else as a caring mother and grandmother. She died a few months after being diagnosed with brain cancer. She was 83. Barbara was a huge San Francisco Giants fan and listened to Kruk and Kuip 162 times a year, or longer during the good years. She attended the 2010 World Series victory parade in downtown San Francisco. She is survived by her two children and four grandchildren.

Gary Dale* died 10/6/24

Donald Robert Meyer* died 4/18/24

Edwin "Roddy" Rosenberg* died 1/31/23

1960 Spring & Fall

Norval Welch Ayers IV* died 2/13/23

Linda Brill Rhodes* died 6/27/22

John Chamberlain* died 3/13/24

Suzanne "Suzie" Noelle Price* died 11/22/22

Michael Frederick Zelinsky* died 3/20/23

1961 Spring & Fall

Joan Catelli* died 12/27/21

Shelley Smith Casey* died 11/4/23

1962 Spring & Fall

Peter Louis Banchieri, Jr.* died 5/8/20

Donald Aaron Cherin* died 4/30/21

George Fetta* died 12/13/20

1963 Spring & Fall

Timothy "Tim" Knight McAteer died on February 12, 2025, at his home in San Francisco. At Lowell, Tim was an All-City athlete in basketball, baseball and football, later earning honors as an inductee to the SF Prep Hall of Fame alongside his beloved mother, Frances. He played football at UCLA under the legendary coach Tommy Prothro, earned All-American honors as a defensive back and was a key player in the 1966 Rose Bowl, where his team upset undefeated Michigan State. He had an uncanny ability to make everyone feel special, offering unwavering support and encouragement to those in need. Tim was happiest when helping others navigate their futures in the San Francisco he so dearly loved. His positive energy, compassion, and genuine

care for people left an indelible mark on his many friends.

Dr. Carolyn Nagase Shain died from pneumonia on January 2, 2025. A song girl at Lowell, she studied at City College of San Francisco and San Jose State University before a decade-long career at an occupational therapist at SF General Hospital. Carolyn then earned her master's in psychology from SF State and Ph.D. in behavioral neuroscience from Purdue University. Now that she is gone, we will honor her memory by doing as she did: cherishing our morning coffee, saying yes to every adventure, walking rain or shine . . . and spreading kindness with every step.

Carl "Sonny" Crawford died on May 24, 2024. Sonny had many fond memories of Lowell, including his time as a member of the football team. As a diehard San Francisco 49ers fan, he enjoyed sharing the "way back when" story of the Niners practicing on Lowell's field in the early 1960s.

Eric Albronda* died 7/7/24

Michael George Bailey (formerly Michael Maguire)* died 6/22/24

Robert Henry Beyer* died 7/9/24

John Alvin Bischoff* died 1/10/21

Paul Juul* died 6/24/21

Amy Jean Lee* died 3/16/23

Michael B. Price* died 1/24/23

John Topham* died 7/20/21

1964 Spring & Fall

Dianne Barbara Alpine Newman* died 2/3/21

Dennis Charles Casad* died 12/19/23

John Philip "Phil" Clare* died 10/22/24

Christopher Mesa* died 4/3/21

1965 Spring & Fall

Alan Mendelson* died 10/8/21

Jacquelynn "Jackie" Slattery Del Carlo* died 4/1/24

1966 Spring & Fall

Gordon Joseph Shifs died peacefully on May 28, 2025, surrounded by his beloved family. Known for his keen intellect, quick wit, and tireless work ethic, he was the proud owner of Gordon's Sporting Goods in San Francisco's Richmond district throughout the 1970s and 1980s. After enjoying ten years of retirement, beginning at age 40, he purchased Berkeley Sports near the UC campus before retiring for good in 2010. He was an avid gambler, known for his luck and skill at blackjack and craps. More than anything, Gordon was known for his extreme generosity, fierce loyalty, unwavering support, and the unconditional love he gave to those around him.

Wayne Paul Martinez passed on to the afterlife on August 2, 2025, after decades-long illnesses. At Lowell, he was an All-

City offensive guard on the football team. He was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis during his late 20s but always managed to maintain a positive attitude. Wayne enjoyed watching movies and the news. He became quite a movie buff, and he was always up to date on the news especially politics.

Richard Daquioag* died 2/27/21

1967 Spring & Fall

Sandra Brunello Marinai* died 12/14/21

Elizabeth Callan Granger* died 10/28/21

John Hom* died 2020

Carol Kazuko Kumagai* died 12/28/23

Efren Ballestar Sapiandante* died 2023

Katherine O'Dowd Alexander* died 9/17/23

Phillip Mark Wenger* died 12/18/22

1968 Spring & Fall

William "Bill" Henry Davis, Jr. passed away on August 23, 2023, at his home in Altadena, California, surrounded by his wife and three children. On the Lowell football team, Bill was a starting guard and linebacker for the Indians as they won three city championships. He was a three-year letterman and a Knight of the Gridiron. He also starred in the senior play as John Proctor in "The Crucible." Bill attended UCLA, where he earned a B.A. in Political Science and his law degree. For 26 years, Bill worked for the Los Angeles Division of the California Attorney General's Office as a criminal prosecutor handling death penalty appeals.

Dennis Dow* died 3/15/19

1969 Spring & Fall

Frederick "Fred" Dennis Hart died on June 29, 2025. Fred lived his entire life in his San Francisco childhood home. After earning his teaching credential at SF State, he became a beloved history teacher at Terra Nova High School in Pacifica. Fred taught mainly US History, World History, and Government class but taught the occasional Economics or Algebra class. His students loved him as shown by all the thank you notes and student gifts still on display in his home office. He was especially knowledgeable and enthusiastic when discussing California history as his extended family helped settle Santa Cruz, San Francisco and the surrounding areas and he had the stories (and even some photos) to prove it. Fred coached football at Terra Nova for over 20 years in various capacities (and every team photo was still on the walls) where his players, their families and the school in general respected and admired him and considered him legendary as he was part of multiple championship winning teams.

William Irwin* died 5/4/21

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John Thomas Kinney* died 3/11/21

Jeffery Scott Layne* died 12/25/23

1970 Spring & Fall

Sandra Ann Ferrero Kimball* died 4/24/21

1971 Spring & Fall

Lance Wong* died 5/8/22

Kingmond Choy Young* died 4/18/23

1972 Spring & Fall

Jon Frank Antoni* died 9/16/22

William "Bill" Dittoe* died 8/3/21

Noreen Hoffman Lupole* died 2/16/22

Kathryn Leishman* died 10/9/22

Priscilla Patacsil Gray* died 12/29/22

1974

Lois Ann Valeskie* died 5/12/21

1976

Lucy Nguyen O'Connor* died 11/2/22

Stefan Wever* died 12/27/22

1977

Beverly Eng Yee passed away peacefully on September 5, 2024, with her family at her side after a courageous battle with ALS. At Lowell, Bev was a member of Shield and Scroll, awarded the Presidential Fitness Award 12 times, participated in the Girls basketball, flag football, and track teams, and was a member of the Lowell Orchestra and Chinese clubs. Bev received her MS in Nursing from UCSF in 1988 and worked

as a Nurse Practitioner for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Palo Alto for 36 years while raising her three children. Bev enjoyed the outdoors and was able to visit 56 of our country's 63 National Parks. Her children will visit the remaining 7 parks together in her memory. Survivors include her brother, Calvin Eng (Lowell class of 1976).

1978

Lawrence Lahl* died 4/12/22

1983

Patricia "Pat" Ann Koblenz* died 4/11/24

2009

Lina Lavitsky* died 6/14/22

FACULTY

Joan Catelli* died 12/27/21; World Languages and Counseling, 1975-2005

Joseph "Joe" Ehrman III* died 10/22/21; Math and Dean of Students, 1953-83

Maud Pearson-Green* died 2/28/21; Assistant Principal, 1984-92

Milo Gwosden* died 4/20/21; Social Science, 1963-68

Alfredo Jordan* died 4/4/21; World Languages, 1978-92

Glenn Ray Nance* died 3/27/22; Art, 1965-66

Fred Romagnolo* died 5/24/22; Social Science, 1985-91

John Shankel* died 3/15/23; English department, 1989-98

Dr. Mary Frances Welsh Byrd* died 5/21/21; Science, 1964-65

Sara Trélaun, Pillar of Lowell's World Languages Department, Dies at Age 92



Sara Ofelia Ortiz Argumedo Karg Trélaun passed into eternal rest on June 12, 2025. Born in El Paso, Sari was raised in Mexico City and came to San Francisco for college. Sari graduated summa cum laude from SF State and spent a year in France as a Fulbright Scholar.

Sari had a storied 35-year career at Lowell High School (1963-98) and taught decades of students French and Spanish. Following her retirement, she completed a Master's in Italian at SF State and traveled — when she wasn't at the symphony, opera or ballet, French class, choir or piano. Sari lived.

Sari is survived by her beloved Jean-Paul, daughters Ariane and Martine and their spouses, grandson Laurent and his spouse, great granddaughter Evie, and granddaughter Elizabeth, as well as sister Martha, many relations, and legions of friends, colleagues, and former students. Sari is now reunited with daughter Carla, who was always her favorite anyway.

At Sari (and Jean-Paul)'s request, no memorial will be held. Instead, when the time comes, their ashes will be mixed and scattered in the Bay. In lieu of flowers or donations, please honor Sari's memory by using the subjunctive every time it's called

for, enjoying a See's dark chocolate California Brittle, and remembering what the fox said to The Little Prince, "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

Alumni Share Fond Memories of Madame Trélaun/Señora Trélaun

Emil Guillermo: "The French teachers at Lowell were always the most supportive in my career there. Ms. Alexander, Joan-Marie Shelly and Mrs. Trélaun. She always rewarded me for thinking in French or in creative way, even though I couldn't express myself in French. She forgave me for being a bad French speaker because she liked my ideas. That's the mark of a good teacher. So many at Lowell, but Mrs. Trélaun was special."

Susie Shoaf: "Madame Trélaun was my incredible high school French teacher at Lowell, as well as a neighbor in Eureka Valley. She was the inspiration for me to continue in French at Cal and in my work in San Francisco, France and West Africa. If you didn't do your homework, you didn't go to class. She introduced me to the Surf theatre where we saw "Les Parapluies de Cherbourg" and learned to sing the entire album, ate snails at Le Cyrano restaurant, and discovered Francoise Hardy! I loved her and send my sincere condolences to her entire family."

Miriam Zambrano: "I went to Lowell high school and had her as my Spanish 4H teacher. I changed from a German class to a Spanish class and being a bit arrogant, I started in a 4H Spanish class. I spoke Spanish, but Ms. T taught me how to read and write proper Spanish. I already spoke Spanish, but she took it to another level and I learned a ton of Spanish grammar. To this day, my Spanish writing and reading and speaking can be attributed to her talents in class as a wonderful Spanish teacher. I'll never forget the notebook that I had with the conjugation of Spanish verbs and present past tense and pluperfect. Thank you, thank you thank you. May you rest in peace."

George Ishikata '79 – A Lifetime of Service and Commitment to JROTC



Born in Chicago, George Ishikata grew up in San Francisco and joined the Lowell Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) as a cadet in 1977. He participated in Lowell's award-winning competitive Drill Platoon, spending many hours in after-school drill practice. He rose in leadership ranks to serve as a Company Commander in Lowell's battalion. George stayed on at Lowell for several years, serving as an Assistant Instructor to his mentor, Sergeant Major Mack Yoshida.

After earning his bachelor's degree from SF State, he completed his master's degree in Military Arts and Sciences at the Army Command and General Staff College. He first served in the California National Guard as a military police officer, then served as a military intelligence officer with the California Guard and U.S. Army in key positions in Washington, DC and overseas. His deployments included stints in Iraq,

Afghanistan and Kosovo before completing his military career at the Pentagon in 2015. He also served proudly for 20 years with the Civil Air Patrol.

Upon retiring from the Army, George started a second career as a JROTC instructor at Abraham Lincoln High School in San Francisco, and later assumed the role of Director of Army Instruction for the San Francisco JROTC Brigade. As a leader in the San Francisco JROTC community, George did much more than mentor cadets. He fought continually to keep JROTC in San Francisco high schools and worked tirelessly to improve the experience of JROTC cadets.

His accomplishments are numerous, including being the recipient of two Defense Superior Service Medals, the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal, as well as five Meritorious Service Medals. Other military honors include the Federal Asian/Pacific American Council Meritorious Service Award, which he received in 2006. George passed away of natural causes on December 30, 2021, in San Francisco, survived by his wife Lena, brother Chik, and many dear friends. He left a legacy among JROTC and CAP cadets who will continue to develop their own leadership identities and live up to the values of service, loyalty, and integrity that he exemplified.

Tsuneko Shimokawa Hellerstein

World Languages department 1991-98

Born in 1926 in Kyushu, Japan, Tsuneko lived in Tokyo during WWII and met her husband, a U.S. serviceman, there shortly after war ended. They moved to Ohio and started a family before moving to Denver where Tsuneko earned her Master of Fine Arts degree at Denver University. She became a well-known abstract artist and began teaching high school art and Japanese language classes.

With her second husband, Harry Hellerstein, she moved to San Francisco in the 1970s and took up ballet, eventually dancing with several Bay Area ballet companies. Her teaching career brought her to Lowell's World Languages department in 1991. Tsuneko's adventurous spirit and unwavering optimism made her a magnet for making friends. She was forever curious and constantly in motion, continuing to dance well into her 60s and then taking on yoga, tai chi and a string of seemingly endless new pursuits.



Her life philosophy was to trust in the world and its surprises, to find joy in the journey, and to pursue what makes you happy. Tsuneko's life is a testament to the beauty of forging one's own path while embracing the wisdom and kindness of others. Ms. Hellerstein passed away in San Francisco on September 6, 2024.

Jerilyn “Jeri” Jank – Legendary Lowell Gymnastics Coach, Athletic Director and Role Model

With great sadness, the Lowell Alumni Association announces that Ms. Jerilyn “Jeri” Jank, Lowell gymnastics coach and faculty member from 1971-2008, passed away suddenly on December 31, 2024. Ms. Jank led her Lowell squad to 19 consecutive All-City gymnastics championships, beginning with her very first year coaching the program (despite never having competed in gymnastics herself!). Her service to Lowell included a stint as Athletic Director. She was inducted into the SF Prep Hall of Fame in 2015, surrounded by dozens of her Lowell gymnasts.

“My philosophy was, ‘Learn one, do one, teach one,’” said Jank. “My girls, after they had learned a routine, they had to teach it to the new girls coming in. I think that really helped them get better because they were reminded, ‘Oh, I have to tell her to keep her arms straight; well, I need to keep my arms straight.’”

A tremendously talented athlete, Ms. Jank had the misfortune of growing up before the proliferation of sports opportunities for young women. During her high school and college years, cheerleading was her only option. But she fought fiercely to expand opportunities for young women at Lowell and was remembered by Lowell Athletic



Jerilyn “Jeri” Jank

Director Rob Ray as being a forceful advocate for all Lowell athletes.

Jeri’s beloved son, Tyler, hosted a magnificent celebration of life at the Peacock Gap Clubhouse earlier this year that was packed with Jeri’s friends, colleagues, neighbors and a huge number of Lowell gymnastics alums who shared heartfelt anecdotes of how Ms. Jank shaped their lives.



Ms. Jank celebrates her SF Prep Hall of Fame induction with some of her gymnasts in 2015.

A sampling of online tributes to Ms. Jank

Garley Leon '94: “This makes me incredibly sad. She let me onto her gymnastics team without any prior experience and introduced me to her jazz/dance class. She really helped shape my high school years and her inclusivity boosted my self-confidence. She will be missed. RIP, Ms. Jank.”

Miriam Tano Antiporda '95: “Saddened to hear of her passing, I was one of her repeat dance students and her studio was like my second registry. (I sprained my ankle during one of her classes and she pushed me in a wheelchair all the way up the little hill from the studio to the main office!) I am so very thankful for everything I learned from her and for the space she provided as a creative refuge.”

Orpheus Crutchfield '85: “Ms. Jank was our Reg. Teacher (8514). She was hilarious. They were pivotal times for her; it was when

she decided to have Tyler, so we went through her pregnancy together. Amazing. Always cool and flexible.

Stacy Gee '11: “Ms. Jank’s family, please know how inspirational and influential Ms. Jank has been to so many of us at Lowell. I was lucky to know Coach Jank as a freshman on the gymnastics team; it was her last year before retiring. She really made me feel confident and was so kind to a shy newbie to the team. I remember after one competition, I was the last girl waiting for my parent to pick me up. Ms. Jank let me sit in her warm car and waited until I was picked up. We talked a bit about school and family, but my main takeaway was Ms. Jank’s spunk, and her enthusiasm getting to know me. I looked forward to gymnastics as a safe haven she created for us in an otherwise stressful environment. I will miss her, and I will always remember her.”



Just a few of the many Lowell gymnastics alums who gathered for Ms. Jank’s celebration of life on January 25, 2025, at San Rafael’s Peacock Gap Clubhouse.

Miss Jank

By Doreen Louie Aubel '82

*Miss Jank was a legend, I'm not gonna lie
It started in '74, at San Francisco's Lowell High*

*She coached gymnastics there, for 34 years
26 All-City Championships, way more than her male peers!*

*The team put up the gym, and broke it down every day
And Miss Jank coached us, for some very low pay*

*When we begged her to stay later, she didn't ask why
She reluctantly agreed, and allowed us to fly*

*A special thing she did, that made us all proud
Whenever we got a new skill, she whistled out loud*

*She coached us to be strong, to push through the strife
We didn't realize it then, but she was teaching us life*

*There were other things too, like uneven bars and beam
And how to work together, what it meant to be a team*

*And that bond with our teammates, never really ends
Sitting together today, are some life-long friends*

*“Learn one, do one, teach one”, she would say
The lessons she taught, I remember to this day*

*It didn't really matter, if you slipped and took a fall
What mattered most, was you got up and stood tall*

*“We often win”, she said once or twice
So to the other teams, “you'd better be nice”*

*So when we came out on top, as was so often the case
It was important to her, that we won with grace*

*“Don't you dare question a judge, or whine about your score”
She was teaching us gymnastics, but really- it was much more*

*We will all miss her, and it is okay to be sad
Everyone here today, knows the impact she had*

*After she retired, she made the Hall of Fame
I loved her so much, my own daughter bears her name*

*She received many accolades, many awards she won
But the thing she was most proud of, was Tyler - her son*

She will live on . . . forever in him

And in every person, that ever stepped into her gym

Miss Jank will be remembered, but not for banners on the wall

We were blessed to know her, and she was loved by all

Magnificent Donated Sculpture To Grace The Lowell Campus

Some twenty or so years ago, Lowell alum Ron Chapman '52 and his wife Nanette Figel Chapman '53 commissioned a special sculpture to adorn the pool at their Woodside home. Standing nearly eight feet tall and fashioned from aluminum, “The Diver” is the work of artist James Moore, who is also responsible for public art that can be found on the campus of Foothill College in Los Altos Hills as well as in Palo Alto and Cupertino.

After the Chapmans passed away, their son Doug sought a new home for “The Diver” and

happened to mention it to Leland “Le” Levy, one of Ron Chapman’s Lowell classmates. Le helped facilitate the donation of this tremendous artwork to the LAA, which then arranged to have “The Diver” moved from Woodside to Lowell.

Plans are in the work to determine the best location on campus for this sculpture. (Yes, many alums have suggested it be placed next to the mythical fourth floor swimming pool.) For now, we thank Doug Chapman and his family for this beautiful gift and look forward to its formal introduction to the Lowell community. Perhaps “The Diver” will inspire Lowell students to muster the courage to jump into the deep end of the pool of life.



Coach Andy Leong '80 and MLB Veteran Kevin Jordan '87 Honored as Newest SF Prep Hall of Fame Inductees

Two more distinguished Lowell alumni joined the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame at ceremonies held June 14, 2025, at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. Prep Hall of Fame President Marc Christensen (Lowell class of 1964) presided over a festive and energetic luncheon honoring five deserving inductees.

Andy Leong '80 was selected for his long (and continuing) service as a coach at Lowell and Washington High Schools. He began 40 years ago as a walk on (non-faculty) assistant Lowell girls varsity basketball coach under the late James Thomas. Over the course of 18 years, the teams he helped coach won 7 city championships. For the past 16 years, he has served as an assistant to coach Sharon Cheng at Washington HS, winning two city championships.

But Andy is best known as perhaps the best cross-country and track and field coach the city has ever known. In 35 seasons at Lowell (33 of those years as head coach), his Lowell track teams won 33 girls varsity titles, 23 boys varsity titles, 28 boys frosh/soph titles and 16 girls frosh/soph titles — a combined 100 AAA/CIF San Francisco Section championships!

Over his 20 seasons as head coach of the Lowell cross-country team, he's racked up 19 girls varsity titles, 17 boys varsity titles, 14 boys frosh/soph titles and 5 girls/frosh soph titles. At the Cross-Country state meet, Andy's girls team has finished as the best Division I Northern California team three times, including the fastest team in SF Section history (1996) and the first team from Northern California to finish in the top five state-wide (1999), which earned him Coach of the Year honors from the California Coaches Association.

Kevin Jordan '87 took a very different route to earning his place in the SF Prep Hall of Fame. His baseball career began on the playgrounds of San Francisco and took him all the way to the major leagues. Along the way, he set records for nearly every team he played for as well as multiple league records. As a two-time All-City player at Lowell and AAA MVP in 1987, he helped Lowell win the 1987 AAA Championship. During the summer of 1986, he led the Sapunar Realty team to the state Joe DiMaggio championship and earned state MVP honors. In college, he set various team records at Canada



Kevin and Cathy Mostasisa Jordan '88

College (most hits and doubles; highest batting average) and was named MVP as his team won the Coast Conference championship and earned All-American honors. His success continued at the University of Nebraska: first team, Big 8 Conference; and third team, All-American.

Drafted by the New York Yankees in 1990, Kevin began a 16-year professional baseball career, including seven seasons with the Philadelphia Phillies (1995 to 2001). Over the 142-year history of the Phillies, Kevin ranks in the All-time top 5 for pinch hitting appearances, pinch hit RBIs and pinch-hit home runs.

Kevin is married to Cathy Mostasisa Jordan, from the Lowell class of 1988, and they live in Belmont.

An all-star player throughout a record setting baseball career that began on the playgrounds of San Francisco and ended in the Major Leagues! Along the way Kevin set records for nearly every team he played for, along with multiple league records along his journey to the major leagues.

Kevin was a two time All City player at Lowell and was the AAA MVP in 1987 as he helped Lowell win the 1987 AAA Championship. During the summer of 1986, Kevin led Sapunar Realty of the City to the State Joe DiMaggio Championship and was named the State Tournament MVP. After graduation he played for two seasons at Canada College. In 1989, he was the MVP

on the Coast Conference Champions and was named an All American while setting single season records for most hits, doubles, and batting average. He was drafted by the Dodgers in the 10th Round. Kevin deferred the draft option and accepted a full scholarship to Nebraska, where he earned 1st team Big 8 Conference and was selected a 3rd team All American. Kevin was a 20th Round Selection of the Yankees in 1990 and began a 16 year career in professional baseball, which included 7 years in the Major Leagues with the Philadelphia Phillies. While with the Phillies, Kevin placed among the top 5 All Time in Pinch Hits and Pinch Hit Home Runs. After his playing career ended, Kevin served 6 seasons as a Phillies Player Development Coach. In 2017, he was a coach for Australia in the World Baseball Classic. Kevin has stayed close to the game by teaching hitting, KJ Hitting @ The Cage, in Belmont.

Andy started 40 years ago as a walk on coach. He began as an assistant basketball coach and has spent 18 seasons at Lowell where he helped Prep Hall of Famer James Thomas to 7 varsity championships. For the past 16 seasons he's assisted Sharon Cheng at Washington, winning 2 championships. As Lowell's track coach for 35 seasons, 33 as head coach, he's won 33 girls varsity titles, 23

boys varsity titles, 28 boys frosh/soph titles, and 16 girls frosh/soph titles for a total of 100 AAA/CIF SF Section championships. As Lowell's cross country coach, 20 seasons as head coach, he's won 19 girls varsity titles, 17 boys varsity titles, 14 boys frosh/soph titles, and 5 girls frosh/soph titles totaling of 55 AAA/CIF SF Section championships. Andy's combined Track and Cross Country squads are undefeated at their respective All City meets when points of all divisions are totaled. At the Cross Country State Meet, his Lowell girls team has finished three times as the best team in Northern California in SF Section history (1996) and the first team from Northern California to finish in the top five (1999), which earned him California Coaches Association Coach of the Year honors. Andy has had six top ten team finishes (five girls, one boys) and has coached four of the five SF Section state meet medalists as well as the fastest boy's team. At the track state meet, Andy has coached eight finalists with four medalists and 10 top ten finishers. He has also had four national top ten Girls Distance Medley relay teams, a number one nationally ranked runner, and the first high school team from San Francisco to participate at the Penn Relays in 1994 and medal winners in 1997.



SF Prep Hall of Fame inductee Andy Leong '80 (holding plaque) with three of his former teachers from Everett Middle School. From left: Jan Hudson, Andy's 7th grade teacher and mentor; Jackie Delfino '65, who ran with Andy at Everett, took him on his first run around Lake Merced and chaperoned many track team trips as a member of the Lowell faculty from 1978-2006; and Dennis Norton, Andy's baseball and track coach at Everett (and a member of the Lowell faculty from 1990-92).

Lowell Tennis Courts Benefit from Unique Partnerships

For the first time in decades, the Lowell tennis courts have been completely and professionally restored, thanks to \$750,000 from San Franciscans for Sports and Recreation (SFSR), a volunteer-led non-profit organization that has been renovating public tennis courts throughout the city. What is truly unique about the Lowell project is that SFSR developed a plan to generate ongoing fund-

ing to maintain and, eventually, resurface the courts again on a regular cycle. In conjunction with the US Tennis Association, the Friends of Lowell Tennis organization has been created to offer paid online court reservations on the Lowell courts on weekends and during school holidays and vacations. (Lowell students have exclusive use of the courts on school days.) Special keypad-controlled gates

limit court access to paid reservation holders. But San Francisco residents who are 18 or younger and SFUSD employees are granted free playing time.

To celebrate the grand opening of the restored Lowell tennis courts, SF Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maria Su helped cut the ribbon along with a legion of Lowell tennis players and representatives of

SFSR, USTA and Friends of Lowell Tennis. Special thanks to Seth Socolow and everyone at SFSR, Lowell tennis coach Bryan Lee and Lowell PE department head Terence Doherty for making this transformative project possible. To learn more about this unique partnership and reserve court time, please visit: [https://playtennis.usta.com/friendsof lowelltennis](https://playtennis.usta.com/friendsoflowelltennis).



SF Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maria Su and Seth Socolow from San Franciscans for Sports & Recreation cut the ribbon to open the renovated Lowell tennis courts.



2025-26 EVENTS CALENDAR

Concerts & Theater

Carol Channing Theater

Friday, October 17 – Band Concert at 7pm

Thursday, October 23 through Saturday, October 25, 7pm

“Rope” by Patrick Hamilton
(later adapted for the famous Alfred Hitchcock film)

Friday, November 14 – Orchestra Concert at 7pm

Friday, December 5 – Dance Concert at 6pm

Friday, December 12 – Choir Concert at 7pm

Friday, January 30 – Jazz Pops Concert (time TBA)

Thursday, March 19 through Sunday, March 22

Spring Musical (title TBA)

Thursday to Saturday, 7pm; Sunday, 2pm

Friday, April 10 – Band Concert at 7pm

Friday, April 17 – Orchestra Concert at 7pm

Friday & Saturday, April 24 & 25 – Dance Concerts at 7pm

Saturday, May 1 – Choir Concert at 7pm

Complete campus events calendar at www.lowell.sfusd.edu

Fall Sports Highlights

Friday, October 24 –

Girls Varsity Tennis All-City Championship

Goldman Tennis Center, GG Park at 3:15pm

Monday, October 27 – Girls Varsity Golf Championship

Fleming Golf Course at 9am

Wednesday, November 5 – Girls Varsity/

JV Volleyball Championship

Site TBA; JV at 5pm; Varsity at 7pm

Wednesday, November 19 – Cross-Country All-City Meet

Polo Fields, GGP at 1pm

Thursday, November 27 – Football Championships

Kezar Stadium, GGP

Girls Flag Football at 9:30am

Varsity Football at 11:30am

Saturday, December 13 – Sprit Squad All-City Tournament

Washington HS at 1pm

Complete sports schedules/results at www.cifsf.org

Girls Soccer Team Soars To State Championship

It was truly a season to remember forever for the Lowell Girls Varsity Soccer team. After finishing league play with a 12-0 record (including 9 shutouts), they earned the #1 seed in the CIF NorCal Division V championship bracket. In the playoffs, they first bested Hamilton HS (Glenn county), 7-1; then blanked Live Oak HS (Morgan Hill), 5-0; before edging Ripon Christian School (San Joaquin county), 1-0, for the CIF NorCal Division V championship, with all three wins taking place on home turf at Lowell.

With an overall season record of 18-2-0, this team exemplified the grit, skill, and sportsmanship that has defined Lowell's athletic programs. Honored with recognitions from Assemblymember Stefani and the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club (SFIAC), the 2024-25 squad not only secured a place among the region's top competitors but also built on the foundation laid by generations of athletes before them. Their success is a testament to the strength of the girls soccer program and the enduring spirit of Lowell athletics.

The team graduated four outstanding seniors: Zoe Ivatt, our season's playmaker of the year; Ruby Jasmine, recognized for outstanding sportsmanship; Naomi Mendez, co-captain and our season's top scorer; and Arianna Chang, co-captain, recognized for outstanding sportsmanship. The SFIAC



In recognition of their outstanding season, the players were given the opportunity to design their championship rings, paid for by the Lowell Sports Foundation. This lasting symbol of their hard work and triumph ensures that the memory of this remarkable season will be cherished for years to come.

honored Zoe Ivatt and Naomi Mendez as Athletes of the Year.

The team shares this great achievement with their dedicated coaching staff: Torie Palmer, Lowell HS English Teacher and first-year Assistant Coach, will be returning for the 2025-26 season; Eugene Vrana, Assistant Coach, celebrated 20 years of coaching Lowell Soccer and was recognized as a 2024-25 CIF State Model Coach; and Head Coach Cheryl Fong, Lowell HS Head Counselor and Lowell Class of 2007 alumna, named Coach of the Year by both the SFIAC and AAA/CIF-San Francisco and nominated as the 2024-25 NFHS Coach of the Year for the San Francisco Section.

Congratulations, Cardinals!

LAA Development Committee Seeks Your Involvement

Under the leadership of Christine Linnenbach '89, LAA Vice President for Planning & Development, our newly-energized Development Committee is launching various initiatives to improve alumni engagement as described below. We invite all interested alums to participate!

Are You a Cal or Stanford Football Fan?

Which side of "The Big Game" do you cheer for: Cal or Stanford? Do your fall Saturdays involve Memorial Stadium or Stanford Stadium?

Let's bring Lowell alumni together informally before select Cal or Stanford home matchups. If you'd like to help organize casual pre-game meet-ups or mini reunions, please contact us at development@lowellalumni.org.

We hope to plan a fall Big Game Event in 2026.

Bring your school spirit and help strengthen our Lowell network!

Reunion Season & The Power of Oral Histories

As we enter fall 2025, reunion season isn't just about nostalgia—it's about legacy. Reunions offer a chance to reconnect, rekindle old friendships, and re-engage alumni energies toward our mission. More importantly, these gatherings fuel the Class Gift, contributions that directly impact Lowell's students.

As we ramp up to Lowell's 175th Anniversary in 2031, the LAA is organizing our reunion and class captains to help spearhead our online digital directory and help us to collect class stories and memories.

This year, we're launching a special initiative: we're asking each class to record oral histories. We want your stories, your recollections of teachers, campus traditions, and defining moments. These will form a living archive, thus ensuring future generations hear about Lowell as we experienced it.

Calling on all Reunion Captains: you are essential. Please help coordinate these recordings and archive submissions. If you're interested in making history come alive, reach out to Elizabeth Murphy, Alumni Development Committee at development@lowellalumni.org.

Lowell's 175th Anniversary: Join the Planning Committee!

With our 175th anniversary on the horizon, the Alumni Development Committee is forming an ad hoc planning group to begin shaping celebrations. Your ideas—from events and memorabilia to fundraising and legacy projects—are essential.

To volunteer, email the LAA's Development Committee at development@lowellalumni.org with "175th Committee" in the subject line. Be part of this historic milestone.

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