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# Cornelia Connelly Cornerstone

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## The Class of 1979 Ignites the CCHS Capital Campaign

Diane Lovchik Ahern, Barbie Felix Engel, Ellen Timmons Lynch, Ellen Schilling Stack, Kris McAllister Turner, Peggy Toohey Wardle and Karen Stensby Welch came together to honor and memorialize Caletta Ward Clark. Caletta passed away in September of 2001 after a long battle with cancer. They want to invite you to participate in their efforts to raise \$50,000 towards the New Arts and Athletics Complex.

Elizabeth Willoughby Harkey '79 recently made a visit to Connelly. She reminisced about Caletta's famous red sweat pants. Caletta wore them to practice and to class, never receiving a detention. Coach Timmerie Sullivan Henry confirmed this to be true.


Ellen Timmons Lynch '79 recently visited the Connelly campus and was able to spend time with Caletta Peterson '09. Caletta strongly resembles her late aunt, and has a lovely demeanor. She is a very involved at school as a member of the Advanced Women's Ensemble, Captain of the swim team and a JV basketball player.



Karen Stensby Welch '79, Caletta Peterson '09, Ellen Timmons Lynch '79.

The response to this Capital Campaign effort is progressing! Your participation will ensure the legacy of Caletta Ward Clark and will provide the backdrop for future athletes and artists who attend Cornelia Connelly High School.

*Support Connelly & Honor Caletta*



We are contacting you to join us in support of Connelly and to memorialize our dear friend and classmate, **Caletta Ward Clark**.

Caletta lost her fight to cancer in September of 2001. All of us have amazing memories of Caletta. She was funny, creative, boisterous and athletic. She was the type of girl that crossed over all circles of friends because of her sincerity and humor. Like all of us, Caletta was a "Connelly girl." She was taken from us far too soon.

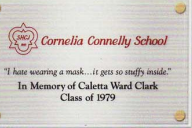
With the new building and renovations going on right now at Connelly, we had an idea that could be a wonderful opportunity to give back to Connelly and memorialize Caletta. We would like our Class of 1979 to sponsor the coaches' offices in the new **Arts and Athletics Complex**. Our plan is to raise a \$50,000 sponsorship for the coaches' offices and have a beautiful plaque dedicated in Caletta's name. Her love of sports and art would be forever remembered. It would also ensure generations of Connelly girls a place to play sports and explore their artistic talents.

We've enclosed a donation card and envelope. We have each made our pledge. We would like to challenge each of our classmates to make a generous pledge that can be paid over a five-year period.


Please help us in achieving this goal in any way you can; no amount is too large or small. With loving and fond memories of all of you.

Your classmates,

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Diane Lovchik Ahern   | Kris McAllister Turner |
| Barbie Felix Engel    | Peggy Toohey Wardle    |
| Ellen Timmons Lynch   | Karen Stensby Welch    |
| Ellen Schilling Stack |                        |



"I hate wearing a mask...it gets so stuffy inside!"  
In Memory of Caletta Ward Clark  
Class of 1979



New Arts and Athletics Complex

If you would like more information regarding the Capital Campaign, **Pathway to the Future**, please contact our Development Office at (714) 776-1717 x219, or visit the website; (<http://www.connellyhs.org/page/1820>) We appreciate your support.

Have you considered a teaching, staff or coaching position here at Connelly?  
Please send your resume to: [canderson@connellyhs.org](mailto:canderson@connellyhs.org)



**Lindsey Keefner '03** returned to campus for College Day, held for Juniors on April 4, 2008. Lindsey is a recent graduate of Boston College. Lindsey relayed her experiences and stories as a transplanted California girl while attending school on the east coast. She encouraged the Juniors to explore the idea of attending a college out of state. "The rewards far outweighed the challenges." Lindsey works for Paramount Studios in the Syndication Department here in Southern California.



**Susan Barragan Ruiz '03** was a guest speaker here at Connelly, May 15, 2008. Susan gave a presentation to Emma Mallon's Business Math class about how to run your own business.



She owns and operates *Bellas Boutique*, a specialty women's clothing and retail store in Anaheim Hills, California. Prior to opening her own business in December 2006, she received her AA degree from FIDM. Susan is currently working on her BA also from FIDM-Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, Los Angeles.

## Alumnae Make Campus Visits

### Career Day 2008

On February 21, 2008, the Connelly community welcomed back 13 alumnae who shared their diverse career experiences, with the currently enrolled students. Included in the photograph above are the Alumnae Ambassadors who assisted with the alumnae during their presentations. Several of the alumnae utilized the SMART Boards, installed last summer.



**Career Day Alumnae Presenters included;** (l-r) Ellena Mullen Peterson '67, Professor of Pathology/Dean Medical School; Susan Ahle Csikesz '67, Honors Advisor UCI; Andryce Zurick '74, Professor and Coach; Katherine A. Jesch '66, Director Environmental Ministry; Trina Dixon '97, Artist/Musician; Judy Proctor Lemen '73, Psychologist/Ph.D.; Jennifer Poyer '98, Special Events Supervisor-Catalina Island Conservancy; Irene Chirilov Bold '91, Ph.D. & MA Psychology/Optomety; Gerri Witte Adams '72, Co-Founder & President Xengar Fun Foods; Valerie San Luis '98, Pharm.D., BCPS, Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Resident-Huntington Memorial Hospital; Tanya Bodell Carr '87, VP-CRA International; Anju Hurria '96, MD/Psychiatric Resident; Renee Giroux Enos '78, Teacher; and Connelly Alumnae Director Cheryl Anderson Butler '85 (far right).

Connelly Alumnae Ambassadors escorted the alumnae to their presentations and later joined them for lunch in Alumnae Hall. Also pictured above are the Alumnae Ambassadors; Francesca Catizone '11, Megan Kilmarx '09, Dani Mirand '11, Katie Spencer '11, Jennifer Luong '11, Ariana Dispalatro '11, Nirali Morari '11, Kennedy Varing '11, Virginia Nolde '09, Giovanna Simington '09, Alexandra Weschta '09, Ashley Carter '09, Beth Morales '09.

A big 'thank you' goes out to all of the Alumnae for taking the time to return to campus and share their experiences with the Connelly girls. I have received wonderful feedback from the students, faculty and staff. I appreciate the efforts of those who traveled a great distance and made personal sacrifices to attend Career Day.

**Anna Ramirez Allard '85** dropped in for a visit to Connelly on November 19, 2007. She came to Southern California with her family: husband, Richard and son, Joshua who is almost 4 years old. Anna made the cross country trip, representing Yale University, School of Divinity as Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. ([http://www.yale.edu/divinity/adm/adm\\_welcome.shtml](http://www.yale.edu/divinity/adm/adm_welcome.shtml)).



*Pictured: Cheryl Anderson Butler '85, Margaret Carlberg, Anna Ramirez Allard '85.*

Several of the currently enrolled Connelly students attended a "Q&A" with Anna in the library. She provided an overview on the "who", "what", "where", "when" and "how" about Yale. Anna described student life, the academic challenges and expectations, as well as living on the east coast. A small reception followed where Alumnae, staff and employees were in attendance; Mary McDonald Cioffoletti '77, Pamela Gibbons Toomey '72, Karen Stensby Welch '79, Nicole Llido '97, and Evangelina Savala '00. Coach Timmerie Sullivan Henry, Margaret Carlberg and Mary Pat Anderson welcomed Anna back to campus. Incidentally, Anna's youngest sister graduated from Connelly last year, Claire Ramirez '07. She is now attending Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.



*Pictured (l-r) Mary McDonald Cioffoletti '77, Pam Gibbons Toomey '72, Karen Stensby Welch '79, Dr. Jane DeJovine, Cheryl Anderson-Butler '85, Anna Ramirez Allard '85, Coach Henry, Margaret Carlberg.*

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## 1965

Alice M. Christianson  
Donna L. Fox  
Judy A. Hill  
Kathleen Hammers  
Maria Vracin Jones  
Jacqueline Mackin Marks  
Sherry Gatley Walk

## 1966

Theresa Kuenn O'Brien  
Anne Vracin  
Mary Colomac  
Margarita Cortes  
Kathleen Dennison  
Diane Frank  
Julie Henry  
Jane Hoerner  
Linda Kallestad  
Cecelia Lipps  
Catherine Fox  
Roberta Scott  
Madeline Miller  
Carole Metzinger



## Alumnae News

### 1965

**Pamela Maley Jerskey** writes that she is enjoying her 3 grandchildren, Joshua, Hannah and Tyler. She has three children; Eric Jerskey (32), Jamie Jerskey (30) and Brittany Williams (21). Brittany is a junior at Boston College, where Pamela is the Director of Internal Audit. Pamela and her husband, Ronald Williams, live in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

**Susan M. Slater, SHCJ** oversees St. Stephen Martyr Church in Monterey Park, California as Parish Life Director. She attended Connelly's annual fundraiser, 25<sup>th</sup> Galaxy of the stars, November 16, 2007 at the Balboa Bay Club & Resort.

### 1966

**Katherine Jesch** is Director of Earth Ministry at Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth in Portland, Oregon where she resides. She enjoys being a grandmother to 7 year old Andrew. Katherine participated in 2008 Connelly Career Day.

### 1968

**Nanci De la Rosa-Ricco** works at the Diocese of Orange, Office of Faith Formation as secretary to the Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools. She is proud of her involvement to her local CASA organization as a court appointed special advocate for children. Nanci resides in Orange, California with her husband Gerry. They have four grown children: John (35), Nicole (31), Paul-Marc (25) and Joseph (20).

**Louise Ahle Tanner** will be moving with husband, Richard, to Colorado sometime this year. Louise currently lives in Oceanside and works for the Carlsbad Unified School District as a Lab Aide. She has three children: son's Rick (35) and John Paul (22), and daughter, Laurie (25).

**Laureen Van Horne Steiner** is a C.L.S. – Virology at Kaiser Permanente in Berkeley, California. She and husband Ron have 2 children: Matthew (29) and Stephanie (25). They reside in Pinole, California.

**Marypat Lenahan McDermand** lives in San Diego with husband, Greg Hackett. She is a Paralegal, Senior Audit Specialist for DLA Piper US, LLP. She has a daughter, Erin (37), two grandsons; Quinn (8) and Shane (7).

### 1969

**Danette Hejna Fenstermacher** and husband, Al, are looking forward to their daughter's wedding planned for Fall 2008. Alison is engaged to Mat Habeger, whom mom really likes! Danette is COO & Executive VP for Highland Fairview in Costa Mesa.

**Susan Grueneberg** and husband, Kai Chen, reside in Los Angeles with daughters Alexandra (21) and Dominique (17). Susan continues to practice law as a partner at Dreier, Stein & Kahan LLP.

**Nancy Ahle Heidrick** resides in Vancouver, Washington. She has three children: Olivia (23), Ethan (19) and Paul (18). Nancy is the Assistant Director, Financial Aid at Clark College.

### 1970

**Mary Martha Goebel Hoffman** lives in Vista, California with her husband, Dennis. They have three daughters; Sarah (28), Jennifer (25), and Elizabeth (17). Mary is a realtor with ERA Back to the Basics Realty.

### 1971

**Tina Arranaga Kubasek** was promoted to Director of Development at St. Mark's Lutheran School in Hacienda Heights, California. She also continues to teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade Literature as well.

**Celia Jaehn Lang** has worked for Lockheed Martin for 32 years. Formerly a Program Director, she took another position as "Capture Manager" to develop new business opportunities with the National Science Foundation supporting the scientists doing research in Antarctica. Celia lives in League City, Texas with husband Larry. She has 2 sons, Jimmy Floyd (28) and Robert Lang (12).

### 1972

**Maureen McCoy Sanders** resides and works in the Inland Empire as a Project Manager at Paragon Biomedical, Inc. She has 4 children: Jenny (30), Tim (27), Scott (24) and Julianne (22). Her family continues to grow. She is a grandmother to Alexandra (2 ½) and another on the way.

**Paula Kersting** continues to support the US Troops with her involvement in the USO Organization through the Pat Nixon Republican Women's Group. She also assists in soliciting donations for the military facility at Ontario Airport. Paula currently lives in Yorba Linda, California.

**Beata Kaveggia Nelson** lives in Hansville, Washington, on the Puget Sound with husband, Roger. They moved from San Juan Capistrano to their 15 acre horse ranch seven years ago when her husband retired. They have replaced their lawn mower with two tractors. Beata has traded in her pretty Nordstrom shoes, with knee-high rubber boots from the hardware store. "Things move a bit slower up here...Life is good on the water, feeding the deer, watching the eagles, coyotes, bear and pheasants."

**Ronelle Leva Streavel** and husband, Robin live in Pomona, California. Their son Michael is 18 years old. Ronelle is a Clinical Laboratory Scientist in Microbiology at Western Medical Center in Santa Ana, California.

### 1973

**Lois Acheson Nelson** is a dental hygienist and lives in Redmond, Washington with her husband, Tom, and 3 children: Brianna (19), Rochelle (19) and Ryan (21).

**Barbara Day** has been an ICU Oncology Nurse for nearly 3 years at a VA Hospital in Reno, and says life is good! Her daughter, Alison (33), is an artist and web designer married to a Naval submariner and living in Virginia. Her son Vince (20), works for the city of Reno and is attending community college. Barbara has the dubious distinction of having the oldest offspring from her class at Connelly.

### 1974

**Paulina Fernandez Ritter** lives in La Habra Heights with husband Stephen. Paulina is a self employed medical transcriber and mom to three daughters: Alicia (31), Vanessa (27) and Karina (22).

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**1967**

**Denise Carson**  
**Lesley O'Bryon Cherry**  
**Rosemary Glitzer Watson**  
**Jeanne Stanton**  
**Catherine Childs**  
**Catherine Cregan**  
**Pamela Hancock**  
**Maria Hernandez**  
**Robin Krause**  
**Patricia Martin**  
**Christina Martinez**  
**Mary Nolan**  
**Nancy Scott**  
**Barbara Sessinghaus**  
**Marilynn Wylie**

**1968**

**Mary Long**

**1969**

**Laurie Hrabetin Morkert**  
**Kathleen Bailey**

**1971**

**Jeannie O'Connor**  
**Fielstad**

**1972**

**Angelica Hahn Clayton**

**1974**

**Maureen Tyrrell Simons**  
**Mary T. Whiting**

**1975**

**Mary Sesma Beckmann**  
**Karen Silengo-Valdez**

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**1975**

**Patricia Mitchell** is a Senior Personnel Analyst for the Long Beach Unified School District. She lives in Long Beach with her son, Lucas Mitchell-Guenett (19).

**Rose Terryberry Bruns** and husband Wayne, celebrated their 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. They have two children: Daniel and Melody, and became first time grandparents.

**DeDee Ruiz Winfield** graduated with her Business Management Degree from St. Mary's College the summer of 2006. She chose the 30 year plan. DeDee continues on her athletic path as a tennis professional in Vacaville, California.

**1976**

**Dawna McGregor Shortt** owns and operates Southwest Rolling Shutter Co., Inc., in Cathedral City, California, where she lives with husband Jeff.

**Marla Wall Coombs** is a Senior Financial Analyst for NATCO Group in Houston, Texas. She lives with her husband, James, in Tomball, Texas. They have 2 grown children, Kristin (27) and Shaun (25).

**1977**

**Joyce Pfeifer Shively** resides in Columbus, Ohio, with husband Steve and their 2 boys, Alex (20) and Jeff (17). Joyce works at Ohio State University in the IT department.

**Susan LeFevre Birkenseer** and husband James have two boys, Kevin (19) and Matt (18) and live in Danville, California. Susan continues her work as Librarian at Saint Mary's College of California.

**1978**

**Monica O'Hara Toohey** will celebrate her 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with husband Sean, July 26, 2008. They live in Orange, California, with their six children: Catharine (24), Patrick (23), Brendan (20), Alison (16), Maura (14) and Emma (10). Monica is a Marketing Executive, Specialty Risk Group with Myers-Stevens & Toohey & Co., Inc. Classmate, Mary Kay (Pasco) Pavlick '78, teaches Monica's daughter, Emma, at St. Norbert School in Orange.

**Maricela Perkins Moffitt, M.D., M.P.H.** is Director of Doctoring Curriculum at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix. Marci lives in Phoenix with her husband, Robert, who is also a physician. They have three children: Mari (24), Robert Jr. (21) and Stuart (16).

**Mary Kay Wilson Zolezzi** recently celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with husband Rez. They reside in San Diego and have two children, Peter (19) and Kate (14). Peter is attending University of Arizona and will be a sophomore in the fall. Kate is completing her freshman year at Cathedral Catholic High School.

**1979**

**Diane Lovchik Ahern** has been creating amazing photographic imagery for over 20 years ([www.dianeahern.com](http://www.dianeahern.com)). When she's not out on assignment, or traveling she calls home Redmond, Washington with husband Joe, a Servite graduate '79. Her older boys, Jeff (25) and Brian (21) are both graduates of Gonzaga University. Kevin (18) is a senior at Seattle Prep.

**1979**

**Christine Gaitan Manelski** and husband Jim, celebrated 20 years of marriage. Her eldest son, Andrew (15), attends Servite High School and lettered as a freshman in Tennis. Her youngest son, Ian, is 11 years old. See family holiday photo below.



**Jean Schmit Serrano** is an Elementary Music Teacher as well as High School Soccer and Tennis Coach for the Fountain Hills Unified School District in Fountain Hills, Arizona. She has four daughters: Yesenia (21), Nicole (19), Daniella (16), and Jenessa (9).

**1980**

**Terry Whitehead Hartley** and family celebrated Kristen's (18) graduation from Trabuco Hills High School. Terry lives in Foothill Ranch with husband Tom, and continues her work as an Analyst at Interstate Electronics Corporation. Seen in the photo: Terry, Tiffany (21), Kristen and husband Tom.



**Kathryn Macaulay Sullivan** resides in Seattle, Washington, with husband Thomas, and four children: Connor (15), Claire (13), Daniel (10) and Liam (8). They vacationed this past summer in Yosemite.



**Lisa Chase Burrell** and husband Jim live in Surrey, England, with their children Chase (18), Liam (17), and Connor (14). Chase, their oldest son, entered Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. in the fall 2007.

**Jennifer Bays Roxstrom** lives in Rochester, New York with husband Joseph and their three teenagers: Elizabeth (16), Will (14) and Katie (13).



## 1976

Jan Marie Ewoldt Hogan  
Lreen Way Berenda

## 1977

Mary Finnegan Molin  
Jenne Silengo

## 1978

Nancy Chaney

## 1979

Ana Covarrubias Echeverria  
Joanne Daybrow Stone

## 1980

Jamie Eggleton  
Linda Perez Keil  
Theresa Woods Dixon

## 1981

Sonia Manzo  
Maria Louviaux  
Patricia Rodriguez-Tew  
Margarita Rojo Lee

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### 1981

**Stephanie Rangel Godfrey** continues to run her own business, AGS & Associates, Inc. in San Juan Capistrano. She lives with her husband Greg, and son Andrew (14), in San Clemente, California.

### 1982

**Juliene Lee Ash** resides in La Quinta, California with husband, Allen, and son, Jacob (3). Juliene has her own law practice in Palm Desert, specializing in Family Law and Estate Planning.

**Cynthia Lynch van Eck** lives in Rye, New York, 25 minutes outside of New York City with her husband, Jan, and children: Nicholas (11), twins Teddy and Tucker (8), Danielle Popp Morris and her family visited from California recently. The entire family went to Italy this summer where this photograph was taken in Capri.



**Leslie Man Severance** maintains her own medical practice as Associated OB-GYN. She resides in West Allis, Wisconsin, with husband, David, and children, Madeline Kate (13) and Courtney Ann (12). Leslie met up with Cynthia's family in Capri, Italy, over the summer. (see above photograph)

**Lynn Dimino** resides in San Clemente with husband, David Hardman. She continues her practice as a Dermatologist and Dermatologic Surgeon at Bayview Dermatology & Laser Medical Center in Newport Beach.

**Danielle Popp Morris** lives in Laguna Hills with husband John, a '82 Servite graduate. They have three daughters: Brittany (15), Carly (13) and MacKenzie (11). Danielle organized their 25<sup>th</sup> class reunion with Emelie Bellino Rahon held in December 2007.

**Emelie Bellino Rahon** traveled from San Diego to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> class reunion. She and husband, Steven, have four children: James (18), Kayla (17), Kelsey (15) and Joe (14).

**Georgia Hanten Prukop** is taking a break from her law practice to watch over her expanding family with husband Tom. They live in Coto de Caza with their daughters, Alyssa (12) and Rachel (6). Georgia attended the class reunion in December 2007.

**Anne Shields Russell** lives in Northridge with husband, Richard, and two children, Spencer (13) and Rebecca (10). Anne is VP of Merchandising for Powell Company, Inc., located in Culver City, California.

**Susanne Singer-Taubel** resides in Long Beach with husband, Michael, and twin daughters, Rachel (9) and Jacqueline (9). Susanne is a V.P. for clothing manufacturer, SWAT Fame. Susanne also was in attendance for her 25<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

### 1982

**Amy Loughlin Troboas** lives in Yorba Linda, California with husband, Nicolas and their three daughters: Emilie (14), Alexandra (12) and Olivia (7). Amy teaches French at Carden Hall School in Newport Beach. She also attended the class reunion in December 2007.

**Diane Doherty Geschke** attended the class reunion held in December 2007 in Seal Beach. She flew out from Lake Forest, Illinois, where she lives with husband, Eric, and children: Lauren (18), Scott (16), Riley (13) and Tommy (11).

### 1983

**Mary Taubel Amarante** is a Pediatrics Clinical Pharmacist at Duke University Medical Center. She and husband, John, have three children: Anthony (6), Joseph (3) and Emilie (5). The family lives in Morrisville, North Carolina.

**Laurie Pollock Batal** lives in Rye, New York, with husband Mike, and three children: Michael (9), Olivia (7), and Catherine (5). She continues to work as an OB/Gyn Nurse Practitioner.

**Kathleen Buckley-Hanes** has moved to Bolgna, Italy, with husband Fred P. Hanes, for 2 years beginning January 2008.



**Diane Helfrey** is Executive Director for Los Angeles Social Venture Partners, a division of Social Venture Partners International. She lives in Playa del Rey, California.

**Maureen Milligan Farman** teaches Art and is the yearbook advisor at Carden Hall in Newport Beach. She and husband, Jim, live in Huntington Beach with their 3-year old son, Grady.

**Susan Doherty Rosen** and husband, Howard Rosen, remodeled and live in a bootlegger's cabin in a rustic neighborhood in Woodside, California, with twins, Samuel and Juliana (5). Sue makes annual visits to San Clemente to visit family and friends. Margaret Carlberg attended a benefit hosted by the Doherty family for the Itafari Foundation for Rwanda widows.



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**Mary Ellen Chaney  
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**1983**

**Suzanne Harrer  
Tracy Paxton  
Christina Robbins Carter  
Michelle Didovic Gill  
Elizabeth Balderrama King  
Karen Servin**

**1985**

**Mary Sullivan**

**1986**

**Lilibeth Baldonado  
Christina Sun  
Jennifer Langenberg Weber**

**1987**

**Angela Suh  
Jungwon Kim  
Dr. Huma S. Qureshi**

**1988**

**Samantha Brizzolara  
Stacy Schultz Burger  
Vickie Van Deven**

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**1983**

**Katie Holler Browne** and husband, Stephen, live in Kuwait. They will celebrate 17 years of marriage in November. Her husband is a military fighter pilot and is currently teaching the Kuwait Air Force how to fly F/A-18. Katie is switching gears from the business world and into health and wellness industry. She plans to start her own consulting business upon completing her studies. Kaite will return to southern California in July to attend her youngest sister's wedding.

**Christine Van Deven Eppinger** and husband Michael live in San Antonio, Texas. They have 5 children; Matthew (23), Danielle (17), Nicholas (16), Zachary (13) and Noah (11).

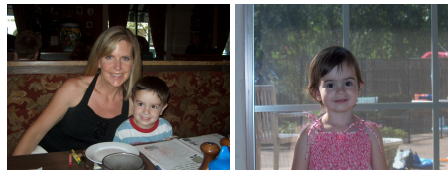
**Sue Gesto** recently relocated from Arizona to Naples, Long Beach. She is District Sales Manager for Glaxo Smith Kline.

**Celia Coyne Saldana** lives in San Clemente, California with husband Fred Saldana III and her two daughters, Mallory (13) and Abby (11).

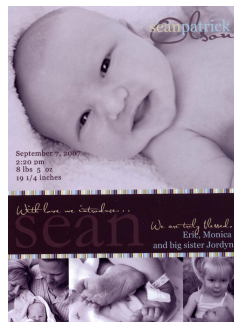
**Patty Ross Stevenson** and husband Rick recently moved back to San Diego from Bremerton, Washington. As a Navy family they move frequently. They have 3 children: Taylor Elizabeth (16), Connor Michael (15) and Justin Ross (11).

**1984**

**Colleen Harty Taricani** is a PR Consultant for Latham & Watkins, LLP. She lives in Southlake, Texas, with her husband, Joe, and two children, Joey (4), and Kate (2).



**Monica McCulley Olson** and husband welcomed their second child, Sean, born September 7, 2007. Sister Jordyn (2) loves being a big sister. The family lives in Yorba Linda, California.



**Pamela Evans McAlpin** recently visited the Connolly campus with her family. She resides in Stuart, Florida with husband, Daniel, and three children; Devon (14), Chloe (12) and Doyle (10).

**1984**

**Jackie Curnow Shepherd** and husband Stephen live in Greenwich, New South Wales, just outside Sydney, Australia. They have two children: Sophie (8) and Samuel (4). A few years ago, Jackie celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in Hawaii with Lauren Loscialpo '84, Deanna Loscialpo Hildebrand '85, Lisa Ganahl '84, Jill Castro Feiler '84, and Christina Greenway-Shea '84.



**1985**

**Alondra Ross Martin** and husband David welcomed the birth of their first child, Makemma Emilie Martin, born May 29, 2007. They recently relocated from Chicago, Illinois, to Rihland, Michigan and her husband are both veterinarians.



**Michelle Hurley Chavez** relocated to El Dorado Hills with husband, Anthony, and children, Kira (9), Isabella (5), and their newest addition, Nathaniel Hurley, born March 17, 2007. Michelle is Co-President and Domestic Engineer for The Chavez Family Trust.



**Janine Dovidio Grovenburg** and husband, Danny, live in Prior Lake, Minnesota, with their children, Savannah (almost 6) and Gavin (almost 2). Janine is a proposals engineer at ADC Telecommunications in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.



**Melissa Lynch Meyer** is Special Events Director for The New Yorker Magazine. She lives in Manhattan, New York with husband, Jay.

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**Lori Eservia  
Joy Postma  
Mara McClain  
Jennifer Anderson-Wagner**

## 1990

**Shawna McCartney**

## 1991

**Christen Oliver  
Christina Chang  
Dr. Jane Oglesby**

## 1992

**Kathy Carlson**

## 1993

**Mavette Maton-Salo  
Sandra Okita**

## 1994

**Stella Kim  
Lisa N. Guerrero**

## 1995

**Carol Heinz**

## 1996

**Katherine Shook  
Patricia Navato Troesh**

## 1997

**Anna Kim  
Cynthia Nowlan**

## *Alumnae News*

### 1986

**Tracy Brennan** and husband James Dreher are proud new parents to Dashiell James Dreher, born October 02, 2007. Tracy continues to excel at Creative Artists Agency, heading the Motion Picture Talent Department. She was recently quoted in Variety Magazine that her career mantra is "Work, work, work, harder, harder, harder. Never leave a stone unturned. Listen, listen, listen to clients." Tracy also said that her parents, Mary and Charlie Brennan, are her role models.



**Deanna Mueller Fero** resides in Gilbert, Arizona, with husband Brian. She has 2 step-sons in the Marine Corps. Dave (22) returned from his 1<sup>st</sup> tour in Iraq in March 2007, and Michael (25) left for his 1<sup>st</sup> tour in February 2008. Deanna also has a daughter, Brianna (8), and son, David (16), and her step-son, Anthony, is 27.

**Shanna Renfrow Kalman** relocated to Fishers, Indiana with her husband, Sean, and two children, Everett Scott (8) and Victoria Suzanne (5).



**Julia Collins Motherway** continues to practice medicine as an internist with a low income clinic associated with St. Joseph Hospital in Orange.

**Kathleen Brown Pearson** and husband, Paul, are expecting their second child in May 2008. Kathleen juggles a Family Law Practice (Brown & Dahan) and family. She is mother to Aiden (1 1/2). The Pearsons live in Costa Mesa, California.

**Shelly Cobane Reed** resides in Seal Beach with husband, Ron and daughter, Samantha (9). Shelly is an HR Consultant with The Works Consulting in Long Beach.

**Barbara King Robertson** has relocated to Barrytown, New York, with her husband, Andrew, Alexander (8), Ryan (6), Elizabeth (3) and new addition, Nicholas, born June 5, 2007. Barbara and Andrew are seminary students at Unificatin Theological Seminary.

**Christine Schlegel Whipp** works for the Long Beach Unified School District-Renaissance High School for the Arts. She teaches Art History and Costume Design. She and husband, Glenn, live in Long Beach with their two children, Katherine (7) and Sean (4).

### 1987

**Joan Macaulay Nugent** has maintained annual visits with her class: Jeanette Schwab Covington, Tamya Van der Steen Mizel, Wendy Yamachika Yoshizaki, Kyra Chenoweth, Mary Fraher Kutsenda and Jennifer Harris. Each year the group alternates between east and west coasts. In May they gathered in New York City. Joan and husband, Richard, celebrated the arrival of Gavin in January. He joins sisters, Clare (4), Katie (3), and Evan (1).



### 1988

**Lisa Loscialpo Ayer** married Mike Ayeron July 21, 2007, in Napa California. They celebrated their nuptials at St. Joan of Arc Chapel in Yountville. Her sister, Deanna Loscialpo Hildebrand '85, was her Maid of Honor. Also in attendance were Lauren Loscialpo Fellen '84, and classmate Samantha Asevedo Bennett '88. Lisa is currently teaching at Hillsborough Middle School and lives in San Francisco with her husband.



**Melanie Tomita Barbee** and husband Robert live in Yorba Linda with son, Logan (1). Melanie is Co-Owner of Tobee Girls ([www.tobeegirls.com](http://www.tobeegirls.com)), specializing in hand stitched embroidered couture kids clothes, also located in Yorba Linda.



**Soina K. Dargan-Batra** practices medicine as a Neonatologist at Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach. She lives with husband Jagmohan (Jag), and daughter, Kaaya (4), in Long Beach.

**Candice Stansfield Blackmoore** has relocated with husband, Todd, and daughter, Brooklyn (2), to the Central Coast from Sacramento. Candice recently accepted a new position with a produce company, Apio, Inc., as Director of Marketing.

**Jill Boultinghouse** recently dropped by Connelly for a visit! She continues with her private practice as a Marriage & Family Therapist in Laguna Hills, California.

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missing alumnae to  
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**1998**

**Michal Merraro-Loving**

**2000**

**Rhiza Carnero  
Cori Moran Young  
NaKesha Dodson**

**2001**

**Alexis Hawthorn-Durkin  
Vanderpool  
Carol Hwan Rosenblit  
Ruth Steinberg**

**2002**

**Kristen Sophia  
TaNesha Dodson  
Ana Ramirez**

**2003**

**Munisha Singh  
Jemila Vance**

**2004**

**Se Jin Oh  
Elizabeth Stepnitz**

**2005**

**Jessica Monahan**

**2006**

**Ashley Armstrong  
Annie Meagher**

**2007**

**Allison Datan  
Min Jung Kang  
Deina Elghazali**

**Alumnae News**

**1988**

**Moire' Perkins Bruin** is taking time off from her job as Associate Dean of Students at Mills College to watch over her ever expanding family. She and husband, William, have 3 children: Moire' (9), Ted (7) and Michael (2).

**Dione Diemer Dierks** resides in El Segundo, California, with husband, Dean, and children, Kennedy (6) and Keaton (4). Dione works at Bishop Montgomery High School as Assistant Director of Development, Alumni Relations and Assistant Director of Admissions.

**Kelli Cannon Ellis** enjoys entertaining viewers on HGTV and TLC as an interior designer. She is President of KelliEllis Interiors Inc. ([www.kelliellis.com](http://www.kelliellis.com)). Kelly has two daughters, Sophia and Alexa.

**Marissa Rubio-Ellis** and husband, John, celebrated their daughter Belize's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday! Marissa strikes a balance between family and her private dental practice in Phoenix, Arizona ([www.unionhillsdental.com](http://www.unionhillsdental.com)) Visit her blog complete with family pictures and movies ([www.marissasblog.net/Site/About\\_Me.html](http://www.marissasblog.net/Site/About_Me.html)).



**Dr. Arti Hurria Lee** is Director of the Cancer-Aging Research Program at City of Hope. She resides in, Altadena, California with husband, Thomas, and daughter, Serena (4).

**Mona Cho Oh** is Senior Counsel and Vice President for Decurion Corporation. She lives in Studio City with her husband, Steve and three daughters: Amanda (7), Ally (5) and Katie (2).

**Monica Guerra Robinson** is a Product Manager for Avery Dennison in Brea, California. She lives with husband, Todd, son Shea (3), and their newest arrival, Oliver, born February 6, 2008.



**Stacy Schultz** is a Visiting Assistant Professor at University of Texas, Arlington. She received her Ph.D. in Art History from Rutgers University in 2004. Her dissertation was titled "The Female Body in Performance: Beauty, Body Image, Identity and Violence". She is living in Arlington, Texas, with her 3 year old son, Logan Neil Burger.

**Natalie Varanko**, a photographer and art historian has traveled the world documenting her experiences in Russia, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Norway, Panama, and Poland. She will be traveling to the Caribbean as well as Italy in the next few months.

**1988**

**Charlotte Charnock Witting** teaches English at Mater Dei High School. Her oldest daughter, Mary, is a freshman at Mater Dei High School. Charlotte and her husband, Peter, live in Santa Ana, California, with their three children: Mary (16), Bobby (10), and Grace (8).



**1989**

**Rubaina Azhar** and husband, Jaques Andre welcomed their second child, Layla Andre, May 7, 2007. Four year old Zayd adores his baby sister. Rubaina continues to work for the Los Angeles Times, as Assistant Copy Chief for the newspaper's California section. Rubaina and her family live in Fullerton, California.

**Trudi Mahoney Withey** lives overseas in Bristol, England with husband, Craig, and children, Alexandra (8) and Kalum (5). Trudi continues her medical practice as a General Practitioner.

**Cheryl Padayao Davis** moved to Ojai, California with husband, Benny and children; Grace (8) and Ben (4).



**1991**

**Maria Porch** resides in Los Altos with husband, Ken Schweifler, and daughters Sofia (3), and Elisa, born August 7, 2007. Maria is a licensed Clinical Social Worker and works part time in a primary care clinic for the homeless in San Francisco. Her focus is with monolingual Spanish speaking, undocumented patients and the transgender population.



**Cindy Shin** is a National Sales Manager for Jerry Leigh Entertainment, specifically distributing Gwen Stefani's clothing line-Harajuku Lovers & tokidoki. She currently resides in Los Angeles, California.



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## 1991

*Katy Schmidt Siddons is a Speech Therapist at Sharp Grossmont Hospital in San Diego County. She and husband welcomed their first child, Clara Anne, October 13, 2007. They reside in San Diego, California.*

## 1992

*Maura Johnston Bellaria gave birth to Jacqueline Le Claire on May 10, 2008. Big sister, Cate (2), is thrilled. Maura and husband, Phil, live in Des Peres, Missouri.*



*Christina Banagas Engelerdt and husband, Peter, welcomed Isabella Sophia, born October 1, 2007. Christina and her family of four, her son Eamon is now 3, moved to Ladera Ranch, California. Christina continues to teach and Chair the English Department at Northwood High School in Irvine.*

## 1995

*Gina Tercero-Isada resides in Peoria, Illinois, with husband, Raymond, and son, Jude, who is now 2 years old. Gina previously worked on genetic and stem cell research before becoming a full-time mom.*

## 1996

*Tameka Newman was chosen to be a spokeswoman for all 60,000 cast members at the Walt Disney World Resort. She was selected from more than 120 applicants. Tameka will be responsible for attending cast-member recognition ceremonies, grand openings, marketing events and media interviews. She graduated from St. John's University in New York, and interned at ABC Television's "The View" before going on to work at Walt Disney World, in Orlando, Florida. She was featured in The Orange County Register in the fall of 2007.*

*Kelly Doyle Hinden and husband, Steve, are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, Matthew, born May 1, 2008. The family resides in Los Angeles.*

## 1997

*Sarah Lazzari has moved to Tacoma, Washington. She is currently employed with Catholic Community Services as a Family Support Specialist working with at risk youth and their families.*

*Annalisa Espiritu Nguyen resides in Huntington Beach with husband, Francis, and daughter, Sabrina, born in November 2006. Annalisa is a Research Technician in Drug Safety Evaluation with Allergan, Inc. She graduated from Loyola Marymount University in 2001 with a B.S. in Biology.*

*Alexis Light Shapiro and husband, Peter, relocated from New Orleans to the Philadelphia area after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Alexis met Peter at Tulane University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She worked as a marine mammal trainer in both Hawaii and New Orleans before starting a small pet sitting business. Their son, Harrison, will turn 1 in July.*

## 1998

*Jennifer Poyer joined the staff of the Catalina Island Conservancy as their new Special Events Supervisor in August 2007. She is responsible for the management of all of the Conservancy's donor and fundraising events, taking place on the Island and the mainland. Jen also serves on the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles Chapter of the International Special Events Society, and was the recipient of this year's President's Award and Marty McGowan Scholarship for her work within the event industry. Jen also received the honor of being named a Finalist in the 2007 Event Solutions Spotlight Awards.*



*Dana Kelly Melsom moved with husband, John, to London, England. They have since moved to Geneva, Switzerland. The couple recently vacationed in Dubai. Dana will be traveling back to California this summer to visit family and friends.*



*Emily Nelson recently relocated to Philadelphia after returning from a four month deployment in Qatar. She is a USAF Instructor Pilot (C-17 Globemaster III). Emily will be stationed at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina this summer.*

*Jessica Mohr Switzer married Michael Switzer on August 26, 2006 in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. The newlyweds honeymooned in Bora-Bora, and currently reside in Somerville, Massachusetts.*



## 1999

*Erin McFarland Miles graduated from UDC David A. Clarke School of Law in May 2007. Erin is an attorney working at Neighborhood Legal Services Program. She resides with husband, Blair, who is a legal analyst, in Washington DC.*

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*Alumnae News*

**2000**

**Patricia A. Montano** has moved to Seattle, Washington, to pursue her Ph.D in Plant Molecular Biology at the University of Washington. Patricia is also employed by the same University as a research assistant.

**Lara Janine Wozniak** recently traveled to Japan to play Elphaba in the musical "Wicked" and perform her own music in the club scene. She released a new CD, available at Apple iTunes, under her stage name, Lara Janine. Lara has completed numerous projects for Mattel, including commercials and the voice of the Princess Anneliese Barbie Doll. She just finished recording vocals for a character in the upcoming "Barbie and the Diamond Castle" movie and shot a national Applebee's Commercial, which begins airing in a couple weeks. She is currently in New York working with a label on her new record as well as getting involved in the New York Theatre scene, including a reading of a new musical "Angry Housewives".



([www.larajanine.com](http://www.larajanine.com))

**2001**

**Jacquelyn McKinney** graduated from San Francisco State University in the Fall of 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing. She is currently studying for her Masters of Library Information Science at San Jose State University. Jacquelyn is currently working as a Library Aide at the Daly City Public Library.

**Krista Kinkade Pentz** married Teddy Pentz in December 2007. They are living in Sanford, Florida, and recently welcomed Teddy Arthur Jackson Pentz, born April 25, 2008.



**2003**

**Barbara Ann Koelker** married John Gonzalez. John graduated from Servite in 2001. On May 4, 2008, Barbie graduated from CSUF, May 2007, Summa Cum Laude, with a BA in Communications-Concentration in Advertising and a Minor in Radio, Television and Film. She is currently employed as a Graphic Designer and Marketing Coordinator.

**2003**

**Luba Collins** graduated from UC Riverside with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a minor in Russian Studies, June 13, 2008. She lives in Signal Hill, California.

**Delia Gonzalez** and husband, Javier Adrian Padilla, welcomed their first child, Ezekiel, born on May 31, 2008. Delia is a Corporate Accountant for Northgate Markets, located in Anaheim.

**2006**

**Jenna Melgar** is a sophomore at University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she is majoring in dance.

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Lilla Frederick '08**

**Mary Pascoe Pavlick '78  
Andrea Pavlick '08**

**Bernadette Dropsy '79  
Roxanna Saremi '08**

**Michelle Drexelius Spitaleri '79  
Kailea Spitaleri '08**

**Janis Drexelius Fee '80  
Erin Fee '08**

