



LOWELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hi Fellow Lowell Alumni!

It is my honor to introduce myself as the new President of the Lowell Alumni Association Board of Directors, representing the Class of 1973.

At the recent Lowell Scholarship Reception, I was deeply moved by a common theme expressed by many of our students: the profound impact of the encouragement, mentorship, and support they received from fellow students, teachers, and staff throughout their high school years. Their stories served as a powerful reminder

that the Lowell experience does not end at graduation. Rather, it evolves into a lifelong connection—a community of alumni bound by shared experiences, traditions, and a commitment to one another. The Lowell family is one that endures across generations.

As President, I am committed not only to supporting our current students and strengthening our school, but also to fostering deeper connections among alumni and inspiring engagement with the next generation of graduates. To help guide this work, the Alumni Association has embarked on a strategic planning process

to define our vision, goals, and priorities for the next one, five, and ten years. A key part of this effort is listening to and learning from alumni throughout our community, including those who are not currently serving on the Board of Directors.

I encourage every alumnus to find a way to get involved. Service to Lowell extends far beyond elected board positions. Whether through one of our committees, mentorship opportunities, special events, or volunteer initiatives, there are many meaningful ways to support our students and fellow alumni. We welcome your ideas, your talents, and your participation as we work together to strengthen and celebrate the Lowell community for years to come.



I look forward to reconnecting with many of you and building an even stronger Lowell network together.

With warm regards,
Quincy Yu

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Lowell Alumni,

As I reflect on my first six months as Executive Director of the Lowell Alumni Association, I am filled with gratitude, excitement, and an even deeper appreciation for this incredible community.

Stepping into this role has been both an honor and a privilege. Like many of you, my connection to Lowell extends far beyond my years as a student. As a proud member of the Class of 1988, I've always understood

that Lowell is more than a school, it is a place that provides endless possibilities. For many of us, it has been instrumental in helping us achieve the American dream.

Before looking ahead, I want to recognize someone whose leadership shaped this Association for more than three decades.

After 30+ years of dedicated service, Terry Abad, “Mr. Lowell,” made the decision to retire as Executive Director, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy. Before his Executive Director role, Terry also served as an LAA board member. His unwavering commitment to Lowell helped build one of the strongest alumni associations in the country. Terry’s vision and dedication helped transform the Lowell Alumni Association into the thriving organization it is today, one that continues to support students, engage alumni, and strengthen lifelong connections within the Lowell community. On behalf of our Board of Directors and the entire Lowell community,

thank you, Terry, for your remarkable leadership, mentorship, and steadfast dedication. I am especially grateful for the generous time Terry devoted to ensuring a smooth transition and for sharing the extraordinary depth of institutional knowledge, history, and relationships he cultivated over more than three decades of dedicated service. His mentorship has been an invaluable gift that I will treasure.

Over the past six months, my focus has been listening, learning, and building relationships. I’ve had the privilege of meeting alumni, volunteers, donors, school leaders, and dedicated Board and committee members, each of whom has shared a deep passion for Lowell and its future. I’ve also witnessed the extraordinary generosity of our alumni, through scholarships, grants, reunions, and countless volunteer hours. Each experience has reinforced what makes Lowell so special: a community committed to the success of the next generation.

As we begin shaping our strategic vision leading up to Lowell’s 175th Anniversary in

2031, we have an exciting opportunity to build on that legacy. Our focus is not only on preserving the traditions that have made Lowell exceptional, but also on ensuring the Association continues to reflect the excellence of the school itself, creating new ways to connect alumni, support students, and provide lifelong value from high school through college, career, and beyond. By embracing innovation while honoring our history, we can position the Lowell Alumni Association to serve future generations of Cardinals for decades to come.

None of this is possible without you.

Thank you for welcoming me into this role with such kindness and encouragement. I am excited for all that we will accomplish together and look forward to meeting many more of you in the months and years ahead.

With gratitude,
Cathy Jordan ‘88
Executive Director, LAA

CARDINALS MAKE HISTORY: GIRLS SOCCER WINS FIRST-EVER STATE TITLE

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This spring, our girls varsity soccer team did something no Lowell team had ever done, and no San Francisco school in their division had ever done either.

The Cardinals won the inaugural CIF State Division V Championship in girls’ soccer, defeating Southern California champion Coastal Academy in the final at Natomas High School in Sacramento. With that win, Lowell became the first San Francisco school to reach and win the CIF State tournament in the division. A first for the team, a first for the school, and a first for the city.

The run to the title was every bit as memorable as the finish. The Cardinals battled past Oakland Tech in a 1-0 overtime thriller, then shut out Ripon Christian 3-0 in the semifinals at home, with the hill packed and the sidelines loud. By the time they reached Sacramento, this was a team playing its best soccer of the season.

Leading them was head coach Cheryl Fong, herself a Lowell alum, which makes the achievement all the more meaningful to our community. Cardinals coaching Cardinals, lifting one generation up the next.

The wider city took notice too. On April 28, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors formally honored the team, recognizing the players and coaches for their athletic excellence,

dedication, and sportsmanship.

To the players, the coaching staff, and everyone who made the trip to Sacramento or cheered from the city: congratulations. This one goes in the record books, and it will be remembered for a long time to come.

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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: THE 2026 LOWELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Every year, the Lowell Alumni Association (LAA) has the distinct privilege of supporting the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers as they graduate from Lowell High School. This year was no exception.

On Wed May 27th, the LAA awarded over 100 scholarships to exceptional Lowell students, representing a historic collective investment of \$400,000 in the future of our community. The ceremony took place in Lowell's courtyard, and included students and their families, distinguished faculty and staff, and members of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors.

We are incredibly proud of this year's

winners, a remarkable group of seniors whose collective accomplishments are nothing short of inspiring. Among this year's recipients are outstanding student leaders, exceptional young women breaking boundaries, and brilliant minds recognized for their achievements in advanced mathematics and the sciences. The cohort also shines brightly beyond the classroom, featuring gifted artists, forensics competitors, student journalists, and dedicated student-athletes who have excelled across track and field, basketball, baseball, and other athletics. Remarkably, many of these awardees achieved this pinnacle of academic and extracurricular success while navigating significant personal and socioeconomic hardships,

demonstrating a profound resilience that embodies the true spirit of Lowell.

Impact of this magnitude is a testament to the strength of our entire network. The LAA extends its deepest gratitude to our visionary donors, whose enduring generosity funds these opportunities year after year. We also recognize the incredible efforts of the LAA Scholarships Committee. These dedicated volunteers spent countless hours meticulously reviewing applications, evaluating records, and conducting thoughtful interviews to select this year's remarkable group.

To the extraordinary scholarship winners of the Class of 2026: congratulations!

Your hard work, leadership, and diverse contributions have left an indelible mark on the Lowell community. As you take your next steps into higher education and embark on your next adventures, the entire alumni community stands proudly behind you, wishing you boundless success. For our alumni, seeing the caliber of these seniors serves as a powerful reminder of why the LAA's work remains so vital. We invite you to stay connected and get involved. By contributing to future scholarship funds or volunteering your time, you help ensure that Lowell continues to foster excellence and opportunity for generations to come.



UPCOMING REUNIONS

Class of Spring '66 Reunion

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2026
Time: 12pm - 4pm
Location: Lake Merced Boathouse (1 Harding Road)
Join us for an informal get together at The Boathouse.
Tickets on Sale Now!

Class of Fall '66 & Spring '67 60th Reunion

Date: Saturday, May 22, 2027
Time: 11am - 4pm
Location: Lake Merced Golf Club
200 Junipero Serra Blvd.
Daly City, CA 94015
More info coming soon!

Class of '72 & '73 Reunion

Date: Friday, June 9 - Sunday, June 11, 2028
TBD Time, TBD Location - More info coming soon!

Class of '76 Reunion

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026
Time: 4pm - 8pm
Location: SF Italian Athletic Club
1630 Stockton Street, SF
Tickets on Sale Now!

Class of '86 Reunion

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Location: Harding Park Golf Course
Price: \$100 until 8/31, \$130 after 9/1, \$150 at the door
SPACE IS LIMITED SO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!
<https://lowellalumni.networkforgood.com/events/98636-class-of-1986-40-year-reunion>

Additional information can be found on the Class of '86 Facebook page.

Class of '06 Reunion

Date: Friday, September 4, 2026, 4pm - 5pm
Location: Lowell High School Tour
Date: Saturday, September 5, 2026, 9:30am - 12:30pm
Family Play Date @ Diamond Heights Playground (George Christopher)

Date: Saturday, September 5, 2026
Time: 7pm - 10pm
Location: Zoe (579 Howard Street, San Francisco)
Price: \$80 until 8/21, \$90 until 8/28, \$100 after 8/28

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
Contact: lowell06reunion@gmail.com

Reunions & Events:



GRANTS PROGRAM DELIVERS \$250,000 TO LOWELL STUDENTS AND FACULTY

The Lowell Alumni Association's Grants Program is one of the most direct ways alumni generosity shows up in the lives of current students, and the 2025-2026 academic year may be its most impactful yet.

This year, that commitment translated into approximately \$250,000 in grants to more than 50 recipients across the school. The breadth of support reflects how much the LAA invests in Lowell life: academic departments, athletic teams, performing arts ensembles, student clubs, and Junior and Senior Class events all received funding. So did programs that quietly serve students who need it most: Peer Mentoring, Wellness, AVID, and AP Exam fee subsidies for students with financial need. Faculty support was included as well, covering professional development and substitute costs so teachers can chaperone field trips without leaving classrooms understaffed.

That scope matters more than ever. Budget

cuts and inflation have driven a significant increase in both the number of grant requests and the amounts needed, as school site budgets that once covered these costs have shrunk. The LAA has stepped in to fill that gap, and a growing portion of grants now go toward Access and Opportunity support, helping students participate in activities they might otherwise have to sit out.

As Grants Committee Chairman Mike Ugawa '76 puts it, "The need for the LAA's financial support is expected to continue to increase as we move forward. I am grateful for the generosity of our alumni whose donations make our Grants Program possible."

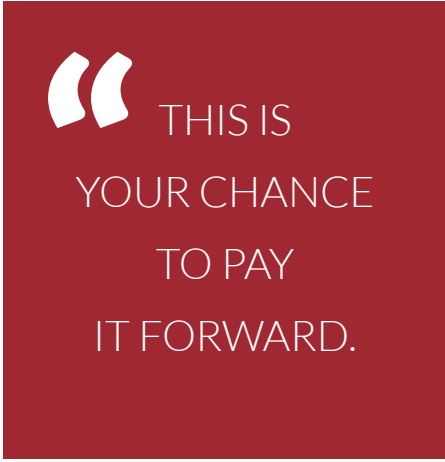
If there's a Lowell program or team that shaped your experience, this is your chance to pay it forward. Contact the Grants Committee at grants@lowellalumni.org, and they'll follow up with you personally.



Chinatown History & Art Tour



Showcase at SFMOMA



Lowell Orchestra at Carnegie Hall



Lowell Choir at Riverside Church in NYC

WELCOME NEW LAA BOARD MEMBERS



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Video Game Industry Consultant
Director of Communications and Scholarship Committee



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Strategic Planning (task force), Development Committee, Scholarship Committee



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Innovation and Development and Planning Committee



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Chief Sustainability Executive
Grants Committee

COMMENCEMENT 2026

On a crisp June morning under clear skies, the Lowell High School Class of 2026 celebrated Commencement Exercises surrounded by proud family members, friends, faculty, alumni, and supporters. The ceremony marked the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and achievement.

This year's graduating class leaves Lowell with an impressive record of academic accomplishment, artistic achievement, athletic success, and community service. Principal Jan Bautista offered heartfelt remarks reflecting on the students' journey and the resilience they demonstrated throughout their high school years. San Francisco Board of Education Commissioner Supriya Ray was also in attendance to help celebrate the accomplishments of the graduating class.

Student speakers reflected on the challenges and rewards of their time at Lowell, sharing stories about academic pressures, the experience of Try Harder!, and the friendships and memories they will carry with them long after graduation. Throughout their time at Lowell, these students demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and a commitment to excellence, embracing the opportunities and challenges that define the Lowell experience.

Continuing a cherished tradition that began during Lowell's Sesquicentennial celebration in 2006, alumni celebrating

milestone reunions from the Classes of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, and 2016 joined the commencement procession in academic regalia. Their participation served as a powerful reminder that graduation is not



an ending, but the beginning of a lifelong connection to the Lowell community. Walking alongside the newest graduates, these alumni demonstrated the enduring bonds that unite generations of Lowell students.



The Lowell Alumni Association was honored to participate in this special occasion and celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2026. As these graduates embark on the next chapter of their journeys—whether in college, careers, military service, or other pursuits—they do so as the newest members of Lowell's global alumni family.

Congratulations, Class of 2026! We are proud of all you have accomplished and look forward to following your successes in the years ahead.

CLASS OF 1956 ALUMNA – Joyce Richards Ferroggiaro is coming in from Oregon to participate and commemorate the 70th anniversary of her Lowell graduation (as part of the Centennial Class of 1956, since that's when Lowell marked its 100th anniversary).

CLASS OF 1976 ALUM – Rick Roses wasn't able to participate in commencement in 1976 because he graduated early and

enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps to help support his mother. After serving four years in the Marines, the G.I. Bill made it possible for Rick to attend City College of San Francisco and then UC Berkeley, where he earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. The U.S. government later sent Rick to the National Defense University where he received his M.S. in National Resource Strategy with a concentration on Information and Cyberspace. Rick worked at NASA, DoD, various local engineering consulting firms, and retired from the U.S. Department of Energy at the Livermore National Laboratory. Lowell Math, Physics, and Science courses were the foundation for his engineering career.



ON THE ROAD TO LOWELL'S 175TH

By Christine A. Linnenbach, Vice President, Development & Planning
On behalf of the Development Committee and the Board of Directors

For more than a century and a half, Lowell has been the place where the ambitions of ordinary young people were tested, sharpened, and set loose upon the world. For so many of us, admission to Lowell was the first door to open onto a wider life. What Lowell gives to us, it gives to the city and the nation in turn: physicians and physicists, jurists and artists, teachers, founders, and public servants who carried this school's discipline into every corner of American life.

Stewarding Lowell's legacy has been one of the privileges of my life, and it's an honor to serve as your Vice President of Development as we ramp up our work in earnest. On behalf of the LAA Development effort, I invite you to take part.

Four Ways to Move the Association Forward

Share your contact information, so we can reach you, welcome you into our forthcoming Alumni Directory, and keep you informed of what lies ahead.

Make a gift to our Annual Fund, opening July 1, and join the alumni who sustain this school year after year.

Get involved as a volunteer, a regional leader, or a member of one of our growing chapters.

Come home for our Second Annual Homecoming on October 10th, and reconnect with the school and the teachers who shaped you.

SHARE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

There's one simple thing every alum can do today, and it costs nothing: make certain we can reach you. Current contact information opens the door to everything membership offers, from mentorship to an invitation to every event on the road to 2031. It also spares the LAA the expense of tracking you down, so more of every dollar reaches our students. You decide how often you hear from us, and you can change that anytime.

MAKE A GIFT

Your Board of Directors serves without pay, giving our hours gladly. But time alone cannot carry the LAA; it must be matched by the generosity of those able to give in other ways.

Our Annual Fund opens July 1, and a gift of any size is a vote of confidence in today's students. For those wishing to leave something more enduring, I'd be honored to discuss remembering Lowell in your estate plans.

GET INVOLVED

We intend to enrich the donor experience with gatherings created to thank you and draw you nearer to the school and to one another. We're also extending the Lowell family through new chapters in Silicon Valley, Southern California, and the East Coast. If you'd help lead or connect members in any of these regions, please come forward.

COME HOME

The Second Annual Homecoming, October 10! Join us for a day of tours, fellowship, and the chance to see your generosity at work on campus. This year we'll honor Terry Abad for 33 years of devoted service, and welcome back the faculty who taught us. If a teacher altered your life's course, come tell them so. Can't join us? Write with your memory of that teacher, so we can gather these tributes for our 175th celebration in 2031.

I want to hear from you, not as donors only, but as partners. Write to me directly at christinelinnenbach@lowellalumni.org and tell me what you'd have the Development Committee take up. This Association belongs to all of us, and the road to 175 runs through every one of us.

In service to Lowell, Christine A. Linnenbach Vice President, Development & Planning Lowell High School Alumni Association.

Share your contact info:



LAA Event Calendar:



Since 2010, Lowell alumni and friends have provided more than two million dollars in scholarships and grants: not merely a figure, but a chain of hands, each generation reaching back to lift the one that follows.

★ HOMECOMING 2026 ★

SECOND ANNUAL

ALL CLASS REUNION

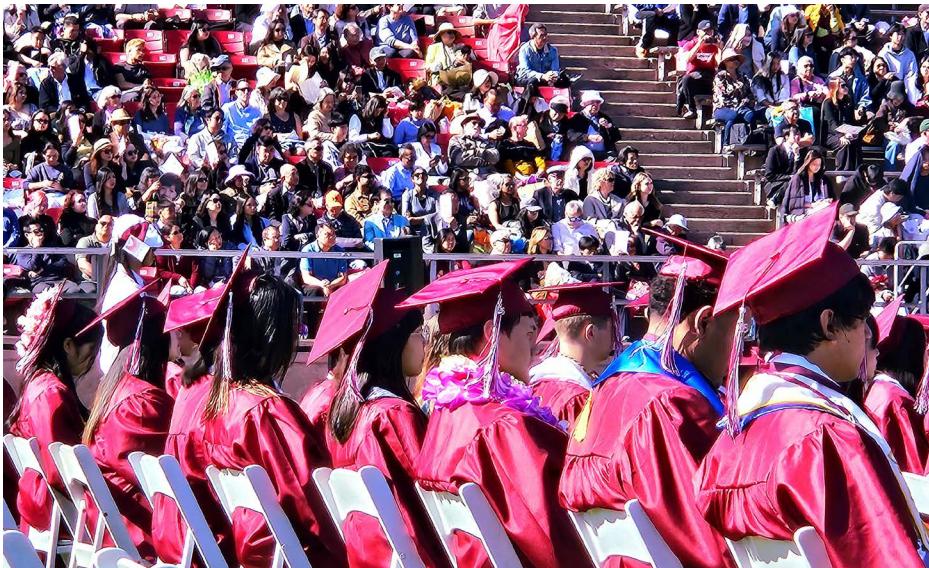
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REFLECTIONS ON THE CLASS OF 2026



August 17, 2022, 675 excited, yet somewhat bewildered, freshmen walked through the doors of Lowell High School for their first day of instruction. They arrived during a period of great transition. This class was balancing the tail end of pandemic-era remote learning and jumping back to face-to-face instruction. They slowly adjusted to the academic rigors that define Lowell. This class also experienced the rapid rise of generative AI, new school cellular phone policies, and other factors that shaped their school experience.

Over time, we saw the rise of talented artists, musicians, mathematicians, scientists, athletes, and class leaders. The Class of 2026 featured students who founded nonprofits, student-led

organizations, and initiatives focused on climate change, homelessness, food insecurity, and service to elderly San Franciscans. Among them, we even had a Miss Teen Chinatown Pageant contestant, not a first for Lowell.

This class also left its mark on the field, the stage, and the podium. Girls Varsity Soccer made history this spring, winning the inaugural CIF State Division V Championship, the first time any San Francisco school had reached and won the CIF State tournament in that division. Across the country in New York City, Lowell's Concert Choir and Chamber Choir both earned Gold 1st place honors, filling storied venues with the sound of Lowell before returning home with two

gold to their name. And true to a tradition that stretches back to 1892, the Lowell Forensic Society kept the school's speech and debate legacy alive, with more than 100 students competing this year at no cost to families thanks to alumni and donor support.

In the end, after their four year journey, our newly minted Lowell alumni truly demonstrated the depth, richness, and adaptability that defined the Class of 2026.

Now they are off to further their educations across the country: Vanderbilt, Yale, Columbia, Harvard, or staying closer to home: Berkeley, Stanford, Davis, SFSU, and CCSF. One thing is certain: Lowell will be part of their DNA, forever! We wish them luck.



LEAP: A STUDENT-DRIVEN BRIDGE TO HIGH SCHOOL

Lowell alumni are used to giving back, but few programs turn that instinct into results as quickly as LEAP.

LEAP, the Lowell Education Achievement Program, pairs Lowell student tutors with middle schoolers preparing for the jump to high school. The Lowell Alumni Association fully funds the program, so it is free for every family it serves.

Since launching in 2022-2023, LEAP has grown from serving students at Willie Brown Middle School alone to serving students at several middle schools, including Everett and Visitation Valley. The results speak for themselves: applications to Lowell from participating middle schools quadrupled between the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Middle school faculty report students showing stronger comprehension of their coursework and better homework completion, and LEAP sessions now double as an introduction

to SFUSD's high schools and the careers beyond them.

The benefits run in both directions. Lowell tutors gain real teaching experience, and one credits LEAP directly with helping her earn admission to her top-choice college. As one LEAP participant put it: "The tutoring didn't just help me with my math; it made me feel like Lowell was a place where I actually belonged."

LEAP is now a fixture of middle school life, mentioned during morning announcements, "Step Up" orientations, and student-led conferences. Co-founder Susan Dean '73 continues to lead the program as it expands.

With Lowell's 175th anniversary on the horizon, LEAP is one more way the Alumni Board is investing in the next generation of Lowell students.

Interested in learning more or supporting LEAP? Contact Susan Dean at susanfdean@aol.com.



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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.

FROM THE GROUND UP: HOW ROBERTA BLEIWEISS ‘65 HELPED BUILD THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO WHICH YOU BELONG

There was no mailing list. No database. No budget. Just a box of index cards, a typewriter, and a stubborn conviction that Lowell’s alumni deserved something better than silence.

That was the early 1980s, and Roberta Bleiweiss ‘65 had just been handed the keys to a dormant alumni association and was asked to bring it back to life.

She said yes.

It wasn’t her first act of loyalty to Lowell. Roberta had been part of the school’s fabric since the day she arrived as a sophomore at the newly opened campus on Eucalyptus Drive, the first class to start and graduate there, known as the Pioneer Class of 1965 (at that time, Lowell served only 10th through 12th graders). She threw herself into student government every year from 10th through 12th grade, part of a school culture she remembers as genuinely electric and memorable. In her senior year, she wanted to run for president of the school, but was told, if you can believe it, that girls couldn’t run for president. So she ran and won for another student body office instead. While fighting for women’s and equal rights, she kept right on serving her school by inspiring school spirit. “The rallies were so popular. Everybody attended, everybody participated. There was music, the yell leaders and song girls. It just was a really, really good sense of spirit.”

Two teachers left a mark that would last decades: Jack Anderson, a fellow alum from the Class of 1950, in Public Speaking and Performing and Creative Arts, and Catherine Brash, an alumna from the Class of 1943 and her homeroom teacher, who quietly kept an index card file of alumni names and addresses long after most organizations would have given up. In 1981, when Lowell celebrated its 125th anniversary, Roberta helped organize the grand celebratory reunion, which occupied every public room at the San Francisco Hilton and exceeded every expectation. After that major successful event, Anderson and Brash came to her with a proposition.

“Will you help put the alumni association together?” they asked.

“Well, isn’t there already one?” she said.

“Yes, but nobody’s active.”

She got to work. Roberta recruited volunteers and attorneys, including fellow Lowell alum Stephen Breyer ‘55, years before he would take his seat on the United States Supreme Court, to draft bylaws from scratch. She established monthly board meetings and instituted a rule that every board member had to lead a committee, not just attend. After years of the board’s all volunteer work, she hired an executive director. She inherited a treasury that barely existed. “When we first started, there was no money. There was something Catherine Brash had from collecting five dollars from graduates, who would then receive a card that recognized them as Lowell graduates. I don’t even think there was five hundred dollars to speak of.”

The newsletter became the engine. At its peak the association was publishing four issues a year, each one hand-assembled, sorted, and bulk-mailed using dot matrix



printer labels. It was unglamorous, essential work: the newsletter was the primary fundraising vehicle and the connective tissue between generations of graduates who otherwise had no way to find each other.

And then there were the legal battles. Year after year, Roberta and the association fought to protect what made Lowell, Lowell: the admission policies, the creative

arts department, the foreign language program, journalism, and the music and art programs that had shaped so many graduates. “Save Lowell” wasn’t a slogan; it was an annual campaign, coordinated with a volunteer legal team that showed up because she asked them to.

The scholarship program grew under her watch and became an annual tradition. She pushed to make recipients visible, not just to the board but to the whole school, through assemblies that turned a check presentation into a moment of public recognition. If students could see that alumni cared enough to invest in them, maybe they’d feel that connection and carry it forward.

Roberta’s own path after Lowell took turns that would fill a film treatment. She student taught at Lowell under Jack Anderson, then landed at Stonestown’s B. Dalton bookstore, where within months she was running the place. It was there, while organizing events no bookstore had tried before, that she and her sister Nancy, Lowell Class of 1967, connected with a fellow creative named Steve Silver, from the Class of 1962. The three of them cooked up a small, slightly unhinged entertainment concept together. That concept became Beach Blanket Babylon.

But Roberta didn’t stop there. She never really stopped anywhere for long. After Beach Blanket, she went on to produce and promote her own shows, launch art and wine festivals across San Francisco and Northern California, run a branch of an international children’s charity, and work on several film productions, including “Indiana Jones” and “Tucker” under Francis Ford Coppola. She served as creative marketing director for Smuin Ballets. She worked with Dame Edna and the famous team of Penn and Teller. She built her own promotions company, Roberta Bleiweiss Promotions, running it alongside everything else.

Then September 11 happened. An SFUSD executive director called out of the blue: did she still have a teaching credential? She did. A small group of creative people built a music and art curriculum from scratch, and she was suddenly visiting ten schools a week. That pivot became a 21-year teaching career, including being selected as a Master Teacher. She was inducted

into the Lowell Wall of Fame, by invitation. She has organized the class reunions for the Pioneer Class of 1965, including a recent celebration she cheerfully dubbed the “57/75” to mark her class’s 57th reunion and everyone turning 75. Since most classmates hadn’t set foot on the Lowell campus since graduating in ‘65, she organized a 60th reunion last year that included tours led by Shield and Scroll.

Ask her what drove all of it and she doesn’t hesitate: “I love creating memorable events and instilling an infectious spirit. And that’s what we tried to do with the alumni association.”



The results speak for themselves. The alumni association Roberta helped rescue and lead from dormancy is the one that awards scholarships to today’s graduates, advocates for Lowell’s programs and traditions, and connects classes separated by decades. In her words: “We helped lead a faltering alumni association of one of the most prestigious and renowned public high schools in the nation, from struggling to survive, to an active, supportive, participatory and strong alumni association that has since raised millions of dollars. We went from zero to millions.”

None of that was inevitable. It took someone who understood what she’d been given at Lowell, and decided it was worth protecting and preserving.

She still does.

SCOTT LEE HONORS FATHER BY ESTABLISHING BOB LEE F’71 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



For Lowell alumnus Scott Lee ‘09, establishing a scholarship in honor of his father was a meaningful way to celebrate a life defined by curiosity, perseverance, and a love of learning.

The newly created Bob Lee Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Bob Lee F’71, who passed away in 2025. Through this scholarship, future Lowell graduates will receive support as they pursue their college dreams and begin the next chapter of their educational journeys.

Bob’s path was not always easy. Raised largely apart from his Chinese American parents in foster care, he developed a fascination with history, an appreciation for education as the key to success, and a deep sense of honesty and integrity. Those values remained with him throughout his life and career, and he passed them on to his son.

“My dad was a person of tremendous intellectual curiosity and passion,” Scott shared. “He loved learning for the sake of learning.”

Bob went on to enjoy a successful career as a CPA and fraud investigator with the US government. Today, Scott, a San Francisco-based lawyer and CPA, and his wife, Dr. Alice Yu, are carrying forward Bob’s legacy by helping future Lowell students achieve their educational goals.

“I hope the Bob Lee Memorial Scholarship helps a student who demonstrates integrity, generosity, and a genuine

enthusiasm for learning. Those were qualities my father valued deeply,” Scott said. “It’s not enough for a Lowell alum to be the smartest. Everyone from Lowell is smart in their own way. What will set a person apart, especially in the age of AI, is his or her integrity and intellectual honesty—the things that make them uniquely human.”

As the cost of higher education continues to rise, scholarships like this can make a meaningful difference in the lives of graduating seniors. “We need to invest in our country’s young people and their ability to succeed,” Scott says. Through the generosity of alumni like Scott, Lowell students will continue to have opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed.

The Lowell Alumni Association is grateful to the Lee family for creating a lasting legacy that will support generations of Lowell graduates for years to come.

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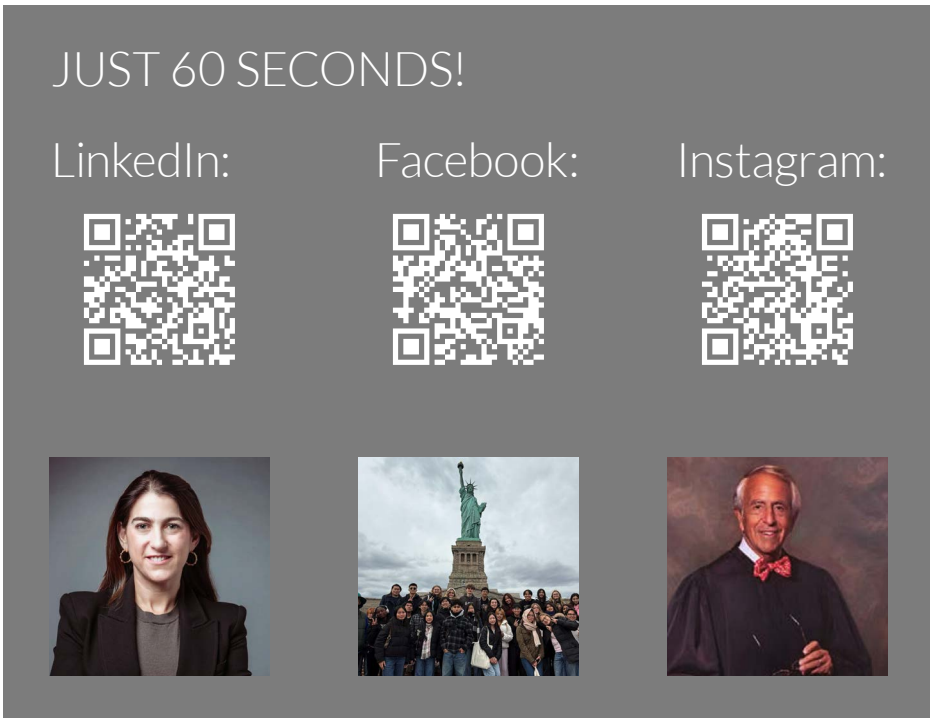
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TWO LOWELL LEGENDS INDUCTED INTO THE SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME

The Lowell Alumni Association proudly congratulates two exceptional Cardinals, **Kenzo Hirakawa Wong ‘05** and **Dave Bon ‘73**, on their induction into the **San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame**. This prestigious honor recognizes not only their remarkable athletic achievements but also the character, leadership, and sportsmanship they demonstrated throughout their careers.

Kenzo Hirakawa Wong ‘05

Although Kenzo Hirakawa Wong excelled in basketball, baseball, and distance running before arriving at Lowell, it was on the tennis court where he would leave an indelible mark on San Francisco athletic history.



Kenzo is with Barbara Prato (retired teacher)

Inspired by his grandfather, who enrolled Kenzo and his sister, Michi, in tennis lessons when he was just seven years old, Kenzo dedicated himself to the sport and went on to build one of the most dominant high school tennis careers the city has ever seen.

From 2001 to 2005, Kenzo achieved a record unmatched in San Francisco prep tennis. He remains the first—and still the only—male or female player to win four consecutive San Francisco All-City Singles Championships, an extraordinary accomplishment that has stood the test of time. He finished his Lowell career with an outstanding 77-6 record, earned the No. 2 ranking in the Northern California Tennis Association’s 18-and-under division, and was ranked No. 96 nationally in the United States.

His success extended well beyond the city. In 2001, Kenzo represented San Francisco at the inaugural U.S. Youth Games in Birmingham, Alabama, competing at No. 1 singles and doubles as Team San Francisco captured the gold medal. He later represented the United States as a member of the USTA Junior Davis Cup Team in 2004 and 2005 and competed three times in the prestigious Kalamazoo Super National Championships. Along the way, he earned numerous accolades, including the San Francisco Independent Player of the Year in 2003 and the Sportsmanship Award, reflecting not only his competitive excellence but also the integrity with which he played the game.

At age 16, Kenzo was invited to join the Olympic Club’s Junior Program before continuing his tennis career at Santa Clara University, where he served as co-captain for two seasons. Following college, he competed professionally on the Futures Tour in Barcelona, Spain.

Already a member of the Lowell Sports Hall of Fame, Kenzo’s induction into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame is a fitting recognition of a career defined by dedication, consistency, and excellence. Today, he and his wife, Laura, are the proud parents of two daughters.

Dave Bon ‘73

Few athletes have left a legacy across multiple sports quite like Dave Bon ‘73.

A gifted athlete from an early age, Dave excelled in virtually every sport he played. At Lowell, he distinguished himself as both an outstanding baseball player and one of the city’s premier football players.

On the baseball diamond, Dave helped lead Lowell to consecutive San Francisco City Championships during his junior and senior seasons—the school’s first city titles since the early 1930s. As the Indians’ cleanup hitter, he earned All-City honors after batting an impressive .413, while leading the league in both home runs and RBIs.



Dave with Bill Black (former LAA Board member)

Football, however, became Dave’s greatest passion. As the team’s captain, he led Lowell to victory in the 1972 Thanksgiving Day Championship Game at Candlestick Park, earning AAA Player of the Year honors as both a center and linebacker. His outstanding season culminated with selection to the prestigious California North-South Shrine Game, where he secured a victory for the North team with a game-clinching interception.

Dave continued his remarkable football career at UC Davis, where he played under legendary coach Jim Sochor. As team captain, he helped lead the Aggies to multiple Far Western Conference championships while earning numerous All-Conference honors. His senior season was especially memorable as he was named the conference’s Defensive Player of the Year and earned Third Team All-America recognition.

While Dave’s accomplishments on the field were extraordinary, those who know him speak just as highly of his leadership, humility, and unwavering commitment to his teammates. He has always embodied a team-first mentality, inspiring those around him through both his actions and his character.

Today, Dave continues to cherish the lifelong friendships forged during his Lowell years and remains devoted to his family, including his wife, Pari, son and daughter-in-law Jess and Jenna, and daughter, Justine.

A Lasting Legacy

The San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame celebrates athletes whose accomplishments have made a lasting impact on high school sports in our city. Kenzo Hirakawa Wong and Dave Bon exemplify the excellence, perseverance, leadership, and integrity that have long defined Lowell athletics.



Andy Leong, Kevin Jordan - 2025 Inductees

On behalf of the Lowell Alumni Association, congratulations to both Kenzo and Dave on this well-deserved honor. Your achievements continue to inspire future generations of Cardinals, and we are proud to celebrate your remarkable contributions both on and off the field.



Principal Jan Bautista, Chrissie Hosoda, Athletic Director, Cathy Jordan, Exec Director

CLASS NOTES

CLASSES OF 1941

Eugenia Nikonenko Bailey: Eugenia (Nikki Bailey) Nikonenko, Class of June 1941. My blog: USAT MERRIT - 1923

CLASSES OF 1948

Ralph Mendelson: Ralph Mendelson, a proud alum of Lowell, passed away on August 1, 2025.

CLASSES OF 1949

Donald Platt: At age 93 & 6 months, I signed a contract with the Penmore Press for my 8th novel, this one about a serial killer. Last March, at age 93 & 9 months, my 8th novel was published by the Penmore Press. The title is Bitter Sweet Tastes of Revenge. It can be found on Amazon, B&N, Apple, Smashwords, ThriftBooks & other sites. I am working on my 9th novel, historical fiction.

CLASSES OF 1950

Lois Tessler Moiseeff: Still trucking at 93 - keeping busy with kids, grandkids, great-grandkids! Love to hear from remaining classmates from Class of '50. Let's get in touch!

Don Feinstein & Jackie Goldberg Feinstein '51: Don is still upright. Retired from faculty at U.S.C. Medical School. Jackie also still upright. Happy our three kids are still working and granddaughter is getting her MBA and already has a job.

CLASSES OF 1951

Barry Gilbert: It has been 74 years since I graduated from Lowell High School on January 15, 1952. Where have all the years gone? I am enjoying reasonably good health! Elaine & I celebrated our 70th wedding anniversary. 2025 saw the birth of our first two great-grandchildren! Sad to report the passing of dear friend Bernie Robinson - Lowell 1951. Bernie was a father, grandfather, lawyer, rabbi, master photographer, and an all-around good guy. He will be missed!

Jackie Goldberg Feinstein: See Don Feinstein '50

CLASSES OF 1953

Constance Covington Dallmann: When I attended Lowell, there were no girls sport teams and no choir. Look at us now! Go Lowell!!

John F Sampson: Still working at 91. Don't know whose left from class of '53. Let me know.

Judy Kelleher Rigas: Keeping busy with exercise classes, weeklysenior social group, walking my dog, church, and activities with my family including 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

CLASSES OF 1955

Maurice Weinger: Now living near our daughter after leaving Marin County after 65 years. Still married now going on 66 years. Have two adult children and four grandchildren. #1 grandchild just graduated San Diego State, #2 is a senior at Oregon State, #3 is in second year at Long Beach State, and #4 is a senior in high school.

CLASSES OF 1956

Joyce Richards Ferroggiaro: I can't wait to attend my 75th anniversary milestone reunion to be held at Kezar Stadium, San Francisco. I am looking forward to spending time with my fellow Lowelllites! Love you all - and, Give'em the Axe!!

Judith Biskind Shaw: Seventy years have gone by quickly! Love crossing paths with former Lowell classmates. I keep busy with family and volunteerism. Wishing all of you good health and happiness.

CLASSES OF 1957

Shirley Ann Jones-Merrill: Still thriving in the forests of S.W. Oregon. Some physical limitations; but I still get around. Life member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Oregon. Also active in two stitching groups teaching embroidery arts to others. Keeping busy and active.

CLASSES OF 1958

Molly McNerney Macgowan: Hoping someone takes on a 1958 reunion. I realize it's getting harder as we age. It would be a great chance to see old friends like Eddie Henderson who is still on the road entertaining.

Shirlene Leong Nakano: The only classmate I've kept in touch with is Eddie (Jackson) Henderson, trumpettist for the jazz ensemble The Cookers. He is doing well, still performing and teaching jazz. I have been retired from my position as Elementary School Principal of Yick Wo Elementary School of the SFUSD. We celebrated our 40th Anniversary with a festive birthday party in September of 2024 with over 500 former and current students, parents, staff, and community members. It was a great celebration with Aaron Perkins in attendance. A good time was had by all.

Richard Risbrough: I retired after forty years of teaching at Diablo Valley College and have been forever grateful to the Lowell faculty for the preparation it gave me for my journeys into higher education. What a creative group they were! And, I still remember the Lowell hymn and all the songs and yells that we filled the courtyard with before big games...

CLASSES OF 1959

Lee Sankowich: Lee's serio-musical about the resistance and uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto will be workshoped at San Francisco's celebrated Magic Theatre.

Benita Ruero St. Amant & Nick St. Amant: Seven kids - some with spouses. Seventeen grandchildren - some with spouses. Two great-grandchildren - no spouses. All doing well. Nick & Benita, too.

CLASSES OF 1960

Nancy Larson Zadra: Enjoying life in Western Montana. I made a memorable trip to Sweden to meet my cousins and to connect to my heritage. Next trip: to Greece.

Theodore Bresler: I am a member of Newark Symphonic Winds, a 30-piece band which performs four times per year in the City of Newark. I play the clarinet. I have been a member for five years. Our concerts are free to the public and are attended by seven hundred people at each performance.

Jere Driscoll: I enjoyed the Class of 1960 Lowell Reunion. I have been retired from the City of San Francisco for 24 years. I have been married for 59 years and have been blessed with three daughters who live close by and six grandchildren, three girls and three boys, four who are already in college and two more who will be going to college soon.

Pat Snyder Fadeeff: I totally enjoyed our 65th reunion at the Beach Chalet in San Francisco of the June 1960 alumni and seeing old friends and alumni – it was well organized and so nice to see so many who attended. It was lovely. Thank you to the organizers.

CLASSES OF 1961

Frank Dimarco: Relocated to Goleta, California. Family close by. Continue to exhibit images from dimarcogallery.com at local galleries in Santa Barbara. Grateful every day and sending warmest regards to Lowell classmates.

Claudia Conklin: I am doing good! I have lived in San Ramon for the past 50 years. My two sons and stepson are married and I have four grandchildren ages 9-17. My husband Barry Siders passed away in 2009 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Email me: claudiaconklin11@aol.com.

Jeffery Kaufman: June and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary in 2025. We have three children in their 50's and seven grandchildren ages 14-23. I just retired and we are cruising as much as we can.

William Hanson: I am well and living the good life, volunteering at VA Hospital, Elks Lodge, and classes at Senior Center. Sold the motor home, bought a condo in Fresno. Feeding birds and squirrels at my home in Fresno is my pastime between six cruises and one river cruise. Living a good life! Wishing all of you a good life too.

Joan Merle Preston: I have lived in Orange County, CA for 45 years, currently living in Huntington Beach.

CLASSES OF 1962

Russell Morris: Still living in Los Gatos. Looking forward to seeing fellow classmates in January for our annual get together.

John Petrovsky: I hope everyone from the amazing Class of '62 is enjoying retirement, keeping their bodies strong, and maintaining their intellectual curiosity. I am enjoying tutoring reading at the local Latino elementary school with Rozell Preddy Overmire. About twenty of us locals from the class get together every three months for lunch at a S.F. restaurant. Write me if you'd like to join: jpetrovsky45@gmail.com

Anicia Guard Guard-Nelson: Serving my second term as President of Emblem Club 413. Keeps my organization skills sharp. Will be taking my stepson and sister on an Alaskan cruise in August. Keeping active and one step ahead of the Devil.

CLASSES OF 1965

Ralph Robinson & Lesly Robinson: On March 4, 2026, Ralph "Rob" Robinson passed away from lung cancer at the age of 78. He was a wonderful guy, a lawyer, a volunteer fireman in Stinson Beach, a want to be and pretty close to being a cowboy. A loving husband to Lesly Loughry Robinson, a great father to Jake and Ben, terrific brother to Leslie Robinson, Carroll Modahl, a fun stepfather to Tara Knutson. We all loved him very much and miss him so!

Aziza Seruya Maya: Went to Spain for two and a half weeks, Gibraltar for two weeks, and London for one week together with my daughter and two granddaughters (10 and 13) this summer. One of the best vacations we ever had, and the girls will always have a great memory. Worth every penny! I loved that the girls got to see where all my childhood stories actually took place, and got to meet my friends and family. They loved playing with all their cousins. Hoping to survive the next few years in this horrible political climate. I insist on staying optimistic and hope the country will not be so divided much longer. Still living in Livermore with hubby Leo. Daughter lives in Benicia - now divorced. Son Abraham, married to Qing, lives in San Diego, no children.

Mark Blum: I am continuing to enjoy retirement, living in Sun City, Lincoln, CA. Staying very busy with sailing, skiing, travel, pickleball, and spending as much time as possible at Tahoe.

Stephen Somers: Steve was student body treasurer, on both baseball varsity and 120's basketball teams, with the great Jack Anderson on the Forensic Teams (who didn't teach me how to spell!). More than 50 years broadcasting, KPIX-TV, KOUR-TV, WXIA-TV, KNBC-TV, and KTVU-TV. Recently, retired as a sports talk show host at WFAN radio in New York City...have a book out, memoirs, with text and pictures from days at Lowell...the book is titled "Me Here, You There", available at bookstores and Amazon.com.

William Johnston: Happily enjoying grown children and lots of grandkids. Replaced left knee in 2025 - feels great. Enjoyed "60" year reunion Oct 2025!

CLASSES OF 1966

Bertil Bergstrom: Retired after 53 years at Trayer Engineering. Enjoying our granddaughter who is now 3.

Robert Mirolo: Just wanted to thank the Lowell Alumni Association for regularly sending me their newsletter since I graduated in Spring 1966. I am now retired and living in San Jose, CA.

Shirley Ann Luehring Kirby: Our grandchildren's school, St. Mark's Episcopal Elementary in Altadena, burned totally in the Eaton/Altadena fire. Please help St. Mark's, Altadena School.

Joyce A. August: Since my retirement from UCSF in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy in 2011, I have been actively involved in many nonprofit and philanthropy organizations within the San Francisco Bay Area. Some are the SFSPCA, many others within the Armenian community and beyond. I'm a mom of two senior cats and a partner with a caring and generous man. I enjoy many things; road trips, all sports, film, and theater, etc. Life is good and I am grateful.

Shirley Ann Kirby: My husband and I have been retired for many years. We love to travel, read, and do an occasional hike. We also enjoy summers at our second home, in the Deer Valley area of Park City, Utah. Our daughter is CFO of DreamWorks and our son is a lawyer. We're proud of both of them, and also of our two grandchildren, ages 7 and 11.

CLASSES OF 1967

Francisco Lopez: Enjoying the expat's life style, trying to stay healthy. State side until June to watch my youngest graduate from UCLA. If you're in Asturias, look me up.

CLASSES OF 1973

Ed Parecki: Happily married for 46 years to my beautiful wife, Amalia. We have three "children" and five grandkids. I am managing our commercial property portfolio, traveling a lot, and keeping in good health.

Richard Woo: Hi fellow Lowellites! It's amazing how quickly the years have passed, with almost all of my classmates living in our 71st year! Enjoying life by traveling, cycling (road bike), yoga, and golfing. Married for almost 46 years to Doris. Two loving sons (ages 42 & 39), two wonderful grandkids. I'm grateful for life's experiences, especially my Lowell experiences. I hope everyone in the Class of '73 are staying active and healthy now that we are in our 70's!

Anne Schagen: Enjoying retirement in Portland with reading, gardening, birding, and traveling. I have been to Costa Rica, Tanzania, Madagascar, Kenya, and Ecuador. Trying not to watch the news, and grateful for everything and everyone.

James Baer: Congrats to Bill Black and Dave Bon for induction into San Francisco High School Hall Of Fame. Well deserved!!

CLASSES OF 1974

Susan Adams: I am happily retired after a 45 year career in healthcare, education, and politics. I have an abundance of grandchildren and am finally writing (creatively, not just professionally), painting, and traveling. Living for a summer in Spain was eye-opening and my Spanish skills improved a bit. I truly enjoyed catching up with my high school pals at our 50th reunion. My Lowell alum pals, Dawn Walker and Jane Donovan Gamsgaard will be joining me in Iceland to celebrate surviving, and thriving, seven decades of this human adventure! What a ride!

Mirta Arsenian Cali: It was so fabulous seeing everyone at our "50th Reunion"... still can't believe it's been 50 years since graduation...and "Grad Night at Disneyland"! Stay healthy and happy and see you at our "55th"!

CLASS OF 1975

Deborah Stein Hoffman & Craig Hoffman: Kudos to the Class of 1975 Fiftieth Reunion Committee on a great event!!

CLASS OF 1977

Daniel Lee: Although I am semi-retired now, I am still looking for part-time W-2 work. I have two B.S. degrees from SF State, one in Information Systems ('84) and one in Accounting ('92). I am also an enrolled agent before the IRS on "inactive retirement" status. You can find me online at danielflee.com or leestaxservice.com. Call me at 415.935.9395 if you just want to get together for coffee also!

Wendy Bailey Crisafulli: I retired after 40 years in dentistry. Truly enjoying the slower pace and road trips around Western States with hubbie, Steve.

Robert Velarde & Pat Velarde: Greetings to the Class of 1977! Next year is our big 50th Reunion! Robert and I can't wait to see everyone there! Until then, take good care and be happy.

CLASS OF 1978

Portia Panganiban Kirkbride: Retirement has been full of new adventures and best of all, less computer screen time! Travel, playing with our horses, our 15-year old

Yorkie and seeing our new granddaughter Nora has added so much joy to our lives. Also seeing my bonus grandkids Madi and Jack graduate from college and high school has made us grandparents proud. Hubby and I are still looking forward to new and exciting travel destinations while enjoying our home in MT. Hoping to see some fellow Lowellites in California in the future.

CLASS OF 1980

Diane Cara Wong: In memory of Lillian Fan Chou who was the biggest Lowell supporter and a joyful and refreshing source for all. She will be missed by many.

CLASS OF 1982

Ron Ophir: Retired from the city of SF 10 years ago, after 28+ years. Now living in Boise, Idaho.

Nathan Bernstein: Greeting to all courtyarders from Classes of 1979-1984. I'm managing my own law firm and serving as an expert witness in real estate cases. I have 2 adult kids. Living in Los Angeles for 32 years.

CLASS OF 1986

Dean M Poulakidas: Looking forward to our class reunion.

CLASS OF 1988

Angie Wang: This will be my 20th year teaching typography in the graphic design program at California College of The Arts in San Francisco. I recently assumed the role of Programming Manager at Letterform Archive, a non-profit library and museum in San Francisco.

CLASS OF 2023

Isaac Porter: We love Lowell! Isaac continues to thrive, thank goodness, and remains the same happy, easy going, hard-working, kind, and funny guy he's always been since day one. Isaac is attending the University of Michigan. He works at an elementary school as a Day Leader (giving tours) and Best Buddy. Stay well and go families!

IN MEMORIAM

CLASS OF 1940

Leonard James Levy (1922–2025) passed away peacefully in San Francisco at age 103, a proud third-generation San Franciscan. He attended Grant Grammar School and the old Lowell High School on Hayes Street before enrolling at Stanford University, Class of 1944, though his studies were interrupted by World War II, during which he served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery, attaining the rank of Second Lieutenant. After the war he completed his degree in economics and spent over 40 years as a licensed real estate broker known for his integrity and insight. A passionate fisherman, he traveled from Mexico to Alaska chasing salmon well into retirement. He was the devoted husband of Loretta Levy for 53 years and the loving father of Katherine and Matthew Levy.

CLASS OF 1941

John Charles Cattermole (1923–2026) was born in San Francisco, the city he held close to his heart throughout his life. He attended Lowell High School and the University of San Francisco, completing his degree after answering the call to serve his country. He is remembered as a devoted San Franciscan whose education and service shaped a full and meaningful life.

CLASS OF 1944

Helen D. Osborne (née Dencken) passed away in 2023.

CLASS OF 1945

Morton “Mort” Cohen (1927–2026) was a lifelong resident of San Francisco who passed away peacefully in his home at age 98. Born on August 5, 1927, to Alfred and Helen Cohen, Mort was the second of three children and grew up in the city that would always be his home.

CLASS OF 1946

Dr. Alan B. Coleman (1929 - 2025) was born in San Francisco, graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1952, received an MBA/PhD from Stanford, and a business degree from Southern Methodist University. He was the Dean of Yosemite Park & Curry Co.,

CLASS OF 1947

Harry Cohn (1929–2025) passed away at age 96, surrounded by the family he cherished above all else. Born on May 27, 1929, in West Germany, he was separated from his parents, Ludwig Cohn and Else Cohen Cohn, and his sister Lottie during WWII, and lived in a Belgian orphanage before eventually building a life in San Francisco, where he attended Lowell High School.

CLASS OF 1948

Edmund Green (1930–2025) was born in San Francisco to Philip and Frances Green and grew up in the Marina district. Ed was a proud graduate of Lowell High School and UC Berkeley, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu, and after graduating from Cal he worked as a CPA for over 75 years, one of the longest careers of any Lowell alum on record.

Robert William Rowell (1930–2026) died peacefully in Palo Alto, six weeks shy of his 96th birthday, with his loving family surrounding him. Bob was born in the Presidio in San Francisco on February 16, 1930, the only child in his family, and was raised and educated in the city, attending Lowell High School.

CLASS OF 1949

Robert Sydney Fisher (1931–2025) died peacefully at home on October 5, 2025, surrounded by loved ones, at age 94. Bob was born on August 2, 1931, in San Francisco to Aileen Emanuel and Sydney Fisher — “A and Syd,” as they were affectionately known — and went on to attend Lowell High School and UC Berkeley.

Zanville “Zan” Samuel Green (1931–2025), Ed’s younger brother, passed away in Los Angeles at age 94. Zan was born in San Francisco on July 26, 1931, to Phillip and Frances (née Diller) Green, and he and his elder brother Ed grew up in the Marina, both attending Lowell High School before their paths carried them elsewhere. He was remembered as a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle.

Sue Lam Hop (1931–2026) passed away peacefully in San Jose at age 95. Sue was born on February 12, 1931, to Yee Shee Lum and Yim Lam in San Francisco, California, was raised in the city, and was a graduate of Lowell High School, later working at Blum’s Candy.

CLASS OF 1954

Yosh Bokura passed away in 2025. He graduated from the University of California Berkeley majoring in political science. We worked as a real estate broker and Fairmont Hotel bartender. He is survived by two children who also are Lowell alumni.

CLASS OF 1955

Sarah “Sally” Brooks (1937–2026), of Guerneville and Santa Rosa, passed away peacefully at age 88 after being born and reared in San Francisco, as she put it. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1955 before moving to Sonoma County, where in 1965 she became Judicial Assistant to Superior Court Judge F. Leslie Manker, eventually spending 32 years working for judges in the Sonoma County Superior Courts. It was through that work that she met her life partner, John C. Schubert, and the two cared for each other until his passing in 2022. Sarah loved the ocean and redwood forests and enjoyed history, railroadng, and needlework of every kind. She is survived by her children Keith, Hilmar, and Preston Schubert and their families, along with five grandchildren.

Ruby Hertz (1937–2025) was born in Brooklyn, New York, and moved with her parents to Berkeley at age 14 before her family relocated to San Francisco and opened Sis Teen, a girls’ clothing store in Laurel Heights. She graduated from Lowell High School and earned her bachelor’s degree at UC Berkeley. Ruby bred German Shepherd Dogs and became an AKC dog show judge, traveling the country with her husband Gerald to judge the Herding, Working, and Sporting groups. She died peacefully at home surrounded by love, survived by Gerald and his children.

CLASS OF 1956

Patricia Joan Aleck (1937–2026) died peacefully in San Francisco at age 89. Born in Oakland to Greek immigrants Jenny and John Pappas, her family later moved to San Francisco, where Pat graduated from Lowell High School and San Francisco State University with a degree in English Literature and a teaching credential. She spent her career as an educator across multiple grade levels and roles, including Program Resource Teacher and Assistant Administrator. Her faith also led her into deep involvement with the Greek community, where she served as President of the Hellenic American Professional Society and as a longtime, honored Parish Council President.

Geraldine “Gerry” Louise Giovannetti Gospe (1938–2026) passed away peacefully in Santa Rosa at age 87, surrounded by family. Born in San Francisco to Frank and Tillie Giovannetti, she graduated from Lowell High School and earned a nursing degree from USF, meeting her husband Mike Gospe in high school before their romance blossomed through Christmas cards and led to marriage in 1961. She supported Mike through medical school and his years of training around the country before they settled in Santa Rosa in 1970. Gerry became known in her community for her sewing, quilting, and exceptional cooking, especially her biscotti dipped in dark chocolate with almonds and cherries.

Allier Humberto Zelaya-Quintero (d. 2026) passed away in San Francisco on January 14, 2026.

John Matthew Murnin Jr. (1938–2025) passed away peacefully in San Francisco at age 87. Raised in San Francisco’s Eureka Valley, he was educated at Most Holy Redeemer School, St. Ignatius, Lowell, and graduated from Mission High School, where he boxed and played football. John was aproud U.S. Marine, a retired Teamster, and for 44 years a devoted member of Alcoholics Anonymous, finding purpose in helping countless others through recovery. He loved the SF Symphony, Frank Sinatra, and cigars in North Beach, and is survived by his four children, sister, and seven grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1957

Richard Allen “Rich” Price (1939–2025) “rode peacefully into the sunset” on November 29, 2025, at age 86, surrounded by family. Born in San Francisco, he was a proud alumnus of Grant School, Lowell High School, and UC Berkeley, later serving with distinction in Army Intelligence. Known as “The Singing Sierran,” Rich became a celebrated western music singer, songwriter, and producer, recording in Nashville and performing everywhere from China to opening shows for George Strait. He shared 42 summers with his wife Diane at Trinity Alps Resort, and in his final hours he was singing Ernest Tubb songs.

Stephen Wiel (1939–2026) passed away peacefully in his sleep on Earth Day, April 22, 2026, at age 87, in Incline Village, NV and San Francisco. Born in San Francisco, he graduated from Lowell High School, Stanford (where he met his wife Karen), and the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Public and International Affairs. He called his professional life a “patchwork career,” designing heat protection systems for rockets and space vehicles, leading an architectural engineering firm that designed international airports, and teaching mechanical engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno. Throughout, his guiding thread was practical problem-solving and environmental responsibility.

CLASS OF 1958

Larry Gerrman (1940–2025), beloved father and grandfather, passed away peacefully at age 85. Born in San Francisco, he was a Lowell High School alum who spent his adult life in Belmont and San Mateo, building a decades-long career as an insurance agent known for his responsibility and integrity. He loved golf, cigars, country music, his 49ers, handball, and his dog Snoopy, and reminisced fondly about growing up in the Sunset District. Larry is survived by his son Derek and granddaughters Emily and Samantha.

Eva Beata Tucker (1940–2026) was born in China during World War II and came to the United States at age 15. She worked as an accountant and bookkeeper before retiring. She was an avid traveler throughout the United States.

David Roos Gomberg (1940–2025) passed away in his San Francisco home at age 85. Born to Louis Roos Gomberg and Ruth Murphy Goodbar Gomberg, he was the oldest of four children and graduated from Lowell High School before earning a BA in Math and Philosophy and a PhD

in Statistics from UC Berkeley. David spent the bulk of his career as a computer programmer at UCSF, and after retiring in 1994 pursued the second mortgage market and volunteer work. He loved food and wine, collecting cars and art, sailing, eclipse-chasing, bonsai, and HAM radio, and is survived by his partner Diana Lum, three children, and seven grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1960

Patrick Michael “Mike” Carr (1942–2025) passed away on December 3, 2025, from complications of a short illness, surrounded by love and laughter. Born in San Francisco, he grew up on Baker Street and met the love of his life, Gail, as a sophomore at Lowell High School. Mike spent his career with the City of San Francisco, first as a gardener and later as a Teamster truck driver, and shared 51 years with Gail until her passing in 2009, later remarrying Jing Cai in 2015. A skilled mechanic devoted to his classic cars, Mike lived life on his own terms even after a 2019 accident left him quadriplegic, and is survived by his wife, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Lorrie Lee Levin Greene (1942–2025) passed away peacefully at home at age 83. Born and raised in San Francisco, she attended Lowell High School before graduating from UC Berkeley in 1962, where she met her husband of 62 years, Richard Lawrence Greene, after he playfully pushed her in a fraternity pushcart race. Settling in Tiburon, the couple traveled to more than 70 countries and Lorrie became a passionate advocate for the arts, founding the Northern California Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts and StreetSmart4Kids. She is survived by Richard, her three daughters, her brother Michael Levin, and two grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1962

Manuel “Manny” Barretta (1944–2026), of Fairfax, CA, passed away unexpectedly at age 81. Born in San Francisco to Sam and Nancy Barretta, he was a proud graduate of Lowell High School who devoted his life to family, friends, law enforcement, and coaching. Manny served the San Francisco Police Department for over 37 years, retiring as a Lieutenant respected for treating everyone fairly and offering great advice. Outside of work, he cherished time with family and friends, including hanging out at Art’s Auto Repair, and is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Mary, his two children, five grandchildren, and his first great-grandchild.

Channaorah M. Meir (born Wendy Miller, 1944–2026) passed away at her home in Carmel Valley at age 81. Born in San Francisco, she grew up in the city, attended Lowell High School, and graduated from UC Berkeley before spending decades as a respected psychotherapist known for meeting people where they were through Jungian and somatic approaches. Channaorah was on a lifelong spiritual journey, active in Jewish community life, and moved to Carmel Valley in 2007, where she was affectionately known as “the Dog Whisperer” for her deep bond with animals. She is survived by her sister-in-law, nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews.

CLASS OF 1963

John Nick Zugar (1945–2026) passed away at Kaiser South San Francisco after a brave yearlong battle with primary CNS lymphoma. Born in San Francisco to Chris and Mary Zugar, immigrants from the Croatian island of Olib, he was raised in the Bayview neighborhood, where even as a boy delivering newspapers he was known as jovial and good-natured. John attended Lowell High School, earned an accounting degree from San Francisco State, and worked at Candlestick Park as a vendor in his younger years. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sue, his two daughters, and his grandchildren Madison and Natalie.

CLASS OF 1965

Greig Fors (1948–2024) was a United States Air Force veteran. Greig’s passions in life were many. The most important to him was his metal artistry, which he created for the Renaissance Faires in both Northern and Southern California and where he ran his booth Rocketts Forge and Brass Works. He was as passionate about his family, extended family, and friends. Greig is survived by his wife, Judith (Judy) Fors; stepchildren Jerah and Hassan, Yassine, John and Ashley Marquardt; and his grandchildren, Mackenzie, Ghassan, and Kyleigh.

Edward Less passed away in 2025, after a long illness. After graduating from Lowell, Ed earned a bachelor’s degree from San Francisco State University and went on to build a lifelong career in personnel with the State of California, where he helped recruit highly qualified and talented candidates to join state service. He also had a lifelong passion for travel and visited many parts of the world. Ed was an avid hiker throughout his life, and he and his wife often combined travel with hiking trips in Europe. Ed is survived by his wife Nancy, with whom he was happily married for many years.

Scott J. Macey (1946–2026) passed away peacefully at home at age 80. Raised in San Francisco by his parents and later his grandmother, Rose Sherman, he shared a lifelong close bond with his older brother Bill and attended Lowell High School before earning his degree from the University of San Francisco and graduating first in his class from Santa Clara University School of Law. Scott built a distinguished career in law and government affairs, including 25 years at AT&T, 11 years at Aon Consulting, and roles at Covington & Burling and as President and CEO of the ERISA Industry Committee. He is survived by his wife Linda, his children, and his many grandchildren.

Jean Griffin Robinson passed away in 2025.

Kathryn Nahman Sher (1947–2025) passed away peacefully following a long illness, remembered by her husband Malcolm as “my love of forty-nine years.” A native San Franciscan, Kathy graduated from Lowell High School, Stephens College, and USC, earning a teaching credential from San Francisco State. She was a devoted homemaker who loved entertaining friends and family, and traveled widely to visit Malcolm’s family in Israel, England, South Africa, and Zimbabwe, along with trips to China, India, and numerous cruises and safaris. She is survived by her husband, son Justin, and grandson Jacob.

CLASS OF 1966

Harry Carter Walwyn (1948–2026), of Novato, passed away peacefully at age 77, surrounded by family. Born in San Francisco, he attended Lowell High School, where he found his home with the Sea Scouts, later joking that joining the SFPD, buying his Novato home, and marrying his wife Rosie were the three best decisions of his life. Harry served the San Francisco Police Department for more than three decades before retiring in 2000, after which he became a tax preparer, lived in Yellowstone for two summers, and sailed the South Pacific. He is survived by his wife Rosie, his two children, and five grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1967

Sharon Vedder Bartling (1949–2026) passed away peacefully in Spearfish, South Dakota, at age 76. Born in San Francisco, she grew up in the city and graduated from Lowell High School, later meeting the love of her life, Barton, while working at AAA mapping trips; they married in 1968 at Travis Air Force Base. The couple moved to South Dakota in 1970, milking cows before buying the Union Center meat shop in 1978, which they ran together until retiring in 2023. Known for her sharp wit and hard work, she also helped with the local mail, store, and census team, and is survived by her two daughters and five grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1969

Robert James Duncan (1951–2025) passed away suddenly in Tulare, CA, at age 74. A native of San Francisco, he graduated from Lowell High School in 1969 and went on to UC Santa Barbara, building a career in probation, working as a probation officer for Tulare County and later as Agency Chief for Federal Court Pretrial Services. He was preceded in death by his wife Kathleen and daughter Jennifer Hofland. Bob is survived by his mother Ruth, brother Paul, daughter Wendy Smith, and five grandchildren.

Janet Linda Ellinwood (1951–2025) passed away peacefully in Marin County, surrounded by family. A fourth-generation San Franciscan affectionately known as “Janie,” she attended Lowell High School before earning dual degrees in Spanish and French at UCLA and later an MBA at Dominican University, with her love of languages taking her to study in Barcelona and Guadalajara. She and her dog Mini once starred together in a Gaines Burger commercial, and she faced serious health challenges throughout her life with unwavering strength and optimism. Janie is survived by her devoted husband Todd, four children, and five grandchildren.

Evanthia A. Pappas (1970–2026) passed away in Daly City, California, at age 55.

Steven Alan Rubin (1942–2026) passed away unexpectedly, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. Born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa, he and his twin brother Stan moved to San Francisco at 14, where Steve became a standout athlete at Lowell High School, later inducted into both the Lowell and San Francisco High School Sports Halls of Fame. He made his home in Moraga for over 45 years and shared 58 years of marriage with his wife Judi, remembered as “the life of the party” for his warmth and infectious spirit. Steve is survived by Judi, his three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Jack Floyd Shafer (1951–2020) died of COVID-19 at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, a second-generation San Franciscan who lived in the city his whole life. The first child born to Theodore and Elizabeth Shafer, he grew up on Grattan Street in Haight-Ashbury and graduated from Lowell High School in 1969. Jack was an early adopter of media technology who enjoyed computers, chess, logic puzzles, science fiction, and stargazing, and worked in public broadcasting, where he was known for mentoring others. He is survived by his four siblings and several nieces and nephews.

CLASS OF 1976

Lori Ann Ingram passed away in 2025. She attended San Francisco State University, graduated from Chico State University in 1980 and from Fresno State University in 1995. She was a Fresno resident for more than 30 years.

CLASS OF 1989

Kendalle Cobb, MD (1970–2026) passed away in Shaker Heights, Ohio, at age 55. Born and raised in San Francisco on Grove Street near the Painted Ladies, she studied ballet with the San Francisco Ballet while attending Lowell High School, later earning her medical degree at George Washington University after Harvard. Kendalle became a beloved Physician Advisor at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, mentoring future doctors and serving on national medical examination committees, while remaining deeply devoted to her Christian faith at Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights. She is survived by her husband Andrew Clemishaw, daughter Catherine, and parents, along with her sisters.

CLASS OF 1991

Kristina Marie Nelly (1973–2025), of Hercules, California, passed away peacefully at age 52 after a courageous seven-year battle with cancer. Born in Manila to Candido and Remedios Nelly, she attended St. Joseph’s Catholic School, Lowell High School, and San Francisco State University before dedicating 24 years to public service with the City and County of San Francisco. Bubbly, opinionated, and endlessly kind, Kristina was known for her love of new foods and iced coffee, and remained inseparable from her twin sister Elizabeth throughout her illness. She is survived by her parents, siblings, and sister-in-law.

CLASS OF 1996

Shani Patrice Jinks (1978–2026) passed away peacefully in San Francisco, surrounded by her loving family. Born to Charmeyne (Dianne) Nelson Wheeler and Billy Wheeler, she attended Katherine Delmar Burke School before graduating from Lowell High School in 1996. She later earned a bachelor’s degree in business and a master’s degree in organizational leadership. Shani treasured simple joys, including family dinners, gatherings with the children, and relaxed beach days with her favorite summer fruits.

CLASS OF 2007

Sally Lui (1989–2025) passed away peacefully, surrounded by friends and family, after battling cancer for years, at age 36. Born in San Francisco to a healthy family, Sally grew up with spunk and ferocity and excelled academically despite never loving to read. Her favorite trip was to Japan, visiting Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka, where she was proposed to by her husband-to-be in the serene gardens of Tenryu-ji Temple after a feast of sushi. Preceded in death by her mother, Yong Qin Huang, Sally is survived by her husband, Nelson Ma, and their beloved dog, Chip.

CLASS OF 2009

Gina Ann Quach Ng (1990 – 2026) devoted her life to teaching.

CLASS OF 2014

DeJa Narcissus Jenkins (1996–2025) passed away in San Francisco at age 29. She attended Cal State Monterey Bay. She was a self-taught musician. She was married on July 27, 2025.

LOWELL FACULTY

Anna Maria Nicora (1932–2025), longtime Lowell Spanish teacher, passed away on December 30, 2025, at the age of 93.

Ms. Nicora taught Honors Spanish at Lowell for many years and was known for her high academic standards and unwavering belief in her students’ potential. She challenged every student to do their best, expecting excellence while providing encouragement and support. Those who knew her recognized that her dedication extended well beyond the classroom, leaving a lasting impression on generations of Lowell graduates.

Her influence endured long after graduation. Following the passing of fellow Lowell educator Sari Trelaun, one former student reconnected with Ms. Nicora and was grateful for the opportunity to personally express appreciation for the profound impact she had made on their life. It was a fitting reminder that great teachers leave a legacy measured not only by what they teach, but by the lives they inspire.

MEET SOME OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Reggie Fong
Mike Voyne Scholarship
Headed to Wesleyan University

Reggie organized a school-wide blood drive with Vitalant that collected 45 units of red blood cells and 3 units of plasma, and now serves as a Junior Giants AmeriCorps Ambassador with the Giants Community Fund. He heads to Wesleyan as a student athlete this fall.



Emily Gorodetskiy
Joan Catelli Scholarship
Headed to Vanderbilt University

Emily founded VR'ing

Democracy, a virtual reality voter education platform that has sent headsets to young civic leaders from Texas to Ghana, and served as CEO of the Youth Entrepreneurship Association, guiding more than 30 chapters nationwide. She's headed to Vanderbilt as an incoming Ingram Scholar, continuing the civic innovation work she started at Lowell.



Dat Luong
Pat Canepa Scholarship
Headed to City College of San Francisco

Dat founded Lowell's Medi Club and Sports Medicine Club, raising over \$18,000 in grants between them,

all while playing football and serving as Weightlifting Club Chief. He was the sole Lowell nominee for the Northern California Scholarship Foundation award and is headed toward a pre-med track in anthropology.



Shoon Mon
Paul Lucey Scholarship
Headed to Yale University

Shoon led Lowell's Student Body Council as President and served as Executive Director of Dear Asian Youth San Francisco, all while working as a District 4 Youth Commissioner and legislative intern for the City and County of San Francisco. At Yale,

she'll study Ethics, Politics, and Economics, continuing the advocacy work she started right here at Lowell.



Bethany Wu
Ben Shenson Scholarship
Headed to UC San Diego

Bethany built things from scratch at Lowell, founding the Creating Graphic Novels Club and launching Inspire Lab, a summer science program connecting high school mentors with middle schoolers. She also served as Communications Coordinator for the Red Cross's Northern California Coastal Region and performed with orchestra at the WorldStrides National Heritage Festival.

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